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Message From the Mayor



*Tim Howell
Mayor*

As I am writing this article, the election is fast approaching. By the time you read these comments, we the candidates have walked the neighborhoods and listened to your concerns and ideas. I think all the candidates would agree that we appreciate the time each of you provided to us as we shared our views on the future of Castle Hills. Most importantly, thank you for leaving the comfort of your home and your daily routine to take the time to vote.

I have used this space in the *Castle Hills Reporter* on numerous occasions to tout the greatness of the United States and the process of democracy. The United States is a testament to governing based on the will of the people coupled with our Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Democracy can be a bit messy, but it has proven itself over time to work. Castle Hills like all communities is a small but vital part of our democracy.

I know that no matter who sits at the dais after the election, the City of Castle Hills will move into the future as a united community. The councilmembers, commissioners, board members, and committee members are all working together to do the will of the people. Whether I serve as mayor or participate as a concerned citizen, my commitment to Castle Hills remains strong and devoted.

Castle Hills has the unique ability to unite, to remain friends, and to keep sight of the mission of the city to provide quality services for the good of all. Thomas Jefferson in his visionary style said, "The will of the people is the only legitimate foundation of any government, and to protect its free expression should be our first object." Castle Hills espouses these qualities and beliefs which makes me proud to call Castle Hills my hometown.

Timothy A. Howell

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Place 4

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Monthly Meetings
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City Council
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1st Wednesday, 7:00pm
Upon Request

Board of Adjustment
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Upon Request

Zoning Commission
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COMMUNITY COUNTS

By Curt Van De Walle, City Manager

Aka “Making Castle Hills Great Again!”

I’ll have to apologize to our current President of the United States for parodying his slogan, but in fairness I’m not the only one doing it. I’ve seen various forms of this slogan on T-Shirts, bumper stickers, ball caps, etc. I also realize that I’m treading on thin ice as a newcomer to Castle Hills, but I’m playing on a theme I’ve heard echoed time and again since I arrived. I first heard it in a community meeting a few months ago when one resident said (and I’m paraphrasing based on a faulty memory), “We need to make Castle Hills great again! We need to get something back that we used to have, but lost a long time ago ... Pride.” He went on to say that he would be willing to help others if they need it, particularly if they were elderly ... and this gentleman was no spring chicken himself!

I hear this same theme echoed every time I get a Facebook alert to the Mayor’s Facebook page, “Believe in Castle Hills.” Whether you look at it from the negative perspective of a resident who is fed up with one of his neighbors; or from the positive perspective of the Mayor and others who want everyone around them to grasp onto a dream of “Making Castle Hills Great Again,” it can’t be ignored—they are all onto something.

This all relates to the theme of “Community.” According to Merriam-Webster, a community is “a unified body of individuals, people with common interests living in a particular area, an interacting population of various kinds of individuals in a common location,” So, how can we Make Castle Hills Great Again? How can we establish that sense of Community? I’d like to offer some practical advice on how we might move a little closer to this utopian concept.

1. Treat others with dignity and respect, even if they are different from you. Ironically, we are flooded today with social media, yet the society we live in today is decidedly anti-social. How can we fix that? Greet your neighbor, even if it is just with a friendly wave. Have a conversation with them. Sit in the front yard and visit, even if just for a couple of minutes. Let’s start by being a little kinder to each other and trying to understand one another’s perspective, and possibly help bear their burden (we all have them).

2. Support your local businesses. “What has this got to do with anything?” you might ask. I was at a gathering the other night where several local business owners said they wished that people from Castle Hills would support their businesses. I’ve also noticed a number of vacant businesses around town. Sometimes these businesses open and close up shop so fast it would make your head spin. Sales taxes help sustain a community and translate into resources for improvements to infrastructure and city services. Let’s repay them, and help ourselves, by shopping, dining, and consulting locally.

3. Get involved! Don’t be a couch potato. We can’t just complain and expect things to get better unless we get involved. For instance, if you have a neighbor who has a hard time keeping their yard in decent shape, offer to give them a hand, particularly if they are elderly or have health issues. A little kindness goes a long way. If they are able-bodied, your offer of help may stir up their sense of pride and shame them into cleaning up their act.

I realize that sometimes I have a Pollyanna view of the world, but try one or more of these “suggestions” and see if they don’t make a difference, even if it’s just in changing your outlook alone.

I hope I haven’t offended anyone with my comments. I am only echoing what I’ve heard from many of you, our wonderful residents. I am thankful to be a part of this community and to serve as your City Manager. So let’s work together to make the Castle Hills Community one in which we can all be proud, and together let’s Make Castle Hills Great Again!

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Council Comments



JR Trevino,
Place 1

Friends,

I hope that everyone is recovering from a fun and safe Fiesta season. Fiesta is not the only season that has passed, we have also passed our election season.

While there has been a change in some of your representatives, rest assured that we are all working to do what is best for Castle Hills. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Matthew Daggett and Mr. John Squire for their service. As I have learned, and many of you all know, this position has the ability to consume you. Council meetings, committee meetings, event meetings, and special meetings; are just a few of the core meetings we regularly attend. I respect these two gentlemen for sharing their time to help make the difference they wanted to see.

On the topic of public service; the Mayor regularly requests committee member nominations from Council. This is a GREAT way to get involved and to make the difference you want to see. Each committee has different purview of responsibilities and obligations. Feel free to call me and discuss how you can get involved. Trust me, it is incredibly rewarding! May marks my one year of service to the City of Castle Hills. I eagerly await my next twelve months of service!

Lastly, I would like to thank our amazing First Responders. I brag on them often but I had never been on the receiving end of their service, till last month. On Easter, I suffered a severe concussion at my home. Thankfully, Fire First Responders, Paramedics and Police arrived within minutes to stabilize me. All involved assisted in safely transporting me to the hospital for safe measure.

While I hope that none of residents ever require our first responders, they are all prepared to serve!

Yours in service,

JR Trevino
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Matthew Daggett,
Place 2

Dear Castle Hills Residents,

It has been a pleasure to serve you these last 3 years. We have accomplished so much thus far, and are poised to continue the progress in the future. It is with mixed emotions as I take a break from council. If I can be of service in the future, please ask.

Sincerely,
Matthew Daggett
(210) 849-6209



John Squire,
PLACE 3

After careful consideration, I made the decision not to stand for re-election to the Castle Hills City Council this May. This choice was an extremely difficult one, balanced between my dedication to service to our wonderful City and the need to concentrate on the demands of my current and future work along with the needs of my family.

Representing the citizens of Castle Hills has been one of the most rewarding professional experiences of my life, and it has been a privilege to serve OUR City for the past four years. I believe together we have achieved many great things that have helped make Castle Hills an even better place to live, and I am forever grateful to those I have had the honor to serve.

I would be remiss if I did not thank all my supporters and residents for standing by and supporting me. Additionally, special thanks go to my colleagues both past and present that serve on the City Council for their guidance, support, and most importantly, their friendship. I have confidence that our work together has had a positive impact on our City.

Serving as your Alderman is one of the more challenging jobs that I believe can be taken on, but I truly do feel blessed for having had this opportunity.

Warmly and always respectfully,
John Squire

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Frank Paul,
PLACE 4

Every two years, coinciding with the election of the Mayor, the terms of the members of the Zoning Commission, Board of Adjustment, and the Architectural Review Committee come to an end. This is an opportunity for any citizen who would like to serve the city to step forward and ask to serve as a member of one of these important boards, commissions, or committees. You do not need to be a lawyer, have a degree in public administration, or be a certified/licensed professional. A willingness to serve, having an open mind, be available to meet approximately once a month, and be willing to read, listen and ask questions are the qualities needed to be considered a candidate to serve. Please stop by City Hall or share your interest with the Mayor or a council member. This is your city, and city government only functions with citizens willing to step up and get involved.

I encourage you to check the city website at www.cityofcastlehills.com for upcoming events, meeting postings, and other helpful information.

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5 years	Ronald Singleton	Police Department
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1 year	Hector Hernandez	Fire Department
1 year	Matthew Lemmon	Police Department

NEW EMPLOYEES

Timothy Romo Public Works
 Christopher Paloma Dispatch
 Hiram Flores Fire Department

RETIRING EMPLOYEES

Fire Chief Jerry Riedel retired April 30, 2017 after 37 1/2 years with Castle Hills Fire Department. Thank you Chief Riedel for your dedicated service to the citizens of Castle Hills.

PROMOTIONS

Fire Captain Darrell Dover promoted to Fire Chief
 Fire Lieutenant Joe Hernandez promoted to Fire Captain
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Castle Hills Woman's Club

Dear Friends,

I heard a story on the radio recently that underscored why our Castle Hills Woman's Club is so important. The short version of this story was this: strong community institutions help young people embrace democracy. Clubs like ours keep people engaged!

What we do is the foundation for how the next generations will engage with their communities. How we approach our civic duties and participation in institutions like this club shows how to take responsibility and how to be a good citizen. Every club member who said hello to a new neighbor, volunteered at Jackson-Keller Elementary School, decorated the Community Room, packaged homemade cookies for our city employees, voted to purchase the flags for City Hall, led or volunteered at Fiesta Castle Hills, or simply paid her dues to support our club is demonstrating her engagement.

We held our officer elections recently and are so pleased to announce our new officers effective June 1, 2017. Congratulations to our newly officers!

President Bernie Barnes
1st Vice President Programs Norma McClelland
2nd Vice President Membership Leslie Weber
3rd Vice President Social Theresa Casey
4th Vice President Communications Stacia Spridgen
Secretary Shery French
Treasurer Judy Crawford

Thank you to every officer, every committee chair, every committee member, and every club member! In short, thank YOU! If you would like more information about us, please email castlehillswomansclub@gmail.com.

Susan

Susan Cone Kilgore
President, Castle Hills Woman's Club

P.S. If you'd like to hear the radio story on civics and community, you can find it here: <http://www.texasstandard.org/stories/lack-of-access-to-clubs-the-arts-and-churches-keeps-young-people-from-embracing-democracy/>

**Interested in joining the
Castle Hills Woman's Club?**

Please send an email to castlehillswomansclub@gmail.com.



For this issue of the Reporter, we would like to recognize Fire Chief Gerald "Jerry" Riedel on his retirement after serving 37 years for the city and residents of Castle Hills. Chief Riedel retired effective April 30th. Chief Riedel began his career in the fire service in 1977 working for the City of Kirby before coming to Castle Hills in 1979 as a firefighter. Chief Riedel obtained certifications as a Fire and Arson Investigator, Fire Inspector, Texas Peace Officer and Master Firefighter. Chief Riedel was promoted to Assistant Chief in 1999, and then to Fire Chief in June of 2000.

During his time with the city, Chief Riedel assisted in the design and building of the new fire station moving from NW Military to its current location on Lemonwood Drive. As well as advising and making recommendations to the city on the purchase, and placing into service our first ladder truck. He assisted in starting the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and along with a handful of other local fire chiefs founded the Alamo Area Fire Chief's Association.

Chief Riedel plans to spend his time after retirement traveling with his wife Linda, and spending time with his grandchildren. Congratulations Chief on a great career, thank you for your leadership, and devotion to the department. You are leaving some mighty big shoes to fill, and we wish you all the best!



Darrell Dover
Fire Chief

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Castle Hills is home to domestic dogs and cats, but also skunks, deer, raccoons, and opossums. If an animal fell into this pool they could become entangled in the plastic cover that has fallen into the pool. Worse yet if a child or even an adult fell into the pool they too could become trapped.

Lastly, a pool that is not being maintained begins to deteriorate. The pool pump fails maybe from fire ants getting into the electrical.

Cracks form in the coping and plaster. This can lead to repairs that are costly. Without repairs, the pool becomes a liability as a health and safety issue and depreciates the property value. When property values for one property declines, it impacts the value of the other homes in the neighborhood.

If you have a pool that is not being maintained, please consider getting the pump back on and the chemicals back in balance. Remember that a pool cannot be drained with the water being discharged off the property. The water cannot be syphoned or pumped into the street, an adjoining neighbor's property, into an alley, or a drainage channel/creek. A pump truck may be required to drain the pool. At a very minimum, mosquito "dunks" should be placed in the pool monthly to prevent the stagnant water from being a breeding ground for mosquitoes. The problem needs to be permanently addressed but the dunks can help minimize the health risks until a permanent solution can be achieved.

If the pool is no longer wanted, consider having the pool demolished. A demolition permit is needed prior to the removal of the pool. The Bexar County Appraisal District will be notified of the removal of the pool and the county will remove the assessment from the property reducing the property taxes.

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COUNCIL MEETING

HIGHLIGHTS



March 14, 2017 – Special City Council Meeting

- Council met in executive session with the city attorney regarding contemplated litigation for the dilapidated condition of the structures at 204 Tamworth. After reconvening, a motion was made by Councilmember Squire to authorize the city's legal counsel to file suit to compel the property owner to bring the property at 204 Tamworth into compliance by March 31, 2017, seconded by Councilmember Paul and passed unanimously.

March 14, 2017 – Regular City Council Meeting

- Officer Fawcett was recognized as the Castle Hills Police Officer of the Year.
- Police Captain Siemens was recognized for his acceptance to attend the three month FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.
- Firefighter Curt Covey was recognized as the Castle Hills Firefighter of the Year.
- Mayor Howell recognized resident Michael Skibitcky as "Chef of Castle Hills".
- The Consent Agenda passed unanimously approving the council meeting minutes from the February 6, 2017 Town Hall meeting and the February 14, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting. Fire Chief Riedel's retirement letter was accepted, and Fire Captain Darrell Dover was appointed Fire Chief effective May 1, 2017.
- The proposed drainage improvements for N. Manton Lane were presented by the city engineer. Motion was made by Councilmember Paul, seconded by Councilmember Trevino to move forward with the Manton project. Motion passed unanimously.
- The proposed amendment to Chapter 8 of the Code of Ordinances regarding the Architectural Review Committee and Chapter 48 Vegetation was discussed. Motion made by Councilmember Squire, seconded by Councilmember Paul to approve the amendments to Chapter 8 and Chapter 48 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- Appointed two alternates to serve on the Board of Adjustment. Motion made by Councilmember Paul to appoint Bruce Smiley-Kaliff as an alternate to the Board of Adjustment, seconded by Councilmember Squire. Motion passed 3 – 1. Motion made by Councilmember Squire to appoint Jackie Ackley as an alternate to the Board of Adjustment, seconded by Councilmember Trevino. Motion passed unanimously.

- Councilmember Squire discussed proposed Resolution R2017-03-14 to support legislation under consideration by the Texas Legislature to allow General Law cities to limit terms for elected officials. Motion made by Councilmember Squire to consider Resolution R2017-03-14 in support of legislation that would authorize a General Law city to limit council member terms, seconded by Councilmember Trevino. Motion failed 1 – 3.
- City Manager Curt Van De Walle discussed seeking Request for Proposals for seal coating on West Avenue from I-410 to Lockhill Selma. Motion was made by Councilmember Squire to prepare the RFQs, seconded by Councilmember Trevino. Motion passed 3 – 1.

March 29, 2017 – Special City Council Meeting

- Council met in executive session with the city attorney regarding illegal operation of unlicensed care facilities, illegal use of residentially zoned parking lot, responsibility for repair of damaged curbs and driveway approaches and collection of engineering fees. After reconvening, a motion was made by Councilmember Squire, seconded by Councilmember Daggett that the city manager be authorized to approve a change order to the current Ez-Bel street repair contract for the installation of curbs on Danube for a cost not to exceed \$90,000. The city manager shall determine the exact location and extends of the new curb installation. Motion passed unanimously.

April 11, 2017 – Regular City Council Meeting

- Council met in executive session with the city attorney to discuss the recommendation of the ARC regarding the Basis Charter School.
- Numerous citizens spoke during Citizens to Be Heard regarding the proposed Basis Charter School.
- Motion was made by Councilmember Gregory to return the recommendation from ARC regarding the development of the Basis Charter School back to ARC for further consideration and to have it back to council within (60) sixty days, seconded by Councilmember Paul. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion was made by Councilmember Paul to postpone consideration of the ARC recommendation regarding the removal of trees for the development of the 62,000 square foot Basis Charter School until the development recommendation comes back to Council for consideration, seconded by Councilmember Gregory. Motion passed unanimously.



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Rick Harada
Director of Public Works
(210) 293-9676

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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HEALTH

The Battle against Mosquitoes Begins at Home

The Zika virus has been in the news a lot during the last year. This virus has traveled across the Pacific to South America and has now arrived in portions of the U.S.; including Texas. Zika is only one of a number of diseases that can be transmitted by the bite of the Aedes genus of mosquitoes.

The two most common species of this pest that can be found in Texas are the Aedes aegypti (Yellow Fever mosquito) and the Aedes albopictus (Asian tiger mosquito). These mosquitoes not only can carry the Zika virus; but can also spread dengue fever, yellow fever, Chikungunya and other mosquito borne diseases.

As temperatures begin to rise this summer, you can expect to see Zika in the news again. Fortunately; federal, state and local public agencies have plans in place for fighting Zika. The good news is the same plans used to reduce the risk of Zika will also help you to reduce your risk of other mosquito borne diseases.

The battle against mosquitoes begins at home. Establish a backyard patrol to spot potential breeding areas such as bird baths, pet water bowls, flower pots and any container capable of holding water. Take the time and effort to empty and replace water in these containers on a frequent basis.

If you have a pool that is no longer being maintained for swimming you can use commercial mosquito control tablets (called dunks) or natural controls such as frogs, tadpoles and fish, such as the Gambusia affinis (Mosquito Fish). Roof gutters can also become a breeding area after a rain. Take the time to clean gutters and make sure they are properly draining.

When you are outside, especially at dusk or dawn take the following precautions: wear long sleeve shirts, long pants and use an EPA approved mosquito repellent. If you plan to travel outside the U.S. check the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Website for travel advisories.

Yellow Fever has been reported in Brazil and Malaria in South Africa. Travel advice can be found on the CDC Website at <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>.

Be sure to check the CDC travel advisory website before you travel this summer and start the battle against mosquitoes in your own backyard before the summer begins.

Homer Emery, City Health Inspector



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You may have noticed that in your annual tax statement from the Bexar County Appraisal District that one of the taxing entities is the San Antonio River Authority (SARA). In 1917, the voters of Texas, recognizing the necessity of developing and conserving the State's water resources and inspired by devastating floods of 1913 and 1914, passed a Constitutional amendment allowing the Legislature to create special purpose political subdivisions of the State to serve regional areas generally coincidental with river basins and to be generally known as river authorities.

SARA, created in 1937, is one of many such active river authorities in the State of Texas. Its jurisdiction covers 3,658 square miles—all of Bexar, Wilson, Karnes and Goliad Counties. Through the knowledge and skill of professional and technical staff, SARA serves to protect and manage the resources and environment of the San Antonio River and its tributaries.

How can the residents of Castle Hills take action to improve the quality of the tributaries in Castle Hills to help enhance the overall quality of the waters in the San Antonio River Basin? Some of our everyday activities can seem harmless to the environment. However, our behaviors actually have a significant impact on our creeks and ecosystems. Developing good habits can help prevent pollution and keep our creeks and environment healthy.

Grass Clippings/ Leaves

Don't...

Dump or blow grass clippings and leaves into creeks, storm drains or streets, and don't put them in the garbage.

Do...

Add them to a compost pile, leave them on your yard (chop with a mulching mower if possible) so they can fertilize your lawn or use a curbside yard waste collection service if it is available.

Why?

Grass clippings and leaves provide nutrients to your lawn. Clippings that are carried or dumped into creeks can lead to less dissolved oxygen which can lead to fish and other aquatic life deaths.

Washing your Car

Don't...

Wash your vehicle in your driveway.

Do...

Take your vehicle to a commercial carwash where special drains are installed to dispose of runoff.

Why?

The runoff from your driveway carries pollutants into storm drains and creeks including but not limited to heavy metals, oil, other automotive fluids.

Trash/Litter

Don't...

Put any trash in creeks or outside a recycling or garbage bin where wind or rain can carry it to storm drains or creek channels.

Do...

Place items that can be recycled into a recycling bin, and then make sure all other items go into a garbage bin with a lid.

Why?

Trash that is not disposed of properly can end up in creeks, obstructing flow and harming wildlife.

Lawn Care

Don't...

Fertilize or apply herbicides/pesticides to your lawn right before a rain event.

Do...

Try to avoid applying lawn treatments on days when a rain event has been predicted.

Why?

Fertilize or chemicals applied just before a rain event will be washed away, bringing unnecessary nutrients and potentially toxic chemicals to aquatic life in creeks.

Animal Waste

Don't...

Leave animal or pet waste in your yard or on the ground where you walk your pet.

Do...

Make sure you clean up after your pet. Carry waste bags on walks. Ideally, biodegradable bags are the best choice.

Why?

Animal/pet feces that are not picked up can end up in storm drains and creeks. Feces can carry bacteria that cause disease.

To learn more about SARA and their community educational activities, Low Impact Development initiatives, recreational opportunities, and major initiatives visit their website at www.sara-tx.org

If you observe violations of the City of Castle Hills Stormwater Management Plan, MS4 permit issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, immediately report violations to the code enforcement official (210) 293-9678 or dispatch (210) 342-2341.

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Mayor Howell honors Senior Pastor Ronnie Morgan from the Castle Hills Christian Church for their generosity of preparing and hosting appreciation lunches for city staff.



Chief Riedel accompanied by his wife Linda was presented the American flag flown over the U.S. capital and the Texas flag flown over the Texas Capital. Chief Riedel retired at the end of April after serving 37 years with the Castle Hills Fire Department.



Firefighter Curt Covey was introduced as the Firefighter of the Year by Chief Riedel and Mayor Howell.



Officer Fawcett joined by his wife Victoria was recognized at the April city council meeting as Castle Hills Police Officer of the Year.



Mayor Howell proclaimed resident Chef Michael Skibitcky "Chefski" Chef of Castle Hills. Chefski was joined by his wife Maya at the presentation of the Proclamation.



The Lee High School ROTC Color Guard presented the colors at the April 11 City Council meeting in honor of Chief Riedel's service to the City of Castle Hills.



Great Clips Manager Anita Tijerina and team celebrate their Grand Opening at 1733 NW Loop 410 with Castle Hills Woman's Club, Councilman Trevino and City Manager Van De Walle.



Mayor Howell and Metro PCS owner Dr. Wesam Aziz cut the Grand Opening ribbon at the new location in the Blanco North Shopping Center. City staff and members of the Castle Hills Woman's Club attended to support this new business in Castle Hills.



The Public Works staff proudly display the renovated and reinstalled sign at the Commons.

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