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The Castle Hills
Reporter

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Message

From the Mayor

"PROGRESS AND OPTIMISM VERSUS FEAR AND DIVISIVENESS."

At this and previous years' elections, many of you voted for city council candidates who had voiced their commitment to fixing our city streets. Their commitment is in response to your frequent requests for such action. Castle Hills' city engineers have determined that it will take an estimated \$47 million to fix every street and alley and to correct drainage problems in the city. Your council is aware that as the needs of each project become apparent, costs per phase could increase or decrease significantly. Planning by utility companies, city staff, engineers, and city council must be funded and completed before a shovel of dirt can be turned. Committees and councils have studied the conditions of our city's streets for more than 12 years. While studies were made, streets and alleys continued to deteriorate in excess of \$2.5 million annually. Potholes and deteriorated pavement do not repair themselves, nor do they remain static. Wishing our streets would improve does not make it so. Last year the council authorized \$1 million of street improvements to demonstrate how a bond issue would impact city streets. To see the results, drive down Northcrest, Gardenview, Roundup or Atwater Street.

I hope that you went to the polls in November and exercised your right to vote on the bond issue as well as constitutional amendments, that you made your decision based on fact and not fiction. Whatever the results of the vote, I and my fellow council members remain united strongly in our goal to "fix our streets," by allocating your tax dollars and resources for a new street maintenance plan. We will continue to work to maximize your dollars, turning over every rock to find additional revenue to boost tax dollars and will continue to work diligently to bring Castle Hills residents the government they want and deserve.

As the holiday season nears, my wish for Castle Hills is that all of its citizens will find the time to become actively involved in the government of our city, whether by attending city council meetings, volunteering at events, or simply deciding to become informed about the issues. You might ask how a person discerns the truth about an issue. A promise to listen to all sides of an issue is a good start. Calling the city manager's office, the mayor, your council representative when you have questions is another way to get the facts. Ask the tough questions. Don't rely on answers that begin with "they said," or "someone said." Ask who they are or who someone is, and then call them. Once the facts are clear, then it is time to decide whether you support or oppose an issue.

In this coming holiday season, I pray that we will once again choose respect and civility for all citizens and progress for our city.

Mitch and I wish you and your family the happiest of holidays and a joyous, healthy, and positive New Year.

Your Mayor,

Bruce Smiley- Kaliff
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Bruce Smiley-Kaliff

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Monthly Meetings
All meetings are held at
City Hall unless otherwise posted.

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2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm

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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

It is with great pleasure that I thank the city council and all the citizens for the support I have received this past year.

As your city manager, I know that you have great expectations. As an employee for the past 20 years, I have created a strong relationship with residents and businesses. I continue my excitement to serve the City of Castle Hills and remain committed to continue to provide the city with the finest city services available for the tax dollars you provide.

Many new businesses have moved into the City and staff works closely to ensure that we retain these businesses in our City and hope that they spread the word that "Castle Hills is open for businesses".

This summer we saw the start of a major corporate development, i.e., Pape-Dawson Engineers. Bank of San Antonio will follow and construct their corporate

headquarters next to Pape-Dawson Engineers, completing a beautiful office campus along the Loop 410 corridor. Last month, Burger King broke ground at 6003 West Ave. And, soon we will see the development of a medical/retail building at the corner of West Ave and Loop 410.

We have some of the best city employees in Bexar County. Each one has the utmost respect for their job and that is reflected in their performance and the service they provide you.

One small aspect of our services is our Code Enforcement. This department is here for our citizens and our businesses. Although not in the office 24/7, we encourage you to call Terri Leone at extension 221 if you have a problem in your neighborhood. Our city has but one single goal; to provide for the safety, health, and welfare of our citizens.

I will continue to do everything that I can to keep the city moving forward, while keeping with the spirit of the close knit community you so enjoy.

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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



August 22, 2013 – Special City Council Meeting

- Heard presentations and discussed matters related to the Bond Election, if ordered.
- Adopted an ordinance calling an Election on November 5, 2013 to authorize the issuance of General Obligation Bonds for a Comprehensive Street and Drainage Initiative.
- Authorized the City Manager to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Bexar County Elections for the conduct of the November 5, 2013 Special Election.

August 26, 2013 – Special City Council Meeting

- Conducted an Executive Session to deliberate Economic Development matters. No actions were taken arising from the Executive Session.

August 29, 2013

- Conducted the 1st of the 2 required Public Hearings on the Proposed 2013 Tax Rate.

September 9, 2013

- Conducted the 2nd of the 2 required Public Hearings on the Proposed 2013 Tax Rate.

September 10, 2013

- Approved the Treasurers Report of August 2013 by minute order.
- Accepted \$5,000 Donation by St. George's Church to the Civic Participation Committee by minute order.
- Approved the health benefits plan as reflected in the proposed FY 2014 City Budget by minute order.
- Appointed Denise Haley, Ron Wolma, Jack Myers, and re-appointed Jack Joyce to the Castle Hills Crime Control and Prevention District Board of Directors for two year terms expiring September 1, 2015; bringing the Board of Directors membership to seven residents as authorized by the statute.
- Adopted a Resolution adopting a vehicle use policy for the City of Castle Hills.

Announcements

- Announced National Night Out in Castle Hills on October 1.
- Announced the tabling of two zoning matters by Wayside Chapel and Theresia Lee. Postponements based on the applicants' requests.

September 19, 2013 – Two Special City Council Meetings

- Conducted an annual evaluation of the City Manager in Executive Session. No actions were taken arising from the Executive Session.

- Adopted the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget by ordinance.
- Ratified the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget will raise more property tax than last year's budget by \$87,121 or .035% and of that amount, \$7,075.72 is tax revenue to be raised from new property tax added to the tax roll this year.
- Adopted the 2013 Tax Rate of \$0.501345/\$100 of taxable valuation.

October 8, 2013

- Approved the Treasurers Report of September 2013 by minute order.
- Approved the renewal of the City Manager's Contract for a three year period by minute order.
- Approved a Resolution Adopting the Official Newspapers of the City of Castle Hills for Fiscal Year 2014.
- Conducted a Public Hearing on the Castle Hills Crime and Control District Adopted Budget Submitted for Fiscal Year 2014.
- Approved the Castle Hills Crime and Control District Adopted Budget Submitted for Fiscal Year 2014.
- Approved a Resolution Agreeing to an 80% Federal 20% City Match to Fund Future Street Projects (Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization).
- Heard the City Manager report providing an update on the City's current Financial Status.

Announcements

- Introduced the City's newest Police Officer, David Fawcett, and the City's Warrant Officer, Richard Hayduk.
- Town Hall Meetings for Bond Election October 15 and 29, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
- CPS Energy Customer Care Fair tomorrow October 9, 2013, 5:30-8 p.m. at Castle Hills City Hall.
- Heard Judge Harold McCall report on the enhancements to the municipal court processes.
- Announced the tabling of two rezoning matters by Wayside Chapel and Theresia Lee for 1973 NW Loop 410 from "H" Special District to "G" General Business District postponements based on the applicants' requests to November 12, 2013.

November 5, 2013 Special Bond Election Meetings; Town Hall Meetings & City Council Workshops

- Bond Election Workshop, September 24, 2013
- Bond Town Hall Meeting, October 2, 2013
- Bond Election Workshop, October 7, 2013
- Bond Town Hall Meeting, October 15, 2013
- Bond Town Hall Meeting, October 29, 2013



POLICE CHIEF

Wayne Davis

Castle Hills Police Department

National Night Out – Success

First, we would like to thank all 7 block party hosts in the 30th Annual National Night Out event. This was a rather large turnout for our first time officially getting involved with the program. This is for a great cause and it actually aids police when it comes to our neighborhoods with "who knows who". Neighbors get to know each other and share information, which helps us if and when we end up in your neighborhood conducting an investigation.

We also want to thank our new police Captain John Siemens, who was responsible for getting us another piece of crime fighting equipment. Captain Siemens, through his contacts, secured the department a Yamaha Viking ATV. The ATV is completely decked out with lights and a siren. Many of you have already seen it but if you have not, you should keep an eye out as it will be traveling down our alleyways and hard to reach spots that our normal fleet cannot travel.

The police department is moving forward and we recognize and feel the support from our city council, fellow staff members, and most of all, you, the citizens. We thank you.

If you need anything, please do not hesitate to call 24/7.

Wayne Davis
Chief of Police

POLICE NEWS

Submitted by Castle Hills Police Sgt. Hart

On Oct 13, 2013, there was a benefit for wounded Selma Police Officers at the Bluebonnet Palace in Selma, TX.

Corporal Jesse Baldermas and Officer Tiffany Kierum were wounded while responding to a call on Sept 20, 2013. Both are out of the hospital and recovering but have medical and future rehab expenses to cover. Castle Hills Police Officers Association attended and presented a check to help with the bills.

If you would like to contribute, please contact the Selma Police Dept at 9375 Corporate Drive, Selma, Texas 78154 Ph. 210.651.5368.

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Council Comments



Michael Catalani
Place 1

Our Castle Hills/Shavano Park Business Alliance is alive and well. On September 25th 2013, we had our monthly meeting and luncheon at Jimmy's Egg with over 50 attendees. Our guest speaker discussed The Affordable Care Act which will directly affect many of our businesses. The speaker was informative and the business owners present had a wide array of questions.

As mentioned in my last article, I will be featuring some of our various departments which make up our city government. This article will highlight the duties and responsibilities of our terrific fire department. The dedicated individuals of our fire department put their lives and safety on the line each and every time they respond to an emergency. They protect lives and property from the destruction of fire and assist citizens in medical emergencies and catastrophic events.

Our fire department is staffed by 19 full-time personnel and is manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by three different shifts of firefighters. All firefighters are certified by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection as Structural Firefighters and by the Texas Department of State Health Services as Emergency Medical Technician-Basic or higher. Each shift includes six (6) personnel, including the Shift Captain, Lieutenant and four (4) firefighters. Each shift works 24 hours on duty/48 hours off duty. Shift changes occur at 7:00 each morning. The duty of the Shift Captain is to supervise the shift personnel on the daily duties and emergency operations for their respective shift. The Lieutenant assists the Captain in these duties and assumes command when the Captain is not on duty.

The Fire Chief's normal hours are Monday-Friday 7:00 am to 4:00 pm. He is subject to recall 24 hours a day in case of a major event. The Chief is responsible for the administration of the fire department and insures the immediate readiness and operational capability of the department in case of an emergency. The Chief also insures that all City, State and Federal Regulations pertaining to fire protection are met.

The primary function of the shift firefighter is to be available to respond to emergencies as needed within the City of Castle Hills. Along with that, each shift is responsible on a daily basis for the maintenance and upkeep of all firefighting apparatus and equipment. Several hours are spent each morning on equipment checks to insure everything is functioning and ready in the case of an emergency call. In addition, routine maintenance of the fire station, such as sweeping and mopping of the bay floors as well as the building interior floors, cleaning bathrooms, etc. is done on a daily basis. Also included on any given day are a multitude of other duties which may include detailed inspections of personal protective equipment, self-contained breathing apparatus, ladder inspections and maintenance and annual required hose testing. The firefighters also conduct fire inspections of all businesses in Castle Hills on an annual basis.

In addition to daily duties, all firefighters are mandated by the state to have continuing education hours. Twenty hours are mandated each by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection and the Texas Department of State Health Services. Routine training is conducted on apparatus operations, new firefighting techniques, vehicle safety and rescue hazardous material spills, emergency medical service operations and CPR.

The Fire Department operates four (4) vehicles that include a Ford F550 Rescue Vehicle, a 1998 E-One 75' Aerial Quint, a 2008 Pierce Quantum Pumper and a 2012 Chevrolet Pick-up. All firefighters are cross trained on each vehicle and rotate on a monthly basis in order to stay current with the operation of and safety policies of that vehicle.

For the year 2010, there were 835 emergency responses. In 2011 we had 860 responses and for 2012, there were 919 responses.

Currently, for 2013, the Fire Department is on course for well over 900 responses.

Our Fire Department is a valuable asset!

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

*A special thank you to Fire Chief Jerry Riedel for providing information for this article



Stacia Spridgen
Place 2

"I am thankful for all those difficult people in my life; they have shown exactly who I do not want to be." - Unknown

On Tuesday November 5th, Castle Hills' residents had the opportunity to vote on a very important issue which will have a significant impact to the community's future – the issuance of general obligation bonds for a comprehensive street and drainage initiative. Since 2002, this project has experienced a tumultuous road to include a defeat at the polls in 2010. Some accused the council of rushing into the decision, not vetting through the community, and not being transparent with the project way-ahead. The damaging rains this spring were the impetus, coupled with the uncertainty of interest rates, and further damage and deterioration, to go down this road again...pun intended. By the time you read this edition of The Castle Hills Reporter the decision will be made, either we will begin work on the bond's next steps or go back to the drawing board for a new action plan. Unfortunately, this important issue became political and oftentimes generating misleading information. This was most disappointing and sad as much energy was expended on this effort rather than coming to a consensus to improve our streets and drainage and move the community forward. The City Manager, Council Members and the Mayor understand the importance of keeping residents aware and properly informed of the process, property tax impact, and expectations to ensure a successful outcome. As Councilmembers, you have entrusted us to consider and act for the good of the entire community and this means understanding the history and politics, but basing decisions on facts. You, as a resident, also have a personal and civic responsibility to be informed and understand the various issues that affect you, your family, and the community by separating the personal agendas, negativity, and hearsay with educating yourself to make informed decisions and "be in the know". I encourage you to become involved and exercise your rights to learn about future issues by talking to a City Council member, attending the City Council meetings, workshops, and town halls. These meetings and other useful information are posted on our website at www.cityofcastlehills.com. Please feel free to email me at place2@cityofcastlehills.com if you have questions or concerns.



John Squire
PLACE 3

As this issue arrives in your mailbox, the result of the decisions made by the citizens of our City for or against the Bond will have been determined. Whether it passes or not will have been decided by the people as it should be.

Since being elected to serve on council it has been my priority to

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work to get our streets repaired, and the first item I have eagerly taken on is getting a street maintenance plan in place. Our City staff and I have met numerous times to work on the fundamentals of developing a Castle Hills specific street maintenance plan. In doing so we have been in contact with many of our peer cities and Bexar County in seeking and receiving input on what plans and resources they utilize for street maintenance. Going forward, it takes time and effort to put a working viable plan together and I will update all as we continue to make progress.

On another note, in October I will have had the opportunity to attend the Texas Municipal League conference that was held in Austin this year. This is an annual conference for city staff and councilmembers, and it provides all who attend a wonderful opportunity to learn during three days of educational sessions. Additionally, the conference provides valuable opportunities to directly network with city staff and councilmembers from all over Texas and seek their input on similar challenges we all face.

Finally, it was an honor to attend our National Night Out parties and have the opportunity to meet and talk with many of our wonderful people here in Castle Hills. My sincere thanks go to the hosts and hostesses who worked to make this event possible for our City. Additionally, my thanks to our police, fire, and city staff for their strong encouragement and support of this needed community event for our neighborhoods. I truly hope National Night Out will continue to grow in our City and bring more of our neighbors and neighborhoods closer together.

As always, I am available to discuss our City's issues and encourage you to keep in touch. I can be reached at:

- Email address – jsquirecastlehills@yahoo.com or
- Phone – 210-390-4611

Respectfully,
John Squire



Tim Howell,
PLACE 4

Hello everyone,
By the time you receive this article, the bond proposal will have been decided. Either way, the community has made its first major decision on the future of our streets and drainage.

In a recent council meeting, the council voted unanimously to set aside money for the future maintenance of our streets. Whatever the outcome of the bond proposal, this maintenance will be necessary, no matter what avenues of finance are ultimately approved by the voters. The infrastructure of our city is of the utmost importance. With careful planning we will achieve our goals. Working hand in hand with the residents, our committees, our council people and our financial advisor, and keeping all avenues of thought open, a solution to the infrastructure challenge will finally come to fruition. The important thing is for all of us to stay informed and focused, and work together to bring this long-awaited project into the spotlight.

We have had a good start with the recent completion of a project that was funded by the streets and drainage fund. That fund was accumulated over the years through sales tax dollars from goods that were sold in our city by local businesses and general trade. Supporting the businesses and services in our city is vitally important and should be utilized by all to "pay ourselves back" in support of important issues like infrastructure support. All avenues of income are now being considered to support this infrastructure, which at City Hall has become Job #1.

Please help us to help you to keep our taxes low by supporting local businesses. Our dependence on outside funding can be affected by something as simple as supporting the businesses that make up the economic system of our city.

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Tom Davis,
PLACE 5, Mayor Pro Tem

What's Your Favorite Restaurant's Score?

Did you know that restaurants and food handling facilities in Castle Hills are continually inspected for food safety and a written summary is generated by the city's health inspector?

The inspection report form summarizes evaluation findings with a weighted point value for each classification of inspected items. Critical items include food temperatures, sanitary condition of food contact surfaces, cross-contamination, and food from approved sources and labeling. Other items and procedures such as management certification, personnel training, and equipment are less critical, but evaluated and scored. Copies of these evaluation reports are filed with the city and required to be posted for public view in the individual establishments.

A facility's score is based on the total number of demerit points received. A perfect score of "0" indicates compliance of all items, both critical and non-critical. A lower score indicates fewer demerits and greater compliance with the Texas Food Code. The rating system is as follows:

0 – 10 demerits equals EXCELLENT
11– 20 demerits equals GOOD
21– 25 demerits equals ACCEPTABLE
More than 25 demerits equals POOR

Remember restaurants and food handling facilities are required to post these food inspection reports for public viewing. If you do not see the reports conspicuously displayed, ask for the recent inspection score. If the facility is evasive or reluctant to provide that information, you may wish to dine elsewhere.

For July, August, and September of this year, the following food establishments received perfect scores of "0":

HEB Deli, Sushihana, Jimmy's Egg, Homewood Residence, Quick Mart, St. George School, Matter of Taste, Jackson Keller Elementary, Antonian High School, Starbuck's, Too Good To Be Threw, and Burch School.

Scoring in the EXCELLENT range were: Sea and Wings, Spiesen, China Inn, Taipei, Jack in the Box, Los Trejo's Fruteria, Hawaii Snow Cone Stand, Sawasdee, Picnikins, Demos, and Munchies.

Now you're wondering how well your favorite restaurant scored. If it was not listed in this article as EXCELLENT, it may mean it was not inspected in this quarter or it may mean it received a lower score. Most of our restaurants routinely receive GOOD or EXCELLENT ratings. Surprisingly, some of our most popular eateries are consistently just barely in the ACCEPTABLE range and a few have received POOR ratings.

By looking at the posted food inspection report or asking to see the most recent one, we might encourage our food establishments to strive for better scores. You and your family deserve food that is safe and rated more than just ACCEPTABLE or POOR.

Agree or disagree, please feel free to contact me at jtdsa@grandecom.net. I hope you and your family have a safe and happy holiday season.

Feeding deer is dangerous to you and your family's health!

1. Castle Hills City Ordinance, Section 6 -161 specifically prohibits the use of deer feeders or putting food out for deer.
2. Deer carry over 50 diseases communicable to humans.
3. The digestive systems of deer are structured to forage on plants, shoots, leaves, cacti, grasses, acorns, and wild mushrooms.
4. Do not feed deer hay, kitchen scraps, bread, lettuce trimmings, or any animal proteins from animals rendered into feed. These can cause digestive problems, breed deadly intestinal bacteria, kill the deer, and spread bacterial diseases to humans.
5. Food left out for deer attract other dangerous animals such as coyotes, raccoons, and opossums.
6. Deer are most dangerous during the seasons of rutting (fall breeding season) and at the spring birth of fawns. The vulnerable fawns also attract packs of coyotes.
7. Even the most friendly appearing deer are feral (wild, not tame or domestic). A buck who feels threatened can become aggressive and use his horns to attack a child or adult. A doe will defend herself or her fawn by violently attacking and kicking humans.

Please understand the beautiful deer for what they truly are.
Please use your good common sense and heed these facts and warnings.

Information provided by the Department of Veterinary Pathology and the Department of Wildlife Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M University

Beginning November 01, 2013 thru January 01, 2014 the Castle Hills Police Dept will be accepting food donations for the Food Bank. There will be two containers available for drop off 24/7 in the the foyer at 209 Lemonwood, Castle Hills Municipal building.

Beginning November 29, 2013 thru January 01, 2014 the Castle Hills Police Dept will be accepting toy donations for Blue Santa. There will be a large container available for drop off 24/7 in the foyer at 209 Lemonwood, Castle Hills Municipal building.



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Castle Hills Homeowners Association

By John Strieb, President

The Castle Hills Homeowners Association held a Safety Awareness Night on Tuesday, September 24. Just over 40 people were in attendance to hear Castle Hills' very own Police Captain Johnny Siemens and Fire Chief Jerry Riedel give presentations and answer questions on community and individual safety issues facing Castle Hills' residents. Captain Siemens also presented details on National Night Out.

Tables were provided to several Castle Hills Community Organizations which included the Castle Hills Women's Club, represented by Christine Catalani, Suzy Kilgore and briefly by Melissa McGuire; the Castle Hills Garden Club represented by Sharon Pillet; Nextdoor by Robert Riley; National Night Out by Captain Siemens; Fiesta Castle Hills by MaryAnn Huizar, Castle Hills/Shavano Park Business Alliance represented by Vera Howard; and IBC Bank represented by Deborah Toolan. (If I left someone out, my apologies). Each organization had displays that promoted their organization with the representative available to answer questions.

Those in attendance were treated to a chance to win ten door prizes. Door prizes were donated by the Women's Club, the Garden Club, the Homeowner's Association, Fiesta Castle Hills, Councilman Tim Howell, and IBC Bank. Cookies, lemonade, coffee and water were also provided.

Thanks also goes to Joyce Buie, Kathy Friedrich, Debbie Reeves, Sherry Yeckel, Donna Strieb, and Castle Hills Admin

Assistant Nick Marquez for help in setting up and being around to help make the event a success.

Thanks to those who gave us contact information on our sign in sheet. This information will be used only to notify you of upcoming events.

Upcoming Events and Items of Interest

In December, we will be sending out e-mails and mailings for renewal of the annual dues. This event was held several times in the past and was very popular.

Our yearly annual meeting will be held in the first or second week of January. We are looking at dates and hope to avoid conflicts with other activities.

In December we will also be sending out renewal e-mails and mailings for our annual dues. If you are not a current member we would like to have you as a member. Contact me at jfs@prodigy.net.

Please consider joining Nextdoor. We are using this site as one of the ways to notify residents of upcoming events. The site is free, non-commercial and non-political and was created to enhance communications among residents of Castle Hills. It is a private website for our neighborhood. Your contact information is used only by the Nextdoor to communicate with Castle Hills residents. To join, visit CityofCastleHills.nextdoor.com/join. Robert Riley is the moderator.

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YOUR COMMUNITY



Your Castle Hills Police Department and Police Administrator/Chief Dispatcher Brittany Campos.



On September 18, all Castle Hills police officers participated in the annual mandatory Physical Challenge. Officers were timed on a challenge course that included various obstacles, i.e., running, climbing, jumping, crawling, tire flip, shooting, taser, plank, handcuff, and dummy drag. Dispatcher Shannon Parker also participated in the challenge.



Mayor Smiley-Kaliff, Councilmembers Catalani & Squire attend the ribbon cutting on October 9th at Upper Nails, 2241 NW Military Hwy.



On September 10th, Castle Hills Police Department introduced the City's newest acquisition of an all-terrain vehicle. The ATV was donated by Yamaha Fun Center of Boerne. The ATV will be used to patrol alleys and areas which patrol units cannot reach, and used during special events.



About 50 people were in attendance at the Castle Hills/Shavano Park Business Alliance luncheon held at Jimmy's Egg at 8055 West Avenue, on September 25th.



October 1, National Night Out. Castle Hills Police Captain Johnny Siemens assisted Robert Riley in promoting NNO. Seven Castle Hills residents register their event. City Council, Police Chief, and the Fire Chief, drove to each event. Participating residents were recognized at the October 8th City Council meeting.





Burger King is coming to town! A ground breaking ceremony was held at 6003 West Ave. on October 3rd, their newest location. Mayor Smiley-Kaliff, Council members Squire, Davis, and staff represented the City.

At the October 8th City Council meeting, Mayor Smiley-Kaliff recognized the event hosts of National Night Out. Left to right, John Kenney, Mayor Smiley-Kaliff, Robert Riley, and Vera Howard. Other hosts recognized were Richard Huizar, Deanna Guerrero, Amber Meegan, and Jennifer Siu-Rivera.



The Castle Hills Homeowners Association held a Safety Awareness Night on September 24th in the Community Room. Police Captain Siemens and Fire Chief Riedel spoke to residents about safety. Several community organizations were represented.



On October 7th, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held at Studio One Dance Studio, located at 8055 West Avenue. Mayor Smiley Kaliff, Council members Catalani, Davis, City Staff and the Castle Hills Woman's Club represented the City.



New police officers David Fawcett and Richard Hayduk (far left) are introduced at the October 8th City Council Meeting.



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Veteran's Day Week:

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Garbage Pick-up

(11-11-13) Monday - Holiday
 (11-12-13) Tuesday - Southside - Garbage
 (11-13-13) Wednesday - Northside - Garbage
 (11-14-13) Thursday - Southside - Garbage
 (11-15-13) Friday - Northside - Garbage

Recycle Pick-up:

(11-13-13) - Wednesday - Southside - Recycle
 (11-14-13) - Thursday - Northside - Recycle

Thanksgiving Day Week:

No brush or leaf pick-up

(11-25-13) Monday - Southside - Garbage
 (11-26-13) Tuesday - Northside - Garbage
 (11-27-13) Wednesday - Recycle Pick-up
 (11-28-13) Thursday - Holiday
 (11-29-13) Friday - Holiday

Christmas Day Week:

(12-23-13) Monday - Garbage - Southside
 (12-24-13) Tuesday - Garbage - Northside
 (12-25-13) Wednesday - Holiday
 (12-26-13) Thursday - Garbage and Recycle - Southside
 (12-27-13) Friday - Garbage and Recycle - Northside

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTS

New Employees

Robert Balderas - Public Works
 David Fawcett - Police Officer
 Ashley Villarreal - Dispatcher
 Richard Hayduk - Warrant Officer

Anniversaries

20-Years

Rick Harada, Public Works Director
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