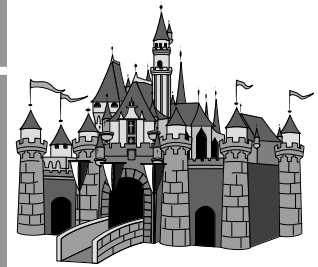


The Moat at Castle Hill

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Social Committee Back in Action

The social committee has some great family activities planned for fall!

Scavenger Hunt - Oct 23

- 3-4 p.m., kids age 4-13
- Meet at Castle Hill Park to pick up list and bag. You'll be placed in teams and time will start.

- The first team to return (no later than 4 p.m.) with all items on list wins.
- Neighbors are asked to participate and to allow committee members to place a balloon on your mailbox to let the kids know you're playing along. *Hint...one of the*

items on the list will be a canned/other non-perishable food. These will be donated to Harvest House.

Contact Leechelle Ryan at gnlryan@charter.net to register your home and/or your children (provide names and ages please).

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Talkin' Trash

Regular trash collection for Castle Hill homes is on Mondays and Thursdays, with recycling also collected on Thursdays. Trash collection may begin as early as 7 a.m., so be sure it's out on time, but *City ordinance prohibits setting it out more than 12 hours ahead of that.*

The special/bulk collection days for this neighborhood are the third full week of each month. Have all of your bulk items out at the curb by 7 a.m. on the third Monday. Crews will work throughout the week to pick up bulk items, but they may not be



picked up until later in the week, and they may not all be picked up the same day.

Questions about City trash service should be directed to the Public Works Department at 817-426-9830.



Daylight Savings Time ends **November 7**, so it's time to "fall back" an hour. Reset your clocks, and all light and sprinkler timers. Be sure to replace the batteries in your smoke alarms as well!

Welcome to the Neighborhood

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

- **905 Bridle Path**
John & Jacolyn Robertson
- **909 Bridle Path**
Jody & Jo Lynn Augsburg

- **216 Flagstone**
Spencer & Dusti Vick

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

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Letter from President Charles Osborne

As the stifling heat of summer gives way to cooler temperatures and shorter days, we begin to see more folks taking evening strolls and seem to share an increased sense of energy that comes with Fall. Something about cooler weather produces a more optimistic view of life and it shows.

Community. The word is usually defined and understood as referring to a group of people residing in a relatively small geographic area, who live under a common government, and who share similar cultural and societal values. In a sense, the residents of Castle Hill form a community. Perhaps more accurately said "a community within a community." As we move forward over the coming years, let us not stay content with "living in a community;" let us "be a Community."

"Be a Community." The new social

committee formed at the annual association meeting has planned an array of opportunities for us. From events for children to events without children and about everything in between, there is something in the array for you and your family. An announcement and calendar of events will be coming soon.

At the annual Castle Hill Home Owners Association meeting we said "goodbye" to Scott Atwood and Lonnie Seeton from their time of service on the Board. But more than "goodbye," we want to say "thank you" for your willingness to serve and the service rendered to your neighbors and our community. Voluntary service for the well being of others is one of the pillars upon which our nation depends. Thank you for your service.

Have you noticed the light at the

entry to the community that illuminates the flags at night? Lonnie Seeton spearheaded that project and we are grateful that now we can display our national and state flag day and night.

As we approach the season when our nation commemorates a day of Thanksgiving, let's look for opportunities to express our gratitude our neighbors and family members. We have much for which to be grateful and probably stand in need of expressing that gratitude more frequently.



Raise Your Hand!

Volunteer Today!

Anyone wishing to volunteer to serve on any of the HOA's 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

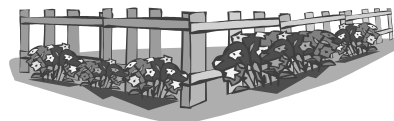


Yard of the Month

The following homeowners were recognized for their hard work and "green thumbs" over the past few months. Congratulations to these neighbors for earning Yard of the Month honors.

- June —805 Spyglass Court; *Henry Ballew*
- July —304 Flagstone Drive; *Bill & Deanna Simpson*
- August —305 Flagstone Drive; *Fred & Kay Terasa*
- September —311 Flagstone Drive; *Steve & Linda Landers*

Visit the HOA website to nominate a yard that you think is deserving of the Yard of the Month honor.



Get Out and Be Social! (Cont'd from p. 1)

On Saturday, December 11, the Social Committee will host a ***Progressive Supper***. This event is just for the adults; childcare will be provided. RSVP to Nancy Osborne before Thanksgiving (nancybisrael@gmail.com). A sign-up sheet will be provided for those wishing to participate in the Christmas caroling.

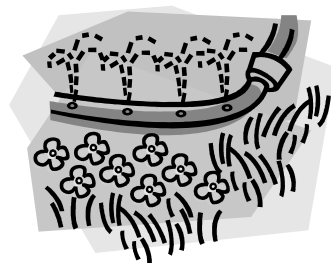
Keep your eyes out for future social events, including a dessert recipe tasting and exchange; an Easter egg hunt, toss and roll; and a chili cook-off/block party.

Know (*and follow*) the Water Rules

There is no denying it has been a long, hot summer. But we must still keep in mind that there is a City ordinance (Ordinance B-768-07) on the books limiting outdoor irrigation to specific times of day, and a number of homeowners are in violation of it regularly.

It is a violation 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. Any person, firm, or corporation who does not comply with the water conservation requirements laid out in the City Code is subject to fines up to \$500 per violation.

The purpose of this regulation is to prevent wasting our precious water resources by watering during the heat of the day, when much of that water is lost to evaporation. Watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. is only allowed if done with a hand-held hose or a soaker hose.



So please check the clock controlling your sprinkler system and make sure it

is set to run your system between 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. The best time of day to water your lawn is “by the dawn’s early light,” before 10 a.m.

Also be sure you check your sprinkler heads regularly to make sure your system is really watering your lawn and landscaping; not the sidewalk, driveway, or street.

If you have questions about the City’s water conservation ordinance, contact the Water Department at 817-426-9830.

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.

Have Graphic Design Skills?

The Castle Hill HOA Board is looking for someone to help design, or provide ideas for, a logo for the HOA. The logo would be used on stationery, the website, in this newsletter, etc.

If you have skills in this arena, or know someone who does, contact the HOA Board at board@castlehillhoa.org.



**HAVE ARTICLE
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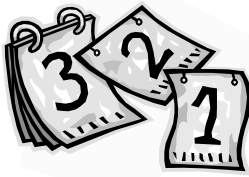
Halloween Hints

Castle Hill typically sees its fair share of trick-or-treaters on Halloween night. Please be sure to drive carefully through the neighborhood that night, as the little ghosts and goblins running into the street may not be able to see you.

If you have pets, please be sure to keep them properly secured on Halloween night. Even the calmest, most docile pet can become frightened by all the unusual noises, people, and costumes that will approach your doorstep. Pets who have never run away before might escape out the door while you hand out candy, and those that have never even growled at a stranger might bite a child in fear. Protect your pet, yourself and the visiting kids by keeping your pet secured in a room away from the front door.

If your kids will be out trick-or-treating, be sure they are wearing reflective material and/or carrying some sort of light so that drivers can see them clearly. And, as always, be sure you inspect their confectionary haul to be sure they aren't eating any candy that is already opened, spoiled, or may have been tampered with.

If you do not plan to hand out candy at your house this Halloween, please turn your porch lights off as a signal to visiting families.



Trash Collection Holidays

According to the City of Burleson's website, the City's contractor will observe the following holidays: New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

There are no special "makeup" collection days following a holiday. If the trash collection day falls on one of these holidays, the contractor will pick up all trash for the week on the next regular collection day. Visit <http://www.burlesontx.com/FAQ.aspx> to see the City's complete listing of Frequently Asked Questions related to City services.



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