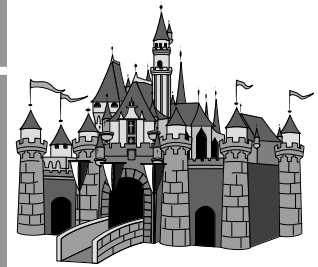


The Moat at Castle Hill

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Coming Attractions!

The Castle Hill HOA Annual Meeting has been set for Tuesday, August 9; 7 - 9 p.m. at Centerpoint Church (601 SW Alsbury Blvd). Member information will be mailed out prior to the meeting.

Social Committee Plans

- **Easter Egg Hunt-Toss -Roll:** Saturday, April 9; 2-4 p.m. in CHHOA Park.
- **Chili Cook-off-** Coming this spring. Details in next issue of *The Moat* and on the website.
- **National Night Out:** Tuesday, Aug. 2. Meet your neighbors for a block party. More info to come.
- **Dessert Recipe Exchange and Taste**

Test: Details in next issue of *The Moat* and on the website.

Burleson Community Events

- **Bunny Daze:** Saturday, April 16; 12-2 p.m. at Bartlett Park.
- **Cinco de Mayo:** Friday, May 6; 6-10 p.m. in Old Town.
- **Household Hazardous Waste Collection:** Saturday, May 14; 9-11 a.m. at 133 N. Main. Bring a copy of your water bill as proof of residency.

Other Dates of Note

- **CHHOA Yard of the Month** competition will resume in March. Visit the HOA website

for rules or to nominate your favorite yard.

- **Daylight Savings Time** begins Sunday, March 13 at 2 a.m. Please set clocks, lawn sprinkler timers and pool timers forward by one hour. Also take this time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.



- **Flag Day** is June 14. Be sure to research proper flag etiquette before displaying the U.S. flag.

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- *Communications- Sheri Campbell-Husband*
- *Landscape Committee - Jerry Ryan*
- *Flag Committee - Dann Munro, Charlie Osborne*

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Welcome to the Neighborhood

We would like to welcome the newest CHHOA homeowners to the neighborhood.



Bryan Becan and Jennifer Edwards
are new residents at
213 Flagstone Dr.

As you see them out and about please help us welcome them to the CHHOA family.

Letter from President Charles Osborne

I remember when I was growing up on a farm southeast of Joshua, there were some “old timers” who had lived on their place for in excess of 50 or 60 years. They were great folks and pillars of that little rural community. They used to comment on the weather saying things such as, “summers aren’t hot like they used to be,” or “winters ain’t cold like they used to be.” Well, folks aren’t talking like that anymore. January departed and February commenced with a bitter cold and icy week of weather. It provided some real opportunity for “family bonding time” as well as an onset of “cabin fever”.

As winter loses its grip and surrenders to the inevitable breaking forth of spring, as plants start budding out, sprigs of green grass appear, and fresh leaves populate our trees, there accompanies it a rush of activity. Whether it consists of spring cleaning, working in the garden and yard, that little building project, painting those walls, or cleaning out the garage, we all steam into action with the warmer weather that provides a new sense of purpose and accomplishment.

Several tasks face the Associa-

tion for which the Board could use some assistance. Let me mention a few. First, there is a need to consider a revision and update to our Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions. With the exception of the By-Laws, these have not been updated since 1999. As such they include content that no longer applies to the community and restrictions that might need to be revisited to determine if they reflect the intent of the members. There are also issues with changes in technology available today that was not common twelve years ago.

A couple of examples -

- According to the Covenants, the Christmas related signs placed in yards, and the small security company signs (such as ADT) would not be allowed. Maybe we need to reconsider that part.
- According to the Covenants, there is no provision or clear mention of such things as solar panels being placed out of view from the street
- According to the Covenants, no member can raise hogs their back yards - I’m thinking we stick with this one

(especially since keeping swine also violates City ordinance).

We need volunteers to work on the possible revision of these documents, subject to Association member approval. The process would be for volunteers to edit the documents and submit as a recommendation to the membership for approval.

There are opportunities to serve on the Social, Maintenance, Publicity, and Architectural Committees. An opportunity to serve and work with some neat folks is available. Salary has doubled from last year (nothing times two is still nothing), but the benefits of getting to know some of your neighbors is long lasting. If you would like to serve, just contact the Board through the website and we will get you connected.

Just a thought from a quote I read recently. It’s from President John Adams in a letter to his son John Quincy Adams while John Quincy was serving as an aide/translator to the United States Ambassador to Russia. Father told son, “You will ever remember that the end of all study is to make you a good man and a useful citizen.”



Volunteers!

Thanks to Hilary Bain for volunteering to stuff envelopes and mail member dues invoices! There are lots of ways you can volunteer and support CHHOA. Just contact the Board through the website and they’ll be happy to help put your special skills to use!

Social Events Questionnaire

The HOA Social Committee thanks those of you who have helped with and supported our activities in the past and extends an invitation to all HOA members to participate in future activities. In an effort to better accommodate the schedules and interests of more people, we'd like some feedback from YOU. We would really appreciate it if you could take a minute to fill out this brief questionnaire. You can return completed forms via email (board@castlehillhoa.org), to any member of the social committee (see street addresses below), or mail them to:

Castle Hill HOA
PO Box 1474
Burleson, TX 76097

Thanks,

The Social Committee

- Sharon Ives, 851 Bridle Path
- Nancy Osborne, 867 Bridle Path
- Leechelle Ryan, 212 Flagstone Dr.
- Janessa Cazier 204 Castle Hill Dr.

What type of activity would you be most likely to attend?

- ☐ Family activities
- ☐ Couples only activities
- ☐ Children's activities
- ☐ Other _____

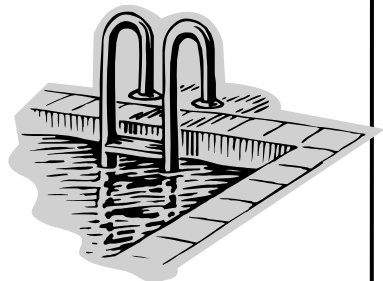
What time of day/day of the week are you most likely to attend an event?

- ☐ Friday or Saturday evening
- ☐ Saturday morning
- ☐ Weeknight evening

What do you feel is the best way to communicate HOA activities?

- ☐ Email
- ☐ Through the newsletter
- ☐ Other _____

What suggestions do you have for future HOA activities?



Swimming Pool Rules

Even though swimming pool water is safe for you and your family to splash around in, it may contain significant levels of chlorine or other chemicals that can be harmful to aquatic organisms. Anything discharged into storm drains, including pool water, eventually ends up in the nearest creeks, streams, or area lakes without being treated. This can be toxic to aquatic and wildlife and require removal of these pollutants from lakes where we get our drinking water.

With these things in mind, it is important that you obtain approval from the City of Burleson Environmental Services Division or Public Works Department before draining your pool. There are three basic options for discharging pool water, but they require City approval beforehand.

1. Swimming pool water may be discharged onto the owner's property if the water does not run off onto any adjoining properties or cause stagnant water or flooding.
2. After approval has been given by the City, pool water may be discharged into the sanitary sewer system. The City must ensure that the system can accommodate the additional water discharge. Non-approved discharges may result in fines due to the potential for overflowing the sewer system. The public works department may be reached by calling 817-426-9839. Swimming pool filter backwash water must be discharged into the sanitary sewer system.
3. After approval has been given by the City, pool water may be discharged into the storm sewer system. The environmental services division may be reached by calling 817-426-9842. If you have a salt water pool, you cannot discharge swimming pool water into the storm sewer system.



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