



## *Mayor's Letter*

October 16, 2017

*Hello Everyone,*

**THE TOWN PICNIC WAS A BIG SUCCESS.** On Saturday, October 14th we celebrated our 40 year anniversary as a Town. The event was sponsored and organized by the **Lakewood Village Municipal Development District (MDD)**, our economic development organization. There was great food, music, and even a fire engine as the Little Elm Fire Department inspired our little ones. It was a nice opportunity to meet new neighbors from throughout the village.



**I'VE HEARD MANY TIMES** the phrase “*we should do...*” or “*why doesn't someone ...*”, or “*wouldn't it be great if...*” and then ... nothing happens. I agree, often **it would be great**, the problem isn't the idea, it's that we just don't have the manpower. Linda is our only full time employee and Gary, Clint, Ed and myself are currently working on over 30 tasks including the most immediate task of obtaining trailers, drivers and the hay for the Halloween hayride. Just in the last week or so there were meetings with CoServ, potential developers, financial advisors, LEISD, LandPlan, Point Bank, surveyors and our Town Engineers as well as drafting ordinance revisions and working on the wastewater master plan. We need people to step up. **It's easy to do nothing.** That's why I am so proud of our MDD for taking responsibility and doing such a great job. Thank you to Linda Loudon for planning and organizing as well as arranging for the Fire Department's participation. Thank you to MDD President Eric Farage for your leadership and commitment to undertaking projects for the betterment of LWV. Thank you to members Darrell West, Matt Bissonnette, Dave Batchelder, Linda Asbell, and Linda Loudon for the hard work you did in setting things up, obtaining the supplies, and running the event. While “**it's easy to do nothing**”, every member of the MDD participated enthusiastically. Now with the MDD's active participation we can accomplish even more great things for Lakewood Village. You can forget “*we should do...*” and replace it with “*we will do..*”

**LEISD BOND ELECTION.** The Little Elm Independent School District has placed a bond issue on the Tuesday November 7th uniform election date. As a member of the district, I urge all Lakewood Village residents to educate themselves on the bond issue and participate. Information on the proposed bond can be found at <http://littleelmisdbond.net/> **Lakewood Village Town Hall is not a polling place for this election.** Early voting runs from October 23 - November 3rd with the closest early voting polls being the Little Elm Library (LE Town Hall) and the Copeland Govt Center in Crossroads @ US380. All Lakewood Village residents are in precinct 1025. **This means that on election day, TUESDAY, November 7th, you can only vote at Oak Point Elementary School, 401 Shahan Prairie Road in Oak Point. Yes, you have to go to the elementary school on a school day !**

**COUNCIL ACTIONS.** Following last month's 3-2 vote to **not perform** road repairs to Carrie and Highridge, I resubmitted the proposal to Council. The Council tabled the proposal until the November meeting. In other agenda items, the Council received a presentation by Impact Fee Advisory Committee member Darrell West on the proposed

<u>Council Vote on Consideration Items</u>	✔	✘
Simple Recycling Program	Unanimous	
Investment Policy	Reed, Newsome, Bushong,	Tantalo, Shields
Participation in TexPool	Reed, Newsome, Bushong,	Tantalo, Shields
Wireless Cell Towers	Unanimous	

revisions to the Town's impact fee ordinance. After upcoming mandatory publications and public hearings, the ordinance will be considered at the December council meeting. The Council engaged in various discussions (no actions) on various topics including the dark skies initiative, finance committee proposal, wastewater master plan, and preliminary financial results. The Council tabled until November the proposed amended fence ordinance.

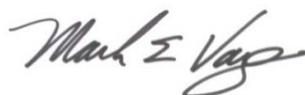
**On items where the council took action,** the Council approved the Town's participation in the Simple Recycling Program (information will be forthcoming next month). The Council also approved the updated Investment Policy, and participation in the TexPool program. In response to new legislative changes, the Council also approved a new comprehensive Wireless Network Cell Tower ordinance.

**IT'S TIME FOR THE HAYRIDE** Our tradition continues on October 31st, yes, on TUESDAY. Bring the costumed candy bandits to Town Hall at 6:00 for the hayride. Parents are welcome to ride along and there's always a trailer dedicated to our smallest trick-or-treaters in training. Golf carts are welcome to join the procession. And of course, the best candy is always at my house.

**KEY FIGURES:** For the first 15 days of October:  
 Average daily water production was 123,750 gallons or 42% of our maximum production.  
 At the sewer plant, the average daily flow was 35,905 gallons or 36% of our capacity.  
 On September 30th, after closing the books we ended our fiscal year 2017 with **\$328,190.85 in cash** (\$237,041.50 in the City's Funds, \$78,564.19 in the Utility Fund, and \$12,585.16 in the MDD)

Please drive carefully on Halloween. It's never been a ~~better~~ sweeter time to be in Lakewood Village.

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