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Message From the Mayor Marcy Harper

The next several months will find council hard at work with many scheduled meetings. The 2011 Budget process will begin with our first budget workshop scheduled for July 8, 2010. All city department heads, and acting city manager will be in attendance. The workshops are open to our residents. Council relies on the input of our department heads with discussion and debate on budget items.

Council is also engaged in meetings with the city's financial advisor to discuss options for major street improvements to include bond issue size and a financial plan. The bond is potentially considered for vote by the residents in November. There will be two or three town hall meetings and all residents are encouraged to attend. We will be considering street projects affecting most areas of our city and a reasonable project dollar amount that will be funded by our taxpayers.

Postcards will be mailed to our residents announcing the date and time of the town hall meetings. Meetings will also be posted on the city website: www.cityofcastlehills.com

I look forward to seeing you at the meetings. Our regular scheduled council meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. Please contact me for any questions at: 210-524-9200 or email: mharper3@satx.rr.com

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2010 Special Meetings Community Room

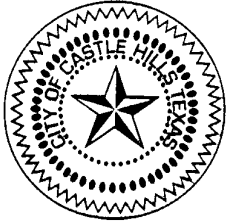
**Bond Workshop
June 30 @ 6 pm**

**Budget Workshops
July 15 & 20 @ 6 pm**

**Check the website at
www.cityofcastlehills.com
for posted meetings**

2010 City Council Meetings 6:30 PM

**July 13
August 10
September 14
October 12
November 9
December 14**



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 23, 2010

Consider:

- A resolution authorizing participation in the Fiesta Castle Hills Parade scheduled for April 17, 2010 in the City of Castle Hills and appropriating funds and the use of the City personnel for such event.

RESOLUTION #1003-01

Authorizing participation in the Fiesta Castle Hills Parade scheduled for April 17, 2010 in the City of Castle Hills and appropriating funds and the use of the City personnel for such event.

APRIL 13, 2010

Consider:

- Accepting the donated identification metal signage for the two monument planters on Lemonwood at the Northwest Military entrance—passed unanimously.
- Extending the website maintenance agreement—motion to extend on a month to month—passed

unanimously.

- Discontinuing the design work of the North Manton drainage improvement project—passed unanimously.
- Imposing procedures on filling the vacant position of the City Manager—no action taken.
- Expectation that the Acting City Manager present a balanced 2011 Budget proposal for consideration—no action taken.

MAY 11, 2010

Consider:

- Resolution honoring Jesse Martinez upon his retirement—Mr. Martinez retired with 42-1/2 years of service in the Street and Sanitation Departments—passed unanimously.
- Canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the General Election held on May 8, 2010 for the purpose of electing three (3) Council members—passed unanimously.
- Issuance of Certificate of Election and provide Official Oath and Statement of Elected Officials—Mayor Harper administered the Oath of Office and Statement of Elected Officer to Marcella Huff, Alderman

Place 1, Bruce Smiley-Kaliff, Alderman Place 4, and Tom Davis, Alderman Place 5.

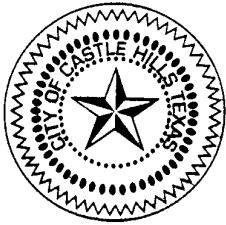
- Resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the proposition for reauthorization of a local 1/4 cent sales and use tax in the City of Castle Hills under the provisions of the Texas Tax Code to maintain and repair municipal streets in the election held on May 8, 2010—passed unanimously.
- Financial Audit for FY 2009—passed unanimously.
- CPS Energy Franchise Agreement—passed unanimously.
- Ordinance establishing a Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Management Plan—postponed.

JUNE 8, 2010

Consider:

- Extending the work of the City Manager Search Committee for 60 more days—passed unanimously.
- Engaging the services of Rebecca Waldman to evaluate the duties of the Administrative Department—passed unanimously.
- Resolution entering into an Interlocal Agreement with BuyBoard and authorizing the Interim City Manager to sign the BuyBoard Interlocal Agreement—passed unanimously.

- Approving expenditures in line item #08-8005 for an irrigation timer and water sensor for the Jackson Keller/Travertine monument sign—passed unanimously.
- Approving extension of Givler Engineering Inc. Agreement—passed 3 in favor; Council member Gregory abstained.
- Set time, date, and place for a special meeting for a workshop to discuss the Castle Hills FY2010 and FY2011 general and special funds budgets—workshops schedule July 8 and 15, 2010 at 6 pm.



**NEW
RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION #1005-01

Recognizing Jesse G. Martinez for 42-1/2 years of employment and faithful service to residents of Castle Hills in the Street & Sanitation Departments.

RESOLUTION #1005-02

Canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the May 8, 2010 General Election for the purpose electing three (3) council members for the City of Castle Hills.

RESOLUTION #1005-03

Canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the election held May 8, 2010 for the reauthorization of a local sales and use tax in the City of Castle Hills under the provisions of the Texas Tax Code to maintain and repair municipal streets, and other matters in connection therewith.



**Independence Day
July 4, 2010**

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Public Works Director Rick Harada presents a plaque to Jesse Martinez, congratulating him on his retirement. Martinez retires with 42-1/2 years of service in the Street & Sanitation Department.



At the May 11, 2010 Mayor Marcy Harper provides the Oath of Office to 3rd term Council member Marcella Huff.



At the May 11, 2010 City Council Meeting Mayor Harper provides the Oath of Office to Council member Bruce Smiley-Kaliff, re-elected to his 2nd term, while Mitchell Kaliff (right) participates in the ceremony.

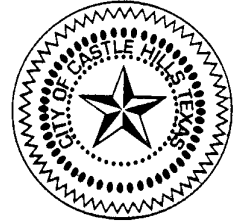


Council member Tom Davis is sworn into office by Mayor Harper at the May 11, 2010 City Council meeting. Councilmember Davis has been serving the citizens of Castle Hills since September 2007.



(Left to right) Castle Hills resident Richard Huizar, business operator Rene Mulholland, Rene's of Castle Hills, and Marianne Huizar, were recognized by City Council at the June 8th meeting, for their diligent efforts in bringing Fiesta to the Castle Hills Community.

COUNCIL COMMENTS



MARCELLA HUFF, PLACE 1, MAYOR PRO TEM



Another election in Castle Hills has come and gone. To all those who took the time to vote, thank you. Participation in our government is our duty, our obligation, and our privilege.

It may have rained on the 1st annual Fiesta Castle Hills parade but the rain couldn't dampen the spirits of those who participated and those who watched and cheered. Enthusiasm and excitement were in full supply while we waited for the parade to start. Later, those who gathered on the Commons continued the spirit of the day. Thank you to the Huizars, all the wonderful volunteers, and our great city staff who made this day

possible.

The time for the budget workshops is fast approaching. A bond workshop has already been held and more will be scheduled. I encourage everyone to attend at least one of the workshops. Difficult economic times require that the resources of all of our citizens be utilized to solve the problems facing our city.

Take the time to become involved in our city. Try to attend several council meetings each year. Attend a budget or bond workshop to learn what is involved in these processes. Ask questions. Offer ideas. It's our city. It's up to us to make it the best city that it can be.

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

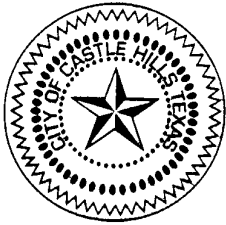


2010 is setting up to be the first of several years that the economics of Castle Hills will be stressed and that fundamental common sense will be very important. The economic outlook of our country and state will have even more impact on our city than usual. The country is somewhat stronger than it was in 2009, how much better and whether there are lasting positive results, remain to be seen. Texas on the other hand, has severely underfunded (by billions) it's retirement fund for huge numbers of state and local government workers. What brought GM down (i.e., insufficient funds to cover the benefits to large pool of retired employees) is beginning to play out in Texas.

On top of very generous salaries and benefits, city and state workers have an extremely nice retirement plan and because it is underfunded, Castle Hills taxpayers are now required to help make up our share of the difference. Consequently, this bailout plan will cause our taxes to be substantially higher in the near term. If reform of the state pension fund is not addressed this problem will only grow worse, requiring that some present tax breaks for homeowners may be reduced by the state. Time will tell.

This summer, the Council will tackle building a new budget and at the same time, try to determine the best way to fund the repair of our infrastructure. Because every tax dollar is important, views by taxpayers must be expressed. Come to our workshops and add your voice as to how you want your tax dollars spent. Because the times are what they are, it is very important for you to speak out. I insure that, at least in Castle Hills, fiscal common sense is our guideline in order for us to remain a wonderful place to live in.

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



COUNCIL COMMENTS

STEVE McGUIRE, PLACE 3



We've now officially entered summer – that wonderful South Texas time of sun and pleasure. We've also entered that fiscal time of year when your Council and City are hard at work on our budget and finances. First the bad news – our City has not been spared the financial trauma that has befallen our state and nation. Few expect the situation to markedly improve anytime soon. Now the good news – although for the past five years we have spent more than we brought in, we still have a reasonable financial cushion. However we do need to balance our budget if we are to avoid the crises facing some cities in our country, a crisis that leads to significant decreases in services and increases in taxes by those cities that have

been less prudent.

We as a City need to decide what we can afford – what services are necessary and how much are we willing to spend. We cannot maintain the same level of service we have enjoyed this past year without increasing our property taxes – is this what you desire? Conversely what services would you be willing to reduce? I encourage you to come participate in our budget workshops or contact your Council, letting your desires be known.

We on Council have also heard the clamor for street repair – but quite frankly without a significant bond issue, there are currently insufficient funds available for major street repairs. You as our citizens will be given the opportunity to vote on the bond issue in November. Council is still working on the details – come get involved now in the discussion.

The bottom line – Castle Hills is an absolutely wonderful place to call home and I am honored to be serving you on Council. But as with all things, we must pay for our paradise. Together we can responsibly move forward – be engaged and help keep our paradise a true paradise. If you have thoughts or suggestions, please give me a call at 524-9290.

BRUCE SMILEY-KALIFF, PLACE 4



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

It seems as though a day doesn't go by that I don't pick up the newspaper, turn on the television or talk to an "enlightened" person that I am not shocked by some event or some interpretation of events that are rocking our world, country, or even our city.

It leads me to believe that no one is immune from natural disaster, financial collapse, rampant bigotry and crime. Politicians seem more interested in power than in representing the people who elected them. It seems as though everything is broken and that corruption and mismanagement are taking over, and we may not even be safe on our neighborhood streets. Our community is broke, and everyone is conducting themselves selfishly or worse. Eh gads! What is next?

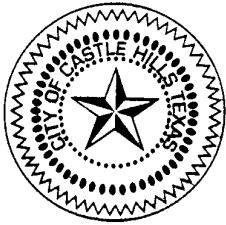
Then you go outside and realize you live in Castle Hills. Whew!

We did have a big windstorm but everyone survived and got their extra trash picked up. Our city is quite solvent and operating in a positive cash flow. Your city council is working diligently for every citizen, trying to improve our city and expand opportunities for residents, especially our young families and their children. Everyone is focused on balanced budgets and city services. We even will ask everyone in our city if they really do want their streets fixed or not, instead of just doing it without asking. And yes, we are safe in our neighborhoods. We have occasional missteps by undesirables, but our police department, fire department and EMT services are among the finest small city units in the state and are getting better every day. We have many reasons to celebrate our city and be happy.

I am so glad I live in Castle Hills and glad you live here too.

What's on your mind Castle Hills? Always let me know.

Bruce Smiley-Kaliff
basmls@satx.rr.com (210-342-5954)



COUNCIL COMMENTS

TOM DAVIS, PLACE 5



KNOW YOUR CITY CODES

Council members are often contacted by residents regarding questions about city codes and more frequently contacted with complaints of code violations. Recently the issue of house numbers painted on curbs has prompted several inquiries.

In February 2010, leaflets were distributed from Radical Curb Service. The leaflet advertised the service of painting your house numbers on the curb. The leaflet also stated that this service was approved by the city. Such actions were not approved by the City of Castle Hills. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Castle Hills prohibits the painting of curbs and prohibits the distribution of flyers without a valid permit issued by the City. See City Codes 22.601 and 21.101 below. When Mr. Ricardo G. Sanchez, the owner of Radical Curb Service, was contacted, he stated that he told his workers not to go into Castle Hills. The homeowners who allowed Radical Curb Service to paint the curb in front of their homes were sent letters informing them of the code violation. Homeowners who used the services of Mr. Sanchez should contact him and request that he remove the violation and return their money. If the violation is not corrected, the homeowner will receive a court summons. At present legal recourse is pending against Mr. Sanchez and Radical Curb Service.

The streets and curbs in front of your home are owned by the City. To retain the beauty of our city, a code was written in 1982 and reviewed numerous times that prohibits defacing the public property.

Title XXII: STREET, DRAINS, WALKS, AND CURBS

DEFACING PUBLIC PROPERTY

§22.601 PROHIBITED.

It shall be unlawful for any person to paint, mark, place, scratch, chisel, or post bills, posters, signs, words, letters, pictures, numbers, symbols, or graffiti of whatever kind on any curb, street, sidewalk, utility pole, public building, public structure, public vehicle, or public property whatsoever, or otherwise in any way deface any public property within the city, whether owned by the city, county, state, or any public utility franchisee of the city. ('82 Code, § 22.601)

To protect the privacy of our citizens, and to avoid unsightly littering, a code was written in 1982 and reviewed on July 14, 2009.

REGULATION AND LICENSING

§21.101 UNLAWFUL TO SOLICIT WITHOUT PERMIT; HOURS OF PERMITTED SOLICITATION; AND PROHIBITING PLACEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENTS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

It shall be unlawful for any solicitors or canvassers of orders for services or merchandise or for peddlers, itinerant merchants, and transient vendors of merchandise, or for distributors of advertising handbills, leaflets, or papers to go in, or upon, the premises of any private residence in the city without a valid permit issued by the city, or to go thereon with a permit prior to 9:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m., or at any time on Sundays, unless previously requested to do so by the owner or occupant of the private residence, for the purpose of soliciting orders for the furnishing of any service or for the sale of goods, services, wares, and merchandise, or for the purpose of disposing of, contracting for, or peddling the same, or to distribute any printed or written advertising handbills, leaflets, or papers. No person shall place, attach, paint, write, stamp, paste, throw, drop, hurl or otherwise put any sign, advertisement or other material upon any house, wall, fence, gatepost, gate, tree box, yard or driveway on private property without first having obtained the written permission of the owners, agents or occupants of the premises and having complied with the provisions of this chapter...('82 Code 21.101) (Amnd. Ord. 1024, 7/14/09)

The City Newsletter frequently provides information on the City Codes. The Code of City Ordinances was written to preserve the integrity of the city and to maintain the quality of life and property values our citizens expect. Please take the time to carefully read these codes or if you have a question about codes, call City Hall. Have a safe and happy summer.

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

STAFF COMMENTS



PUBLIC WORKS, Rick Harada, Public Works Director

Hello Castle Hills,

Aside from the services that Castle Hills offers, many have expressed that one of the reasons for living in Castle Hills is the abundance of majestic trees and how they love the curb appeal of the properties. But as homeowners there comes a responsibility to maintain these beautiful trees, i.e., preventive maintenance. Through this newsletter I'd like to address low tree limbs hanging over into the street, sidewalks, and alleyways.

The windstorm we encountered June 2nd really wreaked havoc throughout the City. The City was a mess Thursday morning.

Wednesday evening during the storm, the fire department was dispatched to several locations in the city to remove trees blocking the road whereby motorists were not able to get by. I was also called in to assist in debris removal, and by the time I arrived the fire department had already removed a tree on Wickford Way. The next call for an obstruction in the roadway was on Shalimar. I alone had to remove the tree, because the fire department was on Danube removing another

tree. I took my chainsaw and started cutting the tree in order to remove it from the roadway. I was dispatched to another call on Antler where a tree fell onto the driveway of the property. I advised the property owner that the City does not abate these problems on private property. We will only take care of the public streets for safe passage of motorists. These are just a few of the issues City personnel had to encounter.

With all this said, I am asking if you would take a little time to inspect your trees overhanging into the street, sidewalk, or alleyway. Castle Hills Code requires a 12' clearance from the pavement/ground. Hopefully we will not encounter another storm such as this, but if we do, maintaining your trees by properly trimming, may prevent the tree limbs from breaking during a strong wind. In addition to this, you may prevent damage to your home and also free up emergency personnel to tend to medical emergencies or fires.

We are here to serve the citizens of Castle Hills.

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



Fiesta Castle Hills Fun Run / Walk

"Scenic Experience Thru Our City"
Saturday Morning, 8 am, July 24, 2010
at the Commons next to City Hall

"Amenities for the Runners"

Contact Rick Huizar 344-9507
email richardhuizar@bcglobal.net

STAFF COMMENTS



FIRE DEPARTMENT, Jerry Riedel, Fire Chief

I hope your summer is off to a great start. Thanks to all of the great people of Castle Hills for the continued support and praises for our fire department staff. Unfortunately most of our contact with the public is due to stressful situations. Please stop by and visit with us anytime and get to know the people that are here working for you. Also I would like to take this time to remind all about a few ordinances that help us not only to protect you, but also do our jobs better.

City Ordinance # 12.601 states that no person shall obstruct fire hydrants by placing or depositing any lumber, rock, sand, vehicles or debris, or any other substance within 15 feet to the front or either side of the hydrant. In addition there should be no walls, hedges, screen plantings or other obstructions within 3 feet to the side or rear of any fire hydrant. These obstructions may severely hamper fire department operations during an emergency.

Ordinance # 12.401 states the it shall be unlawful to burn trash, brush, tree limbs, grass, trees, leaves, paper, boards, planks, lumber or any other character of debris or flammable materials whatsoever in the City limits. Outdoor fires are limited to cooking fires only.

Ordinance # 22.107 (A) states that ALL residences and businesses in the City of Castle Hills will insure that the number of their address is clearly visible from the street. To insure visibility the numbers should be no less than 4" (four inches) in height and of a color which contrast with the background as to be outstanding.



POLICE DEPARTMENT, Donny Davis, Police Chief

I would like to take this opportunity to inform the citizens of a first for the City of Castle Hills PD. Captain Wayne Davis recently applied for, was accepted, and successfully completed what is referred to as the "National Academy."

The 240th National Academy session was 10 weeks in length and consisted of 255 police executives from the United States and 20 foreign countries. They were broken down into six sections and attended classes Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00am – 5:30pm with the exception being Friday, at which time they were released at 3:30pm. Each section had a physical trainer / nutritionist and they attended physical training 3-4 days every week as one of the classes. In addition, every Wednesday all 255 students conducted physical training together, as a session, with each week gaining in intensity, ultimately leading them to the "Yellow Brick Road." The Yellow Brick Road is a 6.1 mile graduating obstacle course that involved cross country running, rope climbing, pit crawling, and a net climb, which was a scene in the movie, "Silence of the Lambs".

Captain Davis lived, ate, trained and learned from FBI veterans, FBI cadets, OGA's, and Police Executives from around the world on a day to day basis. All were elite individuals who were accepted to the National Academy to represent their agency and countries. Captain Davis expressed that words can't describe what this experience was like and what it meant. Each individual's paradigms were stretched weekly with emphasis placed on new means of learning and retaining information. The students were reminded that mediocrity and status quo is not where they wanted to be. They must continue to progress and stretch their paradigms and were forced to move outside of their comfort zones from time to time. Most of the training at the Academy is at the college graduate level and recognized by the University of Virginia with college credit being given for successful completion.

They all renewed their Oaths as Police Officers at the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, DC where they had guest speakers to include Michael Durant, who was the pilot shot down in Somalia in 1993. They recognize Mike Durant's story from the movie Blackhawk Down. Another speaker was Bobby Smith, a Louisiana State Trooper who was shot in the face and permanently blinded by a suspect during his patrol shift. Captain Davis mentioned that these speakers reminded us all how quickly life can change while serving their country and community.

Captain Davis also acknowledges that the 10 weeks at the FBI Academy was a gift and that he is grateful and honored to have been accepted. Captain Davis was the first Castle Hills police officer to attend but hopefully not the last. Captain Davis and through him the City of Castle Hills now has a personal relationship with law enforcement executives throughout this country and around the world.

REDUCE STORM WATER POLLUTION

Auto Care

Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water. By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like automotive fluids off the ground and out of storm water. Adopt these habits and remember to share with your neighbors. Please remember dumping automotive fluids into storm drains has the same result as dumping the materials directly into a water body.

- Use a commercial carwash that treats or recycles its wastewater.
- Wash your car on your yard so the water infiltrates into the ground.
- Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills.
- Make repairs as soon as possible and clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand and do not rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain.
- Remember to properly dispose of the absorbent material.
- Repair leaks and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop-off or recycling locations.

For more information on reducing storm water pollution in Castle Hills

Please contact:

City Manager
City of Castle Hills
210-342-2341

This tip is based on information from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and was adapted by

Givler Engineering, Inc.
2161 NW Military Dr.,
Suite 114
San Antonio, Texas 78213



PET CORNER

Registration Required

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.

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.

STRAY ANIMALS

Our city has its fair share of stray dogs. All dogs roaming the streets are considered stray until their owner is found. If a dog is not wearing a collar and tag (rabies and city tag) and/or micro-chipped, it makes it very difficult to locate the owner. All attempts are made to include a free found ad in the newspaper, giving a full description of the dog to Man & Beast, photos and description to a county wide pet rescue coordinator, placing a photo on our city website and outside our animal shelter. Our city has an air conditioned and heated shelter where we hold the stray dogs and cats that are found in our city. This is all accomplished by Rick Harada, our Public Works Director and Animal Control Officer.

Most strays are very friendly; some are not. Their attitude may be influenced by the way they were treated or they may be frightened, starved and exhausted. An example of one unfriendly dog was told to me by a resident. She and her neighbor were walking her 13 year old dog near city hall. A Saint Barnard approached and attacked her dog. As both ladies were screaming and trying to separate the dogs a gentleman approached to help. The Saint Barnard walked away to leave a severely injured dog who was taken to the emergency clinic. After veterinary care, costing \$700, the dog is now fine. The Saint Barnard was not found.

When walking your dog always carry your cell phone, mace, and call 911 in an emergency. Unless you have superior strength, a stick won't work and it may just aggravate the situation. A buddy system is also very important.

This does not mean that you cannot help out a stray, just be careful. You can contact Animal Control during the week at 342-2341 (city dispatch). On weekends and evenings make a report with city dispatch and you can also call me at 524-9200 for assistance in placement of the friendly stray.

Submitted by Mayor Marcy Harper

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

1st Annual FIESTA CASTLE HILLS HAPPENINGS April 17, 2010!



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Fiesta Pooch Parade

Photos & story submitted by Beverly Rollins

The rained-out Castle Hills Fiesta Pooch Parade was held on Sunday, May 16, in the parking lot by Rene's of Castle Hills who sponsored the parade. The parade was led by a gifted young bagpiper. Trophies and Castle Hills Fiesta medals were awarded in the categories of pooch/owner look-a-like; rodeo clown; most patriotic; most festive Fiesta; best-dressed; sexiest and funniest. 'King' Scruffy Rollins, wearing his royal purple cape and riding in an elaborate and colorful 'float' won the Grand Champion Judges' Choice trophy. Pets First donated gift bags of doggie snacks and proceeds from the sales of sno-cones, popcorn, water and sodas were donated to the ANIMAL FRIENDS NO-KILL shelter who attended with dogs for adoption. Donations also included cash; dog and cat food; newspapers; blankets & towels; and other needed supplies for the shelter. Call Rene at 210-375-4120 or Beverly at 210-341-8364 if you have any of these items you would like to donate.



YOUR COMMUNITY

CASTLE HILLS MAY ELECTION RESULTS

Place 1	Marcella Huff	433 Total Votes
Place 4	Bruce Smiley-Kaliff	401 Total Votes
	Bob Anderson	309 Votes
Place 5	Tom Davis	439 Votes

**Reauthorization of 1/4% Sales Tax
for Street Maintenance.**

For: 599
Against: 103

Thank you!



The ongoing project involving the xeriscaping of the Commons' sign area got another boost from the Castle Hills Garden Club recently. President Sandy Burton along with Jean Peffers and Sandy Pratt put their heads together to select additional plants and presented a check for \$220.00 for the improvements. The City of Castle Hills Public Works Department installed the plants.

And, *thank you* Pam Grunwald for your ongoing efforts to beautify the Commons and Castle Hills.

Wayside Chapel Workday

On February 20, 2010 members of the Wayside Chapel congregation ranging in ages from four year old children to 70 year olds enjoyed time at the Commons. They weeded, raked, and helped beautify this area that is enjoyed by so many of our citizens.

Those participating were anesthesiologist, stay-at-home Moms, school age children, medical and nursing students, nurses, church pastors, sales people, small business owners and many other backgrounds.

Members of the Fire and Police Departments, and neighbors stopped by to see what the group was doing. They had a grand time in the Commons.

Thank you Wayside Chapel!

Plants and trees used to decorate the Fiesta Parade float were donated to the Commons.



Castle Hills residents Richard & Marianne Huizar were recognized at the June 8th Council Meeting for Uniting our Castle Hills Community at Fiesta Castle Hills.



Castle Hills business owner, Rene Mulholland (center), of Rene's of Castle Hills is congratulated by members of City Council at the June 8th meeting for her efforts in partnering and promoting the Castle Hills business community.

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTS



Anniversaries

10Years

Todd Lux
Fire Fighter

Travis Lowe
Dispatcher

1 Year

Terri Leone
Admin

Genevieve Mendoza
Police Officer

New Employees

Robert Garza—Police Officer
James Cheatham—Police Officer
Grace Flores—Admin & Permits

Thank you to all the employees of the Street & Sanitation Department for your hard work in cleaning up the City so quickly after the storm June 2nd. Approximately 50 tons of brush was removed from 345 homes. Full crews from both departments came to work on Saturday to continue their efforts to *Keep Castle Hills a Beautiful Place to Live.*

**Captain Davis attends
the National Academy**



Captain Wayne Davis is recognized at the April 13th City Council Meeting. Capt. Davis attended the 240th Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia and graduated March 19, 2010.

42-1/2 Year Veteran, Jesse Martinez Retires



Employees of the Street and Sanitation Department attend the May 11th Council Meeting when Jesse Martinez was recognized upon his retirement with 42-1/2 years of service. Pictured left to right: Juan DeLuna, Gabriel Gonzalez, Alfonso Castaneda, Rick Harada, Rose Cortes, Jesse Martinez, Robert Sanchez, Billy Harper, Richard Araiza.

THANK YOU to the Fire Department for helping remove trees that fell into the roadway the night of June 2nd.



HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

JULY 2010	JULY 5 MONDAY	JULY 6 TUESDAY	JULY 7 WEDNESDAY	JULY 8 THURSDAY	JULY 9 FRIDAY
NORTH OF LOOP 410	JULY 4TH HOLIDAY OBSERVED		Garbage Collection		Garbage Collection
SOUTH OF LOOP 410	JULY 4TH HOLIDAY OBSERVED	Garbage Collection		Garbage Collection	
RECYCLE	JULY 4TH HOLIDAY OBSERVED		South of Loop	North of Loop	
BRUSH	NO BRUSH COLLECTION THIS WEEK				

SEPTEMBER 2010	SEPTEMBER 6 MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 7 TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 8 WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 9 THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 10 FRIDAY
NORTH OF LOOP 410	LABOR DAY		Garbage Collection		Garbage Collection
SOUTH OF LOOP 410	LABOR DAY	Garbage Collection		Garbage Collection	
RECYCLE	LABOR DAY		South of Loop	North of Loop	
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Memorial Day 2010—Sunflower Lane



Resident on Sunflower Lane, Betty Arnett, provided American Flags for every home on Sunflower for Memorial Day.

Photo by Marcy Harper



Monarch Trophy Studio Named Retailer of the Year!

Monarch Trophy Studio, located at 2121 NW Military Hwy., received the Retailer of the Year Award for 2010 from the Awards and Recognition Association (ARA).

Monarch Trophy Studio is one of the largest awards retailers in the country and has been in business since 1972. Monarch Trophy Studio is owned by Charlie and Kathy Drago and employs 50 people. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

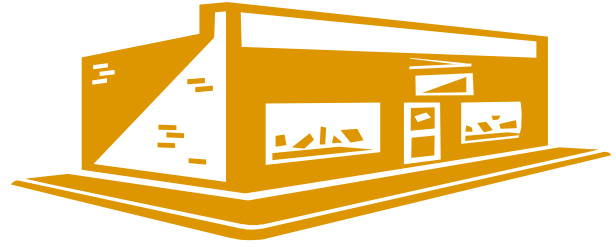
Castle Hills Recycles!

January—May Castle Hills recycled:

28.72 tons of Paper	(you saved 488 trees)
4.96 tons of Plastic	0.39 tons of Aluminum
9.12 tons of Glass	1.83 tons of Tin

SHOP CASTLE HILLS

New Businesses



AMERICAN TEMPS, LLC—5507 BLANCO ROAD (Employment Agency)

AMISH OAK IN TEXAS—2141 NW LOOP 410 (Furniture Retail Store)

CORD OF LIFE, LLC—6995 BLANCO ROAD (Retail Furniture & Home Décor)

GLAZER'S WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTORS—6903 BLANCO RD. (Sales Office)

ICON REALTY—141 DANUBE, #103 (Real Estate)

JADE SPA INC.—2241 NW MILITARY HWY, #102 (Massages)

LAW FIRM OF JUAN ZAMORA—1100 NW LOOP 410, #802 (Law Office)

LAW OFFICE OF KRAMER & MACIAS—1100 NW Loop 410, #370 (Law Office)

LUCKY BURGER—2114 NW MILITARY HWY (Restaurant—new owner)

MILLER & TSAKOPULOS—1100 NW LOOP 410, #301 (Insurance and Investment Office)

PICNIKINS CAFÉ—6901 Blanco Rd. (Deli Shop)

SAN ANTONIO FAMILY ALTERNATIVE—1931 NW MILITARY HWY., #204 (Physician Office)

WEST AVENUE CAFÉ—8055 WEST AVENUE, #125 (Restaurant)

New Businesses "Coming Soon" To Castle Hills

ALLSTATE INSURANCE & FINANCIAL—2211 NW MILITARY HWY., #122B (Insurance & Financial Services)

ARBOR GROVE APARTMENTS—1403 JACKSON KELLER (Apartment Building) (under new ownership)

CORE RESEARCH—1931 NW MILITARY HWY., #250 (Consumer Research)

HENNEKE INVESTMENTS, LLC—141 DANUBE (Mortgage—Private Lending)

i-PLEXUS SOLUTIONS, INC—1931 NW MILITARY HWY., #225 (Medical Claims Clearinghouse; Service Center)

LEVISITE ENTERPRISES—1931 NW MILITARY HWY., #236 (Software Development, Programming, Solution Design)

LIGAR TECHNOLOGIES—2211 NW MILITARY HWY. (Model Railroading Hobby Shop)

MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL & SOUTH TEXAS—1931 NW MILITARY HWY., #210 (Charity)

TEMPLE CHAI—1931 NW MILITARY HWY, #231 (Administrative Office of Temple Chai)

TREJO PRODUCE—1001 JACKSON KELLER #2 (Fresh Fruit)

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EMT, FIRE & POLICE**

**CALL 911
24 Hours A Day**

**MONTHLY
MEETINGS**

All meetings are held at City Hall unless otherwise posted

City Council
2nd Tuesday – 6:30 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.