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TIMBERCREEK CANYON

September

NEWSLETTER

CALF ROPE! I AM TAPPING OUT! I GIVE UP!!!

I am normally a “bring on the heat” kinda gal, but I think I’ve had enough! We ran up to Angel Fire this past weekend for a birthday party, and the weather was so cool! It was amazing! The heat this summer has been intense! Checking The Weather Channel app, it looks like we have some cooler weather on the way – if you call the 90s “cooler”!!! I guess it’s all relative! 90 sounds WAY better than 105, don’t you think? Anyway.....hopefully we will have a long, beautiful fall before the cold weather sets in!

Bring on the cooler temps, pumpkin spice, and football! I’m ready!

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Last month I urged each of you to trim up the trees and limbs along your property line for safety purposes. To help with this, we have an agreement with a company called 4S Renewables (formerly called Rock & Root) which allows all residents of Timbercreek Canyon to take your branches, limbs, and other plant material (yes, even yucca) to their lot located at 8277 Tradewind. They have moved their entrance gate from Osage Street to Tradewind. (I put the address in my Google Maps and it took me right there!)

I would ask each of you to inspect your property to ensure that tall vehicles (especially fire trucks and buses) are able to drive under all branches. Fourteen feet is the minimum for any branches over the road. Also, please trim back any lower brush that might obscure the vision of a driver.

These things are especially important with our dry weather, and now with school buses coming in and out of Timbercreek.

Thank you so much for your cooperation!

**BRIAN K GIFFIN, MAYOR
VILLAGE OF TIMBERCREEK CANYON
806 676-5345
mayor@timbercreekcanyontx.gov**

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 3 days prior to the meeting.

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

The next meeting (according to the 2nd Thursday of the month) will be held on the 10th of SEPTEMBER! If this date changes, we will let you know! The following month, the meeting is scheduled for the 8th 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 before the meeting.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for SEPTEMBER 1ST, and the following month, we will meet on the 6TH of OCTOBER!

Reminder! The POA is responsible for our roads & gates – all other items are under the jurisdiction of the Village Board of Aldermen!

All residents are welcome to attend the meetings!

TCC GARDEN CLUB

Come join the Timbercreek Canyon Garden Club on Monday, September 14th at the Senior Center! We meet at 7 pm! This month will be ALL about the Chili Cookoff – it's going to be here SOON!

Last month we met at the Senior Center with Shelly Hanes and Gary Billstrom hosting – and they did a fabulous job!

We hope you'll join us – it's always a great time, and we will be planning the Chili Cookoff and will probably be discussing the Christmas decorations at the gates! We are a busy group, and we can always use more help!

Monday, September 14th at the Senior Center – 7 pm

CHILI COOKOFF SCHEDULE

4:30 PM CHILI ENTRY CHECK-IN AND PAY YOUR \$20 ENTRY FEE

**CHECK IN AT THE FIRE STATION. CHILI THAT ARRIVES
AFTER 4:30 PM WILL BE SERVED, BUT IT WILL NOT BE JUDGED.**

PUMPKIN ENTRY CHECK-IN

4:45 PM CHILI JUDGING AND PUMPKIN JUDGING BEGINS!

**NO SPECTATORS. NO ADMITTANCE TO THE
FIRE STATION WHILE JUDGING IS TAKING PLACE.**

5:15 PM NATIONAL ANTHEM

5:30 PM SERVING BEGINS

6:00 PM GEEZERS GONE WILD BAND BEGINS

BOUNCE HOUSE FOR KIDS OPENS

FACE PAINTING BEGINS

8:00 PM WINNERS OF CHILI COOKOFF AND PUMPKIN

DECORATING ANNOUNCED

GO WILD WITH THE GEEZERS RAFFLE DRAWING

9:00 PM CHILI COOKOFF IS OFFICIALLY OVER

We wanted more things for the kids this year, so we brought back the pumpkin decorating contest (there is an adult division, as well), face painting, and we are adding a BOUNCE HOUSE! We hope we will have lots of kids who will come and have lots of fun!



ARTWORK FOR FIRE STATION

Now accepting 8x10 artwork to hang in the fire station! We would love to have your kids' or grandkids' art displayed during the Chili Cookoff! Get those kids busy!!!

If you have some artwork, please contact Gayla at (806) 435-0738!



THANKS, LEE!

I recently learned that we have a resident who takes care of the flags in Timbercreek Canyon. When they need to be at half-staff

(RIP, Dolly!) or in need of replacement!

LEE REED makes sure it happens!

Thank you, Lee, for taking care of such an important detail! It is appreciated, and you are amazing!



CHILI COOKOFF

Saturday, October 10th at the Fire Station and Pavillion!

If you would like to enter the Chili Cookoff, bring your chili to the Fire Station in a crock pot (we have serving spoons) BEFORE 4:30! (Chili brought in after that time will be served, but will not be judged!) The cost to enter is \$20, and the entry fee can be paid when you check in!

You will take your crockpot home the same night!

Good luck!!

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

We will again have 4 age divisions!

5 and under 6-12

13 – 18 19 and older

You can carve your pumpkin, paint it, bedazzle it.....whatever makes your heart happy! We will have medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places!

Have your pumpkins to the Pavilion area no later than 4:30! Judging starts at 4:45!

GO WILD WITH THE GEEZERS RAFFLE

In place of the silent auction, the Garden Club is doing a RAFFLE this year! Tickets are \$25 each – or \$100 for 5 tickets.

The winner will be drawn at 8 pm at the Chili Cookoff!

The winner will receive a 3 hour concert with the GEEZERS GONE WILD BAND! You provide the venue and you book the date with the band whenever it works for you! In addition, you will also get \$500!

What a great prize!!!

NEED TICKETS? WE GOT ‘EM!

To purchase tickets for the GO WILD WITH THE GEEZERS raffle, contact Terri Welch at (806) 679-9556.



LOVE THEM TO DEATH!

Why feeding the mule deer in Timbercreek Canyon is doing more harm than good!

We are incredibly fortunate in Timbercreek Canyon to share our beautiful home with a thriving population of mule deer. Watching them move through our yards and canyons is a unique privilege, and it is completely natural to want to connect with them. Many residents think tossing out corn, apples, or deer blocks is a harmless way to help or get a closer look.

However, this well-intentioned kindness is having a devastating consequence: we are accidentally making them sick.

While it is strictly illegal to shoot or hunt these animals in our community, feeding them can be just as fatal. When we put out food, we disrupt their natural foraging habits and force them into unnaturally close contact with one another. This crowding creates the perfect breeding ground for highly contagious and fatal illnesses, including Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD).

Chronic Wasting Disease is a horrible, degenerative neurological condition. It affects the brain and nervous system, causing infected deer to lose weight drastically, become disoriented, grow weak, and eventually die a slow, painful death. There is no cure, and once it takes hold in a population, it is incredibly difficult to stop.

When deer congregate around a backyard feeder or a pile of feed, the risk of spreading CWD through saliva, urine, and feces skyrockets. What feels like a treat to us is actually a biological hazard for them.

Furthermore, a mule deer's digestive system is highly specialized for native vegetation. Sudden changes in their diet—especially high-

carbohydrate foods like corn—can cause acute digestive issues like rumen acidosis, which can kill a deer within days.

The best way we can protect our mule deer is to keep them wild. They are perfectly capable of finding their own food in the canyon without our assistance. By removing artificial food sources, we encourage them to disperse naturally, which drastically reduces the spread of deadly diseases.

If you truly love seeing our mule deer healthy and vibrant, please stop feeding them. Let's protect our wildlife by appreciating them from a distance and keeping Timbercreek Canyon a safe, healthy sanctuary for generations to come.

Thank you for NOT FEEDING THE DEER! It's not much fun to watch them deteriorate slowly and to look so pitiful!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

September 1 – Property Owners' Meeting at 7 pm

(Gate House)

September 10 – Board of Aldermen Meeting at 6 pm

(Gate House)

September 14 – Garden Club Meeting at 7 pm

(Senior Center)

October 10 – Chili Cookoff – 5:00

(Fire Station and Pavilion)

FACE PAINTER NEEDED

The Garden Club will be hiring a face painter for the Chili Cookoff this year, but we have not booked one yet. If you, or someone you know is a face artist, and are available on October 10th, please let us know!

We always love to support our Timbercreek Family!

Call Gayla at (806) 435-0738 or Shelly at (806) 282-5970

OUR CONDOLENCES



Dr Leonard "Bud" Wilton Smith Jr,

Dr Leonard "Bud" W. Smith Jr, 83, of Amarillo, passed away peacefully on August 9, 2026.

A memorial mass will be held on Friday, August 14, 2026, at 10:00 am, at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 4100 S. Coulter, with Reverend John Valdez presiding.

Bud was born on June 22, 1943, in Mexico, Missouri to Leonard W. Sr and Opal (Rudasill) Smith. He was a proud graduate of Tascosa High School class of 1961 in Amarillo, Texas. Following his graduation, Bud

set off on his career path by enrolling in West Texas State University where he would graduate in 1966. Bud graduated Omicron Kappa Upsilon on March 30, 1971, and would then enroll at The University of Texas Dental School Houston where he would graduate in June of 1971. Not long after, Bud received his Texas State Board of Dental Examiners License on July 1, 1971, and finally wrapped up his education by graduating with his doctorate degree from the University of Texas School of Periodontics on May 14, 1973.

Bud began his own private practice in 1973. He loved his career and would tell everyone that he never worked a day in his life because to him, it was his passion, not a job. Bud was a member of the Southwest Society of Periodontists and became a member of American Academy of Periodontology on September 26, 1975. He served the people of the panhandle and surrounding communities with integrity that was unmatched and genuinely loved every moment of it.

Bud was always seeking a new adventure. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved the thrill of big game hunting or hoping to catch the day's biggest fish. Bud hunted and fished all over the world from South Africa, New Zealand, and anywhere else he could think of.

He and Becky spent many days travelling for leisure as well. They loved to see new sites and experience different cultures. The further they went, the more they loved it.

But nothing brought Bud more enjoyment than his family. He was a devoted husband to Rebecca “Becky” Jesko who he married at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church on April 18, 1996. His grandchildren were the light of his life. He cherished each of them and loved them unconditionally. Bud would play Santa at Christmas doing all the things he could think of just to watch the joy, and sometimes fear, on their little faces that would spark the Christmas spirit. Though usually a serious man, he had a heart of pure gold when it came to his family.

Bud is preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Joyce Caldwell. Those left to cherish his memories are his beloved wife of 30 years, Becky, daughters, Heather Smith (Chase) and Megan Stone (Monty), sons, Russell Sanderson (Pawlina) and Richard Sanderson, and his most favorite people, the six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; as well as many extended family and cherished colleagues and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that a donation in honor of Bud Smith be made to the Downtown Women's Center of Amarillo or a charity of your choice.



TCC SENIOR CENTER

To reserve the Senior Resiliency Center, you will contact Elaine Dollar at (806) 324-7622.

Elaine will need a signed contract (see below) and a deposit, and she can answer any questions you may have about the rental process.

As you will see on the contract below, there are different levels of rental with different fees associated with each level.

You can print off the pages below and fill them out!

POLICY GOVERNING THE USE OF TIMBERCREEK CANYON RESILIENCY PROGRAM SENIOR CENTER

RENTAL INDEMNITY AGREEMENT TIMBERCREEK CANYON RESILIENCY PROGRAM SENIOR CENTER AND OTHER FACILITIES EFFECTIVE: April 9, 2026

This policy covers the use of the Timbercreek Canyon Resiliency Program Senior Center by residents, non-residents sponsored by residents, or any organization having approval to use such facilities.

In consideration of the acceptance of this agreement for use or rental of facilities, I, _____ intending to be legally bound, hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the Village of Timbercreek Canyon, its Board of Alderman, representatives, agents, employees and all other persons acting therefore, from any and all participants in connection with this function which may arise out of traveling to, during, or returning from the function, and further agree to Indemnify the Village of Timbercreek Canyon, its Board of Alderman, representatives, agents, employees and all other persons acting therefore, from any and all claims, damages, liabilities or suits including the cost of litigation and counsel fees arising from my use of the facilities or traveling to or from the function by me or any guest and participants.

The Board of Alderman has the right and authority to add further restrictions to these regulations as they deem fit in particular circumstances. They may not, however, dispense from any of the requirements of this policy.

APPLICATION FOR TIMBERCREEK CANYON RESILIENCY PROGRAM SENIOR CENTER USE.

RESIDENT/ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____ DATE OF EVENT: _____

IF SPONSORING NAME/PHONE# OF PERSON YOU ARE SPONSORING:

SIZE OF FUNCTION: _____ (MAX CAPACITY IS 129) TIER# _____

TYPE OF USE:

- TIER 1 – LIGHT COMMUNITY USE – OPEN TO THE RESIDENTS OF TIMBERCREEK CANYON
- TIER 2 – LIGHT PRIVATE USE – NOT OPEN TO THE RESIDENTS OF TIMBERCREEK CANYON
- TIER 3 – NORMAL PRIVATE USE – NOT OPEN TO THE RESIDENTS OF TIMBERCREEK CANYON
- TIER 4 – SAME AS TIER 3 BUT WITH ALCOHOL SERVED

MINIMUM CLEANING FEE – ANY ADDITIONAL CLEANING REQUIRED WILL BE BILLED AGAINST DEPOSIT

- TIER 1 & 2 - \$50.00
- TIER 3 & 4 - \$100.00

ADMINISTRATION FEE

- TIER 1 – NONE
- TIER 2 - \$50.00
- TIER 3 & 4 - \$100.00

DEPOSIT \$150.00 PAYABLE IN ADVANCE (ALL 4 TIERS)

SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL TIER 4 EVENTS

2 PEACE OFFICERS @ \$55.00 HR EACH, MINIMUM OF 2 HOURS

	TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3	TIER 4
DEPOSIT	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
ADMIN FEE	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
CLEANING FEE MIN.	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
SECURITY				\$210.00 min
TOTAL	\$200.00	\$250.00	\$350.00	\$560.00

ANY DAMAGE / VIOLATION FEES WILL BE BILLED TO THE RESIDENT / ORGANIZATION

COMMUNITY CENTER ACCESS

THE CURRENT GATE CODE IS TO BE PROVIDED TO YOUR GUESTS FOR ENTRY INTO THE GATE FOR THE EVENT.

READ AND INITIAL ALL OF THE FOLLOWING.

THE **SPONSORING RESIDENT** HEREBY AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS OF USE:

_____ 1. As the sponsoring resident I understand I will be financially responsible for any damage to the Center, its fixtures, decorations, and the village property in its entirety. I understand that violations of the rules and regulations apply to all guests and participants. **As the Sponsoring Resident I am required be in attendance for entire function.**

_____ 2. The Center, parking area and surrounding areas will be left clean and free of litter per attached END OF OF RENTAL RULES.

_____ 3. At the completion of the function, I will be responsible for securing/locking the building, turning off all all lights, and adjusting heating or air conditioning units.

_____ 4. All state and/or federal laws will apply to the serving of alcoholic beverages of any kind.

Will any type of alcohol be served or brought to the event?

YES or NO

*If yes, you must have peace officers at the event. The fee for two officers is \$110.00 per hour with a 2-hour minimum. Contact Timbercreek Canyon Police Department Chief, John Vaught, jvaught@timbercreekcanyontx.gov or 806-584-7835 to schedule the officers. Payment for the Officers will be payable to the Village, and the Village will pay the Officers.

_____ 5. Any area designated as private is not included in rental and is not to be entered without special permission from the Board of Alderman.

_____ 6. **I UNDERSTAND THAT NO CONFETTI, GLITTER, RICE or SILLY STRING** is allowed inside the Center, in the parking lot or in surrounding areas. **NO SMOKING OR VAPING IS ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING** – a cigarette butt disposal container is located outside at the North entrance to the building. Failure to comply with this provision will result in violation fee of \$200.00.

_____ 7. I will ensure the Community Center will be cleared out by 11:59 p.m. the day of rental

_____ 8. I understand that tablecloths are required for any tables used during the rental.

_____ 9. I understand that decorations may not be nailed, stapled, glued, or otherwise attached to walls, ceilings, doors, windows or fixture. Any method that leaves marks, residue, holes, or damage of any kind is prohibited.

_____ 10. I understand that The Village of Timbercreek Canyon has a noise ordinance and noise must be kept to a minimum after 10 p.m.

_____ 11. I understand that the CLEANING FEE DOES NOT CONSIST OF PERSONAL DECORATIONS BEING REMOVED OR TRASH REMOVAL. SHOULD EITHER OF THESE OCCUR AN ADDITIONAL \$100.00 WILL BE CHARGED. **THERE IS NO TRASH SERVICE AT THE CENTER.** YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO REMOVE ANY TRASH FROM YOUR EVENT.

THE ABOVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE UNDERSTOOD AND ACCEPTED

BY:

SIGNATURE

DATE

END OF RENTAL RULES

Any items needed for the following can be found in the UTILITY CLOSET BY BACK DOOR IN THE KITCHEN

1. FLOORS – clean up any spills immediately, remove trash.
2. SERVING AREA – ensure all surface tops and sink area are clean.
3. TABLES AND CHAIRS – remove tablecloths and ensure all tabletops and chairs are clean. Place tables and chairs back into storage room as you found them. **Do not put these items up dirty.**
4. TRASH CANS – return any large trash cans to the storage room.
6. OUTSIDE PARKING LOT – parking lot, gazebo area, and porch areas must be free of trash.
7. REMEMBER: NO SMOKING OR CONFETTI/GLITTER/SILLY STRING ALLOWED per rental agreement
8. TRASH – trash must be removed and disposed of properly. There is no trash service at the center so all trash needs to be packed out by the renter.
9. LIGHTS – turn off all lights.
10. SECURITY SYSTEM – DO NOT ATTEMPT TO RESET THE SECURITY SYSTEM. NOTIFY THE MANAGER @ 806 324-7622 WHEN YOUR EVENT IS COMPLETE SO THEY CAN RESET THE SYSTEM.

FAILURE TO COMPLETE ITEMS ABOVE BY THE END OF THE RENTAL WILL CONSTITUTE AN ADDITIONAL FEE TO BE CHARGED TO THE RESIDENT

ENJOY YOUR EVENT AT OUR BEAUTIFUL SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER!!!