



Mayor's Letter

May 15, 2022

WATER SYSTEM UPDATE. With current temperatures nearing 100 degrees, it has been a good dry run for the real heat to come in August. Everything is operating as expected. Over the last month our well usage has increased, we are running the wells approximately 12 hours per day. More importantly, when I check the storage tank levels at midnight, we have been at 25 feet. When the tanks are full, they hold twenty-eight feet of water. So, this means that we have been in very good shape early in the morning when our usage peaks. Everyone is doing great, just remember, no irrigation of any kind is allowed after eleven pm. It doesn't matter when you started, it cannot be running at 11pm.

THE ANNUAL CRAWFISH BOIL was on Saturday April 16th and was fantastic. The event was sponsored by LWV's Chris Cox and Touchstone Roofing. We had a record turnout with many people reconnecting after a tough winter. Many thanks to our MDD Board - Linda Loudon, Robin West, Dave Batchelder, Larry King, and Linda Asbell for running the event. The next town event will be the picnic sometime in the early fall once the weather cools down a little bit.

DARK SKIES We have just celebrated our third year as a Dark Sky community. The International Dark Sky Association has a program where you and your family can now get your individual homes certified as a Dark Sky friendly home. The self-certification focuses on the five principals of responsible outdoor lighting practices: (1) is the lighting necessary; (2) is it used only when needed; (3) is the brightness appropriate for the setting; (4) is the device controlled by sensors or dimmers; and (5) is the light color more warm and not bright white. You evaluate your own home; information packets are available at town hall. If you meet the criteria, you can print your certificate at **darksky.org**. If you have questions or need help, contact us and the Lakewood Village volunteers who are running our IDA operations will reach out to you.

SCHOOL BOND ELECTION. Last week, the bond election for the new elementary school to be built in Lakewood Village failed by 170 votes. So, with 550 new houses expected here by 2025, I have no idea where the kids will go. There was 9 days of early voting prior to the Saturday election day voting. In Lakewood Village we have 498 registered voters. **Our town's 498 voters and only 53 people could find the time over 10 days to vote.** That's only 10 percent of the very people that would be most directly impacted by the school. I don't expect someone who lives off of US 380 to give a damn about a school in LWV, but I expected that we would. Whether you were for or against it, thinking of ten days of trips through Little Elm to Lowes or Kroger and not stopping for three minutes and voting is very disheartening. If you examine our precinct which includes LWV and Sunrise Bay, a grand total of 69 people voted out of nearly 1000 eligible voters. I don't know what the LEISD board will do. Clearly you don't care, so I will direct the Council's attention to other things such as the five residential developments that have been proposed, as well as several commercial enterprises on Eldorado.

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Mayor