

Mayor Hogue Delivers State of the City Address



By Mayor Eric Hogue

It was my privilege and duty to report to the citizens of Wylie our accomplishments as a community during the annual State of the City Address on Tuesday, February 28, during the Wylie Chamber of Commerce luncheon. The year 2011 should be remembered as a time of "Mission Accomplished" in Wylie, Texas.

Much was accomplished over the past year, even in the face of tough economic times. These activities and events will benefit Wylie for many years to come.

In 2011 we saw the opening of our new 45,000 sq. ft. City Hall, 47,000 sq. ft. Recreation Center and 44,000 sq. ft. Smith Public Library. These three buildings have created a town center of over 140,000 square feet with room to grow as our City grows.

We also celebrated the re-opening of Founders Park. New amenities in the 82 acre park include two concession stands, two rest rooms, four shade structures, and a large pavilion near

the playground. The park features two limestone sculptures by nationally-known artist Madeline Wiener. The art piece entitled "Catch" is the focal point of the main plaza area.

Roads continue to be an important part of our city's development. Country Club Road was expanded from two lanes to a six lane thoroughfare. Total construction costs from the improvements from south of Parker Road to FM 544 was nearly 13 million dollars.

**MISSION:
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The Wylie Economic Development Corporation reported sales tax receipts up 13.37% over 2010. The Woodbridge Crossing Shopping Center drove the positive numbers generating over \$900,000 in sales tax.

In 2011 construction was completed on Kohl's, PetSmart, and Dollar Tree; Ross, Rack Room Shoes, Rue 21, and Rosa's Café will be joining the development in the coming months.

2012 will also bring to Wylie a \$10 million medical plaza featuring a fully staffed 24-hour hospital emergency room, a twelve screen movie theatre, a new retail center anchored by Kroger Marketplace, and plans for additional parking in our historic downtown area to support the unique shopping experience.

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March 24 8 am - 4 pm
Public Safety Building
2000 Highway 78 North
 (Old City Hall)

Brush and bulk will not be accepted. For complete details including acceptable items and limits go to www.WylieTexas.gov/xtremegreen.



Household Hazardous Waste

Oil Based Paint
 Latex Paint
 Pesticides
 Herbicides



Electronics

Computers
 Monitors
 Televisions
 Plasma/LCD



Household Metal Appliances

Water Heaters
 Washers/Dryers
 Refrigerators
 Freezers



Automotive Tires

Standard Passenger and SUV



Document Shredding

Bank Statements
 Old Bills
 Confidential Information

April is Tornado Awareness Month

Tornado season is here and Wylie Fire-Rescue encourages residents to prepare now and take responsibility by purchasing a weather radio and signing up to receive Nixle text message alerts. To receive text message severe weather updates, road construction updates, emergency information and more, text your zip code to 888777; or click the red sign-up button on the homepage of



WylieTexas.gov. You decide what information you want to receive and whether it is sent to your cell phone, email or both. There is no spam, advertising or hidden costs in addition to your text messaging plan; and your information is kept confidential.

Outdoor sirens may not always be audible inside homes, buildings with a high ambient noise, or when you are sleeping. They are designed to only warn people who are outside or in very close proximity to a siren. Be prepared with Nixle and a weather radio.

General Election May 12

The City of Wylie will hold a General Election on May 12, 2012, to elect two Council members in places 2 and 4. The last day to register to vote in the May 12 election is April 12. Go to WylieTexas.gov>City Government>City Secretary>Elections, for information on voter registration, early voting and election day locations and schedules.



Animal Shelter

Looking to add a furry friend to the family? Consider the Wylie Animal shelter. More than 50 dogs and cats are looking for a place to call home. Do not forget to have your pets vaccinated. A low cost clinic is held the first Friday of each month.

Go to WylieTexas.gov>Departments>Animal for details on pet adoptions, low cost vaccinations, shelter location and times.

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We prepared a balanced budget which maintained service delivery levels during one of the worst of economic times in recent history, and updated our fiscally conservative financial policies. We did not raise taxes for the third year in a row, even though our 2005 Bond Package outlined a continual increase in our property tax rates.

2011 will also be remembered as an award winning year in Wylie, Texas. We received state-wide recognition with the Municipal Excellence Award for our emergency planning and communication; the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 22nd year in a row; our new Municipal Complex was featured in Texas Architect Magazine; our National Night Out program was nationally recognized; the Dallas Morning News named Wylie one of the Top 100 Best Places to Work; and the City of Wylie was voted "Best Place to Work" in the Wylie News reader's poll.

This year Wylie celebrates 125 years as a community and I encourage everyone to embrace our past and look to the challenges of our future. I believe that if we can come together with our different ideas, different beliefs, and different points of view and work together...we can continue to build a brighter future for Wylie.

Go to Wylietexas.gov for a complete transcript of the speech and links to the opening video and PowerPoint.

Fun & Learning

Rita & Truett Smith Public Library

300 Country Club Road, Building 300

972-516-6250

www.WylieTexas.gov/library

Hours:	Mon., Tue. & Thur.	Noon - 8 pm
	Wednesday	9 am - 6 pm
	Friday	11 am - 5 pm
	Saturday	9 am - 4 pm
	Sunday	Closed

All Events Are Free and Open to the Public

Storytime Days, Times and Ages

Books & Babies (ages 0-1)

Fridays, 11 am; 20 minutes long

Toddler Time (ages 1-2)

Wednesdays, 9 am & 9:45 am, Fridays 11:30 am; 25 minutes long

Big Kids (ages 3-5)

Wednesdays 10:30 am & 11:15 am; 30 minutes long

Thursdays, 1:30 pm; 30 minutes long

Family Storytime (all ages)

Tuesdays, 6 pm; 30 minutes long

Week of March 26 - Reptiles

Week of April 2 - Silly Stories

Week of April 9 - Yummy for my Tummy

Week of April 16 - Quiet and Loud

Week of April 23 - Umbrellas

Week of April 30 - Cows Go Moo

BeTween Book & Movie Club, 6 pm - 7 pm

4th and 5th graders are invited to talk about books and movies. The first 20 kids to sign up receive a free copy of the book.

February 23 - Talk About Your Faves

March 29 - *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* by C.S. Lewis

Booked on Fridays, April 13, Noon - 1:30 pm

Bring your lunch the second Friday of each month for fun reads and light conversation. This month, *Bet Me* by Jennifer Crusie.

1st - 3rd Grade Book Club, 3:30 pm

The first 20 kids to sign up receive a free copy of the book. Please no parents or siblings at the meeting

April 18 - *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain* by Verna Aardema

Fourth Monday Book Club, 6:30 pm

Adults 18 and up are invited.

March 26 - *Murder at the Vicarage* by Agatha Christie

April 23 - *Girl with a Pearl Earring* by Tracy Chevalier

Wagging Tales, Tuesdays, 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm

Practice reading aloud to Abby the Collie. Tickets are required and will be distributed on a first come first served basis the evening of the program. No program Nov. 22 and Dec. 20 and 27.

Did you know the Smith Library also offers computer and GED classes? Go to WylieTexas.gov/library for details and schedules.