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**Monthly Meetings**

- All meetings are held at City Hall unless otherwise posted.
- City Council**  
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- Architectural Review Committee**  
4th Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
Upon Request
- Board of Adjustment**  
4th Monday, 5:30 p.m.  
Upon Request
- Zoning Commission**  
1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.  
Upon Request
- Crime Control & Prevention District**  
2nd Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.  
Quarterly or as needed

**MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR**



**Happy Fall Neighbors!**

The cooler weather is finally upon us!

**Legal Update**

As many of you all have heard, we have finally resolved the longstanding litigation. Putting a 5 year long legal battle behind us, was simply a no-brainer. Each round of legal updates from the plaintiff's attorneys would result in a slurry of harassing e-mails, calls, and social media posts. While this isn't something that anyone should have to endure, even less so our team members that nothing to do with the case. If putting this case to bed means that Castle Hills team will endure less harassment, that alone is worth the decision.

To be very clear, the City of Castle Hills only paid a \$10,000 deductible 5 years ago when this started. However, the insurer paid a settlement of \$500,000. The decision to settle was that of the Council but if we would have decided not to settle it would likely lead to an even bigger expense that would come from City dollars. We are glad to have this consuming litigation done and moving on to the next chapter of Castle Hills.

**Carolwood/Manton Updates**

The end is so close we can see it! We have braved the worst of the drainage projects and we are a few short months away from total completion. As a reminder, we were scheduled to be finished in December 2025. We have had a couple of small project delays on Carolwood. Fortunately, these delays will only impact the drainage basin area and not the areas that directly affect you accessing your homes.

You may wonder why there is a delay, there are several issues. First, we had some weather delays. Second, there was a conflict with SAWS infrastructure and in getting them out to address the issue. Third, the City of San Antonio was considering making some changes to the drainage basin but ultimately decided to maintain the original plan. Even with all these changes, we are only about 2-3 weeks past the estimated completion date.

As we are getting near, we are working

to get your properties restored. You may ask what that means. The objective is to get your property to similar condition like the way it was when we started. That means landscaping, sprinklers, electrical, mailboxes, etc. The contractor took picture before so that we have a baseline. The contractor will not receive final payment no earlier than January. So that means that we have plenty of time to address your issues. If you have issues, please do not hesitate to reach out to the City Manager or Council so that we can make sure to address your issues. If you have pictures handy, that will be extremely helpful.

**Texas Municipal League**

The last weekend in October several Councilmembers and City Manager Duque attended the annual Texas Municipal League conference. The conference is a great place to connect with other city leaders across the state. It is a personal opinion that there are no original problems in city leadership, so the question then becomes, who has had a similar problem and how did they address it. We all attended numerous sessions on the latest city challenges, trends, and opportunities.



One session that was of interest was roundtable on "Municipal Grants." A chance to learn how Federal or State dollars is an excellent opportunity, right? You can imagine my surprise when other Councilmembers were talking about extreme budgetary challenges they were experiencing in rural parts of the state. In a session with expectations to learn, the tables flipped and instantly started sharing

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**CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS 2025**

**Trash and Brush Pick-up Holiday Schedule:**

Southside trash pick-up is Monday, December 22nd  
 Northside Recycling pick-up is Monday, December 22nd  
 Southside Recycling pick-up is Thursday, December 23rd  
 Northside trash pick-up is Thursday, December 23rd  
**NO BRUSH OR LEAF BAG PICK-UP the week of December 22nd – December 26h**  
**Normal trash and Leaf pick-up will resume the week of January 5th**  
**Brush pick-up will resume on Wednesday, January 7th**

NORTH OF LOOP 410	12/22 MON	12/23 TUE	12/24 WED	12/25 THU	12/26 FRI
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All are welcome! Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just getting started, these programs offer something for everyone. Meetings are held in the Castle Hills Community Room, 209 Lemonwood.

Have questions or want to join? Let's grow together – email or DM us on Facebook today!  
 (castlehillsgardenclub@gmail.com)

## CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS DAY JANUARY 1, 2026

### Trash and Brush Pick-up Holiday Schedule:

Southside trash pick-up is Monday, December 29th and Wednesday, December 31st

Northside trash pick-up is Tuesday, December 30th and Friday, January 2nd

Southside Recycling pick-up is Tuesday, December 30th

Northside Recycling pick-up is Wednesday, December 31st

**NO BRUSH OR LEAF BAG PICK-UP** the week of December 29th – January 2nd

Brush and Leaf bag pick-up will resume on Wednesday, January 7th

NORTH OF LOOP 430	12/29 MON	12/30 TUE	12/31 WED	1/1 THU	1/2 FRI
SOUTH OF LOOP 410	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI

## CITY OFFICES CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY AND DAY AFTER

### Trash and Brush Pick-up Holiday Schedule:

Southside trash pick-up is Monday, November 24th

Northside trash pick-up is Tuesday, November 25th

Southside and Northside Recycling pick-up is Wednesday, November 26th

**NO BRUSH OR LEAF BAG PICK-UP** the week of November 24th – November 28th

**Normal trash and Leaf pick-up** will resume the week of December 1st

**Brush pick-up will resume on** Wednesday, December 3rd

NORTH OF LOOP 430	11/24 MON	11/25 TUE	11/26 WED	11/27 THU	11/28 FRI
SOUTH OF LOOP 410	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI

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about different funding mechanisms that municipal leaders can use, like Castle Hills. One such example was the creation of a Crime Control Prevention District to capture sales tax dollars. One of the rural cities didn't realize that they could fully utilize the entire sales tax allocation.

It is always a bit of a chore for us to take time away from our jobs or families, but the TML conference is always worth the investment. Special recognition to City Manager Duque. You will see that he is wearing a medical boot on his left foot. These TML conferences are always a ton of walking. From walking to the sessions to walking the floor at the expo; you get a lot of steps. It was great to see Mr. Duque go the extra mile to make sure he was sharpening his municipal skills.

### Next City Steps

The City of Castle Hills is getting to a great place. We have sharpened almost every aspect of how we operate as a City. A short 7 years ago, we had a at least 5 different types of city street signs. Our friends on Carolwood and Manton would have to worry when it rained, unsure if their homes would flood or if they would be able to access their home. Only about 22% of our streets were in "good" condition. The Commons had a poorly deteriorated asphalt path with no lighting.

Fast forward 7 years, all Castle Hills street signs look the same and are branded. We are nearly complete with the largest multi-entity capital improvement project that will eliminate the majority of concerns Carolwood and Manton residents have and anybody that uses Lockhill Selma. We have over 70% of our streets in "good" condition. The Commons has been completely redone with shaded areas, lighting, and a concrete path.

While resting on our laurels certainly isn't how we operate, it's amazing to see the progress Castle Hills has made, and we aren't done yet! There is a long list of items, and your City Team is working to make Castle Hills even better. Thank you for your patience, grace, and endless support!

*Yours in Service,*

JR Treviño — Mayor

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## Planning Ahead

The cooler weather is around the corner. Projections are that this winter will be colder than the previous winter and we all remember what occurred last year thanks to Winter Storm Uri. We should all be starting to do our normal preparations prior to heading into the winter months. The heating systems should be inspected by a license/ certified HVAC technician to ensure the systems are operating properly. If your heating systems function using natural gas, they can overtime have rust and carbon build up that will cause them to operate inefficiently. Also, these issues can cause carbon monoxide to accumulate within your home which can be fatal. Approximately 440 deaths nationally are caused by carbon monoxide each year. In addition, the natural gas supply should be checked for leaks. All homes that have any type of natural gas operating equipment should have them checked by a certified technician for these issues. Carbon monoxide detectors are required in these homes as early warning devices indicating that there is an issue with these units and that there is carbon monoxide present in the home. When these alarms go off, everyone should evacuate the home immediately and call the fire department. For those of you with fireplaces, these too should be cleaned and checked prior to lighting to ensure safe usage.

Thanks to Winter Storm Uri, there are additional items we should do in the future during our cool weather preparations. Normally these tasks would not be part of our list of things to do before the winter. You should have an ample supply of bottled water on hand when notified of an upcoming winter storm. Candles, batteries and flashlights in case of extended power outages. Bags of salt and sand will come in handy to remove ice from surfaces so as to limit falls from slippery sidewalks and driveways. Over a million Americans are injured each year from falls on icy surfaces, resulting in over 17,000 deaths. If possible, a supply generator that could supply needed power to essential items in your home. Generators come in all sizes, from small single units that could supply a small space heater to heat a small room, keep your cell phone charged and other small appliances to a unit that can supply an entire home. It would be best to consult a professional to get the appropriate generator to fit your needs. By all means never run a generator inside a building or near an open doorway. These units will give off carbon monoxide and should be out in a well-ventilated area. Everyone stay safe and warm this winter and as always do not hesitate to contact your Castle Hills Fire Department for assistance or any questions.

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Chief Jim Ladewig

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**MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

By Chris Duque, City Manager

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

This month, we celebrate Thanksgiving—a time of giving thanks. As the City, we want to share what we are thankful for.

- We are thankful for our country’s veterans. There are no words to adequately describe our appreciation, respect, and gratitude for the men and women who have served in the US military to defend, protect, and ensure our country and its freedoms. God bless you and thank you! And thank you to your families who supported your service!
- We are thankful for our local businesses that continue to face a challenging time due to the impacts of an unsettled economy and inflation, but these businesses continue to support our community. Please continue to support our local businesses, especially on Small Business Saturday (Saturday, November 29th).
- We are thankful for the Castle Hills Police Department, Castle Hills Fire Department, dispatchers, and all other first responders who work diligently to protect our community.
- We are thankful for the sense of community in Castle Hills. Local non-profit organizations, churches and clubs continue to help the elderly, indigent, ill, etc.
- We are thankful for all of our City employees who have dealt with new challenges this year. I am proud of the men and women who work for the City of Castle Hills. We are thankful for the opportunity to serve this amazing community.
- We are thankful for the many businesses and organizations that will be organizing toy, food, blanket, and jacket collection events to assist the needy this holiday season.
- And we are thankful for our family and friends, our faith and beliefs, our furry friends, our hometown, and all the other blessings in our lives.

This year, as a community, we celebrate the holidays with the City’s LIGHTING OF THE LIGHTS event on Sunday, November 30th. The Lighting of the Lights is held at the Commons (adjacent to City Hall) from 4:00-6:30PM. There will be numerous activities for children and families; Santa Claus has taken time out of his busy schedule to attend; and many local schools and groups will be participating. At 6:20PM, the Christmas Tree Lighting will be held.

As a parent, one of my favorite parts of Christmas is Santa Claus. As a parent, it can also be a concerning time because of your kid’s belief in Santa – are they too old to still believe and will other kids tease them for believing? Santa Claus is much more than Tim Allen in the SANTA CLAUSE, Ed

Asner in ELF, or the guy at a mall. Santa Claus embodies our children’s innocence and our faith in mankind’s compassion and generosity. As long as we are willing to help one another and give a toy, blanket, food, etc. to a stranger, Santa Claus will always be real.

City offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans’ Day, Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th in observance of Thanksgiving, Wednesday, December 24th in observance of Christmas Eve, and Thursday, December 25th in observance of Christmas. During the weeks of these holidays, the solid waste schedule will be adjusted.

From the City of Castle Hills, we want to wish the community a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Please contact my Office with your concerns or questions; I can be contacted at [cduque@castlehills-tx.gov](mailto:cduque@castlehills-tx.gov) or (210) 293-9673.

**CASTLE HILLS POLICE DEPT.**  
By Gary R. McHone, MA, CPM, LCC  
Chief of Police



Since stepping into the role of Chief of Police in Castle Hills, I’ve had the privilege of connecting with many residents through events such as Coffee with a Cop and National Night Out, which highlight the value of building strong community partnerships. Although this is not my first role as Chief of Police, I have quickly been made to feel at home here, thanks to the professionalism and support of our employees. At the same time, I am actively reviewing our internal operations—including policies, procedures, and hiring practices—to ensure the department is operating at the highest level of professionalism and accountability. My goal is to expand on the solid foundation already in place by strengthening both our community policing initiatives and our internal processes so that the Castle Hills Police Department continues to be a trusted, effective, and engaged partner in keeping our community safe.



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**MESSAGE FROM**  
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Hello, neighbors. We occasionally get questions about how our council meetings are scheduled, how they operate, and how the public can take part and have their voices heard. Here's a quick rundown of the different types of meetings, when they are scheduled, and other legal requirements, all of which are proscribed by state law.

**Meeting Types and Basic Requirements**

City Council conducts three basic types of meetings: regular meetings, special meetings, and workshops. All meetings must have properly posted agendas that include the date, hour, place, and subject matter, and the Council can only discuss or take action on items that appear on the posted agenda. Every meeting requires a quorum of Councilmembers to convene, minutes must be taken, and all meetings are open to the public except for executive session items (namely, consultation with the city attorney regarding litigation or settlement offers, personnel matters, cybersecurity issues, and other sensitive matters).

**Regular Meetings**

Regular meetings occur on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. and serve as the primary venue for Council business, requiring three Councilmembers (excluding the Mayor) for a quorum—though four members are needed for approval of tax-related matters or matters raised in special meetings. In the event a regular meeting falls on a city holiday, it will be moved to the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

**Special Meetings and Workshops**

Special meetings may be called by the Mayor, City Manager, or three Councilmembers to address urgent matters that cannot wait until the next regular meeting. These require a quorum of four Councilmembers, excluding the Mayor. Workshops follow the same guidelines as special meetings and can be held anywhere within city limits with proper posting and notification. During workshops, the Council may hear reports and deliberate on agenda items, but no action items may be placed on workshop agendas and no formal action can be taken at these sessions. Typically, the council holds several special meetings and workshops between the months of June and September as part of the annual budget process.

**Public Hearings and Emergency Items**

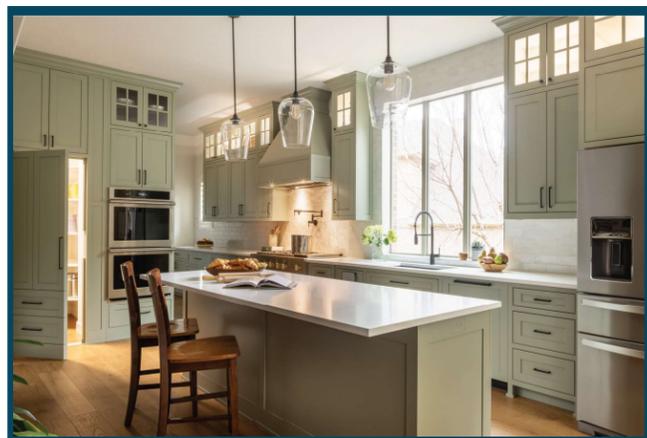
Public hearings provide a formal opportunity for citizens and interested parties to present information and opinions on both sides of an issue. State law mandates certain public hearings, such as those required before adopting the city budget and on specific zoning matters. The Council may

also schedule additional public hearings voluntarily to gather comprehensive citizen input on important issues. Emergency items or meetings are extremely rare and must still be posted at least one hour in advance if permitted under the Open Meetings Act, with consultation from the City Manager, City Attorney, or City Secretary required to determine what qualifies as an emergency.

**The Open Meetings Act**

Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, known as the Open Meetings Act, establishes strict requirements for government transparency. The Act mandates that no action can be taken on any item unless it has been posted on the agenda as an item subject to possible action and the agenda has been posted at City Hall at least three business days prior to the meeting. This requirement ensures public notice and the opportunity for citizen awareness and participation in governmental decision-making processes.

While either the city or myself (or both) usually send out messages about upcoming meetings on social media, occasionally life gets in the way of making that happen. Fortunately, all council meetings are included in the city events calendar on our homepage ([www.cityofcastlehills.com](http://www.cityofcastlehills.com)), and copies of all council and committee meeting agendas can be found at <https://cityofcastlehills.com/Archive.aspx>.



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**MESSAGE FROM**  
**Beth Daines, Alderman Place 5,**  
**CITY OF CASTLE HILLS**

**Building Community Pride:**  
**Ideas from Cities Across Texas**

**Castle Hills Neighbors,**

At the recent Texas Municipal League Conference, one key message stood out: lasting revitalization begins with community pride. From planting flowers to hanging banners, small acts of care can build ownership and connection in neighborhoods of any size.

Representatives from **Texas Downtown** reminded attendees that “downtown is never done.” Revitalization isn’t a one-time project but an ongoing process that evolves with community needs. Even without large redevelopment budgets, cities can make an impact by starting small, branding thoughtfully, and creating spaces that bring people together.

Several cities shared creative ways to strengthen civic engagement. The **City of Bedford’s Citizens Academy** is a 10-week program introducing residents to departments like police, fire, and public works. Participants meet one evening a week, enjoy dinner with department heads, and graduate with city “swag” and a certificate — but more importantly, they leave as informed ambassadors who better understand how their city operates.

The **City of Georgetown** emphasized two-way communication in its public engagement strategy. Instead of relying on low-attendance town halls, Georgetown staff now “go where the people are,” setting up information tables at community events to build trust and spark real conversations.

Meanwhile, the **City of Richardson’s Neighborhood Services** team follows a “three-legged stool” approach built on integrity, enhancement, and relationships — empowering neighborhood leaders to set best practices and solve local challenges collaboratively.

Closer to home, Castle Hills might also take inspiration from programs like Mornings with the Mayor, Coffee with Cops (or the City Manager) — informal Saturday gatherings that keep residents informed about projects and city news while building transparency and trust.

I’m curious, do any of these ideas speak to you? Which, if any, would you like to see and participate in, in Castle Hills?

As we prepare for our 75th anniversary in 2026, these ideas remind us that small, consistent steps — from beautification to better communication — can strengthen civic pride and keep our community thriving.

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**MESSAGE FROM**  
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**Friends and Neighbors,**

It's hard to believe, but the holidays are upon us once again! My hope is that we all will have some cherished, quiet, family time this year.

Our City has had many successes to celebrate in this fast-moving year.

To begin with, I am excited to announce that the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has just awarded the City a \$110,000 grant to study walk and bike lanes. This is one of the initiatives advocated by the Comprehensive Plan, and the study should be a great help in identifying safe routes for bikes and pedestrians. It should also suggest ways to encourage our residents to choose exercise over vehicles when appropriate. One of the principal goals is to better connect Castle Hills cyclists and pedestrians to Hardberger Park, tying into San Antonio's extensive trail system. Our thanks to the Parks and Projects Commission for supporting this important initiative.

We are very grateful to Councilwoman Denise Haley and the Economic Development Committee (EDC) for the terrific "Passport to Flavor" event from November 4 - 8, featuring all the world cuisine that is available in Castle Hills. It was a great opportunity to show off our superb culinary talent to the rest of the San Antonio community. Building awareness is an important part of Economic Development.

Also notable is the EDC's first ever grant for storefront improvement. Council had authorized from last year's budget a \$3,000 amount for the pilot storefront program. This matching grant was awarded to Santos Café, 1005 Jackson Keller, to help with the cost of repainting the exterior, which cost approximately \$8,000. Congratulations to Gregorio Santos and his team for improving the appearance of his business' facade, with a little help from Castle Hills. The Committee plans a similar program this coming year. Please see photo nearby.

The EDC will present to Council at their November 18 meeting the final report and recommendations. Among the key recommendations are:

- Continue small business matching grant program
- Develop a Shop Castle Hills program
- Create incentives for Strategic Attraction/Retention of certain Retail and Restaurants
- Establish an Economic Development Corporation
- Incorporate Public Art into Economic Development efforts

- Secure ongoing City funding for Economic Development
- Establish staff or consultant position to communicate with businesses
- Look at current ordinances to find procedures or requirements that hinder developers from investing in our City

The goal is that these Economic Development efforts will add to the City's revenue, resulting in the City's ability to more easily handle economic surprises and to enhance the quality of life in our beautiful City.

Finally, a word about the short-term rental (STR) situation. The Zoning Commission made its recommendations to Council in August. Currently City Manager Duque is gathering ideas from Council members, which will be reviewed by City Attorney Schnall. We will discuss the Zoning Commission recommendations along with Council suggestions and come to a consensus at the November 18 meeting. Please feel free to contact me or Mr. Duque with ideas and suggestions.

I would love to hear your thoughts on these topics. Feel free to contact me.

Enjoy the Holidays!



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**MESSAGE FROM**  
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**Hello, Castle Hills,**

Seeing how people put the "Love" in **LOVE IT ... HERE.** is one of the best parts of my job as a Council Member. Good neighbors, energetic volunteers, club and organization members, a "can-do" City staff all bring their energy, thoughtfulness and skills to help make our community the special place we get to call home.

Councilmember Jack Joyce and I serve on Public Art Committee that was formed last year as a committee of the Castle Hills Community Organization. We are fortunate to have world-and nationally-renowned artists living right here in Castle Hills. Chair Bill FitzGibbons leads the effort to bring Public Art to our city.

At a recent committee meeting, we learned about a Public Art project going on now at our own Castle Hills Elementary (CHE). Public Art Committee member Gary Sweeney, a nationally-known public artist whose work has been exhibited all over the country including the San Antonio International Airport, is currently the Artist-in-Residence at CHE. Gary is working with art teacher Mary Gilley and 4th and 5th grade art students Monday through Thursdays, with a different group of students each day, on a project that is literally putting Castle Hills "on the map" by creating an 8x12ft. map of the United States that pinpoints every state that has a city named "Castle." What the students found out as they did their research is that **THERE IS ONLY ONE CASTLE HILLS IN THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES.** How about that?!



As the students work on their exhibit – deciding on placement of colors for the states so that colors don't touch each other, painting, lettering, etc. – they have also learned geography and about the United States in a fun and unique way from a talented, engaging, imaginative person loaded with good humor. Gary says he is thoroughly enjoying working on the project with them! Plans are for the exhibit to be completed in mid-December. Watch for news about the Unveiling Ceremony. See what I mean about people who put the "Love" in **LOVE IT ... HERE.?**

One last thing. This article is being written as the Passport to Flavor: Castle Hills Restaurants World Tour" is about to start. Word has spread about all that our city offers in the way of restaurants and specialty food and drink businesses, with nearly 40 listed on the Passport. Special thanks to IBC Bank for sponsoring the \$200 gift certificate drawing to the winner's favorite "tour stop" and to Methodist Healthcare for printing the passports. We don't know about how business could increase during the World Tour (but we're pretty sure it will, given that this is a new opportunity with widespread invitations to visit), but we do know that our culinary community is excited about all the possibilities and that their city appreciates their hard work and how they put the "Love" in **LOVE IT ... HERE.** A listing of all our restaurants and food and drink specialty businesses is now on our city website. Anytime is a great time to visit!

**And so ... Move over, Go Spurs Go!**

We've got **LOVE IT ... HERE** in Castle Hills, where there truly is so much to love, where we can tour the world in our own back yard, and where community always matters.



**MESSAGE FROM**  
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**Councilman's Fall Projects**

At the time of this writing the City Council will have concluded the 2026 budget and tax rate process. Our immediate attention will then pivot to the coming year with the view of exploring new ways to help boost revenues from our local businesses sales tax, as we continue efforts to preserve our solid property owner's tax base. This may be an increasingly challenging task, as the state legislature seeks to circumscribe local municipalities in their ability to raise funds for larger projects. Nonetheless, it is my intent to sustain our city's continued financial stability, while providing the public services that make Castle Hills the place we love.

Other projects which I am soliciting volunteers, ideas, and contributions:

- Collection of historical memorabilia for our 75th Anniversary displays in 2026
- Collection of historical narratives for our compilation of the City historical record—2026 target
- Designation as a Tree City
- Appointment of a City Arborist
- Plans for an Arbor Day Celebration
- Community-wide Celebration of Castle Hills' 75th Anniversary
- Public Education on Xeriscaping, wildflower cultivation, and tree care
- City Ordinance changes to accommodate wildflower beds for homeowners

This is a reminder that wildflower planting season begins now and runs through the Fall for a good production in the Spring.

Thank you all in advance for your thoughts and participation. Contact information is below:

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