



Mayor's Letter

May 15, 2018

Hello Everyone,

WITH THE ELECTION OVER we get back to business and welcome our new members Serena Lepley and Darrell West on board and recognize the contributions of our outgoing councilmembers. **Serena and Darrell will be sworn in and take their seats at our June 14th meeting.** As one of our LWV traditions, outgoing councilmembers Gary Newsome and Dan Tantalo received flags that were flown over the Texas Capital on Texas Independence Day. Many of our parents with small children recognize Gary as the long-time organizer and moving force behind our annual Halloween Hayride event. Over the years Gary has been involved in many many Town activities and we look forward to his continued involvement. What you might not know is that while Gary served four terms, he is the only councilmember to serve under **four different Mayors**. You also might not know that prior to going into real estate, Gary was a teacher and also a football coach. So as a special gift to Gary we decided to surprise him with an autographed football by our own Dallas Cowboy here in the village. Linda talked with La'el Collins and he very graciously agreed to sign and donate an official Dallas Cowboy NFL football and hat. It's great when doing something nice that should be easy, actually turns out to be. **Thank you #71.**



SUMMER IS HERE and that means its time to hit the water. More importantly it also means that we all need to be prepared to insure a safe and happy boating and swimming season. Given our lakeside location, everyone should be trained in basic CPR techniques. **The Town will be hosting a CPR training class on Saturday June 30th at 10am.** Children as young as 12 can participate in the training. Based on previous history our classes will fill up quickly. **Its free. It's here at Town Hall.** It can't be any easier. To reserve your spot, stop in the office, call us at 972-294-5555 or email linda@lakewoodvillagetx.us. We all need to be able to save a life. I will see you there.

THE TEMPERATURE IS OVER 90, the rain is getting sparse and the ground is going to start drying out. That's our recipe for water leaks. As you walk or drive through town if you see water running in any bar-ditch call Town Hall, or, if after hours give me a call. If you have a sprinkler system and some of the heads are next to the street, you should check them to see that they are operating correctly. Although they are in the grass, they are in the road right-of-way which means someone can drive over them – turning your sprinkler into a one-zone-geyser.

WE HAD A RECORD VOTER TURNOUT FOR OUR ELECTION. In the typical local election, the expectation is that fewer than 10 percent of voters will participate. Here in Lakewood

<i>Registered Voters</i>		<i>Voted</i>	
Lakecrest	49	27	55%
Hillside	50	27	54%
Peninsula	62	38	61%
Parkwood	22	10	45%
Shoreline	1	1	100%
Highridge	38	26	68%
Meadowlake	36	20	56%
Woodcrest	10	6	60%
Melody	52	26	50%
Carrie	65	55	85%
Stowe	45	30	67%
TOTAL	430	266	62%
<i>Shores</i>	<i>162</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>68.5%</i>
<i>Village</i>	<i>268</i>	<i>155</i>	<i>57.8%</i>

Village **we had 266 citizens vote** by mail and in person. We have 430 registered, eligible voters here in the village when you delete those people who no longer live here. **That works out to a 62 percent participation rate.** For fun, I broke down our voter roll based on the streets. Carrie leads the pack with the most registered voters and the highest number of people who voted – an amazing 85 percent. And in case you were wondering the Shores has the higher voter rate, but only about one-third of the eligible voters. This means that in LWV the whole town participates and you can't focus on just one small part. **We are one town.**

Having a high voter turnout is very important for us. Its easy to think that we are so small it won't matter in the area elections outside the Town. But that isn't true! Let me explain. Oak Point had 623 voters out of 2,454 registered voters which equates to 25 percent. **In Little Elm, there are 19,384 registered voters, but only 1,195 voted, which is only 6 percent.** What does that mean to us ? In the LEISD election, there were 2,282 votes cast. But only 1,195 came from Little Elm, that's barely half. So even though Little Elm has seven times the number of registered voters as LWV and Oak Point, because they don't vote, we can have a potentially huge influence in the election.

OUR FIRST CRAWFISH BOIL WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. The event was hosted on April 22nd by Chris and Aileen Cox and sponsored by Authority Roofing. Authority generously paid for all of the food, tables, and the entertainment with music, balloon twisters, and an amazing face painter. It was a really nice way for everyone to come together in a casual setting and eat, talk, and meet new neighbors.

KEY FIGURES: As a comparison to last year,

On May 15, 2017 the Town had \$244,132 in deposits at Point Bank.

Today, May 15, 2018, we have **\$380,924** in the bank.

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

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