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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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BAYSHORE DRIVE ROADWORK

At long last, work is progressing to repair and repave a two-mile section of West Bayshore Drive.

Crews are working diligently to complete the work as quickly as they can to inconvenience householders as little as possible. Several guard rails are also being replaced at this time and all gravel roads will be graded in the near future. Progress does come with a price, so please be patient.



2020 BALLOT AND ELECTION RESULTS

Ballots were mailed to 804 Cape property owners on January 10, 2020, asking for a vote "for" or "against" raising the annual membership/maintenance fee from \$135 to \$200 per lot. Ballots were collected and tallied by a five-member Ballot Committee. Results of the ballot approved the increase by a vote of 301 "for" and 291 "against". The increase in funding will help the Board maintain and improve Cape infrastructure and amenities.

Ballots were mailed to 796 Cape property owners on February 19, 2020, to fill two expiring positions on the Board of Directors. Larry Schroeder ran unopposed for Position 5. Bryan Churan, Shawn Johnson, and Pam Stewart ran for Position 3. Ballots were collected and tallied by a five-member Ballot Committee. Results of the election shows Mr. Schroeder received 241 votes. Pam Stewart won Position 3 with 187 votes; Mr. Churan received 80 votes and Mr. Johnson 49.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

First of all, let me thank each of you for your support during the BOD elections. My husband, Wayne, and I have lived and enjoyed the “Cape Life” for over 12 years. We love it here and I’m looking forward to serving you, on YOUR Board.

When I ran for the board, I pledged to try to keep the board more transparent and improve the communication between the board and property owners. I will continue to do my best in getting this done.

I also want to thank each of you for your patience and understanding through this COVID-19 pandemic. I hope each of you is staying safe during these uncertain times.

Hopefully, if I haven’t met you, I will have that pleasure. For those whom I already know, hope to see and visit with you soon.

Pam Stewart
President

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF ROBERT W. JOHS

My wife Shelley, my dog Kodi, and I live at 1454 Bayview. We have been retired some years now and got tired of maintaining a large house on 20 acres. So, 4 years ago we decided to down size to a more appropriately sized house for a retired couple in a quiet gated community on the water.



We searched up and down the gulf coast looking for the right place to relocate and finally settled on Cape Carancahua, which ironically is only 6 miles from where we spent the previous 33 years. The Cape is a special place with many unique features that attract people from different walks of life.

Last year when John Bock moved from the Cape and resigned his position on the Board, I was asked to fill his post. I accepted that appointment with a commitment to work diligently for the improvement of our community and to be a responsible steward of the budget.

This week work began on the restoration of two miles of our road system. I am proud to have been part of the effort that resulted in this improvement to what I believe is our community’s most valuable shared asset. I look forward to making improvements to the rest of our road system as well as other important shared assets.

Robert Johs
Vice President for Compliance



MAINTENANCE GURU

I'm Larry Schroeder, a member of your Board of Directors. This is my second term. My wife, Rebecca, and I have had property here at the cape for 12 years. We moved here after our retirement and enjoy "Cape Life" very much. We have a classic car and spend a lot of weekends going to car shows when we are not fishing.

Thanks for all your support and efforts on getting the fees increased. This will help the cape to do more for our roads and other projects.

Maintenance will be cutting down all old white pipe railing on the roads and it will be replaced with guard railing purchased from a TX Dot contractor. This will start very soon. Hope everyone stays safe until this COVID-19 pandemic is over.

Thanks,

Larry Schroeder

Vice President for Maintenance

BRUSH PIT IMPROVEMENTS



Have you noticed the addition of a privacy/wind fence in front of the brush pit? This addition much improves the look of our brush pit. Funds and labor for this project were donated by Ricky Clark. Be sure to give him a high five the next time you see him.

CAPE BEAUTIFUL

Springtime is a glorious time in the Cape. Ted Grimes keeps the front gate beautiful all year, especially in the spring. His labors cost you nothing. The plants and mulch cost you nothing. This is one example of volunteers at work. The Capers organization funds the material and Ted donates his sweat and labor. Give him a thumbs up next time you see Ted. Please support the Capers at the next bake sale or fundraiser.



COMMUNITY CENTER IMPROVEMENTS

The Capers' goal is to make this community a better place to live solely on donations and volunteerism. Phase 1 of 3 Community Center improvement is the Capers' ongoing current project.

It was Robert Ingersoll who said, "We rise by lifting others." The certainty about life is found most in the kind acts and goodness human beings show to their fellow humans, and animals, thus making this life worth living.

ALL of Phase 1 of the Community Center project has been funded by Clark Constructors. Thank you, Ricky Clark, for your generous donation. The Capers organization and all Cape property owners are deeply grateful for his generous contributions. There is no way to adequately express our appreciation. Without Mr. Clark's altruistic support, this project would certainly have been a long ordeal.



- Phase 1 - correct the moat surrounding the Community Center after a rain.
- Phase II - create and relocate the handicap parking closer to the entrance.
- Phase III - add surface material to make/improve our parking lot area

We encourage all Capers to come together in this project. Funds are not being allocated by the CCPOA. YOUR help is necessary to bring these projects to fruition.



CAPE CARANCAHUA WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION
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The Cape Carancahua Water Supply Corporation office remains locked during this time of social distancing but is doing business as usual by telephone and email. Our friendly staff is available from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. 316-972-0929. For after-hours emergencies, call 361-648-1157.

To make paying your water bill easier, we have installed a drive-up drop box. near the office. No cash, please, but you are very welcome to pay your water bill with check or money order by driving up and dropping in the payment. You can, as usual, use your PayClix account to make payments online.



YARD OF THE QUARTER

Many Cape home owners spend countless hours keeping their yards beautiful. Everyone appreciates seeing the gorgeous flowers, tidy lawns, and eye-appealing landscapes. To recognize the extra work by some, the Board chooses one yard each quarter to honor with an attractive sign designating the "Yard of the Quarter". Previous winners, Franklin and Lonnie Kelner and Sharon Hahn, are pictured below.



WHAT TO DO...WHAT TO DO

If you are seeking activities to keep the young ones amused, Cape residents are providing a bit of diversion. "Bear Hunt" is going strong. This phenomena that's sweeping the country is going strong in the Cape. Residents are displaying bears of all types (along with other stuffed animals) for kids to count.

Diversions for big kids are important to. Even though the parks are closed, the boat launch and fishing piers are still open to enjoy.



CARANCAHUA COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

This year is shaping up to be a busy one for CCVFD. The first quarter had a total of 28 calls for emergency services.



Of those calls, there were 9 fires (32%), 11 medical calls (39%), 6 motor vehicle accidents (25%), and 2 'other' calls (7%). Several have been Mutual Aid calls, where either we provided assistance to other Departments, or they helped us.

COVID-19- This big news is of course the global corona virus pandemic. This is definitely not an event that we trained for. We have been able to get as prepared as possible by using all available official sources of information, acquiring additional equipment and supplies, building a set of Field Guidelines, extensive training, and near daily teleconferencing with State and County officials. While we have fortunately had relatively few cases in the area, we all need to continue to do our part to decrease the impact of this disease:

- practice social distancing
- wash your hands frequently and thoroughly
- don't touch your face unless your hands are clean
- stay home
- make sure that you stay informed using real, actual, good information like cdc.gov or similar

Department News - All of the trucks are currently operational, although Brush Truck #879 was out for an extended overhaul. It's now back in service with a substantially rebuilt and redesigned rear end. This has allowed for a safer area to work from, better hose capacity, and an increased capability to carry other equipment in secure compartments. We were very fortunate to receive two grants at the end of 2019, one from Enbridge and one from United Way of Jackson County. These grants allowed us to replace our obsolete pagers with new pagers for all, to add another AED for our EMTs, and to replace one set of medical gear bags for one EMT.

Although we lost five Members within the past 18 months (all moved out of the area), we have two new Members, both of whom have become EMTs. Please join me in congratulating Lucas Haynes and Michele Haile for completing many hundreds of hours of classwork, hands-on training, and their Certification exams. They are already helping us to provide first rate emergency care for those who need it.

Volunteers Needed - Speaking of those in need... CCVFD has a core group of about eight active Members, with four or so other Members whose work load keeps them less active. This year, we are averaging about 4.5 Members per emergency response. This is very good considering the small number of Members we have, but it is not enough to handle most fires or motor vehicle accidents on our own. We are very fortunate in having other Departments in the area we can call on for help when we need it. But we need more people, people committed to spend the time to make a difference. Being a volunteer fireman is a golden opportunity to pay back all the good things strangers have done for you over the years. I doubt there have been many firemen or EMTs sitting in their rocking chairs thinking "Boy, I sure wish I had done something important and meaningful in my life". Trade in that rocking chair for a fire truck. Call or text me at 713-569-4001 or email me at craigbrooks1@tisd.net.

Thanks,
Craig Brooks, Chief

BEST WISHES FROM THE BOARD

Best wishes to you and yours for a happy and safe summer.