



Chamber Chatter

March 30, 2009

Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau
100 N. Front St. / PO Box 900

Kyle, TX 78640

www.KyleChamber.org
512-268-4220

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2009

2 6:00pm – Kyle Chamber Ambassador's BASH – Save the Date for this Free Networking Event – La Quinta Inn & Suites-Bring New or Used plastic Easter Eggs for the Kyle Easter Egg Hunt!

4 9:00am – 1st Kyle Market Days of 2009! - Enjoy Handmade Arts & Crafts and Live Music by Spencer Thomas & Redd Volkaert

5 2:00pm – Claiborne Kyle Log House Tours – Old Stagecoach Rd

8 5:00pm – Kyle Easter Egg*Stravaganza – Gregg Clarke Park – Drop off your new or recycled plastic Easter eggs to Kyle City Hall or the HEB plus! in Kyle

13 6:30pm – Kyle Leadership Academy – Kyle Library

23 Studio Estates Grand Opening Celebration – 6800 GoForth Road

We would like to give a special thanks to Michelle Lopez and Word of Life Church for their contributions to last week's "Salute to Women in History" Luncheon.



The Kyle Chamber presents the:

Ambassador's B.A.S.H.

Thursday, April 2, 2009
6:00pm – 9:00pm
La Quinta Inns & Suites, 18869 IH-35 N. in Kyle

Free Networking Event!
Everyone is Invited!
Free Food! Free Drinks!



LAQUINTA
INNS & SUITES
wake up on the bright side

Please bring new or recycled empty plastic eggs for the Kyle Easter Egg Hunt!
Door Prizes!






First \$2,400 of Unemployment Benefits Tax Free for 2009

WASHINGTON — All or part of unemployment benefits received in 2009 will be tax free for many unemployed workers, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

“This morning we learned that a record 5.6 million people were receiving unemployment benefits in the middle of March. This underscores the need for the relief provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which includes making the first \$2,400 of unemployment insurance exempt from tax,” said IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman. “I urge all unemployed workers to take this special tax break into account as they plan their tax withholding and quarterly estimated tax payments for the year. This change offers a helping hand to millions of Americans who are out of work and struggling to make ends meet.”

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, enacted last month, every person who receives unemployment benefits during 2009 is eligible to exclude the first \$2,400 of these benefits when they file their tax return next year. For a married couple, the exclusion applies to each spouse, separately. Thus, if both spouses receive unemployment benefits during 2009, each may exclude from income the first \$2,400 of benefits they receive.

The new law doesn't affect the return taxpayers are filling out now. Unemployment benefits received in 2008 and prior years remain fully taxable.


Unemployed workers can choose to have income tax withheld from their unemployment benefit payments. Withholding on these payments is voluntary. However, choosing this option may help avoid a surprise year-end tax bill or a possible penalty for having paid too little tax during the year. Those who choose this option will have a flat 10 percent tax withheld from their benefits.

Unemployed workers who expect to receive more than \$2,400 in benefits this year should consider having tax withheld from their benefit payments in excess of that amount. Those unemployed workers who have already chosen to have tax taken out of their benefits, should consider the \$2,400 exclusion in determining whether to continue to have tax withheld.

Use Form W-4V, Voluntary Withholding Request, or the equivalent form provided by the payer to request withholding to begin or end. Form W-4V is also available on IRS.gov or by calling the IRS toll-free at 1-800-TAX-FORM (829-3676).

Related Items:

[IRS Information Related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009](#)



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Thursday, April 2, 2009
9:30 am to 11:30 am
Hays Performing Arts Center
979 Kohler's Crossing
Kyle 78640



Free Admission



REFRESHMENTS

DOOR PRIZES

For more information contact: John Roppolo, 512-393-7607



Market Days

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

April thru November
from 9:00am - 2:00pm

Front Street between Kyle City Hall
and the Historic Train Depot.

Artist & Craftsmen
Farmers Market
Live Music

(512)268-4220

www.KyleChamber.org

Simply Charming

Saturday, April 4

Spencer
Thomas
(solo) 9am



Redd Volkaert
12pm



Kyle Library Offers Free Tax Assistance

Beginning this Saturday, free assistance with tax preparation will be available to you at the Kyle Library. You can take advantage of this program every Saturday between 10am and 1:30pm. Appointments are filling up fast, walk-ins are welcome but there is no guarantee that you will be seen. For more information or to make an appointment, contact the Kyle Library. **409 W. Blanco Street 512-268-7411**

Attention All Service Organizations

Serving the City of Kyle:



For immediate Release
March 30th, 2009

For more information contact:
City of Kyle
Jerry Hendrix 512-262-3921

Kyle City Council Seeking Applications for Community Support Dollars

Kyle, Texas – The Kyle city council is taking applications for allocations of \$30,000 set aside in this year's budget for supporting service organizations in the City of Kyle. Applications must be submitted to the Kyle City Secretary by Noon on Friday, April 17th, 2009.

Application forms can be downloaded from the City of Kyle's web site at cityofkyle.com. The forms are also available at the Kyle City Hall, Kyle Public Library or by requesting them by calling the City of Kyle at 262-1010.

Qualifying organizations must provide services directly to the citizens of Kyle. Final recommendations regarding the allocation of the funds will be made by the city council's community relations committee and presented to the Kyle city council. The council will hear the recommendations and make final decisions on allocating the funds at the May 19th regular council meeting.

For more information, contact the City of Kyle Communications Department at 512-262-3921 or jhendrix@cityofkyle.com.

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City of Kyle Moves to Once a Week Watering as Drought Tightens Grip on Water Supplies

Unless you've been living under a rock, and that would be a hot & dry rock, you are aware that Central Texas is the grips of a severe drought. This drought has seen massive reductions in both ground water and surface water supplies, causing cities and water suppliers to raise their conservation requirements for all customers. The City of Kyle, even with its successful strategy of diversifying the City's water supply, is feeling the pinch.

In anticipation of additional pumping restrictions from the City's water resources, the City of Kyle will be moving to a once per week **mandatory** watering schedule, effective April 6th.

The City will remain at the current Stage Two Mandatory Water Use Management level that was initiated in June of 2008, meaning that additional restrictions will not be put in place at this time. However, a move to even stricter water use rules could be implemented in the near future unless the area receives significant rain this spring.

Watering is permitted on your designated day only during the hours before 10 am and after 7 pm. Automatic irrigation systems may only operated between the hours of Midnight and 10 am. See the attached chart for specific watering days.

"It is important that residents take this mandatory watering schedule very seriously," said Tom Mattis, Kyle City Manager. "We will make every attempt to encourage people to comply voluntarily. However, we will aggressively enforce our watering restrictions for those residents that fail to follow the watering schedule."

Violation of this ordinance constitutes a misdemeanor offense and carries a fine of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$2,000.00 for each day of the violation.

These restrictions are mandatory for all City of Kyle water Customers. Kyle residents getting water from other companies should contact their respective water suppliers for information regarding watering restrictions.

Kyle residents should also take extra care to conserve water both inside and outside of their homes. Some tips include repairing dripping faucets, installing low flow shower heads and toilets, shortening time spent in the shower, be sure that dish washers and clothes washers are full when they run, and don't let water run while brushing teeth. These little conservation activities can add up to save a lot of water.

The City of Kyle has implemented successful and effective water management strategies that have focused on diversification of the City's water supply. The result of these policies is that the City of Kyle has an adequate water supply to meet the needs of businesses and residents. However, Kyle City Leaders recognize the need to continue to do their part to conserve water as the drought continues to worsen.

For more information, visit www.cityofkyle.com.



**For more information contact
Jerry Hendrix 512-262-3921**

City of Kyle Once Per Week Watering Schedule	
Your Address Ends In	Your Watering Day is
1 or 2	Monday
3 or 4	Tuesday
5 or 6	Wednesday
7 or 8	Thursday
9 or 0	Friday

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