



Mayor's Letter

May 15, 2021

THE ANNUAL CRAWFISH BOIL was on Saturday April 24th. from 2 to 6 p.m.. The event was sponsored by LWV's Chris Cox and Touchstone Roofing. We had a good turnout with many people reconnecting after a tough winter. Many thanks to our MDD Board - Linda Loudon, Robin West, Dave Batchelder, Larry King, and Linda Asbell for running the event. The next town event will be the picnic



sometime in the early fall once the weather cools down.

ROAD UPDATE. On Monday we will switch the detour route to Green Meadow and begin preparing the last section of Highridge. Also, as part of the switch we will demolish our bypass road - "Usrey Drive". The bypass road is actually on the Usrey's property and they have really helped us to save time by letting us use their side yard.

In early June, Kimley Horn engineers, Ed Bell Representatives, and myself will walk each street and create the punch list. We have not accepted any streets currently, nor have we signed off on any drainage or grading work. We will identify the cracks, dings, and sod issues that must be fixed.

FEE REDUCTIONS Periodically we review our inspection fees and make adjustments. We are required to charge fees that cover our costs on average over the long-term. However, we don't have to cover our cost on each individual service - just the aggregate. At our May 13th meeting, the Town Council unanimously approved the following changes to our permit fees: HVAC replacement **reduced from \$75 to \$25**; the \$100 fee for flatwork is **eliminated** for area's less than 250 sq. feet (still need a permit - but no fee); Irrigation permits **reduced** from \$150 to \$75. Inspections are required and still must be passed as the work must comply with our building codes. For flatwork, there are zoning restrictions on where you can pour flatwork, **so it is important that you file for a permit even though there is no fee.** Remember - you can never get a variance for something after the fact especially if you didn't submit the required permit application or call for the pre-pour inspection. **These fees are less than what we pay the inspectors,** but we don't do inspections to make money, we do them to protect you.

Get out and enjoy the warm weather. There's never been a better time to be in Lakewood Village.

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