



## *Mayor's Letter*

January 15, 2021

**HISTORY WAS MADE ON THURSDAY.** Lakewood Village got a little larger, as the Town Council unanimously approved the annexation of the LEISD property (the big triangle) at the front of Town. This area is now officially part of Lakewood Village. Next week, the School District and Sam Hill Ventures will close on the land exchange and Sam Hill will take ownership. Because the LEISD property was outside the Town, it has not been subject to any zoning. At our February meeting, we will take action on a zoning request by Sam Hill. The new zoning will align with the developer agreement we approved in April 2020. Later in February the Town Council and Sam Hill will begin detailed design work on the new entrance road, waterfall features, and Eldorado traffic lanes. I anticipate that this Spring we will again double up on our Council meetings to evaluate their plat submittal. (lot dimensions, utility locations, street intersections, parks, etc.).

Next month, we will begin negotiating a lease agreement with LEISD to use their LWV property for new athletic fields. I have asked Councilmembers Eric Farage and Matt Bissonnette to oversee the design and construction in coordination with the Lakewood Village MDD. I think it will be great amenity for us.

**ROAD UPDATE.** Paving is continuing on Carrie and Highridge. The current schedule (which is heavily dependent on the weather) has concrete planned for Wednesday - Friday to finish Carrie Lane. Because of the cold weather it is now taking approximately 12 days for the concrete to reach full strength. We are still reaching the 3000 psi threshold to open the driveways after 3-4 days. However, we cannot open the road to allow cars to drive **down the street** until it reaches full strength, and we can't work on the other lane until we put traffic on the new concrete. However, despite the weather, we are still on schedule.

While they wait for the road to reach full strength, Ed Bell will likely start on the milling and excavation of Melody Lane. The road crews want to place the base on Melody simultaneously with the excavation - they do not want Melody to be a "dirt" road in case it rains before they can get the rock down. Everyone living on Melody has had **eight months** to get your irrigation lines and any other things out of the way - once Ed Bell starts excavating, they are going to hit it fast and hit it hard.

**SEWER ISSUES.** Over the holidays we have had several sewer main blockages. Each of these was due to "disposable wipes" **that are not flushable, no matter what the packaging claims.** I understand that COVID related cleaning and hygiene is likely generating a lot more waste. It may seem like flushing it down the toilet is a better option than throwing it in a trash bag, but you just can't do that. Please stop.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTEST.** The contest is sponsored by our Lakewood Village Municipal Development District. The third place winner was 705 Stowe Lane, the second place winner was 434 Lakecrest. And the first place winner was 300 Lakecrest. Great job by everyone to brighten a dismal year.

**Now matter how big we get, we'll always be a quiet, traditional small town. There's never been a better time to be in Lakewood Village.**

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