

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE – August 2021

### Playground Equipment at the Park



As you can see from the pictures included with the Mayor's Message, improvements are needed for the playground equipment in the park.

The Village Board of Aldermen is considering submitting a grant application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to purchase new playground equipment for the park. This is an application for a matching grant (50/50) where TPWD would pay half and the Village would pay the other half of the cost for purchasing and installing new playground equipment. We are asking for anyone in the Village who has children or grandchildren that would use the new equipment to have their children or grandchildren write a letter to the address below. We would like to know if they enjoy playing outside, what their favorite part of a playground is, and what a new playground would mean to them. The Garden Club had a donation bucket at the Ice Cream Social and \$147 was donated from residents at that time. The Board of Aldermen recognizes the importance of outdoor recreation in the community and are working through initiatives to bring the projects identified in the 2020 Master Parks Plan to life. Letters can be mailed to the address below, hand delivered to any of the Aldermen or the Mayor, or scanned and emailed to [kpaul@theprpc.org](mailto:kpaul@theprpc.org) or [bill17tcc@gmail.com](mailto:bill17tcc@gmail.com). Letters from children are very important in assisting the Village in securing a grant from the TPWD. We need you and your children's or grandchildren's support to succeed in receiving this grant.



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Village of Timbercreek Canyon  
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## **Be Firewise**

Thankfully TimberCreek Village has not experienced the drought as seen in the western part of the United States. The rains have come on a regular basis (current rain totals are just under 13”), there is water in the creek, and until recently the temperatures have been moderate; all combined this has produced less red flag days than normal. On the negative side more moisture produces more weeds as witnessed by hay fever sufferers, more field grasses, and more mosquitoes and annoying insects. The increase in the amount of plant growth may not become an issue until fall and winter when the grass dies out and dry tender remains. Maintain a defensible area around your home by keeping the grass cut, weeds trimmed or cut back, and trees trimmed up to approximately 5’ within a perimeter of 30’ from your resident and outbuildings. Be safe and look for and mitigate any areas that would accelerate a wild fire on your property.

## **CODE ORANGE**

As the Delta variant spreads, the number of confirmed cases, hospitalizations, and ICU cases have soared. Approximately 95% of the new Covid-19 cases are caused by the Delta variant. Since last winter the median age of infected patients has fallen from mid 60’s to around 40 years of age. There have been “breakthrough” cases where vaccinated patients have contracted the Delta variant but nearly all of these cases involve patients with underlying or preexisting health conditions. Kaiser Foundations Studies show that less than 1% of vaccinated patients become infected with the Delta variant and severe illness and death rates are effectively 0%. If you have not been vaccinated please consider doing so. You will not only protect yourself, but your family, and everyone you come in contact with. Large populations of vaccinated individuals may more effectively lower the chance that there will be another variant (mutation of the virus) that will be stronger and more virulent than the virus we are experiencing now. As the number of Covid-19 cases increase, the chances for a new variant increase. For more information click on and read; <https://www.kff.org/coronavirus-covid-19/poll-finding/kff-covid-19-vaccine-monitor-july-2021/>, <https://www.kff.org/coronavirus-covid-19/issue-brief/covid-19-cases-and-deaths-in-long-term-care-facilities-through-june-2021/>.

## **Board Meeting – August 12, 2021**

Items of interest:

- 1. RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM DELANEY PRUITT, REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING COORDINATOR, REGARDING HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**
- 2. CONSENT ITEMS – CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:**
  - a. MINUTES FROM THE JULY 15TH, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
  - b. VILLAGE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY
  - c. STAFF REPORTS

3. PUBLIC HEARING: VILLAGE OF TIMBERCREEK CANYON 2021-2022 BUDGET
4. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ADOPTION OF THE 2021-2022 BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF TIMBERCREEK CANYON
5. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE FIRST 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
6. PUBLIC HEARING: TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE SMALL COMMUNITIES APPLICATION 2021
7. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2021-7 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE LOCAL PARKS GRANT APPLICATION
8. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2021-2 PROHIBITING MINING AND DRILLING WITHIN THE DESIGNATED PARK AREA OF THE VILLAGE
9. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2021-8 APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WITH ATMOS ENERGY REGARDING THE 2021 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM
10. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2021-9 AWARDED CONTRACT FOR AUDIT SERVICES
11. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS
12. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO SCORE ENGINEERING STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATION FOR DAM INSPECTION PROJECT

#### **UPCOMING DATES 2021**

September Board Meeting: September 9, 2021  
Chile Cook-off – ~~September 25, 2021~~ October 16, 2021  
FireWise Picnic – TBA  
Fall Village Clean Up – October 9, 2021