

DISTRICT NEWS

November 2013

INTRODUCING MR. JOHN PHILLIP BROSSÉAU AS GENERAL MANAGER FOR DENTON COUNTY FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT 1-A

Please join us in welcoming Phil Brosseau as the interim General Manager for the District. Phil has been a valued Director of the Denton County Fresh Water Supply District 1-A Board for many years and is very knowledgeable about District business.

Phil brings a wealth of knowledge and experience, as well as strong core values and leadership skills that will ensure continued success in the management of the Districts. Please feel free to contact Phil by phone at 972-899-9746 or via email at jpbrosseau@dentoncountyfwsd.com.

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 stovetop 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).

TRAFFIC SAFETY

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. Also, please remember that the posted speed limit for most streets in the Castle Hills community is 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.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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, 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.

COMMUNITY STATISTICS

- Customers purchased 72.25 million gallons of water in September 2013. That’s a decrease of approximately 6.76 million gallons, as compared to the same month last year.
- Castle Hills currently has 2,966 homes with an estimated population of 10,381. That’s an increase of 256 homes as compared to the same month last year.

CONSTRUCTION AND PERMITTING ACTIVITY (October 1 - October 31)

PROJECTS IN PLAN REVIEW:

New Commercial - Platinum Hills Phase II	Windhaven Pkwy
Castle Hills Village Shops - Phase 1	Hwy 121 & Josey Ln
Lewisville Town Crossing - Shell Building F	4850 SH 121
Lewisville Town Crossing - Shell Building J	4750 SH 121
Eye Level Learning Center	4740 SH 121, Ste 100
Tract E2 South - Preliminary Plat	Windhaven Pkwy & Castle Hills Dr
Residential Tract F - Preliminary Plat	Windhaven Pkwy
Commercial Tract F	121 & Paige Rd
Castle Hills Residential-Phase 7A	Merlin & District Pkwy
Castle Hills Residential-Phase 8A	Windhaven Pkwy
Commercial Tract A-RaceTrac	SH 121 & 544

COMMERCIAL PERMITS ISSUED:

No Commercial permits were issued for the month of October.

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS ISSUED:

New Single Family	9
Fence/Retaining Wall*	18
Pools	6
Misc. Permits	16

(*includes, but is not limited to, remodels, patios, arbors, outdoor living areas)