

## **MAYOR'S MESSAGE – February 2019**

### **Snow Returns to TCC**



After an early snow last Fall it appeared that the Winter of 2019-20 might be a snowy one. Then December and January arrived warmer than usual and some thought that the winter was over. This thinking may account for the reason that weather in the Texas Panhandle is so difficult to predict. The recent 2-3 inches of snow fell over ice and as many know this proved difficult to drive in the Village due to the steep hills. Although no reports of serious accidents were reported, several folks had a difficult time on hills without 4-wheel drive. We are thankful for the moisture but it will also be okay if it comes in liquid form for the rest of the winter.

### **Spring is Around the Corner**

Spring will be here in another month and a half and with it comes the high dry winds and red flag warnings. Be "FireWise" and avoid any open fires or flames outdoors. Be prepared; do you have a "go bag" if you had to evacuate due to a wild fire? Have you thought about removing pets and horses if a fire gets too close? Plan ahead, be safe and pray for a wet spring.

### **Trash in the Village**

We have experienced high winds this winter and blowing trash has become a concern of residents in the Village. When the wind is over 40 mph and out of the North, the probability is high that trash and debris will blow in from outside of the Village. If it lands on your property then it will be your responsibility to cleanup the trash. There are new homes being constructed in our area and some of the plastic wrap, shingle sacks, etc. have blown onto other residents' property. The new home owners and contractors are responsible for policing their areas and picking their trash when they observe it being blown onto other peoples' property. The Village provides roll-offs for the spring and fall cleanups for residents to bring cut limbs and brush from their property. When roll-offs are not in the Village, residents who trim trees and brush should plan to take their trimmings to the chippers in Amarillo or Canyon and not leave them beside

the roadways. The Village takes care of brush and limbs removal during cleanup times but resources are not available for weekly or even monthly services. There are individuals who live or work in the Village and offer cleanup, yard work, tree trimming and hauling services but these folks work on a fee for service basis.

### **Ordinance Review**

The Board of Alderman are close to completing a review of all Village Ordinances. The Board undertakes this process every 3 to 4 years to assure the ordinances are current and up-to-date. Ordinances are added, modified, or deleted as needed between these reviews, but it is good to stand back and make sure there are no conflicts and the ordinances cover the Village's needs.

### **The Village of TimberCreek Hazard and Mitigation Plan**

The Hazard and Mitigation Plan is in its final stages of review and adoption by the Board. The Hazard and Mitigation Plan looks at disasters or catastrophes that could befall the Village and develops a plan-of-action for all these events. An approved plan makes the Village eligible for FEMA assistances. All communities must have an approved plan before they can receive FEMA disaster assistance if funds become available.

There are a lot of projects underway in TimberCreek plus the dates are being set for cleanup days, TCC Village Day and other social events. Updates will be given in the March Newsletter.