

# City of Kyle

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### Kyle, Pie Capital of Texas

In 10 seconds, name every kind of pie (types of pies, not flavors) you can think of. We'll wait while humming the theme song from Jeopardy.

If you came up with dessert pie, pizza pie, pot pie, moon pie, cow pie and sweetie pie, great job!

The City of Kyle filed an application to be *the* Pie Capital of Texas. That's exciting because, well, we love pie, but more so because that trademark will help boost the city's tourism efforts.

Diana Blank-Torres, the city's economic development director, said the trademark puts Kyle on the development map as well.

"As the Pie Capital of Texas, Kyle has an opportunity to attract pie-themed business to town, which could include bakeries, pizza restaurants and other establishments who want to build on the pie platform."

The Events Specialist for Kyle is Sarah Watson, who is ramping up efforts to bring in visitors for destination events, such as the recent Kyle Field Day. Other major events include the inaugural Kyle Pie in the Sky Hot Air Balloon Festival this Labor Day weekend. Then in late October, the city will host the Kyle Fair & Music Fest. Both events will incorporate pies or pie-themed activities.

Cow pie bingo, anyone?

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### New chaplain program at KPD

Law enforcement officers and other front line employees, such as 911 operators, experience situations most people never will: horrific accidents, stressful arrests, responding to domestic violence calls, among other incidents. Some also provide death notifications to family members. That exposure can take a toll on an employee, especially over a long career.

Kyle Police Department now offers a support system and in-house resource for its officers and civilian staff who may be dealing with job-related stress.

"We recently implemented a chaplain program," Police Chief Jeff Barnett said. "Chaplains can serve as a resource during times of crisis."

Barnett said other local police agencies have similar programs and believes they are successful at helping staff better handle the situations they encounter.

In addition to external pressures, a chaplain program can also provide a resource for internal issues.

"Organizational change is another area where officers and other personnel may need a little extra support," Barnett said.

Situations arise within agencies such as staff retiring or resigning, new employees coming on board, and structural reorganization, he said. In a city with exploding population growth, change is inevitable.

"Many people don't care for or deal well with change," Barnett said. "Our chaplain program can help our staff deal with any changes that come along."

Pastor Marquet Curl, who started the ROCK (Reflections of Christ's Kingdom) church in Kyle in 2014, is the lead pastor for the KPD chaplain program.

With a 23-year corporate career under his belt, along with currently pursuing his Masters in Organizational Leadership, he seems well suited to the task.

"With his background and history, we believe Pastor Curl is just what KPD needs at this time," Barnett said.



Pastor Marquet Curl

## Scoop that Poop

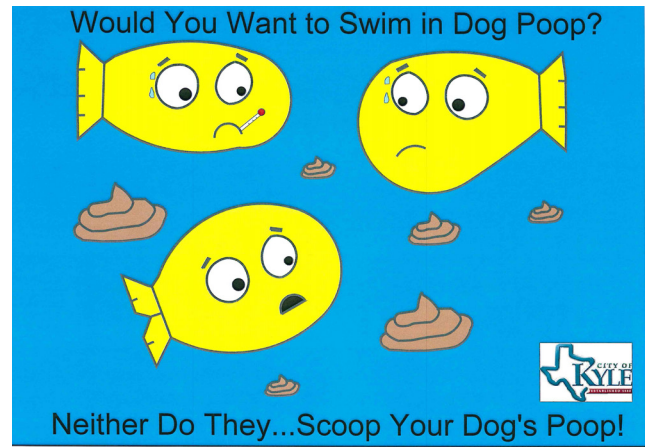
Protecting our waterways is a primary concern of the city's Stormwater Management program. The technical gobbledygook is the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems, or MS4, program. What a mouthful!

Part of the MS4 program for the City of Kyle includes public outreach and education. For example, encouraging pet owners to scoop their dog's poop up from yards, streets, parks and other areas.

What's the problem with not scooping the poop? Bacteria and other parasites found in pet waste, such as Giardia and Cryptosporidium, are able to survive for long periods when left on the ground.

During a rain storm, these pollutants can be washed into local rivers and ponds and into local drinking water supplies. That pollution can have an adverse affect on fish and wildlife.

So please, scoop that poop!



**Bonus fun fact: Kyle parks have pet waste bag stations to make it easy to scoop the poop! Learn more about the city's stormwater management plan on our website: [www.cityofkyle.com/cityengineer/stormwater-basics](http://www.cityofkyle.com/cityengineer/stormwater-basics)**

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Curl said staff interviews are the foundation for building the KPD chaplain program. He recently met with many officers, some command and civilian staff and most of the emergency dispatchers.

"I want to understand the culture here and the history of the agency," Curl said. "Knowing those elements will help me provide the right kind of support for KPD officers and other department staff."

Curl recently met with Captain

Pedro Hernandez as part of an effort to get the lay of the land.

Hernandez, a 21-year KPD veteran, gave Curl his top three factors for a successful program: confidentiality, availability and relationship building.

"In the past, other agencies have loaned us a chaplain for a particular event, but we never really built a relationship with any one person," he said.

He is looking forward to working with Curl and a small group of local chaplains who will

be available for KPD on a more regular basis.

"I want to establish standard operating procedures for the program," Curl said. "That way any one of our chaplains can step in and understand what's needed and how best to accomplish certain tasks."

Chief Barnett said he is glad to get this chaplain program up and running.

"We've been working on it for several months and it's great to see it come to fruition," he said.

## Kyle City Council Meetings

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**Next Council Meeting:**  
Tuesday, May 2 at 7 p.m

## Save the Dates

**We have all kinds of fun going on this spring!**

**May 13** – Kyle Market Days (City Square Park, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.)

**May 13** – Youth Quidditch Clinic (Greeg-Clarke Park 10 a.m.-2 p.m.)

**May 19** – Movies at the Lake (Star Wars Rogue One, Lake Kyle at sunset)



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