

APRIL COVE *Newsletter*



APRIL COVE ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, February 12th, 2022

Lakeside United Methodist Church

1:30 PM

We encourage all members to attend the meeting. Many important April Cove matters are discussed and voted on. Please let your voice be heard. It is also a great opportunity to see neighbors and friends and meet new neighbors.

ANNUAL MEETING DRAFT AGENDA

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| 1. Call to order | 7. Reports from Officers |
| 2. Agenda Review | A. Progress Report |
| 3. Introduction of Members – | B. Financial Report |
| Establish Quorum | |
| 4. Minutes | 8. Budget |
| 5. Appoint Election Inspectors | 9. Old and Unfinished Business |
| 6. Reports from Committees | 10. New Business |
| A. ACC | 11. Elections |
| B. Maintenance | 12. Good and Welfare |
| C. Goodwill | 13. Adjournment |

Location of the Annual Meeting

Lakeside United Methodist Church is located at 515 FM 416. The church is approximately ½ mile east of April Cove, across from the September Sound subdivision. The meeting will be held in the Activities Room.



APRIL COVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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| Kris Horner | 214-418-6904
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ACC COMMITTEE

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| Cheryl Wangrin | 903 599-2575 |
| Billy Robertson | |
| Bill Groce | 903 599-6002 |



ACMF Board Positions Open



Scott King will be stepping down as VP of the HOA at the upcoming meeting. We need a volunteer to serve as VP for 2022.

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. Ideally, Board members should live in the subdivision or be able to come to the subdivision for meetings and activities. If you have questions, please contact a Board member.

Annual Meeting General Information

If you are unable to attend the meeting, your vote(s) may be cast by proxy. You may limit your proxy to the election of officers and ACC members, or you may elect to sign a full proxy which may be used for any vote taken during the meeting. Proxy forms are provided with this notice.

Draft minutes and the financial reports from the 2021 annual meeting were distributed after the Annual Meeting which was held in May. They are available on our website (www.aprilcove.org), or you may contact Scott King if you would like a hard copy.

A copy of the end of year financial report for 2021 is attached for your convenience. By making this available to the membership prior to the meeting, we hope to provide you with time to review and understand the report.

We need volunteers to help at the sign-in table. Please contact Susan Barkley at 903-599-2832 if you can help.





AROUND THE COVE

April Cove Workday November 2021

We had a small but enthusiastic group show up to make April Cove be the best that it can be. There were 3 main tasks; front gate maintenance, right of way branch pruning and gravel patching potholes on April Cove Road.



Gravel Patching Process

1) Smooth out torn up areas with the frontend loader.



2) Fill potholes with gravel ground up from previous road work.



3) Rake gravel smooth, remove big chunks and pack down.



The next workday is tentatively set for Saturday May 14th. We need more people to help. Lots of tasks to be done during Spring cleanup. Mark your calendars!

2022 Proposed Roadway Plan

The April Cove Board is recommending that, as in 2021, we do not do any repaving or patching to the roadways unless there is an emergency. Reasons as follows;

1. Material costs continue to stay high
2. It is better to dig out and replace large areas of the road than to just patch potholes.
3. Continued new home construction.
4. Gravel patching the problem areas ourselves has worked well in keeping the roads passable and minimizing further damage until we can afford to repave large areas of the roadway instead of just patching the potholes.



AROUND THE COVE

Southern Oaks Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual Chili Supper and Cake Auction March 12th from 5-7 at the fire station

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SOUTHERN OAKS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

SOVFD Fire Station 120 Southern Oaks Drive

Saturday, March 12, 2022 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Chili Supper



Eat-in and Take Out

Door Prizes!!

Adults: \$8⁰⁰

Children: \$3⁰⁰



Dinner Includes:

Delicious Chili

(Served With All The Fixin's)

Dessert

Beverage



Live Cake Auction & Silent Auction



Specialty Cakes & Pies
Sweet & Delicious Treats
& Lots More!

Items are made and donated by your
neighbors, many of whom are
members of SOVFD and the
Community Care Club

Come, Browse & Bid!!
Bid Early!! Bid Often!!

Live Auction begins: 5:30pm

Silent Auction: 5:00 – 6:30pm

You can enjoy a great meal and have fun bidding for your favorite desserts in the live auction and/or the silent auction. This is the primary fundraising event each year for SOVFD, but this year the funds raised will be dedicated toward the purchase of a new (badly needed) brush truck. The department has received grants for this apparatus, however, SOVFD's out-of-pocket expense will be over \$54,000. With the help of the great people of this community, the new truck will be delivered and ready for action this time next year.

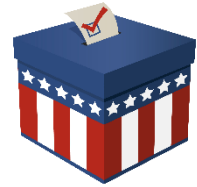
See "Notes from the Chief" in the Southsider if you would like more information on the brush truck



Brush truck like the one to be purchased



AROUND THE COVE



Political Elections in 2022

Tuesday, March 1, 2022, is Primary Election Day. Please note that Texas has redrawn its political districts. Votes will be cast to determine the candidates who will represent each political party in the General Election next November. Offices on the ballots include U.S. Senate, U.S. Representative, multiple state officials, and various county officials. Local offices may also be on your ballot. In-person early voting begins February 14 and ends February 25. Sample ballots should be available from your local election administrators. You must have registered to vote by January 31, 2022, to participate in the primary election, but you have until October 11 to register to vote in the general election.

Fairfield ISD Community Recycling Program

Acceptable items for monthly RECYCLING:

- PAPER PRODUCTS All newspaper, catalogs, magazines, junk mail, shredded paper, cardboard & office/household mixed paper. Please do not include confidential paper-work unless you have properly shredded. Please flatten cardboard boxes.
 - PLASTIC All plastic numbered 1-7 such as water bottles, milk jugs, etc.
 - METAL All metal food & beverage cans can be recycled. Food cans should be rinsed.
- Paper, plastic, and cardboard do not need to be separated.

Please Note: They are NOT accepting glass currently.



Upcoming Recycle dates:

February 19, 2022

March 19, 2022

April 16, 2022

Time: 8:30-10:30am

Location: Fairfield High School

For more information contact Nicole Crawford at FHS 903-389-4177

Nicole.Crawford@fairfieldisd.org

Sign up for recycle reminders by texting @ffrecycle to 469-425-2522



AROUND THE COVE

April Cove Properties

We all know that real estate market sales around the lake have been unprecedented the last couple of years. Those who have been here since the early years of lake

development have seen big changes with new housing, a growing population, and more traffic on the roads and on the lake. RC Lake is no longer Texas's best kept secret.

During the 2021 calendar year, there were 14 property sale transactions in April Cove. The most recent of those are:

Sec. 5 Lots 43/44: Seller Mark Heine; Buyers Smitha Balakrishnan & Abhilash Kuzhikat

Sec. 5 Lots 45/46: Seller Mark Heine; Buyer Raghavendra & Shruthi Rao

Sec. 3 Lots 72/73: Sellers Don Childress & Christi Schmidt; Buyer Alton & Regina Geisendorff

Sec. 3 Lot 48: Seller Allen & Joleen Harrison; Buyer Charles & Sheryl Landry

Sec. 3 Lot 64: Seller Steve & Crystal Ashford; Buyers Melanie Baloga, Colleen Elledge & Melinda Miller

Sec. 4 Lot 101: Seller Ron & Susan Meyer; Buyers Santosh Kumar Mishra & Shilpa Rashinkar

Sec. 3 Lot 69: Seller Frank & Carolyn Shadwell; Buyer Elva Jo Rollins

We all live busy lives. Full-time residents have their day-to-day routines and weekenders come for a change of pace from the work week. So here we are in our small April Cove community with new neighbors all around us, neighbors we don't know. Let's change that. Greet your neighbors. Stop and say hello. Become an active member of the neighborhood.

Welcome to the Neighborhood!



Christmas Cove



Thanks to Susan Barkley, Cheryl Wangrin, Debbie Nyman and Wanda Rollins for decorating the front entrance for Christmas. You really out did yourselves!



AROUND THE COVE

OPERATION FIRE SAFE SOFVD IS OFFERING FREE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS & SMOKE DETECTORS TO AREA RESIDENTS

Residents with propane heat or a propane fireplace will be given combination smoke/carbon monoxide detectors, which will not only alarm on smoke detection, but also on higher-than-normal levels of carbon monoxide. These are good quality and have 10-year sealed batteries. Many homes are well-equipped with smoke detectors and CO detectors, but do not have a readily available fire extinguisher. If you need only a fire extinguisher, SOVFD will provide it. Simply tell them what you require.

To get your free smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguisher, just send an email to sovfdchief@windstream.net and tell them what you need. Give your name, address and phone number and they will contact you and arrange for delivery. They will even help you install the units if needed.



This program began in June 2021. The main goal of this community service program is to eliminate all fire-related injuries and any structure fires that could have been prevented by working smoke detectors or an appropriately placed fire extinguisher. This program is open to ALL residents in our 81-square-mile service area free of charge, regardless of income. One of these devices could one day save your life.



HOUSEKEEPING

Right of Way Mowing

Thanks again to **Steve Barkley, Bob Rollins, Scott King, Dennis Stone, Lawrence Cresci, Bill Johnson, Brandon Kell and Donald Walton.**

We need volunteers for 2022, if you can help send me an email (geowzrd@aol.com)

Annual Dues

Annual dues were **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. Remember, dues can be paid online. Thank you!

2022 Annual dues are \$235 per lot. Road fees are \$200 for the first lot and \$50 per lot for any additional lots owned.

Remote Control for the Front Gate

Remote Controls can be purchased from Susan or Steve Barkley, for \$25.00 per remote device. susanjanebarkley@gmail.com, stevebarkley123@gmail.com

Goodwill Committee

The ACMF Goodwill Committee maintains an April Cove Directory of all property owners' names and contact information. It includes other useful information as well. We are currently updating the membership directory. Please send any address changes to cywangrin@yahoo.com

Mailing Address:

April Cove Maintenance Fund, Inc.
P.O. Box 323
Streetman, TX 75859

April Cove Website www.aprilcove.org

Facebook

April Cove at Richland Chambers Lake

Burn Ban



Check the Freestone Co website for the latest status. www.co.freestone.tx.us



New Highway Near Corsicana Opened October 21, 2021

STATE HIGHWAY 31 (NAVARRO COUNTY)



PROJECT FACT SHEET

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OVERVIEW

The project will reduce congestion on State Highway (SH) 31 through Corsicana by building a new location relief route for SH 31 along the southern, outer edge of Corsicana from three miles west of FM 2555 to three miles east of I-45.

The new route will offer an alternative for more than 4000 trucks that travel through Corsicana daily.

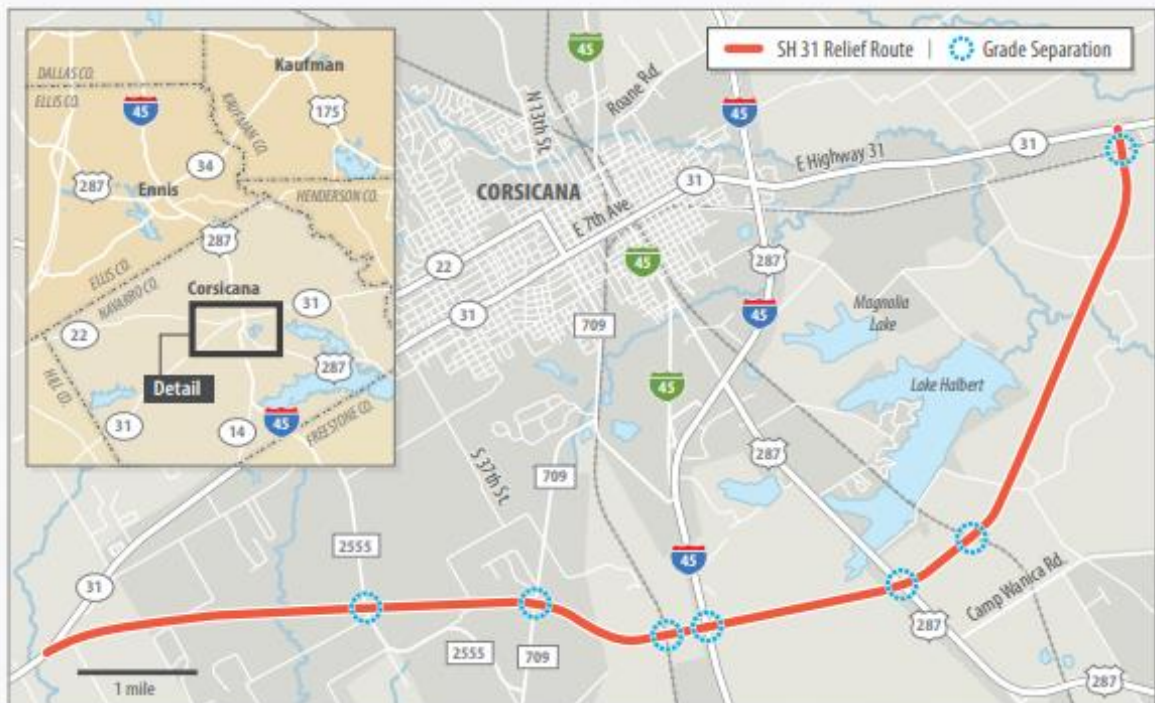
PROJECT DETAILS

- **CSJ:** 0162-11-001
- **Highway:** SH 31
- **Limits:** Three miles west of FM 2555 to 3 miles east of I-45
- **Bid:** \$105.9 million
- **Funding:** \$25 million in Prop 1 funding as well as State and Federal funding
- **Contractor:** Sundt Construction, Inc.

- **Length:** 18 miles
- **Avg. Daily Traffic:** 20,000
- **Work Began:** October 26, 2016
- **Est. Completion:** March 2022

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

18-mile long, two-lane rural arterial roadway with seven grade-separated crossings.



NOTE: Highlighted area is not drawn to scale.

TxDOT graphic

PROJECT CONTACTS



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Double Rainbow over Richland Chambers

Picture courtesy of Susan Barkley

