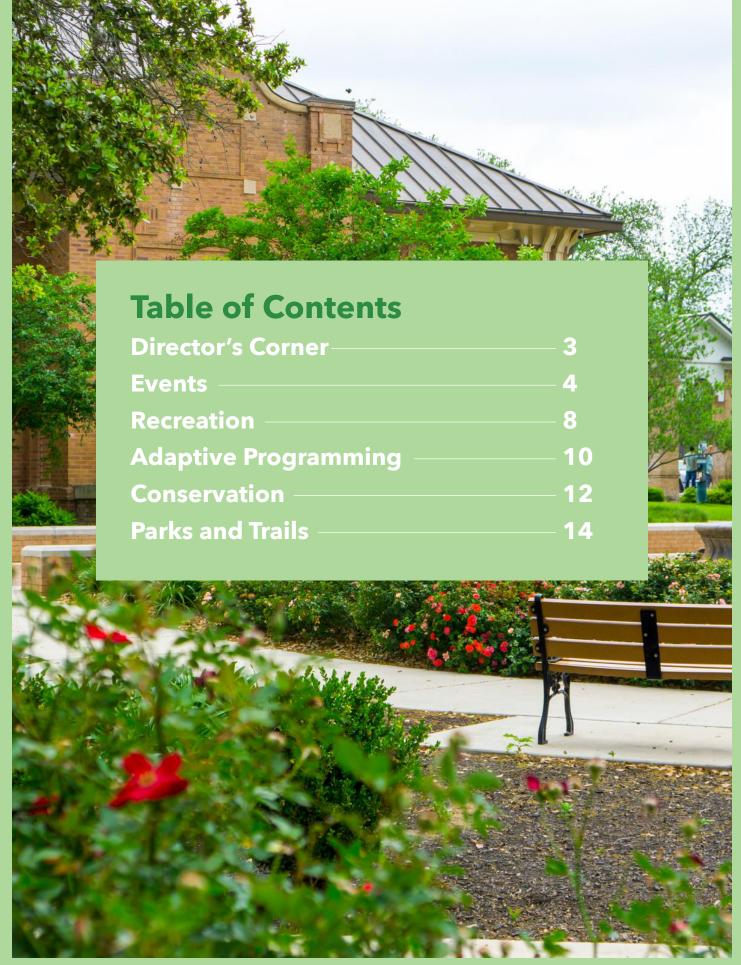
Parks and Recreation Guide

Winter 2025



Holiday Events, Spring Recreation, and Conservation info!



The Kyle Parks and Recreation Department strives to maintain, provide and develop an array of recreational opportunities and services aimed at improving the quality of life for our community.

We display this commitment by providing quality parks, programming and special events, while continuously seeking innovation through courage to adapt to the changing needs of our growing community.

The Kyle Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan is a comprehensive, community-driven vision that will guide the development, enhancement, and sustainability of the city's parks, trails, and recreation services over the next 10 years. The planning process included extensive community engagement, analysis of existing park system conditions, and benchmarking to ensure the system meets current needs while preparing for future growth.

It provides a framework to enhance access, equity, connectivity, and environmental stewardship across the entire parks and recreation system. The result is a clear, actionable roadmap that reflects the voices of Kyle residents and positions the city to deliver high-quality parks and recreation opportunities for all.

The plan's main recommendations are:

- Enhance Existing Parks
- Develop an Indoor Recreation Center
- Expand Trail Connectivity
- Improve Equitable Access
- Promote Sustainability and Conservation

For more details on the plan, scan the QR code to the right!





Director's Corner with David Lopez

The City of Kyle Parks and Recreation Department is proud to continue advancing our Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Master Plan, a community-driven vision that guides the growth, accessibility, and sustainability of our park system. This year, we are excited to move forward with several major projects that will enhance the quality of life for our residents, including the development of new park amenities, trail connections, and the improvement of existing facilities to better serve our growing community.

As we look ahead, our mission remains clear: to provide inclusive, high-quality recreational opportunities, preserve natural spaces, and foster community connections through programs and events that inspire active, healthy living. Together, we're building spaces where Kyle's families can play, gather, and thrive today and for generations to come.



Santa's Arrival

December 1st at Mary Kyle Hartson Park

Join us in welcoming Santa to the City of Kyle for the annual tree lighting ceremony! Bring your family and friends for the official kick-off to the Holidays in Kyle. Since 1999, the city has invited Santa to Mary Kyle Hartson Park from 4 - 9 p.m. to be a part of the event, and he's been at every one since!

Come enjoy holiday music performed by local school choirs, photos with Santa, face painting, free kids activities, and get a head start on Christmas shopping with our festive food and holiday market vendors.

Pictures with Santa

Santa will be available for FREE pictures in the Krug Activity Center. Pictures must be taken with your own personal camera or device. A professional photographer will not be present. The doors will open at 4:00 p.m. so grab your place in line early!



We're not lighting just one park!

Visit **Lake Kyle** for a cozy walk down to the lake lit by bright and festive decorations!

See one of our newest parks, **La Verde**, decked in green to get ready for the Grinch to celebrate his big day on Saturday, Dec. 13th!



Christmas Movie in the Park

Check out the lights and join us for a showing of 'The Santa Clause' (PG, 97 min.) at the Christmas Movie in the Park on Friday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. This free event, hosted by the City of Kyle Parks and Recreation Department, will include music and food and drink vendors.

25 Days of Christmas

December 4th through 30th at Mary Kyle Hartson Park

It's the most wonderful time of the year – The City of Kyle's 25 Days of Christmas! Throughout the month of December, we will have nightly holiday lights and Christmas music, including live music on specific nights!

We'll have vendors and events Thursday through Sunday and take place between 5:30 - 9 p.m. and 2 - 9 p.m. on Saturdays.

Date Night Thursdays

Join us on date night Thursdays with that special person. Enjoy live music, curated food and drink vendors and holiday lights from 5:30-9 p.m.

12/4 - Paint and Sip in the Krug Activity Center 12/11 - Salsa Night Performer in the Gazebo 12/18 - Karaoke in the Krug Activity Center

Registration required.

Family Fun Fridays

Spend your Friday night with the family and enjoy crafts and activities for kids along with lights and holiday music! Photos with Santa



opportunities on Friday, Dec. 5, Dec. 12 and Dec. 19. Pictures must be taken with your own personal camera or device. A professional photographer will not be present. Event runs from 5:30 - 9 p.m. with Santa arriving at approximately 6 p.m.

Shopping Saturdays

Check out market, food and drink vendors and enjoy live music during our holiday night market on Saturday, Dec. 6 and 20 from 2 - 9 p.m. Performers will play from 6-9 p.m.

12/6 - Live Music Performance 12/20 - Mariachi Performance

Social Sundays

The City of Kyle Parks and Recreation Department is celebrating Social Sundays from 5:30 - 9 p.m. To take part, stop by the park, enjoy a lawn game or two, take pictures of you and your loved ones and share it with the hashtag #KyleParksandRecreation.



Grinch on the Green

December 13th at La Verde Park

The mastermind of Christmas crime is making his return to Kyle and wants you – yes **YOU** – to join him for Grinch on the Green, a celebration of all things mean and green, on Saturday, December 13 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at La Verde Park, 3901 Burnham.

This Whobilation **GRINCHY** celebration is a free family-friendly event with something fun for everyone. Enjoy sweet treats, market vendors, live music, photos with the one and only Grinch (bring a non-perishable food donation to get a photo), free activities for children, Grinch movie screenings, and more!

So grab your family, your friends, and your cheer **SNEER**,

This Whoville **GRINCHY** wonderland is drawing near!

Full schedule is coming soon, so stay tuned!

Santa Rides Through Kyle

December 9th through 11th

The Kyle Police Department and City of Kyle Parks and Recreation Department are partnering to provide Santa Rides in Kyle. Children will have the opportunity to wave and see Santa as he rides through the City of Kyle visiting designated neighborhoods from Dec. 9-11, from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

Santa will be splitting up his ride between three nights to make sure he can visit as many kids in Kyle as possible! On Tuesday, Dec. 9th he will be in Northeast Kyle, on Wednesday, Dec. 10th he will ride in Southeast Kyle, and on Thursday, Dec. 11th he will finish up in West Kyle.

Santa is very busy this holiday season and will not be able to go down every street in Kyle, so residents are asked to check out the suggested Santa viewing spots marked with a star along the route maps to wave and say hello.

Track Santa's movements with our LIVE SANTA TRACKER, and find his route beforehand on the maps available at the QR code below!





Don't let a Grinch steal your holiday cheer this year! Go to *CityofKyle.gov/GrinchWatch* for tips from the Kyle Police Department to keep you and your family safe this holiday season.

For full details on these events and more, visit **events.cityofkyle.gov** or scan the QR code to the right!









Polar Bear Splash

January 1st at James Adkins Pool

Take part in a Kyle tradition and make a splash into the New Year on January 1st! The Polar Bear Splash event takes place at James Adkins Pool, 1100 W. Center St., starting at 10 a.m.

Registration opens on Monday, November 3 at *kylerec.recdesk.com*

Spectators are encouraged and welcome to attend for free.

This event is weather dependent and if necessary, will be rescheduled for Jan. 2nd.

For the Love of Go 5K Resolution Run

January 1st at James Adkins Pool

Need a New Year's Resolution? Start the year off strong by joining in the annual 5K Resolution Run that happens right before the Polar Bear Splash. The event will be hosted at Gregg-Clarke Park, 1231-1301 W. Center St, on January 1st at 9:00 a.m.

If you participate in the 5K run and the Polar Bear Splash, you will receive a special commemorative item!

Mardi Gras Celebration

February 17th at La Verde

The City of Kyle Parks and Recreation Department is bringing a little Lagniappe to your backyard with a Mardi Gras Celebration at La Verde Park on Fat Tuesday, February 17th.

Join us at La Verde Park for a green, purple and gold celebration and enjoy live music, King Cake, and food and drink vendors. Beads and masks will be available while supplies last.

Laissez les bons temps rouler!

Movies in the Park

February 13th at La Verde Park

Grab a blanket and a friend for another great season of FREE movies in the park, shown on the big screen. Personal food and coolers are allowed, but please dispose of items in the trash and recycle bins available throughout our parks. Pets are allowed but must remain on leash. Movies in the Park begin at sundown, but we highly recommend arriving early as parking is limited.

The kickoff event is February 13th with a screening of *La La Land* (PG13), so mark your calendars!



Spring Softball Leagues

Registration Jan. 1 - Feb. 15 Managers Meeting Feb. 19 CoRec games begin Feb. 24 Men's games begin Feb. 26 \$325.00 Per Team

Adult CoRec League games will be played each Tuesday night beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Gregg-Clarke Sports Complex

Adult Men's League games will be played each Thursday night beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Gregg-Clarke Park Sports Complex

Adult Pickleball Tournament

Registration Dec. 1 - Jan. 25 Tournament is Jan. 31 \$40 Per Team

The City of Kyle Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a CO-ED Pickleball Tournament! The tournament is for ages 18 and up. Team registration must be at least 2 members and the MAX of 5 team members. All skill levels are welcome.

This is a double elimination tournament.



Adult Kickball Spring Season

Registration is open Jan. 1 - Feb. 15 Games begin Feb. 27 \$325.00 Per Team

Games will be played each Friday night beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Gregg-Clarke Park Sports Complex

16 players max per team roster

Tennis Lessons

Registration is open Jan. 1 - Feb. 27 \$75 fee for residents | \$85 fee for non-residents

Whether you're a seasoned player or just picking up a racket for the first time, these lessons are perfect for all skills levels.

All lessons are held on Saturdays at Lehman High School Tennis courts.





Art in the Park

Join us for our all-ages art program!

There is no set time to arrive, but give yourself at least a half hour for the project. Supplies are provided, but registration and a small fee are required to take part.

Paint N Sip

Grab your friends and a bottle of wine and join us each month to experience a social and fun atmosphere where our artist instructor will walk you step-by-step to complete a piece of artwork. All skill levels are welcome. Those under 21 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Registration and fee of \$30/person is required. BYOB for those 21+

2026 Dates:

2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1, 6/10, 7/8, 8/7, 9/11, 10/2, 11/6

Youth Sports & Recreation

Youth Basketball

Registration closes Dec. 8

Youth T-Ball

Registration is open March 23 - May 17

Kyle Kudas Swim Team

Registration opens Feb. 1

Tiny Tot Triathalon

Registration opens March 1

The Tiny Tot Triathlon will be a mini-triathlon for kiddos between 3-8 years old, featuring a route with biking, walking/running, and a cool down at the James Adkins Pool.

Children must bring their own equipment.

Youth Volleyball Clinic

Registration begins March 1

Kyle Youth Roller Hockey

\$75 early bird registration ends Dec. 31 \$100 regular registration ends Jan 19 Season begins Jan 20

Gear rentals and sibling discounts available!

Details at KyleHockey.com



Kyle Spring Break Camp

Registration is open Jan. 1 - Feb. 23 Camp hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday from March 16 - 20.

Kyle Spring Break Camp is an outdoor camp that utilizes open space and play ground areas at Mary-Kyle Hartson City Square Park, the Krug Activity Center, Lake Kyle, various trails and more in the City of Kyle.

It is our goal to offer a recreational program that youth can participate in to maintain a happy, healthy and active lifestyle during Spring Break. We strive to introduce the children to new and different ways to recreate through physically and mentally exhilarating on-site activities and valuable friendships.

Kyle Summer Camp

Registration opens March 2 \$155 fee per week

Kyle Summer Camp is a day camp that runs for 8 weeks starting in June and includes two weekly field trips, trips to the pool, and daily activities!

Register for our sports leagues and recreation programs at **KyleRec.RecDesk.com** or scan the QR code to the right!





The City of Kyle Parks and Recreation Department is thrilled to offer Therapeutic Recreation Services to connect people of all abilities together through accessible recreation, promoting independence, confidence, and improving overall quality of life. Therapeutic Recreation Services include both adaptive and inclusive programs, facilitated by Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialists (CTRS) and dedicated supporting staff. Join us in gaining new experiences and building lifetime skills in a welcoming and inclusive environment! Our goal is to provide valuable resources to families and individuals in need of Therapeutic Recreation (TR) and inclusive services.

We understand the importance of accessibility and inclusivity for people of all abilities. Whether you're looking for recreational programming, therapy services, or healthcare providers, we have resources and programs available. Explore the resources available to enhance your quality of life and build a strong sense of community and inclusion by scanning the QR code below!.







Winter Wonderland All Abilities Dance

December 19th from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Gemstone Palace

Registration is open Oct. 17 - Dec. 19 \$3 registration fee for Kyle residents, \$5 for non- Kyle residents.

Step into a winter wonderland at our Winter Wonderland All Abilities Dance, where the season comes alive in a festive atmosphere filled with music, dancing, and community.

This event is open to all ages and abilities. Parents and guardians are welcome to drop off participants, while those requiring additional support may bring an attendant. Please note that all participants and accompanying adults must register online before the event. We can't wait to see you there!



All Abilities Valentines Dance

February 6th from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Gemstone Palace

Registration is open Dec. 19 - Feb. 6 \$3 registration fee for Kyle residents, \$5 for non- Kyle residents.

Come dressed in your finest attire for a night of music, dancing, and delicious food. Let's capture memories at our photo booth, make new friends, and create moments to cherish!

This event is open to all ages and abilities. Parents and guardians are welcome to drop off participants, while those requiring additional support may bring an attendant. Please note that all participants and accompanying adults must register online before the event. We can't wait to see you there!

The Social Squad

The Social Squad is a social club for adults (18+) with disabilities. It's your place to socialize, connect, and take part in fun activities!

The Social Squad is a therapeutic recreation program designed to support adults with disabilities through engaging, purposeful, and socially enriching activities. Our goal is to foster connection, build confidence, promote independence, and encourage lifelong leisure skills in a welcoming and inclusive environment.

Participants will engage in a variety of structured activities that support physical wellness, cognitive stimulation, creative expression, and meaningful social interaction—all while having fun and making friends!

Upcoming Dates

Nov. 4, Dec. 3, Feb. 10, March 10



Register for these events and the Social Squad meet ups at **KyleRec.RecDesk.com** or scan the QR code to the right!





Organic Gardening Classes

Organic Gardening 101

Registration is open Nov. 1 - Nov. 15 Class is on Nov. 15 from 10 - 11 a.m.

Are you curious on how to garden while making choices that are more Eco-friendly? Are you tired of dealing with pests but would like to know a less toxic way on how to deal with them? Are you new to gardening and would like to know how to get started? Are you curious about what organic gardening is? If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, then this is the class for you!

Join Master Gardener Holly Wilson at the Post Oak Community Garden to learn what organic gardening is all about.

Starting From Seeds and Seed Saving

Registration is open Dec. 1 - Dec. 13 Class is on Dec. 13 from 10 - 11 a.m.

Would you like to learn how to start plants from seed? What equipment is used to start plants inside? What does heirloom, organic, direct sow, and other descriptions listed on seed packages mean? Come to this informative class to learn how and get answers to the questions you may have.

Join Master Gardener Holly Wilson at the Post Oak Community Garden to learn about organic gardening methods.

Volunteer for a Trail Cleanup!

Looking for a way to give back to nature? Join the Hays County Master Naturalists for our monthly trail clean-up at Steeplechase Park!

We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month (third Thursday for Nov and Dec) from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the parking lot by the basketball courts. We'll be working to remove invasive, aggressive plants to help our native species thrive. It's a great opportunity to learn plant identification and removal techniques you can use in your own yard, all while making a real difference in the community!

All skill levels are welcome! Please bring your own tools, gloves, boots, and eye protection, only a small amount of tools will be provided. For any questions, please contact *cking@cityofkyle.com*.

Trail Stewardship Volunteer Days

Want more opportunities to help? Join us at Waterleaf Park from 8 - 11 a.m. with comfortable outdoor clothing, closed-toe shoes, water bottle, gloves and a willingness to get your hands dirty!

We'll spend the day clearing debris, trimming overgrowth, and performing other essential trail upkeep. Whether you can join for an hour or the whole day, your help makes a big difference! For additional information, please contact <code>Sanderson@cityofkyle.com</code>

Post Oak Community Garden

The Community Garden at Post Oak is an organic garden facilitated, operated and maintained by community gardeners and the City of Kyle Parks and Recreation Department. This garden was made possible thanks to funding from the Burdine Johnson Foundation and Austin Community Foundation. Amenities include compost, mulch and topsoil bins, a tool shed with garden tools, a pergola and greenhouse, deer fencing, multiple water sources, a supply of organic fertilizers and pesticides, and an on-site ADA restroom.

City of Kyle residents may apply to rent one of the 35+ community garden plots, ADA included, at KyleRec.RecDesk.com.

Gardening at Home?

There's plenty of tips and tricks available on the community garden website! Find tips on pest control, watering methods, soil care, fungal control, and more!



Register for a community garden plot or conservation events at **KyleRec.RecDesk.com** or scan the QR code to the right!



Conservation Connections

Last Thursday of every month, 7 - 8 p.m. at 208 Republic, Suite A, Kyle, TX

Conservation Connections is a free, once-amonth community presentation focused on local ecology, practical ways to help protect our environment, and tips for becoming a better environmental steward in the City of Kyle.

Each month features a different topic, from native plants and pollinator protection to water conservation, wildlife habitat restoration, and citizen science tools like iNaturalist.

Come and learn about Kyle's unique ecosystems and wildlife, discover hands-on actions you can take to support local conservation, and connect with other residents who care about protecting our natural resources!

Anyone interested in nature, gardening, outdoor activities, or making a positive environmental impact in Kyle, no experience required!

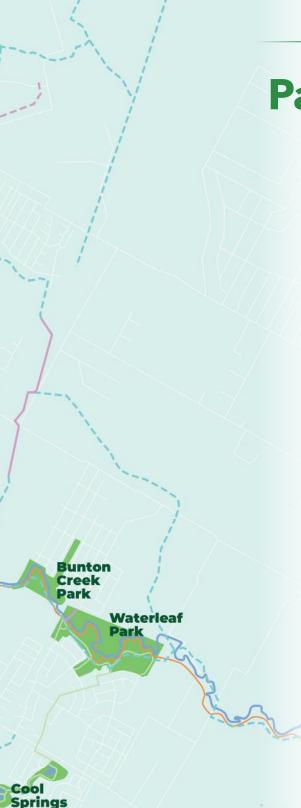
January 29th: Snags, Proper Pruning. Speaker John Davis

February 26th: Plight of the Pollinators. Speaker John Davis

*March 26th: Citizen Science.*Speaker Stacy Anderson







Parks and Trails in Kyle

Parks

Bunton Creek Park

980 Bunton Reserve Boulevard

Cool Springs Park

100 Silver Springs Bend

Gregg-Clarke Park

1231 W. Center St.

Heroes Memorial Park

4100 S FM 1626

Lake Kyle Park

700 Lehman Rd.

La Verde Park

3901 Burnham Road

Mary Kyle Hartson Park

101 S. Burleson St.

Steeplechase Park

295 Hallie Drive

Waterleaf Park

628 Abundance Lane

Trails

Cool Springs Park Trail

1.86 miles of natural trails

Lake Kyle Park Trail

.31 miles of walking trails

Waterleaf Park Trail

Looped walking trail

Plum Creek Trail

A natural trail that connects Steeplechase Park, Lake Kyle Park, Bunton Creek Park, and Waterleaf Park.

Vybe Trail

a trail system connecting retail centers, restaurants, neighborhoods, etc. It is made up of multiple developments focused on transportation using trails that are interconnected throughout the city, creating nodes of retail and food options called Vybes.

Resources, Info, and Services

Stay Informed With Kyle TX News

Kyle TX News is a digital platform designed to keep pace with the City of Kyle's rapid growth by offering residents clear, detailed updates directly from the professionals who serve the community.

Our goal is to empower residents with the knowledge needed to feel informed, confident, and connected to the city they live in.

We invite you to explore the site at *KyleTXNews.com*, browse topics that interest you, and return often. As Kyle continues to grow, so will this platform, helping ensure that everyone has a clear, trusted source for staying connected to the heart of our city.

Find Detailed Info on Our New Transparency Page!

The City of Kyle is committed to transparency and open government. We want our residents to know exactly what is happening in their city. From what projects are underway and how much they cost, to what goals we're working toward and when things will be completed, so everyone stays informed, involved and empowered.

Highlights include:

- An interactive Strategic Plan, tracking over 90 goals with real-time updates.
- Individual department pages with details on current work (pothole repair and response rates), departmental goals (responding to potholes requests within 48 hours), and individual budget breakdowns, including real-time spending (amount of money set aside and spent on street repair maintenance).
- A Capital Improvement Project (CIP) tracker offering detailed timelines, funding, and design updates for infrastructure projects.
- An interactive digital budget book to further improve accessibility. Built for residents, city staff and leadership, and community partners, the Open Data & Transparency Portal is now live and accessible to the public.

Scan the QR code for info!

Need a Ride?

Uber anywhere in town for \$3.14 with the Kyle Uber \$3.14 program! We also offer one round-trip from Kyle to the Austin Veterans Administration, 7901 Metropolis Dr., for \$3.14, as well as two one-way trips to and from Austin-Bergstrom International Airport per person, per month for 50% of the ride cost. Riders who require a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle can request a ride by calling the MT Connect call center at 210-227-1900, and dial option 4.

Conditions apply, scan the QR code below for details.







City Service Simplified

Kyle 3-1-1 is your one-stop contact for nonemergency city services. Whether you need to report a pothole, request utility connection, or get information about local events or city services, 3-1-1 is here for you!

How It Works:

- Dial 3-1-1, visit <u>Kyle311.com</u>, or download the mobile app.
- 2. Report issues, ask questions, make requests, and more.
- Get fast, helpful responses from the City of Kyle!

Kyle 3-1-1 can help with city service inquiries, sidewalk or road repairs, noise complaints, trails needing maintenance, pay or ask about your utility bill, litter or graffiti in the parks, and more!









Scan to download the app!

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