

AUGUST 8, 2025

WEEKLY REPORT

To: Mayor Mitchell and Council Members From: City Manager Bryan Langley

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Executive Summary

The City has launched its first-ever digital news platform, Kyle TX News, to provide residents with clear, accessible updates on city projects, programs, and priorities; all in one place.

Kyle continues to make steady progress across major infrastructure and community programs. Several projects are nearing key milestones, including the installation of the canopy and new water line for the elevated storage tank on CR 158, paving completion on Plum Creek retail roads, and critical underground work for wastewater improvements at Schlemmer and Porter. Gregg and Ranger Drives are now open to traffic, and safety improvements will be finalized before school begins.

The City submitted a \$750,000 matching grant application for Steeplechase Park, aiming to fund enhancements outlined in the PROS Master Plan. Automated restroom lock installations are underway across park facilities, and the Heroes Memorial Park has been improved with native landscaping. The City's smart meter transition continues, with nearly 3,000 meters upgraded to date.

The Parks Department wrapped up a successful Summer Camp season, serving over 900 participants and delivering meaningful enrichment to local youth and families. Adaptive Field Day drew strong participation and praise, and summer tennis lessons continue to build momentum. Parks staff also completed environmental stewardship training, reinforcing our commitment to sustainability in land management.

Kyle Police Department's volunteer Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.) unit was honored as Organization of the Year by the Texas Citizens on Patrol Association—a significant recognition of their role in enhancing community safety and supporting public events. Officers are also preparing for the new school year with increased school zone patrols and public outreach on back-to-school safety.

The City's Communications team has launched "Kyle TX News," the City's new digital news platform. This site will serve as the primary storytelling hub for all city departments, helping to strengthen transparency and community engagement. Council members are encouraged to explore the platform and provide feedback as it grows.

Council Schedule

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Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Council Special Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Council Special Meeting at TBD Council Regular Meeting At 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Council Special Meeting at TBD Council Regular Meeting At 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Council Special Meeting at TBD Council Regular Meeting At 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Council Special Meeting at TBD Special City Council Meeting At 7 p.m.

All meetings will be held at Kyle City Hall Council Chambers, 100 W. Center St., unless otherwise noted. All meetings conducted in the council chambers will be available via live stream on Kyle10.

Council Requests

Item	Date	Request	Status
1	2/4/25	Provide engineering details and options for Silverado Vybe Trail Project	Assigned to David Lopez; Contract with SPI approved June 17, 2025; Presentation expected December 2025
2	3/4/25	Send out a Survey for Goforth renaming options: Paula Alvarez, Becky Selbera and Chevo Pastrano, Senior	Complete
3	5/27/25	Install magnetic locks that coincide with Park hours	Assigned to David Lopez; August 15, 2025
4	6/7/25	AMI Conversion Dashboard	Assigned to Mike Murphy; September 2025
5	6/7/25	Tour of reuse facilities	Assigned to Mike Murphy; March 2026
6	6/17/25	Evaluate naming process for City facilities	Assigned to David Lopez; Fall 2025
7	7/16/25	Bring back a resolution to reduce the subsidy for Airport rides to 50% for the Uber 3.14 program	Complete
8	7/16/25	Bring back a resolution to appoint Council Member Harris to the Hays County Public Health Advisory Board with Mayor Pro Tem Heiser as proxy	Complete
9	7/16/25	Develop a broad data policy; create a specific policy for this program if grant is awarded	Assigned to Jesse Elizondo; Fall 2025
10	7/16/25	Consider consultants for historical archives	Assigned to Leslie Scott; October 2025
11	8/5/25	Create a council task force for the collaborative partnership project at Kyle Vista property	Assigned to Jesse Elizondo; August 19, 2025

BoardVacancies

Want to help shape the future of Kyle? The City is currently accepting applications for several open board positions. If you're a resident with a passion for public service and meet the qualifications, we encourage you to apply and get involved in your local government.

Applications are accepted at www.cityofkyle.com/bc - Click Apply

Arts and Cultural Board

Seat 2 - Artist Community Representative Seat 4 - Artist Community Representative

Qualifications: https://ecode360.com/45532165#45532168

Board of Adjustments

Alternate No. 1

Qualifications: https://ecode360.com/KY6871/laws/LF2358388.pdf

Board on Aging

Seat 7

Qualifications: https://ecode360.com/45880034#45927541

Economic Development and Tourism Board

Seat 2 – Resident or Non-Resident Exec-level Rep of a Major Employer within Kyle city limits Seat 5 - Resident/Owner of a Small Business (10 - 100 Employees) within Kyle city limits Qualifications: https://ecode360.com/45532149#45532153

Infrastructure and Project Updates

Schlemmer & Porter Wastewater Improvements Phase 3

Staff Contact: Mike Murphy

Phase one of the planned seven-part lane closure sequence is underway, with work currently focused on the stretch from Burleson Street to Nance Street. Soil conditions in this area have required additional trench support, limiting the ability to keep lanes open during installation. Traffic access will be restored as each segment is safely completed.



Staff Contact: Mike Trimble

Paving is complete on Cromwell Avenue and Heroes Drive, with striping now in place and signage going up this week. Concrete and brick work continues along Avenue A and sections of the cultural trail. Light poles are scheduled to arrive in mid-October, with landscaping and other improvements behind the curb planned for cooler fall weather to ensure better plant survivability.



Staff Contact: Mike Murphy

The tank continues to receive water from the Alliance Regional Water Authority (ARWA) feed and remains fully operational. Archer Western completed a major concrete pour for the pump building, and concrete block (CMU) work is ongoing at the chlorine building. Additional concrete placement is scheduled this week at Well Site #4.

CR 158 Elevated & Ground Storage Tank

Staff Contact: Mike Murphy

PROTA has finished installing the canopy at the ARWA delivery point and is now laying 18-inch ductile iron pipe connecting the elevated tank to its underground vault. Spoil removal is ongoing, and CMU block installation continues at the booster pump building. Crews are also extending temporary power to the elevated tank site.









Infrastructure and Project Updates



Waste Water Treatment Plant Access Road

Staff Contact: Mike Trimble & Mike Murphy

Crews are finishing side-ditch grading and re-installing sections of fencing that were temporarily removed during construction. Once illumination poles arrive in mid-August, the new entry gates and upgraded three-part security system will be installed, enhancing access control and monitoring capabilities at the plant.



Plum Creek Golf Course Sewer Line

Staff Contact: Mike Murphy

SkyBlue Utilities continues progress with the 30-inch sewer main, installing two manholes and an additional 30 feet of pipe this week. Crews are also working on site cleanup by removing excess materials and preparing for the next phase. Manholes for the upcoming stages are expected to be delivered by the end of the week.



Center Street Village Wastewater Improvement

Staff Contact: Mike Murphy

Crews with Joe Bland Construction bored beneath FM 150 last week, installing roughly 150 feet of 18-inch PVC pipe. This week, work continues with more pipe installation and the addition of a manhole near a gas line crossing. The alignment also runs close to a fiberoptic line, which may require adjustments to avoid delays and protect existing infrastructure.



Gregg Drive – Ranger Drive

Staff Contact: Mike Trimble

Ranger and Gregg Drive are now open to traffic. Pavement markings and traffic signage are scheduled to be installed over the weekend. A final walkthrough of the project is set for Monday, August 11 at 9:30 a.m. The project will be fully complete and ready ahead of the start of the school year, improving safety and access for students, families, and school traffic in the area.

Infrastructure and Project Updates

2022 Road Bond Update

Staff Contact: Mike Murphy

Construction has begun on the Kohlers to Seton Parkway expansion following the July 17 groundbreaking. Site preparation is complete, and coordination with Pedernales Electric Cooperative is underway for utility materials. This project aims to improve access to Seton Hays Hospital and reduce traffic congestion. The current phase will extend Seton north, intersecting with Bebee, to meet Kohlers at I-35, with Phase 2, including an I-35 underpass, expected to start in fall 2027.



AMI Smart Meter Installation Update

Staff Contact: Mike Murphy

Contractors continue working across the city as part of Kyle's transition to Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI). This week, crews are replacing meters in the Bradford Meadows, Downtown Kyle, Creekside, and Brookside neighborhoods. Since the project began in May, a total of 2,944 meters and radios have been upgraded to the new smart system, which supports more accurate readings and improved customer service.



Restroom Lock System Installation Underway

Staff Contact: David Lopez

Automated keypad locks are being installed across park restrooms to align public access with park hours. Gregg Clarke Park was the first to receive installations, with retrofitting underway for doors that require latch and striker updates. The full system is expected to be operational by August 15.



Grant Submitted for Steeplechase Park Improvements

Staff Contact: David Lopez

The Park Planning team requested a \$750,000 matching grant from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Local Park Grant Program for Steeplechase Park improvements. The City Council approved the project, which includes upgrades to the disc golf course, a new Vybe Trail segment, native prairie restoration, and a pickleball court. If granted, the funds will support priorities from the PROS Master Plan, with notifications expected in January 2026.



Programs and Service Updates







Adaptive Field Day a Success

Staff Contact: David Lopez

On July 29, the City held its first Adaptive Field Day at Lake Kyle, with 20 participants and their families. In collaboration with Texas State University's Therapeutic Recreation program, the event included inclusive games, Adaptive Archery, and sensory-friendly activities. Local partners like Kyle ER and Gnomies Sensory Toys helped create a welcoming atmosphere, showcasing the community's commitment to inclusion for all abilities.

Stewardship Training for Parks Staff

Staff Contact: David Lopez

On August 4, the Conservation Division conducted stewardship training focused on sustainable land management practices and ecosystem services. Staff gained deeper understanding of how parklands contribute to water quality, stormwater management, air filtration, and pollination. These efforts support the department's long-term goals for environmental resilience and public health.

Tennis Program Momentum Continues

Staff Contact: David Lopez

The final July session of youth and adult tennis lessons wrapped on August 2. Classes such as Little Racquets and middle school instruction emphasized skill-building, confidence, and social interaction. Ongoing community interest reinforces the value of accessible programs that support lifelong physical activity and personal development. August sessions are already underway.

Native Landscaping Enhancements at Heroes Memorial Park

Staff Contact: David Lopez

The Parks team recently completed installation of native plants at Heroes Memorial Park. Selected for their regional adaptability, color, and low-maintenance characteristics, the additions improve aesthetics while supporting pollinators, reducing water use, and suppressing weed growth. This project continues the city's effort to build climate-resilient landscapes rooted in native biodiversity.

Programs and Service Updates

Summer Camp Season Wraps Up

Staff Contact: David Lopez

As Summer Camp wraps up its 9-week season, the Kyle Parks and Recreation Department proudly reflects on a summer filled with connection, discovery, and joy. Serving over 900 patrons with the capacity to serve 120 camps weekly, the camp provided more than a place. It created a safe, engaging, and enriching environment where kids could truly thrive.

Campers explored new ideas and interests through weekly themes, hands-on activities, and exciting field trips. From uncovering Texas history at the Alamo to venturing into the depths of Natural Bridge Caverns and splashing into fun at Rockin' River Waterpark, every week brought new memories and adventures.

Beyond the fun, the camp played a vital role for families by offering affordable and accessible summer care, supporting working parents and caregivers throughout the season. Most importantly, campers gained confidence, made friends, and grew socially and emotionally in a supportive setting.

With the season closing, the team celebrated not just the milestones and moments, but the lasting impact this program has on the youth and community. Kyle's summer camp is a place where children feel connected, capable, and celebrated.









Citizens on Patrol Named Organization of the Year

Staff Contact: Chief Barnettt



The City of Kyle's Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.) volunteer unit was recognized as "Organization of the Year" at this week's Texas Citizens on Patrol Association Conference. The honor reflects the team's ongoing commitment to supporting the Kyle Police Department and serving the community through traffic control, patrols, and assistance at public events. Their presence strengthens public safety while allowing officers to stay focused on enforcement priorities.

Kyle's C.O.P. program is made up of trained volunteers who have completed the Citizens Police Academy and additional public safety instruction. While not sworn officers, they play a vital role in keeping neighborhoods safe, deterring crime, and building positive relationships between residents and law enforcement. Their recognition at the state level highlights the value of their service and the impact of strong community-police partnerships.

Interested in getting involved? The next Citizens Police Academy kicks off this fall. It's a great way to learn how the Kyle Police Department operates, meet officers and staff, and potentially join the C.O.P. team. Details and application information is available at cityofkyle.com/police/page/citizens-police-academy-0.





Back to School Safety Reminder

Staff Contact: Chief Barnett



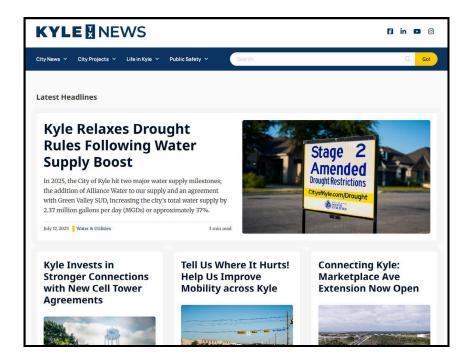
As the new school year begins, Kyle Police Department officers will be out in school zones throughout the city to help ensure a safe start to the year. Patrols will focus on monitoring speed limits, enforcing crosswalk safety, and addressing any traffic concerns near our campuses.

With hundreds of crashes reported in Texas school zones each year, it's critical that drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists stay alert and follow safety protocols. Key reminders include stopping for school buses when their stop signs are extended, using designated crosswalks and sidewalks, following instructions from crossing guards, and avoiding distractions behind the wheel. Parents are also asked to use official drop-off and pick-up zones to help reduce traffic hazards.

While school traffic may be heavier than usual the first few weeks, it typically levels out as families adjust to new routines. Thank you for doing your part to help keep Kyle's students, staff, and families safe this school year.

Kyle Launches City's First News Hub

Staff Contact: Linda Klepper



The Communications Department is proud to announce the launch of Kyle TX News, the City's new digital news platform designed to inform, educate, and engage the Kyle community.

Kyle TX News will serve as a centralized hub for timely updates on city projects, infrastructure improvements, community development, and programs/services. More than just a news feed, the site is a storytelling tool built to highlight the work being done across departments and bring greater transparency to City operations.

This platform is part of our ongoing commitment to strengthen public trust and deliver clear, accessible communication on the issues that matter most to our residents. By making complex topics easier to understand and bringing transparency to everyday operations, Kyle TX News empowers residents to be more informed, engaged, and connected to their city.

Council is invited to explore the new site, follow its development, and share feedback as staff continues to shape this valuable tool for public communication.

Bookmark it at KyleTXNews.com



Welcome to Team Kyle!

The City of Kyle has recently welcomed new employees to our team! If you come across any of our new staff members, please take a moment to offer them a warm welcome.



Stacy Milender
Crime Analyst CID
Police
Joined Team Kyle on Aug 4







Chris Myles
IT Network Admin
Information Technology
Joined Team Kyle on Aug 4

Nathaniel Parker
Asst. Wastewater Plant Operator
Water Utilities
Joined Team Kyle on Aug 4





Israel SuarezAsst. Wastewater Plant Operator
Water Utilities
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Upcoming Events and Programs



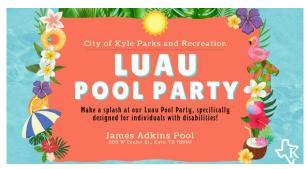
Market Days

Saturday, August 9 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Mary Kyle Hartson Park <u>More Info</u>



Free Pet Microchipping

Friday, Aug 15 from 5 - 7 p.m. Steeplechase Park More Info



Luau Pool Party

Friday, August 22, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. James Adkins Pool More Info



Bike Rodeo

Saturday, Aug 9 from 9 a.m. - Noon Negley Elementary More Info



Organic Gardening Class

Saturday, August 16 from 9 - 10 a.m. 193 Goddard More Info



Playground Ribbon Cutting

Friday, August 29 at 6:30 p.m. Steeplechase Park More Info



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