



APRIL COVE ANNUAL MEETING IS POSTONED UNTIL MAY 15th!

Our by-laws state that the ACMF Board will host an Annual meeting on the second Saturday of February each year. Due to the Covid 19 outbreak, the Board feels it prudent to postpone the meeting for 3 months to May 15th for the following reasons.

COVID 19

- There are no pressing matters facing ACMF.
- There are no budgetary needs outside of the ordinary course of business.
- The current Board members have agreed to remain active in their positions until an HOA meeting can be safely conducted.
- While virtual meetings have become common during the pandemic, we are a rural community and quality internet connectivity is not always reliable.
- As a lake community, many of our members are at or near retirement. The average age of our residents clearly increases the health risks of a February meeting.
- Warmer weather in May if we decide to meet outside.
- Vaccine distribution will be much further along.

We will keep everyone posted if there are any changes to this plan

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April Cove at Richland Chambers Lake

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ACC COMMITTEE

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Burn ban is not in affect in Freestone County as of Jan 24th, 2021. Check the Freestone Co website for the latest status.
www.co.freestone.tx.us



April Cove Maintenance Fund Proposed 2021 Budget

ACMF - Expense Budget

Proposed 2020

Actual 2020

Proposed 2021

| | <u>General</u> | <u>Road</u> | <u>General</u> | <u>Road</u> | <u>General</u> | <u>Road</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| Landmark Equipment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Metro Sanitation | 5,220 | 0 | 5,220 | 0 | 5,400 | 0 |
| Navarro Electric | 800 | 0 | 579 | 0 | 650 | 0 |
| Southern Oaks Water | 350 | 0 | 287 | 0 | 300 | 0 |
| TRWD | 50 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 50 | 0 |
| U.S. Post Office | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Annual Meeting | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 |
| Insurance | 2,650 | 0 | 2,560 | 0 | 2,650 | 0 |
| Road Repairs | 10,000 | 28,000 | 10,000 | 28,000 | 10,000 | 28,000 |
| Mowing Expense | 700 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500 | 0 |
| SOVFD | 500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500 | 0 |
| Tractor Maintenance | 500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 750 | 0 |
| General Repairs/Maint | 2,000 | 0 | 1,950 | 0 | 2,000 | 0 |
| Goodwill Committee | 500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500 | 0 |
| Postage / Supplies | 600 | 0 | 1,611 | 25 | 750 | 0 |
| Legal & Professional | 5,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Expenses | \$28,920 | \$28,000 | \$22,257 | \$28,025 | \$24,100 | \$28,000 |

Note: Items marked in bold will not be disbursed until budget is approved in our 2021 annual meeting

Moving Massive Amounts of Water

<https://www.trwd.com/20771-2/>



A glimpse inside the TRWD Flood Room. As a newer communication tool, the group also updates a lake level blog with discharge information when then team is activated. Subscribe to the blog by clicking the photo.

The above link will take you to an article outlining how TRWD can move water between lakes to minimize the effect of flooding.



During the October 2015 storm, the TRWD flood team discharged enough water to fill Lake Bridgeport and 90 percent of Eagle Mountain Lake.



AROUND THE COVE



Thanks to those who decorated the front entrance for Christmas, it looked great!



Southern Oaks Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual chili supper and cake auction



**Chili Supper
February 27th from 5-7
at the fire station**

**Cake Auction
Online from Feb 17th to
Feb 27. Feb 28th pickup**



Chili Supper

This will be a **Covid-19 safe, drive-thru event**. Delicious, hot chili will be offered with all the fixin's along with dessert and beverage for \$8.00 per meal. Extra Chili is being cooked up to ensure that there is plenty for all who come.

Cake Auction

The live cake auction during the Chili supper has been a long-standing tradition for SOVFD, serving as the primary fundraising event each year. A few years ago, a silent auction was added to give more people the opportunity to share the fun of competing for sweet treats while contributing to SOVFD. This year the pandemic has forced a change to the way of doing things in order to keep everyone safe.

An online auction featuring a combination of items found in both the live auction and the silent auction will be held **beginning February 17** and will close the evening of the Chili supper, **February 27**. Visit the auction website at <https://go.rallyup.com/cakeauction> to review the items offered, register, and bid. At the close of the auction, the highest bidders will be notified, their credit cards will be charged, and they will be instructed how to pick up their freshly made purchase on Sunday, **February 28** at the fire station.

If you have questions or would like to donate an auction item, please contact Cheryl Wangrin at 903-599-2575.



AROUND THE COVE



High Speed Internet coming to April Cove **YES!**

I don't know about you, but I had a "pinch me" moment because I must have been dreaming when I was told that Windstream was working on improving the internet connectivity to April Cove.

The proof is in the picture. The equipment has been installed just outside our neighborhood on 416 by the bank. Windstream is currently waiting on Navarro Electric to provide power to their equipment. Currently we average 1.5 MB of upload speed, 2 MB on a rare good day at our house. I know others in the Cove get a little better, some worse. We have not received any information on what improvement in speed we can expect. We will just have to wait and see. I have been told that distance from the equipment is critical, the further the distance the slower the speed. With the equipment located just outside the Cove it has to be better than what we are currently getting.

GOODWILL COMMITTEE

The committee greets new people into the AC community, provides meals to help those within our AC community who are ill or injured, hosts an annual Memorial Day gathering and anything that promotes the general good of our community. Contact Wanda Rollins if you are interested in helping. (903) 599-3603

BANK CLOSING

If you recall we received word in 2019 that Community National Bank and Trust at the entrance to our neighborhood would close. A petition was circulated and based on the number of signatures on that petition the bank decided to remain open 2 days a week. Unfortunately, Covid did deal the final blow to the bank and it is closed again. The building has been purchased by the Teel Duck Properties (The Teel Team, Re/Max Lakeside Dreams Realty). There has been no announcement of their plans for the building.





HOUSEKEEPING

ACMF BOARD POSITIONS OPEN

The current Board has served for many years and we need new people to get involved!

Each year we elect a President, Vice President and Treasurer. Additionally, we elect one of the three members of the architectural committee and an alternate.

Please consider serving on the Board for the upcoming year, The strength of April Cove depends on the strength of our Board and we must have individuals within the membership willing to fill the Board positions.

If you are curious what is involved in being on the Board, ask one of the current Board members. Contact info on the 1st page.

REMOTE CONTROL FOBS FOR THE FRONT GATE

Remote Controls can be purchased for \$25.00 per remote device. Just ask a Board member for information on how to get them.

ACMF ADDRESS

As of last summer, we have a mailbox in April Cove. The address is;

**113 April Cove Streetman,
TX 75859**

All dues and general mail should be sent to this address.



MOWING

First, I want to thank the people who volunteered to mow in 2020. We had 5 who mowed regularly and 2 that filled in when needed.

Great Job!

Spring will be here soon, and we need volunteers to help mow the right of ways for 2021. Each volunteer is responsible for a single street to mow themselves every few weeks or get one of their neighbors to mow the right a way if they can't. The cove has a mower, so you don't have to use your equipment if you don't want to.

I will be sending out an email looking for volunteers as we get closer to mowing season or if you want to volunteer email me at geowzrd@aol.com



ANNUAL DUES

Annual dues are due January 1st and road fees are due July 1st. Invoices are sent out as a courtesy however failure to receive an invoice does not release you from your obligation to pay your dues on time. Thank you!

Please note, 2021 annual dues were due on January 1st. \$235 per lot . If you have not paid your 2021 dues, please send them in as soon as possible. Thanks

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

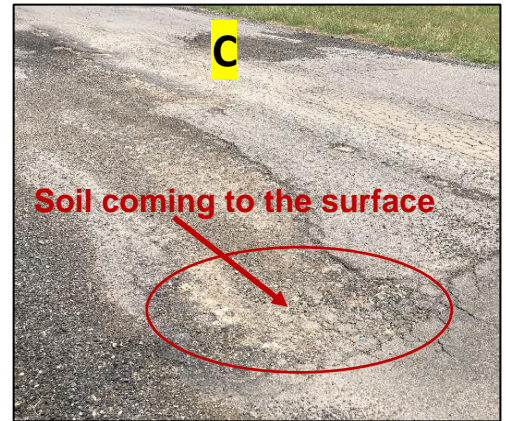
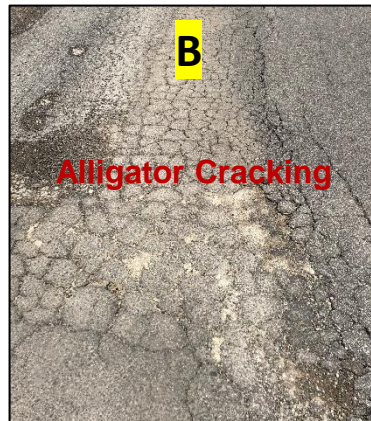
Membership Directories are available from Cheryl Wangrin cywangrin@yahoo.com

If you have had a change in address, email or phone please contact Cheryl.



April Cove Roadways

Unfortunately, we still have major challenges



What are the issues:

This is just a reminder of the issues, see the June 2020 newsletter for more detail

- (A) **Too thin overlay:** Last year we changed contractors because this was occurring too often.
- (B) **Alligator cracking:** Poor adhesion of overlay, bad road base
- (C) **Soil coming to the surface:** Bad road base

Heavy equipment: Accelerates the failure of what we call the “soft areas”, areas with issues, especially if there are large number of trips. Remember if you are going to bring in heavy equipment you need **to get a permit first**. This gives us a chance to flag soft areas for the heavy trucks to avoid.

The Plan:

The plan was to do some testing and **learn what we could do ourselves** to extend the life of the soft areas, so we don't have to constantly pay a contractor to keep patching them. We were then going to implement that during our normal bi-yearly workdays, which due to Covid did not occur in 2020, but we were able to do some testing.

What did we learn:

Found a source of materials that did not require us to buy by the pallet or charge us huge delivery fees for a few drums of material (crack sealer, tack etc.).

In areas where there is Alligator cracking crack sealer applied with 2 coats and cold asphalt pounded into larger cracks will extend the life of the “soft areas” **under normal traffic**. This is not a fix, but it buys us time.

Potholes and **small areas** where soil is coming to the surface can be dug out and a layer of cement or a mixture of soil and cement can be put in as a base then covered with tack, cold patch asphalt and then sealed. Volunteers will be needed to help.

Note:

Highview Circle was seal coated in 2020 using private funds from a resident of April Cove. No monies from the ACMF road budget were used for this project.



Covid 19 -Freestone County

I want to caution everyone the information shown here is the product of what I could find on the internet and is only meant as a starting place if you are looking for vaccine information.

As of January 24th, there have been 1007 confirmed cases of Covid 19 and 30 deaths in Freestone County. Statewide 2,243,009 cases and 34,725 deaths.

Source: <https://coronavirus.smartnews.com/us/texas/freestone>

Who can get the vaccine now?

Front-line healthcare workers and residents at long-term care facilities

People 65 years of age and older

People 16 years of age and older with at least one chronic medical condition that puts them at increased risk for severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19, such as but not limited to:

- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease or cardiomyopathies
- Solid organ transplantation
- Obesity and severe obesity (body mass index of 30 kg/m² or higher)
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus

What's Next with the COVID-19 Vaccine in Texas



Source: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine.aspx>



Vaccine Tracker

<https://data.news-leader.com/covid-19-vaccine-tracker/texas/freestone-county/48161/>

There is an interactive map at this website and if you scroll down a table of the number of vaccinations that have been delivered by county. As of January 23rd, 549 doses have been delivered to 541 people in Freestone County, 8 have received both doses.

The Times Freestone County
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<https://freestonecountytimesonline.com/category/freestone-county-coronavirus/>

Local paper that has periodic articles on the Corona virus in Freestone County.

Interactive Location Finder

<https://tdem.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=3700a84845c5470cb0dc3ddace5c376b>

This address will bring you to an interactive map that you can zoom in on. It will show you where the vaccines are available. If you click on the dot (location) red or blue, it will tell you information about the location and the availability of the vaccine.

Pics from the Cove



***Foggy morning turns
into a beautiful
sunset!***