

Castle Hills Forest News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A very happy, healthy, and safe New Year 2011 to you all.

Well, 2010 is gone but not forgotten. I think it was a year of accomplishments for Castle Hills Forest and your HOA. Thanks to a large number of residents and members our "Save our Pool" campaign was successful and enabled us to start the very necessary pool repairs, as you may have noticed when driving by the recreation area. We are looking forward to a bright and happy season at the "new" pool. But the continued success of our pool operations depends on HOA memberships as well as pool memberships. Our continuing social program activities will require HOA membership to participate, except in a few instances. Watch our website, www.castlehillsforest.org, to keep abreast of what's happening in our community. And email our communications director at Communicationsdirector@castlehillsforest.org with your email address to keep up to date. We have some new and exciting activities in the works for 2011. So become a member of your HOA and participate. See you at our annual meeting for members and nonmembers. Only HOA members can vote. So join.

David Present - President

CHF HOA Board of Directors Annual Meeting and Elections

Our CHF HOA Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, 7 pm, at the Oak Meadow United Methodist Church (2740 Hunter's Green). We have arranged for a guest speaker at the beginning of our meeting. David W. McCary, Director of the City of San Antonio Solid Waste Management Department, will be presenting an overview of the new proposed Solid Waste disposal program. He will also be discussing the City's new composting program. Our Women's Club will also be providing refreshments and we will be holding Board elections.

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.

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CHF ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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492-5153

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334-0165

Women's Club: Ellen Brient,
493-9549

Landscaping/Maintenance Committee:
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codecompliance@castlehillsforest.org

Additional helpful numbers:

Pool Manager: Kim Aiken
479-1823 aikga@aol.com

Eels Swim Team: Norma Wood
492-3250

tonkatoy78641@yahoo.com

Children's Activities Director Message

Happy New Year everyone! I am looking forward to planning some fun events for our neighborhood kids this year. The next one coming up will be the Easter Egg Hunt! I will need some volunteers, so if you are able, please email me at thanson322@yahoo.com and I will add you to my list. Your help is appreciated and hopefully we will have a great turnout at the event in April!

Tina

Castle Hills Forest Swim & Tennis Club

We are looking forward to opening the pool this summer. I can't wait to see the pool resurfaced and looking new again. I urge you not to wait to sign up for your membership. Supporting the pool early on, helps us pay the bills and make any necessary improvements. Our pool is a non-profit organization and the only way we stay open is with your paid memberships. I have met so many nice people and made such good friends during the summer. I hope you can have the same experience as I. As always we accept payment plans and will work hard to make it financially easier on your pocket book.

Hope to see you in a couple of months.

Kim Aiken

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Social Activities

Contact: Marge Present, 492-5153

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We had a self defense class on January 5, 2011 sponsored by our HOA and the Oak Meadow HOA. We had our SAFFE officer, Hank Quiroga speak on what to do to keep your home safe. Upon request the Police Dept. can come to your home and give you recommendations for your home. Many homeowner insurances will give you a discount if you comply with Mr. Quiroga's recommendations. Mr. Olaf Henderson conducted the self defense class and those that attended found it very worthwhile. There were about 30 in attendance.

Wine Tasting will be **Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** RSVP no later than February 10 to Marge 492-5153. Bring an appetizer and a bottle of wine in a brown paper bag to hide the label for judging. HOA Members only. If you are not a member yet and want to attend, you can bring your dues that night.

Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011, 7-9 p.m. Come and learn how to make "Mini Scrapbooks". Our instructor is one of our HOA member's and she is an expert in making mini scrapbooks. Seating is limited to the first 10 people to respond. RSVP by February 15th to Marge 492-5153. HOA Members only.

Book Club - Second Tuesday of the month. HOA Members only.

Our **BUNCO** game took a break in December. Congratulations to Cynthia Scheel on the birth of her daughter, Autumn Rose, in November Cynthia has been one of our most loyal players since the very beginning of our game. We will start up again on January 24th. If you are interested in playing with us, let me know. We always need subs on our list. HOA Members only.

Are you interested in learning to knit or crochet? We have a member who is interested in teaching you. HOA Members only.

There has been some interest in forming a Singles Group. If you are interested, please let me know. Call Marge at 492-5153. HOA Members only.

As always I am open for new ideas and welcome anyone who would like to work on the committee.

CASTLE HILLS FOREST EELS SWIM TEAM

Contact: Norma Wood, 492-3250



I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Wow....I can't believe we are in 2011 and are thinking about Swim Team again! I can't wait to see the results of our pool. **Thank You Neighbors!!** Without your donations and support, our Swim Team would not exist. It will be very exciting to swim in our new pool this year.

REGISTRATION WILL BE APRIL 2ND THIS YEAR. Anyone registering later than April 15th, will incur a late fee of \$10 per swimmer. In the past, several swimmers register the week of swim practice. This makes it very difficult for me to assess our teams, determine how much help we will need, be available to first-time parents, and help organize the coaches to ensure adequate first week training. **Please mark your calendars** and pay your HOA dues now. This will really help make things run more smoothly.

Beginner Program - This program will be offered for the month of May for \$80.00. (HOA dues must be current). This will be open for all first-time swimmers from ages 4 to 10. This program allows our coaches to focus more on our beginners with the intent of moving them to our Swim Team. **WE WANT YOUR SWIMMER.** Your child will learn how to feel comfortable in the water, how to use a kickboard, and how to swim freestyle across the pool. Depending on their progress, additional strokes will be taught. If your beginner is interested in joining our Swim Team, they must successfully complete our program and must be at least 5 years of age. (Age requirement is per the LSSSL). An additional fee of \$10 will be charged to add your swimmer to our Swim Team roster.

Swim Team - Coach Haley, Coach Travis, and Coach Corbin have all confirmed they are returning to our team this year. The registration cost will remain at \$80.00. We

have open enrollment. This means you can recruit from other neighborhoods, invite your friends, and sign up your relative. All swimmers will be **REQUIRED** to participate in a minimum of 2 meets. If you are on our Swim Team roster, we need your attendance at our meets. This is a competitive program and need your participation. We have added the Beginner Program to help us make more use of your actual practice time. Our coaches will now be able to focus more on your qualified swimmer, build their endurance, and work on stroke improvements during the month of May. This will help prepare them for competitions in June.

Swim Team Garage Sale will be moved to May 21st. (June has been too hot.) Neighbors...don't forget, we need your donations.

Swim Team Barbeque Plate Sale will be moved to June. This is our biggest fundraiser and I think with more time given, we can make this a bigger success.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have.

CHF HOA Lawn Service contract open for Bids

In an effort to ensure that your dues are being spent responsibly, the CHF HOA Board has opened our lawn service contract and is currently accepting bids. Bidders must be licensed and bonded. If your business is interested in bidding on this contract, please contact Lori Chapa at 878-7258 or Jennifer Guillen at 744-9312. Written bids must be received by March 1st.

Happy New Year!

Castle Hills Forest remains a popular neighborhood in high demand. Call me if you are thinking of making a move.



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CRIME UPDATE:

Calls for police service

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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

Date	Event	Address
October		
10-02	Disturbance	Princes Knoll
10-08	Inj. / Sk. Pr.	High Chapel
10-08	Susp. Person	High Chapel
10-08	Traffic Related	Castle Grove/George Rd.
10-11	Susp. Person	Shady Walk/Shady Crest
10-12	Susp. Person	George Rd. / Wycliff Rise
10-14	Disturbance	Stoney Hill
10-17	Burglary of Vehicle	Shady Rock Circle
10-20	Disturbance	Cedar Canyon
10-25	Burglar Alarm	Knights Wood
10-25	Burglar Alarm	Pebble Oak
10-30	Disturbance	George Rd.
10-31	Crim. Mischief	Pebble Oak/Wilderness Hill

There were 9 additional miscellaneous calls during the month of October.

November		
11-04	Disturbance	George Road
11-07	Suspicious Person	Stoney Hill
11-07	Suspicious Vehicle	George Rd. / Wood Pt.
11-10	Suspicious Vehicle	Pebble Oak
11-11	Burglar Alarm	Cedar Canyon
11-13	Burglar Alarm	Pebble Oak
11-17	Traffic Related	George Rd. / Wycliff Rise
11-17	Burglar Alarm	Cedar Canyon
11-19	Disturbance	George Rd.
11-23	Disturbance	High Chapel
11-23	Burglar Alarm	Cedar Canyon
11-25	Knights Wood	Disturbance
11-30	Burglar Alarm	Cedar Canyon
11-30	Burglar Alarm	Cedar Canyon

There were 6 additional miscellaneous calls during the month of November.

December		
12-02	Suspicious Person	Stoney Hill / George Rd.
12-04	Inj./ Sk Pr.	High Chapel
12-10	Burglar Alarm	Cedar Canyon
12-11	Suspicious Person	Stoney Forest
12-11	Traffic Related	George Rd. / Stoney Forest
12-12	Inj. / Sk Pr.	High Chapel
12-21	Traffic Related	Cedar Canyon /Mushroom Trail
12-21	Criminal Mischief	Knights Wood
12-25	Burglary	Stoney Hill / Wilderness Wood
12-28	Disturbance	Shady Rock Circle
12-30	Burglar Alarm	Pebble Oak
12-30	Suspicious Person	Knights Wood / Princes Knoll
12-31	Disturbance	George Rd. / Wilderness Creek
12-31	Hold-up Alarm	Forest Rock

There were 3 additional miscellaneous calls during the month of December.



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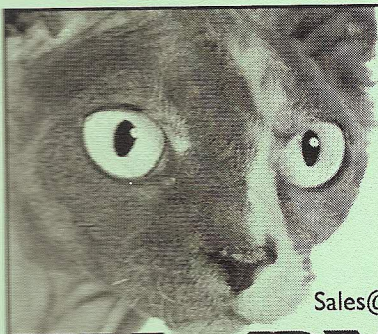
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Message from our Webpage Director

Chris Corbett, Webmaster
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With the holidays complete and preparations ongoing for the annual meeting, there hasn't been much happening with the website lately. I do have some efforts underway that I will be sharing in the coming months. I would like to encourage anyone who wants to advertise on the website to contact me at chfweb@castlehillsforest.org. I'd be happy to put up a few sentences about your business whether it be anything from babysitting to roof repair. Beyond the website, I would like to say a couple words encouraging everyone to attend our annual HOA meeting on February 8. Last year was my first HOA meeting of any kind. By going, I realized that getting involved could be a good thing. Since then, I've had many rewarding experiences joining the HOA board, setting up the website, leading the pool fundraiser and participating in the fun activities that we have planned throughout the year.

Getting involved is the best way to meet the people that live near you. Even if you don't think you are the type to get involved, please come and see what is going on around you. It is important to keep in touch with each other. And we are working hard to make this a great meeting.

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.

Upcoming meeting dates are as follows:

Tuesday, February 8th - CHF HOA Annual Mtg.

Monday, March 7th - To Be Announced

Monday, April 11th - To Be Announced

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

REVENUES

	Month	YTD	Budget
HOA Memberships	0	23,556	20,625
Swim & Tennis Memberships	0	18,004	15,500
Swim Lessons	0	0	0
Party & Pool Rentals	0	2,875	1,200
Guest Passes	0	40	25
Interest	2	17	5
Miscellaneous Donations	0	0	0
Pool Renovation	0	0	0
Fund Raising	0	17,737	5,000
Total Revenues	2	62,229	42,355

EXPENSES

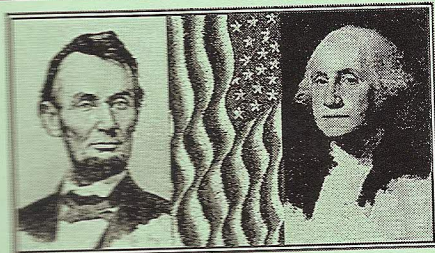
HOA Activities	285	1,483	2,000
Postage	0	0	44
Contributions	0	300	400
Office Supplies & Mailings	35	576	500
Grounds Maintenance	0	3,375	2,000
Capital Purchases-Pool	0	1,750	0
Pool Renovation	0	10,536	0
Repairs	0	860	1,000
Supplies	300	4,325	5,000
Utilities	533	8,355	9,000
Insurance	6,278	6,278	6,500
Salaries	0	12,335	11,900
Payroll Taxes	0	1,117	1,000
Swim Lesson Cost	0	0	0
Fund Raising Expenses	0	3,208	2,500
Total Expenses	7,431	54,498	41,844

NET INCOME OR (LOSS)

	(7,429)	7,731	511
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**CASTLE HILLS FOREST
HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2010**

	As of Nov. 2010	As of Dec. 2009
ASSETS		
Petty Cash	150	150
Checking Account	19,671	22,002
Money Market Account	37,639	37,618
Deposits	700	700
Retainers	0	0
Prepaid Parade Expenses	0	0
Total Assets	58,160	60,470
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	0	4,867
Deferred Parade Income	0	
Lawsuit Contingency	0	0
Deferred HOA Dues	770	5,565
Payroll Taxes Payable	1,510	1,891
Total Liabilities	2,280	12,323
EQUITY		
Surplus	48,149	45,813
Current Earnings	7,731	2,334
Total Liabilities & Equity	58,160	60,470



Presidents' Day - February 21, 2011

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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.



POOL RENOVATIONS

Beth Morse

I'm sure many of you have noticed the work going on at our pool. This work is the result of our fundraising efforts this past summer. Work began in November and should be completed by the time you receive this newsletter. Let me share with you what exactly is being done.

1. Install no diving signs on the deck
2. Install depth markings on the deck and at the tile line
3. New drains to meet VGB Act
4. Re-plaster both pools
5. Separation tile between shallow and deep ends
6. Separation tiles on steps
7. Install new exit and handrail
8. Install new handrail on steps in shallow end

To celebrate this huge renovation to the pool the Board will be holding a Polar Bear Swim in February. The date has yet to be determined, but watch for signs announcing this event. It should be a lot of fun!

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

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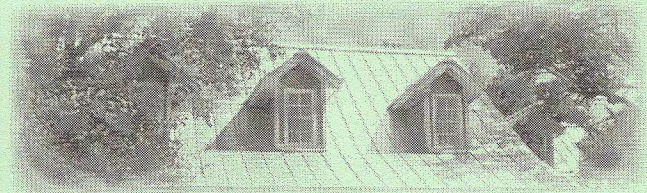
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NEWCOMERS INFORMATION PACKET

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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