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# *The Castle Hills* *Reporter*

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# Message

## From the Mayor

### HAVE YOU DRIVEN ON OUR NEW STREETS?

Construction is complete on selected portions of Gardenview, Northcrest, and Roundup streets. See for yourself how after 30 to 40 years of limited street repairs the cracks, ruts, potholes, ponding areas, and broken curbs are finally gone. Unsightly worn-out streets have been replaced with eye appealing up-to-date straight curbs and smooth pavement.



*Bruce Smiley-Kaliff*

The new look was accomplished by milling and overlaying portions of these streets and by completely removing and rebuilding other portions. One segment of Gardenview was raised as much as 18 inches to eliminate ponding areas. Parts of Northcrest and Roundup also were raised to improve drainage. A French drain was installed under part of Northcrest to address underground seepage. Curbs were repaired on all three streets.

These improvements are not only aesthetic. They enhance safety, eliminate ponding, increase property values, and attract new residents. This latest infrastructure work is an important step in restoring Castle Hills to its former splendor.

Each of these streets were selected to demonstrate various methods of construction, which will be required if our citizens chose to have all of our streets and drainage areas completed throughout the city. These projects were completed on schedule and under the allocated budget.

Have you driven on our new streets? What a difference the recently completed repairs make.

While it is nice to see a project completed, your City Council is not taking time off from addressing other issues. Members are exploring various methods of finding funds needed to repair and renew our entire city's streets and drainage infrastructure.

City staff and council are exploring a variety of government funding plans that could be available to Castle Hills. A combination of outside funds could make local dollars stretch far enough to complete the needed drainage project. After the recent unprecedented rains, the need for a city-wide drainage plan has moved from a project that needs to be done to one that must be done for citizens' safety and property protection.

The city and its citizens need to be proactive, not reactive, about this project. Thanks to emergency rescue crews, firefighters and good samaritans from around the city, we weathered the 12 inch in two hours rainstorm with no loss of life. We might not be so lucky next time.

The council will place a comprehensive drainage plan before our citizens for consideration in the very near future.

If I can be of assistance to you always call or email me.

*Your Mayor,*

Bruce Smiley- Kaliff  
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Monthly Meetings  
All meetings are held at  
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City Council  
2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm

Achitectural Review Committee  
3rd Monday, 7:00pm  
Upon Request

Board of Adjustment  
3rd Wednesday, 7:00pm  
Upon Request

Zoning Commission  
1st Tuesday, 7:00pm  
Upon Request

Crime Control & Prevention District  
3rd Monday, 6:00pm  
As Needed



## City Manager - Rita Hoyl

We finally received the much needed rain we've been asking for. Unfortunately, it came down on us all at once. The May 25th rainfall was recorded as a 500-year flood event; one of the worst floods the City has experienced in many years

First, I am extremely pleased to report there were no injuries or fatalities. Second, our emergency personnel acted swiftly and took all the necessary measures to insure that the safety of the citizens was a priority. Extra police personnel were called in, the fire department overlapped shifts, and public works came in to place barricades at low water crossings and remove trees that had fallen over into the street. Thank you to all the dispatchers, police officers, fire fighters and public works for a tremendous job!

On Tuesday morning following the event, Rick Harada, Mr. Givler, our city engineer, and I spent the day driving through the city and walking in and around the areas near the drainage ways. A couple of days later, we began compiling site assessment worksheets of public sites that were most affected. Cost estimates to repair affected streets, drainage ways and debris clearance amounted to near \$282,000.

Knowing that the city does not have the manpower or equipment for the clearance of debris in the drainage areas, I scheduled a meeting with Commissioner Kevin Wolff to request the County's

assistance. Mr. Givler and Councilman Squire also attended. I hope to hear back from his office soon.

Aside from the drainage ways, the Public Works Department has done a fabulous job clearing debris from the streets, removing damaged items and mounds of brush from the right-of-ways.

We must now begin strategizing on how we are going to address the much needed major repairs to the streets and drainage ways.

You are getting ready to see a lot of activity in the City. Two beautiful corporate buildings have been approved for development on the 12 acres along the eastbound 410 Frontage Road. Burger King has been approved for construction of a new restaurant at 6003 West Ave., and the adjacent lot is being considered for retail construction. The property at the northeast corner of Loop 410 and West Ave. has been sold and a medical building and retail space are being proposed.

Budget workshops will begin soon and the city staff is committed to providing our residents and businesses with the best services.

Last but not least, congratulations to Mayor Bruce Smiley-Kaliff and our two new council members, Stacia Spridgen and John Squire. I look forward to the opportunity to working with the new council, while planning for the City's future.

Have a safe and happy summer!

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# COUNCIL MEETING

## HIGHLIGHTS



**MAY 14, 2013**

### **Announcements & Presentations**

- Mayor Smiley-Kaliff read proclamation recognizing Eli Guerra and Karate Kids of America for their “Just Say No” letter writing contest.

### **Consider:**

#### **Consent Agenda**

- Renewing Depository Agreement with International Bank of Commerce for a period of one year.
- Appointing a member and an alternate member to the Architectural Review Committee.
- Adoption of a new Code of Ordinances.
- Amending FY2013 CCPD Budget #8125 Mobile Data Computers in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 and approval to purchase 10 MDTs for police vehicles.
- Amending FY2013 CCPD budget #8117 Software Upgrade in the amount of \$76,100 and approval to purchase the second half of the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system and amending #9025 Software Support in the amount of \$14,000 for annual maintenance fees for the CAD system.

Above items under Consent Agenda – passed unanimously.

### **Consider**

- Recommendation of the Architectural Review Committee on the design of a Burger King restaurant at 6003 West Ave – passed unanimously.
- Recommendation of the Zoning Commission to modify the standard parking size from 8.5'x20' to 9'x18' – tabled.
- Recommendations of the Zoning Commission to rezone 130' (1.25 acres) at 2000 W. Loop 410 from “F-Two Story Office-Professional District” to “G-General Business District” and a Special Use Permit to allow installation of a one-lane bank drive-thru –added amendment: deed restrictions limiting the building to three stories and the land use to that allowed under “-Office Professional District” - passed unanimously.
- Amending a Special Use Permit issued to Ann Marie Edgerton, 1900 NW Military Hwy., to include the sale of coffee, cold drinks, and prepackaged bakery goods, and increase the hours of operation to 6 am – 8 pm – no motion offered.
- Requiring that no full-time employee shall be hired for any post or position until said post or position is defined by responsibilities, salary, and benefits by the Castle Hills City Council – no second to the motion.

**MAY 17, 2013, 8:30 am**

### **Consider:**

#### **Consent Agenda**

- Canvass the returns and declare the results of the General Election held on May 11, 2013, for the purpose of electing mayor and two (2) council members.
- Resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the General Election held on May 11, 2013, for the purpose of electing a mayor and two (2) council members.

Mayor Bruce A. Smiley-Kaliff was sworn in by City Secretary Linda Gill.

Above items under Consent Agenda – passed unanimously.

**MAY 17, 2013, 6:00 pm**

- Certificate of Election were presented to newly elected council members, Stacia Spridgen and John Squire.
- Judge Martha Tanner administered the Statement of Elected Officials and the Oath of Office to Stacia Spridgen, elected as Alderman Place 2, and John Squire, elected as Alderman Place 3.

**JUNE 11, 2013**

### **Announcements & Presentations:**

- Presentation of plaque to outgoing Council members Douglas Gregory and Steve McGuire.
- Proclamation recognizing the Castle Hills/Shavano Park Business Alliance.
- Recognizing Officer Davila and Officer Cornett for their MAAD Enforcement.
- Introduction of new Police Captain, Johnny Siemens.
- Acknowledging intent to retire letter from City Secretary Linda Gill.
- Announcement for intent to schedule budget workshops to discuss the Castle Hills FY 2013 and FY 2014 general and special funds budgets.
- Mosquito Fogging on Thursday, June 13 and June 20, beginning at 10 pm.
- City Manager Report: Flood in Castle Hills & Take Home Vehicle Policy

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**Consider:  
Consent Agenda**

- Resolution adopting an Investment Policy (annual requirement).
- Appointment of Chairman to the Strategic Planning Committee; Juan Solis appointed Chair and John Kenny appointed to a vacant position.
- Notification of Rules of Order modification in August and schedule of future workshop.
- Allocating \$200,000 from the Street Maintenance Sales Tax Fund for the repair of streets and \$50,000 from the Drainage Utility Fund for the repair and removal of debris in the drainage channels caused by the flood.
- Amending plat being Lots 1 and 2, CHCB 224 Don's and Ben's Subdivision (Burger King).
- Recommendation of the Architectural Review Committee for the design and development of a two-story office building for Pape-Dawson and one three-story office building for Bank of San Antonio on the property at 2000 Loop 410.
- Approve the appointment of a councilmember to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore for a period of one year – Tom Davis.
- Appointment of a City Treasurer – Debra Reeves.
- Appointment of Public Health Officer – Dr. Gilbert Ruiz.
- Appointing a Municipal Court Presiding Judge and Alternate Judge(s) – Harold McCall, Presiding Judge and Alvaro Briseno II, Douglas Dilley, and Kathleen Hurren, Alternate Judges.

- Appointment of a Municipal Court Prosecutor and Alternate Prosecutor – Matthew Gossen, Prosecutor and Xavier Ibarra, Alternate Prosecutor.
- Appointments to Architectural Review Committee – Sarah Burke, Chair; Matt Daggett, Debbie Sutton, Ana Frias, Betty Howard; Alternates, Matari Gunter and Sharon Pillett.
- Appointments to the Board of Adjustment – Kathy Safford, Chair; Dana Poole, Tim Turner, Jim Gaines, Dennis Chavez; Alternates, Thomas King and Ron Wolma.
- Appointments to the Zoning Commission – Joe Izbrand, Chair; Juan Solis, Jana Baker, Tom Akin, Thomas Fentress; Alternates, Scott Gray and Liz Larson.

Above items under Consent Agenda – passed unanimously.

**Consider:**

- Recommendations of the Zoning Commission to amend the parking space size to 9'x18' – passed unanimously.
- Recommendation of the Zoning Commission on a Special Use Permit for Used Car Sales at 103 S. Winston – passed 3 to 2.
- Request from Anne Marie Edgerton to renew Ordinance #1085 granting a Special Use Permit to utilize the accessory structure at 1900 NW Military Hwy. to operate a shaved ice and balloon sales business, and amend the SUP to include coffee sales, cold drinks and possible sales of prepackage bakery goods, and increase the hours of operation from 6 am to 8 pm – passed unanimously.



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# Council Comments



*Michael Catalani*  
**Place 1**

For cities such as Castle Hills to move forward, sustain growth and be a viable living community, a city must have a sound business tax base. During the last several months, I have worked with some individuals to help create a business alliance. Brooke Craig from Homewood Residence and Marc Olson from Local Community News have played a key role in helping establish "The Castle Hills/

Shavano Park Business Alliance." In June, a presentation was made to the Castle Hills City Council which set in motion the creation of the business alliance. Many Castle Hills businesses have already expressed an interest in the alliance and have joined.

The following will describe for you the mission, benefits, and values of The Castle Hills/ Shavano Park Business Alliance:

**Mission:**

The Castle Hills/Shavano Park Business Alliance champions the entrepreneurial success of companies through business meetings and networking opportunities developed at the local community level to support Castle Hills/Shavano Park small business creation and growth.

**Vision:** To help build and support great companies in Castle Hills/ Shavano Park.

**Benefits:**

- Networking with other business professionals in your local area
- New contacts, exposures and referrals both personally and professionally, and in a professionally business-related atmosphere
- Informative monthly meetings designed to help local business owners be successful
- A link to your business webpage on the Alliance website
- Membership recognition on the website to encourage business activity
- Annual membership recognition in Local Community News
- Ribbon Cutting photo opportunities that will be included on the website
- Excel file of fellow Alliance Members upon request
- Discounts on breakfast, lunch and dinner meetings/events
- Opportunity to promote your company through Local Community News

**Values:** To ensure that all local entrepreneurs and small businesses have access to our services and that we act responsibly for the productive and efficient use of our resources. We will also empower and encourage our members to find visionary ways to improve services to help grow our local businesses and the Business Alliance.

The Castle Hills/Shavano Park Business Alliance believes the benefits of the Alliance are a direct relation to the amount of effort, interest, and participation given by the members of the group.

I truly believe this Alliance will benefit our local businesses and help maintain and strengthen our business base and tax revenue.

At the time of this writing, Castle Hills experienced one of the worst flooding days in recent years. I am aware of the many households and businesses that experienced flooding problems. Street drainage and improvements continue to be a "top" priority with me. Many of our

citizens are now even more aware of our street and drainage issues. Minor drainage and street improvements will not get the job done. Major initiatives must be considered and undertaken to help prevent flooding issues for our residents and businesses in the future.

As always, if I can be of any assistance to you, please contact me. I can be reached at 342-2087 or at michael.catalani@yahoo.com



*Stacia Spridgen*  
**Place 2**

As one of your newest Alderman, I thank you for giving me the honor to serve you. I welcome the opportunity to work with you as we build our community for today and tomorrow, we are Progress in Motion! We have a vibrant and diverse community, with challenges and opportunities. I wish to renew my campaign

pledge to be approachable and accessible representative who listens to your concerns and respects your opinions. It is unwise to believe that we will agree on everything or that each challenge will be met and resolved to each person's satisfaction. But with a positive, can-do attitude, and working cooperatively, we should be able to arrive at solutions that will benefit the majority of residents and move our city toward a bright and financially sound future. I will work to ensure that Castle Hills is a city that offers its residents efficient city services, public health safety and a quality of life second to none. I encourage you to be involved in your community and actively participate in the many citizen organizations; your involvement is critical to the future of Castle Hills.

As Jose Saramago, the Nobel Prize winning author, said "As citizens, we all have an obligation to intervene and become involved - it's the citizen who changes things."



*John Squire*  
**PLACE 3**

As your new Place 3 Alderman, I THANK everyone in Castle Hills for your vote of support and confidence. It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve this community. Walking our neighborhoods, I truly enjoyed meeting with the many people who shared

their pride and commitment to our wonderful city.

As I write, I can't help but think about the families I talked with after the flooding that occurred in our City. Although thankfully we had no major injuries, many of our Castle Hills citizens suffered damage to their homes and property. We must come together to find the resources to resolve the drainage problems that continue to affect our community. Additionally, we need to move forward on the repair of our streets and refocus on maintenance before the streets degrade further to the point of needing replacement. These neglected infrastructure projects must be resolved by Council without placing an undue burden on our City's residents.

As I take on the challenge of being your Alderman I want to reiterate my commitment to work for and represent everyone who lives in Castle Hills and to find positive and fiscally sound solutions to the issues we face.

*Council Comments Continued on Page 7>>*



My family and I feel fortunate to call Castle Hills our home, and I am excited that with your involvement our future will be even brighter. Please remember that I am available to discuss our City's issues and opportunities and encourage you to keep in touch. I can be reached at:

- my email address – jsquirecastlehills@yahoo.com or
- phone -- 390-4611

Respectfully,  
John Squire



*Tim Howell,*  
**PLACE 4**

Hello everyone,  
I hope you and your neighbors are starting to dry out. I personally, in my 59 years in our city, have never seen anything like this. Street, after street, was affected; some more than others obviously. The damage has prompted the city not only to request County help, but Rita is hard at work pursuing federal assistance also. I have also received many emails and calls relaying the information of the disaster and I appreciate your continued updates. It saddens but enlightens me when I heard the heroic efforts that happened throughout our city. We have weathered the storm, and now will be the time to rebuild. The County has been in the area assessing the damage, and information will be forthcoming.

On a happier note, with the events that have taken place over the past days, I am happy to report that there were no major injuries, or fatalities in our city limits. Attribute this to our fire and police services. I assure you they kept busy during all of this.

With all this said, its time to address the drainage we have been talking about over the past years. We need help not only from federal, county, and local agencies, but it is time we may have to seek other avenues for financial assistance for tackling this problem. No one in the past has liked to talk about outside financing, but the infrastructure of our city is aging to the point where we have to react. I, as well as others, are working to find income ideas and visiting with the mayor for collective ideas to react sooner than later. This is a serious matter that has gone on too long and now is the time to move forward. Stay tuned...

I do look forward to working with all of you in the future, and hope to see everyone at the council meeting to voice their opinions. They are welcomed.

Please feel free to email, call, or get involved in Nextdoor.com. I have a blog there that was set up for positive and social comment. Your membership in this social media platform is welcome, and appreciated by the members as well as the city.

Come join us at city hall....

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*Tom Davis,*  
**PLACE 5, Mayor Pro Tem**

### Here We Go Again

Castle Hills lies in what the U.S. Geological Survey calls "Flash Flood Alley", and a result of the recent "500 year flood" (the third in the last 15 years), many streets, homes, and businesses suffered damage and destruction.

The quick response of our police, firefighters, public workers, and sanitation teams helped to make sure our residents were protected and safe. Neighbors helped neighbors, lost pets were cared for, and the city survived. This disastrous event proved that our city can work together. I hope this spirit will continue as we decide how to invest in the coming years, especially since in the next few months we must create an annual budget for the coming year.

The recent flooding of May made quite clear that the infrastructures of this 60 year old city are in dire need of repair. Deteriorating streets, inadequate drainage, outdated equipment, deferred maintenance, underpaid employees, and an unkempt looking city, all need to be remedied. Our city has only a few ways to fund them: raise taxes, fees, and fines; reallocate resources within our current budget; or pass a bond issue. Despite erroneous claims, Castle Hills does not have higher property taxes than San Antonio. The property tax rate per \$100 valuation in San Antonio is .56569. The property tax rate in Castle Hills is .501345. Over the last twelve years, property tax rates in this city have stayed relatively the same or decreased. In 2001, the tax rate was .502601 per \$100. A house valued at \$250,000 paid \$1,265.03. For 2012, the tax rate is .501345 per \$100. A house valued at \$250,000 will pay \$1,253.36 or \$11.67 less than 12 years ago. But you say houses have increased in value since 2001, and with the higher appraisal property taxes go up. That's correct, but for most of us the increase has been modest. In 2001, the city taxes on the home that Matt and I own was \$968.01. In 2012, the city taxes were \$1,101.97. That's an increase of \$133.96 after 12 years or slightly over \$11.00 more each year in taxes – less than a dollar a month. The rate the taxes we pay has risen based on the valuation of our homes, but that has been much less than the increase in the cost of maintaining our outstanding city services. Finally for sales taxes, we are prohibited from raising them any higher by state law.

"I pay taxes and I expect the city to fix the streets." Yes, we all pay taxes and those taxes are expended to conduct city business and provide the residents with the city services they expect. Declaring that we just need to be "more efficient with tax dollars" to generate sufficient funding to repair streets and drainage will not solve our problem. Our entire city budget is about 5 million dollars. The cost to repair and rebuild our streets and drainage will be approximately 30 million dollars. If we spent the entire annual budget on nothing but streets and drainage, it would take 6 years to complete the project. Are you willing to give up police, fire, public works, sanitation, and city services for 6 years? Of course not.

Adding more to our annual street and drainage maintenance fund with a modest property tax increase is a start. However, these challenges require a more comprehensive approach. By not investing in our city, property values will continue to decrease, streets will increasingly decay, and flood waters will rise again. The choices we make now will determine the quality of life in Castle Hills long into the future.

Agree or disagree, please feel free to contact me. Place5@cityofcastlehills.com



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# Doll House News!

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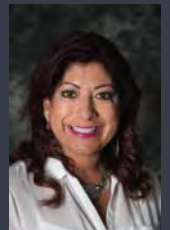
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## A BIG 'THANK YOU!'

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Sandra and John Bradley, former owners of our new place. Sandra's vision of having a 'one-of-a-kind' doll and miniature collection store was easily brought to life through her passion, hard work and



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dedication. John's support and commitment to her dream was an integral factor in their success.

They are now happily retired spending

time with family and friends as they enjoy and share the fruits of their labor. They've been married for over 42 years and have a beautiful family.

John & Sandra have heard me say this before, 'I want to be just like them when I grow up'. We wish them all the best! They are wonderful people and a true example of the American Dream.

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*Angie Borrás  
&*

*The Houses In San Antonio Team*





# YOUR COMMUNITY



**Neida Lea Shampine attends Mayor Smiley-Kaliff's Swearing in Ceremony**

Thank you to all who allowed our daughter Neida Shampine to attend the swearing in ceremony for Mayor Smiley-Kaliff. It was an honor for us and was a very special moment in her life. Her Dad and I are extremely appreciative to Mayor Smiley-Kaliff for also taking the time to come to Castle Hills Elementary and allowing her to interview him.

Neida Lea Shampine is a 3rd grader at Castle Hills Elementary. She is in Mrs. Jan Miyuchi's class this year. The children were given a challenge by their PE teacher, Hilary Akromis, to raise \$75 or more, and then they would be able to have lunch and interview someone in the occupation they want to be when they grow up. Neida was able to raise \$85 for The American Heart Association. Since she was very little she has always said she wants to be President of the United States. I have no doubt she will make it one day. As a 9 year old, Neida reads at a middle school reading level and she works hard everyday to do her best in school. She has always maintained a spot on the A or A/B Honor Roll. She advocates for special needs children and she desires to see all children included despite their differences. A cause close to her heart, as she does the same daily for her own special needs younger sister. On her 9th birthday, instead of a birthday party she chose to walk in the Any Baby Can Walk for Autism.

She is an amazing student, loving  
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daughter, and over all person with a heart of gold!! Thank you so much for making a dream come true for her and letting her witness exactly what it takes to make a city run efficiently.

Best Regards,  
Jessica Shampine



Neida Lee Shampine pictured with Mayor Smiley-Kaliff, council & staff.



Homewood Residence of Castle Hills hosted the 1st Annual Public Safety Appreciation luncheon on May 8th on their property. City employees from all departments attended the BBQ lunch. Brooke Craig, Sales & Marketing Manager, at Homewood Residence organized the event. Thank you Homewood Residence!



New council members John Squire (left), Stacia Spridgen and Mayor Smiley-Kaliff.



Councilwoman Stacia Spridgen, Judge Martha Tanner, Mike Spridgen.



Councilman John Squire (center) pictured with wife Miyoung, children and Judge Martha Tanner.



Councilman Squire and Mayor Smiley-Kaliff.



Winners of Karate Kids of America "Just Say NO!" letter writing contest are pictured with council and staff. The Mayor proclaimed May 2013 "ELI GUERRA AND KARATE KIDS OF AMERICA JUST SAY NO! TO DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND GANGS MONTH"





Fieldhouse Crossfit at 2267 NW Military Hwy., #116, celebrated their opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, June 14th. Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Davis and Castle Hills Woman's Club hosted the ceremony.



Officers Cornett and Davila (pictured with Chief Davis and City Council) were recognized at the June 11 City Council meeting for receiving Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MAAD) for DWI arrests (Cornett) and DWI Enforcement and Education (Davila).



Mayor Pro Tem Tom Davis and members of the Castle Hills Woman's Club were on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony at Behavioral Innovations at 8004 West Ave., #2 on Saturday, June 15th.



Douglas Gregory and Steve McGuire were recognized at the June 11 City Council meeting for their years of service as City Councilman.



New Police Captain Johnny Siemens (left) was introduced at the June City Council meeting. Pictured with Chief Davis and Mayor Smiley-Kaliff.



Mayor Smiley-Kaliff presented a Proclamation to members of the Castle Hills/Shavano Park Business Alliance.



Speisen European Cuisine located at 7115 Blanco Rd., #110 celebrated their opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, June 24th. Mayor Pro Tem Tom Davis, Councilmember Michael Catalani and Stacia Spridgen, and the Castle Hills Woman's Club hosted the ceremony. For owner Carlos Barajas and Chef Dianko Barjas, Speisen is their second restaurant in Castle Hills. They also own and operate Guajillo's on Loop 410 @ Blanco Rd.



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## POLICE CHIEF

**Wayne Davis**

By the time this article makes the newsletter we should be in full swing of cleaning up from the massive flooding that occurred. The good news is, and yes there can be good news in times like this, is that we did not have any injuries reported. The officers on the street monitored the massive rain event, noted the potential of massive flooding and initiated an emergency call out of personnel. Recognizing the rain event was peaking, Sgt Waggoner, who was overseeing the event, initiated our "reverse 911" and had our communications division (dispatch) send a public safety message to those who would be or were most affected by the flooding. By having our own dispatch center, this tool, having it at our fingertips is invaluable.

The police aided in several low water rescues, maintained barricades, and notated critical areas in the city during emergency situations such as this. We learned a lot during this event, but two things stood out the most and is likely the most important part of this article.

- Low water crossing and barricades: Please do not drive through low water and certainly do not drive around a barricade. Officers spent a great deal of time monitoring barricades, which should be self-explanatory. The resource of an officer could have been better served checking other areas of the city, but we learned if an officer was not securing a barricade then people were driving around it and getting stuck in high water. This resulted in an officer, as well as other emergency staff either conducting a rescue, or in some cases caused emergency personnel to risk their safety and check on a car flooded in water to make sure no person was trapped inside. Please DO NOT cross a barricade.
- Another thing learned was how to identify flooded cars that had already been checked by emergency personnel. We have identified how we will do this in the future to prevent flooded cars from being checked for persons more than once.

Remember to keep an eye out for your neighbor and especially children playing out in and around streets, as school is out for the summer.

Have a safe and happy summer. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to call.

Wayne Davis  
Chief of Police



Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MAAD) recognized Castle Hills Police Officers Jose Davila (left) and Matthew Cornett (right) at a luncheon held at La Cantera Resort on 5/14/13.

Officer Davila was the recipient of an award for DWI Enforcement and Education; while Officer Cornett received an award for most DWI arrests.

Congratulations!

## EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTS

### Anniversaries

#### 1-YEAR

Ronald Singleton - Police Officer  
Brian DeHaro - Sanitation

### New Employees

Johnny Siemens, Police Captain



The Police Department conducted their annual fitness test on May 29th. All police officers were required to perform the same fitness test given to finalists applying for a Castle Hills police officer's position.



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## Homeowners Association

Submitted by John Strieb, Castle Hills Homeowners Association President

The Castle Hills Homeowners Association (CHHOA) is a community organization that serves the residents of Castle Hills by sponsoring events that promote interaction among members of the Castle Hills community. Events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Movie Nights and Halloween parties are family focused and are open to the entire community.

Officers for 2013 are John Strieb, President, Nancy Batchelder, Vice President, Stacia Spridgen, Secretary, and Trey Batchelder, Treasurer. Thanks goes to Nancy Batchelder, past officers and a dedicated crew of volunteers who worked hard to focus on family oriented activities.

CHHOA is partnering with other civic organizations in Castle Hills through the Castle Hills Participation Committee to promote activities that benefit the community. We took advantage of the generosity of Fiesta Castle Hills who provided us with at space at the Fiesta event. We will also be keeping our members informed of events sponsored by other civic organizations and the committee.

Upcoming events will be Movie Nights on July 19, August 16, and September 20 and the Halloween Party on Saturday, October 26. Other events will be announced. Communication is essential and we have established a group page on the Nextdoor Castle Hills site. We will be using this site to communicate events and other information we feel are of interest to our members. Current members are encouraged to join. This is a great site, is monitored locally and allows residents to communicate freely with each other. Thanks to Robert Riley, the moderator, for working to establish this site. We will also be communicating by listing events on the Castle Hills website. This site has been upgraded in the past several months and is worth visiting.

Our membership drive got off to a slow start. We have sent out two e-mails to past members encouraging them to renew their membership. Please consider renewing your membership or joining if you have not been a member. Dues are \$25 per year, is open to all Castle Hills residents. Dues can be mailed to "The Castle Hills Homeowner Association, 6804 West Ave, San Antonio, TX 78213" with your contact information. If you would like a formal application please e-mail John Striebatjfs@prodigy.net.

We can e-mail you a copy or send out a hard copy. CHHOA is not a mandatory home owners association and we do not have any authority in addressing issues relating to ordinances or any other issues that residents may have a concern about. These need to be addressed to city officials, the mayor, or city councils members. Although issues do come up we are truly blessed to be living in Castle Hills!

## Upcoming Holiday Garbage Schedule

### Labor Day Week:

**No brush or leaf pick-up**

### Garbage Pick-up

(9-2-13) Monday - Holiday

(9-3-13) Tuesday - Southside - Garbage

(9-4-13) Wednesday - Northside - Garbage

(9-5-13) Thursday - Southside - Garbage

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(9-5-13) Thursday - Northside

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## PET

### Registration Required

Are your pets current on their vaccinations? All domestic pets in Castle Hills must be registered with the City. Registration is only \$10. Please bring proof of current rabies vaccination for each pet.

### Leash Law

Please be reminded that a dog must be under proper restraint at all times if not on the owner's premises. Although cats shall be exempt from the leash requirement while on the premises of the owner, any cat straying on the property of anyone except its owner shall be deemed a nuisance animal and will be subject to impoundment.

### Pooper Scooper Law

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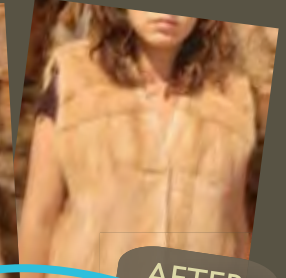
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