

The Cove Column

Inside this issue:

City Manager's Message	1
State Highway 9	1
Police Department Promotion	2
Employees of the Fourth Quarter 2010	2
Fire Department News	2
Employee Appreciation	2
First Quarter Service Awards 2011	3
PD Graduation and Swearing in Ceremony	3
Library Milestone	4
Parks and Leisure News	4

Special points of interest:

- City Manager's Message
- Northeast Bypass
- Summer Activities

City Manager's Message

The City welcomed a new year in the first quarter of 2011 and returned to business as normal following the busy holiday season. During the first quarter, a search for a new Director of Financial Services and Assistant Director of Financial Services began.

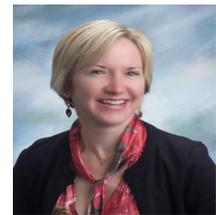
A groundbreaking ceremony was held in February to mark the official beginning of State Highway 9. The partnerships enjoyed by the City, the Texas Department of Transportation and Fort Hood were properly recognized during the groundbreaking ceremony. City staff along with the Copperas Cove EDC staff engaged in multiple days of brainstorming sessions to improve the City's

development review process.

The City continued its recognition of service award recipients and showed appreciation for all City employees by hosting an Employee Appreciation Luncheon. The basic services the community has come to expect are provided by the many dedicated employees of the City. In March, the Council approved the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and welcomed a new Assistant Director of Financial Services/Budget Director. The Council held its Annual Retreat and agreed to revise the goals, mission and vision statements of the City. Plans were made to incorporate the governing body

into the planning portion of the annual budget process that is scheduled for kick off in April.

The Southeast Bypass remains on schedule for May 2011 bid letting and the City looks forward to the months ahead. I urge citizens to remain current on local issues by visiting the City's website at www.ci.copperas-cove.tx.us.



State Highway 9 Construction Underway

On February 21st, 2011 the State Highway 9, Northeast Reliever Route, project officially got underway. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Anderson Mountain Rd. overlooking the right of way for the new highway. In attendance were the City Manager, Mayor, several Council Members, County Officials and representatives from Tx-DOT and LEDCORP. LEDCORP is the construction company building the new by-pass.



PD Promotions

On February 11, 2011, the Copperas Cove PD held the largest promotion ceremony in its history. The promotions took effect on February 12th and included 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 3 Sergeants, and 5 Corporals being promoted. (Pictured Below) Lubeck Beshansky was promoted to Corporal in a separate ceremony on April 9th, 2011.(Pictured Rt.)



Pictured above left to right. Capt. Eddie Wilson, Sgt. Steve O'Neal, Sgt. Michael Gonzales, Cpl. Gabriel Cardona, Cpl. Dominique Moore, Cpl. Danny Belk, Lt. Brian Wyers, Cpl. Kevin Miller, Sgt. Kevin Keller, Cpl. Corey Schmidt.

Feasting and Friendship

On March 23, 2011 the Employee Activities Committee hosted an Employee Appreciation Luncheon. It was a beautiful day at the Ogletree Pavilion with about 190 employees in attendance.



FD News

The following employees completed a Fire Officer 3 and 4 course that was held at the Copperas Cove Fire Department and taught by TEEX. Mike Baker, Gary Young, Robert Martin, Jamey Piper, Steven Spink, Mike Ramminger, Mike Holt, Eric Watson, Scott Howard and Jeremy Lydon.

The Fire Department received a new fire engine in March. The new engine was manufactured by Ferrara Fire Apparatus in Holden, Louisiana. The engine has Compressed Air Foam capability. Which means that firefighting foam products can be injected into the water stream to provide increased efficiency in putting out fires.



Employees Of the Fourth Quarter 2010



Melissa Barlow
Children's Assistant
Library



Robert Browning
IS Specialist II
Information Services

Congrats to Drawing Winner Abilehi Berrios, she won a \$25 gift card for her nomination.



2011 First Quarter Employee Service Awards



Andrea Gardner
City Manager
5 Years



Dwayne Cummings
Fire Department
5 Years



Loretta Bell
Solid Waste
10Years



Lee Corr
Parks & Recreation
5 Years



Ryan Baker
Fire Department
5 Years



Brandi Wolfe
Fire Department
5 Years



Patricia Dodge
Police Department
15 Years



Mark Flock
Water Distribution
5 Years



Walter Munsel
Fire Department
10 Years



Christine Mandanici
Code & Health
5 Years

Thanks to all service award recipients for your dedication!



Four new officers have joined the Copperas Cove Police Department. Left to right (in top, right photo) John Leach, Douglas Hunter, Hope Bazin and Billy Ray. Graduation from the Academy was February 18th and the Swearing In took place at the PD on Thursday February 24th, 2011 at 0900. They are pictured below with the Mayor (far rt.), The City Manager, Andrea Gardner, (4th from lt.) and several Police Department officials including Chief Molnes (4th from rt.).





City of Copperas Cove

"The City Built for Family Living"

P.O. Drawer 1449
507 S. Main Street
Copperas Cove, TX 76522
Phone: (254) 547-4221
Fax: (254) 547-4301
citymger@ci.copperas-cove.tx.us

Library Hits 1,000,000 Mark

Mr. Simpson was honored on March 7, 2011 as the person that checked out the 1 millionth item from the library. Since 1999 the library's circulation system has been keeping a count of the number of items checked from the library's collection. Today we celebrated our 1 millionth item checked out. The lucky person was Mr. Jack Simpson. Mr. Simpson is a long time patron of the library, and holds the oldest, active library account on file. Mr. Simpson was awarded a "Renew, Reread, Return" library recycling book bag and a book containing a collection of library humor cartoons, and a bouquet of balloons.



VISION STATEMENT:

The vision of the City of Copperas Cove is to foster the highest quality of life enabling all citizens to work, play and grow in a protected and productive environment.

Parks and Leisure Services News

Parks & Rec.

Pool Parties
May 16 – Aug. 16
Make Your
Reservation Today!



Soccer Sign ups
May 9th-June 3rd, 2011
\$40.00 Per Child



Kari Dominowski Oversees the Start Smart Program



The **Start Smart Program** has been revamped and is increasing in popularity with each sport added. This is a Parent and Child basic skills program that gives children 3 and 4 years old the opportunity to begin learning the fundamentals of sports. It started with Basketball and was well received with 34 participants. When Soccer was offered enrollment shot up to 81. The baseball program is already at 47 and promises to increase before registration closes.

Parks & Rec.

Upcoming Activities

Adult Co-ed Softball
18 yrs. & up
Registration May 2-May 27
\$300.00 Per Team

2011 Summer Soccer
Registration fee is \$40.00
Registration May 9-June 3

Swim Lessons
Registration Starts May 1st

Pool Passes
Available May 1st

Additional information online:
www.ci.copperas-cove.tx.us