



# The Cove Column

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## Special points of interest:

- City Manager's Message
- Last PRINTED issue of The Cove Column Newsletter.

## City Manager's Message

Spring is here with opportunities galore! The City will welcome new members to the City Council and begin the budget process for the upcoming fiscal year in the months ahead.

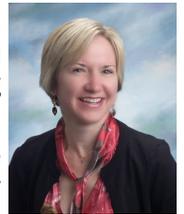
Staff continues to encourage all stakeholders to assume an active roll in the budget process. A budget calendar will be available on the City's website in the weeks ahead. Stakeholders are also

encouraged to get involved in all government activities by attending meetings of the City Council & Public meetings, volunteering for the City and casting your ballot in the local election.

City Staff continues to pursue funding for the Southeast Bypass and plans to seek permission to submit an application for the pass-through financing with the Texas Transportation Commission in May. All are encouraged to show support

for the project and the funding application.

As the summer months approach and children are on summer break, please ensure everyone's safety by maintaining your health and safety education.



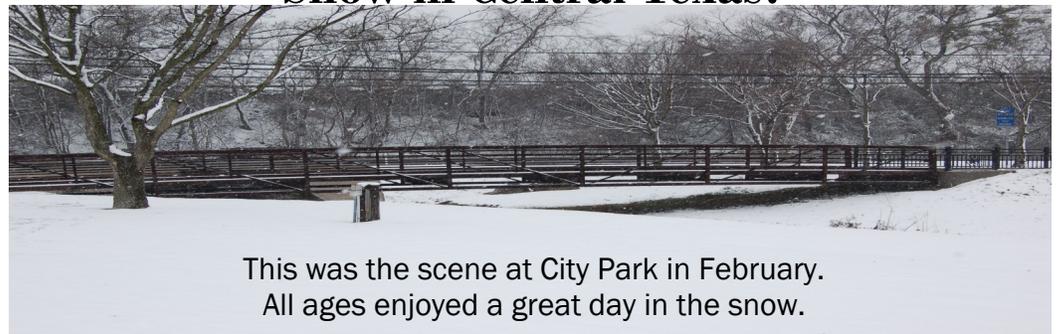
Have a Safe and Fun Filled Summer.

## City Newsletter is Going Green



In an ongoing effort to improve regional sustainability, the newsletter will be going digital. Beginning with the second quarter issue to be released in July 2010 the newsletter will be available on the city website at [www.ci.copperas-cove.tx.us](http://www.ci.copperas-cove.tx.us), and will be emailed to city employees. Any employee or citizen that does not have email or internet access may obtain a printed copy by request to the Human Resources Department, 254-547-4221.

## Snow in Central Texas?



This was the scene at City Park in February. All ages enjoyed a great day in the snow.

## Three New Officers Join Police Department

*"A proud day for our Police Department"*

### First Quarter City Employee Service Awards

February



Daniel Joost  
Water Distribution



Jon Pilgrim  
Fleet Maintenance



Linda Acevedo  
Financial Services

March



Ilka Perkins-Hagen  
Animal Control

Three new officers have joined the Copperas Cove Police Department. Their names are Damian White, Christina Carmell, and Charles Quarles Jr. They graduated on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February after attending the 20 week Central Texas Regional Police Academy Basic Peace Office Course at Central Texas College.

Carmell received an award at Graduation for Top Academics for maintaining the highest overall grade point average while attending the course. The three Officer Trainees are currently in a 13 week Field Training program with our department and will be given a line assignment upon successful completion of Field Training in late May.



These new officers were sworn in at the new Police facility on February 25th. Carmell had her badge pinned by her husband, White by his fiancé, and Quarles by his mother. Carmell moved to this area in November of 2003. She previously served in the US Army prior to being hired. Quarles moved to the area with his family in 2007. He worked for the Texas Department of Corrections prior to being hired. White, a long time resident of Gatesville, worked at the Wal-Mart Distribution center prior to gaining employment with our agency.

Please welcome our three new officers to the city.

## Citizens Fire Academy Under Way



Classes started on March 4th and will conclude on April 17th with Field Day and Class Graduation. On the final day the participants will be part of an entire day of exercises. This year Field Day will be held at the Copperas Cove Civic Center. Field Day includes a variety of rescue related tasks such as using the Jaws of Life, negotiating a smoke filled room, and extinguishing a car fire.



### Hard at Work!

With the new Police Department open for business it's time to finish up the exterior work. Employees from the Parks department can be seen in these photos working hard to install the new sprinkler system in front of the building. This is another example of teamwork and fiscal responsibility. Employees helping improve a different department while avoiding the high cost of outside contractors.



### Special Notice - Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group

The City of Copperas Cove received notification from the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group, of two (2) voting member position vacancies. The voting member positions available include two (2) that will represent Counties. Details regarding the selection process, requirements for the positions, application instructions and an overview of the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group may be found at [www.brazosgwater.org](http://www.brazosgwater.org). All applications will be accepted until 5:00 pm, Friday, May 7, 2010. Additional instructions regarding the selection process will be provided to all applicants after this date.

### Exchange Club Announces Firefighter of the Quarter, George Romfh



The Exchange Club of Copperas Cove honored an outstanding local firefighter at their meeting on February 10. Tom Kyzar, member of the Proudly We Hail committee, introduced Michael Ramminger, Battalion Chief of the Copperas Cove Fire Department. Ramminger described the activities and professionalism of the nominee for Fire Fighter of the Quarter, George Romfh. He commended Romfh due to his steady progress and growth as a firefighter who has reached the capability to serve at all three fire stations of the city. Kyzar presented Romfh with a commemorative plaque.

### UNITY Award 1st Quarter Recipients

Improving the overall level of Pride the individual employee has for both the City and their Department through the recognition of extraordinary efforts.



Nomination forms can be found on the City website [www.ci.copperas-cove.tx.us](http://www.ci.copperas-cove.tx.us)  
Just look for the UNITY Logo.

**January**  
Robert Terry  
Jason Kruttlin  
Jeremy Alber

**February**  
Eric Watson  
John McGuire  
Jay Louder  
Dewayne Cummings  
John Moser  
Shane Kieltyka  
Fred Chavez  
Dominique Moore  
Joseph Diaz  
Rick Counter

**March**  
Fred Chavez  
Tiffany Oakes  
Frank Haase  
David Boone  
Jesse Smith  
Ken Wilson  
Karin Johnson



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## Golf Course News

Through the harsh winter months the City of Copperas Cove was hard at work making improvements to the course. The first of those improvements was a switch from potable water to effluent water for the courses irrigation system. Not only does this save the city money but more importantly it helps conserve one of our most valuable natural resources, our drinking water.

One of the most exciting changes is the newly opened Tee-Time Grill. The grill is open for lunch 7 days a week and breakfast Saturday and Sunday. The menu includes all your favorites from hand made cheese burgers to chicken wraps. The best part is you do not have to be a golfer to enjoy the grill.

The course has opened a new cart storage shed making available an additional 32 spaces. With in just a few days of the new spaces being available the majority of the spaces were filled. This provides both a needed service for the public and additional revenue to the course.

## Joseph Fox Retires, Thanks for 13 Great Years!



At his retirement party Joe received a beautiful framed print as well as a City coin. Joe said "this should give me time to earn one more retirement before I'm done".



Calvin Aplaca April 21, 1951- March 21, 2010  
Assistant Supervisor ,Operator III  
UNITY Committee Vice-Chairman

*calvin, you will be missed.*

# Upcoming Events

## Library Calendar

Toddler Time, Mondays

Story Time, Mondays & Wednesdays

Baby Time, Thursdays

Happy Bookers,  
3rd Wednesday

Now Proctoring  
Exams:  
\$15 per hour

Call (254) 547-3826  
for more information



## Public Meetings

April 22, 2010 Sign Ordinance

May, 3, 2010 – Emergency Management

June 10, 2010 – The HOP Bus Shelter Locations

June 24, 2010 – Water Conservation Drought Contingency

## General Elections May 8, 2010: 7a-7p

City Council Positions 3, 4, and 5 and Charter Amendments

Early Voting Date and Times April 26 & 28 7a-7p

April 27,29,30, May 3 & 4 8a-5p

All Early and General Voting will be in the Council Chambers



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[www.ci.copperas-cove.tx.us](http://www.ci.copperas-cove.tx.us)



## Employee Appreciation Lunch

Tuesday May 11th from 11 am–1-pm City Park Pool

All City Employees are invited to this lunch.

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Sausage Wraps with all the Fixins!

## Darks & Rec.

### SENIOR CALENDAR

Mon. –Stretch & Flex,  
Crochet

Tues.–Bingo, Spades

Wed.–Stretch & Flex

Thurs.–Canasta,

Fellowship Group

Fri.–Stretch & Flex,

Bingo, Dominoes

Haircuts, Twice monthly

Call (254) 547-6049  
for more information

