

Castlewood Connection

March 2009

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March 18

HV Easter Egg Hunt
April 4 - 10:00a

Castlewood Easter
April 4 - 1:00p

Community Garage Sale
April 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.

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no later than the 20th of the
month prior to publication

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

Residents and family members are invited to attend this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny and enjoy crafts and snacks.

Don't forget to bring your basket to collect your eggs!



Saturday, April 4th
1:00 pm at the Clubhouse



Registration is required. Each registered participant must bring one dozen pre-filled plastic Easter eggs to the clubhouse by 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 3. Please be sure to register no later than March 27. Registrations should be returned to the Management Office located at the clubhouse. After hours drop-offs may be left in the lock box at the front door. You can also call 972-317-2457 or email your information to manager@castlewoodhoa.com. Because supplies are purchased in advance, pre-registration is crucial. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Lynn.



Registration Form is on Page 8.



Snacks, Crafts and Pictures
begin at 1:00 pm
Egg Hunts begin at 2:00 pm

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exterior home improvements.

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Note from the Board:

On February 7th, Chief O'Bara and the HVPD held a crime prevention seminar at the Castlewood clubhouse. I want to first thank those that participated in the event. I understand how important weekends are for Castlewood residents, but the attendance was better than anyone could have expected. That number of folks participating certainly lets Chief O'Bara and the City know that we are concerned about what happens in our community.

Chief O'Bara and his team shared a lot of interesting information about the City and Castlewood and what we can do to reduce the "opportunities" for crime in our neighborhood. Over the next several newsletters, we will include HVPD suggestions to make our community safer. Again, thanks to all who took time to stay involved in keeping Castlewood a fantastic community. One last item, we are still working on options for the security cameras at the clubhouse and lights at the playground. We have gotten several bids for both and are looking at the best option for both. More to follow in the near future.

Regards,
Tony Leone
President – Castlewood HOA

Castlewood Crime Prevention



The Crime Prevention Meeting on February 7th at the clubhouse was a huge success. We had "standing room only" and the Highland Village Police Department put on a very informative program. Police Chief O'Bara reported that he thinks most, if not all, of the recent Castlewood car burglaries have been solved. The Chief said he thought all of these instances were actually crimes of opportunity. Two teenage boys (one Castlewood resident and one Flower Mound resident) found cars parked on the street, not locked and simply opened the doors and took loose items visible in the car. No windows were smashed and no radios, CD players or other installed car equipment were stolen.

The chief emphasized several times, that when you leave your car parked anywhere you should make it a habit to LOCK ALL OF THE DOORS, even if your car is parked in front of your home (as was the case in the recent mini crime spree). Do not leave any valuables in your vehicle and place any visible loose items out of sight to remove temptation and opportunity. At night always park in highly lit areas near or under parking lot lighting. At home, install motion detectors on your driveway if you cannot park in the garage.

**April 18
Community Garage Sale**

It's that time of year again!
Clean out every nook and cranny
and get rid of it at the
Castlewood Garage Sale!



**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
cheryl@prosoftsolutions.net

**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



Men's Poker Night is the
2nd Friday of each month
at the clubhouse



**COMMUNITY EVENTS
YEAR-AT-A-GLANCE**

April 4 - Easter Party

April 18 - Community Garage Sale

May 24 - 3rd Annual Pig Roast

July 4 - 4th of July Party

August 21 - Back to School Party

October - Community Garage Sale

October 31 - Halloween

November 7 - Progressive Dinner
(being considered)

December 5 - Breakfast with Santa

Dates Subject to Change



Thanks to all who have volunteered for our Social Events. We had a lot of responses for the Easter Party and have several more chairpersons for other events. We still need a few, so if you are interested in being a chairperson or a volunteer, please contact the management office.

Easter Party Chairperson - Kurri Hess

Pig Roast Chairperson - Amanda Mitchell

4th of July - Chairperson Needed

Back to School - Chairperson Needed

Halloween Chairperson - Laura Rojas

Breakfast with Santa - Chairperson Needed

CASTLEWOOD COVENANTS

Fences: Quite a few fences need to be repaired and/or replaced. **Keep in mind that when you replace your fence, the finished side needs to face out.** Many homes have not followed this rule (Page 8, 4.2 (1) of the Design Guidelines), but it will be enforced as fences are being replaced. If you are replacing your fence with anything other than what currently exists, you will need to submit a Home Improvement Form.

Weeds: There is still time to put down pre-emergent. A lot of weeds are cropping up..

Shrubs: Please trim your shrubs and any "dead" perennials.

Trees: According to the Supplemental Declaration, Page 3, No. 4 *"In front of each Home, at least three (3) trees shall be retained or planted [within fifteen (15) feet of the curb]; and if Home is on a corner Lot, three (3) trees shall be planted or retained adjacent to each street. The required trees shall have a minimum size of **three (3) caliper inches...**"* Three-inch (3") caliper is the diameter of the trunk, not the circumference. A 3" caliper tree is approximately 9" in circumference. Each home must have a minimum of three trees in their yard. If your home is on a corner lot and one of the required trees is on the corner, a minimum of five trees is permitted. Some homes do not have the required number and/or size of trees. Stumps need to be removed or ground down. Contact Jo Lynn if you have any questions.

*If you have any questions regarding modifications or violations, please call the management office
972-317-2457*

NOTE:

There have been some "vulgar and inappropriate pictures drawn with chalk on the tennis courts. Please be aware and if you see anyone "drawing" at the courts, contact the management office.

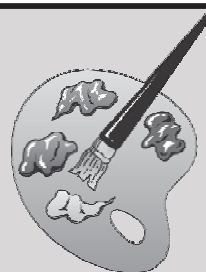
New Clubhouse Policy

The board has implemented a new policy regarding using the clubhouse on a consistent (weekly, monthly, etc) basis. Effective immediately, any group who wishes to use the clubhouse for nonprofit meetings or gatherings of any kind, must submit an application to the board to be qualified as a "Club" that can use the clubhouse at no charge. A "Clubhouse Meeting Policy" will be filled out and signed by a Castlewood resident. This resident will be responsible for the clubhouse. The key will be picked up no earlier than two days prior to the event and dropped in the lockbox when the event is over. Keeping the key for the duration of the meetings/ gatherings will no longer be allowed.

The deadbolt lock on the front door will be changed and new keys made by April 1st. Jo Lynn will be contacting all of the current "Clubs" to fill out the paperwork and to inform them that their existing key will no longer work.

We apologize for this inconvenience. However, with the clubhouse being used more, stricter key management is now necessary.

If you have any questions, please call the management office at 972-317-2457.



**Summer & Fall
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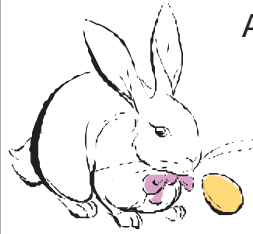


**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED FOR THE
"TRAIL ACTION COMMITTEE"**

*Help maintain our natural running and
bike trails around the neighborhood.
Sign up today...railaction@gmail.com*

Trail Action Committee - This is a new volunteer group being formed as part of the Highland Village Parks Foundation. It will specifically deal with maintaining and repairing various trails around Castlewood, Highland Shores and any partnership trails with the Corps of Engineers. The Castlewood Trailhead is located near the basketball courts and can be followed through Corp property over to the Pilot Knoll Trailhead at Chinn Chapel Road and back east over to the St. James Place Trailhead, which is currently under construction. The next major project will start at the Kimberlee Street Trailhead in Highland Shores and will deal with drainage issues on the Lakeside Trail. There is also an on-going need for trash clean up, erosion maintenance and other tasks that will keep the trails in their pristine condition and enjoyable for nature walks and bike riding. If you would like to donate your time or money to the Trail Action Committee, please send an email to trailaction@gmail.com.

**Highland Village Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 4, 2009 10:00 a.m.**



Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Unity Park baseball/softball field facility (Behind Briarhill M.S.)

This event is free to the public and includes pictures with the Easter Bunny, bounce house and fire engine. The hunt starts promptly at 10:00 a.m. If the hunt is cancelled due to rain, it will be held the following Saturday, April 11, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Remember to check out the Highland Village website at www.highlandvillage.org. There is a lot of good information on this site. You can also find a map of the trail system under "City Departments - Parks and Recreation."

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CALLING ALL SENIORS TO JOIN MINIATURE GOLF LEAGUE

There's a new sports league in town. And it is for seniors ONLY! Starting this March, all four senior centers have come together to form a miniature golf league with the special prize of a traveling trophy to the winningest senior center. Highland Village Senior All-Stars have joined forces with the Lewisville Senior Center, Flower Mound Seniors in Motion and the Active Older Adults of the Greater Lewisville YMCA to play miniature golf this Spring.



League play begins on Friday, March 20, at Texas Twister, located at 1951 Summit Avenue in Lewisville (behind the McDonald's on 407), sharply at 11:00 a.m. and continues each Friday (with the exception of Good Friday) through May 8. Luncheon items will be available for sale.

The league may be the first of its kind according to Jason Bledsoe, general manager of Rounds of Fun. "There is a league in Oklahoma that travels through here," he said, "but it is not restricted to seniors only." Mr. Bledsoe is opening the facility for the 11:00 a.m. time frame for the senior league only.

Seniors can play for only one senior center. A foursome consisting of one member from each center will tee off to play 18 holes. Everyone plays but only the lowest scores from an even number of center players will be counted. Lowest team score at the end of seven weeks will determine which senior center will be the 2009 champion.

Age and ability are not very relevant. Meeting others, mild exercise, friendly competition, and having lots of fun are the main reasons to sign up. There is plenty of seating throughout the course.

Registration fee is \$25.00 payable to the senior facility of choice if paid by March 2; \$35.00 if paid by March. 9. For more information, call the senior center of choice: Highland Village Senior All-Stars at 469-446-2858, Lewisville Senior Center, 972-219-5050; Flower Mound Seniors in Motion, 972-874-6275; Active Older Adults at Greater Lewisville YMCA, 972-539-9622. If you choose to play for Highland Village, you may register at the City of Highland Village, Parks and Recreation Department, 1000 Highland Village Road.

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'Prairie Sunset' Rain Lily

Latin Name: *Zephyranthes* x 'Prairie Sunset'
 Common Name: Prairie Sunset Rain Lily
 Flowers: open apricot, fading to pink
 Foliage: fine and grasslike
 Mature height: 12 inches
 Hardiness: Hardy perennial in Zones 7b to 10
 Soil: not picky
 Exposure: full sun to light shade
 Water usage: low
 Sources: mail-order or local nurseries



Sometimes it's not all about new and different - sometimes it's about good plants that have been forgotten. And I believe rain lilies are one group of plants Texans shouldn't forget! *Zephyranthes* x 'Prairie Sunset' is one of the many rain lily varieties of which I'm especially fond. It's a hybrid of the familiar white rain lily, *Z. candida*. 'Prairie Sunset' has flowers that start out as deep rose-pink buds that open to a peachy apricot, then fade to a light pink - a color combination that melds into any garden scheme.

Rain lilies are exceptionally well-adapted to our Texas climate, yet I very seldom see them in gardens. In fact, quite a few of them are native! Did I mention drought-resistant? What more could you ask for? Pretty flowers? They have that, too.

So why don't you see them on every nursery shelf? Because home gardeners just won't buy anything that isn't in full bloom the day they show up to the nursery. Rain lilies are special, magical and ephemeral: The flowers appear in great abundance when you least expect them, right after a rain shower or during the cool weather of fall. Supposedly, they are triggered to flower by a change in barometric pressure.

If you're worried about forgetting to water your plants or needing to cut back, this tiny bulb will flower equally happily growing in a pot, in a perennial border or in that dry bed sitting right beside an agave that only receives natural rainfall. If they don't get water, they just curl up and take a nap until cooler, moist fall weather. If you do keep your beds watered, the foliage will persist through summer and the plants will flower even more heavily.

So where can you buy rain lilies? Luckily, this plant is seeing a small revival and some of the better retailers are carrying them. They may not have many, and most likely they won't be easy to find, so you might have to ask. If they don't carry them, ask to have them special-ordered for you. I know for sure that several of the large nursery suppliers in Texas are growing this particular variety and currently have it for sale. Also, an internet search for "rain lily" will turn up dozens of mail-order options. It is best to buy these as growing plants in 4-inch or 1-gallon containers. Quite often you will find the dormant bulbs for sale, but be very careful purchasing them. Rain lily bulbs do not store well.

PS. This is one of the plants by which I judge a garden. If I see any rain lilies in your garden, you instantly score high on my sophistication meter! Also, be warned, after you get one good clump going, you'll start collecting them!

About the author: Jimmy Turner is the Director of Horticulture Research at the Dallas Arboretum. For more plant profiles by Jimmy, subscribe to Neil Sperry's GARDENS Magazine.



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CPR & Health Care Provider Classes The Highland Village Fire Department Thursday, March 12th · Thursday, April 2nd

The Highland Village Fire Department conducts monthly CPR and Healthcare Provider training classes for our residents and those in the neighboring communities. All classes are taught by the Highland Village 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. The cost for HealthCare Provider is \$35 for residents and \$55 for non-residents. Call or e-mail the Fire Department 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.

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