# The Castle Hills Forest Newsletter is Published Quarterly by Neighborhood News, Inc.

#### CHF HOA Board of Directors

#### **Annual Meeting and Elections**

Our CHF HOA Annual Meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, **February 8**, **2011**. At that time we will conduct our annual elections. For people interested in joining our Board, this is your opportunity to nominate yourself, have your name placed on the ballot, and help make a difference in our community! Nominations to the Board must be received no later than February 1st. Nominations are to be sent either via email to:sgregory10@satx.rr.com or snail-mailed to:

Sue Gregory Secretary, CHF HOA 2319 Shady Crest Circle San Antonio, TX 78231

Please note: In order to have your name placed on the ballot, you must have paid your 2011 CHF HOA membership dues. We are accepting dues at this time for the 2011 year, so feel free to start sending those in. Also, absolutely no nominations will be accepted from the floor during the meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any Board Member.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Can you believe it's November already? Time flies when you are having fun. Or to put it another way, time is exponential. That means the older you get the faster it goes.

Lots of things happening in and around our neighborhood.

The sidewalk handicap ramps are being rebuilt to conform to the "Americans With Disabilities Act."

We are getting ready to resurface our swimming pool, thanks in good measure to our successful "Save Our Pool" campaign. Thanks to all who donated so generously and Chris Corbett and his committee for all their hard work.

At Hardberger Park November 6 the program will be "Wild About Turkeys" from 9 – 11AM, and December 4 the program will be "Dinosaur George" from 9 – 11AM. If you don't know "Dinosaur George" just ask the kids.

About November 15 SAWS begins their 3-month water monitoring to be able to set the sewerage rate for next year. The less you use the smaller the rate will be. Check your bill.

NW Military Hwy. construction continues at a rapid pace although it may not appear so. As long as the weather continues to be favorable TXDOT says completion will be Spring 2011. Keep your fingers crossed.

You may have noticed that it is getting darker earlier and we are entering a period of holidays and schools will be closed for extended periods. That means the kids will be out playing and bike riding. So be very watchful, slow down, and have safe and happy holidays.

David Present, President

#### CHF ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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#### COMMITTEES

Social Committee: Marge Present, 492-5153

Children's Activities: Tina Johnson, 334-0165

Women's Club: Ellen Brient, 493-9549

Landscaping/Maintenance Committee: Lori Chapa, 878-7258

Fiesta Committee: Alan Futrell, 493-4395

Code Compliance Committee:

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### Landscaping Committee

Many landscapers say fall is a second spring. Our neighborhood landscaping is definitely proof of that. The bushes are blooming and even the summer plants are going through another blooming season. The wonderful fall weather is not the only reason for our neighborhood looking so beautiful. Our caring and hard-working volunteers play a large part in maintaining and making our neighborhood look great each day.

A huge thank you to Jerry Schot for the many jobs he takes on in our neighborhood. Some of these jobs include landscaping the area around the front entry of our neighborhood, keeping the weeds in the drainage area off George Rd. trimmed, watering the landscaping and weeding. Thank you Jerry for all you do to keep our neighborhood looking great.

Have you noticed the solar lighting that has been added to our medians? The lights help to keep the medians illuminated at night so drivers can be aware of them and they also add a nice touch to the landscaping. Those lights were donated by two volunteers in our neighborhood, Donna Charles and Alicia De Leon. Thank you Donna and Alicia for your donation and for all your hard work you do in maintaining our medians, they look wonderful.

Another thank you goes to the Luna family for donating the palms planted by the pool over the summer. They will add a nice tropical feel to our landscaping that will be enjoyed by all who visit our pool, thank you Luna family!

I would also like to take this opportunity in thanking the couple in our neighborhood who planted the additional grasses in between the flagstones by the pool/recreational area. I saw them working hard on that project as I drove by one day. The plants are a great addition to the stones and will fill in that area nicely, thank you again for taking that task on.

So many volunteers in our neighborhood to be thankful for; what a wonderful neighborhood we all live in!

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#### December BRUSH Pick Up

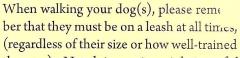
According to the San Antonio Solid Waste Department website (www. sanantonio.gov/brush) we are scheduled for a brush pick-up during the month of December. Please advantage of this FREE service in order to clean up yards and remove any unwanted items.

Directly from the San Antonio Solid Waste Website: Do not place brush and bulky items out for collection unless you have been notified by the City that brush collection will be in your area!

If brush and other items are placed in your yard and you are not eligible for brush collection, you are considered in violation and may receive a fine of up to \$2000 plus be billed for the collection and disposal of these items.

Once we receive the notices about the brush pick-up, if you need any help moving items, please contact Jennifer at 744-9312 or send an email to communicationsdirector@ castlehillsforest.org. There are several residents that have contacted me that would be willing to help their neighbors. Thank you.

#### An Animal Care Reminder:



they are). Not doing so is a violation of the San Antonio Leash Law (to say nothing of a danger to other residents and animals). Recently, multiple requests have been made asking that the city crack down on residents who do not obey our leash laws. According to the San Antonio website (www.sanantonio.gov/animalcare), any resident can call 311 and request that an animal be picked up by the city. When doing so, a resident needs to note if the animal is:

- Stray and/or injured
- Loose vicious (the animal (s) has a known owner and you can provide owner information)
- Stray vicious (unknown owner)
- Stray public nuisance (dog roaming, getting into trash etc, dog not vicious – just a public nuisance)
- Regular stray (no owner, not causing problem just a stray)
- Stray traps (any animal in a live animal trap)
- Stray contained (an animal that is being contained in an area, i.e. pool area, backyard area, garage)

#### Social Activities

Contact: Marge Present, 492-5153



#### SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

A WINE TASTING EVENT is being planned for Saturday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> for HOA MEMBERS.

Some other events being considered for HOA MEMBERS are: An accessory party for ladies, Progressive Dinner, Easter Egg Hunt, July 4th Pooch Parade, Theater Party, Halloween event, Christmas with Santa. We are open to other suggestions for events.

BOOK CLUB – HOAMEMBERS - Our Book Club has been in existence for about a year. We have had the opportunity to read books that we probably would have not read on our own. Some we enjoyed more than others. A listing of future books we will read each month are:

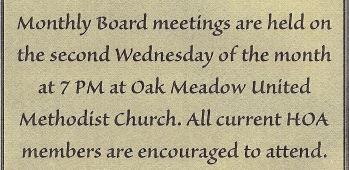
November 9, 2010 - The Good Earth - by Pearl Buck
December 14, 2010 - Pearl of China - by Anchee Min
January 11, 2011 - My Name is Mary Sutter - by Barbara Olivera
NO MEETING IN FEBRUARY - HOA Annual Meeting
March 8, 2011 - Someone Knows My Name - by Lawrence Hill
April 12, 2011 - The Help - by Katheryn Stockett

We have eight members and if you enjoy reading and want to participate in a lively discussion each month come join us. A big thank you to Jonanne Lee for doing a great job keeping the group well organized.

BUNCO GROUP – HOA MEMBERS – Our Bunco Group will be a year old next month. We have a great group of ladies and are having lots of fun together each month. We are always looking for more subs. It is a very easy game to learn as you as play.

I would welcome any HOA member interested in being on the committee for planning some events.

Marge Present Social Committee Chairperson 492-5153

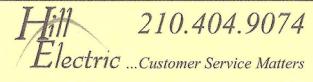


#### Code Compliance Committee



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



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#### CRIME UPDATE:

#### Calls for police service

Information obtained from www.sanantonio.gov/sapd



Date	Event	Address
August		
8-1-10	Misc.	Prince's Knoll
8-2-10	Disturbance	Shady Rock Circle/Forest Point
8-3-10		Sage Trail
	Minor Accident	George Rd./NW Military
8-9-10		George Rd.
	Disturbance	Sage Trail
	Burglar Alarm	George Rd.
8-12-10		Pebble Oak
8-13-10		George Rd./NW Military
	Criminal Mischief	Quail Knoll
	Burglar Alarm	Sage Trail
8-16-10		Forest Walk
8-18-10	O	Pebble Oak
8-19-10	Minor Accident	George Rd. /NW Military
8-21-10		Cobble Way Circle
8-23-10		Cedar Canyon
	Disturbance	Cedar Canyon
8-30-10		Blenhein Ridge
8-31-10		Cobble Way Drive
8-31-10	Theft	Wycliff Rise
Septeml	per	
9-1-10	Traffic Related	George Rd/NW Military
9-1-10	Burglary	Wilderness Wood
9-6-10	Burglary	Sage Trail
9-5-10	Misc.	Mushroom Trail
9-6-10	Traffic Violation	George Rd /NW Military
9-7-10	Minor Accident	Prince's Knoll
9-7-10	Misc.	Wilderness Creek
9-7-10	Theft	Wood Point
9-7-10	Burglar Alarm	Wood Point
9-9-10	Burglary of Vehicle	Castle Grove
9-10-10	Burglary of Vehicle	Shady Rock Circle
9-10-10	Misc.	Wood Point
9-13-10	Burglary of Vehicle	Shady Rock Circle
9-18-10	Minor Accident	Castle Grove
9-19-10	Misc.	High Chapel
9-19-10	Missing Person	Shady Rock Circle
9-23-10	Suspicious Vehicle	Cedar Canyon
9-25-10	Burglar Alarm	George Road
9-27-10	Suspicious Person	Prince's Knoll
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Stoney Hill

Castle Grove

9-30-10 Suspicious Person

9-30-10 Suspicious Person

#### 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.

Our December meeting is our Christmas Dinner and Social from 5 to 7 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a dish to share and feel free to bring a spouse, friend, or neighbor.

Upcoming meeting dates are as follows:

Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>
2202 Shady Rock Circle
Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>
13623 Pebble Way (Christmas Dinner and Social)
Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>
2211 Shady Rock Circle
Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>
CHF HOA Annual Meeting



## Message from our Webpage Director

Chris Corbett, Webmaster chfweb@castlehillsforest.org

Since the last quarterly newsletter, I have added a couple of new features to the website and taken one down. The feature that we took down is the message boards. There wasn't enough activity to keep them going. On the plus side, I have added a new calendar feature. If you have an event that you would like to display to the neighborhood, please add it through the interface. If you have any problems doing so, just send me an email. I will need to approve it before it gets posted. But this should happen within 24 hours. Anything that might be of use to your neighbors can be posted. This includes garage sales, book club meeting notices, local park events, etc. The second feature that we've added is the "Latest News" blog. If you have a desire to become a real live journalist, here is your chance. I will take your article and post it online for everyone to see. It could be anything from a notice discussing a local business opening to information about our park. It could even be opinion piece about the city's latest budget. The last thing I want to mention is that we have lots of space for local advertisements. From now until our annual meeting, I will post advertisements from HOA members for free until the annual board meeting in February. This includes baby sitters, landscaping, handyman offers, insurance sales, etc. If you have something that you want to advertise, just send the text to chfweb@castlehillsforest.org.

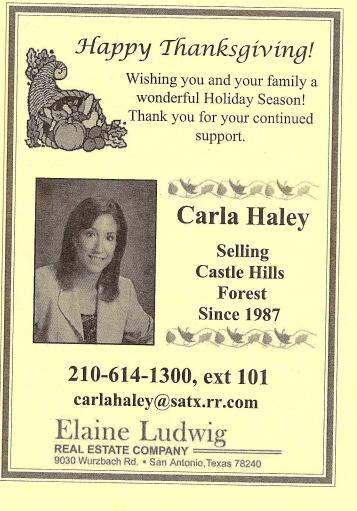


Hello all, my name is Tina Johnson and I am excited to head the Children's Activities committee here at Castle Hills Forest!

Because Halloween is right around the corner, and I have just taken over the position, I won't be able to organize a Halloween party this year. I apologize, and we will work on a great one for next October! But I would like to recruit volunteers to help with a December Holiday activity (to be determined later this month). My email address is thanson322@yahoo.com and phone number 210-334-0165. Parents and grandparents can contact me for more information, and to volunteer.

Also, please join me for a playdate on November 17th from 9:30 to 11:00am for preschoolers and parents/grandparents at the neighborhood playground. If interested, please rsvp to my email address or phone. I ask that everyone bring a snack to share, and I will provide drinks. You can also bring a picnic lunch and stay longer to play and visit if you would like!

I look forward to meeting more of you, and planning some fun activities for the coming year!



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CASTLE HILLS FOREST HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION INCOME STATEMENT August 31, 2010

August 31, 2010	Month	YID	BUCCH
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REVENUES	000	00.000	0.0.000
HOA Memberships	990	23,226	21.020
Swim & Tennis Memberships	727	17,844	15,500
Swim Lessons	0	0	0
Party & Pool Rentals	925	2,440	1,200
Guest Passes	0	40	25
Interest	2	9	5
Miscellaneous Donations	0	0	0
Pool Rennovation	0	0	. 0
Fund Raising	1,288	17,432	5,000
Total Revenues	3,932	60,991	42,355
EXPENSES			
HOA Activities	0	502	2,000
Postage	0	0	44
Contributions	0	100	400
Office Supplies & Mailings	129	447	500
Grounds Maintenance	450	2,475	2,000
Capital Purchases-Pool	0	1,750	0
Pool Rennovation	0	0	0
Repairs	215	860	1,000
Supplies	492	2,937	5,000
Utilities	505	4,802	9,000
Insurance	0	0	6,500
Salaries	928	7,962	11,900
Payroll Taxes	204	783	1,000
Swim Lesson Cost	0	0	0
Fund Raising Expenses	0	1,960	2,500
Total Expenses	2,923	24,578	41,844
NET INCOME OR (LOSS)	1,009	36,413	511

CASTLE HILLS FOREST HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION BALANCE SHEET August 31, 2010

Adgust 51, 2010		
	As of	As of
ASSETS	Aug, 2010	Dec, 2009
Petty Cash	150	150
Checking Account	47,096	22,002
Money Market Account	37,632	37,618
Deposits	700	700
Retainers	0	0
Prepaid Parade Expenses	0	0
Total Assets	85,578	60,470
LIABILITIES	Professional Company of the Company	
Accounts Payable	0	4,867
Deferred Parade Income	0	
Lawsuit Contingency	0	0
Deferred HOA Dues	0	5,565
Payroll Taxes Payable	1,015	1,891
Total Liabilities	1,015	12,323
EQUITY		
Surplus	48,149	45,813
Current Earnings	36,414	2,334
Total Liabilities & Equity	85,578	60,470



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#### Update on our Pool Resurfacing

Currently the HOA Board of Directors is working on gathering bids for the resurfacing and repair of our neighborhood pool. We are working on gathering multiple bids to ensure that everyone's donations and dues are being spent wisely and with an eye towards both quality work and cost savings. We plan to finalize plans for the resurfacing of the pool within the month of November and work should start shortly thereafter.





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.
- For filing police reports online www.sanantonio.gov/
- Questions about code compliance? www.sanantonio. gov/hns

#### 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.

#### Blue cards:

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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 ruffle any feathers. When we receive complaints we send these in order to inform the resident about the suspected





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I would like to make an additional con	ntribution:\$5.00\$10.00\$20.00	
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	(Please specify amount)	9
I would like my additional contribution  Children's Activities  Pool Resurfacing	n to be used for:  Landscaping Pool/Recreation Area Swim Team	
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#### 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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