CITY OF WYLIE

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Firefighters Jeff Pynes, Captain Nash, & Andrew Johnson Accept the Wylie Way Award at the Fire Banquet

...see back for awards

March 2014

Are You Prepared For Severe Weather?

Spring is right around the corner bringing warmer weather, green grass, and the increased threat of severe weather. April is Tornado Awareness Month and Wylie Fire Rescue, along with other local, state, and federal agencies, encourages residents to take responsibility and prepare now before the start of the severe storm season.

Knowing and understanding the difference between "Watch" and "Warning" can save your life. A watch is issued when the conditions are right for the event to occur. A warning means the weather event is happening now. It is critical to remember when a severe thunderstorm warning is issued, tornadoes can form rapidly under the right conditions, with little warning. When a tornado warning is issued, take action: a tornado is on the ground.

- Sign Up for NIXLE Text Message & Email Alerts
- Purchase a Weather Radio
- Prepare an Emergency Kit
- Designate and Plan a Home Shelter Location
- Have a Plan

Plan in advance and discuss with your family a designated place of shelter in your home. Look for the most structurally sound interior room, most often a bathroom. When a tornado warning is issued, everyone should immediately know what to do and where to go without hesitation. The City of Wylie does not have a designated public tornado shelter. If you live in a structure you feel is not safe, plan ahead with family and friends to find shelter that is sturdy and quickly accessible.

Put together an emergency kit and store it in your designated shelter; you will not have time to gather items when a storm hits. For tips on what to include in your kit, go to www.ready.gov, or www.listo.gov for the Spanish version. Pack items according to your family's needs. Do you have special items for babies/small children, elderly and pets? For info on items to pack for your pets, go to www.ready.gov/animals.

To stay informed of severe weather, Wylie Fire Rescue encourages you to purchase a weather radio and sign up for NIXLE Emergency Alerts. A weather radio provides constant updates and has battery backup so you will continue to receive warnings even if the power goes out. NIXLE is the emergency messaging alert system used by the City of Wylie to inform residents of impending severe weather via text message, email, or both. Simply text your zip code to 888777; go to NIXLE.com; or click the red sign-up button on the home page of WylieTexas.gov.

When severe weather is forecast, stay tuned to your local radio and broadcast news channels for updates on rapidly changing conditions. Remember, outdoor warning sirens are not intended for those indoors. Sirens are designed to only warn people who are outside or in very close proximity to a siren. Do not solely rely on sirens to alert you of severe weather.

Severe weather can strike at any time throughout the year. The Dallas area has been hit with tornadic activity in September and even February. Always be prepared. Keep your emergency kit supplied and up to date, have a plan in place, purchase a weather radio, sign up for NIXLE, be vigilant, and maintain situational awareness when storms are in the area.

Please contact the Wylie Office of Emergency Management if you have questions or need assistance creating a severe weather plan. Call 972-461-2810, or email debbie.buccino@wylietexas.gov. We are ready to assist.

State of the City

Join Mayor Eric Hogue as he delivers his annual State of the City Address during a special Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Tuesday, March 25, 2014
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church Events Center
200 North Ballard Avenue

Call 972-442-2804 or go to WylieChamber.org to reserve your seat.

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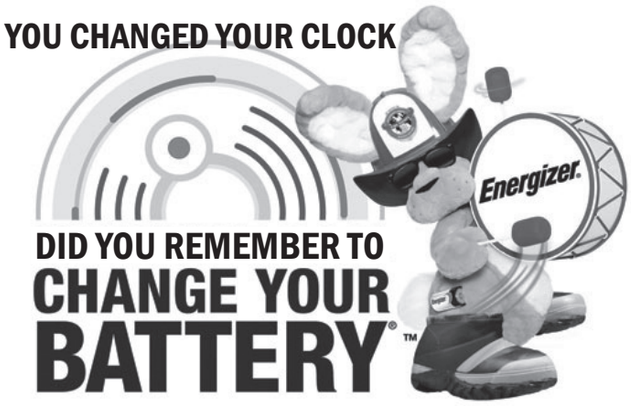

Call 972-442-8110 For Assistance

Wylie General Election May 10

The City of Wylie will hold a General Election on May 10, 2014, to elect a Mayor and two Council Members in places 5 and 6. Mayor Eric Hogue is running unopposed; Cheryl L. Powell and William Whitney III are running in Place 5; and David Dahl and Andres Gonzalez are running in Place 6. The last day to register to vote for the May 10 election is April 10. Early Voting begins Monday, April 28 and runs through Tuesday, May 6. Go to WylieTexas.gov>City Government>City Secretary>Elections, for more information.

Top Fire Department Personnel Recognized

Wylie Fire Rescue held their annual awards banquet and celebration Saturday, March 1, at the First Baptist Church Events Center. The highlight of the evening was the recognition of outstanding employees:

Officer of the Year - Captain James Brown
Administrative Employee of the Year - Allyson Frederick
EMS of the Year - Jim Bloom
Dispatcher of the Year - Barbie Morrow
Firefighter of the Year - Brad Campbell
Paramedic Crew of the Year - A Shift Station 1 (Captain Ray Jackson, Brandon Monroe, Richard Hollien,William Sullivan)
Wylie Way Award - A Shift Station 2 (Captain Casey Nash, Brian Moriarty, Jeff Pynes, Andrew Johnson
Crew of the Year - Wylie Honor Guard
Explorer of the Year - Mathew Murdoch

WYLIE JAZZ ARTS FEST
music · fine art · food · fun

Saturday, May 3 • Wylie Municipal Complex • 10am - 8pm

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

Babies & Books (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 March 24 - Dance Baby Dance
Week of March 31 - Questions, Questions
Week of April 7 - Zootravaganza
Week of April 14 - Eggs
Week of April 21 - Llama Llama; Visit Llama Llama in the Library lobby April 23, 9:15 am - 11:15 am.
Week of April 28 - Out in the Country (Henny Penny Puppet Show)

Teen Book Club, April 3, 6 pm

6th - 12th graders only. *The Last Dragon-Slayer* by Jasper Fforde.

Booked on Fridays, April 11, Noon - 1:30 pm

Bring your lunch the 2nd Friday of each month for fun reads & light conversation. This month *The Week Before the Wedding* by Beth Kendrick.

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.

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.

March 27 - *Alice In Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll
April 24 - *The Seas of Monsters* by Rick Riordan

My Very Own Book Club, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm, April 9 & 11

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, *Plantzilla* by Jerdine Nolan.

Tosho-Kon@SPL, 10 am - 3:30 pm, Saturday, March 29

Enjoy a fun-filled fest of all things anime and manga. Call 972-516-6250 for more details and registration

X-treme CWD Green event

March 29 8 am - 4 pm
Wylie Service Center
949 Hensley Lane
(Behind Founders Park)

Brush and bulk will not be accepted. For complete details including acceptable items and limits go to www.WylieTexas.gov/xtremegreen.

Household Hazardous Waste
Oil Based Paint
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Pesticides
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Electronics
Computers
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Household Metal Appliances
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and SUV

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Bank Statements
Old Bills
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