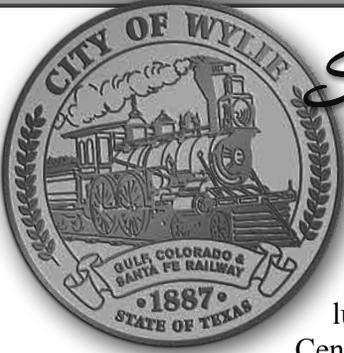




Students & Police Academy Alumni Spread Easter Cheer at Hillcrest Nursing

April 2015



State of Wylie

Mayor Eric Hogue presented his annual State of the City address Tuesday, March 31, during a Chamber of Commerce luncheon held at FBC Wylie Event Center. Before the mayor spoke, a video, "I Love Wylie," laid the foundation for his speech, focusing on the people of Wylie. The video featured citizens who recently commented on Facebook about Wylie being named the second-best small city in the country to raise a family. Citizens who participated in the video project were Michkel Cain, Charles Daniel, Asutoshgiri Goswami, Lacy Jennings, Jessica Jones, Margaret McKeown and April Peter.

Hogue thanked the chamber for naming him the 2014 Citizen of the Year at the recent Director's Choice Awards.

"But I am just one of nearly 45,000 citizens of the year who make Wylie such a special place," he said.

The mayor told a story regarding his own welcome to Wylie. He had just moved to town in 1991 and, needing a copper tubing cutter to hook up his refrigerator, he had gone to Wylie Hardware to make the purchase. He was surprised when Kenneth Nall gave him the tool from his personal supply and said "just bring it back when you're finished." "I went home and told Tammie ... we're not in Arkansas anymore!" he recalled.



"I Love Wylie"

Hogue noted some of the facts and figures regarding the current state of the city, including the 5% decrease in the crime rate, despite a 4% increase in population. He mentioned the construction of a 1-mile, 12-foot-wide municipal complex trail. He noted dramatic increases in the number of people participating in events at the Wylie Senior Recreation Center – 51 percent – and mentioned some of the businesses in town that are exceeding projections, including Lake Point Emergency Room and The Rock. The mayor also said work has been completed on the Brown Street West project and has begun on the Stone Road project; these two improvements to major Wylie thoroughfares represent the final 2005 Bond projects.

"So why is Wylie so special? Is it the schools, the sports, or the small-town feel? Is it the cost of living, the charm of downtown, the city events, or the culture of servant leadership? The rec center, the library, or the parks? The

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Kids Ages 2-5 Will Race Down Ballard Avenue in Historic Downtown Wylie

Sunday, May 3

Registration 1 pm; Races Start 2 pm

\$10 Entry Fee Includes T-shirt

Winners Will Receive Trophies in Two Age Brackets (2-3 and 4-5)



Posing for a photo after the State of the City address are, from left, Sohail and April Peter, Mayor Eric Hogue, Lacy and Jacob Jennings. April and Lacy were two of the Wylie citizens featured in the "I Love Wylie" video portion of the mayor's speech.

State of the City Continued

answer is – yes, to all of those reasons. It's because of the people ... we take pride in our home town ... it's unique, it's special, and we claim it as our own ... and our focus is to continue to build a better Wylie," he said.

Hogue said the City Council had developed a mission statement and vision for the city this past year. The mission is to honor the past, embrace the present and plan for the future. The vision is to look to the past and build on our heritage; focus on the present and celebrate Wylie's hometown character; and plan for the future by creating opportunities for growth.

He announced some new programs and plans, including opening his office doors from 1 to 5 pm every second and fourth Tuesday; any citizen of Wylie is invited to meet with him to discuss issues or concerns. He said the quarterly Mayor's Breakfast will return and invited everyone to check the city's website and social media for details. He also noted an addition to this year's Boo on Ballard: a magic festival, the first of its kind in Texas.

"Wylie is a community with its arms flung wide open, looking to the future with a respectful eye to the past ... a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts," Hogue said in closing.

A complete transcript of the speech and opening video can be accessed at www.WylieTexas.gov/stateofthecity.

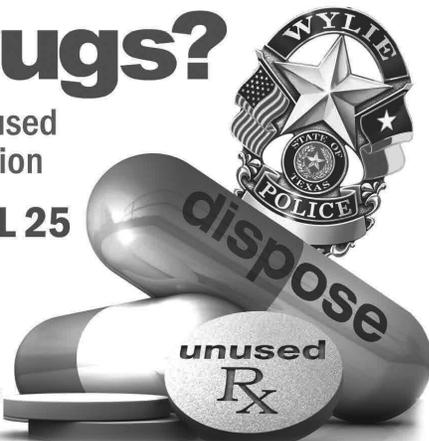
Got Drugs?

Dispose of your unused or expired medication

SATURDAY, APRIL 25
9 AM - 3 PM

Wylie Police Dept.
2000 North Highway 78

The Service is Free and Anonymous
No Questions Asked



Water Restrictions Eased Beginning May 1

North Texas Municipal Water District reports that Lavon Lake and Chapman Lake have reached sufficient levels to allow watering restrictions to be eased earlier than previously planned.

Beginning May 1, NTMWD will move from drought restrictions to a Water Conservation Plan that limits landscape watering to no more than two days per week on your trash day and three days after, only if needed, and never between 10 am and 6 pm.

Although the drought has not officially ended, runoff from recent rains has helped increase the levels of the two lakes. Consumers are urged, however, to continue to keep sprinklers off and use the manual mode to irrigate, if needed, and to turn off sprinkler systems during rain events and on days when watering isn't necessary.

For weekly updates regarding how much and when to water your lawn, sign up for WaterMyYard.org.



Get Involved In Your City

Vote May 9

The City of Wylie will hold a General Election on May 9, 2015, to elect two Council members in Places 2 and 4. Catherine Butschek, Diane L. Culver and Lisa Mellers are running in Place 2, and Candiece Arrington, Brad Emerson, Bennie Jones and Brooke E. Lopez are running in Place 4. Early voting begins Monday, April 27, and runs through Tuesday, May 5.

Go to WylieTexas.gov/elections for information on voter registration, early voting and Election Day locations and schedules.

Serve on Boards & Commissions

The Wylie City Council is accepting applications to fill expiring or vacant terms on city boards and commissions. The application deadline is Friday, May 15, 2015.

In late May/early June, a three-member Council panel will meet with applicants prior to making their nominations for appointments. All nominations and appointments will be made in open session during a Council meeting.

"Our boards and commissions play an important, active role in shaping the City both today and into the future," said Mayor Eric Hogue. "The City Council looks forward to selecting and working with citizens who embody the spirit of volunteerism and service."

Go to www.WylieTexas.gov/Boards for details and to apply.