



City of Irving City Manager's Report

October 11, 2006

Projects/Activities Updates

Drought Update – The recent rains have been a welcome change, but have had no measurable impact on the water level at Lake Chapman. The water level is almost 16 feet below normal pool elevation. North Texas Municipal Water District is preparing plans and permits to dredge the channel leading to the inlet works at Lake Chapman to maximize the amount of water available for use. This operation should begin in the November/December timeframe. After the completion of this dredging, it is expected that water will continue to be drawn from Lake Chapman until approximately next April if no significant rains occur. Staff has met with Dallas officials to determine the best means of supplying the necessary water in the event of a continued drought. Consideration is being given to increasing water conservation measures. This situation will be carefully monitored, and periodic updates will be provided.

Construction Permits – Irving has experienced a very strong year for new construction. For the fiscal year ending September 30, the Inspections Department reports a total permit valuation of \$597 million. This is the second highest total in the history of Irving. Several multifamily projects in the Las Colinas Urban Center and the La Villita development contributed largely to this total, but single-family construction in South Irving was also strong. Two hundred and six new residential permits with a total valuation of nearly \$32 million were issued for South Irving this year.

Time Warner Cable – Time Warner has advised the city that the company is in negotiations with several stations, including KDFW Fox 4 and KDFI My27, about the carriage of the two channels on their cable system line-up. Although the city has no jurisdiction over these types of contractual matters, Time Warner wanted the city to be aware that there was a possibility that the carriage of these two channels may be discontinued. The two entities are continuing negotiations.

Resident Survey – About 12,000 randomly selected Irving households will receive a survey in the mail this November that solicits input regarding city services. Residents not selected for the random survey can provide their input beginning Nov. 15 by completing the survey online at www.ci.irving.tx.us. Survey results will be presented to the City Council and printed in the February issue of *City Spectrum*. The last resident survey was conducted in 2004.

Recognitions/Awards

Irving Community Television Network (ICTN) – At the Texas Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (TATOA) annual conference held in San Antonio on Sept. 21-22, ICTN took first-place awards in the Education/Instruction/Training category for *Irving Police – Build a Future* (recruitment video) and in the Promotion/Public Service Announcement category for *What Can You Do with Two Hours* (library profile video). The station was awarded second place for *Overall Excellence* and *Stories into America*, and third-place awards went to *Irving: Game of the Week, Profiles* (George Primo), and *Vida Hispana* (Spanish language).

Upcoming Events/Activities

ICTN 25th Anniversary Reception – Join ICTN on October 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the ICTN Studio, 233 S. Rogers Road, for a special reception celebrating 25 years of award-winning television programming.

Pet Adopt-a-Thon – The first city Pet Adopt-a-Thon will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. October 21 at the Animal Shelter at 100 N. Briery Road. There will be numerous pets to adopt at reduced prices as well as informational booths, food, musical entertainment and games. This event will promote our continuing efforts to reduce the number of stray and unwanted animals in the city, and to make a reasonable effort to find quality homes for animals that have been impounded.