

**TIMBERCREEK  
CANYON  
NEWSLETTER  
DECEMBER  
2025**



**I keep looking at that date.....December 2025. How in the world can it be DECEMBER? Mom always told me that the older you get, the faster time goes. Mom was always right!**

**I hope your Thanksgiving was wonderful! I know mine was! And now...it's time for everything CHRISTMAS! The shopping, the lights, the parties! But in the middle of all the hustle and bustle, I hope you'll take the time to reflect on all of the blessings you've received this past year....precious friendships, joyful memories, and even the small things that made you smile. While I realize that not everything brought happiness this year – hopefully the good outweighs the bad and we focus on the GOOD STUFF!**

**Join us in the Park on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> to kick off the Christmas Season! The Garden Club was busy before Thanksgiving getting our gates looking very festive....but we've saved the lights at the Park until our annual**

**MERRY MINGLE AND JINGLE!!!**

**We will meet at 5:30 and officially kick off the Christmas season by lighting up the tree at the park! We hope you'll join us for spiced cider, hot chocolate, and cookies! It's such a fun time to mingle with our neighbors and jingle in the season! We hope to see you there!**

**The Garden Club has decorated the gates and the park...it looks like a Hallmark movie around here! The video at the Osage Gate will**

**change each week, so don't miss those videos! They're pretty cute! Maybe we really do live in a "Hallmark Christmas Movie" – all we need is some hot chocolate & some Christmas carols....OH, WAIT!!! That's at the MERRY MINGLE & JINGLE THIS SUNDAY!!! (We hope to see you there!)**

**Merry Christmas to each of you!**



## **MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR**



**The Community Center is nearing completion, and we can't wait for you to see it! The residents of Timbercreek deserve a place where we can get together for all kinds of activities. We've dreamed, planned, designed, re-designed, bid, built, dug, and bid some more. We are getting SO CLOSE!!**

**Watch your emails for an announcement that it is officially (and finally) finished! We hope to have an Open House where we can all get together and see what we've been working toward for so long!**

**Hard to believe that Thanksgiving has come and gone, but we have so much to be thankful for in Timbercreek Canyon!**

**My family and I wish you and yours a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2026!**

**BRIAN K GIFFIN**

**MAYOR**

**VILLAGE OF TIMBERCREEK CANYON**

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## TCC BOARD OF ALDERMEN



The Timbercreek Canyon Board of Aldermen *typically* meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!](#)

***Due to holiday scheduling, the next meeting will be held on  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 6 PM  
AT THE GATEHOUSE!!!***

Next month the meeting is scheduled for the 8<sup>th</sup> of January, 2026!  
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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and this meeting will be the ANNUAL MEETING! It will be held at the Fire Station at 3:00 pm!**

**Please attend the ANNUAL MEETING and get involved with the community! Remember, the Property Owners Board handles the roads and gates! Everything else is under the Board of Aldermen.**

**The first meeting of 2026 is scheduled for Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at the Gate House beginning at 7 pm.**



## **POA CULVERT UPDATE**



**From Larry Naiman, President of the Property Owners Association**

***“The Osage culvert project is nearing completion and is a few days ahead of schedule. A few details remain to be finalized and will be completed by the end of the month. Thanks to all of the residents for your patience and cooperation that made this project a success.”***









## **TCC GARDEN CLUB**



**In November, the Garden Club met in the home of Shelly Hanes. Our program was given by Andi Wardlaw who is a Master Gardener and a phenomenal artist. She starts with gourds and transforms them into unique pieces of artwork. She carves them, paints them, weaves and cuts them....every single one is different and amazing! Thank you, Andi for sharing your gift with us!**

**This month we will be having our Christmas party and then we will be back at it having our monthly meetings in January! That meeting will be on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 143 North Timbercreek Circle!**

**If you see a Garden Club member, please let them know how much you enjoy the decorations at the gates! This is a volunteer organization, and they always do a GREAT job with a smile on their faces! I smile every time I drive through the gates! What a great place to live! (Kind of like living in a Hallmark Movie! Lol)**

**If you are interested in being a member of the Garden Club (or maybe you just want to check out a meeting and check it out) contact any Garden Club member! (If you don't know who the members are, contact me – Gayla – at [gayla.busch@gmail.com](mailto:gayla.busch@gmail.com) or (806) 435-0738!)**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR  
FROM THE TCC GARDEN CLUB!**



# HELP SAVE OUR DEER



**It's been a while since I've written about our deer population in Timbercreek Canyon! But when I saw the baby on the side of the road the other day, I figured it was time to say something again!**

**I asked AI (Artificial Intelligence) "Is it harmful to feed deer out of your hands" and this is the answer it gave me:**

*Feeding deer by hand is extremely harmful for both the animals and humans, and wildlife officials strongly advise against it. Despite good intentions, it can lead to malnutrition, the spread of disease, and dangerous animal behavior. In many places, feeding deer is illegal.*

## ***Risks to the deer***

- ***Malnutrition from the wrong food:*** Deer are ruminants with a specialized digestive system that relies on a delicate balance of microbes. When fed foods high in carbohydrates and low in fiber, such as corn or apples, this microbial balance is disrupted. This can cause acidosis, bloating, and diarrhea, and a deer can essentially starve to death with a full stomach.
- ***Increased disease transmission:*** Feeding concentrates deer into unnaturally large groups, where they have more nose-to-nose contact. This accelerates the spread of contagious diseases like Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), which is fatal and can contaminate the soil for years.
- ***Vulnerability to predators:*** By becoming dependent on a human food source, deer spend less time foraging in their natural habitat. This can draw them and other predators like mountain lions and coyotes closer to residential areas, where they are more vulnerable to pets and vehicles.
- ***Death from starvation:*** If people stop providing food, the deer that have become dependent on the easy handout may go hungry. Their gut bacteria must also re-adjust to a wild diet, making them susceptible to malnutrition during this difficult transition.

## ***Risks to humans and pets***

- ***Aggressive animal behavior:*** Hand-fed deer lose their natural fear of humans and can become aggressive, particularly bucks during the mating season and does with fawns. They may become demanding and confrontational when expecting food, which is a dangerous situation since they are wild animals.
- ***Increased vehicle collisions:*** Feeding sites located near roads can draw deer toward traffic, increasing the risk of car accidents that can be dangerous or even fatal for both humans and the deer.
- ***Attraction of other pests:*** The food left out for deer can also attract other nuisance and potentially aggressive wildlife, such as raccoons, rats, and bears.

- **Disease exposure:** *In addition to CWD, deer can carry other pathogens and ticks that transmit diseases like Lyme disease to humans and pets.*

### ***What to do instead***

*To help keep deer and your community safe, you should enjoy wildlife from a distance. If you have been feeding deer, slowly decrease the amount of food you provide over several weeks to allow them to re-adjust to natural foraging. For long-term solutions, planting native trees and shrubs can provide natural food and shelter without the negative consequences of direct feeding.*

**Also.....it mentioned it above, but the deer we have in TCC are all mule deer. Mule deer CAN NOT DIGEST CORN! This article from the Wyoming Game and Fish Department is a quick read and explains it much better than I can:**

**[Keep our mule deer wild - why feeding is bad | Wyoming Game & Fish Department](#)**

**I've heard that feeding them alfalfa is better for them, but when I google it, it says it must be introduced in small amounts or the deer can, once again, die of starvation with full bellies.**

**SO....WHAT CAN YOU FEED THE DEER? The quick answer is: if there is not a shortage of food for them to eat – don't feed them anything! Just enjoy watching them! But as winter arrives & food gets scarce, there are some things you can do. This article sounds like great advice:**

**[What to Feed Deer in Winter, and What NOT to Feed | National Deer Association](#)**

**That makes sense – feed them what they're used to eating and when introducing a new food , it takes a couple of weeks for them to actually start getting nutrients – so please be careful when feeding our deer!**

**I would assume that all of us love watching the deer wander through Timbercreek Canyon, but we've also seen them looking terribly unhealthy – and that is NO FUN! Please don't feed the deer!**





# MERRY MINGLE AND JINGLE



MERRY  
MINGLE &  
JINGLE  
LET'S LIGHT UP THE PARK ON  
SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 30th  
at 5:30 pm

**WHO: YOU**

**WHAT: Merry Mingle and Jingle!**

**We officially welcome in the Christmas Season, and we “light up the park”. We’ve saved these lights until now!**

**WHEN: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 AT 5:30 PM**

**WHERE: THE PARK NEAR THE FIRE STATION**

**Join us for Christmas music, hot chocolate, spiced cider, and cookies!**

**AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS!!!**

**WE HOPE YOU’LL JOIN US!!!!**

**We wish you**  
  
**Merry**  
  
**CHRISTMAS**  
  
**and**   
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**