

City Earns Recognitions

Wylie has been recognized with four awards including the Celebrating Leadership in Development Excellence award by the North Central Texas Council of Governments for the Wylie Municipal Complex, home of City Hall, the Smith Library and Wylie Recreation Center. Judges said the complex invites diverse educational and recreational activities and is environmentally responsible in its design and use.

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KCS Intermodal Rolling

Wylie EDC Executive Director Sam Satterwhite, KCS CEO David Starling, Mayor Eric Hogue, County Judge Keith Self, and KCS Executive VP and Chief Marketing Officer Pat Ottensmeyer cut the ribbon, officially opening the Wylie Intermodal Terminal.

Born along the railroad tracks in 1886, Wylie flourished. Today, the railroad continues to play a role in shaping the city with the recent dedication of KCS Railway's 500-acre intermodal facility, destined to bring progress and growth to the community and region.

KCS's \$64-million Wylie Intermodal Terminal serves as the hub of connectivity for rail as far north as Canada and as far south as Mexico. With more than 6,000 track miles, KCS is one interchange away from all major markets in North America.



Bikers Blaze New Trail

The City of Wylie celebrated completion of its new Municipal Complex hike and bike trail with a Family Bike Parade July 16. The trail is 1 mile long and 12 feet wide and loops around the library, recreation center and city hall. The trail goes through meadows and woods, including a 20-foot pedestrian bridge over a creek. Pick up the trail on Brown St., Country Club Rd., or behind the Recreation Center.

The trail was funded largely through grants from the Collin County Parks and Open Space Program and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, along with the City of Wylie Park Land Acquisition and Improvement fund.

Pictured left, Bella Gross, age 9, Dodd Elementary fourth-grader, prepares to ride in the Recreation Center Family Bike Parade July 16 to mark the opening of the new trail.

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To create the entry for the honor, which was given in the Special Development category, Public Services Director Mike Sferra gathered a team of employees from the park and recreation and planning departments and public information office. The award was given at a NCTCOG meeting at the Hurst Conference Center June 18.

“It says something positive about an organization that can assemble a group of capable co-workers to successfully bring recognition like this to the City of Wylie,” Sferra said. “It’s that team-spirit approach that makes Wylie such a great community.”

The CLIDE award program was created in 2003 to encourage innovative development projects and practices that will help accommodate the expected growth and ensure a sustainable North Texas for generations to come.

TAMI Award - Bluegrass on Ballard
At the 2015 Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers (TAMIO) conference held in Houston June 17-19, Wylie won the Award of Excellence in the Best Recurring Special Event category for Bluegrass on Ballard. Judges complimented organizers on the partnership between the City of Wylie, Wylie Downtown Merchants Association and Bluegrass Heritage Foundation as well as the creativity used in marketing and funding the festival and the successful re-branding of the traditional July Jubilee event, which resulted in thousands of visitors to the downtown area.

Jeremy Meier, president of the WDMA, said, “The members of the Wylie Downtown Merchants Association greatly value the support the City of Wylie gives to downtown. Bluegrass on Ballard is an awesome event, bringing our Wylie residents downtown while attracting thousands of first-time visitors. We are humbled at the recognition.”

Platinum Leadership Circle Award

The City of Wylie has been recognized with the Platinum Leadership Circle Award for financial transparency by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. The award marks the first time the City has participated in the program.

Out of a possible 23 points, Wylie received 21. The recognition spotlights local governments that are opening their books to the public; providing clear, consistent pictures of spending; and sharing information in a user-friendly format that lets taxpayers easily drill down for more detail. This is the first year the Platinum designation has been added to the Gold, Silver and Bronze levels; entities receiving the

Platinum Award “meet an even higher standard of financial transparency,” according to the Comptroller’s office.

“The City of Wylie has made financial transparency a priority for many years, and we are very proud to have received this recognition from the State,” said City Manager Mindy Manson. “I appreciate the hard work and dedication of the Finance Department.”

Fit-Friendly Worksite

The City of Wylie had been named a Platinum Level Fit-Friendly Worksite by the American Heart Association.

For several years, Wylie achieved Gold Level status by taking health-promoting steps such as offering employees physical activity support and healthy eating options at work and promoting a wellness culture. Platinum

status goes to worksites that meet Gold Level criteria and have added at least one behavior change, cost-saving outcome or positive return on investment; Wylie demonstrated a cost-saving outcome by lowering health insurance premiums for employees and their families, a step made possible by the lower number of claims filed by city employees.



Front row from left, Planning Director Renae Ollie, City Manager Mindy Manson, Recreation Manager Carmen Powlen, back row, Parks and Recreation Superintendent Robert Diaz, Administrative Assistant Janet Hawkes, Parks Manager Shohn Rodgers, and Public Services Director Mike Sferra.



You Otter Save Water

Otis the Otter visited Wylie Fire Rescue Station 1 July 31 to remind everyone to continue practicing water conservation. Otis represents the North Texas Municipal Water District's Water 4 Otter program. Kids are invited to visit water4otter.org to download the Water4Otter game and read more about Otis and his friends, including tips on saving water, GIFs to share and other activities.

From left, Wylie Firefighters Clayton Jones, Richard Hollien and Michael Towne and Capt. Ray Jackson help Otis the Otter remind the public to use water sparingly so there's plenty to go around during these 100-degree days.

Doctor Who Day



Fans of popular TV series "Doctor Who" are invited to Wylie's Smith Public Library for Doctor Who Day Saturday, Aug. 22, 11 am - 4:30 pm. Compete in trivia and cosplay contests with

three prize packs to be awarded, have a picture made with the TARDIS, courtesy of USS Joshua, and see Daleks in action.

Go to www.WylieTexas.gov/Library, or call 972-516-6250 for more information.

The program is free; suitable for all ages.

Proposed Budget

The Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Proposed Budget, including a 1-cent decrease in the tax rate, is available to view online in its entirety at www.WylieTexas.gov.

Public hearings are scheduled for Aug. 25 and Sept. 1. A final vote to approve the budget and set the tax rate is Sept. 8.

City Council meetings are held in City Hall Council Chambers, 300 Country Club Rd., #100, second and fourth Tuesdays, 6 pm.

Meetings are also available to view streaming online live and on-demand at WylieTexas.gov. Click on the video box located at the bottom of the homepage.

Fallen Firefighters Golf Tournament



Wylie Fire Rescue's 6th Annual North Texas Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf tournament begins with a shotgun start at

noon, Oct. 9, Woodbridge Golf Club, 7400 Country Club Dr. Open to the public; the \$75 entry fee goes to benefit families whose loved ones have lost their lives in the line of duty. Details at FireHero.org.

Email matt.mccormick@wylietexas.gov for more information or to sponsor.



Vendors Wanted

Fine artists, handmade crafters and unique vendors are invited to participate in the **Wylie Arts Festival**, slated for Saturday, Dec. 7 at the First Baptist Wylie Event Center. Climate-controlled indoor shopping, live performances, and a wide variety of festive fair foods all make for one of the most popular festivals in North Texas. Vendor and sponsorship brochures are available at WylieTexas.gov/artsfestival.

For more information, contact City Secretary Carole Ehrlich at 972-516-6020 or email carole.ehrlich@wylietexas.gov.



Wylie Police Department is seeking vendors to give away free samples and publicity materials at this year's **National Night Out** community event, scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 5:30 to 8 pm. The annual event is held in Olde City Park and includes free food, giveaways, pony rides, face painting, a helicopter landing and fireworks.

To apply as a vendor, register your neighborhood as a National Night Out participant, or to schedule a visit from Wylie Police or Fire Rescue, contact Crime Prevention Officer Angie McIntosh at 972-442-8133 or angie.mcintosh@wylietexas.gov.

Get involved and help maintain Wylie's low crime rate.

ACTIVITY MENU

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Fall/Winter Rec Activities

Register today for entertaining and enriching fitness, art and leisure activities at WylieTexas.gov/Recreation, or in person at the Wylie Rec Center, 300 Country Club Road, #200, 972-516-6360. Rec Pass Holders save 15%; email recreation@wylietexas.gov for more information, including prices for single and family passes.

New at the Rec Center – Homeschool Cooking Camp!

Is there a future Iron Chef in your house? Kids age 7 to 12 learn how to prepare scrumptious foods and learn about kitchen safety in this new rec center camp. They'll power up a variety of skills like menu-planning for large and small groups, spatial visualization, and hand-eye coordination.

Beginner level – Come home each day with more practice in food safety, kitchen hygiene, and healthy eating habits. Camp is Monday through Friday, Sept. 21 – 25, 10 am to noon; cost is \$125.

Intermediate level – Explore the fun of cooking with sauces, herbs, and spices and learn about pasta making, pastry baking, and international cuisine cooking. Camp is Monday through Friday, Oct. 19 – 23, 10 am to noon; cost is \$125.

Homeschool Cooking Camp is taught by Chef Scott Horwitz, executive director for 1st Class Kids, a program that empowers kids to make healthier food choices as they experiment with various flavors and food groups while learning about nutrition. Chef Scott brings his years of culinary experience to the classroom to give kids a chance to play with food, combining learning with fun!

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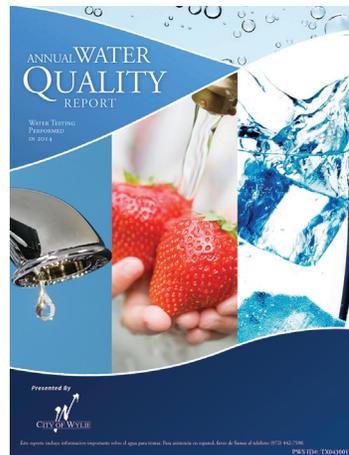
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Water Quality Report Online

A corrected version of the 2014 Annual Water Quality Report for the City of Wylie, mailed in last month's water bills, is available online at <http://tinyurl.com/nn6fof7>.

The update includes additional testing data from the North Texas Municipal Water District.