

CCPOA Quarterly Newsletter

Another quarter has slipped by. How time flies. The dog days of summer are here, school is preparing for the start of the fall session, and parents and their children are making the most of what is left of the summer vacation.

Corner Stone Paving has been repeatedly delayed by the unusual amount of rainfall Texas has experienced and are now expected at the Cape in late August or early September. The contract negotiated last year will be honored, resulting in no increase in cost despite the recent dramatic increase in the price of oil. There are still plans to pave 2.6 miles of Cape roads, most of which are currently gravel. In addition to this planned road construction, the Cape has purchased road repair equipment which includes a seal coat machine, and a road crack repair machine. This equipment should arrive at the Cape soon, and the Cape maintenance crew will begin making repairs to existing hard surfaced roads. This practice will become part of routine Cape maintenance.

Improvements in the Cape's drainage system are also underway. New culvert pipes have been installed in several locations around the cape to de-bottle neck our drainage outflow system. Robert Boone contributed his equipment including a grade all and a dump truck at no cost to the Cape. Thanks to Mr. Boone for his generous contribution. Other improvements to the drainage system are planned as time and weather permits.

Improvements to the Cape's tennis court are underway compliments of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Clark. A crew has been working to re-seal the seams in the court, improve drainage around the court, and painting the surface.

Work at pool #2 to relocate the electrical equipment has been completed. The electrical room has also been air conditioned to improve the reliability of the electrical equipment.

The front gate has been experiencing issues with the card reader. The service provider has been unable so far to identify the root cause of the problem but is continuing to investigate. New spikes have also been

installed along with general maintenance to the mechanical parts of the gate. Please bear with us as we work to resolve the issues.

There is a recurring problem with uncontrolled dogs in the Cape.

Pet Policy states:

1. Property owners must maintain control of their animals at all times.
2. Pets not confined to their owners' property must be on a leash.
3. No animals are permitted inside swimming pool fences.
4. Property owners are responsible for damage caused by their pets.
5. Property owners are responsible for disturbances caused by their pets.
6. Property owners are responsible for pets belonging to their guests.

The Cape's office has received documented reports of large dogs intimidating residents on their own property. This must be resolved by the owners of the dogs. All available means to ensure the safety of property owners from uncontrolled dogs will be exercised.

The Cape's office has received complaints regarding uninvited use of private property by individuals on foot as well as unlicensed vehicles. As you move around the Cape, either on foot or by motorized vehicles, please respect the privacy of all property owners.

We would ask that when mowing your property, please refrain from blowing the grass onto the road.

CAPERS

The Capers resumed our monthly meetings in May; we meet the second Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. in the library. Please join us! It's a great way to meet your neighbors and get involved in the community. The aluminum can barrels at both pools are one of the ways we raise money for events throughout the year. If you don't have a pool pass or have large bags of cans to donate, please call me at 512 940-1884 and I will arrange a pick up at your house.

We hosted the 4th of July parade on Saturday July 3. The Carancahua Community Fire Department led the parade, followed by about 35

decorated vehicles. I hope you were able to watch. The fire department and other vehicles tossed candy to children along the route.

We host the CCPOA potluck dinners; the most recent potluck was on August 7. We had over 40 people attend; it was held at the pavilion due to the recent surge in covid cases. We always have plenty of food and there are some great cooks/chefs in the cape!

Our next event is the Bake Sale on Saturday September 4 at 10 am in the library. If you would like to donate items to sell, please bring them to the library between 9:30 and 10 am that morning.

Upcoming events include:

Potluck dinner on Saturday November 13

We are discussing having an event for children on Halloween.

Christmas party on December 4

Adult New Year's Eve party on December 31

**Michele Haile
President**

Caper meetings for the rest of 2021:

September 14

October 12

November 9

December 14

Carancahua Community Volunteer Fire Department

Carancahua Community Volunteer Fire Department was formed in 1997 to provide fire protection in the southern 81 square miles of Jackson County, which includes Cape Carancahua. In the beginning, there was no Station-the trucks were parked on the street here in the Cape. All our equipment was hand-me-down or donated. Through hard work and generosity, we have been able to greatly improve the Department; the Station was built in 2002, and we acquired our first new truck in 2006. In 2002 (the first year we have records) we went to

just over 30 calls for emergency help. Last year we responded to 131 calls. This year to date, we have made 86 total calls (16 fires, 28 medical calls, 35 motor vehicle accidents, and 7 "other" calls). All done by only 9 active Members, 6 of whom are retirees with 2 of those being women.

"I can think of no more stirring symbol of man's humanity to man than a fire truck."

This wonderful quote is by Kurt Vonnegut, the writer, and I think it is absolutely true. But, behind the symbolism of the truck are the dedicated women and men who are the firefighters and EMTs manning those trucks. Without them, the trucks are just big red paperweights. They are the ones, when the call goes out, who get out of bed or stop whatever they are doing and go to help those needing it. Rain or shine, day or night. All of this is done by volunteers. Most American fire departments are staffed entirely by volunteers, something like 80%. It's usually only the larger towns and cities that have paid fire departments. We rely on volunteers; there is no one else out there to do the job, period. We need you.

Join the Fire Department and leave a legacy- The Fire Department needs new Members. Nine active Members sounds like a lot, until you remember that some of them are going to be working, or out of town, or sick. Then your average number of responders looks a lot more like five than nine. Sometimes, it's only a couple. Even though most rural Departments are hurting for money, that is not the real problem. It's volunteers, pure and simple. I can't really tell you what being a member will be like for you-it's different for every one of us. But I can tell you what it will be like if we don't get volunteers. Eventually, we will not have enough people to do the work of the Department, and the Department will no longer operate as an effective unit. If there is an emergency call in the area, they may have to wait for help from Edna or maybe Ganado. If you are in a wrecked car or have just fallen off your roof, that 35 minutes is going to be an awfully long time to wait. And about that legacy-it's not a legacy of dollars, it's a legacy of life to those who might have died. Contact me at 713-569-4001 or at craigbrooks1@tisd.net and we'll talk.

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