

Castle Hills Forest News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, summer has arrived in San Antonio and especially in Castle Hills Forest. Our subdivision has greened up very nicely. The kids are out in the streets playing and our pool and park area sees lots of traffic. Just a reminder to be extra careful when driving our streets during our summer season, particularly in the pool/park/tennis court area.

Our flagpole has been repaired and the flag has been flying without incident. Many thanks to resident Pat Hoffman for paying the cost and supplying the flag. This flag has special meaning, having flown over the Pentagon.

The "Save The Pool" campaign is in full swing. You can still contribute. Just drop off your contribution at the pool. The attendants there will forward it to the committee. **Your commitment to the pool is a yearlong one. We maintain the pool and the grounds not just during the summer but all year long.** As a reminder the park with the pool, tennis courts, playscapes and green space affect the value of **YOUR** home. If we did not have the money to maintain the pool, make repairs to the playscapes (constantly), mow the grass etc. it would be a terrible eyesore right up at the front end of our community.

Our neighborhood "National Night Out" will take place October 5. Our Social Activities Committee has had several successful functions this year and continues to plan for near future additional ones-for HOA members only. It pays to belong.

Read our website, www.castlehillforest.org to keep abreast of what's happening in our community.

David Present - President

2010 Save our Pool and Park campaign

First, we like to thank each and every one of you that has donated to our campaign. Because of your generosity we are well on our way to meeting our goal. However, if you haven't taken the opportunity to donate to our campaign, you still have time. Every cent helps! Please feel free to drop off a donation at the pool office. We would like to begin the resurfacing of the pool during this upcoming autumn/winter season and would appreciate your donation as soon as possible. Thank you.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL CHF WOMEN'S CLUB!

Our Women's Club has gone above and beyond their duty by providing a \$200 donation to our "Save Our Pool and Park" Campaign. We would like to take a moment and thank them for their generosity! We appreciate everything that our Women's Club does for our neighborhood.

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ATTENTION!

We Now Have a Code Compliance Committee!

You have been asking for this for quite some time. The CHF HOA Board approved the formation of a Code Compliance Committee. We are currently looking for people who are interested in joining us with the task of keeping our neighborhood beautiful and well-maintained. If you are interested, please contact us at: codecompliance@castlehillsforest.org

We would like to take this opportunity to bring to residents' attention some of the Code Compliance concerns that we have been contacted about:

--Parking on the street that impedes the thoroughfare of the service vehicles coming from an alley onto a main street. These vehicles are large and cannot make the turns without damaging a vehicle that is blocking or damaging fences, irrigation system or easements.

--Junked or inoperable cars in public view.

--Failure to mow and care for lawns. (weeds higher than 12").

--Trees hanging low and obstructing vehicular passage and trimming of trees that block the walk ways. Residents are responsible for their trees and trees cannot overhang onto the sidewalk or street. The sidewalks need to have a 6 ft. clearance.

--Fence issues: Owners are responsible for maintaining their fences.

--Street signs. Motorists need to come to a complete stop at all of our stop signs.

--Alleys: Residents are required to maintain their property AND any foliage, shrubbery, grass, etc. halfway into the alley behind their property.

--Signs (Garage Sale, Lost Pet, etc.): Once you post a sign, please come back and remove the sign in order to keep the subdivision looking neat. Feel free to post a lost pet sign at the pool area bulletin board.

Questions about Specific Areas of the Neighborhood:

--Residences that border North West Military Highway: it is the owner's responsibility to repair and maintain their fence and mow the small green belt.

--Sage Trail alley area: Residents that use the alley are responsible to maintain up to the green fence across the alley from them. Not the association and not the city.

Blue cards:

Blue cards are provided to us by the city to send out as a courtesy to our residents when a code compliance violation is suspected. A blue card is sent with information for residents to use in order to correct a suspected violation. We are not trying to ruffles any feathers. When we receive complaints we send these in order to inform the resident about the suspected violation.

Actions that the Code Compliance Committee has taken on behalf of our Subdivision:

--Contacting Code Compliance about neighboring properties/subdivisions that fail to maintain their property. Code compliance sent and this will be re-addressed with the Code Compliance Officer.

--A city easement work order has been submitted to mow the drainage area where the bridge is on George Road and Shady Walk area. At this time we have a volunteer that helps keep this groomed. But a lot of areas have deep weeds and he cannot get to these.

--Requested that the bags be cleaned up behind Pebble Oak at the Commercial Property and that the city install "No Dumping" signs.



**GARDENS
BY MOONLIGHT** SEPT 25
7 PM

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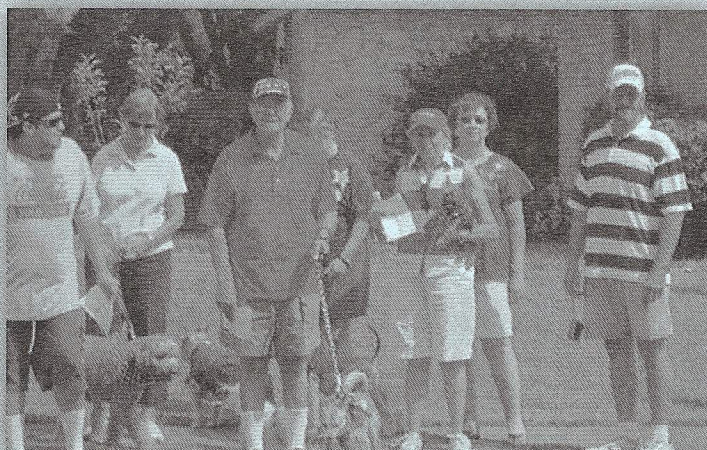
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Social Activities

Contact: Marge Present, 492-5153



Our last event was our July 4th First Annual Pooch Parade. We had 21 dogs registered, and two veterinarians, Shedd & Smith were there to answer questions. Next year will bring bigger and better things.

My thanks to Ray MacDonald & Norma Smith who were the judges. Thanks to helpers directing traffic at Castle Grove/Wycliff Rise. Gift card prizes were donated by Petsmart, Locke Hill Feed and H.E.B. Dog toys were donated by PETCO and resident, Lorraine Walters and Rene of Castle Hills Hairdressers. Please patronize these businesses.

The winners were:

MOST PATRIOTIC: Winston – Monica Hendricks; POOCH & OWNER LOOK ALIKE:

Dan Merino – Ruth Mulligan, BEST DRESSED: Guenther & Liesl – Judy Lynch,

OLDEST DOG: Rosie (15 yrs.) – Bruce Martinez, YOUNGEST DOG: BooBoo (14 weeks) – Josie Courtney, LONGEST TONGUE: Amber – David & Marge Present,

BIGGEST EARS: Bella – Bruce Martinez, LONGEST HAIR: Chester – Marie Morgan,

SHORTEST HAIR: Tequila Rose – Michael Conner

We hope you will join us next year on Monday, July 4th, 2011.

Animal friends No-Kill Shelter is in desperate need of dog food. They also need newspapers, towels, cash

donations. Just call me if you care to donate and I will get it to them. They are a small shelter. If you want to see the list of items they need go to their website: www.animalfriendsforever.org. Thank you to all for your donations for them at the Parade.

Our next function National Night Out will be held on October 5th to coincide with the rest of San Antonio and Texas.

BOOK CLUB

Meets second Tuesday of each month. Location varies. HOA members welcome. Call Marge 492-5153.

BUNCO GROUP

Meets the 4th Monday of the month. Each player hosts a month in their house. HOA members only. Call Marge 492-5153.

Donate

Did you know we're in your neighborhood?

Donate at our donation station near Huebner & Churchill Estates Crossing, or at our store at 281 & Bitters. Your donation helps Goodwill change lives through the power of work! For more information, call (210) 924-8581 or visit goodwillsa.org.



CASTLE HILLS FOREST EELS SWIM TEAM

Contact: Norma Wood, 492-3250

What an amazing season! We had our biggest team yet with 73 swimmers. Thank you all our wonderful neighbors for supporting us. We appreciate you buying our barbeque tickets, your garage sale donations, and supporting our swimmers during the swim-a-thon.

We placed 3rd at Championships and our 7-8 year old boys won 1st place for our division. We have been given another banner to hang at our pool and will be proudly displaying it for all to see.

Several of our swimmers ranked Top 3 in age group stroke for our Division:

Chad Aiken – Boys 9-10 - 2nd in Breaststroke
 Haley Coats – Girls 11-12 - 3rd in Freestyle, 2nd in Backstroke
 Caroline Dreggors – Girls 9-10 - 2nd in Backstroke
 Evan French – Boys 15-18 - 1st Backstroke
 Travis French – Boys 15-18 - 3rd IM, 2nd in Fly
 Chris Hendricks – Boys 13-14 - 3rd in Freestyle, 2nd in IM, 3rd in Fly
 Hannah Jury – Girls 7-8 - 3rd in Breaststroke
 Mason Leone – Boys 9-10 - 2nd in IM,
 Leo Luna - Boys 5-6 – 1st in Freestyle, 1st in Backstroke
 Stanley Mason – Boys 9-10 - 2nd in Freestyle, 1st in Breaststroke, 2nd in Fly
 Caleb Moerdyk – Boys 7-8 - 1st in Backstroke, 2nd in Fly
 Ethan Morse – Boys 11-12 - 3rd in Freestyle, 1st in Backstroke, 2nd in IM
 Max Navarro – Boys 13-14 - 3rd in Breaststroke
 Makenzie Parker – Girls 11-12 - 1st in Breaststroke
 Lauren Peck – Girls 15-18 - 3rd in Freestyle
 Daniel Philippus – Boys 11-12 - 3rd in Backstroke
 Emily Powell – Girls 13-14 - 3rd in Freestyle
 Taylor Reidy – Girls 13-14 - 2nd in Fly
 Joshua Salazar – Boys 7-8 - 2nd in Freestyle, 1st in Fly
 Spencer Wood – Girls 11-12 - 2nd in Freestyle, 3rd in Fly

A BIG thank you goes to the EF Foundation for Foreign Study for sponsoring our shirts this year. If you are interested in hosting a foreign exchange student, please contact Margie Hickman at 210-595-8979.

Thank you to all our wonderful EEL parents who donate their time and energy to help make our meets run smoothly. I look forward to seeing all of you next year!!



To all residents: Messages of concern regarding our neighborhood cannot be addressed by our HOA if the messages do not include the name and address of the person concerned. The HOA holds all communications in confidence.

311 Call Center hours--7AM - 11PM. After hours leave a message for a call back.

Check out these websites:

- For Voelcker Park updated info - www.voelckerparksa.com/home
- For filing police reports online - www.sanantonio.gov/sapd
- Questions about code compliance? - www.sanantonio.gov/hns

WOMEN'S CLUB

CASTLE HILLS FOREST

CALENDAR

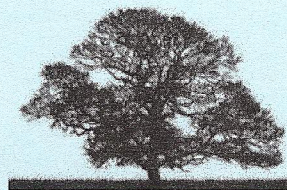
Contact: Ellen Brient, 493-9549

All women residents of Castle Hills Forest are invited to join the CHF Women's Club. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:15 PM in a member's home. Also, the Club schedules a luncheon for its members and guests on the last Monday of each month, with the exception of November and December. Dues are \$10.00 per year. For more information call Ellen. Coming meeting dates are as follows:

Monday, August 9th – 13623 Pebble Way

Monday, September 13th -- 13603 Stoney Hill

Monday, October 11th -- 13615 Stoney Hill



Oak Wilt Alert

According to the Bexar County Extension Service, the best time to prune our Oak trees is in the hottest and coldest times of the year. Now is a good time to prune your Oaks. However, Oak Wilt is still an issue in subdivisions that are nearby. **In order to prune your trees safely, you must make sure that any wounds are painted over with a latex paint within 15 minutes!** If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Bexar County Extension Office at 210-467-6575. The Master Gardener that provided the above information is Pat and she was very helpful.

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Message from our Webpage Director

Chris Corbett, Webmaster

In most ways our new website has been much more successful than I had hoped. Since April 7th, we have had 1,239 visits and 4,440 pages viewed by a total of 641 unique visitors. Other than the front page, the most popular pages have been the newsletters, swim club and the HOA Board pages. Our newest feature is that we now post the HOA board meeting minutes. It takes about 45 days or after the board meeting for the minutes to be posted. This is because we have to review the minutes to make sure everything is accurate. But you can now see what your HOA board is doing on your behalf.

What I'm most proud of is that we've raised over four thousand dollars using the Paypal service. Lots of people have paid for their dues and swim memberships online. And even more have donated for the pool resurfacing fund. It's so exciting to see people participate in their community like this.

There are still some areas that I want to work on. But I need your help.

- There are lots of opportunities for creating interesting content for your neighbors. Some ideas include a landscaping page, local sports, etc. If anyone has some ideas and is willing to provide new content once in a while, please contact me. Wouldn't it be fun to be published and share your knowledge with your neighbors?
- If you want to advertise your business or expertise, I'm here to help. For a modest amount, we can advertise your business pretty much anywhere on the website.

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Prices negotiable. For \$10 every 3 months, I'll put an ad on the Neighborhood Advertisement web page. If you do landscaping, babysitting, plumbing, home repair, dog walking or really anything you should let me put your information on the website. All I need is your name, email and/or phone number and a short description about what you are offering. The first 3 people who send me their information will get 3 months free.

- We have bulletin board forums, which acts like the bulletin board by the swimming pool. Except that anyone can post or read the online version from the comfort of their homes. Since this has been available, we've had lots of spammers posting about mail order drugs and other things that no one really wants to see. So I had to change the board to only allow new members after I've approved them. It's easy to go to the web page and set yourself up. I'll look at your profile and turn on your membership. As long as you are a neighbor, you can post. My other problem is that I'm not sure that there are enough people in our neighborhood to keep this thing afloat. If you have problems posting and can't, please let me know. If you are thinking of posting, please say something. If you aren't sure what to say, read some of the posts that are out there right now.

This web site belongs to the whole neighborhood, so please participate.



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**CASTLE HILLS FOREST
HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION
INCOME STATEMENT
May 31, 2010**

	Month	YTD	Budget
REVENUES			
HOA Memberships	1,761	20,301	20,625
Swim & Tennis Memberships	2,140	2,390	15,500
Swim Lessons			0
Party & Pool Rentals		610	1,200
Guest Passes		40	25
Interest		4	5
Miscellaneous Donations		0	0
Pool Renovation		0	0
Fund Raising	8,745	12,140	5,000
Total Revenues	12,646	35,485	42,355
EXPENSES			
HOA Activities	213	397	2,000
Postage		0	44
Contributions		100	400
Office Supplies & Mailings	101	220	500
Grounds Maintenance	450	900	2,000
Capital Purchases-Pool		1,750	0
Pool Renovation		0	0
Repairs		20	1,000
Supplies	876	1,354	5,000
Utilities	729	2,356	9,000
Insurance		0	6,500
Salaries	2,250	5,065	11,900
Payroll Taxes	344	560	1,000
Swim Lesson Cost		0	0
Fund Raising Expenses	210	1,858	2,500
Total Expenses	5,173	14,580	41,844
NET INCOME OR (LOSS)	7,473	20,905	511

**CASTLE HILLS FOREST
HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET
May 31, 2010**

	As of May, 2010	As of Dec, 2009
ASSETS		
Petty Cash	150	150
Checking Account	31,148	22,002
Money Market Account	37,628	37,618
Deposits	700	700
Retainers	0	0
Prepaid Parade Expenses	0	0
Total Assets	69,626	60,470
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	0	4,867
Deferred Parade Income	0	
Lawsuit Contingency	0	0
Deferred HOA Dues	0	5,565
Payroll Taxes Payable	571	1,891
Total Liabilities	571	12,323
EQUITY		
Surplus	48,149	45,813
Current Earnings	20,906	2,334
Total Liabilities & Equity	69,626	60,470

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HELPFUL NUMBERS

Police (Non-emergency): 207-7273
 District 8 Councilman: W. Reed Williams, 207-7086
 SAFFE Officer: Hank Quiroga, 207-5820, M-F 7 AM-3 PM
henry.quiroga@sanantonio.gov
 To follow-up after making a police report
 Park Police: 207-8590
 To report incidents related to Salado Creek Greenway
 Poison Center: 1-800-222-1222
 Code Compliance: 311 (or 207-6000)
 To report the following: Front-yard parking, illegal trash dumping, junked vehicles, loud noise, weeded and overgrown lots, potholes, drainage issues, etc.

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**Board
Meeting**

Monthly Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM at Oak Meadow United Methodist Church. All current HOA members are encouraged to attend.

Contact: Kim Aiken, 479-1823 or
aikga@aol.com

pool NEWS

Greeting CHF Residents,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the residents who purchased a swim club membership for the 2010 season. We have enjoyed a very successful season as we are at 120 memberships. We are happy to have Helen Arnsworth as our water aerobics instructor again this year. The ladies certainly enjoy their social time as well as a good morning workout. Members have taken advantage of our pool for all different kinds of parties. A two hour party is \$85.00 that is the best value in town. I would like to thank Dean Mason for all of his handyman work and help keeping the pool house looking great. A big thank you to Lori Chapa and Jerry Schott for making the landscaping more beautiful than ever. Another resident, Paul Harris, is instrumental in keeping the pumps and filters in top shape. We are fortunate to live in a neighborhood with a pool, tennis

courts and playscape. I hope you agree and by doing so make a monetary donation to "Save our Pool and Park" fund. It is essential that we raise enough funds to ensure that the pool will continue to provide years of enjoyment. I love managing the pool and getting to know all the members. We have a wonderful group of people that visit the pool.

If you have never purchased a pool membership, let me encourage you to take a look around our website: Castlehillsforest.org for more information.

I hope you have a wonderful summer and maybe I'll see you at the pool.

Your Help is Needed!

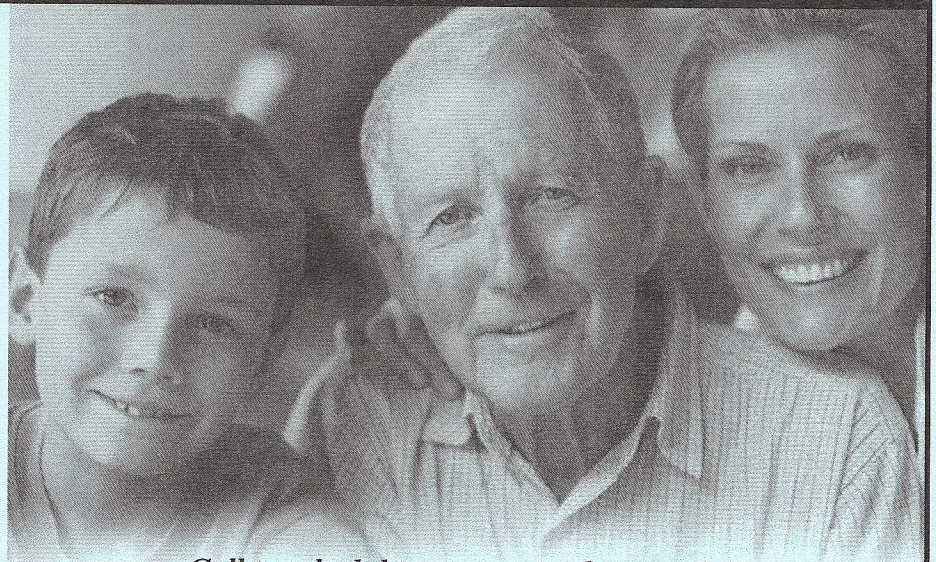
We are currently in need of a Children's Activities Director. If you are interested in this position, please contact any Board member.

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___ Pool Resurfacing ___ Swim Team

Make check payable to CHFHOA
Send to: Larry Morgan, 2607 Knights Walk, San Antonio, TX 78231

YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED

NEWCOMERS INFORMATION PACKET

Welcome to Castle Hills Forest! Marge Present will deliver a Newcomers Information Packet provided by the CHF Board of Directors and the Homeowners Association to your home. If you have recently moved into the neighborhood and would like a packet, please contact Marge Present at 492-5153.

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