



Lakewood Village Update

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Hello Everyone,

As we all can see, the concrete road construction is in full swing. On July 11th, the first portion of Lakecrest Drive was poured, the remaining portion of the road is scheduled to be paved the week of July 21st. Prior to the concrete, the road is first milled, (grind up and remove the top road surface), and then we excavate the underlying 12 inches of soil and haul it off. We are not recycling the old road, we are doing a full reconstruction with new road base and a textile liner at the bottom to minimize any potential ground movement. We're going to do it right the first time (unlike Eldorado). The current schedule calls for a late November early December completion date. For the latest information on the project, please check the Town web page at www.lakewoodvillagetx.us.

I encourage everyone to visit our web site, it has been significantly improved due to the efforts of Councilman Clint Bushong. The Town Council recently approved software upgrades that will significantly increase our online capabilities as part of our commitment to increasing the importance of our web page. So, if you need permit information, can't sleep and want to read ordinances, or wish to catch-up on the latest LWV news, the official source of Town information is our webpage. Of course, if you can't find what you need, please call Town Hall.

Now, a quick word about social media, our webpage, and public records. As you all are aware, the Public Information Act mandates that all Towns maintain open records so that the public can view them if they wish. Different records must be retained for various terms, for example, minutes of meetings must be retained permanently, while we can recycle our monthly CoServ bill after three years. Legally, there is no difference between a paper record and an electronic one such as an email or ebill. If a Town has a social media page such as Facebook, and councilmembers reply or post information, this can trigger that those postings become official town records - which must be retained. But, suppose someone came into Town Hall and requested a screen-shot of an "official" LWV Facebook page from March 7, 2011 at 2:15pm. We have a big problem. That is why municipal attorneys across Texas, including our attorneys, all recommend that no councilmembers create or respond to any posts on social media. Therefore, we will not. Period. No matter what the posting. So, if you read about Bigfoot sightings on the LandPlan property, or high-stakes poker games at the sewer plant, just remember, there is only one source for official town information - www.lakewoodvillagetx.us.

While on the subject of official information, let me elaborate on the Town's current watering restrictions. The Town does not have a "Conserve-Water-While-the-Concrete-Roads-are-Being-Built" ordinance - all we have is the state mandated Drought Contingency Ordinance. This "model" ordinance requires the Town to take measures based on drought indicators measured over various numbers of consecutive days. However, it also allows for restrictions when there are temporary supply and demand issues. So, for example, in the heat of the summer, we aren't going to wait seven days if the main breaks, or the well pump fails - we are going to act immediately. The road construction uses water for (1) mixing with the road base for compaction, (2) dust suppression, and (3) irrigation for the new sod once the road is complete. According to Jagoe, they could use up to 50,000 gallons of water in a work day (7:30am to 4:30pm, M-F). We currently use about 40,000 gallons during the same time-period, so the total usage could be as high as 90,000 gallons during the workday. We can produce about 100,000 gallons during that same time, so we should end the work day about where we started the morning. So, if the tanks are almost full at 7:30 in the morning, then when everyone gets home from work the tanks will be full, ready for evening watering and the kid's baths. Everything should be fine, but as a precaution, we don't want you to water from 4am to 6pm - we can't ask you to delay your shower until 10am when you have to be in work by 9. To make sure the tanks are full in the morning, just don't water during the early morning and workday period. If your sprinklers are set to run

sometime between 6pm and 4am, then what you need to do is well, nothing. You don't have to change anything. At the last two council meetings, the Town Council unanimously voted to implement Stage 2(b) - no watering between 4am and 6pm. That's all - just the timing, not the amount. There is NO rationing. It's that simple. We also have a water management plan, where, if the tanks are not 75% full in the morning, Jagoe will fill up their initial tanker from the Rocky Point water system, thus allowing our tanks to completely fill. In the extremely unlikely case there are problems with both the LWV and Rocky Point systems, we have received permission from Little Elm to use their water as a last resort. However, as Little Elm, Frisco and other communities are on **real water rationing** - watering one day every two weeks - I do not plan on taking up their gracious offer to bail us out if we need it. Instead, as a final, final alternative, we have begun the process of requesting permission from TCEQ to use the clean recycled water that we dump into the lake (about 30,000 gallons a day). We have performed required additional testing and we meet the Tier 1 quality standards, thus this water would work fine mixing with the road base. We have a good plan in place, and at the end of the day, they are Lakewood Village roads, they are our responsibility, and we will get it done.

While on the subject of water, the installation of the new pressure tank, new larger booster pumps, more advanced control system, and new electronics is now complete. To put this in perspective, previously we could deliver approximately 250 gallons per minute to the Town during peak demand periods, our new pumps can now deliver 1200 GPM. We can move some serious water - which greatly improves our fire flow. We have also significantly reduced the operating range on the pressure system - while the system is still set for 65 psi, you should see much more consistent pressure. This \$97,530 project was fully funded and **paid-in-full** using our capital reserve fund.

The road construction has caused us to accelerate several infrastructure projects. First, the two inch water "main" along Lakecrest has been replaced with a new 6 inch water main, along with new fire hydrants, and new service lines to every customer. This \$102,100 project was fully funded and completely **paid-in-full** using our capital reserve fund. Second, you may have noticed the new mailbox building next to Town Hall. The old mailbox location on Hillside Drive was planned for demolition due to the new road being wider than the old road. Councilman Ken Guthrie has been the project supervisor. Construction funds have been provided by the Lakewood Village EDC. When completed next month, the building will be multi-purpose, as there will be new park benches and picnic tables to complement the playground, as well as power ports to charge your phone and new energy efficient lighting. One neat thing about the project is that the Town is purchasing the benches and tables using reward points from the Town credit card - so they will be free. I appreciate the EDC Board (President Ken Guthrie, Bill Schoknecht, Janet Fleitman, Linda Asbell, and Van Freeman) stepping up and filling this critical need.

This is just the beginning of many improvements we are working on. Next month we will be tackling the budget and the road financing. I will also have an update on the wastewater plant refurbishment that is currently underway, as well as our parks and trail system master plan. The next regular council meeting is August 14th. If you have any questions about Town issues you can contact any of our employees (they all have the same name - Linda) or just send an email to me or any council member.

Our town is *Lakewood Village*



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