

CASTLE HILLS REPORTER



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Message From the Mayor Marcy Harper

I want to express my appreciation to each and every resident for allowing me to serve you for two more years as your Mayor. During my prior three terms as Mayor, I have worked diligently for you, to provide the positive leadership that is essential for our wonderful city. My fourth term will be as positive as it has been in the past, and will continue to identify the needs of our community and to work toward a solution to meet those needs.

We have a fine City Council who works hard for you. I am very blessed to be surrounded by council members who make sound decisions on public policy. I am also very proud of our newly elected city councilman, Steve McGuire.

In the June council meeting, I appointed, with council approval, the On Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) Committee, a committee to study our existing sewer connections and septic systems. The committee chair, Greg Smith with committee members Dwayne Rathburn, Manager-Program Planning, SAWS, the City Manager and Rick Harada, Public Works Director will study our existing systems in all locations in the city. They will make recommendations to city council that is in compliance with existing state and county OSSF regulations.

Also, in the June council meeting, appointments were made as follows:

Mayor Pro Tempore, Marcella Huff, for a second term

City Treasurer, Douglas Gregory, for a fourth term

Municipal Court Judge, Brother William Dooling (previously served as Alternate Judge)

Alternate Judge, Antonio (Tony) Gallardo Cantu

Public Health Officer, George Atiee, MD

Architectural Review Committee

Steve Ackley, Chairman and members Albert Valle, Joan Buerschinger, Sarah Burke, Walter von Nimitz and alternate members David Kellogg and Gene Wellborn.

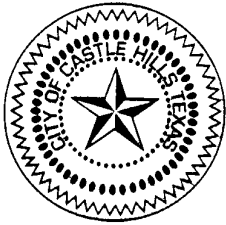
Board of Adjustment

Bill Schluter, Chairman and members Pamala Farris, Terry Warth, Frank Paul, Kathryn Safford and alternate members Evangeline O'Sullivan, Robbie Casey, Dana Poole and Paul Martinez.

Zoning Commission

Marc Schnall, Chairman and members Walter Beuhler, LaVerne Japhet, Bob Anderson, Harold (Butch) Karren and alternate members Scott Simpson and Eve Allen.

The City is in good hands. You can contact me at 210-524-9200 or email: mharper3@satx.rr.com



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

NEW ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE #1018

An ordinance granting an SUP to the Alamo Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America for operation of a Boy Scout Camp at the McGimsey Scout Park.(PASSED

ORDINANCE #1019

An ordinance amending Chapter 5, Building and Building Code by amending Section 5.206, Authorized Hours of Construction.(PASSED

ORDINANCE #1020

An ordinance amending Chapter 29, Water and Wells by adopting the drought stage policies of the City's water provider. (PASSED 5/12/09)

ORDINANCE #1021

An ordinance amending Chapter 2 Administration, Section 2.202 regarding duties of the City Manager, and Chapter 5 Building and Building Code regarding the building official of the City. (PASSED 5/12/09)

MARCH 10, 2009

Consider:

- Recommendation of the Zoning Commission on an application from the Boy Scouts of America for a Special Use Permit to continue the current use of the McGimsey Scout Park Facility—tabled.
- Accepting the identification metal sign for the Carolwood monument signage donated by Carlton Catalani - passed unanimously.

- Amending the authorized hours for landscaping related activity on the weekends—tabled.
- Erecting CPS light poles in residential areas and postpone NW Military Hwy. locations—tabled.
- Amending City Code to authorize flag lots on a limited case by case basis—died for lack of a motion.
- Amendment to the Crime Control and Prevention District budget—passed unanimously.

APRIL 14, 2009

Consider:

- Recommendation of the Zoning Commission on an application from the Boy Scouts of America for a Special Use Permit to continue the current use of the McGimsey Scout Park Facility—passed three to two; voting against were council members Gregory and Huff.
- Amending the authorized hours for landscaping related activity on the weekends—passed unanimously.

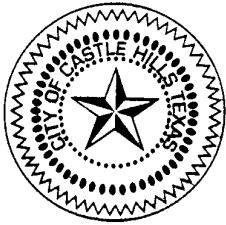
- Erecting CPS light poles in residential areas and postpone NW Military Hwy. locations—passed unanimously.
- Discussion of turn-around traffic affecting S. Gardenview—general consensus of the council was to authorize the city manager to conduct a full survey of the residents and consider a solution and what the resulting impact would be—no action taken.
- Authorization to pay recycling charges—passed unanimously.

MAY 12, 2009

Consider:

- Resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the general election held on May 9, 2009, for the purpose of electing a mayor and two council members—passed unanimously.
- Certificate of Election was presented to new council member Steve McGuire, Douglas Gregory and Mayor Marcy Harper.
- Official oath and statement of elected officials was administered to Steve McGuire, Douglas Gregory, and Marcy Harper.
- Public hearing on the request for a re-plat of Block 1, lots 4,5,6, and 19 of Castle Hills addition submitted by Gerry Solcher and the Castle Hills First Baptist Church and consideration by the City Council of the request after the public hearing—passed three to one; voting against were Council member Davis. Council member Howell abstained.

- Accepting the annual audit of city financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008—tabled.
- Reviewing the depository agreement with International Bank of Commerce for a period of one year beginning May 13, 2009 through March 31, 2010—tabled.
- Ordinance amending Castle Hills Code Chapter 29, Water and Wells—passed unanimously.
- Resolution approving applying for highway reauthorization act funding—passed unanimously.
- Ordinance amending Castle Hills City Code, Chapter 2, Administration and Chapter 5, Building Code—passed unanimously.
- Declaring the status of Municipal Court Judge Ramiro Estrada—passed three to two; voting against were Council members Smiley-Kaliff and Howell.
- Revision to the San Antonio Area Emergency services mutual aid agreement—passed unanimously.



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

NEW RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #0905-01

Canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the May 9, 2009 General Election for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two (2) Council members for the City of Castle Hills..

RESOLUTION #0905-

02 *Supporting application for the high priority projects for the surface transportation authorization in the 2009 Highway Re-authorization bill. (PASSED 5/12/09)*

RESOLUTION #0906-02

Commending Juan DeLosSantos on 34-1/2 years of loyal employment in the Castle Hills Public Works Street and Sanitation Departments and honoring Juan DeLosSantos for 34-1/2 years of faithful and dedicated service to the residents of the City of Castle Hills. (PASSED 6/09/09)

JUNE 9, 2009

Consider:

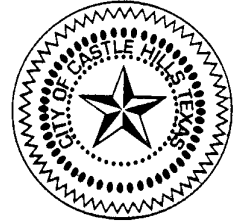
- Depository Agreement with International Bank of Commerce for a period of one year beginning June 10, 2009 through March 31, 2010—passed unanimously.
- Resolution honoring Juan DeLosSantos upon his retirement after 34-1/2 years of service in the Public Works Department—passed unanimously.
- Proposal from Virgil Crawford to serve as an accounting consultant—tabled until July 1, 2009 at 6 pm, Executive Session.
- Renewal with Heard and Smith, LLP for Collection of Delinquent Taxes—passed unanimously.
- Appointment of an alderman to serve as President (Mayor) Pro Tempore for a period of one year; Council member Marcella Huff reappointed—passed unanimously.
- Appointment of an alderman for City Treasurer; Council member Douglas Gregory reappointed—passed unanimously.
- Appointing a Municipal Court Judge and Alternate Judge; Brother William Dooling appointed as Municipal Court Judge and Antonio Gallardo Cantu appointed as Alternate Judge—passed unanimously.
- Appointment of a Public Health Officer; George Aitee, MD reappointed—passed unanimously.
- Appointments to the Architectural Review Committee; members appointed, Steve Ackley (chairman), Albert Valle, Joan Buerschinger, Sarah Burke, Walter von Nimitz. Alternate members, David Kellogg and H.E. Wellborn—passed unanimously.
- Appointments to the Board of Adjustment; members appointed, Bill Schluter (chairman), Pamala Farris, Frank Paul, Terry Warth, Kathryn Safford. Alternate members, Dana Poole, Robbie Casey, Paul Martinez, Evangeline O'Sullivan—passed unanimously.
- Appointments to the Zoning Commission; members appointed, Marc Schnall (chairman), Walter Beuhler, LaVerne Japhet, Harold Karren, Bob Anderson. Alternate members, Scott Simpson, Eve Allen—passed unanimously.
- Appointment of a chairman and members to a committee for the purpose of studying the entire City sewer system, sewer connections and septic systems; members appointed, Greg Smith (chairman), City Manager Michael Rietz, Public Works Director Rick Harada, Dwayne Rathburn, SAWS representative.
- Consider setting a time, date, and place for a special meeting to discuss the Castle Hills, FY 2009 and FY 2010 general and special funds budgets—meeting date set for June 23, 2009 at 5:30 pm.

Thank You Tim!

Mayor Harper presented Tim Howell a resolution and plaque for his service to the City as Council member.



COUNCIL COMMENTS



MARCELLA HUFF, PLACE 1, MAYOR PRO TEM



There are several ways that an item can become a city council agenda item. I would like to discuss several of those ways in this column.

Agenda items can be driven by federal or state laws that require some type of implementation on the municipal level.

Citizen concerns brought up during Citizens to be Heard may result in an agenda item several months later. Two examples of this are the recent ordinance governing bee-keeping and the one-way traffic during specific hours on Northcrest. Both of these topics were brought to the attention of the council over a period of several months because citizens were concerned about these issues or situations. The council directed further investigation by the city manager.

The city manager and department heads will discuss matters with the Mayor. Depending on whether or not council approval is needed the matter may be placed on the agenda. The need to designate a use for the CEID money from CPS was brought to council's attention by the city manager. This resulted in a presentation by a representative from CPS outlining the restrictions for using the money and the vote by council to use it for street lamps.

Council members may request an item be placed on the agenda. This may come about as a result of discussions with residents or concerns the council member may have over certain situations in the city. The council has felt that the city's building ordinances required review. A committee was established and as the ordinances are reviewed and revised they are placed on the agenda for council discussion and vote.

It is by attending council meetings and becoming involved in our community that we better understand the working of our government. It is easy to criticize the aftermath or outcome of any situation. It is much harder but also much more rewarding and productive to be a part of the solution.

I look forward to seeing you at the next council meeting. As always, I can be reached at 349-6857.

DOUGLAS GREGORY, PLACE 2, CITY TREASURER



I want to first take the opportunity to thank everyone for re-electing me to another term as your City Councilman. It is a challenging job but one I greatly enjoy. I look forward to the next two years addressing your concerns and Castle Hills' future.

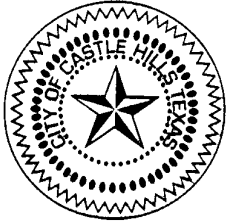
I want to return to an issue which still has not been addressed by your Council, i.e., the complete overhaul of our streets. The previous Council had all the tools needed to decide what to do. First, a bond counsel was hired, at no cost to the City, to help your City Council through the financial steps in the formulation and understanding of a bond issue. Second, the Street Committee, along with our City Engineer, carefully reviewed each street to evaluate what repairs were needed and with specific recommendations. Third, a citizen survey was conducted with many of you expressing your concerns as to street repairs. Finally the cost of money

(interest rates) had dropped to the lowest point since the 1930's. However, for whatever reason, a majority decided not even to put the issue on the ballot for consideration either last November or this recent May. Some on the Council feel we can patch the streets with the \$750,000 in our street repair fund but the reality is that many streets require major reconstruction work. Recently, it cost approximately \$230,000 to fix a **portion** of **one** street...and there are over 30 **miles** of road in Castle Hills. Clearly, we must consider borrowing the necessary funds to start a "Phase 1" of a long term street repair program. If not now, when?

Let me be perfectly clear, it will require raising our property taxes to start this needed internal improvement program; the exact amount would be determined by the amount borrowed. Contrary to popular belief, the City has borrowed money in the past for needed expenditures. Just a few years ago a loan of approximately \$500,000 was needed to purchase a very impressive fire engine.

So here we are. The streets of Castle Hills are in need of repair, some more than others. Two years ago, the overall cost was calculated in the area of \$30,000,000. The streets degrade every year and they will not fix themselves. At the very least, the City Council should put this issue up for a taxpayer vote. Up or down, we the taxpayer, must decide and the sooner the better. If not now, when?

Please feel free to call me on this or any other concern at 378-4481



COUNCIL COMMENTS

STEVE McGUIRE, PLACE 3



As your newest Alderman, allow me to thank everyone for honoring me with this opportunity to serve you. We have an absolutely wonderful community filled with tremendous people bubbling over with vitality, energy, and enthusiasm. I welcome this opportunity to work with you as we together build for today and tomorrow.

I wish to renew promises I made to you during the campaign. I am here to represent everyone who lives in our City. If there is an issue or concern, feel free to contact me. The most expedient way is through email – my address is SteveMcGuire.CastleHills@SATX.RR.COM. I promise to research the issue and to provide you with a response. While we may not always agree, rest assured I will always take the time to listen to you and to explain why I have reached the conclusion I have.

I would ask that we all come together to work as a single entity, as a single community. Incredible energy resides within our citizens; we need to channel this energy into improving our City. I would encourage you to become engaged with your neighbors; perhaps you could host a block party. Or perhaps consider involvement with one or more of our citizen organizations such as the Homeowners' Association or the Women's Club, assisting these organizations as they continue to improve our Community.

I would urge you to partake in those City activities that bond us together as a Community. The summer night movie series at our City Commons is one way to start. And we can always use other great ideas and organizers for other community-wide activities, perhaps activities you have observed in other neighborhoods that could be adapted to our City. Castle Hills is certainly a unique City and we are all very fortunate to call this our home. Now is the time for all of us to engage. Together we can build our future.

BRUCE SMILEY-KALIFF, PLACE 4



TO DO LIST FOR THE SUMMER:

Conserve water

1. Keep pets cool.
2. Join neighborhood watch.
3. Eat lots of fruit.
4. Join neighborhood watch.
5. Fresh water for pets always.
6. Join neighborhood watch.
7. Walk in the early mornings and evening.
8. Drink lots of water.
9. Join neighborhood watch.
10. Get to know 3 new neighbors.
11. Join neighborhood watch.
12. Hydrate, Hydrate, Hydrate.

Join neighborhood watch.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Call me with your questions or concerns.

Bruce A. Smiley-Kaliff

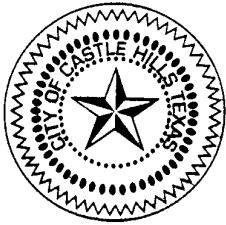
Basmiles@satx.rr.com 210-342-5954



CORRECTION: In the January issue of the *CASTLE HILLS REPORTER*, Mr. Schluter's name was misspelled. Our apologies.



Mayor Harper reads the inscription on the plaque presented to Bill Schluter at the December 2008 City Council Meeting.



COUNCIL COMMENTS

TOM DAVIS, PLACE 5



Once every year, Castle Hills begins to buzz with the arrival of election season. These are the nine weeks of spring that are consumed with the campaigns for city council and every other year mayor. Some years the levels of activity are greater than others. This year's campaigns were particularly robust with campaign signs popping up all over town as early as allowable. Campaign literature and flyers introducing candidates, promising better government, some offering specific solutions and others a humble plea for a your vote were delivered into our mail boxes. As the election grew closer, the phone calls begging for votes and support intensified. The excitement even spilling over into the local HEB, as neighbors stopped their routine shopping and gridlocked the aisles to discuss their favorite candidate.

This year early voting yielded almost 900 votes and total votes cast for the entire election were almost 1250. Although this was no record year, citizens of Castle Hills can be proud of the turn out. Clearly our residents are concerned about the future of our beautiful city and want to be involved in that future. Let's not let the excitement and involvement created each spring by these elections diminish. Your city needs the same energy and commitment year round. Please consider volunteering to become a member of one of the many city committees that need your help. We have standing committees like Architectural Review Committee, Zoning Committee, and Board of Adjustment. We have ad hoc committees, such as, the Commons Committee, Crime Control and Prevention District, Building Code Review Committee, Street Committee, and others. If you don't know what the committees do or don't know where you might fit, the Mayor or any council member will be glad to help you find a committee. Like gardening? We can use your help. Have an interest in fund raising? We have projects right up your alley. Like to cook or have a special crafting talent? We can use your skills. Like working on or reviewing policies and procedures? We can put you to work.

You elected this city council and Mayor; now we need you to come to city council meetings. If recent high voter turnout is any indication, Castle Hills has concerned citizens who obviously want to participate and support their city. Your motivation to vote may have been that you are happy with the way things are going and you want them to stay that way. Or, you may have voted because you want some things to change or you supported some campaign promise. The city council works on your behalf. Bring us your issues and concerns, and let us know what your priorities are for the city. We need your voice and input to help guide us in creating the kind of city we all want.

Do not hesitate to call me with any questions or concerns at 342-2341.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Submitted Homer C. Emery, Ph.D., R.S.

Homeowner Responsible for Swimming Pool Maintenance

Homeowners are responsible for the maintenance of their swimming pool. When neglected, pool water can turn green overnight and provide a potential breeding area for mosquitoes. When neglected for some time the pool may become a breeding area for frogs. Tadpoles may even help to keep mosquitoes in check. Tragically the pool may now become an attractive nuisance for younger kids wanting to catch a tadpole.

Every year reports in newspapers can be found of children drowning in swimming pools. A swimming pool allowed to become an attractive nuisance can have the same result as a child playing with a loaded gun. A pool doesn't need to be breeding mosquitoes to be an attractive nuisance.

Even if a child climbs a fence and ignores a "Keep Out" sign, the pool owner may still face serious legal consequences.

When homeowners allow swimming pools to turn into green mosquito infested eyesores, it is a problem and a nuisance for the entire community. Already this season about a half dozen complaints has been received about green and neglected pools. When reports are received about a pool not being maintained, the property owner will receive a letter reminding them about the need to maintain their pool. When this doesn't work, other administrative and code enforcement measures will be taken, such as a summons being issued to appear in court.

STAFF COMMENTS

PUBLIC WORKS, Rick Harada, Public Works Director



This article is geared more towards Code Compliance and TREE TRIMMING issues than it is a Public Works issue. However TREE TRIMMING does affect the sanitation crew when it comes to brush removal. The reason I'd like to talk about this is that I am driving the streets of our City every single day and I observe a lot of things that go on in the City throughout the day. If I see tree trimming taking place at a residence or place of business it is my job to call Code Compliance to confirm that a permit has been issued to the tree trimmer.

We try to make everyone aware of our ordinances, via our website, www.cityofcastlehills.com, or through our quarterly newsletter. For some reason or another, many of you still are not aware of our tree ordinance. Questions to ask before beginning any tree trimming are below.

First question to ask yourself when tackling a job, such as tree pruning is, do I need a permit if I am going to cut the trees myself? Answer YES, but you are exempt from paying a fee. If I hire a professional tree trimmer is a permit required. Answer YES; permit fee is \$50 for oaks and all other trees on the property to be trimmed, or \$20 if absolutely no oak trees will be trimmed. What if my landscaper trims the trees, is a permit required? Answer YES. Same fees above apply.

Next question, are cuts required to be painted on all oak trees. Answer YES, absolutely. Cuts on any oak tree must be painted within one hour of the cut. This is very, very important.

Next question, how do I dispose of the tree limbs. If you hire a private contractor, tree professional or your landscaper, it is their responsibility to remove limbs from the property within 48 hours after the job has been completed. If you personally have cut the trees, you can set out the equivalent of three 30-gallon cans each Wednesday. Do not set out anymore than this, because you may be sent a letter by Code Compliance for storing brush in the alleyway or curbside. I can also assist you with prompt removal if a surcharge is paid. Call me for a quote.

Next question, what if I or the contractor do the tree trimming without a permit? As with any work performed without a permit, you will be charged double the permit fee. Trust me, Code Compliance receives many reports about work taking place on the weekend that may not have been properly permitted. These reports are addressed on Mondays.

Finally, please comply with the tree ordinance. The large magnificent trees on your property is what make Castle Hills so unique. Make sure that permits are acquired and that the open wounds are painted within one hour of cutting. Don't leave those cuts exposed and risk the chance of infecting your trees with the oak wilt disease.

Please call me with questions or concerns, at 210-342-2341, ext. 206.

POLICE DEPARTMENT, Donny Davis Police Chief

(Chief Davis is deferring his story to Sgt. Mark Pardaen)

JOIN A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP!

The key person in any neighborhood watch group is the block captain. This person is an integral component to keeping the block actively involved in crime prevention efforts as well as the important process of information exchange between neighbors. Many neighborhood watch groups flourish, but some dwindle while others disappear totally. How successful they are depends on the block captain and the support he or she receives from neighbors. The block captain should periodically monitor membership of your group. Contact new residents to get them involved and to obtain their support and participation. Update your membership list as needed. Contact Sgt. Mark Pardaen with Castle Hills Police Department if you have any changes to your roster. If you stop serving as block captain and/or if someone else takes over contact Castle Hills Police Department.

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STAFF COMMENTS

Develop a neighborhood communication system to distribute vital information to neighbors pertaining to criminal activity and other concerns that develop in the area. This can be a periodic news letter, telephone tree, and or a one-page notice that can be distributed. You are encouraged to arrange for your group to meet socially several times a year to exchange information and renew relationships as well as get acquainted with new neighbors. People who communicate regularly will care more about each other and be more willing to keep an eye out for suspicious behavior.

Your position as a Block Captain does not give you any law enforcement authority. You are simply the person who facilitates the unity of the group, distributes information and coordinates activities. The job you are doing is important and appreciated by the Castle Hills Police Department.

Our recommendation to all citizens who see a crime in progress or notice suspicious activity is to observe and report from a place of safety. We strongly suggest that you not confront an offender unless you are in immediate danger. This applies to you and your neighbors. We do not want anyone to get hurt or injured trying to apprehend an offender or interfering with an incident other than to report the activity to the police. If you or your neighbors witness a crime in progress or observe suspicious behavior call 911 or the Castle Hills Police Department non emergency line 342-2341.

If you are interested in starting a crime watch on your block or want to become a Block Captain contact me, Sgt. Mark Pardaen with Castle Hills Police Department.

Thank you to the Caseys who hosted a successful Crime Watch meeting at their home (pictures below).



FIRE DEPARTMENT, Gerald Riedel, Fire Chief

HEAT EXHAUSTION WARNING SIGNS



With the summer heat bearing down on us there are conditions to be aware of when working for long periods of time outdoors. Heat exhaustion is a form of heat-related illness that can develop after several days of exposure to high temperatures and inadequate or unbalanced replacement of fluids. Those most prone to heat exhaustion are elderly people, people with high blood pressure, and people working or exercising in a hot environment.

Warning signs of heat exhaustion include: heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, tiredness, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea or vomiting, and fainting.

The skin may be cool and moist. The victim's pulse rate will be fast and weak, and breathing will be fast and shallow.

If heat exhaustion is untreated, it may progress to heat stroke, which is a medical emergency. Seek medical attention and call 911 immediately if symptoms are severe, or if the victim has heart problems or high blood pressure. Otherwise, help the victim to cool off, and seek medical attention if symptoms worsen or last longer than 1 hour.

Heat exhaustion treatment

Cooling measures that may be effective include:

Cool, non-alcoholic beverages, as directed by your physician, rest, cool shower, bath, or sponge bath, an air-conditioned environment, lightweight clothing.

Based on a CDC Prevention Guide for Emergencies and Disasters. For more information on this subject or many other common illnesses, go to: The Center for Disease Control and Prevention Website" www.CDC.gov

YOUR COMMUNITY



**OCTOBER 9 & 10,
2009**

**CASTLE HILLS
COMMUNITY
GARAGE SALE**

**COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
211 ROLETO**

Castle Hills Garage Sale

Due to illness the Garage Sale was postponed until October. We are still gearing up for this year's Garage Sale but need your items to make it a success. Suggested items are household furniture, small appliances & electronics, art work, knick-knacks, dishes, glassware, books, toys, crafts, costume jewelry, tools, garden equipment & supplies, children's clothing, and other sellable articles. Do your spring cleaning early and don't forget those storage closets. We will even pick it up for free.

Volunteers are needed to help set up and to assist during the sale.

Call Pam Grunwald at 341-6655/669-4845 or Vera Howard at 366-2677 to donate goods or volunteer services.

Please join your friends & neighbors in making this another successful community fund raiser. All profits go to the beautification of our City.

All donations are tax deductible!

Submitted by Pam Grunwald

**ATTENTION RESIDENTS AND
BUSINESSES OF CASTLE HILLS!**



COMING APRIL 2010!



**FIESTA
CASTLE
HILLS**



"Fiesta Castle Hills" is looking for energetic and motivated residents and businesses who would like to participate in bringing the Fiesta experience to our beautiful city in 2010. Fiesta fun / family fun right here in our own community at the Commons.

For more info contact

Richard Huizar 210-344-9507

richardhuizar@sbcglobal.net

Food News Feature!



Doug & Lori Horn, owners of DOUGH Pizzeria Napoletana, located in the Blanco Junction Shopping Center are grinning ear-to-ear. On June 2, Peppe Miele, Master Pizzaiola and Director of the Verace Pizzeria Napoletana Americas, flew into San Antonio to present Doug & Lori Horn with certification that DOUGH meets the strict guidelines of preparing traditional Pizza Napoletana as set forth by the Verace Pizza Napoletana Americas and its parent organization, Associazione Verace Pizza Napoletana based in Naples, Italy. Since opening, DOUGH has followed the exact guidelines that are required in the preparation and cooking of an authentic Pizza Napoletana. DOUGH is one of only four restaurants in Texas and one of an elite group of 28 restaurants in the United States to receive this prestigious certification. Since opening DOUGH Pizzeria Napoletana has been recognized by Food & Wine Magazine (June 2009) in an article titled "New Pizza Artisans." Texas Monthly

Magazine (February 2009) named DOUGH number two in the "Top Ten New Restaurants" in the state of Texas. San Antonio Express Newspaper gave DOUGH the "Critic's Choice Award" for the Best Pizzeria in San Antonio and The Current awarded DOUGH the "Reader's Choice Award" for the Best Pizzeria in San Antonio.

Doug & Lori are proud to be both a part of the Verace Pizzeria Napoletana and the close-knit community of Castle Hills.

DOUGH Pizzeria Napoletana, 6989 Blanco Road, Phone: 979-6565.

(above are excerpts from a press release)

Food & Wine Magazine writes:

Doug and Lori Horn are the best kind of pizza makers; total fanatics. In 2007, they opened DOUGH near San Antonio, in an area best known for Mexican food. Dough makes Neapolitan pies with thin, crackly crust and all manner of Italian meats and cheeses, plus extras like oak-roasted mushrooms. A wood fired oven provides a supersonic 90-second sear.

PET CORNER

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

Be a responsible pet owner. When walking your dog, carry the appropriate materials to pick up and remove waste immediately.





COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

MAY 12th Council Meeting

Charlie Barbera named Honorary Firefighter



Oath of Office Presentation



Top Left: Re-elected Council member Douglas Gregory sworn in by Judge Dooling;
Top Right: Newly elected Council member Steve McGuire is sworn in by Judge Dooling as his wife Melissa looks on.
Bottom left: Re-elected Mayor Marcy Harper is sworn in by Judge Cantu.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

JUNE 5th

BURGER BISTRO located at 2267 NW Military Hwy.—FABULOUS BURGERS, SANDWICHES & SALADS.



Left to Right: Assistant City Manager Rita Hoyl, Manager Laith Zaghalil, Melissa & Brad Hickok, Mayor Marcy Harper, Council member Marcella Huff, and co-owners Gus & Rosemary Hammoudeh.

JUNE 8th

MAYOR MARCY HARPER speaks at Texas A & M 's monthly luncheon.



JUNE 9th Council Meeting



Public Works Director Rick Harada presents a resolution, plaque and watch to Juan DeLosSantos who retired from the department with 34-1/2 years of service.

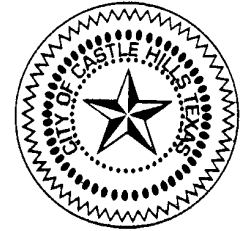


Members of the sanitation department attend the council meeting in support of Juan DeLosSantos retirement. Pictured left to right are Alfonso Castaneda, Rick Harada, Juan DeLosSantos, Juan DeLuna, Robert Sanchez, William Harper & Jesse Martinez.

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For up to date information on water restrictions www.bexarmet.org

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTS

COURT ADMINISTRATOR MENTOR'S STUDENTS, submitted by Castle Hills Prosecutor Susan Kilgore



The last Friday in March was particularly busy for Wendy Reyes (pictured left), the Court Administrator and Clerk for Castle Hills Municipal Court. In addition to her regular duties of setting cases for court appearances, sending warrants out to the police department, and generally keeping the clerk's office in order, Ms. Reyes took the time that day to mentor high school girls in SAISD's Law Magnet Program. The young ladies were in grades 9 through 11 at Fox Tech High School in downtown San Antonio. Through the combined efforts of the San Antonio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and the Bexar County Women's Bar Association, the students and their mentors enjoyed a pizza lunch at the Adrian Spears Training Center in the Federal Court complex.

Ms. Reyes first sat with a group of 4 students and got to know them individually, while sharing her career ex-

perience in the law. Then, she was one of three invited speakers who addressed the whole group of students and lawyers, paralegals, and U.S. Marshalls. The speakers described their particular careers in the legal field and how they got to their careers. Ms. Reyes explained to the room of approximately 100 how she started working in dispatch for the airport police department and discovered she really loved this high energy part of the legal career field. From there she moved into court administration and hasn't looked back!

Ms. Reyes received rave reviews from the audience. After her talk and back at her lunch table, while her students were impressed with learning about her career, apparently they were most interested in learning about Ms. Reyes' son, who is a high school sophomore!

New Employees

Genevieve Mendoza
Police Officer

Chastity Park
P/T Dispatcher

Christina Randolph
Dispatcher

Theresa Upton
P/T Dispatcher

Anniversaries

5 Years

Justin Garcia
Firefighter

10 Years

Kenneth Lehman
Firefighter

Donald Spears
Police Officer

15 Years

Mark Finch
Firefighter





HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2009	7 MONDAY	8 TUESDAY	9 WEDNESDAY	10 THURSDAY	11 FRIDAY
NORTH OF LOOP 410	LABOR DAY Holiday		Garbage Collection		Garbage Collection
SOUTH OF LOOP 410	LABOR DAY Holiday	Garbage Collection		Garbage Collection	
RECYCLE	LABOR DAY Holiday		South of Loop	North of Loop	
BRUSH	NO BRUSH COLLECTION THIS WEEK				

NOVEMBER 2009	9 MONDAY	10 TUESDAY	11 WEDNESDAY	12 THURSDAY	13 FRIDAY
NORTH OF LOOP 410		Garbage Collection	VETERANS DAY Holiday		Garbage Collection
SOUTH OF LOOP 410	Garbage Collection		VETERANS DAY Holiday	Garbage Collection	
RECYCLE			VETERANS DAY Holiday	North & South of Loop	
BRUSH	NO BRUSH COLLECTION THIS WEEK				

NOVEMBER 2009	23 MONDAY	24 TUESDAY	25 WEDNESDAY	26 THURSDAY	27 FRIDAY
NORTH OF LOOP 410	Garbage Collection			THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	
SOUTH OF LOOP 410	Garbage Collection			THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	
RECYCLE	North & South of Loop			THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	
BRUSH	NO BRUSH COLLECTION THIS WEEK				

SHOP CASTLE HILLS

New Businesses



- ALAMO NUTRITION CENTER**—7101 Blanco Rd. (Herbalife Nutrition Center)
- BURGER BISTRO**—2267 NW Military Hwy. #101 (Burgers, Sandwiches, Salads)
- CASTLE HILLS FLOWERS**—2211 NW Military Hwy. #113 (Flower Shop)
- CENTER FOR PERSONAL & RELATIONSHIP GROWTH**—1100 NW Loop 410, #860 (Marriage Counselor)
- CENTER FOR TAX AND PERSONAL FINANCE**—6907 Blanco Rd (Personal Finance)
- DAN H. HANKE, CPA, P.C.**—2161 NW Military Hwy, #103 (Professional Services: CPA)
- FLEX BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU ACADEMY, LLC**—2277 NW Military Hwy (Martial Arts Studio)
- FOR RENT MEDIA SOLUTIONS**—1636 Lockhill Selma (Advertising Publication)
- FUEL STATION #4**—2100-A NW Military Hwy (Shell Gas Station & Convenience Store)
- FUTURITY FIRST INSURANCE GROUP**—1100 NW Loop 410, #300 (Insurance Company)
- PARAMOUNT HEALTHCARE**—1630 Lockhill Selma (Office)
- RANSTAD**—6993 Blanco Rd (Staffing Company)
- ROCKDALE AUTO REPAIR**—2100-B NW Military Hwy (Automotive Mechanic)
- SALON SHALOM**—2211 NW Military Hwy. #111-B (Retail Hair Extensions Salon & Products)
- SECOND HOME**—2267 NW Military Hwy. #118 (New & Used Furniture, Clothing, Accessories)
- SMART SPA**—2211 NW MILITARY HWY. #130 (Medical Spa Boutique/Skin Care)
- STATE FARM AGENCY**—6987 BLANCO RD. (Insurance Office)
- THE THREAD BENDER**—2267 NW Military Hwy #113B (Wedding Dress Alterations)
- TRINITY FAMILY MEDICINE**—6601 Blanco Rd, #100 (Medical Clinic)
- URSULA EUROPEAN SKIN CARE**—1901 NW Military Hwy, #112 (Skin Care Services & Sales)
- VOLLEYBALL & MORE**—2267 NW Military Hwy. #107 (Volleyball Equipment)

New Businesses
“Coming Soon”
To Castle Hills

CHASE BANKING CENTER—6000 West Ave (Inside HEB Grocery Store) (Full Service Banking Center)

RICHARD R. THEIS, Phd.—1854 Lockhill Selma, #102 (Psychologist)

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**MONTHLY
MEETINGS**

All meetings are held at City Hall unless otherwise posted

City Council
2nd Tuesday – 6:00 p.m.

Architectural Review Committee
3rd Monday – 7:00 p.m.
Upon request

Board of Adjustment
3rd Wednesday – 7:00 p.m.
Upon request

Zoning Commission
1st Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.
Upon request

**Crime Control &
Prevention District**
3rd Monday – 6:30 p.m.