The Cove Column

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City Manager's Message

During the first quarter of the 2013 calendar year, City staff completed and presented the annual audit to the citizens and Council. The audit report is available for review on the City's website home page under "City Reports" and "Adopted Budgets and Financial Reports".



The community continues to witness progress on the SH 9, Southeast Bypass and FM 2657 Road Widening projects. The SH 9 and Southeast Bypass projects are expected to be complete by calendar year end. The City appreciates the patience and understanding exhibiting by its citizens and others traveling through our City during the construction.

In January, residents welcomed Whataburger and in February our beautiful new HEB-Plus store. Please continue to extend such warm welcomes to our new businesses by patronizing them as they open. Remember, if we want them to stay, we need to "FIND IT IN COVE, BUY IT IN COVE".

The City is currently conducting its bi-annual citizen survey and encourage all residents to participate in helping shape the future of our City. 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.

Have a Great Summer!

Sincerely,



City Manager

City Events

Polar Bear Swim

Can you take the "COLD". A great turn out of 63 participated in this years Polar Bear Swim Event. As everyone froze, coffee & hot cocoa were provided by HEB Plus & Starbucks. This is a fun event that is geared toward health and wellness with a refreshing start to the year. Awards were given for biggest splash, loudest entry, first out, longest in as well as our youngest and oldest participants.





Fishing In the Park

With an estimated 600 people in attendance, the 2013 Fishing in the Park Event was a great success. Texas Parks and Wildlife partnered with Parks and Recreation to help stock the City Park pond with 9,000 rainbow trout for youngsters to throw a line and get their corks wet. The event is highly anticipated each year as the Copperas Cove Bass Club comes out to help bait hooks and measure fish.





Easter Egg Round Up The Parks and Recreation annual Easter Egg Round-Up was held at a different location within City Park, Fester's House. "The move gives the event a more social atmosphere which is our purpose to bring the community together ", says Recreation Coordinator Mark Willingham. The event had a great turn out despite the overcast weather of an estimated 500 participants. All 10,000 eggs and hundreds of giveaways were gathered up by egg hunters of all ages. The event was sponsored by The Chamber of Commerce, HEB Plus, Cash Advance, STARR Group and Coleman's Shaved Ice.



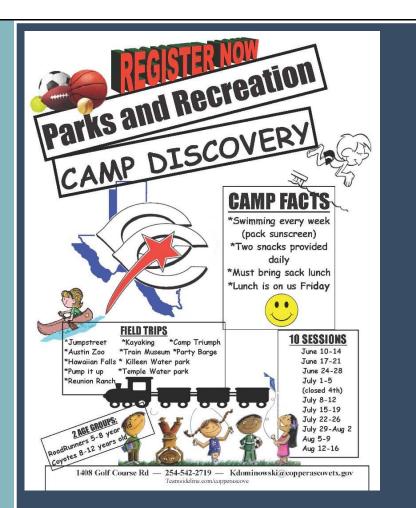


Parks and Leisure Services

TAAF Region 5 Basketball Tournament The City of Copperas Cove Parks and Recreation Department along with CCISD hosted the 2013 TAAF Region Basketball Tournament. The tournament featured 36 teams within Central Texas and was a great opportunity to feature our schools as well as our growth to the area. The revenue generated from the tournament helps The Parks and Recreation Department grow and it has an economic impact on the City.



Camp Discovery



Upcoming Sports

Summer Adult Softball Registration: May 6th-May 31st Season: June 11th-August 15th Fee: \$300/Team

Youth Soccer Session II Registration: April 22nd-June 7th Season: July 13th-August 31st Fee: \$40/Player (Ages 5-12) \$35/Player (Ages 3-5)

*For more information on all of our sports, events, and aquatics calendar please visit us at <u>www.teamsideline.com/copperascove</u>.

Hills of Cove Golf Course

Hills of cove Jr. Golf Camp

The Hills of Cove Junior Golf Camp is committed to the development of youth ages 6-17 in the game of golf. The camp is designed to allow the junior golfer the opportunity to learn, practice, play and enjoy the game of golf. We believe that golf is a game that can be enjoyed for a lifetime. Our goals are to introduce the game to novices, encourage the development of our more experienced players and provide wholesome enjoyable outings for all participating members.

Classes will meet every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10am to 12pm. The camp will cover all aspects of the game including, rules and etiquette. Every participant will have a chance to test their skills through an end of the session Skills Competition.



Library

Come on in to the library or let the library come to you! The Copperas Cove Public Library has a great selection of new books, audio books and movies. We also have free wi-fi, and public Internet access computers. We are open Monday through Thursday from 9 AM to 7 PM and on Friday and Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM. Every week on Thursdays we present story time for the kids, with toddlers at 10 AM and older kids at 2 PM. Each month we offer a Brown-bag lunch program at noon on the third Tuesday and a book club meeting at noon on the third Wednesday. We also have online access to the Mitchell auto repair database available on the computers in the library. While you are here you can pick up a user ID and password for the TexShare databases so that you can use them for research at home or at work as well as in the library.

If you can't make it in to the library, just follow the links from our Web site at the competence of t

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Police Dept.

Employee Recognition



Chief Molnes received the Community Builders Award from the Masonic Lodge on February 26, 2013.



Ofc. Ferdinand received the Noon Exchange Club Officer Of the Quarter Award on February 22, 2013.



Sgt. Lehmann received the Morning Exchange Club Officer of the Quarter Award on March 13, 2013.



Sgt. Alber Graduated from Leadership Command College in Huntsville, Texas on February 22, 2013.



Ofc. Brewer successfully completed the CCPD Field Training Program and received his line assignment on March 9, 2013.



We want to congratulate Det. Bobe on the birth of his two children, Sophia Elizabeth and Nicholas Santos Bobe on February 10, 2013.

Police Department Happenings



The Copperas Cove Police Department received shipment of its first Armored SWAT vehicle the end of last year. It has already seen deployments this year and has proven to be a valuable asset to the Police Department's SWAT team. This vehicle will be utilized to safely transport members of the SWAT team to volatile incidents that require personnel with additional training and equipment to find a peaceful resolution. These incidents include barricaded suspects, hostage situations, terrorist activity, active shooter, high risk search and arrest warrants, and sniper situations.

Fire Dept.

Employee Recognition

The Fire Department has hired two new firefighters this quarter. Please join us in welcoming Firefighters Matthew Musick and Christopher White. We've also said good-bye to several firefighters who have moved on to other things including Ryan Baker, Clint Daniell, and Eric Oechsle. We hope you'll join us in wishing them all the best.

Fire Departement Happenings

In January, the Fire Department's Training Division conducted a month long Fire Inspector training. The course was successfully completed by 21 participants which included CCFD firefighters, Harker Heights firefighters, and members of the Copperas Cove Building Department.

New hire testing began in February to compile a list of potential candidates for employment with the Fire Department. Applicants whose applications to the City were accepted, were invited to take the written test on the 21st. Those who passed participated in the physical agility testing conducted on the 22nd.

The Fire Department participated in several grand openings this quarter. Firefighters, fire apparatus, and Sparky the Fire Dog attended the ribbon cuttings for the new What-a-Burger and HEB as well as the HEB Open House event and the dedication of Robert Griffin III Blvd.

Fire Marshal Michael Fleming hosted information booths at two events this quarter. Information on fire prevention and home safety were made available as well as the opportunity to talk to the Fire Marshal. These events included the Employee Health Fair in February and a Health Education Workshop at Grace United Methodist Church in March.

The 2013 Citizens Fire Academy began on March 7th and is conducted each Thursday at the Central Fire Station for 7 weeks culminating in a Saturday field day and graduation. The goal of the program is to enhance citizen awareness of the department's capabilities and limitations as well as a better understanding of why we do what we do. Each year the program will accept 16 applicants who live or work within the response district of the Copperas Cove Fire Department.