



Mayor's Letter

September 15, 2022

WATER SYSTEM. The rains brought some welcome relief and it was amazing how fast our brown lawns greened up. The Bermuda grass that most of us have is very well suited for these conditions, so you really don't need to irrigate as much as you thought. However, the rain has not come back and the wells are currently running about 16-17 hours a day. This is sustainable and about what we expected if everyone irrigated on their assigned days and times. With this level of usage, the emergency water restrictions are going to continue until later in the Fall.

On Thursday I received the engineering and construction plans along with the bid documents for the new deep well. We will be sending it out to bid shortly, I expect construction to begin in late October. Along with cost, the winning bid will also be determined based on meeting our construction timetable. Unlike our current wells at 950 feet deep, for our new well the depth will be 2,000 feet. In order to obtain the water volume we need, we will have to tap into the lower trinity aquifer. This one well is designed to produce 600 gallons per minute, which is enough for the final buildout of the town. I expect the well to be operational by late Spring next year.

ROAD UPDATE. I thought I was finished with these but not quite yet. As everyone can see we are doing some repairs on Lakecrest near our entrance. This section of roadway is going to be removed when First Texas constructs our new entrance feature, stop light, and new Lakewood Village Drive. We have been waiting on them, and unfortunately, we have no idea when they will begin their development. As much as I hate spending money on a road that we will demolish, it was so bad we could not wait any longer. The new repairs will include new concrete for one side of the road to act as a hard shoulder. The north side of the road will be base. Please use caution in the area and hang in there for now.

LEISD. The bond election for new schools (which includes Lakewood Village Elementary) is scheduled for November. When the bond passes, the district will start the engineering immediately and construction would start in late summer or early next Fall. The good news is that they will construct our new entrance road and stop light if First Texas' development is not under construction.

PICNIC AND CHILI COOKOFF. The annual picnic and chili competition are scheduled for Saturday November 5th at Town hall. The event is organized and financially supported by the Lakewood Village Municipal Development District. For the little ones, the petting zoo was a great success last year, so it has been expanded for this year. More details next month.

There's never been a better time to be in Lakewood Village.

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