

## **MAYOR'S Message – August 2020**

### **New Communication Tower under Construction**



Great progress has been made on the construction of a new 80' tower on Village property at Hackberry located on the northeast corner of the Village. The base and anchor pits have been excavated and trenching for the electrical lines is near complete. Special thanks goes out to Eddie Wood and Dick Baker for their hard work to erect the new tower. The tower will complete the hardware needed to establish a network for the cameras at each gate. The tower may also serve as a communication link for emergency services as well as a wireless network services for residents. New electrical service was added to a meter base on the south side of the property and will be used for power to the tower and will also meet the needs for future construction of a community building. Projected completion should be in September.

**COVID-19 Updates** – Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, has amended paragraph numbers 5 and 12 of Executive Order GA-28, effective at 12:01 p.m. on July 3, 2020, to read as follows:

5. For any outdoor gathering in excess of 10 people, other than those set forth above in paragraph numbers 1, 2, or 4, the gathering is prohibited unless the mayor of the city in which the gathering is held, or the county judge in the case of a gathering in an unincorporated area, approves of the gathering, and such approval can be made subject to certain conditions or restrictions not inconsistent with this executive order;
12. Except as provided in this executive order or in the minimum standard health protocols recommended by DSHS, found at [www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus), people shall not be in groups larger than 10 and shall maintain six feet of social distancing from those not in their group;

As Mayor of TCC, I will follow Governor Abbott's amended Executive order to limit social gatherings and social distancing. Exceptions to this order will be reviewed case-by-case and careful consideration given to any variance to this requirement.

### **Changes in the August Board Meeting - Katie Paul, City Manager**

The August Board of Aldermen meeting will be held at the Village of Lake Tanglewood's Village Hall. After discussions with our Aldermen and the Village Attorney, we determined that an indoor space with appropriate social distancing would be acceptable for the August Board Meeting. We have made an agreement with the Village of Lake Tanglewood to use their space for this meeting, but in person attendance will be limited to the Board of Aldermen. We did consider an outdoor meeting, but there is a concern about the heat in Texas in August and the Board wishes to ensure the safety of community members. The safest way for community members to participate in the meeting will be through the public call-in line.

The meeting will be accessible by phone using the details below to any community member who wishes to comment on any agenda items. We will also be holding a public hearing on a variance request, which will be at 6:00pm. Please note that members of the public must use the public call in line to make comments. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Governor Abbott's suspension of certain rules and regulations in the Open Meetings Act, the public call in line is the most accessible way to make comments during this meeting.

### Log in information for the August 13, 2020 board Meeting

Log in Information: Village of Timbercreek Canyon Board of Aldermen Meeting

Thu, Aug 13, 2020 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CDT)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

**<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/417674509>**

You can also dial in using your phone.

(For supported devices, tap a one-touch number below to join instantly.)

United States: +1 (872) 240-3212

- One-touch: tel:+18722403212,,417674509#

**Access Code: 417-674-509**

## **Motorized and Off-Road Vehicles in TCC**

Just a reminder that anyone who drives a motorized or off-road vehicle in the Village must be 16 years of age unless there is an adult in the seat next to them. There are no restrictions of age if the driver remains on private property and has permission from the owner to operate the vehicle. If you are not familiar with all the requirements of this ordinance please refer to Ordinance 10.5 in the Village Code of Ordinances. Off-road vehicles are allowed on Village roads if they meet certain criteria. Off-road vehicles in this section are not allowed on non-paved portions of land owned by the Village. (i.e., public recreation areas, portions of the creek bed owned by the Village, etc.) Ordinance 10.5 A.6 The Village owns the creek bed from the East side of the bridge down about half way to the dam. The Village owns all of the area East of the dam to the fence that separates Palisades from TCC and is off-limits to all off-road vehicles. Driving a motorized vehicle on anyone's private property is trespassing unless you have the owner's permission. Please respect the property of others. Loud motorized vehicle noise will be discussed in next month Mayor's Message.

## **Water Pump Installation at McAfee Gate**

A new electric water pump has been installed on the water line between the 6,000 gallon water tank at McAfee gate and the frost-free water spigot near the fence. A "thank you" goes out to Mike Campbell, Dick Baker, and David Bernal for the work they did on this project. The water pump will increase the efficiency of watering the plants just outside the gate. A second "thank you" goes out to the folks in the Garden Club for all of their hard work in maintaining the plants at all of our gates to the Village. The increased water pressure will make water plants much easier.

## **New Web Site: ([timbercreekcanyon.org](http://timbercreekcanyon.org))**

The new web site of TCC ([timbercreekcanyon.org](http://timbercreekcanyon.org)) should be up and running within about two weeks. The web site will provide information about the Village of TimberCreek Canyon municipality, the TimberCreek Property Owner's association (TCPOA), and the Village Garden Club. Residents will have ready access to Village Ordinances, building regulations, times for meetings with agendas and minutes from past meeting, notifications for date and times for special events within the community. The time and URL will be posted when the site goes active. The web site will be of benefit to all and especially new residents moving to TCC.

## **Flag Pole Installation**

Preparation for installation of flagpoles is nearing completion at McAfee and Wild Plum gates. A "thank you" goes out to David Bernal for excavating the holes for flagpole bases at both gates. To reduce the cost of redi-mix, the Village is waiting to pour the concrete for the flagpoles at the same time it will be pour for the anchors and base of the tower at Hackberry. Project completion is also around the first of September.

**Items that are on the August 13th Board agenda that may be of interest to residents of TCC:**

1. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE APPRIORAITE ACTION AMENDMENT OF THE 2019-2020 VILLAGE BUDGET
2. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2020-7 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF RADIOS FOR THE VILLAGE OF TIMBERCREEK CANYON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
3. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2020-8 TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR TAX ASSESSMENT SERVICES BY RANDALL COUNTY ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF TIMBERCREEK CANYON
4. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE APPROPRAITE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2020-9 AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF TIMEBERCREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR FIRE PROTECTION WITH RANDALL COUNTY
5. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2020-10 ADOPTING THE VILLAGE OF TIMBERCREEK CANYON MASTER PARKS PLAN
6. DISCUSS POSSIBLE CHANGE TO ORDINANCE GOVERNING ALLOWABLE USE OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES, CHAPTER 10, SECTION 5
7. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POTENTIAL TIMBERCREEK CANYON COMMUNITY BUILDING

**UPCOMING DATES 2020; Mark your calendar!**

September 10, 2020 – TCC Board Meeting

TCC Village Day – TBA

FireWise Picnic – TBA

Chili Cook-off - TBA

Fall Village Clean Up – October 3rd