

# Castlewood Connection

## February 2009

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### Upcoming Events

CPR Training  
City of HV  
February 5

Crime Prevention Meeting  
February 7

Father/Daughter Dance  
Celebrations  
February 13

Valentine's Day  
February 14

HOA Board Meeting  
February 18

### Reminders

Monthly HOA Meeting  
3rd Wednesday  
of each month

On-site Management  
Office Hours:  
Mon-Fri: 8:30a - 4:00p  
After Hours by Appt.

Advertising Deadline  
All ads, business and  
classifieds, must be submitted  
no later than the 20th of the  
month prior to publication

## Crime Prevention Meeting

### Saturday, February 7th

### 10:00am at the Clubhouse



## “The Importance of Crime Prevention in our Changing Community”

presented by

**Chief Ed O’Bara**  
**Captain Mark Steward, Captain Corry Blount,**  
**Lt. Karl Schlichter, Officer Greg Arrington and**  
**Command Staff Members of the Police Auxiliary**



A registration opportunity will be presented for those residents in attendance who are not currently participating in our "Crime Prevention" programs (E-Watch, Police Auxiliary, Open Garage Doors, "Lock-Take and Hide", etc.). In addition, the HV Police will share a synopsis of property crime in the Castlewood Community with a comparison to "crimes of opportunity." These occurrences will be compared to property crimes that occurred in Castlewood during the past (12) months. Operational adjustments that are being made in order to stay current with the changes in our community will also be presented.

### Coffee, Juice, Donuts & Danish will be provided

**We have had a six BMV’s (burglary of motor vehicles) in 2009 so far. Please take time to come by and find out what is going on in Castlewood, share info and sign up for a free “Home Security Check” by the HV Police.**

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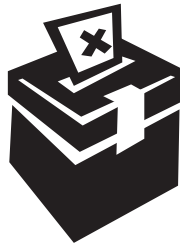
discount on 3, 6 or 12 months

## Note from the Board:

Over the past several months there has been a lot of discussion regarding the Castlewood/Northwood intersection. As most, if not all, are aware, a petition has been circulated throughout Castlewood asking for residents to support the addition of an emergency security gate between Castlewood and Northwood. During the January 21<sup>st</sup> Homeowners Association Meeting, the Board of Directors were presented with the results of the petition. The results indicated over 60% of residents supported an emergency security gate. The board voted to support the security gate effort due to the potential safety concerns for Castlewood. In addition, the board felt that Castlewood should not be responsible for any costs associated with effort. Given that the roads and flow of traffic is the responsibility of the local and state government, they should bear the financial costs. A letter and the signed petitions were hand delivered to the Highland Village City center on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

We will continue to keep you updated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Tony Leone, President



## 2009 Board Election Results:

Tony Leone, President  
Denny Reid, Vice President  
Dan Franklin, Treasurer  
Gary Bowery, Secretary  
Amanda Mitchell, Director

## ANNUAL ASSESSMENT - LATE FEES NOTICE

The Annual 2009 Castlewood HOA assessments are due in full on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Any amount not paid in full and posted to the account within thirty (30) days will automatically accumulate fines at the rate of \$30.00 per month for each month the assessment is unpaid in full.

If your assessment has not been paid, you have already been assessed a fine of \$30.00, in addition to your \$640.00 annual assessment for 2009. Any and all fines for late payment of the annual assessment are final and cannot be waived or refunded under any circumstance. If your assessment has not been paid, please pay it in full immediately and include an additional \$30.00 to cover the late payment fine you have already been assessed.

*This notice was originally printed on page #2 of the  
December 2008 newsletter.*

**Reminder: If you have a past due balance on your account,  
you cannot rent the clubhouse.**

## “Hands Across Castlewood”

By Amanda Mitchell

“It's a beautiful day in Castlewood. Spring is in the air, flowers are starting to bud out, and children are playing in the park. It's time for Castlewood's Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Little Julie and Johnny are waiting to hunt the eggs the Easter Bunny has hidden on the tennis court and playground. Just over the ridge, the children see the tops of the Easter Bunny's ears. “He's on his way!” shouts little Julie and Johnny. But they watch as the Easter Bunny hops on down the bunny trail. No Easter Hunt this year for Castlewood. No one volunteered to help the Easter Bunny. 90 plus children have been left waiting with baskets in hand on the steps of the Clubhouse. They can still see the Easter Bunny hopping off into the woods.”

Not a great story, but one that may come true. Last Sunday, our minister spoke on using our hands to benefit others. You know the old story about the Good Samaritan. Going out of ones way to help others. Getting your hands dirty so to speak. I sat there thinking about Castlewood and all the great people we have living in our neighborhood; and the problem we have getting “hands” to help with our social activities. Our minister spoke about asking for help and getting the “well I would love to help but if you can find someone else to do it that would be great” line. If we had someone else, we wouldn't be asking.

We have many activities planned for the year. You see them listed. All of them are simple and don't take much time to plan. Craig and I have volunteered to head up the Pig Roast this year. We plan on getting our hands dirty. It's a lot of fun and we look forward to enjoying a great day with friends and neighbors. It would be pretty easy to take the “I don't have time, I'm tapped out, someone can do it-I've done my share” excuse. And it doesn't hurt; you just put your hands back into your pockets and go on. But one day, our children are going to be asked to use their hands. Maybe something as simple as helping with a Easter Egg Hunt. What will they do? I hope they get their hands dirty.

To get your hands dirty, review our list of activities. Use your hands to email or call JoLynn with the activity you would like to Chair or help out with. We will take all hands - big and small.

There goes that Easter Bunny....



## COMMUNITY EVENTS YEAR-AT-A-GLANCE

**April 4** - Easter Party

**May 24** - 3rd Annual Pig Roast

**July 4** - 4th of July Party

**August 2009** - Back to School Party

**October 31** - Halloween

**November 7** - Progressive Dinner  
(being considered)

**December 5** - Breakfast with Santa

*Dates Subject to Change*

**Ladies Bible Study**  
**Beginning February 11**  
Every Wednesday from 9:30a-11:00a  
Castlewood Clubhouse

**Beth Moore study on Esther**

For more information contact  
Cheryl Stephens at  
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Men's Poker Night is the  
2nd Friday of each month  
at the clubhouse

**Men's Faith Group**  
Friday Mornings from 6:30a-7:20a  
Castlewood Clubhouse

Currently reading/discussing “The Shack”  
For more info, contact Brent Lyon at  
[brentlyon@verizon.net](mailto:brentlyon@verizon.net)

## Lifesaving Heros in Castlewood

On July 15, 2008, new residents Eliseu and Donna Batista moved to Castlewood from New Jersey. Five days later Eliseu had a massive heart attack, fell onto his kitchen floor and went into cardiac arrest. Their visiting daughter, Cassandra ran outside yelling for help, while Donna called 911. Neighbors Jennifer Sharp, Stephanie Laubacher and Lana Schara immediately responded. Eliseu was unresponsive and not breathing. Jennifer took charge directing the CPR and working together with Donna, Lana and Jennifer, Eliseu had a slight pulse when the paramedics arrived. Eliseu was transported to the nearest hospital and airlifted to Denton Regional Medical Center, one of the most renowned cardiology facilities in the country. Jennifer drove Donna and Cassandra to the hospital and stayed with them late into the night.



*From left to right: Lana Schara, Jennifer Sharp, Donna & Eliseu Batista, Mayor Costa, Stephanie Laubacher*

Eliseu was in a coma for four days. The doctors feared that if he recovered at all, he would have substantial brain damage due to his lack of oxygen during the initial heart attack. Miraculously, Eliseu woke up with all neurological functions. His only lapse of memory was while he was in a coma and the three following days. A doctor at Denton Regional said Eliseu had suffered the worst heart attack of the year at the hospital. Only about 2% of patients with this severity survive with no lasting affects. Because of this, Eliseu was called the "Miracle Patient" by all of the doctors, nurses and staff.

Without Jennifer and her CPR skill and knowledge, along with the help and commitment from Stephanie, Lana and the Batista family, this story probably would have had a different outcome. For the sake of your family, friends, neighbors and strangers, please take a life-saving CPR class.

The Batista's are extremely thankful to Jennifer Sharp for her calm leadership in orchestrating the CPR and to Stephanie Laubacher and Lana Schara for being there when they were needed most. Castlewood would like to thank all involved. We are really proud of you. It is neighbors like you that make Castlewood such a unique and desirable place to live.

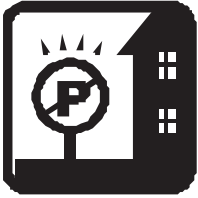
The Batista's would also like to thank all of Castlewood and Highland Village for making them feel so welcome in North Texas. They would also like to express their appreciation for the Highland Village paramedics, Travis Nokes, Jared Middleton, John Webb and Mel Harper who also helped save a life that day.

On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Jennifer Sharp was presented the Heartsaver Hero Award by the American Heart Association. On January 27<sup>th</sup>, Jennifer, Lana and Stephanie were presented a Certificate from Council for their heroic efforts by Mayor Costa at the Highland Village City Council Meeting.

Donna Batista took CPR training at the HV Fire Department and her instructor was Mel Harper, one of the paramedics who helped save her husband. It is her wish to motivate as many people as possible to learn CPR, thereby saving lives. She is actively taking steps to get CPR programs in Middle and High Schools. I am happy to report that Eliseu is doing great these days. You might see him and/or Donna out walking. If you do, be sure to smile and say hi.

The Highland Village Fire Department conducts monthly CPR training classes for our residents and those in the neighboring communities. All classes are taught by HV firefighters who are certified by the American Heart Association as instructors. These courses are American Heart Association based modules designed to educate all ages in the proper method of assisting someone in cardiac arrest. The cost is \$25 for residents of Highland Village and \$45 for non-residents to attend the CPR class. Call the Fire Department at 972-317-0890 for more information or to sign up. Classes are usually scheduled monthly from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Please check the events calendar for upcoming dates. The next class is February 5th. March is tentatively scheduled for the 12th, but call to verify. Dates and info for CPR classes are also included in your monthly utility bill.





Please, no overnight parking at the clubhouse or soccer field without prior authorization from the management office.

### Lost Items



Angel, our Castlewood porter/maintenance man, periodically finds, scooters, bikes, etc., on common area property. We put these items on the front porch of the clubhouse, hoping whoever left them will retrieve them. If you are missing something, please check the front porch and/or call the management office at 972-317-2457.

### Welcome Our Newest Castlewood Residents

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ROLLERBLADES, HOCKEY STICKS,  
BASEBALL BATS, SCOOTERS, ETC.

**VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED**

### Classifieds:

**Sitter:** Graduate/Seminary student looks for baby/pet/house sitting opportunities! Katie Franklin, 22, with over 8 years experience in all of the above, would love to help you. She is a long time resident of Castlewood and daughter of Dan and Jennifer Franklin. She can be reached at 214.500.2385. She looks forward to your call!

**Found:** Black metal outside fire pit. It was left at the clubhouse by the pool. Call the office at 972-317-2457.

### Winter Art Classes Now Enrolling!

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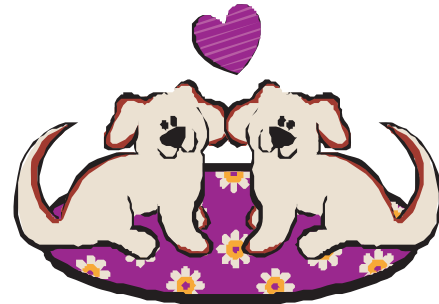


**Annual  
Father/Daughter Dance  
Celebrations  
Grand Ballroom  
February 13, 2009  
6:30p - 9:00p**

This annual event includes an evening of dinner and dancing. Door prizes are given away and each daughter receives a flower. This is a great way to spend a special night with your daughter and have a great time dancing the night away! Friday, February 13, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Come enjoy dinner and a rose, dancing and door prizes. Space is limited. Dress Semi-Formal. Residents - \$18 per person and Non-Residents - \$21 per person. Register at the Parks Department at the Municipal Complex. Feel free to contact the Parks and Recreation department at (972) 317-7430 if you have any questions.



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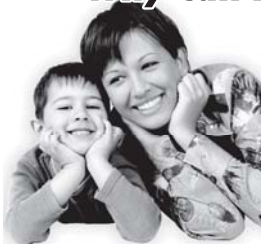


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## Valentine's Day

### How To Celebrate Your Relationship Thoughts and deeds to truly show you care

It's not just the things that we say, but the things we do in the name of love that define its meaning. And luckily, Valentine's Day offers us the perfect opportunity to do so—it's the one day a year that reminds us to do all of the thoughtful and romantic things we should do every day. Valentine's Day is all about love and affection, but oftentimes we find that just one day is not enough to truly show the depth of our feelings. In order to keep those feelings of love and appreciation lasting the entire month of February, here are some tips to help you express your love.



Look through old photo albums together, or your wedding video.

Leave a lipstick kiss on the mirror, kitchen window, or any other frequent traffic area where your love will see it and smile.

Share a pot of tea and enjoy a nice conversation.

Try cooking your loved one's favorite meal from a restaurant.

Sneak a sweet note into their lunch or briefcase so that they will smile and think of you when they find it.

Give them a box of candy conversation hearts or another nostalgic Valentine's Day candy.

Take a jar and write down all of the things you both have said you would like to do – seeing a play, having a picnic, or learning to play chess. From time to time, pull an item from the jar and enjoy the activity together.

Go ahead and give into the spirit of the holiday by writing them a poetic love note and seal it with a kiss.

Do something that really suites their interests versus your shared interests, such as watching a sporting event together or going to hear a talk about local wildlife.

Host a board game night. Sometimes a little friendly competition can be a nice change of pace.

Show special care by making fancy dessert that you've never attempted.

Hit the gym together for a little healthy activity and to blow off some workweek steam.

Watch some old romantic movies together.

Make and bring them breakfast in bed.

Write your special someone a sweet message and place it in a bottle.

Leave a loving note or candy on their pillow.

Learn something new together, such as signing up for ballroom dance lessons or a cooking class.

Schedule a double date with friends you don't see often.

Go and listen to live music together or see a play.



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