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Updates of Interest

Mail Thefts. Mail theft is on the rise across the country and the entire San Antonio region. This year, a number of community mail boxes in Shavano Park have been broken into with some apparent successful thefts. While the U.S. Postal Service is responsible for providing safe delivery of mail and the investigations of mail theft, the City of Shavano Park wants to help protect and prevent these criminal acts from happening. Our police have been in touch with the local Post Office Inspector General and I have lodged an official complaint with the Office of the Post Master. Nevertheless, these crimes are very difficult to prevent. Thieves can pry open mail boxes fairly easy and be out of the area in a short time. One article reported in the Express-News highlighted that some thieves may have access to master keys.

Bottom line is that all residents (not just those with community mail boxes) should be aware and vigilant. Report suspicious activity near community mail boxes by calling 911. I personally don't leave outgoing mail in my box anymore and my family makes an effort to pick up our mail within an hour of delivery every day.

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is the Federal Law Enforcement and Security Arm of the U.S. Postage Service. For mail theft or identity theft issues, call 1-800-ASK-USPS (1-800-275-8777). You may also report to the Shavano Park Police Department so we can track.

NW Military Hwy. You may have noticed wooden stakes with orange tape or orange painting in the NW Military right of way. TxDOT has marked the "benchmarks" that will be used to survey the road for the upcoming project. This survey will be used to build schematics and a preliminary engineering report for the widening of the highway to include a continuous turn lane, bike lanes, and sidewalks. The project is currently scheduled to begin in November 2019.

Trinity Well. The CoSP Trinity well site is located in the triangle entrance at NW Military Highway and Wagon Trail Road. One side of the road has been blocked off for some time with equipment occupying the lane - what's up? The well was struck by lightning on July 25th, which damaged the submersible pump and motor. After pulling the well, cameras identified maintenance requirements, which can only be accomplished when the pumps and pipes are out. As of September 14th, the entire well casing has been brushed and cleaned. Further cleaning of the slots where the water is pulled from the aquifer is planned and should be completed soon.

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