



Chamber Chatter

November 2, 2009

Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau
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Kyle, TX 78640

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512-268-4220

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2009

3 11:00am – Election Day – find your polling place [here](#).

5 6:00pm – Ambassador's BASH and Sneak Peek Preview Party – TrustTexas Bank in Kyle

6 5:00pm – Ad Space Deadline for the 2010 Official Guide to Kyle. Contact Tracy Cannon, 268-7862 at the Hays Free Press for availability

7 9:00am – Kyle Market Days – Last one of 2009! Enjoy a farmer's market, arts, crafts and free live music at the gazebo!

7 9:00am – 2nd Annual Family Fun Bike Ride – City Square Park

7 2:00pm – Dia de los Muertos Celebration – Main Street next to Old Town Gift Emporium

10 All Day – Free Small Business Counseling from the TxState SBDC – Call 268-4220 to make your appointment!

10 4:00pm – CommuniCare Health Centers Kyle Ground Breaking Ceremony – Next to Science Hall Elementary

11 All Day – Kyle Chamber office closed in observance of Veteran's Day

12 12:00pm – 2010 Awards Gala Committee Meeting – Plum Creek Golf Club - Now seeking volunteers!

25 11:30am – State of the City Kyle Chamber Luncheon-Plum Creek Golf Course clubhouse (750 Kohler's Crossing

Ambassador's BASH Sneak Peek Preview Party! Thursday, Nov 5 6pm-8pm TRUSTTEXAS Bank

4625 Ratcliff Dr.
(off of FM 1626) in Kyle

FREE Food!
FREE Drinks!
FREE
NETWORKING
EVENT!



BASH stands for Business Advancement Social Hour and is an opportunity for all members of the Business community to network in a relaxed environment where business can thrive.



Help us donate to the
Hays County Food Bank!
Bring in canned goods to
help out for the
upcoming Holiday
Season!



Kyle Area

Visitor's Guide 2010

The Last Day to reserve your Ad Space is Friday, Nov 6!

10,000 copies to be distributed in Kyle* and to Texas Tourism Centers throughout the state.

The Visitor's Guide will be printed in a glossy, full color magazine format.



Effective Oct 1, Kyle Chamber will be the ONLY TxDOT Visitors Center in Northern Hays County.

The Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce is the most award-winning Chamber in the State of Texas and is publishing this year's Visitor's Guide in cooperation with the *Hays Free Press*. The *Hays Free Press* has 106 years of trust in writing and promoting Kyle.

Space is limited.

Reservations due by ~~Oct. 30~~

Nov 7!

Call Tracy Cannon at 512-268-7862

tracy@haysfreepress.com

The Kyle Visitor's Guide is brought to you by the Hays Free Press in conjunction with the Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce

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Market Days
FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
 April thru November
 from 9:00am - 2:00pm
 Under the Shady Oaks at City Square Park in Downtown Kyle
Artist & Craftsmen Farmers Market Live Music
 (512)268-4220
www.KyleChamber.org

Simply Charming

Don't Miss the Last Market Days of 2009!

Live Music by:
Texas FX



Mary Welch y los Curandero

2010 Kyle Chamber Awards Gala
 Each year, the Awards Gala is an opportunity for the Kyle Chamber to thank its members for the continued support you give and also serves as a stage for members to recognize your fellow peers for the work they have done to make the Kyle area a simply charming place to work, live and play.
 Planning for the 2010 Awards Gala is under way and we're changing it up! **YOU** can be a part of the exciting planning process behind our biggest event of the season! Share your vision with us at the next committee meeting at noon on Thursday, Nov. 12 at Plum Creek Golf Club. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer on the Gala Committee for 2010, please contact Johnell Huebner at johnell@clearlyclassvevents.com.



Twin Liquors Fine Wine & Spirits is rolling out the red carpet and welcoming you to join us every Friday & Saturday evening for tastings on select wines and spirits. Our tastings are open to the public of 21 years or older and take place from **4pm to 7pm, every Friday and Saturday evening!**

Argentina is producing some of the best wines in the world for incredible prices, and now you can experience why these Argentinean wines are exploding onto the scene and becoming fast favorites! We have a large selection of **Malbecs**; robust red wines that offer dark berry aromas and layers of spice, mocha, and fruit, and the prices are unbelievable considering the quality of these wines.

We are also pleased to offer wines from around the world and carry some of the best Italian, French, Spanish, Chilean, Californian and Texas wines. Join us for the chance to try it before you buy it this weekend!

Kyle Twin Liquors
 5401 South FM 1626 Suite 115
 Next to Papa Murphy's Pizza in the Kyle Marketplace Plaza

Relocation Packet Advertising Now Open!
 Each year in the month of October, the Kyle Chamber opens up the Relocation Packet for an advertising opportunity. Only Kyle Chamber members can participate in the relocation packets. Cost to participate is \$250 for the entire year of 2010. You may insert a one-page flyer or brochure into each of the relocation packets that we send to people looking to relocate to the area, new residents to the Kyle Area and local businesses that are recruiting employees to live and work locally. **As an added bonus**, if you sign up and pay by the month of November, you will also be included in the relocation packets sent out for the remainder of 2009! [Email us](mailto:johnell@clearlyclassvevents.com) if you are interested in this great opportunity that only comes once a year!

Hays County Strategic Plan Survey

Hays County residents now have more opportunities to shape the future of their county by offering opinions and insights during the development of the county's Strategic Policy Plan through completing an online survey. Quality of life in Hays County, water quality and quantity, delivery of health care and transportation services, and the need for parks and recreation are some of the key issues that will demand a coordinated, well-thought-out plan as governmental agencies keep up with the rapid growth in Hays County.

Residents can assist by filling out a [survey](http://www.co.hays.tx.us) available on the Hays County Web site at www.co.hays.tx.us.

Old Town Gift Emporium
1st Anniversary!

OLD TOWN GIFT EMPORIUM



**Seton Medical Center
Hays**
A member of the Seton Family of Hospitals



**United Heritage
Credit Union**

present:

2nd Annual

Dia de los Muertos Festival

When: Saturday, Nov. 7, 2-9 p.m.

**Where: Corner of Main and Center,
Old Town Kyle**

Come help us celebrate!

- **Altar Displays**
- **Memorial Flower Wall**
- **Chapa and Wallace Middle School
Mariachi Bands**
- **Face Painting**
- **Food & Drink**
- **Live Music by Spencer Thomas Band**
- **Ballet Folklorico Tonantzin**
- **Booths Available!**

More info: contact Johnell Huebner
johnell@clearlyclassyevents.com or 512.659.9571.

Flyer by The Quotable Quill, www.quotablequill.com



Bring lawn chairs



TXDOT asks Citizens for Input

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is working to make itself a transportation agency positioned to meet the state's future mobility challenges. We're doing this on many fronts that include an agency-wide assessment by an outside management firm, implementing Sunset Commission recommendation, and making certain that our strategic priorities align properly with the direction our stakeholders would like us to take.

After initial fieldwork, the Texas Transportation Commission was presented in September with six suggested strategic goals. The commission asked that these draft goals be shared publicly, and agency staff seeks your comments. TxDOT's Strategic Policy and Performance Management Office and Cambridge Systematics have created a simple and quick online survey to gauge stakeholder opinion. This survey also affords you the opportunity to add any written comments you'd like.

We would be honored if you took a couple of minutes to take the survey. You can find it here:

http://www.txdot.gov/about_us/sppm/default.htm (once there click on **Take Our Survey**). You'll also have the opportunity to view background materials and view two brief videos on strategic planning if you'd like.

WHEN WE KNOW BETTER, WE CAN DO BETTER!

Thank you for your time and cooperation,

Alicia Taliaferro
Texas Department of Transportation
Community Relations Division
512) 475-1395

FREE Small Business Counseling ...Appointments Going Fast!

Once a month, a representative from the Texas State Small Business Development Center comes to the Kyle Chamber office to meet with businesses that are new, small, large, just an idea and in the process of growing. The counseling is free and confidential and can help you make sure that you are on the right track for growth. To make your appointment for the next available appointment day, November 12, contact Maggie at the Kyle Chamber office 512-268-4220.

Creating your member page is easier than you think!

If you haven't developed your page on the Kyle Chamber website, you could be missing out on gaining web presence! Get the most out of your membership by sending us the following key information:

1. A set of up to 100 keywords that you would use to find your business on the internet (don't forget the locations you serve).
2. Your logo and up to two images of examples of work you've done.
3. In a word document, create a write up of key information that you want people to know about your business...what you do, the services you provide, how they can find you, etc.
4. Include hyperlinks in your text to pages on your very own website.
5. Send your updates to updates@josiesque.com.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

IRS News Release

The Internal Revenue Service issued a new form to aid the processing of mortgage applications under the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) as part of the Making Home Affordable Program. The new form will make it simpler for people, especially homeowners trying to modify or refinance their mortgages, to order copies of their tax return transcripts.

Taxpayers often need copies of their tax return information, especially when they are obtaining a new mortgage or when they are refinancing or modifying an existing mortgage. Taxpayers can use [Form 4506T-EZ, Short Form Request for Individual Tax Return Transcript](#), to order a Form 1040 series tax return transcript free of charge. A transcript is a computer print-out that includes most lines on the original return. A transcript often is an acceptable substitute for a copy of the original tax return for purposes of verifying income.

Form 4506T-EZ is a streamlined version of the Form 4506T, Request for Transcript of Tax Return. The Form 4506T-EZ is only for individuals who filed a Form 1040 series. Businesses, partnerships and individuals who need transcript information from other forms must still use the Form 4506T.

Transcripts ordered through the Form 4506T-EZ can be mailed to a third party, such as a financial institution. The IRS cautions taxpayers that they should complete all required fields, especially the requested years, before signing and dating the form.

Taxpayers can obtain Form 4506T-EZ at IRS.gov. It is a fillable form so people can complete the form online and print a copy. They can mail it or fax it to the addresses and numbers listed in the instructions. It generally takes 10 days to process the request.

The IRS also recommends that people retain copies of their original tax returns in a safe, secure place. Exact copies of tax returns are available by filing Form 4506, Request for Copy of Tax Return, but each copy costs \$57 and can take 60 days to process.