



## *Mayor's Letter*

March 15, 2023



**WELL UPDATE.** As you are aware, our new deep well is underway. I receive a daily update from Hydro Resources, today they reported they have drilled to a depth of 740 feet. Our well will be a little over 2000 feet deep, they are making good progress and will continue to work 24/7 until they finish. The current schedule calls for the drilling phase to be complete by April 30th. At that point the process shifts to pump installation, controls and flow measurements, and TCEQ/EPA water quality testing. Final completion and town acceptance is scheduled for June 7th. Obviously with the rain and mud everywhere it is a mess at the intersection around the well. Please use caution in the area as there is a lot of equipment, vehicles, and steel pipes in motion.

In the next couple of weeks we will begin work on the tall fiberglass ground storage tanks and underground suction and fill lines to configure them for the new well. We will also be boring new conduit under Highridge to contain the new control systems and emergency power supplies.

**LAKEWOOD VILLAGE ELEMENTARY.** The latest information we have received from LEISD is that they expect design and engineering to be complete in about 10 months or in early 2024. The construction phase will take approximately 10-12 months, so we are looking at the initial start date of the school to be in the Fall of 2025.

**LAKECREST AND THE ENTRANCE.** As part of our developer agreement with First Texas, they are required to build a new town entrance with two waterfall features. The new Lakewood Village Drive will be six lanes wide at Eldorado with a traffic signal and two left turn lanes exiting. With the new traffic patterns, our thoroughfare plan calls for the removal of Lakecrest Drive west of Town Hall. **That is why it is the only portion of our concrete roads that was not rebuilt.** However, we cannot tell First Texas when to break ground - the timing is up to them - and they have decided to wait until the economy improves. We have been patiently waiting while Lakecrest gets continually worse. **We cannot wait any longer and certainly not until 2025.** Once the drilling rig is removed and the well construction is complete, we will make improvements to Lakecrest. I hate to spend money on a road that we are going to demolish, but the developers' uncertainty and safety concerns dictate that we take action.

**EASTER EGGS AND CRAWFISH.** Only in Lakewood Village. Our Easter-egg hunt is on Saturday morning April 8th at 10 a.m. followed up by our traditional Spring crawfish boil from 2 to 6 p.m. **As they do each year, the event is sponsored by Chris Cox and Touchstone Roofing.** We provide the bugs; you can help and bring a side dish or desert. 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.

**Progress can be messy, but there's never been a better time to be in Lakewood Village.**

Dr. Mark E. Vargus, Mayor