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Message From the Mayor

TIME TO ADJUST THE SAILS:

While the physical year is entering its final quarter, City government's fiscal year is just beginning. By the time this article appears in print, the Castle Hills City Council will have adopted an annual budget, which is never an easy task. The men and women who represent you on the council must make difficult decisions to ensure that City services are up to the standards you desire, while taxes are as low as it is possible to keep them.



Bruce Smiley-Kaliff

As your Mayor, I believe that a financially sound City budget should include a permanent maintenance fund to address the needs of the City's comprehensive street and drainage initiative. This initiative will be on the ballot in November, along with some amendments to our state's constitution.

Writing about a budget before it is adopted, reminds me of something the late and great University of Texas football coach Darrell Royal once said. When asked why his UT Longhorns didn't pass the football more, Royal replied, "Three things can happen when you pass, and two of them are bad."

I believe that our City Council will not choose any of the "bad things" that can happen at budget writing time. Am I being overly optimistic? I do not believe I am.

According to William Arthur Ward, "The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails." I have been a Castle Hills citizen for more than 24 years and have been involved in the inner workings of Castle Hills' City Government for five years.

During that time, I have encountered pessimists who speak about impending doom and gloom. I also have encountered optimists who think everything will work out if we smile and are nice to each other.

Personally, given those two extremes, I choose optimism; however, as your Mayor, my job is to be neither an optimist nor a pessimist. My job is to be a realist; however, I must admit that I am an optimistic realist.

Realistically, the City of Castle Hills has experienced many changes this year. We have a new City manager, a new City Secretary, a new police chief, a new police captain, a new City Judge, a new City prosecutor, a new code compliance officer and other changes in various City positions. I am both realistic and optimistic about these changes. There will be some bumps along the way as new personnel adapt to new jobs, but in the end, I expect our City departments to operate more efficiently.

Our City also has new economic development initiatives, championed by veteran Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem Tom Davis and first-term Councilman Mike Catalani. Councilman Tim Howell did the heavy lifting on a new sign ordinance, which should enhance the success of local businesses while adding to City revenues.

Our newest council members, Stacia Spridgen and John Squire, have embraced the challenges of City government. Working together with more experienced council members, they have adapted quickly to the task of representing you and your concerns. New council members and returning ones are now moving forward as a well-rounded team working together to address your needs.

As a Castle Hills resident, I am optimistic about our City's future. The City is in a financially sound position that is the envy of other cities.

Realistically, as your Mayor, I believe we must not ignore that the future will bring challenges. The Council must address the City's long neglected infrastructure. The growing interest in our City is unprecedented; however, that interest may not remain strong if we all fail to invest in projects to improve streets and drainage.

To ensure smooth sailing, I believe that we must be ready to adjust our City's sails.

Your Mayor,

Bruce Smiley- Kaliff
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Monthly Meetings
All meetings are held at
City Hall unless otherwise posted.

City Council
2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm

Architectural 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

In this article, I am providing an update to my last article as it relates to the May 25th flood event.

Unfortunately, we did not qualify for any FEMA funds to assist us in clearing debris or repairs to streets and drainage. After our visit to Bexar County, we did finally receive confirmation from Bexar

County that they would assist us by providing the manpower and equipment to clear out the Loop 410 drainage way behind HEB. As many of you have seen, there is a large amount of debris on the bottom of the channel. Costs have not been provided to us yet, as of this writing.

As for the rest of the streets and drainage affected by the flood event, the Public Works Department has completed five of the twenty-four projects on the assessment list compiled by staff and the engineer. Additionally five other projects, not on the list, have been completed by the department. Rick and the crew have been busy repairing the large pot holes, removing gravel, and replacing loose asphalt on several streets. Three of the eight alleys have been patched; estimated completion date for alley repairs is late September. Because of an exposed sewer line, SAWS is assisting us with one drainage clearance project, saving

the City \$12,000 on this one project.

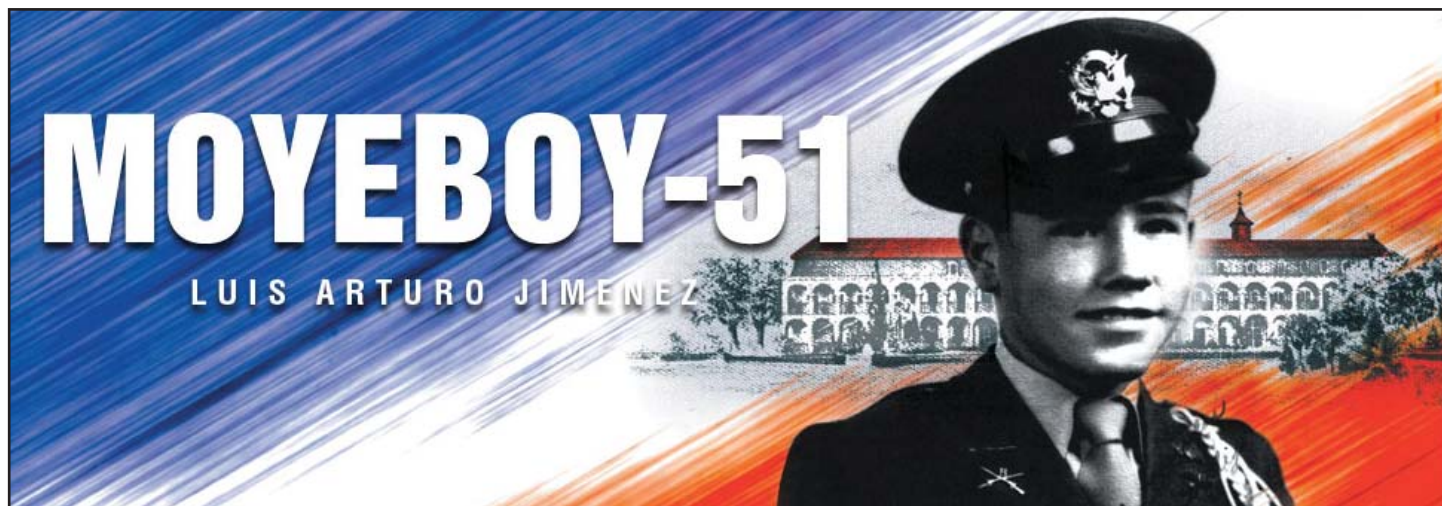
We appreciate everyone's patience during this time.

Staff and Council participated in three budget workshops, and a balanced budget was presented to City Council. You can find a copy of the proposed budget on our website at www.cityofcastlehills.com. A public hearing on the budget is scheduled for September 9th at 6 pm. Council will vote on the tax rate and budget September 19th at 6 pm.

The Castle Hills/Shavano Park Business hosted their first meeting on July 25th at Castle Hills City Hall. It was a great success! **Attention Castle Hills Business Owners:** please visit our website for a link to updates of upcoming monthly meetings or email CHSPAAlliance@yahoo.com for more information on becoming a member.

Mark your calendar! The next Castle Hills Social will be at Sushihana Japanese Restaurant, 1810 NW Military Hwy., 5:30-8:30 pm.

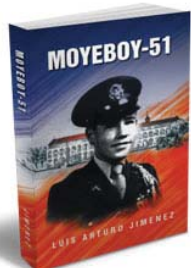
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COUNCIL MEETING

HIGHLIGHTS



JULY 9, 2013

Consider:

Consent Agenda

- A plat establishing Castle Hills Commercial Center, Block CHCB-150, Lots 5 and 6.
- Request from Pape-Dawson Engineers to authorize construction hours to begin at 7 am, June 1 – September 15, and 7:30 am, September 16 – May 31.
- Amending Billboards and Signs, Section 34.2 Definitions of Changeable Electronic Variable Message Signs (CEVMS).

Above items under Consent Agenda – passed 4-0, 1-abstention.

Consider

- Appeal from Aetna Sign Group to waive the 15' setback requirement for a Led sign at 1705 NW Loop 410 – passed unanimously.

JULY 9, 2013, 6:47 pm

- Discussion on amendments to the Rules of Order – no action taken.

JULY 16, 2013

- Budget Workshop – no action taken.

JULY 24, 2013

- Budget Workshop – no action taken.

AUGUST 13, 2013

Announcements & Presentations

- Introduction of new City Secretary, Janie Willman.
- Presentation of plaque and resolution to Linda Gill, City Secretary upon her retirement.
- Presentation of plaque, resolution, and watch to Mark Pardaen upon his retirement.

Consider:

- Ratifying the appointment of the City Secretary.
- Resolution honoring Linda Gill upon her retirement.
- Resolution honoring Mark Pardaen upon his retirement.
- Amending Billboards & Signs of the Code of Ordinances to clarify provisions relating to color changes and the location of digital display-off premise signs.
- Calling an election in November to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds for a comprehensive street and drainage initiative. (removed from consent)
- Joint election agreement with Bexar County for the November 5, 2013 Elections. (removed from consent)
- Resolution adopting a vehicle use policy for the City of Castle Hills.
- Scheduling public hearings for the FY2013 tax levy on August 29 and September 9, 2013 at 6 pm.
- Scheduling a public hearing for the FY2014 City Budget on September 9, 2013 at 6 pm.
- Placing a proposal to adopt a tax rate of \$0.501345/\$100 at a special city council meeting to be held on September 19, 2013 at 6 pm. (This year's proposed rollback \$0.522529/\$100).
- Mayor to order the draft proposal of the FY2014 City Budget to be filed with the City Secretary and available for taxpayer inspection for 30 days.

Above items under Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

- Calling an election in November to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds for a comprehensive

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street and drainage initiative – died for lack of second.

- Joint election agreement with Bexar County for the November 5, 2013 Elections – no action taken.

Consider:

- Implementing a supplemental street and drainage fund for the purpose of augmenting the Street Maintenance Sales and Use Tax Fund – passed unanimously.
- Public Hearing and consideration of the recommendation of the Zoning Commission to rezone 1.09 acres at 1973 NW Loop 410 from District “H” Special Business to “G” General Business District for the proposed development of a single story medical office and retail building – TABLED.
- Public Hearing and consideration of the recommendation of the Zoning Commission on a Special Use Permit request to grade, asphalt, pave, and stripe an extension to existing parking lot at 1705 NW Loop 410, and 107, 109, 111 Ivywood, and use 100 & 102 Ivywood as drainage grass detention pond – TABLED.

Upcoming Holiday Garbage Schedule

Veteran's Day Week:

No brush or leaf pick-up

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

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Council Comments



Michael Catalani
Place 1

First, I would like to let you know that on July 25th, the Castle Hills/Shavano Park Business Alliance, which I previously wrote about, held its inaugural meeting. The event was well attended with over 50 individuals and numerous businesses that had already joined the alliance. Additional businesses joined the night of July 25th. We anticipate some 25 local businesses will be part of the alliance by mid-

August. Business owners in attendance praised the formation of the alliance and its networking opportunities it will provide to them and the benefits they will receive to prosper in our community. My thanks to all those that participated and to those individuals that made this a first for Castle Hills. What a positive change this was for Castle Hills!

My next several articles beginning with this issue will focus on giving our citizens information and insight about some of our city functions. This article will center on your police department. I hope to make you more aware of the various responsibilities of the department and how important it is to our city. The primary purpose and commitment of our police department is to protect and serve. It is an essential component of the community it serves every day. This commitment is accomplished through three basic fundamental roles:

1. At the municipal level, the department serves as a basic element of the government structure of Castle Hills-conveying a wide variety of public services to each citizen.
2. At the state level, the department enforces the criminal laws of the state of Texas in order to maintain an acceptable level of peace and order within the community.
3. At the national level, the department safeguards individual rights and freedoms in the course of preserving the U. S. Constitution.

The mission of your Castle Hills Police Department is to provide public safety and assistance to all its citizens. There is a total of twenty-eight police employees (21 sworn officers and 7 non-sworn). The department is comprised of 4 divisions:

- Patrol -14 officers
- Criminal Investigation Division (CID) -2 detectives/ 1 sergeant
- Dispatch -5 Dispatchers / 1 chief dispatcher
- Administration -chief, captain, administrative sergeant, police administrative assistant, task force officer

Police department employees wear many hats and conduct a variety of duties. A general description of some of the duties follows:

*Patrol-involves traffic enforcement, proactive/reactive criminal enforcement, investigations of criminal cases on a patrol level, accidents, responses to citizen concerns and serves as a visual criminal deterrent.

*CID- follows up to patrol, crime prevention, proactive/reactive investigations, asset forfeitures, citizen concerns.

* Dispatch-dispatches police, fire, EMS; answers all city calls, record keeping

*Administration-promotes agency morale, carries out policies and gives direction, conducts when necessary all duties of patrol and CID.

The police department has a total of 12 vehicles to handle its responsibilities and the many calls it receives. For 2012, a total of 18,481 patrol calls for service, traffic stops, accidents, patrol by, etc. were reported. Some 22,979 total calls for the department

were reported (other reports are generated from a call for service, such as additional charges). For 2012, 900 criminal investigations were conducted. All criminal cases are not workable. Some do not warrant any investigation at all (gas drive off without a license plate), while some investigations require days or months to complete. From January to March of this year, the police department has had 291 criminal investigations.

Needless to say, our city has a very valuable resource- The City of Castle Hills Police Department!

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 goes out to Chief Wayne Davis for providing information for this article.



Stacia Spridgen,
Place 2

School days are around the corner and hopefully sweltering hot days are on the decline..... Castle Hills is abuzz with activities from the 2014 budget meetings, repairing damaged roads and alley ways caused by the May downpour, to the first meeting of the Castle Hills/Shavano Park Business Alliance last month. We were fortunate to have nearly sixty business owners

in attendance and look forward to the next meeting on Thursday, August 22nd with more businesses joining in the future. This Alliance provides a fantastic opportunity for both communities to bring businesses and residents together to promote Shavano Park and Castle Hills as commercial, retail, dining, and entertainment centers. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Brooke Craig, Marc Olson and Councilman Mike Catalani for driving the creation and fruition of this Alliance! Other exciting family activities to get involved with include the upcoming Homeowner's Association (HOA) events: Movie Night in the Commons, Community Safety Awareness Day, and the Annual Halloween Party. John Streib, the HOA President, is the point of contact for HOA membership and activities. Check out his announcement in this issue of the Reporter. The Castle Hills Women's Club (CHWC) is busy welcoming new residents and potential members. Ms Patricia Molinar-Martinez, the CHWC New Members Chairperson, and Liz Larson, a CHWC member, are bringing the best of our city's hospitality and charm to new residents with a lovely African violet and personal message from the Women's Club!

We are always looking for new members and volunteers to become involved and participate in these community-building events and activities. I encourage each of our residents to be involved in their community and committed to its' future!

"The difference between involvement and commitment is like ham and eggs. The chicken is involved; the pig is committed." Martina Navratilova



John Squire,
PLACE 3

It's that time of the year. Our City staff and Council are well into working on our 2014 budget, forecasting our revenue and deciding on how our City's funds will be spent. Hopefully, you participated in the process, either through

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attending the budget meetings or by conveying your desires to your elected officials. As we work to finalize the budget, I will continue to ask the tough questions to help ensure that we, as citizens of Castle Hills, will get and will continue to receive the maximum value from our tax dollars for our city services.

I want to bring up again the need to move forward on the maintenance and repair of our streets before they continue to degrade further. Our budget has no line item for the maintenance of our streets and we solely rely on sales tax dollars. Based on previous budgets and our annual audits, we tend to be conservative on our revenue which provides us with a surplus at the end of each year. At a minimum, I ask that we utilize these funds and apply them to the streets. Just like our homes/cars/etc., we need to maintain our streets. We have the huge issue of rebuilding many of our streets in front of us and even once that is complete they will still need to be maintained.

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

The town is a-buzzing! Since our last newsletter, we at city hall have been busy with the budget and putting together the finances of the city for this coming year. Workshops are almost finished, and public hearings will start soon. Rita and her departments have massaged this budget to the point that it will be a totally balanced budget, while once again avoiding cuts to services or personnel! How many cities can say that? The addition of the Code Compliance Officer (CCO) has also insured that the maintenance of our neighborhoods is sustained at the pace that we have been accustomed to in the past. Hats off to Rita and her assistant Nick for this addition to her arsenal of code enforcement and administrative professionals.

Want to talk more about finances? We are at the brink of deciding a very important milestone in our city's future. City infrastructure (drainage and streets) is a subject of concern for all of us in the city, but we have struggled to come up with a sound fiscal solution. However, this issue is beginning to show progress through the city council's ability to work together and leverage their talents and skill sets. Different avenues of revenue are coming to light that were not available in years past, and this has provided us with choices that can be considered. Combinations of choices will soon be revealed, and will put us in a position to quickly start the long-awaited repairs, and most importantly maintenance, of this critical requirement of our city. In other news, our updated sign ordinance passed since our last newsletter was issued. This will not only enhance our ability to reach out to other sources of income, but will also allow our local merchants and store fronts to present themselves in a way that will attract pass-through traffic, which is the lifeline of our sales tax. Many of our businesses have been asking for an ordinance that would allow them to work with professional sign companies that can make use of the latest technology. I was pleased that the mayor asked me to head this up, and was able to work with professionals in the sign industry, and after 10+ months the ordinance was finally put together and presented to council for consideration. The rest is history, as council passed the ordinance unanimously. Thanks to all on council, and

the city staff for their assistance, and last but not least, the mayor for helping me on this very important piece of legislation.

In closing, please join us in the upcoming meetings that will take place over the next couple of months. We are always looking for new ideas to help us serve you. Also, please call if you have any comments, questions, or just want to express an opinion...I'm listening.

Timothy A. Howell
City of Castle Hills
Alderman Place 4
Castle Hills, Texas



Tom Davis,
PLACE 5, Mayor Pro Tem

Another Reason to Be Proud of Our City

As a pediatric physical therapist in the early 1970s, I became involved with "mainstreaming" of special needs children into the public schools of Texas. The antiquated term "mainstreaming" has been replaced with "inclusion" and is now a reality for our special needs children. Texas led the way with a program called Plan A which became the national standard, and in 1975 the United States Congress passed Public Law 94-142, the Education of All Handicapped Children Act. This law provides evaluation, individual education plans, and access to public schools for children requiring additional services. Although a tremendous advancement in public education, some children may require or be enhanced by additional interventions. One in six children in America is diagnosed with a developmental disability. With over thirty years of experience working with this population and a Ph.D. in Education, I am proud to introduce to our residents a remarkable facility that has chosen Castle Hills for its home.

Behavioral Innovations, located at 8004 West Avenue, has over a decade of experience helping individuals with cognitive and behavioral disabilities. By focusing on what people can do rather than what they cannot do, Behavioral Innovations has helped children and adults succeed and lead rewarding lives. Providing home-based and center-based therapy in many cities across Texas, their programs are administered by Board Certified Behavior Analysts with master's degrees and several years of experience with clients and their families.

Many years of educational research and data support and clearly substantiate that early intervention in a child's life facilitates the optimal likelihood of overcoming their many challenges. Partnering with schools in our area, the staff of this facility can meet the unique needs of each student, classroom, campus, and school district. Although commonly thought of as a facility for young children, comprehensive services are also provided to individuals of all ages, including adult communities and residential programs. Specialized services are available for the family, caregiver, or provider designed to assist and support their unique needs. Opportunities exist for help with short term behavioral problems, academic remediation, parent training, specialized workshops and training, and social skill groups.

These services are covered by Aetna, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, Magellan, Tricare/Humana (for active-duty military families), United Behavioral Health, and other insurance companies. For more information on insurance coverage, services available, and access to these programs, please call Lindsay Vick at 210-340-2627.

We welcome Behavioral Innovations and their staff to our city and salute their commitment and dedication.

Agree or disagree, please feel free to contact me at jtdsa@grandecom.net

November 5, 2013 Bexar County Elections and Statewide Amendments on the Ballot

November 5, 2013 is the next statutory date for elections in Texas. In Bexar County, this represents an opportunity for all qualified voters to vote on 9 amendments to the Texas Constitution. The amendments can be viewed on the Texas Secretary of State's website: www.sos.state.tx.us/about/newsreleases/2013/080513.shtml.

As part of his presentation on August 5, Secretary of State John Steen reminded voters that the November 5 election will be the first statewide election with new photo ID requirements in effect for voting in person.

"Now is a good time for voters to make sure they have the appropriate photo ID and update their registration if their voter registration does not match the name on their ID," said Steen. "To learn more, voters are encouraged to visit VoteTexas.gov or contact their county elections office."

Voters ages 65 and older and those with a disability may vote by mail for any election.

For more information about voting in Texas, visit: www.votetexas.gov

For more information about the Texas State Library and

Archives Commission, including the 1876 Constitution, visit: <https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/>

Early Voting Period & Locations. Voters who want to vote during the Early Voting Period which begins Monday, October 21 and ends on Friday, November 1, may do so at any of the 32 polling sites throughout Bexar County including Castle Hills City Hall, located at 209 Lemonwood Drive, Castle Hills, 78213. The Early Voting hours are Monday, October 21 through Friday, October 25 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Extended Early Voting is available on Saturday, October 26 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday, October 27 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Early voting continues the week of Monday, October 28 through Friday, November 1, from 8 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Bond Election in the City of Castle Hills. Qualified voters in the City of Castle Hills will have the opportunity to consider one ballot proposition which is related to a \$13 Million Bond designed to fund citywide road and drainage repairs.

Voters may consult the City's website at www.cityofcastlehills.com for election information as well as <http://elections.bexar.org>.



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Police Department News

On Tuesday October 1st, neighborhoods throughout Castle Hills are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities statewide for the "30th Annual National Night Out" (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. NNO is sponsored by National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by Castle Hills Police Department. Corporate sponsors include Target, Associa., and Nextdoor.com

This event is designed primarily to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Additionally, this is simply a great time to get to know, or re-introduce one's self to neighbors. During the event, scheduled visits from emergency services (Police and Fire) and city government will be conducted for those neighborhoods/blocks that register to host a block party. To schedule a block party, or for more information, please contact Captain Johnny Siemens at 210-342-2341 ext. 205, or by email at jsiemens@cityofcastlehills.com, at least two weeks prior to the event date of Tuesday October 1st to allow for party scheduling. We currently have 4 block parties scheduled and would like to add many more. Texas has won 1st place 16 years in a row thanks to participation. Help make Castle Hills part of that tradition!

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YOUR COMMUNITY



Moving Dirt! Pape-Dawson Engineers invited city officials to be participants in their ground breaking ceremony July 15th for development of their new corporate headquarters at 2000 NW Loop 410. Later this year, Bank of San Antonio will begin construction on the adjacent lot.



The Pape-Dawson Engineers project included saving and moving a 42" tree that will be located in the front of their new building.



Angie Borrás, owner of Houses in San Antonio, recruited volunteers to place a US flag at every property in Castle Hills in recognition of the July 4th holiday. Volunteers included the Young Marines.



New Municipal Court Judge Harold McCall was sworn into office on July 25 by Mayor Bruce Smiley-Kaliff.



Judge McCall and Municipal Court Clerks Yolanda Martinez (left) and Tina Zelenak (right).



Vera Howard, Office Resource Center representative and Castle Hills/Shavano Park Business Alliance member marketed ORC's products at the inaugural CH/SP Business Alliance held July 25th.



First meeting of the Castle Hills/Shavano Park Business Alliance meeting. Food was provided by Picnikins Patio Café.



Jim Chaney from Jimmy's Egg hosted a marketing table at the CH/SP Business Alliance meeting. Pictured left to right: Marc Olson of Local Community News and Opie & Jim Chaney, owners of Jimmy's Egg on West Ave.



July 31st was bittersweet for Castle Hills City Secretary Linda Gill. A reception was held in her honor and celebration of her retirement. Linda (left) is pictured with new City Secretary Janie Willman.

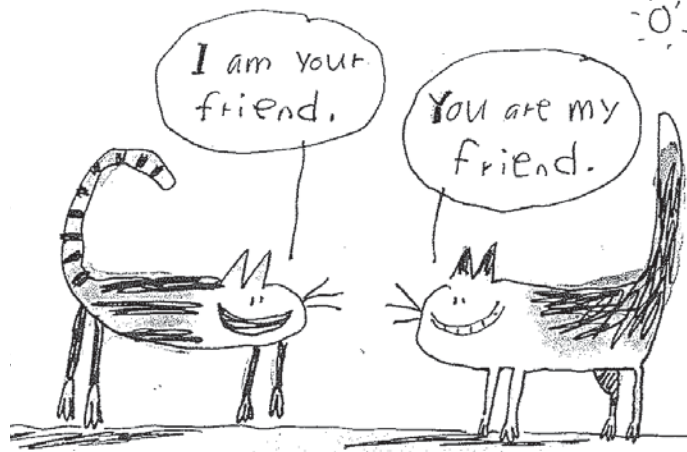


Linda Gill was recognized at the August 13th City Council meeting in honor of her retirement. A resolution was read by Mayor Smiley-Kaliff and she was presented a plaque.





Sgt. Mark Pardaen retired with 20 years of service in the Castle Hill Police Department. He was presented a watch, plaque, and resolution at the August 13th City Council Meeting.



June, 2013

Appreciation from citizens:

Bob + Jean Peppers, Joe Burrowsdy,
Martha Tanner, Bill + Sandie Martin
for the prompt & courteous
we have all lived all over the
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May God bless & keep you!

Always,
Sandie & Bill

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Castle Hills Homeowners Association

By John Strieb, President

MARK YOUR CALENDERS!

The Castle Hills Homeowners Association is sponsoring three upcoming events that are open to anyone who is associated with the Castle Hills Community. We strive to sponsor events that bring community members together and events that are family oriented.

Movie Night

Friday, September 20
6:45PM

Castle Hills City Hall
209 Lemonwood Dr

Inside Council Chambers or Outside at Commons,
pending weather

Bring a blanket

Snacks and water provided

A G or PG rated movies will be shown

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Community Safety Awareness

What you need to know!
Tuesday, September 24
6:30PM

Castle Hills Community Room
209 Lemonwood Dr

Hear, meet and interact with Castle Hills Fire and
Police Department Representatives.
Refreshments Served.

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Annual Halloween Party

Saturday, October 26
6:00PM

Castle Hills City Hall
209 Lemonwood Dr

Please join us for a family oriented event with games,
freaky fun, and Frightening Food!

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTS

New Employees

John Siemens, Police Captain

Chad Reed, Sanitation Loader

Juanita Willman, City Secretary

James Brashears, Dispatcher

Robert Trojcek, Firefighter/EMT

Anniversaries

Jose Davila, Police Officer - 1 year

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Local Restaurant Recognized for High Standards

Submitted by Homer Emery, R.S.

Jimmy's Egg, 8055 West Avenue, is the latest Castle Hills food service establishment to earn the Texas Food Safety Star Certificate. The Texas Food Safety Star program is similar to New York City's Golden Apple Award. The program recognizes local food service operations going the extra mile for food safety.

To receive Texas Food Safety Star recognition a food service establishment must meet the following criteria; (1) Managers and Supervisors are certified in Food Safety Management and are able to demonstrate food safety knowledge and skills during routine evaluations; (2) have a written Food Safety Plan in place; (3) provide employees continuing training in food safety; (4) continually exceed minimum food code requirements and; (5) conduct food safety self-evaluations. If requested, foodservice facilities will be provided assistance in establishing food safety plans and provided materials for use in training employees in food safety.

So far the following foodservice facilities have been awarded the Texas Food Safety Star Certificate in recognition of their outstanding food safety efforts: Jimmy's Egg; Rossini's Bistro; Picnikins Patio Café; Sushihana; Demo's Greek Food; HEB Grocery; Jack-In the Box; Subway; Starbucks; Homewood Residence; Castle Hills Elementary School; and Jackson Keller Elementary School.



Shown in photo: Jim Chaney, owner of Jimmy's Egg, with his unit manager receiving Texas Food Safety Star recognition for an outstanding Food Safety Plan and operations



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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 restraints 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, you must carry the appropriate materials to pick up and remove waste immediately.

Fences

Protect your pet. Please check your fence for any openings that may allow your pet to leave the property. Your pet could get lost, hurt, or hurt others.



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2013 NRC Neighborhood Awards Luncheon

November 8, 2013 * 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

San Antonio Garden Center
3310 N. New Braunfels (at Funston)

The NRC Neighborhood Awards Program recognizes Neighborhood and Homeowner Associations and Community Organizations who are active in neighborhoods and are making a positive difference in their communities.

Currently the NRC is soliciting award nominations and entries in the following categories:

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