CASTLE HILLS FOREST The Castle Hills Forest Newsletter is Published Quarterly by Neighborhood News, Inc.

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MESSAGE

From The HOA Board

Spring is here Castle Hills Forest, and the HOA Board is hard at work planning events to bring everyone together! So much of our job as volunteers involves paying bills, calling plumbers and pest control, checking the pool pump room, watering lawns, responding to complaints about yards or cars in the street and making sure to communicate our issues to local authorities to assure our neighborhood is kept as safe as possible. We do this because we love our neighborhood and want it to be the best it can be for our families and for our neighbors. But we have also heard from our Castle Hills Forest neighbors that the events are a big favorite because they bring neighbors together! People can walk down the street to the park or the pool and have a drink or a bite to eat, watch the kids run around and play, listen to some music and visit with friends, or make new ones who live right here in our neighborhood. We plan on continuing this new tradition with some of the returning annual events, as well as adding new ones this Summer. See below and mark your calendars!



Save the Dates and Mark Your Calendars!

CHF Events Calendar 2024: See website and Facebook for details

Saturday, March 23...... 10 am at the Park – Fiesta Parade & Easter Egg Hunt Thank you to all who came out and enjoyed the fun!

Saturday, April 13 6 pm at the Pool – Fiesta Kick-Off (adult only social) Saturday, June 29 4 pm at the Pool – 4th of July Summer Pool Party!

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- → CastleHillsForestHOA@gmail.com
- → 210-914-7854

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CHF Women's Club

FOR INFORMATION: EMILY BENAVIDES, 210-687-5818

Emily Benavides is one of the dearest and most committed members of the Women's Club. She is kind, generous, funny, helpful, thoughtful and dedicated to her group of ladies and to this neighborhood. There isn't enough we could say here to list what all she has done for Castle Hills Forest. She is currently dealing with a health issue and will be passing some of her duties on to the other ladies while she recovers. We send her our love, wishes, and strength in a speedy recovery.

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Monthly Board Meetings

We are SO excited about the people who have come to us with a new interest in joining our board meetings and finding out where they can help, volunteer, and participate! It takes a village, and we welcome anyone who would like to join us so that we can add members who are ready to help, rather than having one person be in charge of each of our committees on their own. Thank you!

Monthly Board meetings are held on the **second Wednesday of the month at 6PM.** Board members are now taking turns hosting our monthly meetings in our homes. We allow CHF HOA members to come by and speak or ask questions for the first 15 minutes of any meeting. If you would like to join in, please email <u>CastleHillsForest-HOA@gmail.com</u>, as we do not post our addresses on the website or social media.

These meetings are held so that Board Members can take votes on important issues, make decisions about our neighborhood, review CHF finances, navigate neighborhood safety concerns, discuss new ideas, plan social activities, and so much more. We would love and appreciate more help from our fellow neighbors! Be the change you want to see. Bring your concerns, ideas or expertise. We welcome it!

New Neighbors:



Buying a home is a huge deal. Moving to a new neighborhood can be a

nerve-wracking experience. The HOA tries to be one of the first to greet a new resident and welcome them to their new block. We make an effort to visit each new resident and give them a warm hello along with a Welcome Bag with information on our HOA, the pool and tennis courts, Safe Officer information and other important contacts, along with some other goodies. If you are new to our neighborhood, whether as an owner or renter, please email CastleHillsForestHOA@gmail.com so that we can send you some information you will need to get up to date on all things CHF – event dates, HOA, Pool, Sport Court, etc. WELCOME!



Sport Court

Thank you to all who have joined the Tennis Courts! They are beautiful and we are going to work hard to take very good care of them. It is NOT easy in this kind of heat. If you are interested in serving on the committee and can offer some assistance with the caring of these neighborhood courts, we would really appreciate it! Sometimes it is just an extra pair of eyes to report issues, or to deliver a new key fob, or to communicate with Lisa, the tennis



coach who gives lessons out there on a semi-regular basis. A liaison would be very helpful so please know your help is needed and appreciated!

We have removed the Sport Court Reservation Google Calendar until further notice. We are working on other solutions that can operate more seamlessly. But we also have not found a problem or need for a calendar. So temporarily, it is on a first come, first serve basis. Go out there and enjoy!

REMINDER: Tennis and Pickle Ball Only. No bikes, skates, etc. Thank you.





Ladies Club Acts of Kindness



Lorain Brady and Barbara Chardavoyne deliver items collected by the members of the CHF Women's Club February meeting. These needed items will be delivered to the women and children at the Battered Women's Shelter in San Antonio. A great Thank You to our ladies!!!



Emily Benavides and Jeanie Breda pick up trash on George Rd. We got a trash bag full and only did one half of George Rd. Thanks to all of those who look out for our neighborhood and do their part! We are grateful for you!





We would like to thank all of our residents for keeping up such beautiful yards! And to all of the below families, congratulations for the recognition!



January: 1400 Block of Cedar Canyon



February: 13774 George Road



March: 13700 Block of Wilderness Creek





Castle Hills Forest Playground Update!

Dear Residents,

As you may have noticed, our cherished playground has been removed due to safety concerns. But fear not! Your HOA committee is already hard at work brainstorming ideas for an exciting new playground that will be both safe and fun for everyone!

We understand how important the playground is to our community, especially for our children, so we're committed to making this happen as soon as possible. However, we need your help to make it a reality.

We'll be organizing various events to raise funds for the new playground, and we're also accepting donations via Venmo at @CHF-HOA. Every contribution, big or small, will bring us closer to our goal.

Thank you for your patience and support as we embark on this exciting project together!



CASTLE HILLS FOREST ADULT SOCIAL



SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH

















CHF Street Updates

Here is our Castle Hills Forest improvements and maintenance map from the city for all of you to view!

This is a great guide to see what is upcoming for future projects within our neighborhood. These items include:

- Pavement markings
- Street rehab
- Drainage improvements
- Sidewalk maintenance
- Alley maintenance
- Traffic Signal maintenance
- & much more!









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Pool Annoucements!

The CHF Community Pool will be opening soon – hopefully late April We will open when the San Antonio Wave has permanently removed their pool covers. It was late April in 2023 so we are hoping for the same for 2024. CHF HOA will make the announcement on what date we are open to our residents.

For any questions about the pool, please see our website or email Kathryn at kathrynk1214@gmail.com

We are needing Gate Attendants and Lifeguards for Pool Parties – email Kathryn to inquire about these positions

You do not have to live here to swim here! We have non-resident memberships so encourage other family and friends to join our pool! The more the merrier!

2024 Pool Hours of Operation

April

Only when covers come off and official announcement is made by HOA "soft opening"



Residents:

- Monday Friday: 9 am-3 pm
- Saturday Sunday: 9 am-9 pm

SA Wave:

■ Monday – Friday Only: 5:30 – 7 am, 4 – 8 pm

May

Residents:

- Monday Friday: 9 am-3 pm
- Saturday Sunday: 9 am-9 pm

SA Wave:

- Monday Friday Only: 5:30 7 am
- 6:45 8 pm (Dry land practice 6:30 pm)

Eels:

Monday – Friday Only: 4:15 – 6:30 pm

June

Residents:

- Monday Friday: 2 pm-9 pm
- Saturday Sunday: 9 am-9 pm

SA Wave:

Monday - Friday Only: 6 am-7:45 am, 11 am-1:15 pm

Eels:

Monday - Friday Only: 8 am-10:45 am

July

Residents:

- Monday Friday: 11 am-9 pm
- Saturday Sunday: 9 am-9 pm

SA Wave:

Monday – Friday Only: 8 am-10 am

August and on: TO BE ANNOUNCED...

- The SA Wave rents our pool year-round, and we work together to schedule the pool for their swimmers and our residents. CHF Eels Swim Team uses our pool in May and June Only. Please adhere to posted pool hours.
- Pool will close to residents 6:30 am-12 pm Saturday, June 15 and 22 for Eels Home Swim Meets. And will be closed 3 pm-8 pm Saturday, June 29 for Eels End of Season Party. Signage will be posted!

How to Join the CHF Pool

Pay \$75 HOA Dues for the 2024 Calendar Year. Options to Pay:

Check: Payable to Castle Hills Forest HOA

Mail to: Castle Hills Forest HOA P.O. Box 781645 San Antonio, TX 78278-1645.

If you are writing a check for both HOA Dues and Pool Membership, or adding a Donation, please note that:

- Venmo: @CHF-HOA (Please include the following: "Address, Email, Phone, HOA Dues")
- Credit Card via PayPal: Go to CastleHillsForest.org and click the "Pay HOA Dues" tab

Pay Pool Membership

- Go to www.CastleHillsForest.org/pool to choose appropriate pool membership: Single, Couple, Family, Non-Resident. Payment methods below:
- Check: (info same as above)
- Venmo: (info same as above)

- Credit Card via PayPal: Go to www.CastleHillsForestHOA. org/pool Click on the correct Membership Level and follow the steps.
- Key Fob: If you do not have a key fob, there is a one-time \$15 charge (also found on pool tab). Lost key fobs do require a \$15 replacement fee

Pool Members: Sign Waiver of Liability & Retrieve Gate Key Fob

- Waivers located on website, at pool office or email Castle-HillsForestHOA@gmail.com to request
- Gate key fob will be assigned to you within 24 48 hours. You can pick up at the Pool Office during Gate Attendant hours or email Kathryn Kathrynk1214@gmail.com to arrange a drop-off
- If you already have a key fob, we will reactivate it within 24-48 hours.

Keep in mind there are only a few people who help with this process. Please be patient, as pool season can be quite busy. If you have not heard from us within that 48 hour period, email CaslteHillsForestHOA@gmail.com or Kathrynk1214@gmail.com and we will get it taken care of!



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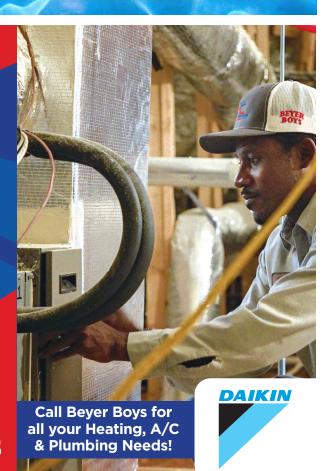
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