

CCPOA Quarterly Newsletter

April 15, 2021

Spring is here and what did not die in the winter storm has sprouted new growth and is beginning to show signs of life. Unfortunately, there is a great deal plant life in the Cape that did not survive. Many property owners have been busy dealing with that damage. The burn pit has seen a dramatic increase in activity in response to the clean up. The maintenance department will attempt to minimize closure time, but there will be times when the pit must be closed to burn off the build up of debris. Please be patient during these times as the pit can not be reopened until the fire is out and the pit has cooled down. For the time being, keys to the pit will continue to be available on weekends by calling Larry Schroeder, Paul Warren, or Robert Johs.

A project has been initiated to paint the Cape's main entrance. When the paint work is completed, there are plans to replant the landscaping lost during the winter storm. Paul Warren and Randy Wassick are coordinating the planned landscaping, and no doubt will return our entrance to something all property owners can be proud of.

Our community is grateful to the CCPOA Fire Department for their efforts to make Covid19 vaccinations available at the fire station. Hopefully, we are approaching a time when we can all resume our normal routine without fear of being infected by the virus.

We do not yet have a start date from Corner Stone Paving for the next round of road paving. When you begin to see their equipment marshaled outside the construction gate, you will know they are on the way. Please be prepared to deal with the road closures as they work their way around our community. Information will be emailed daily to keep you informed. Your patience is appreciated.

The operation of unlicensed vehicles in the Cape by unlicensed children continues to be a problem. This practice is not only putting the offending children in an unsafe situation but is also jeopardizing the safety of all others that these young offenders come into contact with. Please remind your children what is allowed and what is not, (Website: Tab=Policies 2020 Sec: Motorized Vehicle Policy). These policies exist to ensure the safety of your children. Additionally, speed and stop signs in the Cape are routinely being ignored by adult licensed drivers. This is not the appropriate example that adults should be setting for children as they learn safe driving habits.

As summer approaches, interest in fishing, boating, and water sports will increase. Please observe respectful use of our parks, fishing piers, and the boat ramp as use of these Cape amenities increases. They exist for your enjoyment. Let's make sure the experience is enjoyable for all.

Board of Directors

Carancahua Community Volunteer Fire Department

In our last Newsletter, I said that 2020 was our busiest year ever, a total of 131 calls for emergency assistance. We are already well on the way to breaking that record. We have already answered 45 calls by April 14th; 10 fires, 18 medical calls, 13 motor vehicle accidents, and 4 "other" calls. Again, these have been answered by about the same number of active Members that we have had in the past (about ten). Unfortunately, we are losing a very active Member, James Post, who is moving out of the area. Please be sure to thank him for his years of generous service to the community when you see him-he will be sorely missed.

Join the Fire Department - We have about nine active Members in the Department right now, and we need more. Most (maybe all) rural fire departments have the same problem-not enough volunteers, and we are no different. We really need dedicated volunteers to join the Department. This is really a great way to help people in need, learn some new skills, maybe get challenged a bit, and to pay something back to the community around us. Whether you are young or not, there are plenty of things you can do for the greater good. Most rural areas cannot afford to support a paid fire department, so if volunteers don't do it, it doesn't get done. Come and help get it done. Call me at 713-569-4001 or email me at craigbrooks1@tisd.net and we'll talk about it.

COVID-19 - The Fire Department hosted a vaccination clinic on April 7th. We provided facilities and helped build the patient list for vaccinations. Shots were done by a crew from the Jackson County Hospital District. Administrative duties were handled by Kelly Janica from Jackson County Emergency Management and by Jackson County Judge Jill Sklar.

Even if you have already gotten your shots, please continue to be careful and safe. Practice social distancing, wear your mask, wash your hands, and stay healthy. When you get the opportunity to take the vaccine, please do so.

ISO Rating Improvement - We have gotten an ISO fire insurance rating improvement for the Cape, from 9 to 8B. You might want to check with your insurance company and see if that might result in some savings on your homeowner's insurance.

Craig Brooks, Chief

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The Capers are not active currently. However, there will be a July 4th parade minus the traditional picnic.