

DISTRICT NEWS

December 2013

EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

Don't forget to winterize outdoor faucets and plumbing. Replace frozen water in pet dishes frequently. Remember to turn off your irrigation system to avoid damage to plants and trees, as well as possible damage to vehicles caused by sliding on frozen irrigation water run-off.

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.

IT'S COLD!! IS YOUR CAR READY?

Winter is HERE. 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 does not freeze).

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).

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM RUNS THROUGH JAN. 18

Starting December 14th, 2013 and running through January 18, 2014 you can drop off your Christmas trees at Lake Park and N. Mill Street (near soccer fields) to be recycled into mulch. Please remember to remove all nails, wire, ornaments, lights, and tinsel prior to dropping off your tree.

Between December 31st, 2013 and Jan 18th, 2014 bring a bag or bucket to the drop off site along with a shovel and pick up some FREE mulch for your yard, garden, flower beds, walkways, or for around your trees and shrubs! Recycling your Christmas tree is as simple as that!

This event is sponsored by Keep Lewisville Beautiful (KLB) and the City of Lewisville's Parks and Leisure Services (PALS). For more information about this event, please call KLB at 972-538-5949 or PALS at 972-219-3550.

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 53.47 million gallons of water in October 2013. That’s a decrease of approximately 8.66 million gallons, as compared to the same month last year.
- Castle Hills currently has 2,994 homes with an estimated population of 10,479. That’s an increase of 28 homes as compared to the same month last year.

CONSTRUCTION AND PERMITTING ACTIVITY (November 1 – November 30)

PROJECTS IN PLAN REVIEW:

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
Platinum Castle Hills Phase II-Building Permit	4900 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

COMMERCIAL PERMITS ISSUED

Platinum Castle Hills-Phase II	4900 Windhaven Pkwy - Eng Site Plan.
Eye Level Learning Center	4740 SH 121, Ste 100

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS ISSUED

New Single Family	13
Fence/driveway gate/retaining walls/fence columns	9
Pool Permits	1
Misc.	9

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