



News for residents of
Lake Quivira, Kansas
First Quarter 2022

Mayor's Message

City Council Invites Participation from Residents

This marks the second issue of ongoing quarterly communications from your city government. We concluded 2021 with a flurry of activity and that has continued through the first quarter. As you can tell from the information that follows, your City Council has been busy working on a number of key initiatives that will shape the future of Lake Quivira, but we need input from our residents. We invite you to attend monthly City Council meetings or reach out to me and other councilmembers with questions, comments and concerns. We are better together and benefit from open exchange of ideas and dialogue.



Mayor Brady Lilja

Dam/Spillway Project Evaluation Continues - The Dam and Spillway Committee has narrowed the focus of the dam/spillway improvements plan. Future options will maintain our current configuration with the west spillway serving as the primary spillway and the east spillway as the backup. The Council has engaged Olsson Engineering to expand its review and provide engineering estimates to replace the west spillway. The evaluation will look at options to increase the spillway's outflow capacity and will review the existing layout of Lakeshore Drive at the spillway to improve the turning radius at that intersection.

The Committee will be looking into federal bridge funding options to determine if a portion of the project is eligible for funding. In addition, the Committee will continue discussions on financing options and how to stage the work to best meet the availability of funds. Olsson Engineering will present the next round of engineering results at the May 2 Council Meeting.

Have You Noticed Our Street Signage Improvements? - We inadvertently left this key update out of our 2021 year-end roundup issue. City Councilmember Gayle Best and City Administrator/Treasurer Erin Leckey led an effort to replace deteriorating street signage on roadways outside of the gate. They researched our options and then drew on an experienced City of Shawnee crew, who installed new breakaway-style signage during the 4th quarter. The new signs are a dramatic improvement.



Roadway Improvements Completed - The City has repaired two guardrails that were damaged during the winter season: a large guardrail on Renner Road just south of the Q Inc. maintenance yard, and a smaller one on Holliday Drive just west of the gas pumps.

Seeking Community Input on Land Purchase - In January, the Council established a new Land Committee that will solicit feedback from the community on options for the 40- acre land acquired by the City at the end of 2021. The property adjoins the southwest border of Lake Quivira, located just south of the Spirit of Avalon house on Renner Road.

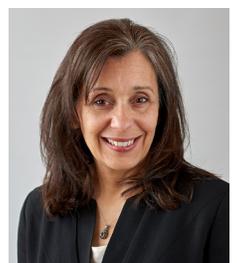
The City acquired the property to safeguard Lake Quivira's border, enhance our green space, and protect our water shed. The Council invites you to join the discussion and welcomes your ideas or recommendations on how to utilize this exciting new addition to the community.

City Boundary Survey Underway - A city boundary survey will be completed in April. This process has presented some challenges, particularly in acquiring accurate survey information for portions of city-owned property, roads and dams. More accurate boundary information will help the City better determine responsibility for property ownership and plan for future repairs, maintenance and other upkeep.

City Council Personnel and Training Update

Welcome New Council Member Angela Gupta - Angela Gupta was sworn in as our new councilmember in February and is engaged on the Land Committee. Angela and husband Jim Leonard moved to Lake Quivira 25 years ago.

After graduating from KU and the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, Angela returned to Kansas City, where she has practiced law in various capacities over the last 30 years. She currently works as a mediator, arbitrator, and independent investigator with Associates in Dispute Resolution, LLC. Angela believes her legal background and problem-solving skills will be an asset to the Council.



Angela Gupta

Jake Heller Named Lake Quivira Building Official – Former Lake Quivira resident Jake Heller has begun serving in the part-time position as Building Official, a role previously held by Chief of Police Fred Grenier. Fred continues to serve as Chief of Police and while helping Jake transition into his new role.



Jake Heller

Jake is responsible for administering building permits issued by the City for new construction and renovation projects. He is a resource for applicants in completing necessary forms, meeting timelines and attending required meetings. He also participates in the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals meetings.

City Council Completes Sunshine Laws Training – During the first quarter, your councilmembers completed a training program on Sunshine Laws, including KOMA (Kansas Open Meetings Act) and KORA (Kansas Open Records Act). These laws were enacted to ensure the public has access to governmental records and the deliberative decision-making process of elected officials. The training is designed to help City officials adhere to regulations requiring transparency and disclosure.

Mark Your Calendar for Key Events in April

Pet Immunization Day, April 2, 1 to 4 pm – The Lake Quivira Garden Club is sponsoring the annual Pet Immunization Clinic at The Q on Saturday, April 2, in collaboration with Bethel Animal Hospital. Take advantage of this convenient and cost-effective opportunity to make sure your dog and cats get their proper immunizations. As a reminder, the City requires residents to register their dogs by May 1 each year. Look for more information in your black box or contact Teresa Redslingshafer at 913-544-3456.



City Union Mission Donation, Friday, April 22 – A City Union Mission truck will begin picking up donations early Friday morning. Please place donated items out by 7 am for curbside pickup. Refer to the list of acceptable and unacceptable items on the black box flyer or on the City’s website.

Waste Management Large Item Pickup, April 23 – Large items must be curbside by 7 am for pickup by Waste Management trucks. Refer to the list of acceptable and unacceptable items on the black box flyer or on the City’s website.

Fred Braun Day, April 23 – April has arrived and it is time for Spring cleaning. Get involved by joining us for Fred Braun Day festivities on April 23. The City established Fred Braun Day in April 2016, just weeks before Fred’s death. Each April since then, citizens have come together to honor and carry on the legacy of this active resident who had a significant impact on our community.



Ernie Block

Fred Braun

Since the early 1960s, Fred single handedly logged countless hours picking up trash, planting trees, and doing whatever to keep our city green and clean. To honor Fred and his spirit and to acknowledge Earth Day on April 21, we encourage you to join in on April 23 and help to clean up our community.

Fred Braun Day starts at 9 am at the Pavilion with a brief ceremony, registration, and team assignments. At 9:30 am, teams will disperse to focus on picking up trash in their assigned areas: on each trail, key streets, parks, and dam areas. Teams will meet back at the Pavilion around 11:30 to conclude the event with lunch featuring grilled hot dogs and your own potluck side dishes.

Arbor Day, April 29 – Join us on Arbor Day, April 29, as we celebrate our trees! We will acknowledge the importance of trees to our community and dedicate a tree on this special day. Congrats to Lake Quivira for being recognized once again as a Tree City USA. Lake Quivira first earned that designation in 1995.

Lake Quivira City Council

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City Clerk / Court Administrator Kathy Bounds
Chief of Police Fred Grenier
Building Official Jake Heller
City Judge Dan Parker

City Council meetings are held at City Hall on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm.