

## DISTRICT NEWS

November 2012

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Customers purchased 62.13 million gallons of water in October 2012. That's a increase of 4.813 million gallons compared to last year.
- Castle Hills currently has 2,763 homes with an estimated population of 9,670.

### TRAFFIC SAFETY

Please remember that most streets in the Castle Hills community are 25 mph, with the exception of Windhaven. Following the posted traffic signs will not only help your wallet, but will also help keep our community safe.

Most roadways in Castle Hills have only one lane in each direction, unless divided by painted lane markings or roadway buttons, regardless of the width of the roadway. Please do not pass other vehicles in these lanes, even if they appear wide enough

### WHO DO I CALL?

Have you ever wondered how to have a street light repaired, a street sign fixed, how to report a water leak, or any other type of "city service" type question? The District has several avenues to assist our residents to answer these questions and respond to areas of concern. During normal business hours you can call (972) 899-4000 to speak to one of our staff members. After hours we have a 24-hour call service, (972) 709-2359, that can dispatch our on-call staff to address emergency issues. Our website, [www.dentoncountyfwsd.com](http://www.dentoncountyfwsd.com) has a link that allows residents to send a notification of an area of concern. We are here to help keep this community safe and working to your expectations. Please let us know if we can be of assistance.

### PERMITTING ACTIVITY

Currently the following are projects that are in various stages of planning and submittals:

New Commercial – Trinsic Multi- family	Hwy. 121 and Old Denton Rd.
New Commercial – Platinum Hills Phase II	Windhaven Parkway
Lakes at Castle Hills Golf Villas	Lady of the Lake
Lakes at Castle Hills Clubhouse	Lady of the Lake

#### COMMERCIAL PERMITS Issued (October 1 – October 31st):

<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>
The Hills Restaurant	2560 King Arthur Blvd, Ste 100
Pizza Gallery	2560 King Arthur Blvd, Ste 102
Kim's Tailor	2560 King Arthur Blvd, Ste 104

#### RESIDENTIAL PERMITS Issued (October 1 – October 31st):

New Single Family	16
Fence/Retaining Wall Permits	29
Pool Permits	2
Misc. Permits*	25

\*(includes, but not limited to, remodels, patios, arbors, outdoor living areas, etc.)

### CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

We are winding up concrete activity as the cold weather approaches. We will then shift our focus to drainage issues throughout the neighborhoods. Please be patient and cautious around these work sites. Some will have heavy equipment

in use. We will try to minimize the disruption of street traffic as much as possible. Thank you for your understanding in advance.

There is a new traffic light being constructed at Josey Lane and Windhaven. It should be complete by mid December. This should assist with the traffic flow we anticipate from the new apartments being built on Windhaven. If you would like to see more info regarding this upscale apartment complex, please visit their website at [www.platinumcastlehills.com](http://www.platinumcastlehills.com). We also have another set of apartments that will be going in at Hwy 121 and Old Denton Rd. We will provide more info as development progresses. Both of these apartments are part of our Districts and we welcome the additional activity they will bring to our retailers.

### Put safety on the menu this Thanksgiving



#### Here are some holiday tips to help keep safety on your menu this holiday season:

- Do not overload the stovetop with too many pots and pans, and keep the area free of clutter.
  - Ensure shirt sleeves are short, fitted, or tightly rolled when cooking.
  - Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen.
  - Remove lids from pots and pans by tilting them away from you to avoid hot steam.
  - Never hold a child while cooking. If possible, keep children out of the kitchen while cooking.
  - Consider avoiding the use of turkey fryers because they pose a number of safety hazards.
- Never put a glass casserole dish on the stove or over a burner, as it could cause the container to explode.
  - If a small fire starts in a pan, grab a flame-resistant potholder and smother the fire with a lid. Do not remove the lid until the pan has cooled.
  - Remain in the kitchen while cooking. If you must leave the room briefly, carry an oven mitt with you to remind you that food is cooking.

### Cold weather is coming - is your car ready?

#### Winter is coming. Are you and your vehicle ready?

Take the following steps to ensure that your vehicle will serve you well in the cold winter months.



Have a professional check and service the following:

- All belts and hoses.
- Ignition system, including wiring and plugs.
- Battery level and battery cables.
- Antifreeze level and freeze zone.
- The braking system including rotors, pads, calipers or shoes and drums.

Develop a personal monthly routine maintenance schedule to include:

- Maintaining proper levels of antifreeze/coolant, oil, transmission fluid, brake fluid, steering fluid.
- Maintaining proper tire inflation, tread, and sidewalls.
- Checking all lights front, rear, marker, brake, directions signals, etc.
- Checking windshield wiper arms, replacing worn wiper blades, and topping off windshield washer fluid. (In winter, the washer fluid must be changed to a type that freezes at a lower wind chill).

It is also important to have an emergency winter driving kit in your trunk that includes:

- A first-aid kit.
- A snow scraper/brush.
- A flashlight with an extra set of batteries.
- Jumper cables.
- Flares or reflective triangle.
- Non-perishable foods.
- Winter grade windshield washer fluid.
- A properly inflated spare tire and the tools to change a tire.
- A bag of salt or kitty litter, which can be used as traction material.
- A warm blanket, along with a spare hat and gloves.
- Tire chains (depending upon the typical snow levels of your region).

Tips provided by Underwriters Laboratories Inc. ([www.ul.com](http://www.ul.com))