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L A K E W O O D S U R V E Y S A Y S

One of the most important things that the City Council does is gather citizen input about the way Lakewood residents want their community to look and run. The Council provides many ways for citizens to share their thoughts and ideas including the public comment period during Council meetings, City Talk, Coffee with the Mayor as well as e-mail, phone calls, and the many public meetings Council members frequently attend. However, there are times when the Council wants to take a more scientific approach to gathering citizen's opinions.

In May, the City Council decided to do a community survey to help better understand citizen priorities and opinions on issues, and evaluate the City's performance in a variety of program areas like public safety and parks. The Council commissioned the firm of Evans/McDonough Company (EMC) to conduct a survey of Lakewood residents (18 years or older). EMC conducted a random sample phone survey of 400 residents. Based on the sample size the margin of error for the overall results is +/- 4.9 percentage points. The phone survey was conducted by trained interviewers during the middle of June.

EMC reported the survey results to the Council at the end of July. Some key findings from the survey were:

- Crime is a top issue for residents
- A majority of residents think that the City's financial health is positive
- A majority of residents give the City a good rating on almost all of the services listed in the survey
- Two thirds of residents would support a bond to build a Police Station

More Results

The Council wanted to gather information that would help them when it comes to setting priorities in the upcoming 2005/06 budget. To help the Council meet the needs of Lakewood residents the survey asked about some key City service areas.

67% of those polled believe that Lakewood is headed in the right direction. Many (24%) indicated that crime is the most important problem facing the City. Another 12% felt that improving traffic and roads is the most important problem that Lakewood needs to address.

When prioritizing services, Lakewood residents rank reducing the crime rate and maintaining roads and sidewalks the highest followed closely by funding social services (such as help for the homeless and elderly); preventing toxic algae bloom in local lakes; and maintaining parks, trails and open space.

68% of residents gave the City a positive rating on the job Lakewood is doing maintaining parks and 60% gave the City a positive rating on the job it is doing to maintain roads. However, only 47% felt that the City was doing a good job of providing recreation programs.

Business in Lakewood

The City Council is a strong supporter of creating a positive climate for businesses in Lakewood and wanted to know how residents feel about Lakewood's business climate.

59% of those polled feel that Lakewood has a positive business climate and 62% feel that the business climate has improved during the past three years.

To keep up on the latest happenings in Lakewood, sign up to receive City Happenings. City Happenings is the City's bi-weekly mini-newsletter published every other Friday. You can subscribe on-line at www.cityoflakewood.us in the News section.

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COUNCIL WILL ASK VOTERS TO BUILD A POLICE STATION

The new Lakewood Police Department will be working out of temporary quarters spread out in three different locations when they begin operations this fall. In order to maintain the efficiency of the Department and to provide the best possible public access to the Police, Lakewood will need a permanent police station that can house the entire Department in one location.

For the next two years the Police will work out of space in City Hall, leased space at the Lakewood Industrial Park and the Pierce County Precinct on 112th Street SW. The City has a two year lease with both the Lakewood Industrial Park and Pierce County. The two year time frame is based on the lease term that the County provided to the City on the Precinct. Because of this time constraint, the City will need to

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COUNCIL CONNECTION

COUNCIL WILL ASK VOTERS TO BUILD A POLICE STATION

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have a police station ready by January 2007.

A dedicated police station is also extremely important to maintaining efficient police operations. A central station will allow for the best flow of information and cooperation between Officers and the different divisions within the Department. It also creates a central location for citizens.

The architect hired by the City indicates that the police station will need to be 31,000 square feet. The estimated cost of building a police station is \$10.8 million. City staff and the Council have been working with a citizens advisory group, representing a broad cross-section of the community, that has helped review the proposed size of the station to insure that it is only as large as necessary. The citizen advisory group has also helped identify building design and site selection criteria that are important for the community.

The new Police Department will cost the City considerably less than continuing to contract with Pierce County. The new Department's budget is about 60% of the City's General Fund operating budget. The City maintains a strong financial base, but lacks the funds to take on large capital projects like building a police station.

So that the station can be delivered in time, the Council will ask Lakewood voters at the November general election to vote on the passage of a \$7 million bond to build the police station. The remaining \$3.8 million dollars of the estimated \$10.8 million project will likely be funded with monies the City has received from a drug seizure property sale and the remaining funds in the City's capital budget.

The \$7 million voter approved bond would be paid back by a property tax increase of approximately \$25 per year for the owner of a \$150,000 home. The Council believes this is an important investment for the citizens of Lakewood to make in our Police Department and hopes that the voters will agree in November.

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

Please Join us for Coffee with the Mayor the second Friday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at the St. Clare Hospital Resource Center. Coffee with the Mayor is a great way to find out about the latest developments in Lakewood. Coffee with the Mayor is an informal forum that lasts an hour. It occasionally features a guest speaker and always includes time for questions and comments.



Lakewood City Council

Pictured left to right. Top row - Pad Finnigan, Helen McGovern (Deputy Mayor), Doug Richardson (Mayor), Walter Neary. Bottom row - John Arbeeney, Bill Harrison, Claudia Thomas.

LAKWOOD THANKS VOLUNTEERS

One of the City's biggest success stories is the way citizens volunteer their time and energy to make our community a better place to live and work.

Each year the City recognizes the work of our volunteers. This year, Lakewood held an appreciation luncheon on August 5 to thank the 365 volunteers who work with the City. More than 100 were able to attend.

The City Council wishes that we could personally thank all of those people who volunteer to make our City a great place. We want everyone to know that volunteers make a difference.

If you want to get involved as a volunteer, contact the City at 589-2489.

COUNCIL GETS READY FOR THE 2005-06 BUDGET

The City Council is gearing up for the next biennial budget process. The City is on a two-year or biennial budget system. Staff has already started the budget process by compiling their work plans and budget estimates. The City Manager will present the Council with a recommended 2005-06 budget by October 1. The Council will then hold a series of workshops to review the proposed budget. These workshops are open to the public, and the Council encourages citizens to attend and participate in the process. In addition to the public workshops, the Council will hold a public hearing on the budget in November prior to its adoption.

Establishing the City's budget is one of the Council's most important responsibilities and we want Lakewood citizens to be part of that process. Watch for information on upcoming public meetings as well as updates in City Happenings and the City's website.

City Talk - Your chance to talk with the City Council every Thursday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Mayor Doug Richardson or another Council member is available to meet one-on-one with Lakewood residents. You don't need an appointment, so just stop by City Hall and share your ideas and suggestions with the City Council.

You can e-mail Council members at council@ci.lakewood.wa.us.

CITY MANAGER'S CLIPBOARD

LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE NOW ONLINE

The City's Municipal Code is now available online at our website, www.cityoflakewood.us. Hard copies of the Code are available at the Library and City Hall, but the online version is easy to access and easy to search. Check it out!

CHIP SEAL PROBLEMS FIXED IN JUNE

In June, the combination of hot weather, heavy traffic, and an excess of oil from an earlier chip seal application worked to create a sticky mess on sections of 100th Street, Bridgeport Way and South Tacoma Way. This problem is known as "flushing," where asphalt from earlier chip seal treatments is pumped to the surface.

Immediate action was taken to solve the problem. The City of Lakewood worked with Pierce County Public Works to improve traction and blot the asphalt by sanding the affected streets. Speed limits were lowered to minimize safety hazards. The City Council adopted an emergency Resolution at the Council meeting on June 21 which allowed the City to move forward quickly to hire contractors to apply a new asphalt overlay to permanently solve the problem.

Crews ground out the failing chip seal in the wheel paths of some impacted areas and all areas received a full asphalt overlay. The impacted streets made up less than three miles of Lakewood's approximately 200 miles of streets. Roadwork began on Wednesday, June 23 and paving was completed by Sunday, June 27.

Follow-up work includes adjusting utility lids to the top of the new asphalt overlay, striping and pavement markings and repair to traffic signal detectors taken out of service during construction. All follow-up work should be completed by the end of August.

LAKEWOOD'S NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT BEGINS OPERATIONS THIS FALL

Lakewood has laid out the plan for transition from police services provided by the Pierce County Sheriffs Department to the new Lakewood Police Department (LPD). The plan calls for LPD to take over responsibility for policing half of the City in September including traffic patrols and the School Resource Officers (who will be ready to go when school begins). LPD will take over responsibility for policing the entire City in November.

A number of additional Officers will start work in August to prepare for the initial September transfer. The Department will continue to steadily bring on more Officers leading up to the November hand off.

When development of the transition plan began, Lakewood expected to take over policing duties on or

near December 31. However, because of the complicated nature of this transfer, the City believes that an earlier transition date of November creates a cushion of time between the end of the County contract, which expires on December 31 and the take-over of policing duties. This time cushion covers any possibility that the new Department needs extra time to execute the transition.



Scott Rohlf,
City Manager

During this transition period, the citizens of Lakewood can expect the same high policing standards to which they have become accustomed during the past eight years.

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Customer service, teamwork, productivity - these are the cornerstones of the ideals Lakewood expects of its employees. Lakewood is extremely fortunate to have individuals of the highest quality working for the City.

It is important for us to recognize the performance of our staff members and we try to do so in many ways. One way we recognize and celebrate outstanding performance is through the Employee of the Quarter award. Each quarter employees are nominated and one is selected to receive this recognition. For Spring 2004 the Employee of the Quarter is Desiree Brown, Transportation Division Manager, Public Works Department.

Desiree has been working for the City of Lakewood since July 2002 and was promoted to Transportation Division Manager in January. Her primary job responsibilities are overseeing the planning, design, and construction of transportation-related projects including roadways, signals, and sidewalks.

Desiree says that Lakewood is a great place to work, "The best thing about working for the City of Lakewood is the staff - especially in my department. Everyone in my department is not only skilled, but motivated and eager to do anything to get the job done. And even more importantly, each and every member of the department supports each other. I have worked for other government entities, and I am amazed at how much the City gets done, overall, with the relatively few staff we have."

Desiree was recognized for the outstanding work she has done this past quarter including overseeing the emergency repairs to the failed chip seal on Lakewood's busiest roads. Thanks to Desiree's hard work, the problem was fixed in record time and came in below the estimated costs.

LAKEWOOD'S PROMISE

CLOVER PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT AND MCNEIL ISLAND CORRECTIONAL CENTER PARTNERS IN KEEPING LAKEWOOD'S PROMISE

On June 14, 2004, Clover Park School District became the second school district in Pierce County to formally affiliate with Lakewood's Promise and America's Promise—The Alliance for Youth. The District has been an active partner in Lakewood's Promise ever since the community kick-off celebration in May 1998. The unanimous vote of the Board of Directors to formalize this relationship came in response to the effort to create numerous Institutions of Promise throughout the community. The School District will build community awareness and support for programs based on the belief that every child needs and deserves these Five Promises:

- Ongoing relationships with caring adults—parents, tutors, mentors, coaches;
- Safe places with structured activities during non-school hours;
- A healthy start for a healthy future;
- Marketable skills through effective education; and
- Opportunities to give back through community service.

McNeil Island Correctional Center (MICC) became the first correctional institute to affiliate with Lakewood's Promise at an official signing ceremony on July 21. MICC is recognized for their award-winning work being done at McNeil to connect incarcerated fathers with their children and break the cycle of crime, conviction and incarceration which can become a natural progression for the children of incarcerated men. MICC sponsors a variety of programs both at the Correctional Center and in partnership with youth-serving agencies in Lakewood.

CLOVER PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT



Save the date for Clover Park School District's Kick-Off Breakfast!

You're invited to Clover Park School District's annual Kick-Off Breakfast on Tuesday, Sept. 7. The breakfast will be held at Clover Park High School and begins at 7:30 a.m.

With a theme of "Believe it...they'll achieve it," this annual event brings employees, students and community members together to celebrate the beginning of the school year and the accomplishments our students will make.

Participants will enjoy a continental breakfast, a brief program and an opportunity to catch up over the summer with teachers, students and neighbors.

Parking is available in Clover Park High School's parking lot on 112th St. and carpooling is encouraged. See you there!

Pick up a book....Summer is a great time to read!

There are only a few weeks left for students to participate in the Superintendent's Summer Reading Challenge!

Students who read five or more books from the Superintendent's Summer Reading List (available at www.cloverpark.k12.wa.us) at their grade level or above and who send a brief (one paragraph) book review highlighting if they would recommend the book to others and why for each book read, will receive special recognition at the Kick-Off Breakfast on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

In addition to special recognition, names of participants will be placed into a drawing for a special prize from the superintendent. One prize will be given at each grade level.

Book reviews must be received no later than Monday, Aug. 30 and can be mailed to: The Superintendent, Clover Park School District, 10903 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, Lakewood, WA 98499.

YOUTH COUNCIL

The Lakewood City Council is advised by the Lakewood Youth Council about issues affecting Lakewood's youth. The Youth Council acts as a liaison between youth and the City Council. Lakewood has had a Youth Council in various forms since our incorporation, but in the last few years the size and scope of the Youth Council has grown.

Youth Council members are chosen from among high school students from the four high schools serving Lakewood - Clover Park, Lakes, Alternatives for Individuals (AI) and Steilacoom.

The members of the Youth Council participate in many City events and programs. They also share their input with the Council about what is important to Lakewood's young people.

The City would like to thank the outgoing members of the 2003/04 Council for their service. 2003/04 Youth Council Members were: Diana Archambault, Alexandra Battersby, Syretta Brown, Tyler Burns, Ria Johnson, Gena Kim, Taishawna Meyers, Cristina Sepe.



Members of the 2004/05 Lakewood Youth Council

The incoming members of the 2004/05 Youth Council are: Megan Clift, Alexandria Hunter, Yunhee Choi, Helen Kang, Phillip Barton, Sean Cenotto, Sarah Peppers, Mac Sample, Fallon Douglas, Jennifer Alley, Tolo Gisa, Abdullah Rauf, Toie Chatters, Wayne Throckmorton, Ria Johnson, Alexandra Battersby.

Lakewood is incredibly proud of our young people and we are very fortunate that these students are volunteering their time and efforts to our community.



Representatives from Lakewood, Steilacoom and Pierce County break ground on the Fort Steilacoom Park improvements at Summerfest on July 10.

PIERCE TRANSIT CHANGES SOME LAKEWOOD ROUTES

After an extensive review and public outreach effort, Pierce Transit is making changes to some of its Lakewood routes to better serve Lakewood riders. Listed below are some of the changes that will take place beginning September 26.

- New Route 2 (South 19th Street/Bridgeport) will combine Route 27 (S. 19th Street) and Route 200 (Bridgeport) into single service. Weekday service will operate every 15 minutes and night and weekend service will run every thirty minutes.
- Route 204 (Lakewood-Parkland) will increase operations to every 15 minutes during weekday hours and begin service on Saturday one hour earlier.
- Route 210 (Downtown Tacoma-Tacoma Mall-Lakewood) will increase operations to every 15 minutes

during weekday commute hours and retain thirty minute schedules during the middle of the day.

Council member Bill Harrison represents Lakewood residents on Pierce Transit's governing board. More information about Pierce Transit services is available by visiting www.piercetransit.org.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT UPDATES

- Gravelly Lake Dr./Steilacoom Blvd. realignment is now under way, realigning Gravelly Lake Drive to tie into Steilacoom Blvd. at a 90 degree angle to eliminate the traffic bottleneck. Completion is expected by the end of the year.
- The Kline St. sidewalk project is under way. The project runs from the west side of Kline from 108th St. to Pacific Street and is expected to be complete by end of August.
- The Gravelly Lake Dr./Nyanza Rd. stormwater quality project will begin in September and should be complete by the end of October. The project is located at intersection of Gravelly Lake Drive and north end of Nyanza Rd and will clean up stormwater runoff before it discharges in to Clover Creek.
- The Leschi Rd. flood control project will begin in September and be completed by the end of October. The project is located in the 7900 block of Leschi Rd. and will eliminate the localized flooding problem.
- The Short Lane improvements project will run along the west side of Short Ln. from 104th St. to Lake Steilacoom Drive. Construction is slated for this fall.

For more information on these or other projects, contact the Public Works Departments, 983-7795.



PARKS & RECREATION

FALL RECREATION PROGRAMS

Tillicum After School Program: The Parks & Recreation Department will be back at Tillicum Elementary this fall to provide after school recreational activities for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders beginning in October. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:40 – 4:40 p.m. we'll provide arts & crafts, games, sports and a snack to keep everyone busy. Special sports clinics will be incorporated into the program and will feature soccer and basketball skills. Registration is required and the forms will be available in the school's main office in mid-September. This program is made possible by funding through a federal Weed & Seed grant.

Woodbrook Late Nite Program: This new program will be held on Friday nights from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. beginning in October. It will feature open gym, arts & crafts, board games and other activities. Homework help will be available, a youth counselor will also be on staff and guest speakers will be scheduled to discuss issues and topics that are relevant to teens such as drug and alcohol abuse, dating violence, peer pressure, etc. ONLY Woodbrook students may attend. This program is funded through a federal Weed & Seed grant.

Gravity Sports – Winter Edition: The Parks & Recreation Department in partnership with the Clover Park School District is working with several ski areas to offer a Friday evening snow boarding, snow blading, and skiing program for middle school students. The buses will leave after school starting in January and the program will run for 6 to 8 weeks. Rental packages will be available through several local retail outlets and we are negotiating with the ski areas for the best lift prices. If you are a middle school student, and interested in heading to the mountains, contact the parks and recreation department for more information – 589-2489. Registration for the program will begin in October.

Youth Basketball: Volunteer coaches are needed for the Youth Basketball League that will begin in December. If you are interested in coaching a team, please contact Dennis Higashiyama at 589-2489.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Join us on October 23 for National Make A Difference Day as we give back to our neighborhoods through community service. Last year the Lakewood Youth Advisory Council mobilized youth from throughout the community to work on a number of projects including First Books of Lakewood, Kiwanis "Bicycles from Heaven", Lakewood Healthcare Center, the Lakewood Senior Center and a variety of beautification projects. Mark the date on your calendar! If you would like to participate contact Dennis Higashiyama at 589-2489 or any Youth Advisory Council member for more information.

FORT STEILACOOM PARK IMPROVEMENTS UNDER WAY

The Fort Steilacoom Park Improvement project began in July. Dirt was moved at a ceremonial ground breaking on July 11 at the City's SummerFEST celebration. Backhoes are now doing the real thing. We are excited that after three years of planning this \$2 million dollar improvement project has begun.

The improvements will include rehabilitating the current baseball diamonds and adding two brand new baseball diamonds, creating a new parking lot near the children's play area and turf and irrigation improvements which will add three new full sized soccer fields to the three current fields which are overlaid on the baseball fields. We will also beautify the entryway and add ADA accessible pathways throughout the park.

Supplemental project support includes a new restroom building donated by Partners for Parks and a new Children's Playground coordinated by the Lakewood Rotary Club. Financial support is also being provided by a grant from the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation and a financial contribution from the Town of Steilacoom, our neighbors to the west. The majority of the funding is being provided by Pierce County and the City of Lakewood.

Fort Steilacoom Park, a regional facility managed by Pierce County Parks and Recreation, is the most popular park in Lakewood. Citizens created a long list of needed improvements at a series of community meetings held over the past few years. The City of Lakewood and Pierce County have worked hard to make these dreams become a reality.

COMMUNITY WILL BUILD PLAYGROUND AT FORT STEILACOOM PARK

The Lakewood Rotary Club, with support from local service clubs and organizations, has organized a community-wide effort to design, fund and build a new playground at Fort Steilacoom Park. The existing play equipment is approximately 30 years old and in very poor condition.

Leathers and Associates, the primary contractors, met with hundreds of kids at local schools to hear their ideas of what to include in the park. A preliminary design was presented to the public at "Design Day" on June 8, 2004, at Custer Elementary School. Volunteers will work to secure donations and funding throughout the year as well as support for the actual construction next June.

Anyone interested in volunteering please contact dave@generalaviationnews.com. More information can be found at www.parkplayground.blogspot.com.

Lifeguards will be at Harry Todd Park and American Lake Park until the end of the summer swim season on Labor Day, September 6. They will be on duty every day unless weather conditions dictate otherwise. Lifeguards are there for your safety and require your cooperation for a safe swimming environment. Remember lifeguards are not a replacement for responsible adult supervision.

Recreation Instructors Wanted!

Do you have a skill or talent you would like to share? The City is developing a new community recreation program. We are looking for experienced instructors to work with youth, adults and seniors. Contact Dennis Higashiyama, 589-2489, to discuss this exciting new opportunity in Lakewood.



LAKEWOOD'S "RAISING THE BAR" PROGRAM NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED

After noticing an increase in violent crime in the City's liquor-licensed establishments, the Lakewood Police Department, in collaboration with the Washington State Liquor Control Board, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, Lakewood Fire Department, local business owners and My Service Mind, an Asian based service provider, initiated "Raising the Bar" in 2003. The program works to bring crime prevention best practices to bars and taverns in Lakewood while ensuring that businesses are conforming to fire safety codes and liquor laws.

Raising the Bar has received national attention and Lakewood has been asked to train other jurisdictions on this innovative program. The Department of Justice invited Lakewood to share the program at their National Weed & Seed Law Enforcement Conference and the National Liquor Law Enforcement

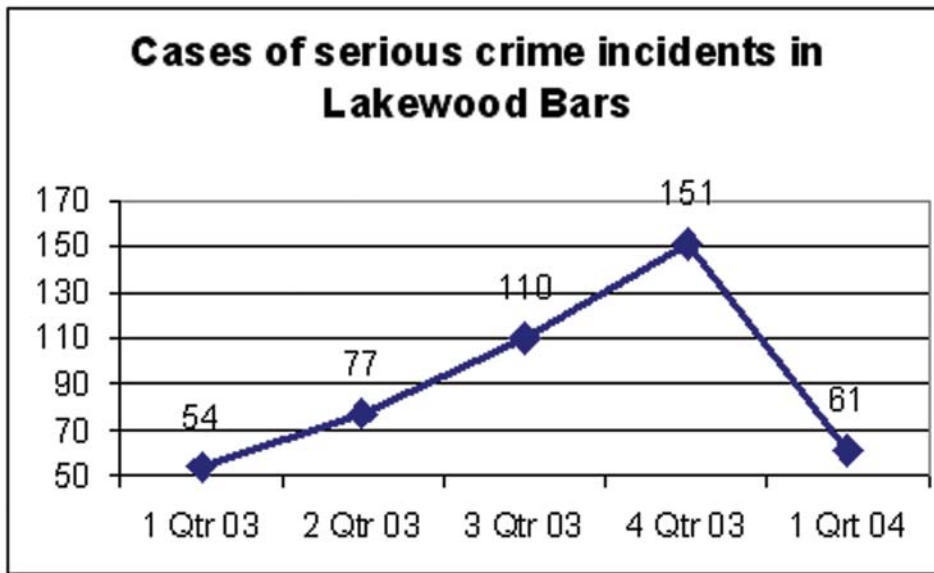
Association's annual conference, where Lakewood served as the national model for addressing crime prevention in liquor establishments. It was also nominated by the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration as a prevention model worthy of national endorsement and grant funding.

LAKEWOOD RECEIVES COPS IN SCHOOLS GRANT

The City of Lakewood and Clover Park School District were one of only four jurisdictions in Washington to receive new federal grant funding in 2004 through the COPS in Schools program. The program enables law enforcement agencies to hire additional School Resource Officers (SROs), police officers designated to work in and around local schools.

Currently, Lakewood has two SROs who cover all of the Clover Park School District schools. The grant awards \$375,000 over a three-year period to pay for three additional SROs, which allows police to extend better coverage into local middle schools. SROs are

vital to preventing juvenile crime in neighborhoods, providing security in our local schools, intervening with at-risk kids, and helping the kids stay on track to graduate and become responsible, successful individuals.



The SRO program is primarily funded through the federal COPS grant, but the remaining costs and ongoing program costs are shared equally by the City and School District.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME - ANOTHER GREAT YEAR

On August 3, Lakewood joined over 10,000 other communities and 34 million people worldwide with a series of farewell to crime parties celebrating National Night Out Against Crime (NNO). More than a dozen neighborhoods hosted NNO gatherings. National Night Out is just one of the ways we can assist law enforcement in furthering Lakewood's joint crime, drug and violence prevention programs to keep Lakewood safe and make it a great place to live.

The focus of this year's NNO events was Personal and Property Protection. The purpose was to educate residents on ways they can protect themselves from becoming victims of crimes like car burglaries and identity theft.

A handbook of these tips is available on the City's website, www.cityoflakewood.us, or by contacting the Police Department.

Lakewood owes a great big thanks to the volunteers who make NNO possible. We want to thank all of the residents who planned the events and all of those who participated in their neighborhoods. We especially want to thank Mike and Sharon Kanter, the NNO coordinators. Each year, Mike and Sharon donate a lot of time and energy to making Lakewood's NNO celebrations special. To find out how you can get involved in next years' NNO celebration e-mail Mike Kanter at nno@ci.lakewood.wa.us.

For information about joining or creating a Blockwatch or Neighborhood Association, contact Safe Streets representatives Joy Browne at 798-4239 or Robert Young at 272-6824.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

LAKEWOOD RECOGNIZED AS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) SUCCESS

In honor of the Community Development Block Grant program's 30th Anniversary this year, a number of locally nominated CDBG success stories are being recognized for their outstanding accomplishments. As part of the 30th Anniversary celebration, the Lakeview Elementary School Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) sewer line extension FY 2000-09 project has been chosen as a CDBG success story out of the many developments CDBG has contributed to in Lakewood since 2000.

The purpose of the project was to supply running water and working bathrooms to an ECEAP classroom located on the school grounds. Prior to the CDBG assisted construction of a sewer extension, children washed their hands in a basin on the floor and lined up outside to use the bathroom in another building. Now children do not have to leave the building to line up for the bathroom, which means more time for learning.

The CDBG program strives to help create a better standard of living for Americans by providing annual grants to entitled communities. Its method of problem solving works through a locally-driven citizen participation process. These communities develop their own programs and funding preferences, but give priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

BRIDGEPORT WAY ENTRY WAY BEAUTIFICATION PLANNING CONTINUES

Earlier this year, the City entrance at Bridgeport Way and Pacific Highway South was selected to undergo a major alteration by the City Council after a recommendation from the Redevelopment Advisory Board (REDAB), a group of volunteer business advisors to the City Council. Improvements to City entrances are vital steps towards enhancing our community's economic health. This project will be complemented by the grant funded improvements planned for Pacific Highway associated with the proposed Sounder Station.

The Lakewood firm of Edward Chaffee and Associates is responsible for developing designs for landscape improvements. Currently, there are some initial drawings and proposed pieces of artwork awaiting public feedback. The next steps are to determine costs for each element and gather public comments on a design in order to agree on a final design.

Design plans currently include trees lining Bridgeport Way to Burlington Northern Railroad and a landscaped island containing a signature sculpture across from the I-5 entrance and Pacific Highway on Bridgeport Way. The sculpture proposed is a unique symbol of Lake-

wood, our native oak, evoking strength and beauty as the essence of Lakewood.

The proposed improvements will not interfere with traffic as the amount of lanes will remain the same. Construction is projected to begin before the end of the year. If you have any questions about the project, please email jhannan@ci.lakewood.wa.us.

SURVEY RESULTS

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72% of residents give the Lakewood Towne Center project a favorable rating. 63% feel that the variety of businesses in Lakewood is good, and 42% are shopping more frequently in Lakewood while only 8% are shopping less.

Public Safety

The City Council has placed public safety as its most important priority and invests a great deal of the City's budget in police programs.

Most residents rate the job the police are doing as positive, but they still are concerned about crime. 65% believe that the Police are doing a good job of promoting traffic safety while 61% feel that they are doing a good job of preventing crime and protecting the community. 57% think that the City is doing a good job of reducing violent crime while only 49% think that enough is being done to reduce property crime.

Many residents feel crime is still a problem. 14% feel that crime is an extremely serious problem while another 66% believe it is a somewhat serious problem and only 19% believe it is either not much of a problem or not a problem at all.

Most respondents were also unaware of the success Lakewood has had in combating crime. Two thirds of those asked were unaware that Lakewood has reduced overall crime by 24% and violent crime by 44% since 1997.

Residents are very supportive of the constructing a Police Station to house the new Lakewood Police force. 66% indicated that they would support a voter approved bond measure to build a Police Station with support rising to 74% based on information about the cost savings created by the new Police Department.

The Results

If you are interested in reviewing more of the survey results you can view them on the City's website, www.cityoflakewood.us, or you can request a copy at City Hall. The Council will review the results further and will likely use the information to help them make decisions for the 2005/06 Budget.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW CONTINUES

In keeping with the state *Growth Management Act (GMA)*, Lakewood is currently reviewing its comprehensive plans and regulations to ensure compliance with state law.

Since the City's plan was just adopted in 2000, Lakewood's Planning Advisory Board (PAB) set a modest scope that reaffirms the plan's foundational principles and basic policy intent. In July, the PAB reviewed a draft compliance report, which finds overall compliance with the GMA while updating technical information in the plan such as Census numbers and population forecasts. The PAB is continuing to review edits to various chapters of the plan and adjustments to development regulations.

In coming months, these changes will be merged with yearly amendments to form a package that will undergo environmental review and public hearing, after which the City Council will consider their adoption. Lakewood must complete its review by December 1.

For additional information, please contact Deborah Johnson at 512-2261 or e-mail djohnson@ci.lakewood.wa.us.

CRITICAL AREAS REGULATIONS UPDATES

The Community Development Department is currently updating the City's Critical Areas and Natural Resource Lands (CARL) regulations as required by the State as part of the 2004 Comprehensive Plan update. These regulations identify and protect lands that support sensitive and important environmental resources. The City has hired a private consultant and appointed a volunteer citizen "task force" to assist staff in the development of updated regulations. Critical areas regulations address wetlands, geologically hazardous areas, flood hazard areas, fish and wildlife habitat areas, and aquifer recharge areas. For more information contact Dan Catron, 512-2261.

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

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City Hall.....	589-2489
Abandoned Vehicles.....	798-4249
Animal Control Hot Line...	983-7800
Animal Licensing.....	512-2269
Building Inspectors.....	512-2261
Building Permits.....	512-2261
Business Licenses.....	512-2261
City Council.....	589-2489
Code Enforcement.....	512-2261
Community Development Department.....	512-2261
Economic Development.....	589-2489
Finance Department.....	512-2269
Housing Programs.....	589-2489
Information Line (automated).....	512-2264
Job Line (automated).....	512-2265
Garage Sale Permits.....	512-2261
Municipal Court.....	512-2258
Noise Complaints.....	798-4721
Parks Department.....	589-2489
Potholes.....	983-7795
Police Department non-emergency only.....	798-4200
drug tip hotline.....	798-4206
sex offender info.....	798-4216
Public Works Department.....	983-7795
Street Light Outages.....	983-7795
Traffic Infractions.....	512-2258
Zoning.....	512-2261

OTHER PHONE NUMBERS

Burn Ban.....	1-800-595-4341
Cable TV (AT & T).....	1-877-824-2288
Clover Park School District.....	583-5000
Domestic Violence Helpline.....	798-4166 or 1-800-764-2420
Earthquake/Floods.....	798-7470
Electric Companies Lakeview Light.....	584-6060
Puget Sound Energy.....	1-888-225-5773
Tacoma Public Utilities.....	383-2471
Gas Leaks.....	1-888-225-5773
Humane Society.....	383-2733
Lakewood Chamber.....	582-9400
Lakewood Fire District non-emergency only.....	582-4600
Lakewood Library.....	582-6040
Lakewood Refuse.....	588-1705
Lakewood Water District.....	588-4423
Marriage Licenses.....	798-7435
Pierce County Sewer.....	565-3440
Tillicum Library.....	588-1014

In an Emergency, call 911 for Police, Fire and Paramedics.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST.....

Every Thursday	Lakewood United Forum, Burs Restaurant, 7:00 a.m., 584-1867
Every Thursday	City Talk, Lakewood City Hall, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., 589-2489
	County Talk, Lakewood City Hall, 9:00 a.m. - noon, 798-3380
Monday 2	Keep Lakewood Beautiful, 7:00 a.m., Burs Restaurant
Tuesday 3	National Night Out Against Crime, 798-4200
Thursday 5	Lakewood Chamber Lunch, 11:30 a.m., 582-9400
Sunday 8	10th Annual Great American Picnic & Pops, Lakewood Gardens, 584-6115
Tuesday 10, 17, 24	Summer Concert Series, American Lake Park, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday 12	Lakewood Sister Cities Association, Lakewood City Hall, 5:30 p.m., 589-2489
Friday 13	Coffee with the Mayor, St. Clare Hospital, 7:30 a.m., 589-2489
Wednesday 18	City of Lakewood Budget Workshop, St. Clare Hospital Resource Center, 5:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER.....

Every Thursday	Lakewood United Forum, Burs Restaurant, 7:00 a.m., 584-1867
Every Thursday	City Talk, Lakewood City Hall, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., 589-2489
	County Talk, Lakewood City Hall, 9:00 a.m. - noon, 798-3380
Thursday 2	Lakewood Chamber Lunch, 11:30 a.m., 582-9400
Tuesday 7	Clover Park School District Kick Off Breakfast, Clover Park High School, 7:30 a.m.
Thursday 9	Lakewood Sister Cities Association, Lakewood City Hall, 5:30 p.m., 589-2489
Friday 10	Coffee with the Mayor, St. Clare Hospital, 7:30 a.m., 589-2489
Friday 10 - Sunday 12	Lakewood Players presents <i>The Guys</i> . The Guys is a tribute to the extraordinary sacrifice of ordinary heroes made during the terror of 9/11. Tickets are \$30.00 (\$15.00 goes to a local fire-fighters charity), Friday and Saturday performances are at 8:00pm. Sunday's performance is at 2:00pm.
Friday 17 - Oct. 3	Lakewood Players presents <i>Private Lives</i> , 588-0042
Saturday 25	Autumn Leaf Festival, St. Clare Hospital, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., 512-2822

OCTOBER.....

Every Thursday	Lakewood United Forum, Burs Restaurant, 7:00 a.m., 584-1867
Every Thursday	City Talk, Lakewood City Hall, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., 589-2489
	County Talk, Lakewood City Hall, 9:00 a.m. - noon, 798-3380
Monday 4	Keep Lakewood Beautiful, 7:00 a.m., Burs Restaurant
Thursday 7	Lakewood Chamber Lunch, 11:30 a.m., 582-9400
Friday 8	Coffee with the Mayor, St. Clare Hospital, 7:30 a.m., 589-2489
Thursday 14	Lakewood Sister Cities Association, Lakewood City Hall, 5:30 p.m., 589-2489
Friday 22 - Nov. 7	Lakewood Players presents <i>Communicating Doors</i> , 588-0042
Saturday 23	October Safety Pumpkin Patch, Lakewood Fire Department, 582-4600

NOVEMBER.....

Every Thursday	Lakewood United Forum, Burs Restaurant, 7:00 a.m., 584-1867
Every Thursday	City Talk, Lakewood City Hall, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., 589-2489
	County Talk, Lakewood City Hall, 9:00 a.m. - noon, 798-3380
Monday 1	Keep Lakewood Beautiful, 7:00 a.m., Burs Restaurant
Thursday 4	Lakewood Chamber Lunch, 11:30 a.m., 582-9400
Friday 5 - Saturday 7	Beautiful Tables, Lakewood Gardens, 584-6115
Thursday 18	Lakewood Sister Cities Association, Lakewood City Hall, 5:30 p.m., 589-2489
Friday 12	Coffee with the Mayor, St. Clare Hospital, 7:30 a.m., 589-2489

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this information; however, the City assumes no responsibility for omissions, errors or changes. Please confirm any event with the sponsor. If you have an event that you would like to submit for the Calendar, send the information via fax at 589-3774 or cbock@cityoflakewood.us.

CITY TALK - YOUR CHANCE TO TALK WITH THE CITY COUNCIL

Every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the Mayor or another Council member is available to meet one-on-one with Lakewood residents. You don't need an appointment, so just stop by City Hall and share your ideas and suggestions with the City Council.

If you would like to make an appointment with a City Council member outside of City Talk, call 589-2489. You can also e-mail Council members at council@cityoflakewood.us.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The public is welcome at all Council meetings. Council meetings are held at the Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main Street SW, unless otherwise publicized.

Regular Council meetings are the first and third Mondays of each month starting at 7:00 p.m. At each regular Council meeting there is a public comment period where you may address the Council on City issues. Council study sessions are the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. For more information on Council meetings, call 512-2264 (recorded message) or visit www.cityoflakewood.us.