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Wylie Police Report Continued Drop In Crime Rate

The Wylie Police Department reports the city's 2015 crime rate per 1,000 population decreased by 28 percent from 2014 figures, despite a 6-percent increase in population.

"Wylie is not only a great place to raise a family, but a safe one," said Mayor Eric Hogue. "Thanks to our police department for the outstanding work and commitment; we are grateful."

Crime rate numbers are based on the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting 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 2015 there was a total of 441 Part I Crimes reported to Wylie Police, which is a 24-percent decrease from 2014. Wylie's estimated 2015 population was 48,478, resulting in a Part I crime rate of 9.10 Part I Crimes for every 1,000 Wylie residents. This is a 28-percent decrease from 2014.

"Wylie showed a significant decrease in the overall crime rate: 28 percent," said Chief Anthony Henderson. "Although everyone in the department has contributed to the overall decrease, I believe the fact that the narcotics unit is now fully staffed and working diligently has made the greatest impact."

In 2015, violent crimes per 1,000 population was down 6 percent from 2014, with 48 total violent crimes reported to Wylie Police in 2015. Property crime per 1,000 population saw a dramatic decrease of 30 percent over 2014 figures. There was a 7-percent increase in the All Other Crimes category, which includes any offense not listed as a Part I offense.

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," said Henderson. "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 click on *Crime Rate* under News and Announcements on the home page.



State of the City

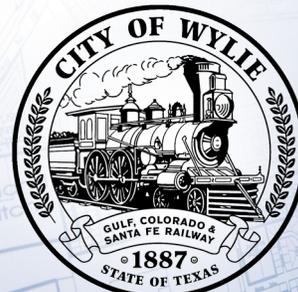
Join Mayor Eric Hogue as he delivers his annual State of the City Address during a special Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

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.





March 26 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.



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Spring Break Camps

Baking Camp, for ages 7 – 12, teaches youngsters to become comfortable in the kitchen and gain valuable baking experience while expanding their taste palates. They'll learn how to use kitchen tools safely as they experiment with a variety of flavors and ingredients

– and they get to eat food in class every single day! Class meets March 7 – 11 from 9 am to noon, and cost is \$120 plus a \$20 supply fee.

Movie Magic, for ages 8 – 15. Lights, camera, action! Reinforce language, art, math, science and technological competence. Participants will gain valuable tips, professional tricks, and interpersonal skills while making a short film. They'll develop script writing, filming, acting and directing techniques and take home a personalized DVD of finished project. Meets March 7 – 10 from 1 to 4 pm, and cost is \$120.

Camps meet at Wylie Recreation Center, 300 Country Club, Building 200. Register online at Apm.activecommunities.com/wylie or in person at the center. Call 972-516-6360 for more information.

Citizens Fire Academy

Wylie Fire Rescue is accepting applications for its 2016 Citizens Fire Academy. Space is limited to 14 participants. The CFA will meet for 10 weeks on Thursdays beginning March 17. Participants must be 18 years of age and live or work in Wylie. For more information contact Capt. Ray Jackson at 972-429-0771 or ray.jackson@wylietexas.gov.

Are You Prepared for Severe Weather?

Severe weather can strike at any time; always be prepared. Keep an emergency kit supplied and up to date, have a plan in place, purchase a weather radio, sign up for NIXLE, be vigilant, and maintain awareness when storms are in the area. 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 who receive notifications. Take action now to stay informed in the event of an emergency or road closures and receive construction updates.

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, 2016.

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 that embody the spirit of volunteerism and service.”

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

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