

Mayor's Message – October 2021

FALL CLEANUP

Saturday, October 9th, volunteers from the community met at the Fire Station to participate in the TCC Fall cleanup. Thanks goes out to the Village Garden Club for bringing sandwiches, chips, and cookies/deserts and to everyone who participated in the cleanup.

Chip Site - Everyone is encouraged to cleanup around their residence and property. You can still bring tree limbs and brush to the Hackberry site. Closing the chip site has been extended until Monday, October 18th. The Texas A&M Forestry Service will be available sometime during weekdays after October 18th 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. 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 **Texas A&M Forestry Service** is working on Village property on South Timbercreek Dr. across from the Fire Station clearing dead trees and brushy undergrowth. The larger dead trees are being removed, cut into smaller sections and placed alongside the road at South Timbercreek Dr. The cut sections are available to any resident who wishes to collect and remove them. Cut timber will make great firewood. The brush is being cut and collected on the lot and will be chipped and scattered throughout the property. This is a great service provided by the Forestry Service and will be a good example on how to abate the dangers of wild fire and reduce unwanted vegetation. This will also reduce a significant amount of fuel on the Village property and will help mitigate any wild fire burning down the creek.

NEW VILLAGE GARAGE (Update)



A new maintenance garage is nearing completion at Hackberry. The garage door will be added sometime next week and a coat of paint will complete the outside of the garage. Electrical services are needed before moving maintenance equipment from the current location in the

Police Department. As stated earlier, the garage will be a welcome addition of space and storage and give the police department more room in their existing location.

FIREWISE PICNIC

The Firewise Picnic is scheduled for October 23rd from 10 am – 1:00 pm at the Palisades Fire Station and Community Building. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served with all the trimmings. Come out and meet your neighbors, have lunch and support the Firewise Program. Let's work together to make our communities a safer place to live.

GARDEN CLUB: Chili Cook-off

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

New Bridge Panel



Funds raised at the Chili Cook-off will be used to add new panels to the bridge railing. If you have not driven over the bridge lately, you need to see the new panels on the northwest end of the bridge. Special thanks goes to Larry Naiman and Ron Mastick for design and construction of the panels; thanks to Janis Naiman for flagging motorists while Larry and Ron completed the installation of panels. The materials for each panel costs \$650 with a total of \$10,000 needed to add panels to the entire bridge. All the money raised for this project will come from gifts and donations. Donations will be accepted at the Chili Cook-off and if you cannot attend the chili cook-off please donate to this project and help beautify the Village. All proceeds from the Chili cook-off will go to the bridge beautification.

Chili Cook-off Car Show – Enter a car or just come and vote for your favorite car. Entry fees are \$20 per car and awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Car check in, registration, and parking will be from 4:00 to 4:45 pm. The car show starts at 5:00 pm and voting will be from 5:00 to 6:30 pm with awards to follow.

Chili Cook-off Silent Auction and Raffle - A silent auction will be held during the Chili Cook-off with many great items for everyone to bid on. Tickets will also be sold (\$5 each or 5 for \$20) for two gift baskets. Check these items out and support the Garden Club's fund raising efforts for the bridge upgrade.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT GRANT

On the first of October, the Village of TimberCreek Canyon submitted an application to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for a grant to improve the playground equipment next to the Fire Station. This would be a 50/50 grant meaning the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department would pay half the expense and the TCC Village would pay the other half. Special thanks goes to the Village's City Manager, Katie Paul, for organizing the data and writing the application for the grant and a big "thank you" to the children, parents, and grandparents who wrote letters supporting this application. We will now wait, cross our fingers and hope the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department will look favorably on our request.

ABATING SOIL EROSION AT THE FIRESTATION

Run off from heavy rains plus the changes in elevation around the Fire Station has caused serious soil erosion around the building. In spite of several attempts to alter the runoff, water erosions continues. A committee was formed from the Board of Aldermen (Dickie Haney, Mike Fuller, and Jennifer Hudleston) to develop a plan to abate the erosion around the Fire Station. Their suggestion was to overlay the erosion area with granite aggregate. Thanks to Dickie Haney for his service and locating the granite aggregate. The granite fill was purchased and delivered to the north side of the Fire Station this past week. Saturday a crew of volunteers worked to move the rock to the areas where erosion was occurring. Thank-you's go to Mike Fuller for his years of expertise and help, Jennifer Huddleston for donation of her time and her tractor, Jimmy Smart for his skill moving rock with his skid loader, Kevin Willis for bringing extra help to spread the rock, and to everyone who worked on this project. The erosion may persist and some work is still needed, but we will continue to monitor and make improvements as needed.



BOARD MEETING – October 14, 2021

Items of interest:

1. PROCLAMATION 2022-1: PROCLAIMING NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION MONTH IN THE VILLAGE OF TIMBERCREEK CANYON
2. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2022-1 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR BODY WORN CAMERAS
3. DISCUSS POSSIBLE GRANT APPLICATION FOR HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM
4. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON EROSION ABATEMENT AT THE FIRE STATION
5. DISCUSS AND UPDATE ON FOREST SERVICE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT
6. UPDATE ON VILLAGE GARAGE STORAGE PROEJCT
7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND ESTABLISH FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

UPCOMING DATES 2021

October Board Meeting: October 14, 2021

November Board Meeting: November 11, 2021

Chile Cook-off – October 16, 2021

FireWise Picnic – October 23, 2021

Information Sources

Power outages – many Village residents have experienced electric power interruptions during the past month or two. If you need to report an electrical outage or find out the expected recovery time to restore services, the number to contact is:

XCEL Energy Services: (800) 895-1999

TCC Web Site – Check out the TCC Web site to find information on Ordinances, Deed Restrictions, Board Minutes, members of various boards and committees, etc.

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