Town of Lakewood Village

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Dear Lakewood Village,

I'll start this month with a subject nobody generally likes to discuss – rate increases. The council has begun considering an increase to the sewer rate. During the town's 33 year history, the water rates have never been adjusted and the sewer rates were increased one time in 2005. The water system Is currently self-sustaining, but the sewer system operates at a modest loss. In order to allow for regular maintenance and future growth, the council will consider a $6 - $10 per month increase in the sewer rate at the August meeting.

The Denton County Appraisal District has completed their 2010 appraisals. While individual assessed values may have increased or decreased, the result is a 2.6% decrease in overall property values in Lakewood Village. This decrease coupled with a lack of new home construction will result in a town budget for next year that takes care of necessities but does little more. We are confident that can be done without adjusting the current tax rate.

The yield sign at the intersection of Melody and Highridge has been changed to a stop sign. The road damage at that intersection will be repaired when Stowe is repaved later this summer.

The heavy rains on July 10th illuminated the extent of storm water infiltration into the sewer system. In order to discover and patch the areas of infiltration, we will be smoke testing the sewer lines throughout The Shores during the first week of August. So don't be alarmed if you see a small amount of smoke coming from the sewer lines.

See you around the Village

Mike Schnittker
Mayor