

Feb. 7 meeting will address Plum Creek watershed efforts

LOCKHART – The Plum Creek Watershed Partnership will hold its quarterly meeting from 6:30 -9:00 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Lockhart State Park Recreation Hall.

The park is located at 4179 State Park Road and Farm-to-Market Road 20, west of U.S. Highway 183 in Lockhart.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Dinner will be provided by the San Marcos River Foundation. Sign-in begins at 6 p.m., with presentations to start at 6:30 p.m.

“Our watershed has been getting quite a bit of attention lately. The challenges we face in this process to protect and restore water quality in Plum Creek are complex, but the partnership remains highly motivated and extremely productive. We’ll have some very positive things to discuss,” said Nick Dornak, Plum Creek watershed coordinator in Lockhart.

Agenda items include updates from the watershed coordinator on feral hog management projects in the watershed, a partially-treated sewage spill at the Kyle Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Hillside Terrace Project and a review of current and proposed funding for additional watershed projects; guest speaker, Dr. Kevin Wagner, with the Texas Water Resources Institute, will give a presentation on Agricultural Best Management Practices for protecting water quality; a roundtable discussion with Plum Creek Watershed Partnership Steering Committee; and status reports on the implementation of and the Plum Creek Feral Hog Education Program.

“We have seen a tremendous amount of interest, both locally and statewide, in our efforts to control the feral hog population in the watershed. I’m hoping some of that enthusiasm can be carried over into our other projects. It is imperative to our success, that we continue to grow our message and educate our citizen stakeholders,” Dornak said.

For more information on the partnership, or to download a copy of the watershed protection plan, go to <http://plumcreek.tamu.edu/>. You can also email Dornak at ndornak@plumcreekwatershed.org, or mail a request to 1403 Blackjack Street, Suite B, Lockhart, Texas, 78644.

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