

Wylie Police Report Drop In Crime Rate



The Wylie Police Department (WPD) reports that the City's 2013 crime rate per 1,000 population decreased by 12% from 2012 figures despite a 1% increase in population.

"Every citizen of Wylie should be grateful to these men and women who are willing to put on a uniform daily and stand in harm's way," says Mayor Eric Hogue. "The decrease in crime rate is a reflection of the outstanding work and commitment of our police department."

Crime rate numbers are based on the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system defined as the number of crimes committed per 1,000 population. Part I crimes are comprised of seven offenses, broken down into two categories. Violent crime includes homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault; property crime includes burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft.

Crime rate is calculated by dividing the total number of Part I Crimes reported to the police by the population. In 2013 there were a total of 616 Part One Crimes reported to Wylie Police. Wylie's estimated 2013 population is

44,089; the result is a Part One crime rate of 13.97 Part I Crimes for every 1,000 Wylie residents.

Crime Rate statistics are a snapshot of reported criminal activity in our community. "The Wylie Police Department is well aware that these statistics are meaningless to those that are victims of crime," says Chief John Duscio. "Though the overall outlook is positive, it cannot detract from those that have had the misfortune of becoming victims of crime."

For complete details on Wylie's crime rate, go to WylieTexas.gov and see *Crime Rate* under News and Announcements on the homepage.

Ice Storm Cleanup Ongoing; Free Collection Site

Due to the extraordinary amount of limbs and brush generated by the December storm, collection of debris will continue over the next few months. CWD will continuously run two trucks during the week and additional trucks on the weekend dedicated to debris removal. Public Works and Parks have also reassigned five crews to focus on the cleanup. Debris will be removed in order of established trash collection zones beginning with the Monday pickup zone, followed by Tuesday, etc. Crews will not move to the next zone until all debris is collected.

See **Ice Storm on back**

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Ice Storm Debris Collection Site

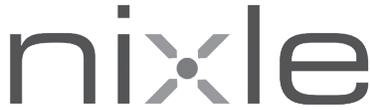
Citizens may also drop off storm debris (limbs/brush only) at the temporary, free collection site, located at 700 Alanis Drive (East of Glen Knoll Drive), 7 day a week, 8 am – 4 pm. Please bring a utility bill to provide proof of residency.

Please do not call CWD to request a bulk pickup of storm debris; it will be collected as part of the ice storm collection process. You may still schedule a bulk pickup for items unrelated to the ice storm.

Thank you for your patience during this unprecedented event.

Did You Receive Nixle Text Message and Email Alerts During the Ice Storm?

Sign up today for NIXLE text message and email alerts. It's easy. Go to www.Nixle.com, or from your cell phone text your zip code to 888777 to join the more than 5,000 Wylie residents that are signed up. Take action now to stay informed in the event of an emergency, road closures and receive construction updates.



Utility Account Confidentiality Form Update Today To Ensure Your Confidentiality

Wylie utility customers are encouraged to submit an updated utility account confidentiality form to ensure your personal information (address and telephone number), water usage, and amounts billed or collected remain confidential when open records are requested. Go to www.wylietexas.gov and download the form, or stop by the Utility Billing Office, 300 Country Club Road, to fill out the form and place it on file. For more information please contact Utility Billing at 972-516-6100.

City of Wylie Employee of the Year

Accounts payable specialist Joyce Pollard is described by co-workers as tireless, graceful, cheerful, courteous, treats everyone with respect. easy to work with, hardworking, professional, honest, compassionate, and a go-to person. Most don't realize that Joyce's duties go beyond paying bills. Joyce is our liaison with the power companies to set up new service for facilities, plus so much more. Her dedication to the City of Wylie, our vendors and staff is unsurpassed! City Manager Mindy Manson presented Joyce with the Award during the annual employee banquet.

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Fun & Learning

Rita & Truett Smith Public Library

300 Country Club Road, Building 300

972-516-6250

www.WylieTexas.gov/library

Hours:	Mon., Tue. & Thurs.	Noon - 8 pm
	Wednesday	9 am - 6 pm
	Friday	11 am - 5 pm
	Saturday	9 am - 4 pm
	Sunday	Closed

All Events Are Free and Open to the Public

Storytime Days, Times and Ages

Books & Babies (ages 0-1); Fridays, 11 am; 20 minutes long

Toddler Time (ages 1-2); Wednesdays, 9 am & 9:45 am, Fridays 11:30 am

Big Kids (ages 3-5); Wednesdays 10:30 am & 11:15 am; Thursdays 1:30 pm

Family Storytime (all ages); Tuesdays, 6:30 pm; 30 minutes long

Week of January 27 - Cats

Week of February 3 - Pajamapalooza Wear your pajamas!

Week of February 10 - I love Valentines!

Week of February 17 - Sharks!

Week of February 24 - Everybody Needs a Pet

Teen Book Club, February 6, 6 pm

6th - 12th graders only. *My Life Next Door* by Huntley Fitzpatrick

Booked on Fridays, February 14, Noon - 1:30 pm

Bring your lunch the 2nd Friday of each month for fun reads & light conversation. This month *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty.

Wagging Tales, Tuesdays, 3:30 pm - 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.

Feb. 18, 3:30 pm - Celebrate Abby's birthday with cake and crafts.

BeTween Book & Movie Club, 6 pm

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.

January 30 - *Harry Potter* by J.K. Rowling

February 27 - *Matilda* by Roald Dahl

My Very Own Book Club, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm, Feb. 12 & 14

1st, 2nd and 3rd graders are invited to talk about books and make a craft. The first 40 kids to sign up receive a free copy of the book, *Freedom Summer* by Deborah Wiles.

Chocolate Tasting for Teens, February 13, 5 pm - 6 pm

Celebrate Valentines's Day by sampling chocolates, play trivia and win prizes. 6th - 12th graders only..

Mad Hatter Tea Party, March 11, 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Come in costume as your favorite Alice in Wonderland character for games, prizes, and crafts. Geared towards ages 4-9; All are welcome.

Teen Divergent Party, March 13, 3 pm - 5 pm

Dress up as Tris, Four or other characters and celebrate the release of *Divergent*. Show your factions knowledge during trivia and be prepared to test your Erudite skills with games. Prizes include tickets to see the movie! For teens in 6th-12th grade only. No registration required.