



Cape Carancahua Property Owners' Association, Inc.
Board of Directors
Larry Schroeder Marie Weakley Charles Taylor Daniel Dittrich John Bock



Cape Carancahua Board of Directors

John Bock was appointed to serve the unexpired term when Dick Wilkinson resigned from Position 4. Board officers are Daniel Dittrich, President; Vice President; Larry Schroeder, Vice President for Maintenance; Marie Weakley, Vice President for Administration; John Bock, Secretary; and Charles Taylor, Treasurer.

Office Manager Judy Hollingsworth and Assistant Manager Pam Schuhsler are available to help you from 8 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Maintenance supervisor Donald Beaver and Fe Villarin keep things working and the Cape looking beautiful.

CAPE CLEAN-UP PROGRESS

In an effort to improve the appearance of the Cape and remedy violations of the Deed Restrictions and Cape Policies, several property owners have received legal notices during the past several months. As a result, three properties have been cleared of junk and weeds, two permits have been issued for home repairs, and one instance of illegal parking has been stopped. Two inoperable cars and four boats parked illegally on vacant lots have been removed. Non-compliance fees are being assessed daily to three property owners for violations not remedied.

The Board of Directors wishes these fees were not necessary, but they represent the best option the Board has to remedy violations when gentle reminders fail.



QUARTERLY PROPERTY OWNERS' MEETING

Please plan to attend the property owners' meeting on November 11 at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Center. The Board welcomes your comments and concerns.

POT LUCK DINNER

November 10

Join your friends and meet new ones at the pot luck dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 10, at the Community Center. Bring a dish to share if you like. If you are not a cook, come anyway! There's always plenty for everyone. It's a relaxed, fun evening. There will be tea, coffee, and water provided by the Capers and adult beverages provided by generous property owners. The food is always outstanding. Cape cooks are the best!



NOVEMBER 6 -- ELECTION DAY

Voting is a privilege. Make your voice count. The Carancahua Community Volunteer Fire Department building is the location for Precinct 9 voters. Polling hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. **Exercise your right to vote!**



REPUBLICAN WOMEN IN JACKSON COUNTY

Cape resident Cindy Kruppa has been instrumental in organizing the Jackson County Republican Women. The group meets on the third Thursday of the month. You can get details from Cindy at 361-782-1657 or kruppacindy@yahoo.com

CAPE CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 8 -- mark your calendar! You do not want to miss the annual Capers' Christmas party and prime rib dinner! It's always fun and the food is exceptional. Bring an appetizer, salad, side dish, or dessert if you like, but be sure to be there. The festivities get started about 5:00 with a social hour. Dinner will be served at six. The fun will last until everyone is almost too full to toddle off home!



NEW YEARS' EVE PARTY

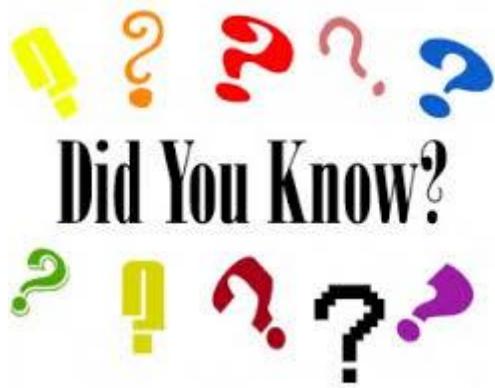
Celebrate the end of 2018 and welcome 2019 with your friends and neighbors at the Community Center on December 31, 2018. Bring the libations of your choice and snacks to share. There'll be music! There'll be dancing! Lots of fun and no worries about traffic issues. Festivities get underway about 8 p.m. and will last until after 2019 arrives.



LIBRARY ADDITION - CAPE HISTORY

Cape resident and historian John B. Sanford has donated a copy of his 2018 edition of "Early Texas Stories from Stephen F. Austin's Colony". It includes many interesting tales and facts about Cape Carancahua and surrounds. Stop by the office to pick up the key to the Cape Library. We ask that this volume be returned, but all the other books in the library are free for the taking. Enjoy!





...it is your responsibility to open the gate for your guests and workers. In an emergency or if you are not going to be available, you can call the office in advance to have them added to the list of expected guests and workers.

DID YOU KNOW... Golf carts and ATV's of any kind are NOT allowed below the hill at the boat launch at any time?

DID YOU KNOW...although it may seem like the neighborly thing to do to deliver a letter or parcel to your neighbor when the mail carrier puts it in your box my mistake -- NOT SO. What seems like a kindness actually circumvents the process of letting the Post Master know about the mistake. Things will never improve if the Post Master (and possibly higher authorities) do not know the extent of mis-delivered mail. Call the postmaster (361-972-2213) and ask for the mis-delivered mail to be picked up.

DID YOU KNOW... all unlicensed vehicles driven on Cape roads must be registered? This important safety regulation is part of the legal policies that govern Cape Carancahua and its residents. Stop by the office to pick up two adhesive ID numbers for your vehicles. The one-time fee is only \$10.00.

DID YOU KNOW...EVERY HOUSE ON THE CAPE SHOULD HAVE ITS STREET ADDRESS NUMBER DISPLAYED PROMINENTLY? Emergency responders cannot help you if they cannot find you. FREE reflective number sets and mounting plates are available at the office. Jackson County Emergency Service District provides the numbers and Caper volunteers will even help you install them!

DID YOU KNOW...no cooking or fires allowed inside the pool fences or parking lots? Plenty of options are available for your picnic -- the pavilion and parks are free and open to all property owners.

DID YOU KNOW...grass clippings cannot be put in drainage ditches or allowed to accumulate on roadways? Turn your mower inward so grass is blown onto your property, not the road. Grass accumulated at road edges holds water and dirt, thus plants that cause further erosion of our fragile road system.

DID YOU KNOW...Cape Carancahua is a "Dark Sky Community"? Light fixtures on your property should cast light downward, not outward. Please stop by the office for a list of approved lighting fixtures any time you need to replace one.

Message from the Treasurer



Fall has arrived and it is that time of year when preparations for the 2019 budget are under way. Preliminary input suggests a 3% increase for 2019. Maintenance fees were raised from \$100 to \$135 per lot in 2013 and, currently, inflation has eroded approximately 75% of this increase. As the community grows, our infrastructure is compromised; lacking funds makes it difficult to maintain and improve our assets. Each board member is receptive to property owners' ideas and solutions. We look forward to your comments.



Scott Hollingsworth, President

Geno Abshier, Vice President

Joe Wyatt, Vice President

Don Sudheimer, Secretary

David Nichols, Treasurer

WATER DEPARTMENT NEWS

by Scott Hollingsworth, President

A great deal has happened in the past few months at the Cape Carancahua Water Supply Corporation -- new employees, new office hours, new BOD officers, new equipment, new policies...and that's just the bare bones.

- Class C Operator Mike Labay was hired to work full-time in August.
- Operator Philip Holbrook, Jr., is in a San Antonio hospital making a slow recovery.
- Theresa Garza was hired in March to work in the office with Jenny Bell.
- Office hours were extended to 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Online payments are now accepted through PayClix.
- Scott Hollingsworth was elected president of the Board of Directors.
- Thomas (Geno) Abshier was appointed to serve in Position 4 on the Board.
- A new 2500-gallon pressure tank was installed to expand distribution capacity.
- A additional 500-gallon propane tank was leased to supplement the current equipment.
- A new generator was purchased and installed to replace aging equipment.
- Replaced main pump house master meter

- Added new blow-down valves
- Contracted for engineering study for plant expansion

Many other projects are on the drawing board for the next several months and the Master Plan is always a work in progress.

You are most cordially invited to attend meetings of the CCWSC Board of Directors. Notices of meeting dates and times are posted on the bulletin board at the mail kiosk and in the water department office.

News From Your Fire Department

by Craig Brooks, Chief - CCVFD



Carancahua Community Volunteer Fire Department has continued to have a busy year since the last Cape newsletter in March. As of October 20, we have responded to 98 calls for help; 21 fires, 45 medical calls, 20 motor vehicle accidents, and 12 "other" calls. If we continue at this pace, we will have our busiest year ever, exceeding the 112 calls last year (our previous busiest year). All this is handled by a small group of dedicated volunteer neighbors.

Department News - Jackson County was turned down for the county-wide radio grant we had applied for earlier in the year. As a result, we will not be able to upgrade our aging emergency radios, forcing us into several work-arounds. One of these is a phone app called Tango Tango, which we tried out in October and are now beginning to use. We hope that this will help us improve our ability to communicate. We have used the Forest Service grant which was awarded to us to purchase much needed equipment. This included hose, nozzles, emergency scene and vehicle lights, safety equipment, and vehicle extrication and stabilization equipment. Our Members continue to attend formal (that is, training outside of our Department) training. Since March, this has included basic Wildland Fire Fighter classes, Highway Safety and Traffic Management classes, and many hours of Continuing Education classes for our EMTs.

Unfortunately, we are losing two very active Members, who are moving from the Cape to Florida. John and Beth Griner have been Members for a number of years, Beth as an EMT and John as a Firefighter. They will both be missed, not only as Members of the Department, but as good neighbors and good friends. We do have three new members who have joined and are working hard to become active Firefighters. Bill Dannels of the Cape has joined, as have Wally and Marilyn Eady of Boca Chica. Please join me in welcoming them to the Department.

Fund Raiser and Thanks for Donations - We have had to delay a fund raiser into next year, but we are planning for a raffle. We are always grateful for the generous donations we get from the community during the year. As always, we use all such monies to improve our service to you and the rest of the community we serve. They help to provide supplies, equipment, and other services which would otherwise be difficult to acquire. CCVFD is a 501(c)(3) corporation, so your donations may result in a tax benefit to you.

Traffic Safety - We did make some progress on improving the safety of the Highway 35-172 intersection. We worked with TxDoT to add traffic markings and rumble strips on 172, and to get much improved stop lights on 172 as well. Alcoa agreed to cut back the brush on the property that they own around the intersection. This has resulted in much improved sight lines on the east side of the intersection. TxDot has informed us that the intersection is scheduled to be grade separated (that is, there will be an overpass) sometime within the next five years. The overpass should result in many fewer accidents at this very dangerous intersection.

Community Outreach - We continue to have 9-1-1 address signs and smoke detectors available at no cost. We are working with ESD2 on a Ten Year Plan for the Department that we hope, among other things, will provide for much better communications with the community. This may include provision for such things as an actively administered Department website, programmable electronic signage, and an active email/snail mail program.

Volunteers - We always need volunteers. We do so many things, and none of those can get done without the dedicated volunteers we have. Come by the Station and visit. Come to a meeting (they're always posted on Next Door). Talk to a Member. Find out more about us, and whether or not you might want to join. We never pressure people to join, but we are always happy to show you around and answer questions.

Craig Brooks, Chief



During the past several months, the following Cape residents and property owners have passed away: Jerry Schwartz, Christopher Tristan, Sr., Donald Baker, Dorothy Baker, and Steve Schoonover.

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