

## Canyon Creek Traffic and Safety Committee Newsletter – April 2023

- Our CC HOA has been working diligently with our landscaping contractor, Urban Dirt, to clean-up the ice storm debris and limbs from around Boulder Lane, our Community Center, and several other community HOA owned properties. Our board director, Russ Jakala, took the lead on this clean-up effort by coordinating the clean-up efforts with our contractor. Our primary goal was to make driving, walking/jogging and biking along Boulder Lane safe. Community aesthetics was the secondary goal. Great progress has been made to date with all of the major debris and limb piles having been removed along Boulder Lane. **If a tree located on HOA property, such as a greenbelt area or common area, has broken limbs or other damage from the ice storm where it could later fall and hurt someone or damage your property, please e-mail [board@canyoncreek.net](mailto:board@canyoncreek.net) right away so that we can review and take action.** Despite the great clean-up progress to date, more clean-up work is still left and our current priority is on clean-up of remaining dead limbs/debris that are easily visible from Boulder Lane.
  
- Neighborhood crime appears to be on an uptick at this time. Below is a summary of neighborhood criminal activity reported in CC since September 2022 when our last newsletter was issued.

- **Crime Data:**

APD and Community Reported Crime:

OFFENSE	NUMBER OF INCIDENTS
FAMILY DISTURBANCE	7
BURGLARY OF VEHICLE	4
MAIL THEFT	3
ASSAULT WITH INJURY	3
BURGLARY OF RESIDENCE	2
AUTO THEFT	2
THEFT OF LICENSE PLATE	1
THEFT OF CATALYTIC CONVERTER	1
THEFT-UNSPECIFIED	1
AGGREGATED ROBBERY W/DEADLY WEAPON	1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	1
DISTURBANCE-OTHER	1
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS	1
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>

- Our committee and the HOA has recently engaged with District 6 city council member Mackenzie Kelly to set a date for a future Town Hall meeting that will include APD officials to address the rising crime issue as well as discuss several other community topics of interest. That Town Hall meeting will likely be scheduled for early May and an eblast to homeowners will go out in the near future to officially announce this meeting.
- APD has previously committed to increased patrols in our neighborhood to help address this rising crime issue. Our committee has created a [Form to Report Burglaries and Theft in Canyon Creek](#) so that our residents can informally make us aware of any incidents so that we can track them and provide that info to the APD and other local law enforcement agencies to help drive future decision making that could make our neighborhood safer. Your assistance in reporting crime is important because crime that is not reported to APD or via the community link shown above has no visibility and can not be addressed.. See the attached link to [Addressing Vehicle Burglaries and Theft in Canyon Creek](#). We will communicate info and data updates on these issues to our residents via regular newsletters, e-blasts, our HOA website, social media, etc. We encourage all of our residents who have experienced crimes such as burglaries and thefts to report the crime (or attempted crime) and to call either 911 for an active crime in progress or 311 to report the incident after the fact.
- **Street Resurfacing Update for Canyon Creek:** The following list shows CC streets that are currently scheduled by the City of Austin Public Works Dept to be resurfaced this summer using either “Sealcoat” (for longer streets) or “Slurry Seal” (for smaller areas such as cul-de-sac turning circles):

**Slurry Seal resurfacing:**

PROJECT_ID	Street Name	From	To
124294	BRAMBLECREST DR	Cliff Creek Dr	Chestnut Ridge Rd (elbow)
124297	BRIMFIELD CT	Brimfield Dr	10517 (turning circle only)
124298	BRIMFIELD DR	Tularosa Pass	10421 (turning circle only)
124310	CANYON VISTA WAY	Montevilla Dr	10300 (turning circle only)
124345	DARK STAR TERRACE	Chestnut Ridge Rd	10000 (turning circle only)
124507	SAVANNAH RIDGE DR	Barbrook Dr	9800 (turning circle only)
?	BROKEN BROOK COVE	Bramblecrest Dr	10817 (turning circle only)

**Sealcoat resurfacing:**

PROJECT_ID	Street Name	From	To
125606	DARK STAR TERRACE	Chestnut Ridge Rd	10000
125611	SAVANNAH RIDGE DR	Barbrook Dr	9800
125600	BRAMBLECREST DR	Chestnut Ridge Rd n	Chestnut Ridge Rd s
125602	BRIMFIELD DR	Chestnut Ridge Rd	10421
125604	CANYON VISTA WAY	Chestnut Ridge Rd	10300
125605	CLIFF CREEK DR	Bramblecrest Dr	Chestnut Ridge Rd
125608	KILMARNOCK DR	Tularosa Pass	Brimfield Dr
125609	MONTEVILLA DR	Canyon Vista Way	Chestnut Ridge Rd
125612	TULAROSA PASS	Chestnut Ridge Rd	Brimfield Dr
125601	BRIMFIELD CT	Brimfield Dr	10517
125610	PEEKSTON DR	Kilmarnock Dr	Brimfield Dr

- A much needed new Fire/EMS station is currently in the final planning stages and will be located at 9804 N FM 620 which is on the northwest side of FM 620 between our two Boulder Lane neighborhood entrances. This new Fire/EMS station (AFD station #54 and Travis County EMS station # 43) is currently planned for ground breaking and construction activity to begin in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of this year. This new station is planned to be completed and operational by late 2024. A new police station co-located on the same property is in the conceptual stage, but has not yet been funded by the city so there is no planned start date at this time. Below is an artist rendering of the new Fire/EMS station:



- To ensure that Member pedestrians and cyclists can safely enjoy our sidewalks, crosswalks, common areas and other public spaces, the Association continues to fund periodic patrols by off-duty Travis County deputy constables to provide traffic calming and pedestrian safety. These patrols are in addition to patrols by other law enforcement agencies such as APD and the Travis County Sheriff's Department that are not funded by the Association.
  
- Our committee and the HOA board are closely following development projects in our area along the RM 620 corridor and working with city transportation staff and with TxDOT staff as well as developers to ensure that these new developments minimize the impact on traffic and promote traffic and pedestrian safety. Area development projects we are currently following include:
  - Plaza Volente: 300+ unit apartment complex just south of the HEB at Anderson Mill Rd)
  - 620 Hill Country Center (day care center near the RM 620 and Anderson Mill Rd intersection, adjacent to Tuffy Automotive)
  - Volvo auto dealership (near the RM 620, Buckner Rd, and Boulder Lane intersections) is currently in construction.
  - Zimmerman Lane multifamily units (near Rudy's Bar-B-Q on RM 620). This property was approved for rezoning by city council and allows up to 32 new multifamily units after site plan approval.
  - Juniper Apartments at 7907 N. FN 620 (near Home Depot)
  - Woodland Greens apartment complex on RM 620: 300+ unit apartment complex (where the old Woodland Greens Golf Center was previously located) is well along in construction.
  - The 183 North Mobility Project is in construction for dynamically priced toll lane additions (similar to Mopac Express lanes) between SH 45 and Mopac (click here for schematic and more info: [183 North Mobility Project](#))
  - 620/Anderson Mill intersection improvements are not currently funded, but we have been told that Federal Mobility funding may be received this year by CAMPO (Capitol Area Metropolitan Planning Organization) to allow the project to proceed past the current design stage. This intersection is proposed to have significant reconfiguration within the next few years (click here for conceptual design: [620/Anderson Mill Intersection Schematic](#)). Additional info on this project and others along RM 620 can be found here: [TxDOT RM 620 Projects](#)

- Highpoint 2222 (which is the old 3M campus) located at FM 2222 and River Place Blvd) is a multi-phase, mixed use redevelopment project. The existing main building is currently being remodeled and upgraded. Future use may include multi-family, retail, as well as office space. This project will have a significant impact to NW Austin in many ways and will include major issues such as traffic congestion and traffic safety, and nearby school access. Our board and other groups are in discussion with the current owner, Karlin Real Estate, to ensure that our concerns as well as concerns of other area neighborhoods and organizations are heard and addressed well in advance of any potential future development plans being finalized and implemented. A recent article published in the Four Points News with additional info on the development project can be found here: [Update on Highpoint 2222 Development \(old 3M campus\)](#)

#### Reminders Concerning Traffic and Pedestrian Safety:

- Respect the right-of-way of pedestrians in our neighborhood. It is state law that vehicles must yield the right of way to pedestrians standing at the entrance of or in crosswalks. To yield, vehicles must come to a complete stop and wait while pedestrians enter, cross and exit the crosswalk. Walk only on the sidewalks and crosswalks, not in the street. Vehicles must not block the crosswalks!  
Reminder: Vehicles must be parked at least 15 ft from a fire hydrant, 20 ft from a crosswalk, and 30 ft from an intersection with stop sign or yield sign. Some vehicles, particularly near our elementary school, have not always been following these traffic regulations.
  - Drive within the posted speed limits for safety (trying to save a few extra seconds by speeding is not safe or smart and it can cost you a lot of money). Boulder Lane is posted at 35 mph while all other streets in CC are 30 mph zones (except for school zones and one 25 mph zone on Ember Glen Dr). Note speed limits are set based on ideal driving conditions so wet roads, heavy traffic or pedestrian presence warrants reducing speed below the posted limit.
  - If you see someone driving recklessly or if you experience “road rage”, call 911 immediately and report as many details of the reckless driving as possible such as the nature of the event, license plate number, make/model/color of vehicle, location, driver description, etc. Please do not chase or confront the driver.
- Current Canyon Creek “Traffic and Safety Committee” Members:

- Randy Lawson – Chair
- Dave Marshall – Co-Chair
- Serge Zirojevic
- Ryan Sullivan
- Mark Grosvenor
- Dean El-Baz

Notes: 1) You can contact the committee members directly at the following email address: [traffic@canyoncreek.net](mailto:traffic@canyoncreek.net)

2) Click on the following link to access previously issued Traffic and Safety Committee Newsletters:

<https://canyoncreek.net/search?q=newsletter>