



Cape Carancahua

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Cape Carancahua Property Owners' Association
Board of Directors

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Grab your baskets and your kids! It's time for another frantically fun Cape Easter Egg Hunt! The youngsters will have separate hunt areas for different age groups so the little ones don't get trampled. It's fun for the whole family and there will be several terrific prizes. Some eggs will even have cash money! Costumes are encouraged, but not mandatory.

This year's festivities will get underway at the pavilion at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 26 (the day before Easter). (No pets, please.)

(p.s. If you'd like to donate candy or cash, please stop by the office. Capers will be "stuffing" eggs at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 25.)

**ANNUAL
CAPE GARAGE SALE
Saturday, April 23
9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.**



The influx of buyers grows every year and this year is expected to be bigger and better than ever. Cape residents are encouraged to get rid of their unwanted items to make space and pad the old wallet at the same time. **A master map will be distributed by Capers manning the gate to let buyers know which houses are participating in the sale.** You'll also get a stake with colorful streamers to alert them that you are an official participant.

Sign-up sheets are available at the office or from coordinator Dolores Chandler, 361-972-6117. The cost is only \$20 to support the Cape, the Capers, and your neighbors.

While the garage sale is going on all over the Cape, the Carancahua Volunteer Fire Department will be offering goodies of their own at the Pavilion! **LUNCH GOODIES.** You can help the fire department add to their treasury by purchasing hot dogs, chips, and drinks. AND the CCVFD will have lots of donated merchandise for sale. If you'd like to donate an item or three, contact Dolores Brooks at 361-972-2857.



The good news is the Cape is upgrading and adding to the security system, including new cameras at many locations.

The bad news is this expense is being incurred because of the horrific actions of a small group of individuals who have wreaked havoc with their vandalism of Cape property. More than \$9,000 (yes, that is "nine thousand dollars") of YOUR money has been spent to replace and repair the damage caused by these vandals.

If you see something, SAY SOMETHING! We need to catch and prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law. The Cape Carancahua Board of Directors has posted a \$1000 reward for the arrest and conviction of person(s) vandalizing Cape property.

Coming Attractions

March 5, Saturday - Pool 1 opens
March 8, Tuesday - Capers Meeting, 2 p.m. in the Library
March 10, Thursday - ACC Meeting, 9 a.m. in the Library
March 12, Saturday - Pot Luck Dinner, 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center
March 13, Sunday - CCPOA Board Meeting, 1 p.m., at the Community Center
March 13, Sunday - Quarterly Property Owners' Meeting, 2 p.m. at the Community Center
March 24, Thursday - ACC Meeting, 9 a.m. in the Library
March 24, Thursday - CCWSC Board Meeting at the Water Department Office
March 26, Saturday - Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 a.m. at the Pavilion
April 12, Tuesday, Capers Meeting, 2 p.m. at the Library
April 13, Wednesday, CCPOA Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center
April 14, Thursday, ACC Meeting, 10 a.m. at the Library
April 23, Saturday - Cape-wide Garage Sale 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
April 23, Saturday - CCVFD Fund-raiser at the Pavilion; luncheon served
April 28, Thursday - ACC Meeting, 9:00 a.m. at the Library
May 7, Saturday - Jackson County Hospital Board Election
May 10, Tuesday - Capers Meeting, 2 p.m. at the Library
May 12, Thursday - ACC Meeting, 9 a.m. at the Library
May 14, Saturday - Pot Luck Dinner, 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center
May 15, Sunday - CCPOA Board Meeting, 1 p.m. at the Community Center
May 15, Sunday - Quarterly Property Owners' Meeting, 2 p.m. at the Community Center
May 26, Thursday - ACC Meeting, 9 a.m. at the Library
May 28, Saturday - Capers' Bake Sale, 10 a.m. at the Library

Bits and Pieces of Interesting Stuff....

Everybody in the pool! At least, if you have the nerve with the temperatures in the 70's. Spring break is the traditional time we open the Cape pools. This year, we'll open Pool 2 (on Mollnar) on Saturday, March 5 since that's when one of the area schools will be on break. It will remain open until work is completed on the perimeter fencing at Pool 1, at which time we'll swap open for closed so the workmen can replace the fencing at Pool 2.





Get in shape! Join an energetic group of Cape residents who have fun while they pound away the pounds with dance and floor exercises. The group gets together three times a week at the Cape Library room from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Everyone welcome!

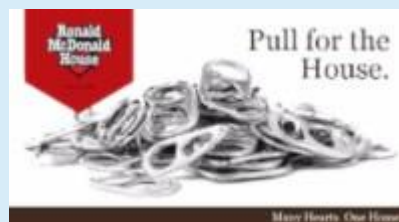
What a difference reflective tape makes! If you walk at night, PLEASE take precautions. You can see the cars, but they can't see you unless you have some sort of reflective clothing. Be safe, not smushed!



The actions of a few unthinking or uncaring people cause hardships for everyone. The "junk mail" trash can at the mail kiosk had to be removed because some people used it for household trash and smelly fish cleaning disposal. The trash cans at the boat ramp have been used to dispose of household trash by people unwilling to pay the nominal fee to have it removed professionally. *Please... think about your actions.*

The aluminum can receptacles are ONLY for aluminum cans that the Capers recycle for a little cash to help with the many improvements they make throughout the Cape.

On a bright note, the Capers recently made the trip to Corpus Christi to deliver a whopping 47 pounds of aluminum pull tabs to the Ronald McDonald House.



Farewell to another amenity... The used oil collection tub and the oil filter barrels will be removed in the very near future. Mis-use has created an unsightly and unhealthy situation that must be remedied. You can dispose of used oil at Walmart.



Many cities have ordinances prohibiting lawn mower clippings being blown into the street. Cape Carancahua property owners should take heed and mow so that grass is NOT blown into the street. Grass seed and clippings accumulate, collect dirt and dust and, pretty soon, new grass grows into the street narrowing the roadway and damaging the surface. This is a serious issue that causes road problems. Please... do your part to help maintenance control grass and weed growth in our streets. **Don't let your cut grass blow into the street.**

The 2016-2017 mowing schedule is posted on the website, www.capecarancahua.com, and is available at the office.

New Vehicle Policy Effective December 9, 2015

How dangerous is this?? You've seen a dozen times and heard someone say, "an accident waiting to happen". Well, it happened. A few months ago a six-year-old girl from Bacliff was killed when she was thrown from a golf cart driven by an eight-year old in Trinity.



This, along with concerns expressed by many property owners, caused the CCPOA Board of Directors to adopt a Motorized Vehicle Policy to govern all licensed and unlicensed vehicles driven on Cape Carancahua roadways. Please stop by the office for a copy or go to the Cape's website, www.capecarancahuatexas.com, to read the policy. ALL unlicensed vehicles need to be registered at the office. The permanent decal numbers will identify your golf cart for notification in case of an accident. It only costs \$10.00.

Please do your part to keep the Cape and our young (and old) drivers safe!



Carancahua Community Volunteer Fire Department

Department Activity and Emergency Responses - Your Fire Department made a total of 82 emergency responses in 2015, our second busiest year ever. Those included 17 fires, 43 medical calls, 13 motor vehicle accidents, and 9 "other" calls. Since all of the MVA calls are also medical calls, our EMTs responded a total of 56 times last year for medical assistance. So

far this year (to March 2nd), we have made 19 calls; 5 fires, 11 medical calls, and 3 motor vehicle accidents.

Department News - Since we won a \$4,000 training library grant, we have purchased many new training books and DVDs for our library. This allows all of our members to do informal training on their own, and helps us to provide group training as well. We held our annual dinner at the Community Center in the Cape, with a good turnout by the Department. A good time was had by all. We had a very busy year, and this was a thank you to all our dedicated members.

More 9-1-1 Stuff - The Cape has installed brand new reflective street signs. This allows emergency vehicles to find your street much quicker than with the old signs. But... There are still many of you who have non-reflective 9-1-1 address signs, or even worse, no signs at all. This really delays emergency vehicles finding you. Reflective signs are available either at the Cape Office or through the Fire Department. Please put one up so that we can find you when you need us. Also, if you need help at night, do as much as you can to make your house stand out; turn on all the lights, especially driveway lights; if you can, send someone outside to the end of your driveway to flag us down. It can help to get us to you quicker.

2016 Fund Raiser - We will have our Fund Raiser the same day as the Cape Community Garage Sale, April 23rd. We will have many garage sale type items for sale at the Pavilion, where we will be set up. We will be selling hot dog plates and soft drinks to all. As usual, we will be selling raffle tickets, and you can get tickets there at the Pavilion. Please come by and help support the Fire Department!

Training Exercise in the Cape - The Fire Department will hold a training exercise in the Cape, weather permitting, on Saturday March 19th, from 2pm to about 5pm. This will center around Pool #2. We will be simulating using Pool #2 as a firefighting water reservoir, pumping water out of the pool and transporting it using our tanker. Come by and watch if you like, but please be very careful around the trucks when they are moving because visibility to the rear is very poor.

Be safe,
Craig Brooks, Chief

FAREWELL TO FRIENDS

Cape residents have lost several friends and neighbors in the past few months.
They will be missed.

Laddie Svatek - November 10, 2015
Joaquin Garcia - December 16, 2015
Roy Price - January 3, 2016
Jessie Mayo - January 30, 2016



Message from the President

Since this is my swan song article for the newsletter, please know that it was my great honor to represent you and your interests, but sadly everything must come to an end. As is the case in our democracy, term limits were established and I respect that fully and totally. Furthermore, I have no doubt that Mr. Chandler will do an excellent job as he takes his position on the board this month.

Please allow me to brag a little on the current board leadership. Mr. Wilkinson, the most recent addition to the board, has proven to be an invaluable asset to the maintenance department. Under his leadership very important upgrades have been completed and the Cape looks beautiful. The street signs are just one little example of what he has accomplished in a very short time.

Mr. Taylor, in my opinion, has the least enviable position on the board, which is to keep the budget in line and sometimes that is not easy with all the different demands on that budget. His meticulous and steady leadership cannot be overstated.

Mr. Brooks, as the past president and current compliance officer, also has major challenges. It is never easy to tell a property owner that he or she cannot do something they feel passionate about. Deed restrictions are sometimes difficult to enforce especially if the improvements are well-intentioned but have unintended consequences.

Last but certainly not least, Mrs. Weakley has established herself as an extremely competent administrator and has provided great leadership in the front office.

This all having been said, we all know who really take care of the day-to-day business of the Cape. I want to send a special thanks to the maintenance and office personnel. We have a great group of maintenance workers who show so much pride in what they accomplish every day. So thank you guys!!

The front office is another example of excellence. Judy and JennyLee are doing a great job in being the face of the Cape and answering a myriad of questions on a daily basis. Thank you, Judy and JennyLee!!

In conclusion I would like to thank all property owners because you accepted me as a friend and trusted me to represent you. Sometimes we became frustrated with each other because we could not immediately solve a problem. Sometimes the legality of an action really frustrated us but that said, eventually, maybe not as quickly as we want, we will find solutions to our challenges. In the end we are blessed to live at Cape Carancahua and our challenges are nothing compared to what is happening elsewhere. We really do have a great place to live.

See you around,
Gonda

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