Howdy Castlegate Neighbors!

As 2023 comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to making our community a great place to live. In particular, I am grateful for our board members: Alessandro Raganato, Bahman Yazdani, Denise Woodard, Doris Guenter, and Krystal Broussard. Please join me in thanking each of them for their countless hours of service over this past year!

Castlegate would not be the same without the vigilance and care of our management company, "Neighborhood Partners," and we appreciate all they do for our community as well. As a board, we are also grateful for all of our other community volunteers and the time they give to make Castlegate a great place to live.

Our community benefited from the following in 2023:

- The flag at the castle entrance has proudly flown all year thanks to Walt Coumbe who volunteers to maintain it.
- Multiple trees that died in the recent drought were removed and the firewood donated to local residents.
- Almost \$50,000 was spent to upgrade and repair our aging irrigation system to make it more efficient.
- The "Yard of the Month" program (chaired by Haddy Jeng) recognized residents whose yards are a source of beauty and pride.
- Flags at the entrance to each realm were flown on national holidays thanks to members of our "Flag Committee."
- Over 150 trees and shrubs have been planted throughout Castlegate as part of the "Adopt-a-Tree" program.
- Residents and their families enjoyed the "Spring Festival" and "Fishing Tournament" organized by our board members and volunteers.

In 2024 we plan to beautify the entrances at Donnington and Amberly and improve the landscaping around the Castle entrance as we near the completion of the Greens Prairie Rd. widening project. As a result of the

increased costs of maintaining our community the annual dues for 2024 will increase by 10% from \$330 to \$360/year.

Please visit our website at www.castlegatehoa.com as your primary source of information for our community. If you have any questions, suggestions, or are interested in volunteering to make Castlegate an even greater place to live please email office@hoapartners.net.

We look forward to seeing each of you in 2024 for yet another wonderful year of community events and activities!

Best Wishes, Nick McKernan President, Castlegate HOA Board of Directors