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Mayor's Address 'State of the Cities'

6th Annual Flower Mound, Highland Village, Lewisville Chamber Luncheon

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Flower Mound Mayor Jody Smith, left, Lewisville Mayor Gene Carey and Highland Village Mayor Dianne Costa, spoke at the 6th annual Mayor's Address of the Cities Luncheon on Tuesday at the Hilton Garden Inn in Lewisville.

The mayors from Flower Mound, Highland Village and Lewisville came together on Tuesday for the 6th annual Mayor's State of the Cities luncheon in Lewisville. It was a joint effort with the Flower Mound and Lewisville Chambers of Commerce and the Highland Village Business Association.

All three mayors provided updates for each of their municipalities.

Flower Mound Mayor Jody Smith highlighted The River Walk at Central Park Development, the town's 3-percent crime rate decrease and creating smoking and tree ordinances.

Smith added that projects on the horizon for Flower Mound include the construction of Fire Stations No. 4 and 5 to be located in Bridlewood and the Lakeside Business District area, respectively.

She said the town is prospering even with the ailing national economy.

"All of us here in this community are facing a very difficult economic year, but I think all of us are facing a really great position," Smith said. "It's great to be in Texas and it's absolutely wonderful to be in north Texas. It's even better to be in Denton County, because we are surviving where others are not."

Highland Village Mayor Dianne Costa said the city has remained positive about the national economic crisis affecting Denton County.

"While we're not insulated from what's happening [in the economy], we have strong, good, ethical and moral values in businesses," she said. "We can work together to get through these trying times."

Costa said that like the Town of Flower Mound, the city of Highland Village has not had to make any cutbacks due to the national recession.

"Because we worked with a 'back to the basic attitude,' we made sure we had funds to balance these economic times," she said.

Highlights Costa noted for 2008 included the construction of Highland Village's Fire Station and the Veteran's Monument at the Highland Village Municipal Complex.