

## Mayor's Message – September 2021

### FALL CLEANUP

The Fall Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, and volunteers will meet at the Fire station between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. Masks may be worn at your discretion but since everyone will be outside, masks will not be required. The Fire station will be open, water and restrooms will be available for all volunteers.

Everyone is encouraged to cleanup around their residence and property. You can bring tree limbs and brush to the Hackberry site that we used in the Spring. The gate will be opened Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> and closed on Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. The Texas Forestry Service will be available sometime during week days after October 12<sup>th</sup> and will chip the tree limbs and brush brought to the site. Remember to enter through the gate and start stacking tree limbs and brush at the south berm working your way north onto the old house slab. Leave the area on the east side clear so vehicles can exit up the south ridge and out on Hackberry south of the gate. The route will be marked with stakes to aid in traffic flow. This chip site is available only for tree limbs and brush, no building materials, no fencing, and no yucca. If you bring large limbs or tree trunks, they must be cut into sections that can be easily handled and deposited into the roll-off. The roll-off will be positioned on the side of the slab where the garage was located. Keep the area clear on the east side of the garage and to the south of the garage so the Texas Forestry Service can chip material into the roll-off.

### NEW VILLAGE GARAGE

A new maintenance garage is under construction at the Village's property at Hackberry. The foundation has been poured and we are now waiting on material to erect the new building. The garage will be used to store mowers, landscaping items, and Village road signs that are currently being stored at the Fire Department/ Police Department. The garage will be a welcome addition of space and storage and give the police department more room in their existing location. Completion of the garage is scheduled for later this fall.

### CODE RED

The Delta variant is now the major cause (99%) of all new COVID-19 cases in the United States. Texas now ranks 34/50 states at 47.75% of their residents vaccinated for COVID-19 corona virus. The only major contraindication for receiving a COVID-19 vaccine are those individuals who exhibit allergic reactions to mRNA COVID-19 vaccinations. Anaphylaxis (severe reaction requiring medical intervention) occurs at a rate of 2.47 per 10,000 vaccinations or .0247%.<sup>1</sup> Of all cases reported exhibiting severe anaphylaxis post COVID-19 vaccine, all were treated medically and no one went into severe shock, no one was intubated, and no one died. In November 2020, a JAMA study showed that for all hospital admissions for COVID-19 there was a 9.3% mortality which was down from 20% in April of that year.<sup>2</sup> Do the math, this means that for every 1000 people admitted to a hospital for COVID-19, **93 died** from the virus or viral complications. As of July, 2021, over 339 million COVID-19 vaccinations have been administered to 186 million people in the United States.<sup>3</sup> There is a reported total of 6,200 deaths between December 2020 and July 2021. Only 3 deaths have been directly linked to the vaccine and they

were due to blood clots from the Johnson and Johnson vaccine.<sup>3</sup> If you are not vaccinated and do not have a medical reason not to be vaccinated, please consider doing so. For more information, see the references below.

<https://vaccineinformation.org>      <http://www.immunize.org>

<sup>1</sup>JAMA. 2021;325(15):1562-1565. doi:10.1001/jama.2021.3976

<sup>2</sup>JAMA Netw Open. 2021;4(4):e216556. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2021.6556

<sup>3</sup>JAMA. 2021;325(24):2448-2456. doi:10.1001/jama.2021.7517

### **GARDEN CLUB: Garage Sale and Chili Cookoff**

There have been some inquiries from TCC residents to have a Fall Garage Sale in the Village. The only two dates available are September 25<sup>th</sup> or October 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you are interested in having a garage sale, contact Shelly Hanes 282-5970 ([chrissshellyhanes@gmail.com](mailto:chrissshellyhanes@gmail.com)) or Carol Williams 570-8141 ([cwilliams8611@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cwilliams8611@sbcglobal.net)) no later than September 11th.

The Chili Cookoff is scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup> and the Garden Club is still needing sponsors for this event. If anyone would like to sponsor the chile cookoff, call or text Doug Messer at 575-430-1825 ASAP.

### **BOARD MEETING – September 9, 2021**

Items of interest:

1. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-3 LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE 2021 – 2022 FISCAL YEAR
2. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ADOPTION OF FY 2020-2021 AMENDED BUDGET
3. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE FY2022 CONTRACT WITH THE PANHANDLE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR PROFESSIONAL CITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES
4. RECEIVE UPDATE ON TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE GRANT APPLICATION FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
5. DISCUSS POSSIBLE GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR HAZARD MITIGATION PROJECTS AND THE BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE IN COMMUNITIES (BRIC) PROGRAM

### **UPCOMING DATES 2021**

October Board Meeting: October 14, 2021

**Chile Cook-off – ~~September 25, 2021~~ October 16, 2021**

FireWise Picnic – TBA

**Fall Village Clean Up – October 9, 2021**