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Mayor Eric Hogue

Wylie ... The Place We Call Home

Several exciting things have happened recently in our city, as we work to manage growth and maintain our small-town feel.

First, Wylie has been named the Best Small City for Families in the nation, among cities with populations of 25,000 to 100,000, by finance website NerdWallet. This is no award we sought; NerdWallet looked at a variety of factors including housing affordability, prosperity and growth, schools, and family friendliness and put Wylie's name at the top of the list. Other Texas cities in the top 10 included Leander (third), Pearland (sixth),

Allen (eighth) and Little Elm (ninth) – but Wylie was number one. This recognition comes on the heels of being named the 25th Best Place to Live by Money Magazine last August.

NerdWallet noted Wylie has the second-most affordable homes in the top 10 cities and the seventh-highest median annual income growth, which jumped 19 percent from 2009 to 2014. The percentage of families with children under 18 years of age is 49 percent, while the percentage with children in poverty is only 4.9. Schools in Wylie earned a rating of nine out of 10 by GreatSchools.org.

The website noted Wylie's proximity to Dallas and its location near Lake Ray Hubbard and Lake Lavon, both of which provide access to outdoor activities for families.



Collin College Wylie Campus

Collin College has selected our city as the location of its next campus, a three-building, 415,000-square-foot campus that will break ground within three years, open in 2020, and accommodate 7,500 students. We have been speaking with the college's board of trustees about this possibility for several years, and we are so pleased to be able to help provide an affordable education for generations to come. Collin College is in the process of deciding what programs will be offered at the new campus, but we embrace the board's focus on providing both traditional college degrees and training for marketable

real-world skills. We believe the Wylie campus will be the jewel in the Collin College crown.

The new campus will be located adjacent to Wylie City Hall on Country Club Road just north of FM 544. We realize its opening will cause an increase in day traffic, which will aid with our goal of attracting more restaurants. Rest assured we are looking at the impact the campus will have on traffic and exploring options to help alleviate this concern.



A parcel of land on FM 544, previously contaminated by Chemical Recycling, Inc., is now clean and ready for development. This came about at no cost to the City of Wylie; as a result of our collaboration with Congressman

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FREE FOOD & FUN

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2016 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

NIGHT OUT

Helicopter Landing • Police/Fire Displays
 Hot Dogs, Drinks & Kettle Corn • Bounce Houses
 Pony Rides • Face Painting • Fireworks
(3-Minute Finale)

Tuesday, October 4
Olde City Park
5:30 pm - 8 pm

Celebrate as a Community, Return Home
 Turn Your Porch Light On, Meet Your Neighbors

The Wylie Police Department wants to hear about your National Night Out event or neighborhood activity. To register as a National Night Out participant, or schedule a visit from Wylie Police or Wylie Fire Rescue, please contact Officer Donna Valdepena, donna.valdepena@wylietexas.gov or 972-429-8019.





Pete Sessions and the Environmental Protection Agency, the EPA absorbed the entire cost. We value our positive relationships with organizations at the county, state and national level, which often result in improvements to our area and quality of life. This decontaminated property can now be developed as business, retail or the always-desirable restaurants.

Safe Place to Live

Two other honors by security/finance website CreditDonkey and security organization SafeWise recognize Wylie as one of the safest places to live; both named us the 19th Safest City in Texas. Wylie's crime rate continues to drop despite increases in population. The 2015 crime rate decreased by 28 percent from the previous year, despite a 6-percent population increase. This is due not only to the excellence and commitment of the Wylie Police Department, but also to the relationship WPD enjoys with its citizens, who collaborate with the department, providing extra sets of eyes in the community.



Recently, members of the Wylie PD visited the home of Xander Wade, an exceptional Wylie 8-year-old who is fighting a brave battle against a neurological disease. Xander had become a fan and friend of the Wylie PD when two officers responded to an incident at his home, and on July 16, he was sworn in as an honorary member of the department and awarded a plaque and his own Wylie PD shirt. This is just one example of the kind of community interaction our first responders embrace.

Commitment to Small-Town Feel

Although we certainly work to attract new businesses and the kind of housing you need and want, I and the other members of the council are committed to maintaining the small-town feel and warmth that brought many of us here in the first place. Bluegrass on Ballard, held in July, was again a huge success, bringing families downtown and visitors to the area to enjoy the great bands, arts and crafts in the park, and the 200-vehicle car show that lined the streets of historic downtown. Events such as this give us a chance to gather with our families and celebrate the lifestyle and values we hold dear. Wylie may grow, but Wylie will always be Wylie.



Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter to stay abreast of events that affect your life. And of course, check in with us at our city's redesigned website, www.wylietexas.gov, recently

named the Best Website in Texas for cities under 100,000 by the Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers.

It's my honor to serve as your mayor and to represent this exceptional community that has so much heart. Please contact me with questions or concerns.

Mayor Eric Hogue



ACTIVITY MENU

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FALL - WINTER 2016 / SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER

HOLIDAY BREAK CAMPS
GLOW IN THE PARK
DONUTS WITH SANTA

EARLY BIRD
ONLINE REGISTRATION
AUGUST 1 - 7



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