

The Cove Column

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City Manager's Message

The final quarter of 2010 was also the start of a new fiscal year for the City. The Budget and Plan of Municipal Services for FY 2011 was effective on October 1, 2010.

The Holiday Season brought lots of excitement and cheer for employees and citizens. The City was delighted to expand the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and appreciates the Copperas Cove Jr. High Choir providing the concert for the event.

The City recognized all of the Service Award Recipients for 2010 with an annual luncheon. We also said goodbye to two employees, Tana Brown and

James Strunk during the fourth quarter of the calendar year.

The City would also like to thank Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful for hosting an Eco-Harvest. The Eco-Harvest event was the first of its kind and supports the Sustainability of the region and Fort Hood.

The Elected Officials and staff ended the year on a positive note with word from the Texas Department of Transportation regarding approval of an Advanced Funding Agreement. The Advanced Funding Agreement is the tool for financing the long awaited Southeast Bypass Project.

I encourage all citizens to

continue utilizing the City's website to remain informed on City events and governmental activities. Remember, to complete the citizen survey, as it is a tool for seeking input from the citizens to generate improvements in the community. Happy New Year!



Copperas Cove Police Department Recognition



Officers Mario Dmytrus and Christian Suess (above) graduated from the Central Texas Regional Police Academy on August 20, 2010. Prior to attending the Police Academy, Officer Dmytrus served as a Sergeant in the United States Army and Officer Suess was a Sergeant with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Officers Dmytrus and Suess completed their final phase of Field Training, and received their first line assignment on November 20, 2010.

Sgt. Brian Wyers (below) was honored at the graduation ceremony as an outstanding instructor. Sgt. Wyers has been with the Copperas Cove Police Department since 1992. His dedicated service and willingness to continue supporting future officers are highly valued and appreciated.



City Christmas Tree Lighting

Employees Of the Third Quarter 2010



Yvonne Davis,
PT/Receptionist
Human Resources



Lubec Beshansky
Patrol Officer
Police Department

Congrats to
Drawing Winner
Steve O'Neal, he won
a \$25 gift card for his
nomination.



Members of the Cove Jr. High
Choir, led by Mrs. Susan Owens



Rachel Rice and Brylie Willingham

On December 2nd at 6 pm, hundreds of Citizens and City Staff gathered for the lighting of the City Christmas Tree. Onlookers heard musical numbers from the local Brownie Troop as well as a concert from the Cove Jr. High Choir. Everyone was treated to S'mores, Hot-Cocoa, Apple Cider and many other treats.



Santa & Erik Hauk



Girls from the Brownie Troop

City Employee Holiday Fun @ Cynergy Cinemas

On Dec. 4, 2010, employees and their families were treated to a day of movies and merriment at Cynergy Cinemas. Everyone received passes for movies, laser tag and the game room. A great time was had by all in attendance.



Recent Retirees

Tana Brown :Tana started with the City in February of 1987. She completed her 23 year career in the Municipal Court.

James Strunk : James Began his career with the Police Department in August of 2001. He retired from the P.D. on December 31, 2010.

2010 Fourth Quarter Employee Service Awards



Damon Randolph
Police Department
5 Years



Rick Buttshaw
Solid Waste
5 Years



James Mullen
Street Department
10 Years



Richard Williams
Police Department
10 Years



Mike Flemming
Fire Department
25 Years



Greg Hernandez
Golf Course
10 Years



Desiree Mundell
Human Resources
5 Years



Michael Mayfield
Fire Department
5 Years

Thanks to all service award recipients for your dedication!

190 Southeast Bypass Gets Funded

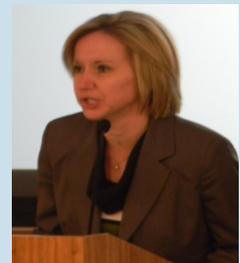


Mayor John Hull and John Barton

Mayor John Hull receives the contract for the funding package from John Barton, Asst. Executive Director for Engineering Operations with Tx-DOT. On December 17, 2010, The City held a press conference announcing the funding for the Southeast Bypass had been approved. John Barton said "Copperas Cove's persistence will serve as an example for other cities of how to get things done." According to Mayor Hull this announcement is the culmination of over twenty years of effort to see this Bypass Project come to fruition. In attendance were many local and regional officials as well as Tx-DOT, State and Federal officials.



Greg Schanep (Regional Director) from Congressman Carter's Office and Jim Reed, Executive Director of CTCOG.



City Manager Andrea Gardner worked tirelessly to see this funding package through the approval process.



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Trivia Time

Name 5 Previous Mayors for the City of Copperas Cove including their years of service.

The first three to email me with all correct responses win a prize.
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Sustainability: Eco-Harvest 2010

On November 19 & 20, 2010, the City of Copperas Cove and Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful hosted the first Eco-Harvest at the Civic Center. This event was designed to teach young and old alike the importance of conservation and to give instruction on how to accomplish the task of sustaining our planet. The students of the National Honor Society at CCHS were on hand to chaperone the students from elementary schools. Many City departments were represented as well as local conservation groups. There were 256 students total in attendance on Friday. Approximately 80 citizens came out to enjoy a free pancake breakfast and participate in the Eco Harvest on Saturday.



Pictured above are Christine Luciano, Ft. Hood Environmental Services and Silvia Rhoads, Director of Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful.



In this photo students at the Parks and Recreation booth compete to see who can sort trash from recyclables the fastest.



Hundreds of local elementary students were at the Eco-Harvest eagerly learning about conservation.



Students from the CCHS National Honor Society were on hand to chaperone the elementary children.

Parks and Leisure Services News

Darks & Rec.



Fishing in the Park
February 19th, 2011
City Park 10 AM- Noon



Easter Egg Hunt
April 23rd, 2011
City Park 10 AM

Local Duo Plays ESPN National Golf Challenge



A total field of more than 12,000 local entrants from approximately 300 courses around the United States began the competition in January 2010. The top teams advanced to 23 regional sites over the summer before the final field of 248 amateurs and 110 club professionals were determined for the National Finals. Davis Dewald and Nate Reding from The Hills of Cove Golf Course in Copperas Cove, Texas, shot 129 (63-66) to take Second Place.

Darks & Rec.



Polar Bear Swim
January 29, 2011
12 PM
City Park Pool
\$15.00 Per Person

2011 Soccer
Registration fee is \$40.00
Registration Jan 1 - Jan 23



Additional information online:
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