CASTLE HILL BURLESON HOA

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Annual Association Meeting Scheduled

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the August 2012 annual meeting of the Castle Hill Burleson HOA. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 28. The meeting will take place at Centerpoint Church at 601 SW Alsbury at 6:00 PM.

Included in the meeting will be a review of the annual financial statement and a discussion of the adequacy of the current annual dues structure to meet the obligations of the Association.

In addition, we will be hearing a public report from the Long Range Planning Committee. This committee met numerous times to examine the goals of the Association and identify steps need-

ed to insure the meeting of those goals.

The committee addressed nine questions: I.How can we maximize the potential and benefit of our financial resources and common areas? 2. How do we inspire residents to serve on Boards and Committees? 3. How can we encourage residents' interest in being involved in community events? 4. What is the best way to demonstrate to home owners that compliance with Deed Restrictions increase property values?

5. How can we become vigilant about security in the Community? 6. How do we organize the HOA to create advancement, progression, and continuity on

the Board and Committees? 7. How do we promote neighborliness and community? 8. How do we facilitate better community within the Castle Hill community? 9. How can we improve our image as Castle Hills within the City of Burleson? The entire report has been posted on the Association website for several months. If you have not taken time to read it,

There will also be reports of any other applicable committee reports.

There will be snacks and drawings for door prizes. Come join us.

Update on the May Special Called Meeting

On May 29 there was a special called meeting of the Castle Hill HOA for the purpose of considering adopting the changes to Declarations and the By-Laws that were mandated by the last session of the Texas Legislature.

The changes to the By-Laws and

Covenants were adopted and have been duly filled with the appropriate entities within Johnson and Tarrant Counties.

Copies of the updated documents were mailed to each Association member and posted to the website.



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What's On The Website?

Nearly every organization and business maintains a website where folks can obtain information, purchase products or services, or just browse. Have you every looked at the HOA website? Know what is there?

Here is a sampling of what you can find:

- A link to report a street light out or not functioning properly
- A link to the forms to submit to the Architectural committee for home

improvement projects.

- Information on contacting Board members
- A link to Chesapeake for questions on gas royalties.
- A document with Frequently Asked Questions
- A Resource link with various important city phone numbers
- A link to minutes of previous annual and Board meetings.
- A link to the governing

Community Meeting:
August 28
Centerpoint Church
6:00 PM

Please plan to attend.

documents of the HOA.

 An array of other links to explore. Check them out.

"That which
we obtain to
cheap, we
esteem too
lightly"
Thomas

Paine in
Common
Sense

September in American History

- September 17, 1787—
 The Constitution of the United States of America was signed by 38 of 41 delegates present at the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. Supporters of the document waged a hard-won battle to win ratification by the necessary nine out of 13 U.S. states
- September 9, 1776 The United States came
 into existence as the
 Continental Congress
 changed the name of the
 new American nation
 from the United Colonies.
- September 22, 1862 President Abraham Lincoln issued a preliminary

 Emancipation Proclamation freeing the slaves in
- territories held by Confederates as of January 1, 1863.
- September 8, 1900 A hurricane with winds of 120 mph struck Galveston, Texas, killing over 8,000 persons, making it the worst natural disaster in U.S. history. The hurricane and tidal wave that followed destroyed over 2,500 buildings.

Upcoming City of Burleson Events

August 20 and September 4— scheduled public hearing on proposed City of Burleson change in tax rates at 7:00 PM at City Hall

August 28— first day back at school for BISD.

Watch out for students and buses.

September 3—City offices closed for Labor Day

October 2— National Night Out

October 12—Family Fun Campout— Chisenhall Fields

October 13— Founders Day, 9–5 in Old Town

Johnson and Tarrant Counties Issue Burn Ban

It should come as no surprise that with the continued lack of rain, the high temperatures, and windy conditions that both Johnson and Tarrant Counties have issued 90-day burn bans. The ban is in place until November 6.

As always exercise caution when firing up the grill for those great summer Bar-B-Q cookouts.



Stage One Water Restrictions Lifted

This past summer, August 29, 2011 the local water governing board instituted Stage One restrictions on water usage for irrigation and other purposes.

On May 4, 2012 the Stage One restrictions were lifted. These restricts related to limited the use of sprinkler systems to two days per week.

Restrictions are still in place that ban the use of sprinkler systems between 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

Be sure and check out the city website for any updates on changes to this status as it may change at any time.

The county burn ban was established for the next 90 days.



West Nile Virus Update

We hear in the news reports of a return of West Nile Virus in various locations in the Metroplex. We are now hearing of it closer to home.

Tarrant County Public Health has confirmed the first human case of West Nile Virus in Burleson in 2012. The person who is affected lives on Timber Ridge Court in the north part of Burleson.

On July 16, Burleson confirmed two positive West Nile Virus (WNV) mosquito pools inside the city limits. The two positive mosquito pools were in the area of Lena Lane and Robin Court.

In addition, two other mosquito pools collected within the vicinity of the police department also tested positive. The first human case was confirmed July 24.

"The reduction, elimination or treatment of mosquito breeding areas is the best and most cost –effective technique for mosquito control", advises the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Let's all help in making sure we do not have standing water in the neighborhood where mosquitos will breed. Castle Hill Burleson
P O Box 1474
Burleson, Texas 76097





Nominating Committee Needs

Question number two that the Long Range Planning Committee considered was, "How do we inspire residents to serve on Boards and Committees?" One of the comments the committee made was that there is a general lack of understanding of the opportunities to serve and just what that entails.

Committees available upon which to serve include:

- Architectural
- Communications
- Landscape
- Social

- Audit
- Flag
- Planning

In addition, this year we have two positions on the Board that need to be filled due to expiring terms.

If you are willing to serve on a nominating committee—to help find folks willing to serve on the Board or any of these committees, please give me a call at 817-733-0064 or email me at osborne2671 @gmail.com.

Thanks for being willing to work to improve our community.

Charlie Osborne

