

The Moat



February 2013

Castle Hill Infrastructure Improvements

The CHHOA board, in cooperation with the Grounds Committee, has taken the following actions in an effort to brighten up the neighborhood as well as bring us up to City Code.

1. Completed a contract with a new lawn maintenance company, effective January 1, 2013.
2. Contracted for repainting of all lamp posts green with black tops. Anticipated completion: February 1, 2013.
3. Established an agreement with the City of Burlison to:
 - Remove HOA wooden street signs and stop signs
 - Repair of sidewalks after removal
 - Replace and emplace standard City street signs and stop signs

Anticipated Completion: 2013.*

In light of these recent and upcoming upgrades to the beauty of Castle Hill Estates and the approach of Spring, your HOA Board respectfully suggests that each Homeowner take a look at their Mailbox in an effort to make them look brighter! A bit of flat black paint, repairs, and/or replacement will certainly improve our neighborhood's "Curb Appeal".

*The completion date is weather dependent and TBD.

Mark Your Calendar



- Feb 2nd: Groundhog Day
- Feb 3rd: Super Bowl Sunday
- Feb 12th: Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras)
- Feb 13th: Ash Wednesday
- Feb 14th: Valentine's Day
- Feb 18th: President's Day (Federal Holiday)
- Feb 18th: Third Monday (Bulk Trash Pickup)

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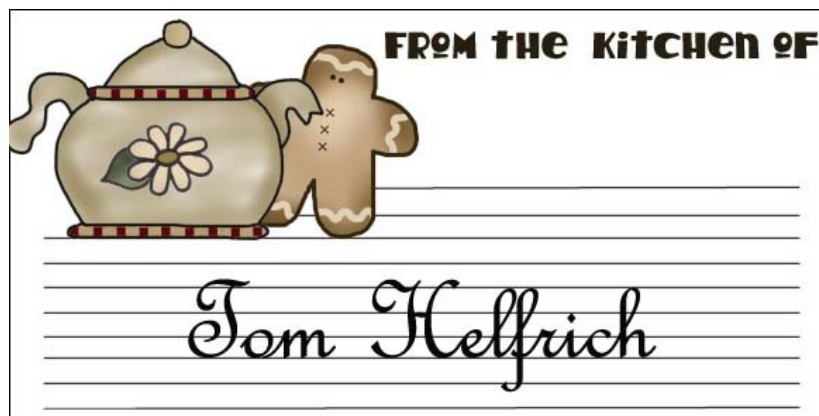
If you are interested in serving on a Committee please call a Board Member or send an email to board@castlehillhoa.org

Correction to January Newsletter

In the January, 2013 Moat we published the guidelines for the Yard of the Month (YOM) program. It indicated the YOM would be awarded "March through December", it should have stated:

"One home will be selected by the Castle Hill Estates Board and/or Selection Committee each month during the months of March through September; judging will occur during the last week of each month after the nomination deadline has passed."

The YOM information on the HOA website has been corrected, as well. Many Thanks to those who brought this to our attention!



Piccolini (mini farfalle) with Spinach and Bacon

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 (12 ounce) pkg piccolini (mini farfalle)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 6 slices bacon, chopped
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can petite diced tomatoes
- 1 bunch fresh spinach, (rinsed and torn into bit-sized pieces)

DIRECTIONS:

1. Bring a large pot of lightly oiled and salted water to boil. Add the pasta and cook until tender, about 7-9 minutes.
2. Heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil in a large sauté pan over medium heat. Place bacon in the pan and cook until browned and crisp. Drain excess oil, if necessary, leaving approx. 2 tablespoons and add garlic. Cook for 1 minute. Stir in the tomatoes and simmer.
3. Place the spinach into a colander and drain the hot pasta over it so it is wilted. Transfer the pasta/spinach to bacon/tomato blend and toss until it is heated throughout.

Serve with fresh 'seasoned' bread and steam vegetables (broccoli) or salad.

If you would like to feature a recipe in future editions of the MOAT, please email it to:

communications@castlehillhoa.org

Did you know?

Did you know that if you plan to add new or make modifications to the features of your home, you need to submit a request to the Architectural Control Committee (ACC)?

Article X, section 6, Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants states:

"...Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, prior to (i) the commencement of any construction of any improvement on the Property or any portion thereof, or (ii) any change, alteration, addition or removal of any improvement other than normal maintenance and repair which does not materially alter or change the exterior appearance, condition and color of same, the plans and specifications therefore shall be submitted to the Committee..."

For example, if you have plans to create a new flower bed or modify the paint scheme of your home, you need to submit an ACC request for review prior to the work commencing.

Please see the Castle Hill HOA Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants at:

<http://www.castlehillhoa.org/resource.htm>

Or contact the ACC Committee for answers to your questions at:

architectural@castlehillhoa.org

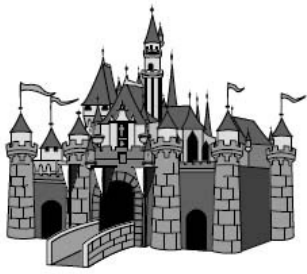
Let's Talk Castle Hill Estates' Values!

In the January edition of "The Moat" we listed the Values the Planning Committee proposed, as a precursor to a wider conversation about them in this column. Ultimately, the purpose of this column is to encourage all of us, as a Community, to discuss, appreciate, and embrace the unique values which set Castle Hill Estates apart. In the succeeding months we'll review each of our eight (8) Values Statements to create a unified approach to making them a reality.

This month we'll address the significance of the Preamble to our HOA Values in Action and our Motto. The Preamble: ("We" = Everyone: Homeowner, Resident, Lessor, and Lessee.) simply points out that each individual in the Castle Hill Estates community is important and is able to contribute to creating the type of friendly, welcoming neighborhood we all desire to be a part of.

OUR MOTTO: "We love living in Castle Hill Estates, you will too!" summarized the underlying perspective of the Planning Committee with regard to the "Value" each of its members placed on being an active member of our great Castle Hill Estates community. Our hope was and is that "We" will all come to have that same sense of pride and ownership in our neighborhood!

We value your insight - your comments would be appreciated - we'll publish them, if you like.



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The Castle Hill Burleson Homeowner's Association is a community of neighbors in Burleson, Texas of Tarrant and Johnson Counties that was initially developed in 1999 by Brown's Mountain Ltd. The neighborhood in Castle Hill Estates Phase I consists of a total of 76 homes and a one-acre park which may be utilized by members for recreational use. The purpose of the homeowner's association is to promote the recreation, health, safety and welfare of the homeowners within the community. We seek to provide a community atmosphere, safety and security for our neighbors. The subdivision's main entrance is at the corner of Alsbury Drive and Flagstone Drive. The boundaries of the subdivision are Alsbury Drive on the south, Flagstone Drive on the east, Bridle Path Drive on the west and north.