

## CCPOA Quarterly Newsletter

It is hard to believe that another quarter has passed since the last Newsletter. Summer is here. We have begun to put the Covid 19 horror behind us and life is returning to normal. Nowhere is summer activity more obvious than at the Cape's swimming pools. Though there was a brief time last week when pool 2 was closed due to a problem with the card reader, that problem has been resolved and the pools are open for your enjoyment. New pool furniture is there for your enjoyment, a generous gift to the Cape from Rick and Beth Clark.

Property owners have been busy cleaning up landscaping damaged by last winter's freeze and the impact of that activity has put a heavy burden on the burn pit. Closure of the pit is being minimized to the extent possible, but there will be times when the pit will not be open for use. Please be patient.

Corner Stone paving has notified the Cape that they plan on mobilizing equipment to the Cape in June. More than 2.5 miles of paving is planned. There will necessarily be street closures as they work their way around the Cape. Notification will be sent out daily by email to keep property owners informed. Please make arrangements for alternate parking during these road closures and exercise patience.

The main entrance has a new look. What you see is only the beginning of an effort to freshen up the appearance of the main gate. Landscaping is also in the planning stage with help from Randy Walcik and will be accomplished soon. Funding for the landscaping is being provided through a generous donation to the Cape from Rick and Beth Clark.

The air conditioning system in the administration office was recently repaired. This repair work was donated to the Cape by Bill and Melissa Law.

Plans are being made to replace lighting at the Pavilion. Funds for this improvement coming from a donation made to the Cape by Carter and Heather Alexander.

New swings have been installed in park 1 and are available for your young children's enjoyment. This improvement to our park was donated to the Cape by Rick and Beth Clark.

The Architecture Compliance Committee is looking for volunteers. Anyone interested in joining this committee to help with the work they do ensuring compliance with the Cape's architecture policies, please contact the office.

Funding for the maintenance of the Cape infrastructure does not always come from the maintenance budget. During the last quarter a number of Cape property owners generously volunteered to help with our needs. They should be recognized. Please join the CCPOA Board of Directors, the CCPOA admin staff, and the CCPOA maintenance team in an

expression of gratitude to Rick and Beth Clark, Bill and Melissa Law, and Carter and Heather Alexander for their generous gifts to the Cape. Thank you for taking an active interest in the maintenance and improvement of our community.

### **Carancahua Community Volunteer Fire Department**

Your Fire Department is continuing to have a very busy year. As of May 12th, we have responded to a total of 55 calls for emergency services. This includes 12 fires, 21 medical responses, 17 motor vehicle accidents, and 5 "other" calls. Since we are an FRO "First Responder Organization", we respond to all sorts of calls, basically to any situation where people need help.

**How to Get Help - Call 9-1-1.** If you even think you have a need for emergency services, call 9-1-1. If you call the Cape Office, or one of the firemen, it will only delay getting help on the way to you. Response times to this end of the County tend to be very long (due to the distances involved), much longer than you might be used to if you are from an urban area. This is especially true for ambulances and law enforcement. Make sure that you have a reflective 9-1-1 address sign, and make sure that it is placed so that we can see it at night; these are free from the Cape Office and from the Fire Department. Not having a reflective sign is absolutely guaranteed to get help to you slower.

If you call 9-1-1, be sure to take a deep breath and calmly give the Dispatcher the information needed to start help on your way. If this is a medical call, make sure that you turn on the front lights if you can, and put somebody out at the end of the driveway to mark your house - this helps us a lot.

**How to Pay it Back (or Pay it Forward)** - Join the Fire Department. See "How to Get Help," above. If enough people decide not to join the Fire Department, calling 9-1-1 may not work, which could be a bad thing for a neighbor, a relative, or for you. There are many jobs that we are called to do, and there is bound to be one that is perfect for you. We need your help, your neighbors and your community need your help. Call me at 713-569-4001, or email me at craigbrooks1@tisd.net to talk about how you can help.

**General News** - We have gotten a rating improvement from the Insurance Services Office from 9 to 8B for the Cape. This might offer you a decrease in your homeowner's insurance premium. The Cape Office has the letter from ISO that you might need - talk to your agent first to see if they might need it. The Department has received ten surplus radios from the State. While these are obsolete, they are less so than our existing radios and will help us to better communicate. We hosted our second COVID-19 vaccination clinic on May 6th at the Station.

**Hurricane Season** - Hurricane season starts next month, so be prepared. Keep aware of the weather, have proper supplies, and have a plan for evacuation. We will have further information for you from time to time on our Facebook page, NextDoor, or through the Cape POA.

## **Capers Newsletter**

The Capers have elected new officers:

President - Michelle Hailee

Vice President - Dolores Brooks

Secretary - Margie Behan

Treasurer - Marie Weakley

Hospitality - Dolores Chandler

The Capers next meeting will be June 8, 2021 at the Library. There will be Parade for the Fourth of July. It will be start at 10:00 a.m. on July 3rd at the Pavilion.