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Cove Cares – Senior Meal Delivery Program Update

Copperas Cove, Texas – The Cove Cares – Senior Meal Delivery Program initiative began on Monday, March 23, 2020 and will end following deliveries on Friday, May 8, 2020. Sponsored by multiple entities to care for our seniors during the COVID-19 restrictions, the program focused on providing meals to eligible Copperas Cove residents and those who qualified with the Copperas Cove Meals on Wheels program. While the data is not yet finalized, the City estimates that by the end of this week there will have been approximately 16,855 meals prepared and delivered to an average of 482 participants per day, over a 7week period, at an estimated total cost of \$48,088.

We would like to recognize and thank the many program sponsors for their dedication and support of the program: Atmos Energy Corporation, City of Copperas Cove, Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce, Copperas Cove Economic Development Corporation, Copperas Cove Independent School District, Copperas Cove Ministerial Alliance, Cove House Emergency Homeless Shelter, Hill Country Community Action Association, Jonas & Lessly Titas, Oncor Electric Delivery, and Star Group – Veterans Helping Veterans

Any citizens who meet the below Older American's Act (OAA) Criteria and would be interested in receiving frozen meals via Hill County Community Action Association's Meals on Wheels Program should call (254)547-6022 to register:

- 1. Must be at least 60+ years of age
- 2. Must be home bound (unable to drive)
- 3. The spouse of a 60+ years of age person who is receiving meals
- 4. Disabled and live with a 60+ years of age person who is receiving meals

5. Must live within a 2-mile radius outside the City limits of the town in which the Senior Center is located

Questions may be directed to City Public Information Officer Kevin Keller at <u>kkeller@copperascovetx.gov</u> or (254)547-4221 ext. 6243.

(See Attached Flyer)