

Brent Parker Named Fire Chief; Randy Corbin Retires

The City of Wylie is pleased to announce that Administrative Battalion Chief Brent Parker replaced former Fire Chief Randy Corbin Aug. 1.

Parker has been with WFR 13 years. He was a volunteer firefighter in Aubrey from 1998-2001. He was named operations battalion chief in 2010 and became administrative battalion chief in 2012. He holds a BSBA with a minor in human resource management from Columbia Southern University and an MS in fire and emergency management administration from Oklahoma State University.

“We have outstanding employees in the fire department, and that gave me the great opportunity to promote from within,” said City Manager Mindy Manson. “Chief Parker grew up in Wylie and has worked for Wylie Fire Rescue for 13 years. This is his home, and he is passionate about serving this community and his department. His leadership style and personality will be a great fit for the department and the City’s management team.”



New Wylie Fire Chief Brent Parker

Parker said he is “honored and humbled by the support and confidence of the mayor, council and city manager. The trust they have place in me will not be taken lightly.”

Chief Randy Corbin retired from Wylie Fire Rescue after eight years of service. Corbin embodies the concept of servant leadership. In addition to his duties as chief of the ISO-1-rated WFR, he has assisted in numerous disaster-recovery efforts, including the aftermath of hurricanes Alex, Gustav and Ike, the Bastrop fires and Haiti earthquakes, and, as part of the elite Texas Task Force 1, he was at Ground Zero on 9/11.

Having already served for three weeks in two separate deployments in the Unaccompanied Alien Children surge, Corbin reported to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio following his last official WFR act, the presentation of the budget to Wylie City Council July 15.

As a volunteer with the Coppell Fire Department in 1967, Corbin began a career that would span 48 years and include five

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Handmade Craft, Fine Art Vendors Wanted

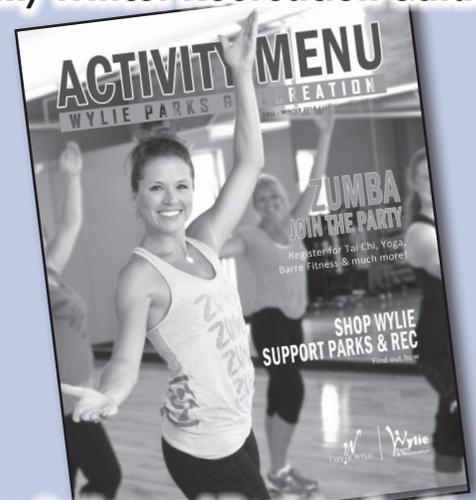
The fourth annual Wylie Arts Festival is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 am – 7 pm, at the First Baptist Church Events Center in Historic Downtown Wylie. We are currently seeking applications for fine artists and handmade crafters to fill more than 90 vendor spaces.

The event focuses on fine art of all disciplines including but not limited to painting, sculpture, photography and handmade crafts in wood, leather, metal, ceramics and other materials. For more information email carole.ehrlich@wylietexas.gov or call 972-516-6023.



Email craig.kelly@wylietexas.gov for details on sponsoring the Wylie Arts Festival. Download the Vendor and Sponsor applications at www.WylieTexas.gov/artsfestival.

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Proposed Budget Online; Public Hearing Aug. 26

The Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Proposed Budget, including a half-cent decrease in the tax rate, is available to view online in its entirety at www.WylieTexas.gov/Departments/Finance/Budget. A public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for Aug. 26. A final vote to approve the budget and set the tax rate is scheduled for Sept. 9. City Council meetings are held in the City Council Chambers, 300 Country Club Road, 6 pm.

Fifth Annual North Texas Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf Tournament Oct. 17

Register today to play in the 4th Annual North Texas Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf Tournament, or consider a sponsorship, and support Wylie Fire Rescue as they raise funds for the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Fund. Go to golf.firehero.org/tx/northtexas/ for details and registration.

Coffee With Cops Aug. 23

Join the Wylie police Department and Kohls for a Coffee With Cops Event on Saturday, Aug. 23, from 8:30 -10:30 am. Meet with the men and women that protect your community and enjoy free coffee and treats for the kids.

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fire departments: DeSoto, Addison, Lewisville (where he was fire chief) and finally Wylie. Among his many honors through the years, he was named as honorary lifetime member of Dallas County Fire Instructors' Association; was president of both the Denton County Fire Chiefs' Association and the North Central Texas Fire Chiefs' Association; was president of the Texas Fire Chiefs' Association during a legislative session; and was Texas Fire Chief of the year, named by members of the Texas Fire Chiefs Association. He was part of the Incident Management Team for the Galveston Island Unified Shelter, charged with getting residents repatriated in 10 days after hurricanes Gustav and Ike, and has delivered "Servant Leadership" addresses at multiple conferences and symposiums. "I'm proud of what we have been able to accomplish here together," Corbin said of his time in Wylie. "I have lifetime ties to Wylie Fire Rescue and the City of Wylie. I want to be more available for my work as a reservist with my Incident Management Team and to chase my grandchildren when I am at home!"

Fun & Learning

Rita & Truett Smith Public Library

300 Country Club Road, Building 300

972-516-6250

www.WylieTexas.gov/library

Hours:	*Monday	10 am - 6 pm
	Tuesday & Thursday	Noon - 8 pm
	Wednesday	9 am - 6 pm
	Friday	11 am - 5 pm
	Saturday	9 am - 4 pm
	Sunday	Closed

*Regular Monday hours of noon - 8 pm resume Aug. 26

All Events Are Free and Open to the Public

Storytime Days, Times and Ages

Storytime resumes the week of Sept. 3.

Go to www.WylieTexas.gov/library for dates, times and themes.

Teen Book Club, Sept. 4, 6 - 7 pm

6th-12th-graders only. *Dreamsleeves* by Colleen Murtagh Paratore.

Booked on Fridays, Sept. 12, Noon - 1:30 pm

Bring your lunch the second Friday of each month for fun reads and light conversation. This month: *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd.

Fourth Monday Book Club, 6:30 pm, Adults 18 and up

Aug. 25 - *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes

Wagging Tales, Tuesdays, 3:30 - 4:15 pm

Practice reading aloud to Abby the Collie. Tickets are required and will be distributed on a first-come basis the day of the program. Wagging Tales resumes in September.

BeTween Book & Movie Club, 6 - 7 pm, Sept. 25

4th and 5th-graders are invited to talk about books and movies. Sign up at the children's desk for a free copy of the book. Snack provided. Check WylieTexas.gov/Library for more information.

My Very Own Book Club, 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Sept. 10 & 12

1st, 2nd and 3rd-graders are invited to talk about books and make a craft. All kids that register will receive a free copy of the book. Check WylieTexas.gov/Library for more information.

Special Programs

Forensic Investigation, Sept. 18, 6:30 pm

Learn about real arson crime scene investigation and see equipment up close. Due to the nature of the program it is best suited for tweens to adults.

Banned Books Week Author Event, Sept. 27

Join us for our annual "celebrating the freedom to read" banned books week author panel and book signing, featuring: Rosemary Clement Moore, Bluebonnet author Polly Holyoke, Kay Honeyman, Karen Harrington and Lindsey Cummings.

Pirate Day, Sept. 19

Celebrate International *Talk Like A Pirate Day* with fun for all ages.

Go to WylieTexas.gov/library for details on other programming including computer and GED classes, or access the library catalog online.