



# (((The CANYONS' ECHO)))

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2023  
FROM THE CANYONS ON LAKE WHITNEY TEXAS

## Monthly Gatherings

June - we had no AC but we opened the doors and even without the AC we had a good time. Sat outside and enjoyed the rain and the rainbow.

July - we celebrated getting the funds for the new air conditioning. Thanks to all you contributed to fund this project. The new air conditioning is working great. Come to the Gatherings and join us.



August - This was our first potluck of the year. Thanks go to all that brought salads and desserts.

September - Murphy Webster provided delicious, home cooked brisket and chicken tacos..... delicious! His crew helped out with fixins and dessert.



## Condolences

Thomas Patrick "Pat" Coughlin, Jr. died on August 4, 2023 in the Sunset Home in Clifton.

He was born on January 16, 1939 in D.C., but lived in Dallas most of his life.

After marriage to Geneva Kleine from Clifton, they moved to Farmers Branch where they lived until 1994 when they moved to Lake Whitney. In 1996 the move was made to the Canyons where they have been ever since. Pat was in sales all his life selling aircraft parts for most of it.

Private services will be held at a later time.



Patrick "Pat" Boatman passed on August 11 at home with family. He celebrated his 85th birthday on July 17. Pat moved from Idaho to live with his daughter and son-in-law DeeAnn and Jeffrey Weis. He loved living in the Canyons and making Texas his home for the past 8 years.





### VIEWS FROM CAPTAIN'S COVE

This summer has been non stop busy ! From the extreme heat making yard work brutal to the chaos of having the girls out of school. Staying on top of the daily grind was difficult. Now school has started back up and it seems impossible but some how we are busier than ever! Currently we listed our

house for sale (just getting more space not moving far away) That came with all the sprucing up the house work for the pictures. We did draw the line at a green lawn though! Not doing that in this heat. Thankfully we have received some rain recently ...adding mowing to our

yard work list ...but I'll take that! I've started my

fall/winter garden and am excited for the continual home grown veggies ... this is our year of the weird so our fall / winter garden will continue that theme with purple broccoli and dino kale amongst the normal. I hope everyone is excited for the cooler weather to come don't forget to wrap those pipes and insulate your plumbing . Its never fun doing that in 40 ° wet weather.

Take care and Happy Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year!

Alexandria Montalvo



The Bosque Emergency Support Team also known as BEST is a community of roughly twenty volunteers from across Bosque County who strive to make a difference by supporting our VFD's and emergency services teams with rehabilitation supplies such as water, Gatorade, non-perishable food items, cooling stations and a safe place to rest and recharge.

BEST responds to incidents when called upon by the Bosque County Office of Emergency Management Coordinator (EOC), be that a wildfire, structure fire, or other emergency where the need for the Team's services have been requested by the EOC.

## BEST

The Canyons community has been a great friend and supporter of BEST and has twice supplied the Team with much needed items and monetary donations to enable them to restock and respond when requested. The continuing support of The Canyons community has been greatly appreciated.

You can follow the Teams activities on Facebook under Bosque Emergency Support Team. You can donate to them through their Venmo account @BosqueEmergencySupportTeam or by sending a check to BEST, P.O. Box 406, Meridian, TX 76665.

As of May 12, 2023, the organization received its 501(c) (3) designation from the IRS making all donations to our team tax deductible in accordance with the law.



**BURN BAN**

We have had a couple of fires in the Canyons. One was a cedar tree which started by the sap getting too hot and a fire started just by the HEAT. This occurred on August 8. Thankfully someone saw it and alerted the owners and the fire was extinguished. Thanks for good neighbors.

Another fire was discovered on August 22, supposedly by heat from discarded appliances starting the brush on fire. Both fires were extinguished but they could have been much worse. Please be extra careful with anything that could start fires.

As of September 18th, the Burn Ban was lifted but be extra careful if you are going to burn. Keep an eye on the fire and have water available. All burns must be extinguished before dark.

**October, November, December Gatherings**

October - Chili Cookoff. Several residents will be fixing their special chili and everyone will judge them.

Come for the cookoff.

November - Thanksgiving Feast.

December - Christmas Feast. There will also be a gift exchange. Bring a gift to put under the tree and

let's have some fun!

Please sign up to bring a dish for the November and December meals. Signup sheets will be available at the October Gathering.

We also need more volunteers for the 2024 meals. Please consider being responsible for one monthly meal. Need more information? Text Paula or Suzan.

**Community Road Cleanup**

Saturday, October 21st, at 9:00 AM

Trimming back the trees protruding into the road and cleaning is badly needed.

We will do a burn if conditions are favorable.

See the flyer that was sent out to everyone.

Contact us by replying to this email.

Many hands and folks make quick work.

**Community Center Rental**

The Community Center is available for rent. Rent is \$250.00 per day. See Evelyn Smeiles for information and to sign a contract.

**Community Center Website**

To get to the Canyons web site Hold Ctrl+Left click your mouse [The Canyons Community at Lake Whitney – A Voluntary](#)

[Property Owners' Association for The Canyons subdivision in Morgan, Texas](#)

**Vandalism in the Canyons**

End June, July, and August we had a lot of vandalism occurring. So much that there is a \$500.00 reward that leads to arrests. Vehicles and property were destroyed. One home was entered twice with a lot of damage. Many homeowners have installed cameras. The Sheriff has been called out several times and is asking a lot of questions. The Sheriff has been seen a lot out here lately.

Cameras were installed on the Community Center. The cameras were donated by Joanie Millegan and installed by Mike Braudaway, and are up and running. Thank you, Joanie and Mike.

For a few weeks, it seemed like the vandals were done, but then in early September things seem to start up again. We need to catch these vandals. Be alert and report anything.

The Community Center is always accepting donations for BEST. You can always drop them off on the front porch of the Community Center and they will be picked up. Thank you for all contributions.

**Annual Election of Board of Trustees**

Each year, on the second Saturday in December, elections are held to elect the incoming Cedar Shores POA Trustees (the legal name of The Canyons). Nominations are needed!

The commitment is minimal but the benefits are great. Meetings are held at the Community Center on the morning of the 2nd Saturday of each month. Terms are for two years beginning in January.

This is a wonderful opportunity to:

Meet fellow board members

Make decisions regarding the Canyons per the by-laws

Get involved

Meet your neighbors

Improve and preserve your Canyons community

The terms of three current Trustees will expire in December. Remaining trustees are Bob Cox, Melanie McNarama, Caren Sanders and Marcia Webster. To maintain the eight positions necessary for the Board, four new Trustees shall be elected. Nominations will be presented on November 11.

If you are interested in the above opportunity, please email us at: [thecanyonsscc@gmail.com](mailto:thecanyonsscc@gmail.com).

Mike Braudaway installed new balusters on the ramp handrail, Thank you!



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### The Canyons on Lake Whitney - “A Friendly Community”

## October



October 9—Columbus Day  
October 14—CC Gathering Chili  
Chookoff  
October 31-Halloween

## November



November 7-Election Day  
November 11-Veterans Day  
November 11-CC Gathering Thanks-  
giving Feast Nominations for Board  
Members  
November 23-Thanksgiving

## December



December 8-CC Gathering Christ-  
mas Gathering Election of Board  
Members  
December 10-Christmas Program at  
Cedar Shores Baptist Church  
December 25— Christmas  
December 31-New Year’s Eve

### Cedar Shores Baptist Church



**Everyone Welcome**

Sunday School at 9:00  
Church at 10:00  
Come and join us on Sunday  
Everyone Welcome

**Christmas Choir will perform  
December 10th at 10AM**  
Come enjoy beautiful Christmas music  
“God bless us, Everyone!”

# A Thought Worth Echoing!

“Autumn teaches us the beauty of letting go. Growth requires release-it’s what the trees do”— Ka’ala

