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### **Wylie Recognized with Citation of Merit by Keep Texas Beautiful**

**September 11, 2014 – Wylie, TX** – The City of Wylie was recognized Sept. 9 during a City Council meeting with a Citation of Merit Government Award from Keep Texas Beautiful. The award presented to Mayor Eric Hogue by Robert Medigovich, Community Waste Disposal (CWD) municipal coordinator, recognizes outstanding contributions to the Texas environment made by local cities.

“We are pleased to be recognized by Keep Texas Beautiful for the second year in row,” said Jeff Butters, assistant city manager. “The award reflects our strong partnership with CWD and increased emphasis on residential recycling over the past six years.”

Keep Texas Beautiful considered several factors in recognizing Wylie with the Citation of Merit, including but not limited to:

- Wylie households recycle on average 47 pounds per month, one of the higher rates in the Metroplex. More than 3,800 tons of residential waste was recycled last year.
- Wylie’s City facilities and schools participate in recycling programs.
- Wylie has more than 600 acres of park land and open space.
- A high percentage of Wylie’s street medians are landscaped.
- The city has planted a large number of trees and shrubs in the last several years at city facilities, parks and roadways.
- Wylie hosts two X-treme Green events per year for citizens to dispose of tires, batteries, electronics, appliances, paper and household hazardous waste – items that would otherwise not be properly disposed of.
- Several parks feature solar-powered recycle containers.
- Wylie is designated a Tree City USA.

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Keep Texas Beautiful, a statewide grassroots community improvement and environmental nonprofit, strives to educate and engage Texans to take responsibility for improving their community environment. KTB and its more than 370 affiliates work with the government, businesses, civic groups, and volunteers to ensure that every Texan has the opportunity to take individual responsibility for making Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation. For more information, call or visit [www.ktb.org](http://www.ktb.org).

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About Wylie -- Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 44,158) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the State of Texas with a 192% increase since 2000.