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City Manager's Message



The City of Copperas Cove appreciates the citizen involvement in community activities. We look forward to planning and providing the many annual events and ask the citizens to say "thanks" to the City employees and community partners for making the events such a huge success for all.

As the holiday season is over for another year, City staff continues to work on the annual audit for presentation to the citizens and Council in March 2013. Preparation for the annual budget will soon be underway. Council will provide direction to the City staff regarding the annual operating budget and the multi-year planning tools.

In February, residents should begin to receive a bi-annual citizen survey. The City asks for the surveys to be completed and returned per the instructions provided. All questions regarding the survey may be directed to Human Resources or the City Manager's office at 254-547-4221.

We encourage our citizens to take part in the governance of this great community through attendance at community events and Council Meetings. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,



City Manager

City Events

Safe Trick or Treat

The 2nd annual Safe or Treat took place on Saturday, October 28, 2012 at City Park with an estimated crowd of 2,000 people. The many participants were treated to free hot dogs, popcorn and soft drinks provided by HEB and candy from 33 different vendors. The event was a major success and also crowned this years pumpkin carving winners. We look forward to next year!



Tree Lighting Ceremony

The City of Copperas Cove welcomed Christmas with the annual Lighting of the City Christmas Tree at City Hall Plaza. An estimated 400 people enjoyed refreshments (provided by various vendors) and the outstanding entertainment provided by CCISD. Kids attending the event enjoyed the "snow" and the opportunity to visit with the special guest of honor, Santa Claus.



Parks and Leisure Services

Employee Recognition



Parks and Recreation Department would like to welcome Angie Vanlandingham to the team. She is one of two Recreation Specialist in the Department and will also serve as the Aquatics Supervisor during the Summer months. Angie has been involved in recreational activities during her time with the YMCA of Metropolitan Jackson and USA Tennis Coaching. Her move here is due in part to her husband, Scott, as a warrant officer in the United States Army. Angie's family is happy to call Copperas Cove home and we welcome her to our Parks and Recreation team and hope you will do the same.

Toy Bowl

The 2012 Toy Bowl was held November 17, 2012 with an estimated 500 fans in attendance. This event helps the Cove Blue Santa program in taking donations with this year receiving over 240 toys and \$100 in donations.



Hills of Cove Golf Course

Blue Santa Toy Drive Golf Tournament

This year's golf tournament at the Hills of Cove Golf Course was a great success. We had 21 players who participated in the tournament and collected a wide variety of toys for both boys and girls. The biggest donations were 10 bicycles and \$75 cash from the golf tournament. Overall the tournament was great fun and very helpful for the Blue Santa program.



Police Dept.

Employee Recognition



Telecommunications Operator Maria "Becky" Burns was promoted to the position of Telecommunications Supervisor, a new position at the PD. Her responsibilities will include the overall operations of the Telecommunications Center/Dispatch at the PD...Congratulations, Becky!



Sergeant Kevin Keller was recognized by the Mt. Hiram Lodge #595 as the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year...pictured receiving his plaque from Municipal Court Judge F.W. "Bill" Price.



The CCPD Traffic Division was recognized as the "Best Instructors" at the graduation ceremony for their two nights of instruction...Awesome Job!



CCPD welcomed it's newest Officer, Cyle Brewer,...he was sworn in by Municipal Court Judge F.W. "Bill" Price and is currently in the field training program.

Community Involvement



The National Night Out downtown Kick-Off party had to be moved to the Civic Center due to inclement weather...the turnout was still great and we appreciate the community's support on this event each year.



National Night Out Block Parties were a huge success...Pictured is McGruff being hassled by Senior Animal Control Officer David Wellington at a local party.



CCPD vs. CCFD in the annual Holiday Bowl...employees squared off in a flag-football game at Bulldawg Stadium to benefit the Blue Santa Program. Players and spectators were encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy to the event...we received a pickup truck full of toys and several hundred dollars in cash which was all turned over to the Blue Santa Program to benefit those less fortunate. Thank you to all the employees who made this event a huge success.

Citizen Police Academy



The Citizens Police Academy Class #29 graduated in a ceremony at the Civic Center...17 citizens attended the 10 week course and received a certificate.

Fire Dept.

Employee Recognition

This quarter the Copperas Cove Fire Department started accepting applications for Fire Chief and went through structure reorganization. This reorganization included the following changes: Gary Young is now the Deputy Fire Chief of Administration and Emergency Management Coordinator; Michael Ramming is the Deputy Fire Chief of Operations; and Michael Fleming is the Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshal. Each shift is now led by that shift's Captain.

The Fire Department hired six new firefighters this quarter. Please join us in welcoming Firefighters Jay Foster, Ryan Dyer, Matthew Thomas, Matthew Harper, Zachary Avants, and Ethan Westbrook. We've also said good-bye to several firefighters who have moved on to other things including Chris Cox, Brian Jones, and Fire Chief Sean Hughes. We hope you'll join us in wishing them all the best.

Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser



In October, the Copperas Cove Firefighters Association sold t-shirts to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. City staff was authorized to wear these shirts during the month of October. All proceeds from the sale of the shirts were donated to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation. In the photo below, Copperas Cove Firefighters and their medical director, Dr. McConnell, show their support for breast cancer research.

Fire Department Happenings

The City received approval from voters on a bond measure this past November to fund the construction phase of the new Fire Station #2 and fire apparatus for the new station. This new fire station is to be built on the property previously purchased and annexed into the City

limits to the west of the intersection of Grimes Crossing Road and FM 1113.

Employees Activity Committee (EAC)

Employee Luncheons

Employees were given the opportunity to enjoy one of three luncheons this past December. A variety of door prizes were given away ranging from gifts cards, candy, and poinsettias. Angie McConnaughay (Senior Center) won the Grand Prize of a San Antonio Spurs Luxury Suite at the At&t Center in San Antonio, donated by Dailey-Wells.



Breakfast with Santa

December 22, 2012 City employees and their families enjoyed a pancake breakfast with Santa himself. Children were entered into a drawing for door prizes and given a chance to talk to Santa.



(Photos Courtesy of T.J. Maxwell)

