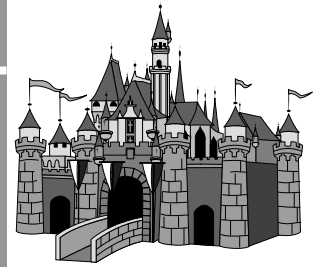


The Moat at Castle Hill

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Remember City Watering Rules

It is a violation of City ordinance to water lawns and landscaping using an irrigation (sprinkler) system between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. That rule applies every day, all year round, for both residential and commercial properties.

The purpose of this year-round restriction is

to prevent the unnecessary loss of water emitted from sprinklers due to evaporation. Watering during these hours is permitted only if using a hand-held hose or soaker hose (drip system).



So if you have not yet changed the clock controlling your sprinkler system timers since the time change, please be sure to do so today. Everyone wants their yard to look nice, but violation of this ordinance can result in citations.

Blood Suckers In Our Neighborhood

Spring has sprung, and with it, so has the mosquito population. It's breeding season, and now is the time to eliminate as many as we can. Did you know that most mosquitoes live and feed within one mile of their breeding ground? Mosquitoes carry diseases such as West Nile, Malaria

and Yellow Fever, just to name a few. They also carry many more diseases that affect our pets. If everyone will follow these simple tips we can have a safe and comfortable summer!

*** Pour it out!** - Mosquitoes breed in water. After it rains, please remember to walk around your yard and check

for anything that would hold water (such as unused pottery), and empty it out.

*** Flush it!** - Flush your French drains and your gutters. This is just good maintenance anyway. You can also add a teaspoon of olive oil to your French drains to deter breeding. It is safe and cost effective. Or

Welcome to the Neighborhood

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

- **808 Flagstone** – Lester and Martha Sulser
- **305 Flagstone** – Fred & Kay Terasa

- **221 Flagstone** – Leonard & Deborah Fawver

Welcome to Castle Hill Estates! We look forward to getting to know you.



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Letter from President Scott Atwood

There are a number of items in this quarter's newsletter, so I encourage you to read the newsletter in its entirety.

On March 9, 2010, we held a Special Called Meeting to ratify and adopt our association's by-laws. They were adopted with over-whelming support: 57 (for); 0 (against); 1 (ballot submitted but no vote cast). We needed 54 votes for passage.

I want to thank each homeowner who came out to cast your vote and to those who cast your votes by proxy. This was one of those basic housekeeping chores that also happened to look like a huge task. Well, we came together and completed the task. I want to especially thank Jimmie and Jerry Ryan who took it upon themselves to get a number of the proxies signed. Without them doing this, we would have had to have another Specially Called Meeting to get the by-laws adopted. So, thank you, thank you thank you, Jimmie and Jerry!!!!

We will be adding another position to the HOA Board this year. This will increase the total number of Board members to four. I want to encourage you to think about serving on this next year's Board. We have an enjoyable time serving our neighborhood.

Speaking of serving...the Board has approved to have a committee review our By-Laws and Deed Restrictions. There are several items that need to be reviewed and probably revised. The original documents were written over 10 years ago and are skewed to a builder/developer's benefit.

Among the items that need to be reviewed are: types of mailboxes used, small signs in the front yards (including security signs), the collection of past dues, and the means of establishing a quorum for future meetings. Board Member Sharon Ives has volunteered to head this committee, which would meet and make recommendations for the

homeowners to vote on at the next annual meeting in August.

We have several openings for various committees including the social, landscape, and architectural control committees. Anyone wishing to volunteer to serve as chair of any of these committees should contact one of the Board members, and we will get you pointed in the right direction.

Volunteer Today!

Your HOA needs you! There are several open seats on various HOA committees:

- Social Committee
- Landscape Committee
- Architectural Control Committee
- By-law/Deed Restriction Review Committee

Anyone wishing to volunteer to serve as chair of either of these committees should contact one of the Board members and we will get you pointed in the right direction.

Send a message indicating your interest in serving to:

board@castlehillhoa.org



Yard of the Month

Last spring, the CHHOA resumed the Yard of the Month recognition. We had a great response to the YOM last year. We even had a few neighborly rivalries going. After the success of the program last year, we know there are people already gearing up for this spring's competition.

The start of this year's YOM program was delayed a bit because the long-lasting winter weather took such a toll on everybody's yard, and we wanted to give everyone ample time to recover. So the first winning yard was just chosen this month: **205 Castle Hill Drive; owners Brian and Sarah Page.**

The website is up and running and we will continue to have a section where anyone can nominate a yard that they think is deserving of the Yard of the Month honor. The much-deserved winner will get a great reward.

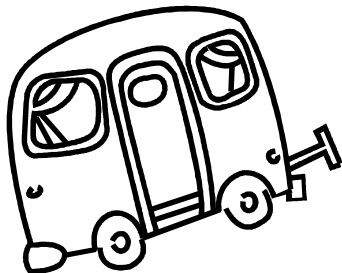


Offer Your Thanks

The City of Burleson has been busy with street repairs around the neighborhood over the past several months, for which we are very appreciative. If you know someone with the City of Burleson, tell them that their work and effort has not gone un-noticed. Public service can be a pretty thankless job, but these services and those who provide them are deserving of our appreciation.

Staying In-Bounds: A Few Quick Tips

1. Boats, marine craft, pick-up campers, travel trailers and motor homes are prohibited from being parked in the driveway or front yard of any dwelling or parked on any public street per the Declaration of Covenants 7.12 (b).



2. Before placing signs in your front yard, check out the restrictions in the Declaration of Covenants 7.12 (q).
3. According to City Ordinance, any at-large pets may be impounded, and you will be required to pay fees to get your animals back. This applies to BOTH dogs and cats. A dog is considered at-large if it is outside of a fenced yard and not on a leash. A cat is considered at-large if it is off its owner's property and not on a leash. We do have issues with at-

large animals in the neighborhood, so please be responsible pet owners and make sure your pets are properly secured and that they are wearing their tags at all times.



Contact Information Needed for Residents

The Board really needs all of the CHHOA members to email us your contact information. Even if we already have it, please re-submit so that we can keep our directory up-to-date. This information is primarily needed for the HOA's efforts to maintain neighborhood security.

Additionally, if you would like to receive your copy of this newsletter by e-mail, rather than US post, please send

an e-mail to sysch@sbcglobal.net to let our newsletter editor know.



If you had previously signed up for e-mail distribution of this newsletter, but have not received it that way recently, that means that the newsletter editor doesn't have your current e-dress. Nearly half of the e-mail addresses to which the last newsletter was sent were out of date, and the messages bounced back.

Mosquito Control - Continued from cover

you can treat them with products called bacteria *Bacillus Thuringiensis*.

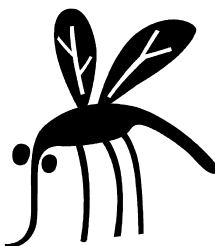
*** Cover it up!** - Cover your trash cans with a lid or a 16-mesh screen.

*** Sleep with the fishes!** - Stock your ornamental fountains with fish that feed on mosquito larvae. Minnows, goldfish and guppies are the most common mosquito-munchers.

*** Fill it up!** - The low spots, hollowed stumps or holes in your yard may hold just enough moisture to create a breeding ground for mosquitoes. A bag of dirt

is cheaper than a can of mosquito spray (and a lot cheaper than the pain of a mosquito bite).

Also keep in mind that the City of Burleson is part of the Tarrant County Public Health Department's annual mosquito monitoring program. The City traps and tests mosquitoes for



West Nile Virus on a regular basis during the summer, and will put out public notices if any West Nile-positive mosquitoes are found. Visit the City's web page about mosquito issues for more information about prevention measures and related City services. Go to www.burlesontx.com and visit the page for the Environmental Services Division, or call 817-426-9842 to speak directly with the City's environmental programs specialist.



Rotary Flag Program

Ever wonder where the flags come from on the various national holidays? They are courtesy of the Burleson Rotary Club. The Rotary Club sets out the flags on 6 major holidays. The cost is \$35 for the year. The proceeds benefits the club's scholarships for local high school graduates. The first holiday for this year is coming up on Memorial Day. It is a great way of showing our neighborhood's patriotism and pride. If interested and have not signed up, please notify the Board and we'll get the application form sent to you.

Burglary Suspects Caught

During the first couple of weeks of February, a CHHOA residence was broken into and several items were stolen. Several weeks later, several suspects were caught in another neighborhood in Burleson. These suspects still "had the goods" from the CHHOA residence. Their approach was to knock on the door of the residence and, if no one answered, they would break into the house. If someone answered, then they would ask if the residence had received their Yellow Pages or if they wanted to start taking the *Dallas Morning News*.

Please be aware that ALL solicitors are required to obtain and carry a permit from the City of Burleson. If someone comes to your door, ask to see their permit. They must have it on them. If they do not have one, call the police. If we all do our part, then we can rest assured that our neighbors are looking out for each of us.

Special/Bulk Trash Collection

Confused about the special/bulk trash collection schedule for our neighborhood? Castle Hill is part of what's designated as Zone 3 by the City's Solid Waste Division. According to the City website, we should "...have all items out to the curb by 7:00 AM the **third Monday of every month**. Crews will work throughout the week clearing your zone of all the items. Your items may not all be picked up at the same time or by the same vehicle, depending on the items, some will go to the land fill and others may go to the compost center." Regular trash collection is on Mondays and Thursdays, with recycling collection on Thursdays. Recycling bin lids are available at the City



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