



# Castlewood Connection

## June/July 2009

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### Upcoming Events

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### 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

**4th  
of  
July  
Parade**

**9:30a - 10:30a**

**Clubhouse**

Donuts at 9:30a  
Parade at 10:00a

**Dress up your trike, bike,  
scooter, wagon, etc., and ride  
or dress yourself and walk!**

the Parade will start at the Clubhouse,  
go up (east) on Wimbledon, north on  
Castlewood, down (west) on Fairfield  
and back to the Clubhouse

Leading the Parade will be Bicycle Officers  
from the City of Highland Village

For more information  
(or if you would like to volunteer)  
contact Kimberely at  
[KimberelyLyons@tx.rr.com](mailto:KimberelyLyons@tx.rr.com)

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### Modifications Committee

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Meets first Monday of the month.  
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and fill out an application for any  
exterior home improvements.

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### Advertising Rates

Business Card - \$25  
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## Note from the Board:

I hope everyone is surviving the normal summertime Texas heat. We had a great turn out for the annual pig roast and I want to thank everyone who took time to volunteer. In particular, I would like to give special thanks to Amanda Mitchell and her family for their efforts. It was a very long day for them but their hard work is much appreciated.

As everyone is aware, TXDOT has started construction on the front entrance intersection. It is expected to take 3-6 weeks to complete. The HOA has been in close contact with the TXDOT and the city trying to mitigate issues associated the construction.

We will be incurring some landscape and irrigation costs as part of the demolition that neither the city nor TXDOT are obligated to cover. These are costs that we did not foresee and as a result, the board's plans of additional common area landscaping will be delayed until we fully understand the impact of the intersection construction.

As we continue to get updates, we will pass them along via email.

Stay Cool,  
Tony Leone

### **Volunteers Needed for The Modification Committee**

We are currently taking applications for the Modifications Committee. This is a volunteer position that meets the first Monday of each month to screen Home Improvement Applications. This is a volunteer position that reports to the HOA board. If you are interested, please email a short bio to [manager@castlewoodhoa.com](mailto:manager@castlewoodhoa.com)

### **Thanks to everyone for a great 3rd Annual Pig Roast!**

A big shout out to Dee Luther, Michelle Niederstadt and Beth Saunders for helping me! And to my husband Craig, for cooking up all that little piggy, chicken and beef. You're the Best!

All my thanks! Amanda



## Tennis Courts are for Tennis Only Gates will be Locked

Due to the growing problem of bikes, scooters, skateboards, etc., on the tennis courts, the board voted to lock the gates. Locks will be put on the gates by July 6th. Please tell your children not to climb over the fence.



Castlewood Tennis Players:  
contact Jo Lynn at 972-317-2457 or  
[manager@castlewoodhoa.com](mailto:manager@castlewoodhoa.com)  
for the lock combination



## Tennis Court Rules

1. Only members of the Castlewood HOA and their guests are eligible for tennis privileges. Children may play tennis under the supervision of adult members.
2. Guests playing tennis must have a member present when they play. Only one court can be occupied by guests at a given time.
3. No food allowed on courts. Drinks should be in plastic containers, no glass allowed. No smoking on tennis courts.
4. It is the responsibility of the last players who leave the courts to lock the gate and turn off court lights (if used) and pick up any trash.
5. Only tennis shoes are allowed on courts. (No black soles.)
6. No pets, bikes, skates, skateboards, soccer matches, etc. allowed on courts. No climbing the fence. Parents must enforce this rule with children.
7. No loud music, shouting, boisterous conduct, loud or profane language.
8. For gate combo, please call Jo Lynn at the Clubhouse during regular business hours.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS YEAR-AT-A-GLANCE

- July 4** - 4th of July Party  
**Kimberely Lyons**
- August 21** - Back to School Party  
**Volunteer Needed**
- October 17** - Garage Sale
- October 31** - Halloween  
**Laura Rojas**
- November 7** - Progressive Dinner  
(being considered)  
**Volunteer Needed**
- December 5** - Breakfast with Santa  
**Volunteer Needed**

*Dates Subject to Change*

### Classifieds:

New wooden bunk beds for 18" dolls (such as American Girl). White & pink w/painted crowns. Includes 2 pillows, 2 coverlets & ladder. 3 @ \$32. Call April @ 972-966-1027 or [arhod2@msn.com](mailto:arhod2@msn.com).



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## Responsibility of a Good Neighbor

By Amanda Green Mitchell

My mother always said that a responsible person would go far in this world. I think she was just trying to get me to empty the dishwasher. I try and teach my kids about responsibility too - take out the trash, set the table, make your bed and so on. Responsibility isn't always fun but it's how we function and help others. Each of us in Castlewood has a responsibility to be a good neighbor. And just like kids, sometimes we need a little reminder.



Our tennis courts were recently refurbished and back in good playing order. We want to keep them this way. Please review with your children that they are not to play on the courts. No bikes, no skateboards, no pets, no soccer, no scooters and no baseball - the tennis courts are for tennis action only. We will be installing a lock on the tennis gate and only HOA members will receive the code to play (see new rules). It is your responsibility as a good neighbor to review these rules with your children and respect them.

The swimming pool is, of course, seeing a lot of action and fun these days. Please take time to pick up your trash, your pool toys, towels, clothes, etc. Pool equipment is for maintenance only - not to have your kids fish each other out of the pool. By law, we can not have the pool gates propped open. If you are expecting guests, please greet them at the pool gate. Pool parties are fun, but consider taking your trash back home with you. Half empty pizza boxes are a favorite with the wildlife. We want the residents to enjoy the pool area, not Ricky Raccoon and Rocky the Squirrel. Remember too that we have no lifeguard on duty. If your child is under the age of 12 they must have an adult (over the age of 18) at the pool to supervise.



We all have great neighbors. Some we know like family, some only in passing. But, we still look out for each other. If you are going on vacation, please ask a neighbor to take out and/or put back your trash cans. No one wants to look at trash cans at the end of the driveway for a week.

Walking your family dog includes picking up after them. Bring your supplies to do so. And remember to not leave Fido out in the backyard. Waking up or trying to get to sleep to a barking dog is not as serene as listening to the sweet song bird.



All this overview seems like nagging. It's not intended to be that. Each of us has the responsibility of being a Good Neighbor. None of us today are being wasteful with our money or time. We get mad when our kids break something that they shouldn't have been playing with in the first place. We are taking care of our "things" so that they last and we can enjoy them. Our goal is to operate Castlewood HOA professionally and efficiently to maintain the appearance, values and integrity of the community. Do your part and be a responsible neighbor.

## Welcome Our Newest Castlewood Residents

Robert & Traci Bernard  
811 Camelot Court

John Miller  
3412 Fairfield Lane

Jamie Henry & Jeffrey Vestal  
3401 Wimbledon Drive

Douglas Harper & Deborah West  
3409 Canterbury Drive

Pamela Peavy  
3203 Fairfield Lane

Michael & Kimberley Lyons  
3304 Mayfair Lane

## Inappropriate Behavior

If you see inappropriate behavior at the park or pool and/or vandalism, please notify the management office and/or the City of Highland Village Police Department. This includes foul language, misuse or destruction of property, lewd behavior, harassment etc. Please program the police non-emergency number into your cell phones and don't be afraid to use it.

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## She May Be Small But She Is Mighty!

(parts of the following was taken from an article,  
Playing Bigger Than Her Size  
published in the May 6th Flower Mound Messenger)

Castlewood resident Billie McFadyen (B-Mac), is a 9 year-old softball star in the making. Billie plays for the 98 Flower Mound Rage-Allen select softball team and competes against players aged 10-13. This season she hit .427 with a .609 on base percentage and 35 hits in 75 at-bats. Billie plays shortstop and bats lead off. Rage coach, Keith Allen, said he is impressed with Billie's determination and that she is a big part of the team's success.



And, Billie had a straight A average at Heritage Elementary School. "My parents and all of my coaches in select softball have always stressed the importance of being disciplined by doing my school work first, and they also always stress working hard and being disciplined during softball." Billie said. "I love school as much as I love softball." That explains why she is good at both!

*Note from Manager:* Billie is the daughter of Bill and Claire McFadyen. A couple of years ago, I was driving by and saw Billie playing catch with her dad. I parked my car to watch because I was amazed at the grounders, pop-ups and skips that she was fielding. I've been around little league and school baseball and thought "this little girl is as good as anyone I've seen."

## PLEASE DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN!

Your trash ends up in our yards, streets,  
creeks and woods



1. Put your trash out the morning of trash day, and pick up promptly.
2. Purchase trash cans that do not easily tip over.
3. Secure the lid on each trash can and do not let any heap out.
4. Weigh down any large trash items to keep from blowing.

**This is a continuous problem, especially when the wind is blowing. Please be courteous to your neighbors and do not put unsecured garbage out.**

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We had a lot of requests for Janel Nilson's Mexican Pasta Salad that she brought to the Pig Roast. Thanks Janel!



**Mexican Pasta Salad**

- 1 pound fusilli pasta
- 1 tablespoons plus 1/3 cup olive oil
- 2 large tomatoes, seeded, diced (about 4 cups)
- 2 cups corn kernels (fresh or frozen, thawed)
- 1/2 large red onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon fresh lime juice
- 1-2 jalapeño chilies, seeded, minced
- 1 1/4 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 1/4 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 bunch fresh cilantro, coarsely chopped

Cook fusilli pasta in large pot of boiling salted water until tender. Drain pasta well, cool. Transfer pasta to large bowl. Add 1 tablespoon olive oil and mix thoroughly to coat. Add diced tomatoes corn kernels, and chopped onion and toss.

Mix Dijon mustard and fresh lime juice in small bowl. Gradually mix in remaining 1/3 cup olive oil. Mix in minced jalapeño chilies, chili powder and ground cumin. Add dressing and chopped fresh cilantro to salad and mix to blend.

Season to taste with salt and pepper. (Salad can be prepared 4 hours ahead. Cover and refrigerate.)

**Be Alert!**



We have had several snakes and frogs in the baby pool this year. Please check before your child enters the water. If you see a snake in the pool and are not comfortable removing it, please contact the management office or the City of Highland Village Animal Control at 972-317-6551.

## Lake Safety Tips

Lewisville Lake is one of the defining features of the greater Lewisville area. It is a valued recreation destination for residents and visitors alike. But Lewisville Lake, along with all other bodies of water across the state, can be dangerous when lake patrons do not exercise caution. According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, 444 people died on Texas lakes from 1999-2004, with 110 lakes experiencing at least one fatality. At Lewisville Lake, 17 people have died since 2004, the third most in the state behind Lake Travis and Lake Conroe.

Here are some swimming safety tips to help ensure safety in the water:

- ! Always swim with someone else, never alone;
- ! Know your swimming limits and stay within them;
- ! Keep an eye on weaker swimmers;
- ! Alcohol and swimming do not mix;
- ! Swim in supervised areas only;
- ! Do not chew gum or eat while swimming;
- ! Obey "No Diving" signs;
- ! Always enter the water feet first;
- ! Do not swim in unfamiliar parts of the lake;
- ! Watch for the dangerous "too's" - too tired, too cold, too far from safety, too much sun, too much strenuous activity.

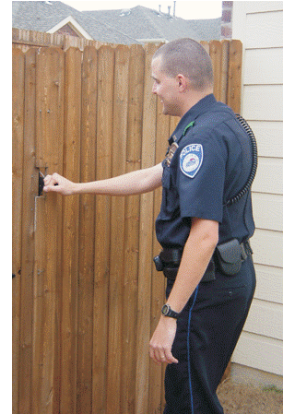
Thirty-two percent of lake deaths involve watercraft. Operators of vessels need to make sure their boat is in top operating condition and has necessary safety equipment. Safety equipment that should be on any vessel includes:

- ! Personal floatation device (children under 13 in motorboats under 26 feet are required to wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD while the vessel is underway);
- ! Type IV throwable PFD (required for vessels 16 feet and longer);
- ! Fire extinguisher;
- ! On-board whistle or horn and a bell (required for vessels 39.4 feet or longer);
- ! Bright light, lantern or flashlight.

(source: [www.cityoflewisville.com](http://www.cityoflewisville.com))

## Vacation Watch Program

Remember to take advantage of the Vacation Watch Program through the City. Highland Village police officers will patrol your home while you are gone. Officers look for any signs of unusual activity or suspicious persons loitering near your home. Call 972-317-6551 to register or [www.hvdpd.com](http://www.hvdpd.com) to download a vacation watch form. You can fill it out and fax it to HVPD, or drop it by the police department. You can also call when your form is ready and an officer will stop by your home to pick it up.



**POLICE**  
*City of Highland Village*

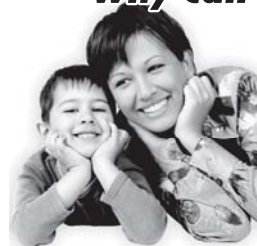


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**“Red, White & Lewisville” Fireworks & Concerts on Tap  
Saturday, July 4  
Vista Ridge Mall**



The city’s annual Independence Day festival, Red White & Lewisville, will be held on Wednesday, July 4, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. at Vista Ridge Mall. Activities will include live entertainment inside the mall during the day, music on the main stage outside the mall in the evening, and a spectacular fireworks show shortly after dark. The Red, White and Lewisville fireworks show will be broadcast on 96.7 FM The Twister.

The event will feature live performances by The Wonders, The Lost Trailers and Brad Thompson & The Undulating Band. The evening will include one of the largest fireworks displays in North Texas, visible from much of south Lewisville.

**Flower Mound Fireworks Show  
Saturday, July 4  
Flower Mound High School**

Fireworks begin at dusk. Gates will open at 7 p.m. The fireworks show and parking at Flower Mound High School are free. Music will be provided by the Flower Mound Symphony Orchestra. No glass, alcohol, or tobacco products may be brought to the high school. Concessions and children’s activities will be available. The rainout date for this event is Sunday, July 5. For more information, call 972.874.6276.

