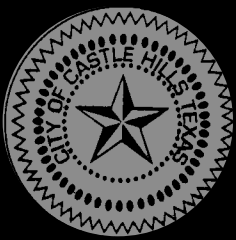


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Message From the Mayor



*Tim Howell
Mayor*

We welcome in a new year and a new city manager. Curt Van De Walle has assumed the reigns at City Hall. We look forward to a long productive relationship and I am excited to partner with him in keeping up the positive momentum of the city. I offer my deepest thanks to Mike Shands for serving as interim city manager for the last few months. Mr. Shands seamlessly guided the city during this time of transition.

This fall the council appointed members to a Master Plan Committee. The city has not had a viable master plan in many years. Resident Juan Solis is chairing the committee and Councilman Douglas Gregory is serving as vice chair. The committee is tasked with looking toward the future to create a document to aid the city in maintaining the neighborhoods, and make recommendations to support and provide economic opportunities for existing and future businesses. The Master Plan Committee is comprised of residents from varying backgrounds, neighborhoods and demographics. The Council and I know that the Master Plan is one of several vital ingredients required to keep Castle Hills a premiere city.

The existing Street Committee chaired by Councilman John Squire, and Drainage Committee chaired by Councilman Gregory, have merged to improve communication and planning. With the recommendations of the Street Committee, Public Works succeeded in generating a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) for all the streets in Castle Hills, which in turn was used to create the schedule for restoration, repair and replacement. The Drainage Committee successfully established the first comprehensive drainage plan for the city. With these milestones being reached, it is time to combine the committees' efforts to better control costs and continue the infrastructure repairs into the future.

January 1, 2017 is the start of the 2017 budget year. As stewards of your tax dollars, we strive to stretch the city income to fund infrastructure and the other necessities of the city. The budget continues to have special funds earmarked for specific expenses. Stormwater development fees and monthly commercial stormwater fees are required by code to fund only stormwater projects. The income from the digital billboards is also required to split 80/20 between drainage and streets. For the past few years, Castle Hills has experienced new construction for commercial properties. This builds the property tax base and in some instances improves sales tax revenues. But even with austere spending, earmarking income to fund infrastructure, and increases in tax revenues, the city cannot instantly fund all the needed infrastructure projects. If citizens of Castle Hills want infrastructure improvements to proceed at a faster pace, it may require the issuance of bonds. If it is the will of the citizens to hold a bond election, there will be transparency, public education, and most importantly, citizen input. In the meantime, we will continue aggressively managing the available income, improve efficiencies and search for grant monies.

If you would like to join in the governing of the Castle Hills, council candidate packets are available for pick-up in the City Secretary's office. Candidates must file by 5:00 p.m. on February 17, 2017. The responsibilities of a mayor/council member are sometimes difficult, but the work is important. It is the action of concerned individuals who work together that make a community.

Castle Hills is rich in beauty, filled with amazing residents, and home to thriving businesses. These are our strengths which drive our potential. Ronald Reagan described the future with this statement: "There are no great limits to growth because there are no limits of human intelligence, imagination and wonder." I believe this to be true. All we need is to take the first steps and keep striving to be the best.

Timothy A Howell

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Place 3, Mayor Pro Tem

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Place 4

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Place 5, Treasurer

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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

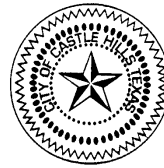
Board of Adjustment
3rd Wednesday, 7:00pm
Upon Request

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

Crime Control & Prevention District
3rd Monday, 5:30pm
As Needed



Council Comments



JR Treviño,
Place 1

Friends,

I hope that everyone enjoyed their holidays with family and friends. While the "season of giving" has officially passed, please consider "giving" time to your City. Castle Hills has several boards, commissions, and organizations that are always in need of participation. Each position has different duties, characteristics, and obligations. I understand that time is a precious commodity but the positions come with varying levels of commitment; some as little as once a quarter. Participation in your City is a great way to have your voice heard and be the difference that you want to see.

With the new year we welcome our new City Manager, Mr. Curt Van De Walle. If you have a chance, please stop by City Hall and meet Mr. Van De Walle. He is very excited about joining the Castle Hills family. Lastly, I would like to thank Mr. Mike Shands for his service as our Interim City Manager.

As always, if I can be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in service,

JR Treviño
City Council, Place 1
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Matthew Daggett,
Place 2

The Alamo Area Council of Governments recently announce a new program **CARV – Alamo Call-A-Ride 4 Vets**. Any veteran, immediate family (spouse, under 18, or disabled adult living with the veteran) caregiver, or surviving spouse who is in need of transportation (even just once) within the 13-county Alamo region is eligible to use this service. If you or someone you know is needing this service, simply call (210) 362-5254 or 1-(800) 960-5201 or email vetrides@askasc.org to confirm eligibility and schedule a ride. The rides are free of charge. You must call 7-10 days prior to schedule the ride. I want to extend my thanks and gratitude to the veterans in our area and I hope that CARV provides a service that will help enhance your quality of life.

2017 brings fresh opportunities for Castle Hills. I wish a very Happy New Year to all! If I can be of any assistance I can be reached at 210-849-6209 cell or mdaggett@cityofcastlehills.com.

Matt Daggett
City Council, Place 2



John Squire,
PLACE 3

Warm wishes and Happy New Year (even if a little belated) to all. I welcome Mr. Curt Van De Walle as the new City Manager. Please reach out to meet and welcome him to our city. In the last couple of years, we have made tremendous progress in the maintenance and repair of our streets. Recently the Street and Drainage Committees were combined to help further define and prioritize deficiencies. Going forward, both streets and drainage can more efficiently evaluate the types of work to be performed and concentrate on the greatest needs across our city.

With that said, I wanted to share several thoughts taken from the San Antonio River Authority on stormwater runoff.

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What is it?

Stormwater runoff is rainfall that has fallen onto hardened surfaces, such as streets, roofs, and driveways, picking up the various pollutants that are on those surfaces, and carrying the pollutants into the storm drain and stream systems. Those pollutants include, but are not limited to, oil, fertilizers, bacteria, heavy metals, gasoline, and sediment. In our area, stormwater does not drain into a sanitary sewer system. It flows directly into our creeks and rivers.

What can be done to minimize?

A great stormwater control measure in highly urbanized areas, is low impact development or LID. LID is a sustainable land planning and engineering design approach to manage stormwater runoff as close as possible to the source. LID design features emphasize the use of on-site natural drainage features, maintain or enhance the site's hydrologic characteristics after development, reduce overall imperviousness, and polish stormwater for quality.

What can a Castle Hills Resident do?

Position downspouts on gutters towards vegetated/grassy areas in your yard; pick up pet waste; when mowing your yard, leave grass clippings in your grass or compost them, bag and dispose of or compost raked leaves. When working on vehicles at home, properly dispose of automotive fluids. Build a rain garden to help capture and filter storm water from your property. Use permeable pavement on driveways or landscape projects. Also, harvest rainwater in a rain barrel and use that water to irrigate your yard.

These are just a few thoughts among others that we can do to help our city minimize the ongoing problems associated with stormwater runoff.

I am available to discuss our city's issues and encourage you to keep in touch. Please contact me at:

jsquire@cityofcastlehills.com or
210-390-4611

Respectfully,
John Squire
Mayor Pro Tem
City Council, Place 3



Frank Paul,
PLACE 4

The New Year often starts with resolutions to get fit, lose weight, enjoy life, spend less and save more. These are all ways to improve quality of life. The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) is also offering you an opportunity to express your concerns and opinions on improving traffic conditions and traffic safety. On December 8, 2016 TXDOT hosted an open house at city hall in Castle Hills to gather input from the public regarding the identification of priorities and concerns for the I-410/US 218/San Pedro Interchange Study. The open house was very well organized and citizens pinpointed concerns on maps, provided verbal comments to the numerous TXDOT staff or offered written comments. The citizen turn-out was excellent. If you missed the open house, TXDOT is planning an additional open house this spring. Check the TXDOT website for details of the next open house: <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings.html>

You can also submit to TXDOT your comments by email: <http://www.txdot.gov/contact-us/form.html?id=sat-email>

Your participation is important. Make a resolution to improve your quality of life by sharing your ideas and priorities. I look forward to the opportunities of the New Year. And as always, GET INVOLVED, STAY INFORMED. It is your city!

Frank Paul
Council Member, Place 4
fpaul@cityofcastlehills.com



Douglas Gregory,
PLACE 5

Castle Hills, despite any problems or disagreements we may have, is a wonderful place to live and I believe our future is filled with possibilities. It has been my custom when composing this column to discuss matters or events of topical and necessary interest to you, citizens of Castle Hills. However, this time I simply want to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

May 2017 bring to you only the very best. Cheers!

Respectfully,
Councilman Gregory



Note From the New City Manager

Happy New Year! I can't tell you how excited I am to be joining the team as the new City Manager for the City of Castle Hills. I am honored to have been selected by the Mayor and City Council to serve in this new capacity and eagerly anticipate making progress toward the vision they (and ultimately the citizens of Castle Hills) have for this fine City. I know there are many challenges awaiting us in the New Year and look forward to joining the team, rolling up my sleeves and helping to bring those issues to resolution.

Please allow me to tell you a little about myself by way of introduction. I was born in a small suburb of Castle Hills (San Antonio) into a farming family, and I was raised in Hondo, Texas, where I met my wife of 30 years at the age of 7. I graduated from Texas A&M University, where I was a proud member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets, in 1987 with a degree in civil engineering. I am an Air Force veteran who served nearly 27 years on active duty, primarily in the arena of capital improvements and infrastructure operations, maintenance and repair. I served as the equivalent to a City Engineer at two different airbases, the Assistant City Manager equivalent at one airbase, and the City Manager equivalent at another. I have had the privilege of leading thousands of our finest Americans, military and civilian alike, in the US Air Force. In 2014 I retired as a Colonel, and for the past year and a half I have worked as a Capital Programs Manager for the City of San Antonio, with my largest project being the new parking garage at the San Antonio International Airport. My wife, Kim and I have 3 adult daughters and one great son-in-law.

My pledge to the Mayor and City Councilmen, as well as the citizens of Castle Hills, is to give you 100% every day, to do my best to execute the vision of City elected leadership (and by extension, the citizenry), and to work to improve the City of Castle Hills to ensure it remains a vital and vibrant City with an outstanding reputation as a fantastic place to live and work. If you see me at a Council meeting, an event, or just out and about town, please introduce yourself and share whatever might be on your mind. I am looking forward to meeting you as well as to the challenge of leading the men and women that take care of this fine City. In the meantime, here's wishing you and your loved ones a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Respectfully, – Curt Van De Walle

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Elder Financial Exploitation - Eight Scams Targeting Seniors

As we usher in the New Year it is our wish here at the Castle Hills PD that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a safe New Year! Financial scams involving the elderly has become a serious problem in recent years and continues to rise. So much so that it is often referred to as the "crime of the 21st century." Criminals have come to recognize the opportunities found with this population and are rapidly exploiting them. Why are the elderly targeted?

- Con artists believe that seniors have substantial funds available to them such as pensions and retirement accounts;
- Victims often do not report as they are embarrassed that they fell victim to a scam. For this reason, financial abuse is considered by the perpetrators to be a low risk crime. As a result of a scam the victim is unable to afford food and medicine and too ashamed to share their financial hardships with family or friends;
- Medical conditions and some medicines impair cognitive skills making it difficult for victims to protect themselves from scams;
- According to the National Adult Protective Services Association 90% of abusers are family members or trusted others. This particular fact alone allows for ease of commission, often resulting in multiple violations.

Below is a list of the more prominent scams facing seniors:

1. Health care scam/ Medicare scams
2. Lottery & sweepstakes scams
3. Grandchild scam
4. Prescription and anti-aging drug scams
5. Obituary/funeral/plot scam
6. Charity scam
7. Home repair scams
8. Tech support scams
9. Annuity sales and investment/securities schemes
10. Posing as a utility worker

This list is not all inclusive, but encompasses the majority of current scams often reported to law enforcement. As always, when in doubt contact your police department, we are always readily available to serve. For more information on elderly financial exploitation, see the following link: <http://www.napsa-now.org/policy-advocacy/exploitation/>

Additional link to the Bexar County DA site for elderly fraud: http://www.bexar.org/da/elder_fraud.html



Wayne Davis
Chief, Castle Hills PD

Castle Hills 2017 General Election

Mayor and City Council candidate packets for the May 6th General Election are available for pickup at the City Secretary's office during regular business hours. **Completed applications must be returned to the City Secretary by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 17, 2017.** For additional information, please call Kym Buntyn, City Secretary at (210) 293-9681 or email - kbuntyn@cityofcastlehills.com.

Mosquito Borne Disease Control

Despite the recent cold temperatures mosquitoes will survive. Taking time on your property to remove potential breeding sites is critical year round. Swimming pools must continue to be treated with chemicals as not to become breeding sites. The same for other standing water found in the bottoms of flower pots, in wheel barrows, and other containers. Check your property and help stop the spread of diseases like Zika, West Nile, Chikungunya, dengue, and various types of encephalitis. For additional information visit the EPA website at: <https://www.epa.gov/mosquitocontrol>.

Oak Trimming Prohibited February to July

Oak trees of any type growing within the corporate limits of the City may not be trimmed during the months of February, March, April, May, and June due to the increased activity of the nitidulid beetles and the potential for the spread of oak wilt. Any branches posing an immediate threat of danger to persons or property may be trimmed during the prohibited months with the issuance of a special permit and the approval of the city manager. This change in the code became effective April 25, 2016.



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COUNCIL MEETING

HIGHLIGHTS



October 26, 2016 – Special City Council Meeting

- Council met in executive session, after reconvening no action was taken.

November 9, 2016 – Regular City Council Meeting

- Mayor presented Municipal Court Clerks Tina Zelenak and Vicki Beaver with a Municipal Court Week Proclamation.
- Mayor announced the Street and Drainage Committees will be merged into a single committee.
- City of Castle Hills entered into an Interlocal Agreement with VIA Metropolitan Transit for funding of transit infrastructure and improvements.
- Council approved a transfer of \$2,404.51 from CIED Fund to the Perry Burnham Memorial Fund for final costs for the clock.
- Recommendation from the City Council to the Zoning Commission was submitted to change Section 50-564(a) Notice of Public Hearings of the City Zoning Ordinance.
- City Council acknowledged receipt of the 2016 Third Quarter Investment Report.

November 22, 2016– Special City Council Meeting

- Council convened into executive session; after reconvening Council instructed the City Attorney to put the First Castle Hills Baptist

Church (FCHBC) and any known prospective purchaser of church property on notice that the City takes no position at this time on the sale or disposition of any or all of the church's property, but that the church or any other interested party should seek a clarifying order from the court if the property is sold to a third party.

- Council convened into executive session; after reconvening no action was taken.

November 29, 2016 – Special City Council Meeting

- Council convened into executive session; after reconvening Council offered employment to Curt Van De Walle as City Manager for the City of Castle Hills at a salary of \$100,000.00 per year with a performance and salary review by City Council within four months of employment start date.

December 13, 2016 – Regular City Council Meeting

- Council denied approval of the 212 Hibiscus - Lewis Subdivision final plat.
- Council approved the final amending plat at 113/115 Shalimar.
- Carmen Gamez's resignation as a member of the Board of Adjustment was accepted by Council. Council will consider appointing a replacement to the Castle Hills Board of Adjustment at the January Council meeting.

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Carbon Monoxide Safety Tips

Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.

- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Have a pre-arranged meeting spot outside your home to ensure everyone inside the home is accounted for and safe. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel arrive.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

These and other safety tips can be found at the National Fire Protection Association website: www.nfpa.org/public-education



Chief Riedel
Castle Hills Fire Department

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Read and Heed Information on Food Labels

Take a few minutes to read and heed the information that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires on food products. This information may not only prevent foodborne illness in your family but can also help to improve your family's eating habits.

Safe handling instructions are required to be placed on food packages that contain raw or partially cooked meat and poultry. Food safety information required by the FDA includes proper storage practices and safe cooking instructions. Pay particular attention to cooking instructions when using a microwave oven and always use a food thermometer to check internal food temperatures. Reading and heeding safe cooking instructions can keep you from making unplanned trips the emergency room.

Food manufacturers were first required to provide nutrition information on food labels when Congress passed the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act of 1990. This Act also provided requirements for health claims allowed on food packages. No longer were companies allowed to make false and misleading health claims to help promote and sell their products.

When the Act was first passed, the "serving size" that nutrition information was based on came from consumer surveys on the amount of food customarily consumed at one sitting. These studies were conducted in the early and mid-1980s. Since the 1980's the amount of a food or beverage consumed at one sitting has increased. In 1980 the serving size of a soda was established as 6.5 ounces. Today, the average amount of soda consumed at one sitting has increased to 20 ounces, but the serving size used to provide calories consumed is still 6.5 ounces. Food manufacturers are now be required to provide nutrition information based on larger serving sizes, reflecting amounts that consumers are actually consumed at one sitting. When you buy that 20 ounce coke, instead of seeing calories per serving based a 6.5 ounce serving (about 82 calories), you will now see the calories contained in 20 ounces of soda (about 252 calories). The FDA is also requiring a larger font size to make it easier for consumer to see just how many calories are being consumed (See New Label Sample).

Nutrition studies have shown that most Americans are not getting enough vitamin D and potassium in their diets. Based on these findings the FDA will require that the amount of vitamin D and potassium provided per serving be shown on the new labels. Reading and heeding nutrition information can help you to ensure that your family is being provided a healthy meal and following the safe food handling instructions

Homer C. Emery, PhD, RS
City Health Inspector
Adjunct Instructor Food Science and Nutrition
Culinary Institute of America

NEW LABEL / WHAT'S DIFFERENT

Servings: larger, bolder type

New: added sugars

Change in nutrients required

Nutrition Facts	
8 servings per container	
Serving size	2/3 cup (55g)
Amount per serving	
Calories	230
% Daily Value*	
Total Fat 8g	10%
Saturated Fat 1g	5%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 0mg	0%
Sodium 160mg	7%
Total Carbohydrate 37g	13%
Dietary Fiber 4g	14%
Total Sugars 12g	
Includes 10g Added Sugars	20%
Protein 3g	
Vitamin D 2mcg	10%
Calcium 260mg	20%
Iron 8mg	45%
Potassium 235mg	6%

Serving sizes updated

Calories: larger type

Updated daily values

Actual amounts declared

New footnote

* The % Daily Value (DV) tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.

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Shweiki



Wishing you a Happy New Year as we begin 2017, the year of the Rooster. Just a reminder that overnight parking on city streets is not allowed between 2 am to 5 am. If you need to park on the street overnight, you must obtain a permit from the Castle Hills Police Department. If parallel parking at the curb your vehicle should be headed in the direction that traffic flows and within 12-18 inches of the curb. Do not park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant; within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection; within 30 feet of a stop sign, yield sign, or traffic control signal; and where prohibited by a posted "No Parking" sign.

Another friendly reminder that pets need to be registered. Stop by the permit window at city hall with a copy of the pet's current rabies vaccination certificate and you can register your pets in a few short minutes.

It is natural for dogs to bark, and the wildlife in the area certainly are a good reason for your dog to sound a warning. How can you get your dog to settle down and stop continuous barking? The American Kennel Club (AKC) has numerous tips on "How to Stop a Dog From Barking". Yelling at the dog to be quiet typically does not work as the dog believes you too are sounding a warning. Providing a treat, teaching your dog commands to re-direct their behavior and exercising your dog are all proven ways to reduce barking. Visit the AKC website for more information: <http://www.akc.org/content/dog-training/articles/how-to-stop-a-dog-from-barking/>

If you are walking your dog, please be sure to clean up after them. Dogs must be on a leash when away from your property. Dogs off the leash in your front yard must be under your control and remain on your property. These simple tips can enhance your time with "Man's Best Friend" and lower the number of dog nuisance calls made to the dispatchers at City Hall.

I hope this New Year has many fine times for you and your family.

Respectfully,

Jose Govea
Code Enforcement





CASTLE HILLS PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES SCHEDULE

REGULAR NON-HOLIDAY WEEK:

Pick-up Garbage, Leaf Bags, Brush Piles, Recycling

NORTH OF LOOP 410	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
SOUTH OF LOOP 410	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI

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**HOUSEHOLD
GARBAGE**
Limit 3 Cans



RECYCLE
No Limit



BRUSH PILES
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LEAF BAGS
Limit 10
Bags



MONDAY HOLIDAY: Garbage & Recycle only. No Brush or Leaves.

NORTH OF LOOP 410	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
SOUTH OF LOOP 410	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI

THURSDAY HOLIDAY: Garbage & Recycle only. No Brush or Leaves.

NORTH OF LOOP 410	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
SOUTH OF LOOP 410	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI

FRIDAY HOLIDAY: Garbage & Recycle only. No Brush or Leaves.

NORTH OF LOOP 410	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
SOUTH OF LOOP 410	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI

2017 City Holidays

JAN 2	New Year's Day	MON
JAN 16	ML King, JR. Day	MON
FEB 20	President's Day	MON
APR 28	Battle of Flowers Day	FRI
MAY 29	Memorial Day	MON
JULY 4	Independence Day	TUE
SEPT 4	Labor Day	MON
NOV 10	Veterans Day	FRI
NOV 23	Thanksgiving Day	THUR
NOV 24	Thanksgiving Day After	FRI
DEC 25	Christmas Day	MON

Important Note:

There is **NO BRUSH OR LEAF PICKUP** on a **Holiday week**. Do not put out brush or leaves as they will not be picked up. Regular brush and leaf pickup will resume the following non-holiday week.

Thank You!

2017

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TRAFFIC SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the words.

1. LLCE OPEHN

2. TCNTNOIRUSOC.

3. VDIRER

4. RENGE ILHGT

5. DGEHTALIHS

6. YHAGWIH

7. RCOEYOMCTL

8. RDEBIG

9. ONE YAW

10. NO PGKIRAN

11. COSHLO NEZO

12. ATBTLEES

13. RISTE

14. POST

15. IYDLE

16. RTNU LANGIS

17. EAEGNRSSP

18. NEISRAUNC

19. SITGOATTRINE

20. PSIEDENG

21. CIARFFT

22. TNNOISECIRTE

23. TRSTEE

24. UCKRT

1. Cell Phone, 2. Construction, 3. Driver, 4. Green Light, 5. Headlights, 6. Highway, 7. Motorcycle, 8. Bridge, 9. One Way, 10. No Parking, 11. School Zone, 12. Seatbelt, 13. Tires, 14. Stop, 15. Yield, 16. Turn Signal, 17. Passenger, 18. Insurance, 19. Registration, 20. Speeding, 21. Traffic, 22. Intersection, 23. Street, 24. Truck.



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Tuesday, January 24
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Thursday, January 19
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11:30am-12:30pm

Castle Hills
Thursday, January 26
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Portable Fireplace Safety



There is nothing like sitting by an open fire on a cold night. Indoor and outdoor portable ethanol burning fireplaces have become more popular in recent years. While these products provide ambiance and a little warmth, keep in mind the fuel, device and open flame can be dangerous.

Fireplace Safety

- » A portable ethanol burning fireplace, and the fuel, should only be used by adults.
- » Clean up any fuel spillage and be sure all liquid has evaporated before lighting the fireplace.
- » Light the fireplace using a utility lighter or long match.
- » An adult should always be present when a portable fireplace is burning.
- » Place the fireplace on a sturdy surface away from table edges.
- » It's a good idea to crack a window open for a fresh supply of air.
- » Never try to move a lit fireplace or one that is still hot.
- » Don't pour ethanol fuel in a device that is lit or not completely cool. It may result in a fire or injury.
- » Allow the device to cool down for at least 15 minutes before refueling.
- » Extinguish the flame when you leave the room, home or go to sleep.

General Fire Safety

- Keep anything that can burn, children and pets at least 3 feet from the fireplace.
- Store lighters and matches out of the reach of children, in a locked cabinet.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

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Ethanol Fuel Smarts

Store ethanol fuel in a closed container, away from the fireplace and out of the reach of children.

It may not be easy to see the ethanol fuel flame. Always close the lid or use a snuffer to be sure the flame is extinguished before refueling into a cooled fireplace.

Use only fuel made specifically for the fireplace.



FACT

Ethanol is a plant-based product that does not release new carbon monoxide into the air.

Castle Hills Fire Department

210-342-3241



CITY SNAPSHOTS



At the November City Council meeting, Terracon Consultants presented a check for \$1,566 to the Castle Hills Police Department in support of "Blue Lives Matter".



Castle Hills Woman's Club President Susan Kilgore, members Patsy Martin and JoAnne Hayashi, present the Council with new American and Texas flags to be flown at City Hall.



Jose and Jazzmine Govea share their Christmas lists with Blue Santa and Santa Claus.



Representative Laurie Levin with the Fiesta Bridge Club delivered wonderful toys that were collected by the club members for the Blue Santa Toy Drive.



Mayor Howell and Councilman Trevino join Captain America, Sparky, Blue Santa, Santa Claus and the Grinch at the Lighting of the Lights held on December 6th in the Commons.



Councilman Paul, City Manager Van De Walle, Chief Riedel, Chief Davis, Mayor Howell, Councilman Trevino and Juan DeLuna at the Annual Employee Christmas luncheon.



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