

DISTRICT NEWS

January 2014

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we leave the holiday season and enter a new year, it is time in North Texas for our few months of cold winter weather. During this time, please check your required irrigation rain/freeze sensors, so that your household irrigation does not create hazardous conditions on sidewalks and streets. In the event that we do experience extended periods of freezing weather, please protect your outside faucets and household pipes that may be on an exterior wall. It is not uncommon for the District to receive numerous after-hour calls for ruptured water pipes, which can easily be prevented. If roads get icy, the District does dispatch staff to place sand on bridges, hills, and other areas that are slick due to icy conditions.

WATER CONSERVATION

Water conservation is typically thought of during the hot summer months when the water system is taxed at its highest levels. However, it is just as important to be conservative during the winter months when the need for outdoor water use is at its lowest. During the winter months, overwatering landscaping causes excessive water run-off in the streets and alleys which can cause icy conditions. Check your irrigation system controller and reduce the number of days, reduce the time each zone is running or turn the system off and manually operate your irrigation system only when needed.

RECYCLE YOUR LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE AND UNWANTED HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Recycling live Christmas trees helps to reduce waste, extend landfill life, provides useful compost, and saves money. Now through January 15, live Christmas trees can be dropped off at Lewisville Lake Park, which is located at Lake Park Road and Mill Street near the soccer fields, to be recycled into mulch. All nails, wire, ornaments, lights, and tinsel must be removed prior to dropping off trees. Also through January 15, free mulch will be available to residents for use in yards, gardens, flower beds, walkways, around trees and shrubs, or for livestock bedding.

The event is sponsored by Keep Lewisville Beautiful (“KLB”) and Lewisville Parks and Leisure Services (“PALS”). For more information call KLB at 972-538-5949 or PALS at 972-219-3550.

In addition, residents are encouraged to recycle any unwanted holiday lights, working or otherwise. These lights contain glass, copper, and plastics that can be recovered and made into new products. Lights can be dropped off at the Lewisville locations of The Home Depot and Lowe’s.

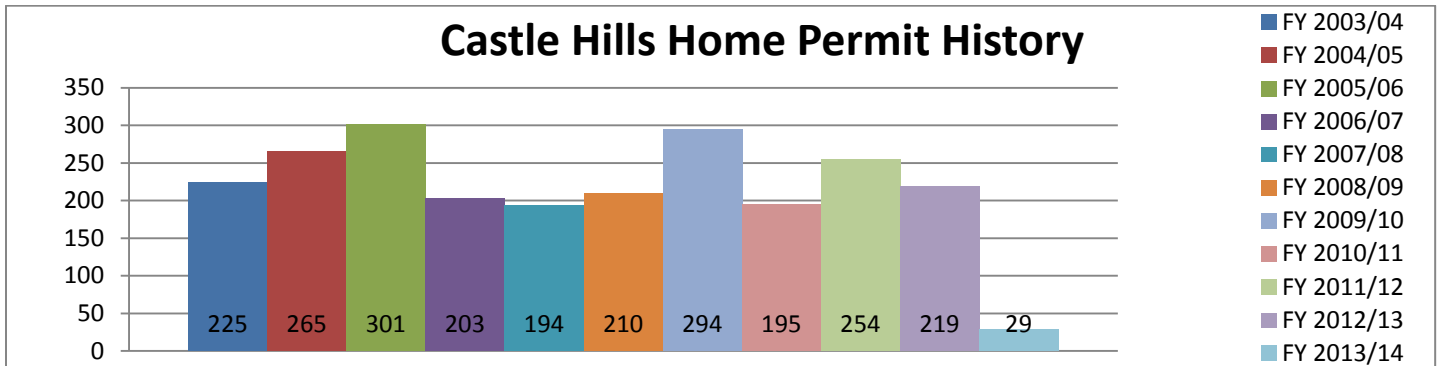
DID YOU KNOW?

- You can pay your District utility bill either on-line, through our website at www.dentoncountyfwsd.com, or by setting up a monthly automatic bill pay through our office staff.
- If you need after hour assistance from the District, you can call (972) 709-2359 for our on-call service.
- School is back in session. Please watch for children walking to and from our schools.
- Most roadways in Castle Hills have only one lane in each direction, unless divided by painted lane markings or roadway buttons.

COMMUNITY STATISTICS

- Customers purchased 36.74 million gallons of water in November 2013. That’s a decrease of approximately 11.68 million gallons, as compared to the same month last year.

- Castle Hills currently has 3,000 customers with an estimated population of 10,500. That’s an increase of 240, as compared to the same month last year.



CONSTRUCTION AND PERMITTING ACTIVITY

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PLAN REVIEW

Platinum Castle Hills Phase II-Building Permit/Plan Review	4900 Windhaven Pkwy
The Shops of Castle Hills-Phase 1 (Kroger, Starplex, & Retail)	Hwy 121 & Josey Ln
Lewisville Town Crossing-Shell Building F	4850 SH 121
Lewisville Town Crossing-Shell Building J	4750 SH 121
Tract E2 South-Preliminary Plat	Windhaven Pkwy & Castle Hills Dr
Castle Hills Residential-Phase 8A	Windhaven Pkwy
Castle Hills Residential-Phase 7A	Merlin & District Pkwy
Commercial Tract A-RaceTrac	SH 121 & 544
Commercial Tract F	SH 121 & Plano Pkwy
Commercial Tract K	SH 121 & 544

PERMITS ISSUED FROM 12/01/13 THROUGH 12/31/13

COMMERCIAL

None

RESIDENTIAL

Single Family Home	7
Fence/Fence Columns/Driveway Gate/Retaining Wall	6
Swimming Pool	1
*Misc. Permits	7
(*includes, but is not limited to, remodels, patios, arbors, outdoor living areas)	

YOU CAN HELP THE DISTRICT (and yourself) BY SHOPPING CASTLE HILLS

With the holidays just around the corner, purchasing your items from a Castle Hills retailer benefits everyone. Through an agreement with the City of Lewisville, retailers in Castle Hills charge a 1.25% Lewisville municipal sales tax rate. Those tax dollars collected by the retailers are used to cover the expense of providing public safety services to the Districts, reducing the need to cover those expenses through property taxes or utility revenues. Funds in excess of the public safety expense are shared by the City of Lewisville and the Districts offsetting District debt obligations or as a new revenue source.