

# Castle Hills Forest News

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Spring is here and many of our neighbors have been working hard to improve their homes and lawns. The results are nothing short of beautiful and provide all of us with some color and beauty to enjoy as we are out and about our neighborhood.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the residents who came to the park and participated in our Landscaping Clean-Up day in April. Under Lori Chapa's guidance, our park and rec area look beautiful. The new sidewalk by the bike rack will alleviate multiple problems, and the newly-planted Oak tree will grow and provide much-needed shade for our swing-set. Lori is able to work miracles with her budget and everyone in our neighborhood benefits. Thank you Lori!

As you read our newsletter, please take note all the wonderful residents that we have in our neighborhood that help to make our subdivision a wonderful place to live. The maintenance of our subdivision is a team effort, and many of our neighbors volunteer their time and talents in different ways to the benefit of all of us.

With the pool opening up and summer right around the corner, kids are going to be traveling along George Road much more than normal. Please be careful when traveling in and out of our neighborhood and keep a look-out for the little ones.

Jennifer Guillen, President

## Social Activities

Contact: Marge Present, Chairperson - Social Activities 492-5153



Our Wine Tasting in February was very successful. We all had lots of fun and met new neighbors. Three people joined the HOA so they could be a part of this function.

Our next social function will be a Cookout in a new resident's home on Saturday, May 14, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. Call Marge at 492-5153 for details by May 9, 2011. This will be another social opportunity to meet some of your HOA neighbors and just have fun.

➤ *Social Activities continued on page 2*

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➤ *Social Activities continued from page 1*

On Monday, July 4, 2011 we will be having our Second Annual Independence Day Pooch Parade from 10 a.m. -12 p.m. JUDGING WILL BE AT 10:45 a.m. I will need to know by June 30th if you will be entering your pet. We will have an Ask the Vet in the park so you can come and have your pet questions answered. We will need help in getting prizes. If you patronize a store and can get them to give you a prize, let me know. I will be approaching HEB again. We hope to have some vendors and possibly refreshments. I'm still working out details. If you don't enter the contest, come and watch. We want to have a good turnout. My vet is donating her time.

A new Daytime Book Club is being organized. It will meet on the 1st Monday of the month at 2 p.m. In May only we have changed the date and will be meeting on Wednesday, May 4th at 2 p.m. We will be discussing the book "Dying for Chocolates". Come join us. Call Marge at 492-5153.

As always your help and suggestions are welcome.



## A Very Special Thank You!

I would like to thank two wonderful neighbors who go above and beyond the call of duty for our neighborhood. First is Jerry Schott who worked for multiple days doing some of the prep work in advance of our Landscaping Clean-Up day. Jerry removed the old rusted volleyball poles and the tire climbing structure that were both an eyesore and a danger. With the prep work that he did, we were able to get much more accomplished than we would otherwise have been able to. Thank you Jerry for all your work!

Last, but not least, is Larry Morgan, our HOA treasurer. Larry does much of the "behind the scenes" financial work for both our HOA and Pool. Most of us do not see work that our treasurer must do to keep all our finances in order. From paying bills, keeping track of HOA memberships, pool memberships, and helping the HOA to plan future projects in a fiscally responsible manner, Larry is our go-to guy for all financial questions. A very big thank you to Larry!

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Once again our neighborhood landscaping/clean up day held on April 2nd was a success. We had approximately 30 hard working fellow neighbors assist in completing the many necessary projects scheduled for that day. One of the largest jobs completed was to improve the area in front of the bike rack by the pool. This area was known to become a muddy mess whenever it rained. It has now been replaced by a cement path that now provides a clean walkway to the recreational area and for those who use the bike rack. A huge thank you to all the hard working men that mixed and spread the concrete for this project, it was not an easy task.

Some of the other projects that day included the addition of new landscaping plants, pressure washing the tennis court, a fresh coat of paint to the rusty tennis court gate, and lots of weeding, pruning and mulching of the flower beds. A beautiful Monterrey Oak tree was also planted by the swings in the recreational area that will provide some much needed shade in the future. Once again we had many willing and hard working young volunteers attend to lend a helping hand that day. We should be proud that we live in a neighborhood that has so many young people that take pride in their neighborhood. Thank you youth for all your hard work, your neighborhood appreciates you!!

Landscaping projects planned for the future include additional landscaping around the tennis courts, an ornamental tree in the flag area, a balance beam playscape in the recreational area and the installation of additional flagstones. Of course all these projects would not be possible if not for the generous contributions made to the landscaping fund by people in our neighborhood, so we thank you for your donations. Thank you also to all the volunteers who worked so hard that day to help beautify our neighborhood, it looks wonderful.

A special thanks to Al Guillen who made some necessary repairs to the swings in advance and delivered mulch for that day. A huge thank you to Jerry Schott who completed many tasks on his own before the landscaping day some of which include the removal of the old tire climber in the rec area and the old railroad ties around the swings, the trimming of a mesquite tree and the delivery of mulch and concrete needed for that day. Thank you Jerry for all your hard work.

Thank you also to Donna Charles and her helpers in maintaining the median at Wycliff Rise and George Rd, it looks wonderful. We are blessed to live in a neighborhood with so many generous people that offer their time and talents in keeping our neighborhood beautiful. Any questions or suggestions you may have, please contact me.



## 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.

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

## An Animal Care Reminder:

When walking your dog(s), please remember that they must be on a leash at all times, (regardless of their size or how well-trained 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](http://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)



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## Community Message about Phil Hardberger Park Eagle Scout Project

My name is Matthew Disiena and I am a Life Scout in Troop 515. My Eagle Scout Project is to help build a dog park on the west side of Phil Hardberger Park. The first section of the west side of the park is scheduled to open on May 21, 2011.

The east side of the park (opened in May of 2010) has a dog park with special features for the dogs, which has proven to be very popular. The west side of the park was supposed to only contain a dog run, but due to the popularity of the first dog park, the city decided to put in a second dog park with similar features. However, as the master plan only allowed for a dog run, the city has no money in the budget to build it. As a result the Park Conservancy was asked to help build the dog park. The Conservancy was open to having part of the work done as an Eagle Scout Project.

My project is to design and build features for the dog park to include pause tables, an A-Frame ramp and a dog jump. The total cost of this project is currently projected to be \$1,483.18.

Any donation you are willing to give should be made out to the Phil Hardberger Park Conservancy which is a tax-deductible IRS approved 501(c) (3) organization. Please refer to the "Westside Dog Park" on your donation to the Conservancy. If you wish to donate later, the check can be sent to my home address (1718 Hounds Rise, San Antonio, 78248), and I will get it to the Conservancy.

Please feel free to contact me by email ([matthew-sa@satx.rr.com](mailto:matthew-sa@satx.rr.com)) or phone (479-8275) if you have any questions, about my project.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of my request.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Disiena

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## Castle Hills Forest Email Updates

If you would like to be included in our email list, please go to our website ([www.castlehillforest.org](http://www.castlehillforest.org)) and sign up on the front page. Any information that I receive that may be of interest to our community is sent out via email, so please consider signing up in order to stay informed.

### 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.

### Landscaping Reminder

Please remember that any landscaping that you have that borders your sidewalk needs to be maintained. If you use mulch, stones, or pebbles along any part of your sidewalk, they must be kept up off the sidewalk so that other residents do not slip or trip on them. According to the city, every household is responsible for maintaining the sidewalk that runs along the front of their property. So please remember to keep your sidewalk clear of anything that may be a safety hazard.

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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](http://www.voelckerparksa.com/home)
- ▲ For filing police reports online - [www.sanantonio.gov/sapd](http://www.sanantonio.gov/sapd)
- ▲ Questions about code compliance? - [www.sanantonio.gov/hns](http://www.sanantonio.gov/hns)



## New to our Neighborhood?

If you are new to our neighborhood, we'd love to stop by and give you a Welcome Packet. Please call Marge Present at 492-5153 in order to arrange a convenient time for us to welcome you to our neighborhood!



## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

The city has designated George Road as a "Bike Route". It will not be striped as for a "Bike Path". Curb parking is still permitted.

Military Hwy is on target scheduled for completion/opening late spring, 2011.

Work is going ahead on the 1604/218 interchange and is scheduled for completion by 2013. Check these websites: [AlamoRMA.org](http://AlamoRMA.org), [411on281.com](http://411on281.com), [morefor1604.com](http://morefor1604.com)

May 1, 2011 is Lemonade Day San Antonio at 40 city parks, including Hardberger Park. Food permit fees are waived. Kids can have a lemonade stand and sell lemonade at the park.

May 14<sup>th</sup> will be the Voelcker Barn Warming. The dairy barn at the Voelcker farm is being rebuilt and will be a part of the park.

May 21<sup>st</sup> will be the grand opening of the NW Military HWY entrance to Phil Hardberger Park, West side.

Join the Conservancy - [www.philhardbergerpark.org](http://www.philhardbergerpark.org)

David Present

# 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:

Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>: Meal at Millers; 5 - 6:30 pm. We will be meeting at Bill Millers on NW Military in the private room in the back. Feel free to order your meal and then join us for a lovely evening.

### Upcoming meetings will be:

Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>

## It's that time of year again!

You will soon be receiving a tax assessment of the value of your home. If you would like to compare your home value to recent home sales in your neighborhood, please give me a call. Accurately assessing your home value may help to lower your property taxes.



**Carla Haley**

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INCOME STATEMENT  
February 28, 2011**

	YTD	Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>		
HOA Memberships	12,010	22,000
Swim & Tennis Memberships	194	16,000
Swim Lessons	0	0
Party & Pool Rentals	0	1,600
Guest Passes	0	25
Interest	3	15
Miscellaneous Donations	0	0
Transfer from Savings	0	19,000
Fund Raising	2,980	5,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>15,187</b>	<b>63,640</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
HOA Activities	494	2,000
Postage	0	44
Contributions	250	400
Office Supplies & Mailings	74	500
Grounds Maintenance	1,375	3,000
Capital Purchases-Pool	0	0
Pool Renovation	19,284	19,000
Repairs	0	1,000
Supplies	0	5,000
Utilities	1,577	9,000
Insurance	0	6,500
Salaries	2,100	12,500
Payroll Taxes	161	1,000
Swim Lesson Cost	0	0
Fund Raising Expenses	495	2,500
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>25,810</b>	<b>62,444</b>
<b>NET INCOME OR (LOSS)</b>	<b>(10,623)</b>	<b>1,196</b>

**CASTLE HILLS FOREST  
HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
BALANCE SHEET  
February 28, 2011**

	As of Feb. 2011	As of Dec. 2010
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Petty Cash	150	150
Checking Account	9,044	19,671
Money Market Account	37,643	37,639
Deposits	700	700
Retainers	0	0
Prepaid Parade Expenses	0	0
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>47,537</b>	<b>58,160</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable	0	0
Deferred Parade Income	0	0
Lawsuit Contingency	0	0
Deferred HOA Dues	0	770
Payroll Taxes Payable	0	1,510
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,280</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Surplus	58,160	48,149
Current Earnings	(10,623)	7,731
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>47,537</b>	<b>58,160</b>

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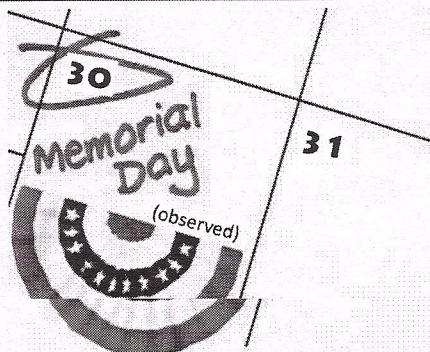
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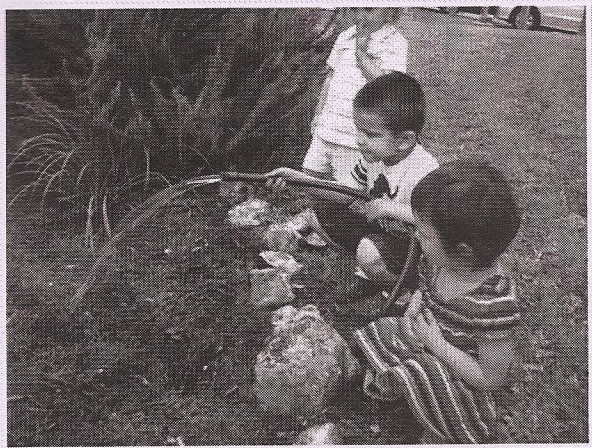


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SAFFE Officer: Hank Quiroga, 207-5820, M-F 7 AM-3 PM

henry.quiroga@sanantonio.gov

To follow-up after making a police report

Park Police: 207-8590

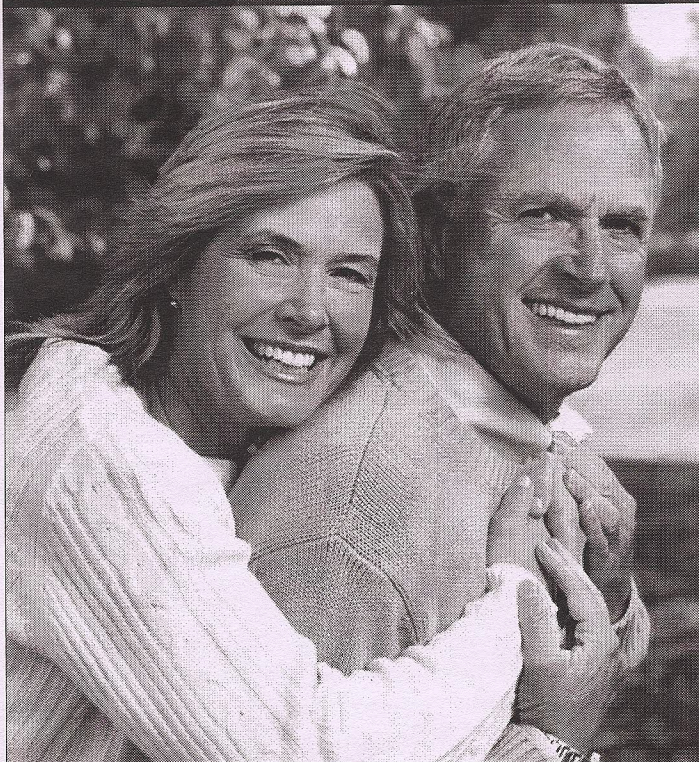
To report incidents related to Salado Creek Greenway

Poison Center: 1-800-222-1222

Code Compliance: 311 (or 207-6000)

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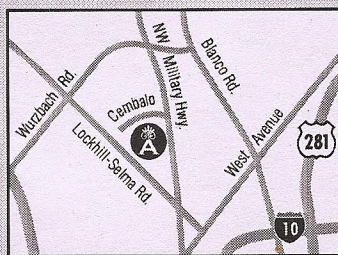


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**NEWCOMERS INFORMATION PACKET**

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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