

The Cove Column
2nd Quarter 2016

City Manager's Message

The summer months bring many opportunities to be outdoors and the City Parks and Recreation Department scheduled several activities for citizens of all ages. The opening ceremonies for baseball and softball were exciting, the swimming pools always provide a great opportunity for citizens of all ages to get water exercises complete or simply cool off on a hot day. The City Police Department also held its Annual Torch Run, The Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce worked with several departments of the City to provide the annual Rabbit Fest Event and Parks and Recreation held a kickball tournament during this year's Rabbit Fest. Continue to watch for more opportunities to participate in various City events and activities.



The City welcomed several new businesses to our great community during this busy time of the year. Be sure to stop in and visit Jersey Mike's Subs, Step by Step Dayhab and Barking Oaks Pet Salon.

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Each month the City recognizes employees celebrating milestones with the City, so please thank and congratulate all of the employees that were recognized recently.

The City also said its goodbyes to our beloved Police Chief, Tim Molnes in May. Please keep Tim's family in your thoughts and prayers. Deputy Chief Mike Heintzelman dedicated 34 years to the City but decided to retire in May of this year. The City wishes Mike well and appreciates his many dedicated years of service. The Police Department continues to seek qualified candidates to serve as City Officers. If interested in applying, please visit the City's website at www.copperascovetx.gov.

We hope you continue reading the City newsletter, visiting the City's website for the latest information on the City and sharing your ideas on Facebook. Should you have suggestions on how the City can improve its communications with the community, please contact the City's Public Information Officer, Kevin Keller by email at kkeller@copperascovetx.gov. We thank you for your continued support of the many programs.

Sincerely,

Andrea M. Gardner

City Manager

Quick Links

City of Copperas Cove

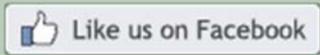


COPPERAS COVE POLICE

Now Hiring Officers

www.copperascovetx.gov Click on Apply for a Job with the city

Benefits	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Starting Salary: \$44,000/year in AuxiliarySalary up to \$45,500Sick/D Days (includes PTO)Medical / Dental InsuranceLife and Accidental InsuranceVacation ProgramPaid Leave: Vacation, Sick Leave, 13 Paid Holidays, Personal Leave, and Birthday LeaveRetirement: T.M.R.S.Deferred Compensation ProgramShift Differential Pay10 Hour Shifts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Criminal InvestigationsDispatchNeighborhood UnitMotorcycle SectionS.W.A.T. TeamSchool Resource OfficerCommunity Services OfficerField Training OfficerStreet GuardCivil Negotiation TeamToll & Home Car Program



City Events

Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies

City staff attended six Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies during the 2nd Quarter of 2016. The Copperas Cove community continues to grow and we were so honored to see the following businesses officially welcomed by the Chamber of Commerce: Barking Oaks Pet Salon, Hill Country Nursing and Rehab, Jersey Mike's, My Brother's House, Step by Step Dayhab, and CRDMAC.



Hill Country Nursing & Rehab
Ribbon Cutting
April 12, 2016



My Brother's House Ribbon Cutting
May 9, 2016



Barking Oaks Pet Salon Ribbon
Cutting
April 6, 2016



Jersey Mike's Ribbon
Cutting
April 25, 2016



Step by Step Dayhab
Ribbon Cutting - June
16, 2016

Community Events



Lemonade Day kicked off in April with the presentation of a proclamation by Mayor Seffrood, followed by the annual Best Tasting Lemonade Contest in Harker Heights and an official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Fort Hood. Congratulations



to all of this year's participants on operating their own businesses, to include Delilah Salas, winner of the Best Overall Tasting Lemonade!

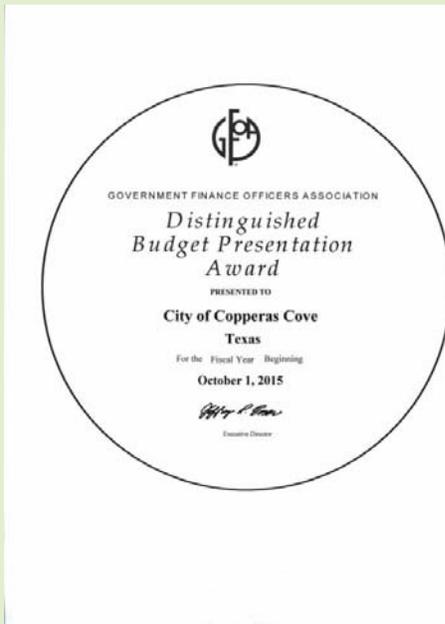
Rabbit Fest 2016 took place May 19th - 22nd at the Copperas Cove City Park. Each year over 20,000 people attend this festival which offers food and craft vendors, carnival rides, live entertainment, a kickball tournament, and much more. Festivities kicked off on May 7th with the Jack Rabbit Run 4 Hope 5k/10k, and the Rabbit Fest Pageant was held on May 14, 2016. The City's Kickball Team competed well and earned a 2nd place finish, falling to the 1st place Flashbacks!



Budget Department

Awards & Recognition

Congratulations to the City of Copperas Cove and the Budget Department on receiving the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation. Both awards represent a significant achievement by the entity as a whole and we couldn't be more proud!



Police Department

Awards & Recognition

The Copperas Cove High School Criminal Justice Club partnered with the CCPD once again to compete in the State Finals for the Texas Public Service Association. The competition was held in Crowley, TX on April 29th - 30th. There were approximately 500 students who competed in 27 events. Copperas Cove competed in seven (7) events and placed in two (2). All students performed very well and above all expectations in the competition events, which were very close. The students were very professional, exhibiting the highest level of sportsmanship and moral character. Please help us in congratulating their outstanding performance and achievements.





Officer Dexter Ferdinand
Morning Exchange Club
Officer of the Quarter - May 2016

The Morning Exchange Club presented Officer Dexter Ferdinand with the Officer of the Quarter award on May 25th, 2016. The Rotary Club presented two awards for Officer of the Month to Officer John Oster and Officer Hope Torres on May 5th, 2016 at their monthly meeting.



Officer John Oster
Rotary Club Officer of the
Month May 2016



On Tuesday, May 24th Officers from the CCPD and other City departments participated in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run Day for Special Olympics. In support of the Central Texas Law Enforcement Torch Run Team (Cen-Tex LETR), runners gathered in the front parking lot of the Police Department and our "Guardians of the Flame" embarked on a 2 mile

run throughout the streets of Copperas Cove carrying the Torch. We appreciate all of the employees and citizens who lined the streets in support of this annual event.



On April 5th the Public Safety Week Proclamation was presented by Council Member James Pierce Jr. to Communications Supervisor



Council Member James Pierce Jr. pictured with Becky Burns

Becky Burns. On May 3rd the Police Week & Peace Officer Memorial Day Proclamation was issued by Mayor Frank Seffrood to Sergeant Ruiz.

Mayor Frank Seffrood pictured with Sergeant Ruiz



Deputy Police Chief Mike Heintzelman retired from the Police Department in May. He served the citizens of our community with pride for 34 1/2 years.

We wish him the best on his Retirement !





In May we were saddened to say goodbye to a dear family member, friend and co-worker, who served our community for over 36 years.

~ Rest in Peace Chief ~

Police Chief
Timothy V. Molnes
November 3, 1957 -
May 30, 2016



Animal Control

Copperas Cove Animal Control held three (3) Free Adoption events during the second quarter. Since Animal Control began hosting special adoption events, the number of animals adopted totals over 289 and far exceeds the City's goal of 6 animals per event.

For information on future events, please contact Animal Control at (254)547-5584.

Fire Department

Copperas Cove Fire Department/EMS received the American Heart association's Mission: Lifeline EMS Silver Award for implementing quality improvement measures for the treatment of patients who experience severe heart attacks. Agencies that receive the recognition must demonstrate at least 75 percent compliance for each required achievement measure for one year. The American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline program helps hospitals and emergency medical services develop systems of care that follows proven standards and procedures for acute coronary syndrome patients. Fire Chief Michael Neujahr said "We are pleased to be recognized for our dedication and achievements in emergency medical care for all cardiac patients."

We would also like to congratulate the newest graduates of the Central Texas College Paramedic Program, they each received their certificate on May 13, 2016: Josh Anchors, Jason Moore, Patrick Pitts

Congratulations and a job well done to our Fire and EMS personnel!



Rotary Club Firefighter of the Month
Brandi Brice-Wolfe - April 21, 2016



Rotary Club Firefighter of the Month
Tanja Martin - May 19, 2016



Rotary Club Firefighter of the Month
Ethan Westbrook - June 16, 2016



EMS Week Proclamation - May 3, 2016



Swearing In and Promotion Ceremony - April 21, 2016

Recycle/KCCB

Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful Volunteers were very busy this quarter educating both adults and children alike on the benefits of recycling. Several events were held to include the annual KCCB Trash off, City Wide Spring Cleanup, Waterway Cleanup, participation in Ft. Hood's Earth Day event, Golf Course sign beautification project and the Copperas Cove Art Guild beautification project. This is KCCB's busiest time of the year with the arrival of spring and nicer weather. Special thanks to all of the volunteers and citizens who participate in the recycling efforts to "Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful".



Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful received their Gold Star Affiliate Award at the 49th Annual Keep Texas Beautiful conference in Sugar Land. Pictured are (L-R) KCCB's Adam Wolf, Vice President, Edith Freyer, President with Suzanne Kho, Keep Texas Beautiful Executive Director and KCCB's Executive Director Silvia Rhoads.



Golf Course Beautification Project



Copperas Cove Art Guild Project



Great American Clean-Up Event

Library

We are located in the heart of Copperas Cove adjacent to the Central Fire Station. Come in to use our Internet terminals or our Wi-Fi connection, read to your children, catch up with current magazine or newspaper articles, borrow audio books on CD, or maybe even check out a book to read. We offer Toddler Time for 1-3 year old children on Tuesdays at 10am and Story Time for 3-5 year old children on Thursdays at 10am. The annual Summer Reading program kicked off on June 16, 2016. So far events have included: Austin Reptile Show, African Safari Music and Fun and Wild Things Zoofari. A Library Rally day was held on April 16, 2016. On June 5th, we celebrated National Library Week. To find out more on the Summer Reading Program and other upcoming events, please visit us on the City website or contact us directly at 254-547-3826.



Senior Center

The Copperas Cove Senior Activity Center is dedicated to serving the seniors in this area with enrichment programs that provide social interaction, encourage a healthy lifestyle, and promote wellness. Seniors come to the center to enjoy recreational activities while receiving healthy snacks and nourishment. Our goal is to reach the senior population in and around the Copperas Cove area with a place that is welcoming to all. The nourishment programs help this age group battle the rising costs of eating healthy by providing food at a minimal cost. This encourages seniors to get out of their house and come to the center, not only for nourishment, but also for programs that will enrich their quality of life and personal health and for socializing with others in their age group. Our goal is to improve the overall quality of life for local seniors. At the senior center, we try to provide a variety of different activities. Our nourishment programs include lunch twice a week, a Big Breakfast once a month, and a Potluck monthly (the center provides the main dish and the seniors provide the sides). Our Fitness and Health programs include Health checks twice a month, fitness/exercise classes three times a week, and foot clinics once a month. Recreational activities include Bingo on Tuesday and Friday each week, Crochet/Knit group on Monday, card and dominoes games all five days, and scheduled time for fellowship once a week. We offer free haircuts monthly. We've started "Dining with Friends"; we visit local restaurants monthly to encourage activity, good food and conversation. The seniors that currently attend our activities thoroughly enjoy participating and we are always looking for ways to reach more seniors.

Human Resources

Human Resources and the Wellness Committee have been busy with multiple events this quarter. A lot of employees have already reached their goal for the year and many others are very close. The City hosted the City Employee Wellness 5k/10k Walk/Run on April 9th. Many employees and their families attended and made a stride for healthy living. On May 25th, The Wellness Committee hosted the Lunch & Learn - Ready, Set, Quit, those in attendance learned alternatives and ways to help quit smoking. On June 6th, the Employee Appreciation Luncheon was held at Ogletree Gap Pavilion, a warm meal was provided by Whataburger. On June 15th, HR hosted a Defensive Driving class that was free to all City employees who wished to participate. Remember, It's never too late to start earning your points!



City Employee Wellness 5k/10k Walk/Run



Employee Appreciation Luncheon



Defensive Driving Course



National Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month
June 16, 2016

Did you know the average American consumes about 25 pounds of bananas per year? In the U.S., we eat a wide variety of fruits and vegetables throughout the year, and June marks National Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month. Fruits and vegetables are an important part of a healthy diet year-round, but this June, Benefits.gov is sharing some helpful information for achieving a more nutritious lifestyle.

The [U.S. Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](#) recommends that most adults eat at least three cups of fruits and vegetables per day. Fruits and vegetables are high in fiber, low in calories, and contain numerous vitamins and minerals. There are many ways to them to your diet, like chopping them up into your pasta sauce, grilling vegetable skewers on the barbeque, or blending vegetables and fruits together into a nutritious smoothie. For other ideas, check out ChooseMyPlate.gov's [10 Tips Nutrition Education Series](#). Eating healthy can be expensive, but there are many low-cost ways to meet your nutrition needs. According to ChooseMyPlate.gov's [Smart Shopping](#) tips, fruits and vegetables that are in season are often less expensive and on sale at local grocery stores.

Moreover, there are government benefits available to help offset the cost of fruits, vegetables, and other parts of a nutritious diet. The [WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program \(FMNP\)](#) is associated with the [Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children \(WIC\)](#). WIC provides supplemental food, health care referrals, and nutrition education at no cost to low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and post-partum women, and to infants and children up to five years of age. FMNP provides fresh, unprepared, locally grown fruits and vegetables to qualifying WIC participants.

In addition, [many states](#) offer their own fresh fruit and vegetable programs, including menus, nutrition information, calendars, tools, and suggestions. These programs can help you learn where to go and how best to get fresh fruits and vegetables in your state.

We encourage you to view the rest of the [Food and Nutrition](#) benefits on our site and, beyond that, take the [Benefit Finder](#) questionnaire to see what other government benefits you may be eligible to receive. You can also check out USDA's page of [Fruit and Vegetable Resources](#) to find out more about fruits and vegetables, and nutrition in general.

Unity Committee

The goal of the Unity Committee is to improve the overall level of pride the individual employee has both in the City and the irrespective department through the recognition of the individual employee(s) extraordinary efforts to strive to improve relationships between City Departments and to bring all employees together. This will be done by promoting a better understanding of what each department does and how it contributes to the overall function of the city by allowing employees the opportunity to learn more about other employees and departments. If you would like to nominate an employee who goes above and beyond, please follow the below link.



<http://www.copperascovetx.gov/unity/>

Employee Service Awards

April 2016



Velia Key
Director of Financial Services
5 Years of Service



Becky Burns
Communications Supervisor
15 Years of Service



Kevin Keller
Public Information Officer
15 Years of Service

May 2016



Dennis Courtney
Sewer Superintendent
30 Years of Service



June 2016



Ashley Borchers
Recreation Specialist/Admin
Assistant
5 Years of Service



Christopher Altott
Wastewater Superintendent
10 Years of Service



James Malone
WW Chief Plant Operator
30 Years of Service



Anibal Figueroa
Parks Laborer
10 Years of Service



Michael Chandler
Golf Course Superintendent
10 Years of Service

Parks and Recreation

Copperas Cove Parks and Recreation hosted the Baseball/Softball Opening Ceremony on May 7, 2016. Over 800 citizens were in attendance as well as community businesses and more. The ceremonial first pitch was thrown by City Manager, Andrea Gardner. It was a fun day for the kids and adults alike.



Upcoming Events (Due to the timing of the newsletter, some events listed may have already passed)

Copperas Cove
Parks and Recreation Department
1406 Golf Course Rd.
Copperas Cove, TX 76522
Office: 254.542.2719
Fax: 254.547.3738
www.copperascovetx.gov

Copperas Cove July-September Issue

Buzz

Sponsors

The City of Copperas Cove is seeking sponsors for our Community Special Events. We are very excited about the events this year as we look to grow each one and shape them into time honored family traditions. This is guaranteed to be a fun filled year and we would love to see your business participate in this year's Special Events. All who attend will certainly come away with a renewed sense of our City's commitment to making Copperas Cove The City for Family Living!

The City for Family Living!
For more information contact the Parks office at 254-542-2719

Event Volunteers

The Copperas Cove Parks and Recreation Department is seeking organizations, churches, or groups who are looking for ways to be involved in the community. We are busy planning this year's community events and need your help to make them run wonderfully. If you are interested in being an event volunteer please contact the parks office for more information on how you can be apart of all the magic this event season is sure to bring!

Featured Park
Kate Street Park

Time to teach our children about the original "playstation". Come enjoy sunshine and fresh air at Kate Street Park. Fresh with new mulch, two playscapes, swings, and plenty of open area to run and play!!

Service Provider Agreement

Parks and Recreation is looking to create and develop more programming within our great community, so if you have a skill or talent you would like to teach such as ballet, singing, martial arts, dog training, painting, fitness classes, or any other craft/ trade contact our parks office to find out how we can work together to create a class!!

Copperas Cove Athletics

Youth Soccer

Registration: June 30th-July 29th
Ages: 5-15 years
Cost: \$60/player (resident)
\$70/player (non-resident)

Cove Smart Soccer

- 5 week session of soccer fundamentals
- Parent involvement
- Ages 3-5 years
- \$35/player

Superhero Soccer

- 6 week session of soccer skills/league
- Children with intellectual/physical needs
- Ages 5-16 years
- \$20/player

Bad weather? Check field status at the Parks Weather Line! 254.542.8972

A Special Thanks...

The Copperas Cove Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank our sponsors for their generous contributions towards our parks and recreation programs.

Pickleball

Pickleball is a mix of table tennis, paddle tennis, badminton and tennis. Very easy to learn and doesn't require the mobility of tennis. It's great cardio and also a fun social atmosphere!

Who: Ages 18+

When: Tuesday nights 6pm-8pm

Where: Ave E Gymnasium

Have a question? Need to find our rules? Want to check a game schedule? Check out our website at www.outback.com

Youth Tackle Football

Registration: July 1st-August 12th
Ages: 9-12 years
Cost: \$120/player (resident)
\$130/player (non-resident)

Youth Basketball

Registration: October 1st-November 1st
Ages: 5-12 years
Cost: \$60/player (resident)
\$70/player (non-resident)

Cove Smart Basketball

- 5 week session of basketball fundamentals
- Parent involvement
- Ages 3-5 years
- \$30/player

GymKix Service Provider

GymKix is teaming up with Parks and Recreation to offer your child drill team dance classes. Registration will be August 1st-31st at the Parks office. For more information contact Parks and Recreation.

Ages: 5-10 years
\$70/participant (resident)
\$80/participant (non-resident)

2016 Aquatics



Copperas Cove Aquatics

New Programs

Tot Time

- 5yrs and under
- South Park Pool
- 11:30am-1:30pm
- Wed. & Fri.
- Regular admission

Lap Swim

- Lap swimming only
- Tuesday-Friday
- 7:30am-8:30am

Superhero Swim

- Children with intellectual and/or physical disabilities
- Come and enjoy the facility with supervision
- South Park Pool
- Tues. & Thurs.
- 11:30am-1:30pm




Water Fitness Classes

Water Aerobics
South Park Pool

9:00am
Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

6:00pm
Wednesdays and Fridays

- Punch cards can be used for any water fitness class
- 10 punches per card
- \$27 per punch card
- Cards may only be purchased at the Parks office

Aqua Zumba
South Park Pool

10:00am Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

POOL PARTY!!!!

We still have a few openings for pool party rentals, call today and book yours!!
254-542-2719

Looking for a Summer job?

Apply to be a Lifeguard!
Accepting Applications
For Certified Lifeguards
Now-August 20th

Apply online at:
www.copperascovetx.gov



Swim Lessons
Register now !!

Session 3:
July 5th-July 15th

Session 4:
July 19th-July 29th

Session 5:
August 2nd-August 12th

\$60 per child per session

Family Swim!
Thursdays 7:00pm-9:30pm

Check out copperascovetx.gov for the complete Aquatics Handbook

Hills of Cove Golf Course - Don't forget to check out the new contracted grill at the Golf Course!

HILLS OF COVE GOLF COURSE

Hills of Cove Golf Course

The Hills of Cove Pro Shop has everything for your golfing needs!! Come by and check out the latest clubs, apparel, bags, and more!!

Junior Golf Camp

- Register now at the Parks office or online at www.ccpard.com
- Ages 6-12yrs
- \$60 per participant
- Camp will be held at the Hills of Cove Golf Course July 26th-July 29th from 5:00pm-6:00pm

****All dates/times/prices are subject to change****

Junior Golf League

The Hills of Cove Golf Course is calling all Copperas Cove junior golfers!! We are starting up junior golf leagues, clinics, and camps and want to get the word out!! Stay tuned and keep an eye out for upcoming league, clinic, and camp information!!

For more information contact Davis Dewald at 254-547-2606

Upcoming Golf Tournaments

TTT Tourney July 9, 2016	Exchange Club October 8, 2016
Pink Warrior Angels August 6, 2016	Altrusa Tournament October 22, 2016
Holy Family Catholic Church October 1, 2016	

Speed Golf
*Play 9 holes as fast as you can
*Only play with 1-5 clubs
*Only \$11 to play
*Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 5:00pm
*Allow faster speed golfers to play through
*Score is kept by adding your time with your 9 hole score
Contact Hills of Cove Golf Course for more info!!

Interested in hosting a golf tournament? Call us and find out how!! 254-547-2606

**Come enjoy lunch with us at the Hills of Cove Golf Course
9am-5pm Monday-Sunday
** Also operating concessions at both City Pools and City Park Concessions****

MENU

WINGS & BEANS	\$ 7.00
WINGS (SPICY OR MILD)	\$6.00
RED BEANS & RICE	\$ 3.00
CRAWFISH ETOUFFEE & RICE	\$ 5.00
CATFISH STRIPS W/FRIES	\$8.00
SHRIMP W/FRIES	\$8.00
GUMBO	\$6.00
CRAWFISH NACHO'S	\$7.00
NACHOS	\$3.00
HOT DOG	\$2.00
HOT LINK	\$4.00
CHIPS	\$1.25
CANDY BARS	\$1.25
COOKIES	\$1.00

SPECIALTY ITEMS ON AVAILABILITY

BOUDIN	\$ 6.00
SHRIMP ON A STICK	\$ 6.00
FRIED OKRA	\$ 1.50
FRIED RIBS W/ SAUCE	\$ 7.00
CHICKEN SAUSAGE	\$5.00

DRINKS

SWEET TEA \$ 2.00	LEMONADE \$ 2.00
WATER \$ 1.00	GATORADE \$2.00 SODA \$ 1.50

*For more information on all of our sports, events, and aquatics calendar please visit us at www.ccpard.com

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