

Happy New Year to all from the Hideaway City Desk! I pray everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

During the City Council meeting on 11 January, the City Council reviewed a letter provided by the Lindale Fire Department which outlines our fire protection charges for 2024. The letter will be posted to the City website, but the charges for fiscal year 2024 will increase approximately \$2,000 per month, for a total over \$400,000 for the year. As many of you are aware, the City pays a portion of the fire protection fees, and we will absorb the increase so that none of the increase will be passed on to the citizens. Your monthly contribution, included in your monthly Club bill, will remain the same. While we are fully dependent on others for our fire protection, we will continue to seek ways to lessen the cost to our citizens while providing the best fire protection coverage possible.

Information has been posted calling for the City election on May 4. Three places are up for election, and I encourage all to consider running for office to become an Alderman for the City of Hideaway.

Best wishes for a wonderful 2024!

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