



Mayor's Letter

May 15, 2019

Hello Everyone,

AT OUR MAY 9TH meeting our newest members joined the Town Council. Joining Clint Bushong who is serving his fourth term are Eric Farage and Matt Bissonnette. Both Eric and Matt come to the Council from our Municipal Development District (MDD) Board. Matt served as MDD Chief Financial Officer and Eric led the board as the MDD President. **Eric continues a Lakewood Village tradition** as every MDD president has served as a member of the Town Council.



THE TOWN COUNCIL AND MDD BOARD are now accepting new applications. The MDD is our economic development organization that owns and operates the Rocky Point Water System located west of Garza Road. In addition to water revenues, the MDD also collects a half-cent sales tax in the district which includes the Town and all of the unincorporated area to our north and west. **For the most recent 2018 audit, the MDD revenues were nearly \$50,000** with water system revenues of \$23,128 and sales tax collections totaling \$24,126. Currently the MDD has approximately \$30,000 in cash reserves and no debt. We are looking for volunteers who wish to participate in devising and achieving our strategic goals of bettering the village and our surroundings. **We have the financial resources; we need creative people** who wish to learn more about government and to get things done. If you have questions you can contact Linda, myself, Eric, Matt, or Acting MDD President Linda Loudon. Applications are available on the Town website. I anticipate we will begin making appointments at our June meeting after we eat my birthday cake.

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THE TOWN COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY approved a new water use policy. The policy is our attempt to impose best-use common sense limitations on our water use as we head into the summer. **Running from Memorial Day to Labor Day, the policy limits in-ground irrigation systems to even/odd restrictions.** There are no limitations on other uses - all we ask is that you be respectful of everyone's needs. We do not have a water shortage - **we just can't supply everyone in Town at the same time running twenty zones for 20 minutes starting at 11pm.** So, if you have an odd address, you can run your system on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. If you have an even address, your days are Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. By spreading it out, we can supply everyone. Can you wash your boat or car ? Sure. Can you run oscillating sprinklers on a hose ? Yes, anytime you like. Hand watering ? No problem.

But, be respectful of everyone - if you are using a sprinkler, buy an inexpensive wind-up timer for the hose so you don't accidentally leave it on all night. If you want to wash your car, boat, or golf cart, put a spray nozzle on the hose - don't leave the water running. It's all about common sense. **Be respectful of your neighbors** - don't run your irrigation systems after 5am. Allow us time to fill the storage tanks so people have ample water for their morning showers before work. The big users are the in-ground irrigation systems, and we can handle the demand as long as we spread it out. Everyone all around us has **mandatory** severe restrictions on water usage - we shouldn't need to do that. We know what to do.

ROAD UPDATE. At our meeting we received an update on the initial geotechnical analysis of the remaining roads in town. As expected, the soils under the roads in the Shores are somewhat worse than the other roads in Town. Fortunately, our previous road designs assumed that, so there will be little impact. What can we expect ? If we use the same excavate, base replacement and six-inch concrete design as our 2014 Phase-1 concrete road construction, then we can expect the following:

20-year life-expectancy = 20 heavy "garbage truck type" loads per day on that road
30-year life-expectancy = 13 heavy "garbage truck type" loads per day on that road

We currently have one garbage truck **per WEEK on the roads.** If we have **13 per DAY,** then the roads will only last 30 years. I think we will be fine. If we add another inch of concrete (~ \$300,000) then we can triple the number of heavy loads. That may be viable option for our future new entrance road since the traffic will be higher. **I am confident that the 2050 Town Council** can handle any future repair work.

KEY FIGURES: As we prepare for financing the new roads, credit rating agencies will be examining our financial performance. We are doing very well and improving each month (we have already made our 2019 bond payments). As a comparison to last year,

	15-May-18	15-May-19	Change
General Fund	\$245,581	\$300,479	\$54,898
Utility Fund	\$79,776	\$132,253	\$52,477
MDD	\$23,358	\$29,676	\$6,318
Total	\$348,715	\$462,408	\$113,693

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

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