

Castle Hills Forest News

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ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2010
7:00 PM

OAK MEADOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2740 Hunters Green



Mr. Chuck Saxer, President of Northside Neighborhoods for Organized Development (NNOD) will be our speaker. He will share with us information that affects our neighborhood and the surrounding area. The Board of Directors will address such concerns as 1. Increasing HOA membership, 2. Resurfacing of the pool, 3. Gifting ownership of the pool/rec area to the City of San Antonio, 4. Increasing resident volunteerism, as well as others.

There are five positions available on the Board of Directors. Each position is a two year term. Nominations will be accepted at the Annual Meeting. **Please be advised that your 2010 dues must be current in order to vote at the meeting. Only one vote per household is permitted.**

Plan on joining us for an informative meeting and refreshments provided by our Women's Club.

Social Activities

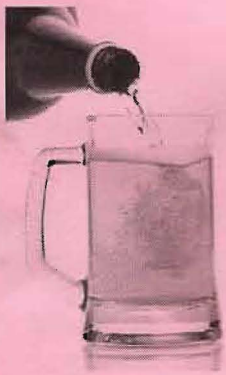
Contact: Marge Present, 492-5153

BEER TASTING PARTY

Saturday, February 20th, 7:30 PM

This event is open to **HOA ADULT MEMBERS ONLY**. Bring an appetizer to share (desserts will be provided) and your own beer glass if you'd like. Please join us for an evening of good (and not so good) beer, good food, and interesting conversations. Come chat with old friends and maybe make some new ones. Hope to see you there! RSVP Marge Present, 492-5153 by Feb. 9th.

(Social Activities continued on page 2)



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COMMITTEES

Social Committee:

Marge Present
492-5153

Children's Activities: OPEN

Women's Club: Ellen Brient
493-9549

Landscaping/Maintenance Committee
Lori Chapa

878-7258

Monthly Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM at Oak Meadow United Methodist Church.

UPDATE

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Contact: Jimmy Ruthven, 408-1436

UPDATE

In 2009 we had 351 homes out of a possible 836 (42%) join the HOA. To date we have 139 HOA members. Our goal this year is to increase membership to 451 homes. We plan to contact every household in the next few months to achieve this goal.

*Social Activities cont'd***THEATER PARTY FUNDRAISER****Sunday, May 16th, 2:30 PM**

The show is *Rent*, a Pulitzer prize winning Broadway musical at the Sheldon Vexler Theater at the JCC. **HOA MEMBERS ONLY.** Great seats. Limited number of tickets available. Ticket price: \$15.00 per person (make check payable to JCC). Reservation deadline is March 15th. Send check to: Marge Present, 13743 Cedar Canyon, San Antonio, TX 78231.

Book Club

Book Club meets on the **second Tuesday** of each month at 7:30 PM at a member's home. HOA members are welcome to join this small group at **any time**. Listed below are our upcoming dates and books:

Feb. 9th - no meeting due to HOA meeting**Mar. 9th** - *Friday Night Knitting Club and Knit Two***Apr. 13th** - *Reading Lolita in Tehran***May 11th** - *The Faith Club***June 8th** - *Three Cups of Tea***Bunco**

Bunco meets the **fourth Monday** of each month at 7:00 PM at a member's home. If you are an HOA member and interested in playing a fun dice game once a month with a great group of women, contact Marge at the number above. We are looking for subs who can fill in for game regulars when needed. Be sure to bring \$3.00.

**CASTLE HILLS FOREST
HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION
INCOME STATEMENT
December 31, 2009**
REVENUES

Month	YTD	Budget
HOA Memberships	0	22,630
Swim & Tennis Memberships	0	16,564
Swim Lessons	0	0
Party & Pool Rentals	0	1,240
Guest Passes	0	27
Interest	2	5
Miscellaneous Donations	0	0
Lawsuit	0	2,005
Fund Raising	0	5,947
Total Revenues	2	48,418

EXPENSES

HOA Activities	519	1,866
Postage	0	44
Contributions	0	300
Office Supplies & Mailings	29	501
Grounds Maintenance	0	1,775
Capital Purchases-Pool	0	5,677
Lawsuit	0	60
Repairs	0	0
Supplies	0	4,788
Utilities	590	8,087
Insurance	4,867	4,867
Salaries	207	13,508
Payroll Taxes	16	862
Swim Lesson Cost	0	0
Lawsuit	0	0
Fund Raising Expenses	0	3,749
Total Expenses	6,228	46,084

NET INCOME OR (LOSS)

Month	YTD	Budget
NET INCOME OR (LOSS)	(6,226)	2,334

**CASTLE HILLS FOREST
HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2009**
ASSETS

	As of Dec, 2009	As of Dec, 2008
Petty Cash	150	150
Checking Account	22,002	3,644
Money Market Account	37,620	37,622
Deposits	700	700
Retainers	0	0
Prepaid Parade Expenses	0	1,248
Total Assets	60,472	43,364

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	4,867	0
Deferred Parade Income		0
Lawsuit Contingency	0	871
Deferred HOA Dues	5,565	1,275
Payroll Taxes Payable	1,891	306
Total Liabilities	12,323	2,452

EQUITY

Surplus	45,813	50,113
Current Earnings	2,336	(9,201)
Total Liabilities & Equity	60,472	43,364



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CASTLE HILLS FOREST EELS SWIM TEAM

Contact: Norma Wood, 492-3250

Swim season is fast approaching. We are in need of swimmers between the ages of 5 to 18. Non-residents are able to join. Please consider asking your grandchild, niece/nephew, and/or friend to join.

2010 registration fees will be the same as last year.

\$80.00 – 1st swimmer

\$70.00 – 2nd swimmer

\$60.00 – 3rd swimmer

*Residents must pay the HOA dues of \$55.00. Please remember that your HOA dues are necessary for keeping the pool in our neighborhood. Swim team registration fees do not go to HOA. Our registration fees pay for yearly membership to LSSSL, coach and assistant coach salaries, team insurance, any equipment needed, referee, lifeguard, and concession stand food/drinks.

Practice begins the first week of May. Our meets have been scheduled.

May 29 @ Summerfield

June 5 @ Castle Hills Forest

June 12 @ Castle Hills Forest

June 21 @ Hunter's Creek

June 26 Championship @ Josh Davis Pool

Does anyone know of a certified referee? We need to have one at both our home meets. Please call me with contact information.

I'm looking forward to the 2010 season. Registration will be April 28th at 6:30 PM at the CHF pool. Swimmers must be paid in full before they will be allowed to practice.



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CHF WOMEN'S CLUB

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:

Tuesday, February 9th - Annual Meeting

Monday, March 8th - 2211 Shady Rock Circle

Monday, April 12th - 13727 Castle Grove

Monday, May 10th - Picnic in the park. Bring your spouse, a neighbor, or a friend. Bring a dish to share, a chair, a table (if you have one). All are welcome!

CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Contact: OPEN

Thank you to everyone who has helped me along the way. Unfortunately, I will be stepping down effective immediately as Children's Activities Coordinator. I would like to see someone step up and take on this very worthwhile responsibility. Thanks for all the support. - **Josi Courtney**

Halloween Bash

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our Children's Activities. Thank you to our local businesses for the supplies and gifts.

Christmas in the Park

Santa Claus came to the Castle Hills Forest pool/rec area on Saturday, Dec. 19th, from 5-6 PM. Santa and his team at Santa Express Central collected pajamas for Boysville. The children had their picture taken with Santa.

CRIME UPDATE:**Calls for police service**

Information obtained from www.sanantonio.gov/sapd

Date	Event	Address (100 block)
October		
10/1	Disturbance	13600 Wycliff Rise
10/4	Disturbance	13700 Wood Point
10/6	Vehicle theft	13800 Cedar Canyon
10/6	Vehicle burglary	13600 High Chapel
10/6	Vehicle burglary	2200 Knightswood
10/6	Burglary	13600 Stoney Hill
10/6	Criminal mischief	13600 Stoney Hill
10/6	Vehicle burglary	13700 Stoney Hill
10/9	Burglary	2300 Cobble Way
10/13	Disturbance	13600 High Chapel
10/14	Injury/sick person	13600 High Chapel
10/24	Injury/sick person	13600 High Chapel
10/25	Suspicious person	George Rd./Cedar Canyon
November		
11/2	Suspicious vehicle	Shady Walk/Shady Crest Circle
11/4	Fire	2300 Stoney Trail Circle
11/4	Assault	13700 Castle Grove
11/4	Fire	13700 George Road
11/7	Injury/sick person	13700 Wilderness Point
11/12	Theft	13700 Pebble Oak
11/14	Burglary	13900 Cedar Canyon
11/14	Threats	13600 High Chapel
11/28	Disturbance	13700 Cedar Canyon
11/29	Theft	2600 Mushroom Trail
11/30	Disturbance	13700 Cedar Canyon
December		
12/2	Suspicious vehicle	13900 Blenheim Ridge
12/2	Disturbance	Knights Walk
12/3	Disturbance	13600 High Chapel
12/4	Disturbance	2300 Cobble Way
12/4	Disturbance	13600 Chapel Oaks
12/6	Theft	2300 Cobble Way
12/8	Vehicle burglary	14000 George Road
12/8	Vehicle burglary	13900 Blenheim Ridge
12/8	Vehicle burglary	13700 Cedar Canyon
12/8	Vehicle burglary	13900 Cedar Canyon
12/9	Found property	13900 Cedar Canyon
12/10	Fire	2200 Knightswood
12/17	Suspicious person	2500 Wilderness Hill
12/19	Minor accident	13600 Forest Walk
12/23	Theft	13700 Wood Point
12/27	Assault	13700 Castle Grove
12/27	Disturbance	13700 Castle Grove
12/27	Suspicious person	13700 Pebble Oak
12/31	Criminal mischief	13900 Cedar Canyon

In addition, there were 26 miscellaneous calls for service during these months.

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LANDSCAPING NEWS

**Contact: Lori Chapa
878-7258**



Our neighborhood, along with the rest of San Antonio, experienced some very cold weather this winter. Some of our landscaping is looking a little glum after the hard freezes it experienced. This spring we will see which plants in our neighborhood survived and which ones didn't make it. Hopefully the casualties are low. The plants

that didn't survive will be replaced as our budget will allow.

If you would like to join us in this effort and help beautify the neighborhood you live in, a neighborhood landscaping/clean up day is scheduled for Saturday, March 6, 2010 at 8:00 AM, weather permitting. We would love to have you join us; the more hands the better. If you have any questions or suggestions, you can reach me at the above number.

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COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, February 9th - Annual Homeowners Association Meeting, 7 PM, Oak Meadow United Methodist Church, 2740 Hunters Green.

Saturday, February 20th - Beer Tasting Party, 7:30 PM. **HOA/ADULT MEMBERS ONLY.** RSVP Marge Present, 492-5153 by Feb. 9th.



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
- New interactive mapping for the bike community - <https://gis.sanantonio.gov/OEP/Bike/index.html>

The CHFHOA Board of Directors is discussing the following concerns of the neighborhood:

1. Increasing HOA membership.
2. Use of public amenities (pool, park, tennis courts) by residents who have not paid their HOA dues.
3. Resurfacing the pool.
4. Gifting ownership of the pool/rec area to the City of San Antonio. This is in the exploration stage.
5. Increasing resident volunteerism.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THIS INTERESTING WEBSITE?

www.NNOD.org

This is the website address for Northside Neighborhoods for Organized Development (NNOD). You will find information of local interest posted here. Click on the icon that says NNOD News. Some of the more recent topics are Voelcker Park Status Report, Wurzbach Parkway update, Tree Ordinance update, and more. NNOD meets the second Monday of each month, except July, at 7:00 PM at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) on the main floor. Guests are welcome.



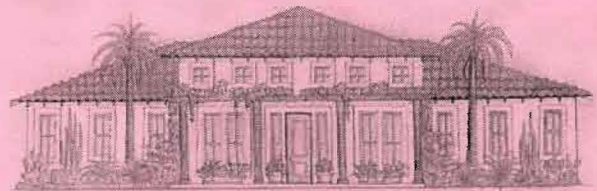
Friday, April 23rd and Saturday, April 24th - Fiesta Parades, contact Alan Furtrell, 493-4395/pacrumfed@sbcglobal.net for ticket information.

Dial-A-Trailer - Date and time to be announced. Watch for posted signs.

Wednesday, April 28th - Swim Team Registration, 6:30 PM, Rec Area

Sunday, May 16th - Rent at the Vexler Theater, 2:30 PM, JCC. **HOA MEMBERS ONLY.** RSVP Marge Present, 492-5153 by March 15th.

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Small Group Survey

Contact HOA Social Director:
Marge Present; 492-5153

Dear Castle Hills Forest Resident:

I am in the process of identifying the interests of our residents in order to form several small social groups. These groups are open to those who have paid their 2010 HOA dues. Please take a minute to complete this survey and return it to the address listed below.

Please place an 'X' by the program(s) you would like to participate in.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES & GROUPS:

- Angels of CHF** – Prepare and deliver food to CHF residents in time of need; possibly help residents in need with errands or simply visiting.
- Play Group** - Children of similar ages and their caregivers meet to play and/or participate in other activities.
- Walking Group** - People of all ages with a love for the outdoors can get together and walk our beautiful neighborhood and/or nature trail. May also visit other walking venues.
- Dinner Club** – A great opportunity to meet neighbors. Dinners held at members' home on a rotational basis and participants bring portions of the meal.
- Couples Night Out** - Join other couples for dining out.
- Hobbies/Crafts** – Beading, scrapbooking, knitting, crocheting, etc.
- Table Games** – Bridge, Scrabble, Trivial Pursuit, cards, etc.
- Mens' Sport Night Out** – Male members of the HOA get together to watch various sports games.
- Tennis Players** – HOA members get together to play tennis.
- Singles Group** – Meet other singles in our subdivision.
- Other** – I'm open to suggestions _____

ONGOING/CURRENT ACTIVITIES & GROUPS:

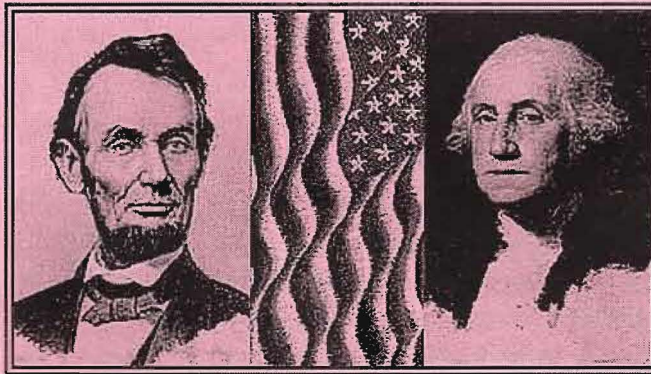
- Women's Club** – Women of all ages welcome.
- Book Club** – Meets once a month and discusses a selected book.
- Bunco** – A fun dice game; no experience needed.

Name: _____
 Phone: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____

Please send completed survey to : Marge Present, 13743 Cedar Canyon, San Antonio TX 78231

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
- To report the following: Frontyard parking, illegal trash dumping, junked vehicles, loud noise, weeded and overgrown lots



President's Day
February 15, 2010

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poolNEWS

My family has lived in Castle Hills Forest for over 13 years. I have always been a member of the homeowner's association. Not because I want to spend \$55.00 but, because I want to make our neighborhood better. Even though you may not be a pool member, I am asking that you consider it. Our pool does not receive outside funds from the city or any other entity. Our future is in your hands. Every year we try to make the pool and park a place you would be proud of. If you feel the pool and park are benefiting our neighborhood then please consider supporting it. The value of our neighborhood would surely decline if we were unable to run the pool. I would hate to see a closed sign on the pool for lack of financial support from our residents. Even worse, I have seen first hand several pools that were once thriving and now are filled with concrete. The neighborhoods have also declined as well.

The costs involved in running a pool are probably much more than you think. Essentials such as electricity, water, chemicals, employees pay cost well over \$20,000.00 a year. Now we are at the point of investing a very large sum of money to resurface the pool. We need your financial help to keep our pool and park in business.

Congratulations!

The judging of our annual Christmas decorating contest took place on Saturday, Dec. 19th. There were many beautifully decorated homes. The contest was for HOA members only. Congratulations to the following members.

- 1st Place - 13723 Wood Point - Kimberly D.
- 2nd Place - 13739 Cedar Canyon - Annette G.
- 3rd Place - 2402 Wilderness Hill - George N.
- Honorable Mention - 13638 Stoney Hill -
The Mortons
- Honorable Mention - 13702 Pebble Oak -
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I would like my additional contribution to be used for:
___ Children's Activities ___ Landscaping ___ Pool/Recreation Area
___ Pool Resurfacing ___ Swim Team

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NEWCOMERS INFORMATION PACKET

Welcome to Castle Hills Forest! Lindsey Nix 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 Lindsey Nix at 818-0099.

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