



TIMBERCREEK CANYON NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025

IT'S ALMOST TIME! The Annual Chili Cookoff is just around the corner! It is scheduled for Saturday, September 20th! If you've never been to the Chili Cookoff, here's what you can expect! If you would like to make chili & enter it in the judging, you will need to bring your crock pot full of chili to the Fire Station between 4:30 & 5:00! (The cost to enter is \$20!) We will have a band starting at 5 pm, so bring the family (and your lawn chairs) & hang out at the Pavilion. The Silent Auction will be available at this time as well! At 5:30 everyone will be asked to leave the Fire Station so the judges can "do their thing"! At about 6:00 we will have the National Anthem and a prayer & then WE WILL EAT!!!

Our entertainment this year is Cat/Dog from 5:00 – 6:00.

Ellie Hanes (National Anthem) at 6:00 pm and while we eat.

Ty Blackburn from 7:00 – 10:00!

The Chili Cookoff winners will be announced at about 7:00.

Silent Auction winners will be announced at about 8:00. We ask that you pick up your crock pots and any silent auction items you win at 8:00 so we can get the Fire Station cleaned up!

There is no charge to attend or eat – but we will have a donation bucket available!

We hope to see you there!

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

The Senior Center is getting close to completion. As usual, there have been some last minute changes, and that always extends the completion date, but we are hoping to finish the building in the next month! The parking area, however is going to take a little bit longer – maybe a month and a half! BUT...we can see the finish line!

We want to thank Tim Koetting and Plains Builders for making sure everything is done correctly and up to code so that this building will serve the residents of Timbercreek Canyon for many years.

THANKS, TIM!

As we head into fall, we ask that you trim your trees and shrubs to be FIREWISE! Thank you for your help!

And don't forget about the Chili Cookoff on September 20th – it's always a good time!

TCC residents, please control your dogs at all times! All dogs should be inside your fence (physical or the invisible type) or they should be on a leash. We have recently had several incidents where injuries have occurred due to loose dogs running at people while out walking.

According to the TCC Municipal Code

“all domestic animals, birds or pets must be under restraint at all times”.

Thank you!

BRIAN K GIFFIN

MAYOR

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TCC BOARD OF ALDERMEN

The Timbercreek Canyon Board of Aldermen *typically* meet on the 2nd Thursday of the Month at 6:00 pm at the Gatehouse. The agenda will be posted at the Gatehouse 72 hours prior to the meeting.

To read the minutes from the Board of Aldermen Meetings, click [HERE!](#)

***The next scheduled meeting is set for
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2025!***

**Next month the meeting is scheduled for the 9th of October!
All residents of Timbercreek Canyon are welcome to attend the meetings!**



TCC PROPERTY OWNERS BOARD

The Timbercreek Canyon Property Owners Association Board normally meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Gatehouse at 7:00 pm. The agenda will be posted at the gates prior to the meeting.

To read the minutes from the Property Owners Board of Directors Meetings, click [HERE!](#)

The next meeting is scheduled for SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2025, and the next will be on Tuesday, OCTOBER 7TH!



TCC GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club has been busy planning for the annual CHILI COOKOFF! In August we met on the patio of Tommy & Karen Latta! We had to move inside when a storm blew in, but that's just one more reason why it's fun to live here! This month we will be making final preparations for the Chili Cookoff at the home of Terri Welch. If you would like to be a part of the TCC Garden Club, meet us at 603 Michael Lane at 7 pm on Monday, September 8th.



CHILI COOKOFF PAST WINNERS

On Saturday, September 20th, the Garden Club will host the 6th Annual CHILI COOKOFF at the Fire Station & Pavilion. Here are the past winners (excluding 2020 because.....well, you know!):

2019 – Shelly Hanes 1st place

2021 – Carol Williams 1st place

2022 – Carol Williams 1st place

2023 – Vickie Lay 1st place

2024 – Terrance Sommers 1st place

Maybe it will be YOU this year! Get your chili ready!!!!



CHILI COOKOFF SCHEDULE

The TCC 6th Annual CHILI COOKOFF will be held on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th beginning at about 5 pm.

3:45 – Garden Club members meet to set up

4:30-5:00 – Bring your crock pot full of chili for the cookoff (\$20 entry fee due at this time.)

**5:00 – Music by CAT/DOG on the Pavilion
Silent Auction opens.**

5:30 – Chili Judging begins

6:00 – National Anthem

Prayer

Let's Eat!

Ellie Hanes will sing a few songs!

7:00 – Chili Cookoff winners announced

Music by Ty Blackburn

8:00 – All crockpots should be picked up by now!

Silent Auction winners announced – please pay for and pick up your items by 8:30!

10:00 – Chili Cookoff is officially over for another year!



SILENT AUCTION AT THE CHILI COOKOFF

So....you know we're going to have CHILI at the CHILI COOKOFF! And if you read the schedule above, you know we are going to have live music by CAT/DOG, ELLIE HANES, AND TY BLACKBURN. Another

popular event during the chili cookoff is the Silent Auction. We will be taking silent bids on about 10 different auction items that have been donated by local businesses and Garden Club members. There are some AMAZING items for you to win! (Highest bidder wins!) Here are a few pictures of some of the items/baskets we have been working on for you!!!



These are pictures of the same basket – BOURBON & CIGARS #1! It contains several bottles of bourbon/whiskey, multiple cigars, snacks, sunscreen flasks, shooters AND a glass decanter with 6 glasses! (Retail value of \$385)



This amazing Patriotic Basket (valued at around \$475!) has so many cool items! It includes (just to name a few) A USA flag that has been flown over the Capital (with certificate & medallion), candles, America First ball cap, t-shirts, wreath, pen & ink picture of the Capital, glass flag platter, patriotic cross, Republican Red Wine, salt & pepper shakers.....AND MORE!!!



TIMBERCREEK CANYON / GARDEN CLUB BASKET

This garden wagon is FULL of goodies! Among them are a “Picasso” planter, hummingbird feeder, 2 pair of garden gloves, garden tools, a metal armadillo, a rain chain, and an apron!



HORSESHOE CHRISTMAS TREE

**This tree was handmade by TCC residents Ted Ray & Janet Coleman!
It's never too early to start thinking about Christmas – and this would
look so good in your home!!! AWESOME!!!!**



PHOTOGRAPHY BY GARY STACH

TCC Resident Gary Stach is a well-known photographer (and our current featured artist in the TCC Phone Directory!) This is one of his pieces entitled **“RETIREMENT”**! I know someone who’s going to be bidding on this!



BOURBON & CIGARS #2

Just like the other basket, this one includes multiple bottles of bourbon, lots of cigars, shooters, snacks, a bar jigger and spoon, PLUS a cocktail smoker kit! (Retail value of \$370)

THESE ARE NOT THE ONLY THINGS IN THE SILENT AUCTION!

We also have :

JUST FOR THE KIDS basket - valued at \$350!

And I've heard there could even be a SPA BASKET, a BOO-ZY BASKET, a DATE NIGHT BASKET, a GIFT CARD TREE, and HANDMADE POTTERY!

THERE WILL BE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!!!! Bring your checkbook & cash (we can take credit cards – but prefer cash & checks!)

THE CHILI COOKOFF IS ALWAYS A FUN NIGHT!!! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



SPEAKING OF PHONE DIRECTORIES....

If you have not had a chance to get your NEW TCC PHONE DIRECTORY, we will have them for sale at the Chili Cookoff! They are only \$5 – and that is a LOT of value (and information) in that little book! ALSO.....if you need to make changes or additions to the phone book, please write them down & give them a Garden Club member at the Chili Cookoff! (We will make sure Carol Williams gets it!) AND...as always, if you know of someone not getting the newsletter, or are not in the phone directory, please let myself or Carol Williams know! We want everyone to be connected, and we want to WELCOME you to Timbercreek Canyon!



EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN

Here is a little history on Timbercreek Canyon from the Texas State Historical Association:

Timbercreek Canyon is in the upper Palo Duro Canyon northeast of Canyon in Randall County. The site was originally on the McAfee ranch. In 1971 the McAfees and W. C. Roberts planned development of the area with 501 lots. Before its incorporation, Timbercreek Canyon was under the extraterritorial jurisdiction of Amarillo. The community operated under a voluntary dues system to maintain roads and gates. Since this system did not bring enough money for the purpose, residents voted to incorporate in the summer of 1983. By that time Timbercreek Canyon had seventy-five homes, with at least six more under construction, and a population of 209. It included another development called Colony Catharine on the west. The community is a highly restricted area with security gates and deed restrictions. In 1985 it had a mayor, five aldermen, a marshal, and a volunteer fire department. Its mail came through Canyon. In 1988 the population of Timbercreek Canyon was 190. In 1990 it was 277. The population grew to 406 in 2000.

BUT.....before Timbercreek Canyon, there was Colony Catherine!

I found the following online:

"Colony Catherine" primarily refers to an artist's colony in the Texas Panhandle founded in the 1960s, named after its co-founder, Catherine Buck. While there is no historical "colony" or settlement named Catherine in a broader sense, the name is also associated with Russian imperial history through Catherine the Great.

Colony Catherine

: The Texas artist colony

The most direct reference to "Colony Catherine" is a mid-century decorative arts center in Palo Duro Canyon, Texas.

- Founders: The artist colony was created by Robert McKenzie and Catherine Buck, who it was named after.
- Location: It was situated in a secluded area of Palo Duro Canyon, near present-day Amarillo.
- Purpose: It was a cooperative of artists with multiple studios, known for producing custom, hand-printed fabrics for interior designers.

- Architecture: The colony included several distinct buildings, including a "cliffhouse" designed by organic architect John Covert Watson.
- Legacy: The central studio structure has been demolished, but the canyon cliffhouse remains and is being restored. Some of the McKenzie silk-screened fabrics created there have been noted for their quality and unique style.

WELL.....The “Cliffhouse” has been bought & is currently being restored – or is it being updated – or.....do you want to know? Want to follow along? The new owners have started an Instagram page documenting the progress of what’s happening at the “Cliffhouse”! (When we first moved to Timbercreek Canyon I nicknamed it the “Castle” so – if I call it that instead of the “Cliffhouse” you’ll understand!)

To follow the progress, here is a link to their Instagram page:

[Instagram](#)

(Yes, I have permission to share that with you!)

They already have some STUNNING photographs posted on their Instagram page looking toward and away from the Cliffhouse! Be sure to follow them on Instagram so you don’t miss any of their progress!

Also, the owners are going to try to make it to the Chili Cookoff and mentioned that they are interested in ANY and ALL information that you might have on the Cliffhouse, Colony Catherine....*anything* you can share would be greatly appreciated! Or, just go to their Instagram page and message them directly! (You can always send it to me & I can forward it!)

HUMMINGBIRD MIGRATION

I saw this on Facebook, and while we are just on the edge of their migration route, it would be a good thing to make sure your hummingbird feeders are full, just in case!

From Meteorologist Chris Vickers

HUMMINGBIRD HELP: Our Ruby-throated hummingbirds are heading back south on their annual fall migration. Please consider keeping the hummingbird feeders out and stocked with hummingbird nectar now through at least late October. One part white sugar and four parts water works! The most common and heaviest concentration of the Ruby-throated hummingbird is zipping southward with the arrival of yet another cold front across the eastern United States.

The tiny hummingbird is incredible and can flap their wings up to 80 times per second with a heartbeat of over 1,260 per minute! That burns a lot of energy and requires calories and frequent feedings during peak migration into September. Hummingbirds can feed every 10-15 minutes and can consume up to 3 times their body weight in daily food as they migrate southward during the day.

If you've seen them hungry and at your feeders in great numbers recently, this is why! Keep them fed and spread the word. Safe travels as this migrations takes the next several weeks, see you again in the Spring! [#nature](#) [#weather](#) [#birds](#) [#fblifestyle](#)

