



## *Mayor's Letter*

April 15, 2024

**WELL UPDATE.** The work on the well has stopped as Hydro is waiting for the well flow meters and electronic displays. They apparently did not order them until now - don't ask. The well is operational, however we operate the motors with a variable speed drive. But, with no meters we cannot tell how much water is coming out of the well. Also, the meters aren't wired into the display panels that were constructed so we can't use them even when they are installed. So, its a little like not having a speedometer for your car and then they get it and install it in the trunk - it isn't very useful.

We do have emergency authorization from TCEQ to operate the well and it is plumbed in. So, in case of a fire we can operate it, but we will not know the flow and be able to chlorinate the water correctly. But I'm betting that no one will be measuring the chlorine level in the middle of a fire. But this means we can't use the well for the daily town operations, because the disinfectant level is important for your water. I expect the meters to be installed and the well finally fully integrated into the system sometime next month as we celebrate the one year anniversary of lateness. So, with the rain and light current water usage along with the ability to operate the well in an emergency, I have decided that...

**EMERGENCY WATER RESTRICTIONS ARE CANCELLED.** At our April 11th Town Council Meeting I notified the Town Council that the provisions of the Critical Water Emergency Ordinance were no longer necessary and the water restrictions are lifted. Water rates will return to their pre-emergency levels effective March 15th. **Therefore this utility bill will be based on the NON-EMERGENCY rates.** I hope many of you have learned that you don't need to water as much as you did in the past. Even though there are no restrictions, I'm trusting that you won't go overboard. Easy does it.

**~~CRAWFISH BOIL~~ SPRING TOWN PICNIC.** Due to uncooperative crawfish our Spring Picnic will now be a BBQ. The event is scheduled for April 20th from 12-4. **As they do each year, the event is sponsored by Chris Cox and Touchstone Roofing with support from the Lakewood Village MDD.** BBQ and fixin's will be provided by Tender Smokehouse. Help out and bring a side or a desert to share. For the kiddos there will be inflatable equipment, face painting, and balloon artists. Our Dark Sky committee along with resident astronomer Cynthia Steward will be showcasing the new SeeStar Telescope. It's a nice casual event, where people just drop in to reconnect with friends and neighbors after the winter. It's a fun time.

**MAPS AND DRAWINGS** During the picnic, inside Town Hall you can get your dessert and see the latest maps and designs of all of the upcoming developments along with builder information. If you are curious about what the new school will look like, the designs are posted. You can also see the preliminary drawings of our new Town Hall to be built up on Eldorado Parkway.

**Remember, in August you will be wishing for this rain. There's never been a better time to invest, live, and raise a family in Lakewood Village**

Dr. Mark E. Vargus  
Mayor