

Somewhere in the Middle

Construction season is in full swing! Contractors hired by the County for the improvements to County Road 4 continue to make progress on the reconstruction of the road and City watermain. Obviously getting around town has been a bit challenging, but your patience is appreciated, and our businesses appreciate your continued support. As always, construction updates and information are posted to both the County and City's websites and are also shared on the City's Facebook page on Tuesdays and Thursdays, if you'd like to follow along.

Staff has a few other projects in the works for this year. Council recently awarded a bid to Magney Construction for the rehabilitation of Lift Station #3, which is located on the west shore of Lake Fremont. Lift #3 was constructed in 1974 and we're finding that parts are deteriorating, and replacement parts are getting harder to come by. Work on that project should begin within the next few weeks. The Council has also approved the replacement of the emergency warning siren near Zimmerman Home and Garden for the same reason. The installation of that equipment should be nearly complete. Finally, Council wants to make sure that our residents and their guests can enjoy Lake Fremont this summer season. We've contracted with a local vendor to cut navigation channels through weeds on the lake to allow for easier access.

The City is still looking for residents to fill vacant seats on the City Park Board, Planning Commission and Economic Development Authority. The application deadline has been extended twice with very little response, which is disappointing. These committees are instrumental in shaping the future of our City. You'll find a QR code inside this newsletter that will take you right to the application form and we will continue accepting applications until our committee openings are filled.

With everything happening around town—from construction projects to fun community events—it's easy to see that Zimmerman is growing and changing, while still holding on to the things that make it feel like home. We really are somewhere in the middle: not too big, not too small, but just the right mix of progress and small town spirit. I'm excited for what's ahead, and grateful to be a part of the progress we're making.

~ Mike