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the city of lakewood newsletter

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SOUND TRANSIT MOVES FORWARD WITH PLANS FOR LAKEWOOD SOUNDER STATION AND PARKING GARAGE

Lakewood's long awaited Sounder Station is moving forward on a fast track. Sound Transit will be building a transit station that includes access for Sounder trains, ST Express buses, Pierce Transit buses and a parking structure. The facility will be built on the northwest side of Pacific Hwy. near the intersection of Pacific Hwy. and 47th Ave. SW. (see map on page 3)

Ground breaking on the new transit station will occur in the spring of 2006 with the station opening in 2007.

The City has partnered with Sound Transit to help move the project forward. Thanks to that partnership, Sound Transit agreed to build a 600+ stall parking structure instead of a surface level parking lot across Pacific Hwy. from the station.

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LAKEWOOD'S POLICE DEPARTMENT APPROACHES ITS ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

With the rapid approach of September 7, 2005 the new Lakewood Police Department will celebrate one year of service. We are proud to report commitments to our citizens were met. The Department is 20% larger and 5% less expensive. The Department was operational several months ahead of schedule and start-up costs were \$500,000 under estimates. The transition went smoothly.

Some highlights...

Recruiting Success:

- We interviewed over 800 candidates to hire 99 commissioned police officers, 10 community service officers and 10 civilians.
- The average new police officer has 8.5 years of experience; over 50% have college degrees; 32% speak a foreign language; and 26% reflect gender or ethnic diversity.
- Ninety-two of our new officers were hired from other departments. Twenty-five of these were selected as Officers of the Year in their previous communities. Twelve received department lifesaving medals and six received department medals of valor.
- Seven new officers were entry-level recruits. In a Police Academy class of 32 Lakewood's seven recruits garnered four of seven class leadership positions and won distinguished graduate honors, two fitness awards and the prestigious "Patrol Partner" Award (voted as top officer in the class by peers).

Core Police Programs: Basic patrol and investigative operations were transitioned without incident or degradation of service by November 1, 2004.

- Traffic operations were successfully transitioned on September 14, 2004.
 - Citizen disabled parking and neighborhood speed-watch programs have been implemented.

- We have gained over \$100,000 in State grants for equipment and training to ease the transition process.
- Counter-Drug, Vice and Gang suppression services were successfully transitioned on September 14, 2004.
 - The unit organized and led a three month long multi-jurisdictional escort service investigation netting over \$1.7M in seized assets.
 - The unit organized and coordinates the first-ever Pierce County Vice Task Force, uniting Tacoma, Fife and Pierce County Sheriff's Department with Lakewood in a coordinated and widely scoped prostitution intervention/suppression program.
 - The unit has seized nearly \$117,000 in drug and vice-related assets in nine months of operation.

Special Police Services:

- Marine, park and bike patrol units have been organized, equipped and trained. They began operations on June 24, once the school year ended.
- LPD successfully acquired, trained and certified two Police Service Dog teams; one in September 2004 and the second in May 2005.
- Lakewood joined eleven other Pierce County cities in a consortium to provide SWAT and meth lab response services. Since September 2004, the consortium has successfully completed more than a dozen SWAT operations and nine meth lab call outs. Just over half of these operations were in Lakewood.
- In August, two LPD Officers joined the Sheriff's Department Bomb Response Team, which will provide bomb response services to Lakewood in the future. Previously bomb service was provided by the State Patrol.

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COUNCIL CONNECTION

COUNCIL ASKS VOTERS TO DECIDE INITIATIVE & REFERENDUM QUESTION

The Council recently voted to place an advisory question on the November ballot asking voters to decide whether or not the City should adopt the Initiative & Referendum process.

The power of initiative enables voters of a city to directly initiate and enact legislation. The process involves an initial petition, containing a specified number of signatures, which proposes an ordinance for adoption. If the number of signatures is sufficient, the issue must either be adopted by the city council or submitted to the entire electorate of the city for adoption or rejection at an election. The power of referendum is the ability for citizens to have an ordinance, which has been enacted by the city council, submitted to the voters for their approval or rejection. The process also includes the filing of a petition, with a required minimum number of registered voters, prior to the effective date of the ordinance. If the required number of signatures are obtained on the petition, then the ordinance is suspended from becoming effective until it has either been repealed by the city council or is submitted to the voters for approval or rejection at an election.

The power of Initiative and Referendum can be gained through a petition process or the Council could adopt them through an ordinance. The petition process requires the collection of signatures that are submitted to the Council. If sufficient signatures are submitted the Council must adopt the Initiative and Referendum powers.

The Council felt that the best way to know whether or not citizens wanted to have the power of Initiative and Referendum was to place it on the November ballot. While the ballot question is only advisory, the Council is committed to following the will of the voters. Election day is November 8. Please remember to vote.

COUNCIL CONTINUES TO OPPOSE A WORK RELEASE PROGRAM AT WESTERN STATE HOSPITAL

Earlier this year the Council approved a moratorium on the placement of corrections facilities at Western State Hospital. The moratorium was in response to the State Department of Corrections' plan to relocate a 75 bed work release program for male felons from Tacoma to the campus of Western State Hospital.

This proposed move greatly concerned the City Council as well as the Town of Steilacoom, local Legislators and citizens. The Council believes that Western State Hospital is a particularly poor location for a work release facility given the highly vulnerable population who reside at the Hospital and the proximity of Steilacoom High School, Fort

Steilacoom Park and several Clover Park schools.

The State recently appealed the City's moratorium. The Lakewood City Council plans to continue watching this issue closely and remains committed to insuring that the Department of Corrections considers alternative locations for the work release facility and involves the community in the siting process as required by State law.

Watch for more information as well as dates and times of public meetings about this issue on our website, www.cityoflakewood.us, and in City Happenings.

THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY FOR BUILDING THE NEW PLAYGROUND AT FORT STEILACOOM PARK

During the first week of June, more than two thousand people came out from Lakewood, Steilacoom, Dupont, Fort Lewis, McChord and beyond to build the new, 5,000+ square foot playground at Fort Steilacoom Park.

The Lakewood City Council would like to say "Thank You" to all of these volunteers and to the organizers of the Fort Steilacoom Playground project for all of your hard work, dedication and community spirit. This project wasn't just about building a playground, it was about building a sense of community. The Council is incredibly proud of and grateful to you for your work.

For those who have yet to visit the new playground at Fort Steilacoom Park, please do. You will also see the improvements that have been made to the ballfields through the cooperative efforts of Pierce County, the Town of Steilacoom and the City of Lakewood. Fort Steilacoom is a treasure for our community and it is our responsibility to make sure it stays that way.

KEEP LAKEWOOD BEAUTIFUL IS MOVING FORWARD

Even since before Lakewood incorporated, Keep Lakewood Beautiful has been working to beautify our community. The landscaping and entry signs at



Lakewood City Council

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

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Gravelly Lake Drive and Nayanza Road and at Gravelly Lake Drive and Washington Road are the work of Keep Lakewood Beautiful volunteers and contributors. The City and Keep Lakewood Beautiful have also partnered on a number of beautification projects including the entry-way at Thorne Lane.

A few years ago Keep Lakewood Beautiful requested that the City make the group an official advisory board of the City of Lakewood. The Council did so to assist them with their bookkeeping and because the City and Keep Lakewood Beautiful were already strong partners.

However, recently, Keep Lakewood Beautiful has decided that it is time to become its own independent, nonprofit organization. The Council plans to continue working with them and encourages citizens to become Keep Lakewood Beautiful volunteers. For more information on Keep Lakewood beautiful see page 4.



Hundreds of people attended the Grand Opening of the new playground at Fort Steilacoom Park during SummerFest 2005 on June 18.

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

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. It is an informal forum that lasts an hour, and occasionally features a guest speaker. There is always time for questions and comments.

CITY TALK

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. No appointment is necessary, just drop by City Hall.

CITY MANAGER'S CLIPBOARD



**Andrew Neiditz,
City Manager**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

As the City of Lakewood moves forward in its high priority effort to foster economic development, it is becoming very clear that regional cooperation is an important premise on which these efforts are being

built.

The Sound Transit commuter rail station, with the 620-space parking structure that will accompany it, is a good example. By working cooperatively with the members of the Sound Transit board of directors, which includes elected officials from a number of neighboring cities, Lakewood's preferred location for the parking structure on the same side of Pacific Highway SW as the transit station was achieved. The City agreed to take on the security and routine maintenance of the station. As a result, a major governmental facility will serve as a catalyst for overall development along the Pacific Highway corridor. It is very likely that significant new commercial development will occur in the vicinity of the new train station.

The recently-approved agreement with Pierce County to construct sewer lines to Tillicum and American Lake Gardens is another regional partnership which will benefit the larger Lakewood community. Through a City/County co-application for federal EDA (Economic Development Administration) funds, a large portion of the \$9 million price tag may be picked up by federal grants. The County-authorized surcharge of about a dollar a month on Lakewood sewer accounts will provide the largest share of the funding. The benefit to the City as a whole will greatly outweigh the surcharge. The potential increase in tax base in the improved areas, which are currently considered economically distressed, will likely alleviate the property tax burden on the rest of the City. And, when these areas are improved, the high level of police service which is presently committed there may well be lessened, which again will save dollars for the overall Lakewood community. Since Lakewood does not have its own sewer utility, a regional partnership is a necessity for this important project.

The City's commitment to improve the Pacific Highway corridor as well as the Tillicum and Woodbrook neighborhoods is strengthened by regional cooperation. The City of Lakewood is a key player in the overall Pierce County economic development strategy, and the City's support of our military bases is bolstered by our attention to their neighboring areas.

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LEARN MORE ABOUT LAKEWOOD AT LAKEWOOD UNIVERSITY

Lakewood University was a huge success! For two nights in June, residents were invited to City Hall to take part in Lakewood University. The new program was designed to teach citizens about how their City works as well as to encourage them to get involved in the community. About fifty citizens participated in the inaugural class.

A variety of topics were featured including presentations by Lakewood Police, Economic Development and Parks Departments. There were also small group sessions and the opportunity to meet Mayor Richardson and other City staff members. Those who completed the program received an honorary diploma and a Lakewood University t-shirt.

Results from the follow-up survey show that 100% of those in attendance would recommend it to a friend. As you can see, not only was the event a great way to learn about the City, it was also a lot of fun.

The next session of Lakewood University will take place November 9 and 16. It is open to the first fifty to register. Sign up today so you don't miss out on this great opportunity! If you are interested, contact Charleen at 589-2489 or cjacobs@cityoflakewood.us.

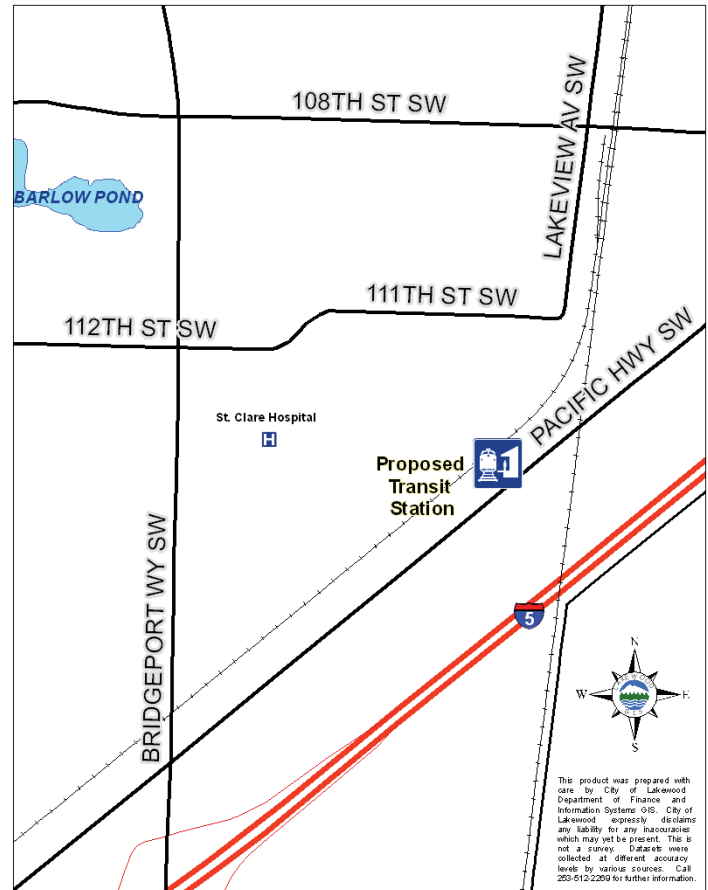
LAKEWOOD PREPARES TO CELEBRATE 10 YEARS OF CITY-HOOD

On February 28, 2006, Lakewood will turn ten years old and we plan to celebrate this milestone all year long by incorporating the ten year anniversary celebration into all of the City's events.

But, we also want to hear from residents and other community groups. Are you planning any special celebrations to mark Lakewood's tenth birthday? If so, let us know. Contact Charleen Jacobs at cjacobs@cityoflakewood.us if you want to be part of the celebration.

Look for more information about our tenth anniversary celebration in the next edition of Lakewood Connections and on our website, www.cityoflakewood.us.

LAKEWOOD SOUND TRANSIT STATION



LAKEWOOD'S SOUNDER STATION

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The City felt that the parking structure was a better option for several reasons. Primarily Lakewood felt that a parking structure was safer because the surface lot on the other side of the street would have required pedestrians to cross busy Pacific Hwy as they raced to catch the busses and trains, creating a potentially dangerous situation. The other primary reason for building a parking structure is to maintain the property on the I-5 side of Pacific Hwy for future commercial development. This property has good freeway visibility and a great deal of potential for private development.

However, there is a difference in construction costs for the parking structure of about \$5 million to \$7 million. The City has agreed to partner with Sound Transit to help offset some costs by providing funding from stormwater improvements and taking on regular security and maintenance operations for the completed station.

In the meantime, the City is moving forward with road improvements along Pacific Hwy. between 108th and Bridgeport Way that are funded by a federal grant that is tied to the station.

Watch for more information about the Lakewood Sounder Station in the next issue of Connections. For more information about Sound Transit, visit www.soundtransit.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT UPDATES

Leach Creek Culvert Replacement Project Under way

Work began on July 18 to replace an undersized culvert which carries Leach Creek under Bridgeport Way. This joint project between Lakewood and University Place, which is partially funded by the state Salmon Recovery Funding Board, is located at the city limits. The larger replacement culvert will allow fish to pass upstream and thus open up additional habitat for salmon and other fish.

The General Contractor for the project is Thompson Brothers Excavating of Vancouver, WA. Total project cost is estimated at \$1,320,000, which includes design and construction. All work should be completed by mid-September.

Farwest Drive SW/116th Street SW Storm Drainage Improvements

Work began on July 25 to replace an inadequate drainage system in the vicinity of Farwest Drive SW and 116th Street SW. This project will replace an undersized storm drainage system, which should reduce localized flooding that has occurred frequently in the past.

The General Contractor for the project is Pape & Sons of Gig Harbor. Total project cost is estimated at \$220,000.

Gramercy Place SW Water Quality Improvements

Work is planned for September to install a storm water quality vault for a drainage system that currently drains to Lake Steilacoom from Gramercy Place SW. The vault is designed to remove many pollutants from the storm water before it is released to the lake. The total project cost is estimated at \$70,000, including design and construction costs.

Steilacoom Boulevard / Lakewood Drive sidewalk project

This project will provide extension of sidewalks on Steilacoom Boulevard and Lakewood Drive. Construction will occur from August until December.

Steilacoom Boulevard improvements at Western State Hospital

This project will provide frontage improvements in front of Western State Hospital on Steilacoom Blvd.,

Sentinel Way, and 87th Ave. Construction will begin this Fall.

Gravelly Lake Drive / Pacific Highway frontage improvements

This project will provide frontage improvements to the Union 76 Gas Station frontage at Gravelly Lake Drive and Pacific Hwy. Construction will begin after Labor Day.

Pacific Highway Improvements

Bridgeport Way to 108th Street. This project will provide sidewalks, street lighting, landscaping, and roadway improvements to Pacific Highway from Bridgeport Way to 108th. The first phase of this project is scheduled to begin late Fall 2005. Funding comes from a federal grant tied to the Sound Transit Station.

If you have any questions about any of these projects please contact the Public Works Department at 983-7795 or publicworks@cityoflakewood.us.

DO YOU WANT TO SEE A MORE "WALKABLE" LAKEWOOD?

The City of Lakewood is working with the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department and interested citizens to develop a plan which will make it easier for people to get out of their cars, ride bikes, walk around Lakewood and be more active. If you are interested in participating in these planning efforts, contact Suzi Riley in the Parks and Recreation Department at 589-2489 or parks@cityoflakewood.us.

DID YOU KNOW???

It's your duty to maintain your property all the way to the roadway.

Many people are unaware that the City right-of-way frequently extends past the edge of roadway, gravel shoulder, and sidewalk. In many cases, you are most likely using City right-of-way for a portion of your lawn, landscaping, or parking area. Use of this right-of-way is permitted as long as it is maintained so everyone can safely use the roadways. Overgrown landscaping can cause potentially dangerous conditions for pedestrians who have no shoulder to walk on and drivers who cannot see past the landscaping to safely enter the roadway.

A rule of thumb for landscape maintenance is as follows: All landscaping should be maintained to a height no greater than 2-feet above the roadway for a minimum width of 10-feet measured from the edge of roadway into your property. Trees should be limbed up to a minimum height of 7-feet above the roadway.

It is also not permissible to place fixed, non-organic, objects within the City right-of-way. Examples would be retaining walls or boulders. These fixed objects create potential hazards for vehicles that may temporarily swerve off the roadway edge where there is no protection like a traffic curb.

If you have any questions regarding your duty to maintain the adjacent right-of-way, please contact the Public Works Department at 983-7795.

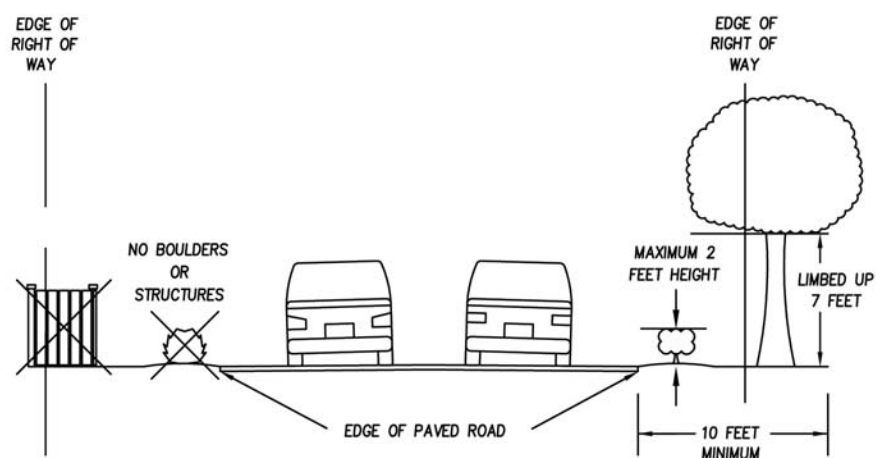


Illustration of proper right-of-way maintenance

FRIENDS OF FORT STEILACOOM PARK & NATURE

On October 3 at 7:00 pm at the Lakewood City Council meeting the Friends of Fort Steilacoom Park and Nature will present a special program featuring the work of Brian Benedetti, a professional photographer and teacher. Mr. Benedetti's photographs of beautiful Fort Steilacoom Park will be set to music for a unique presentation. The public is encouraged to attend this special program.

Friends of Fort Steilacoom Park and Nature adopted Fort Steilacoom Park in 2001 through the Pierce County Parks Department. The Friends continue to volunteer thousands of hours - pulling invasive plants, picking up trash and planting native plants. The group also volunteers during Parks Appreciation Day in the spring and during Make A Difference Day on October 22. If you are interested in volunteering during Make A Difference Day, please contact Friends co-coordinators Ursula, 584-3870, or Doris, 588-8428.

KEEP LAKEWOOD BEAUTIFUL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Keep Lakewood Beautiful (KLB) is a volunteer community organization dedicated to enhancing and preserving the natural beauty of the City of Lakewood. To join or renew your KLB membership, contact Michael McGovern at 983-4543 for more information.

PARKS & RECREATION

SKATEPARK COMING TO HARRY TODD PARK

The City Council recently approved the development of an above-ground skatepark at Harry Todd Park. Local riders can expect the new facility in Fall 2005.

The 2005 Skatewave National Demo Tour will be stopping by Harry Todd Park on Saturday, August 20 from 1:00-4:00 pm.

The Demonstration will feature a variety of obstacles at the site of the new skatepark. There will also be free giveaways, an interactive riding demo and several skate pros on hand to provide instruction and answer questions.

In order to use the equipment at the Demonstration, all riders must sign a waiver (those under 18 require parent/guardian signature) and wear a helmet. Harry Todd Park is located at 8702 North Thorne Lane, Lakewood, WA 98498. Please call 589-2489 for more information.

COUNCIL APPROVES PARKS MASTER PLAN

In June, the City Council approved an updated Parks and Recreation Master Plan. A special citizens' committee worked on the Master Plan update. This committee included individuals representing parks, recreation, planning, schools, outdoor sports, aquatics, arts, seniors, trails and youth. The members met over an eight month period and worked with the consulting firm of MIG to gather and review information used to update the master plan. A vision statement was created which reads: "We create a healthy community through people, parks and programs." Goals and objectives were created to provide direction for day to day management and long term planning. Goals and objectives were created for the following areas: administration and management, citizen involvement, parks, open space and facilities, lake front access, recreation programs and park maintenance and operations. The Special Committee and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board reviewed the draft plan at a series of meetings, approved the plan and recommended forwarding it to the Council for approval. Copies of the plan will be available at Lakewood City Hall and the Lakewood Library.

COMMUNITY JAZZ CONCERT SERIES

Join us this fall for a series of monthly jazz concerts featuring local and national artists. Concerts will be held at the Clover Park High School Performing Arts Center. Concert schedule and ticket information will be available soon. Check the City Website for more information or contact Dennis at 589-2489.

AMERICAN LAKE MASTER SITE PLAN APPROVED

The City of Lakewood inherited American Lake Park when it incorporated in 1996. Many improvements have been made to the park since that time. Prior to incorporation, Pierce County had adopted a ten year lease for a 1.75 acre area on the west side of the park with a private vendor. This area included the boat launch, a business office, hangers and a residence. All of the amenities in this area were in a state of disrepair. On December 31, 2004 that contract expired and the City became responsible for the maintenance and management of the entire five+ acre park site.

In January the City started working on a master site plan for American Lake Park. A series of open houses, public meetings and surveys were used to gather information and review alternatives. A master plan document was created which included many park improvements. The cost for all the master plan improvements is approximately \$3 million. Staff is pursuing grants and other resources to fund a first phase which includes demolishing the structures on the west side of the park, rehabilitating the boat launch ramps and adding transient docks for boats and seaplanes, more vehicle/trailer parking and other amenities.



Preferred Option
AMERICAN LAKE PARK
MASTER PLAN
City of Lakewood
April 26, 2005

FALL RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Basketball

Lakewood Parks and Recreation will begin registration for the 2005/2006 Youth Basketball Season on Monday, October 3 with a mass registration session

from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at Lakewood City Hall. Registration will then continue until leagues are full.

These leagues are open to boys and girls in grades K-6. Practices will begin December 5 and games will conclude in mid-March. The registration fee is \$50.00 per player and includes a t-shirt and participation in a skills clinic on December 3.

Volunteer coaches and team sponsors are also needed. A team sponsorship is \$150.00 and the sponsor name will be printed on team uniforms. For more information, please call 589-2489.

Woodbrook Late Nite Program

This popular program is a great way to spend a Friday evening. The gym doors open at 6:00 pm and the fun begins! The program features open gym, arts & crafts, board games and other activities for **Woodbrook students only**. A snack is provided mid-way through the evening and the program ends at 9:00 pm. Registration forms are available in the main office of the school. This program is made possible by a federal Weed & Seed grant and partnerships with the Clover Park School District and the City of Lakewood Parks & Recreation Department. Please contact the school for more information, 583-5460.

Tillicum After School Program

The Parks & Recreation Department will be partnering with Tillicum Elementary School and Communities in Schools to provide a comprehensive academic and recreational after school program this fall. The program is offered Monday through Thursday from 2:30 - 4:45 pm and an afternoon snack will be provided. Math and reading improvement are the areas of focus for the academic portion and general fitness combined with educational opportunities are emphasized in the recreational portion. Students are selected for participation by school staff and registration is required through the school's main office. Please contact the school for more information, 583-5370.

NOW HIRING: GYM SUPERVISORS & REFEREES

Lakewood Parks and Recreation is now accepting applications for gym supervisors to monitor youth basketball games and referees.

Hours are Monday-Thursday evenings and some Saturdays. The Youth Basketball season runs December 1, 2005 through March, 2006. Gym Supervisor pay starts at \$10.00 per hour, DOE. Referees start at \$10/game, DOE.

For more information or to apply, call Sara Millbauer, Recreation Coordinator, at 983-7827.

POLICE REPORT

LAKEWOOD REACHES OUT TO OUR ETHNIC COMMUNITIES

The Lakewood Police Department (LPD) recognizes that effective community policing means ensuring strong connections with and support from our minority communities. Thirty-eight percent of the population in Lakewood identifies as ethnically diverse. The largest concentrations of our ethnic community are African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Asian – primarily Korean. LPD has formed close partnerships with these communities through police advisory groups. Groups such as the Lakewood African American Police Advisory Council (LAAPAC), the Korean American Police Advisory Group (KAPAG), and the Latino Police Advisory Board (LPAB) have contributed to realizing important outreach goals.

These partnerships serve to improve police service to the ethnic communities. They also build mutual trust and respect. Some specific objectives include: improved access to and feedback from the police; greater appreciation among police officers for the customs and unique needs of the community, and among the ethnic community for the necessary practices of the police; presenting crime prevention programs in the common language of the ethnic community; and recruiting police volunteers and police officers from the ethnic community who will provide language and cultural skills that better focus police service to our ethnic communities.

We've highlighted below some of the recent relationship building events cosponsored by LPD and these ethnic outreach organizations.

Latino Police Advisory Board (LPAB)

LPAD helped host the third annual Lakewood United Latino Festival held on June 18 at Springbrook Park. The event was bigger and better than ever! There were more than 50 vendors, educational booths, live music, mariachis, and cuisine. To learn more about LPAB and how you can join, please contact Assistant Chief Lopez at 830-5000, or Darlene Picon at 209-2859.

Korean American Police Advisory Group (KAPAG)

KAPAG and the Police cosponsored the two-day Lakewood Korean American Youth Adventure Camp on June 24 and 25. About 53 youth between the ages of 11 and 18 received eleven hours of police related training and demonstrations on various law enforcement fields (Criminal Law, Traffic Law, K-9, Fire Prevention, First Aid, SWAT, Defensive Tactics, and Police Explorers). Several attendees at the camp were recruited to join the LPD Police Explorer Scout program. To learn more about joining KAPAG, please contact Assistant Chief Dave Hall at 830-5000 or Kyung Vincent at 606-2629.

Lakewood African American Police Advisory Council (LAAPAC)

Members of the Lakewood Police Department joined LAAPAC for a fun-filled day during Come Out and Play Sports (COPS) on July 9 at Springbrook Park. Approximately 50 kids participated in 3 on 3 basketball, soccer, volleyball, touch football and some table games such as dominos and chess. An afternoon of friendly competition came to a perfect conclusion for the kids when they tossed water balloons at the participating police officers.



Participants had a great time at COPS on July 9 at Springbrook Park

To learn more information about LAAPAC and how you can get involved, please contact Lieutenant Russell Harris at 830-5000 or Julius Brown at 589-8855.

LAKEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR DISABLED PARKING ENFORCEMENT TEAM

A small number of dedicated volunteers have been working diligently with the Police to crack down on disabled parking violations in Lakewood. The disabled parking enforcement team has made a tremendous impact in helping to educate the public of the needs of the disabled members of our community. Right now, the team is looking for new volunteers to help out with this important program.

The Police Department will launch a new training session for prospective volunteers with an informational meeting on Wednesday, August 24 at 7:00 pm at the Lakewood Police Station. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend to learn more about this program. Volunteers must be 21 years old or older, have a valid driver's license and proof of auto insurance.

Volunteers must attend two mandatory classroom training sessions which will be scheduled three to four weeks after the information night. For more information, please contact the Traffic Division at 830-5058.

The Lakewood Police are looking for volunteers to work in many different areas. If you are interested, contact the Department at 830-5000 for an application. Volunteers are subject to a background check.

LAKEWOOD POLICE STATION

The Lakewood Police Department main operations are located at the Lakewood Police Station at 5504 112th Street SW (this is the building formerly known as the Lakewood Police Precinct). Lakewood citizens wishing to visit the Police Department in person should go to the Lakewood Police Station.

POLICE CELEBRATE ONE YEAR

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Community Policing: Community Policing programs are experiencing a very successful transition under the new Department.

- The NPO/CSO program has expanded into five police districts.
- We have reestablished our crime prevention/community mobilization partnership with the Tacoma/Pierce County Safe Streets Campaign.
- LPD successfully transitioned five neighborhood associations and 36 block watches, and started an additional 31 block watches since September 2004.
- We have revised our residential crime prevention catalogue.
- We have successfully transitioned the Lakewood Business Crime Prevention Task Force under cosponsorship with the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce.
- All former crime prevention programs and citizen action groups are in place:
 - Crime Free Housing/The Lakewood Crime Free Housing Advisory Council
 - Crime Free Motel/The Lakewood Motel/Hotel Association
 - Raising the Bar/The Lakewood Bar Owners Association.
- Ethnic Outreach programs to the African American, Korean, and Latino communities are in place.

Police Volunteers:

We have completed policies and procedures for our citizen police volunteer programs and are steadily completing volunteer selection, screening and assignment with the Department.

- We have a goal of 50 police volunteers and have currently recruited 37.
- LPD volunteers logged 2,182 service hours for the first six months of 2005, saving the Department the equivalent of nearly \$40,000 at the nationally recognized volunteer hourly rate of \$17.50 an hour.
- We have established a reserve officer program and commissioned five reserve police officers.
 - We have launched a Police Explorer Scout Post and recruited 27 youth from ages 14 - 18 to join the post.

For more information visit www.cityoflakewood.us or call 830-5000.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER RANDY RICHARDS

Lakewood's Animal Control Officer Randy Richards is going on 21 years of service as an Animal Control Officer. Randy was Lakewood's first Animal Control Officer and has been with the City since spring of 2002.

Lakewood has two Animal Control Officers – Randy who works full time and Officer Correne Buck who works part time.

As Animal Control Officer, Randy has many responsibilities. He feels that the most crucial are conflict resolution and fair enforcement of the law. He is also in charge of investigating matters such as dog bites, animal abuse, cruelty and neglect. In addition, he must also handle complaints, pick up stray and deceased animals and patrol for animals running at large. Above all else, his number one priority is to provide care for ill and injured animals.

Randy also does his part to make a difference in the community. He does so by settling neighborly disputes regarding animals, calming those in crisis and enforcing the law in a friendly but firm fashion. In addition, he also attends neighborhood block meetings, provides public education and testifies in court when needed.

Randy's most important words of advice to the public are to leash and license your pet and to make certain that your animals are spayed or neutered. Doing so will prevent what he calls the worst part of the job, euthanizing healthy animals.

A common misconception about the position of Animal Control Officer is that they don't like animals. Randy loves animals and says that he has never met another officer that didn't feel the same. This is an important trait because a large part of their job is to keep animals safe and healthy. This goes beyond just domestic cats and dogs. They receive frequent calls to help dangerous animals like bats trapped in fireplaces and raccoons caught in fences. Recently, Randy has had to respond to a call about a cougar seen in a resident's yard as well as provide care to an ill boa constrictor that was over 6-feet-long. Randy's scariest and possibly also the funniest experience is that he was once trapped in a pen with a ram. After about a ten minute struggle he was able to free himself, jump over the fence and get away from the incredibly strong animal.

As you can see, Animal Control Officers like Randy Richards are a vital part of the community. If you have a situation that requires Animal Control assistance, please call the Animal Hotline at 983-7800.



Animal Control Officer Randy Richards is dedicated to keeping Lakewood's pets healthy and safe.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

This annual event is held on the fourth Saturday of October (this year it will fall on October 22) across the nation and provides the opportunity to give back to your neighborhood through community service. The Lakewood Youth Council traditionally does several projects throughout the City. This past year, they were nationally recognized by USA Today, for mobilizing youth from throughout the city to work on a number of projects including; Kiwanis "Bicycles from Heaven", Caring for Kids, Fort Steilacoom Park invasion plant removal and a beautification project at Oakbrook Park. Mark the day on your calendar if you would like to participate! Contact Dennis Higashiyama at 589-2489 or any Youth Council member for more information.

CITY WILL RECOGNIZE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

The giant fir tree in front of City Hall will be aglow in purple lights throughout the month of October in silent remembrance of the lethal cost of family violence.

The tree will also bear the names of Lakewood residents who have died as a result of domestic violence since the City's incorporation in 1996.

The Remembrance Tree is part of a community outreach project by the Lakewood Partnership Against Domestic Violence (LPADV). The LPADV encourages anyone concerned about family violence to display purple lights or ornaments on the trees or windows of their homes as well.

The 2004 Washington State Domestic Violence Homicide Fatality Review states that 281 people were killed by domestic violence abusers in our state between January, 1997 and June, 2004. The largest majority of these victims (176) were women killed by a current or former husband or boyfriend. Twenty male victims were killed by a current or former wife or girlfriend.

Other DV homicide victims include 23 children, 52 friends, family members or new partners and three law enforcement officers.

The importance of friends and families reaching out to support victims of domestic violence cannot be overstressed. Research has shown that most victims turn to people they already know before they try to access service agencies and less than half of DV victims ever call the police for help.

If you know someone who is being abused, you can help! Call the Domestic Violence Help Line at 798-4166 or 1-800-764-2420 for advice and access to shelters, support groups, legal help and housing assistance.

If you would like to join the Lakewood Partnership Against Domestic Violence, please contact Victim Advocate Anne-Marie at 983-7824.

CITY BEGINS OPERATION OF LAKEWOOD SENIOR CENTER

July 1, 2005 the City of Lakewood began operating the Lakewood Senior Center. The Parks and Recreation Department is excited to have the opportunity to serve the older adults in the Lakewood area. Our new focus will be to enable older adults to be healthy, live independently, and improve the quality of their lives. We will do this by providing a year-round comprehensive senior service program which will include education, special interest and recreation classes, trips and tours, nutritional needs, opportunities to socialize and volunteer, health and wellness programs, information and referral services and community outreach.

The City will be renting space at the Lakewood Community Center to operate the senior programs and services. The Lakewood Community Center is currently being remodeled to accommodate the Older Adult programs and services. The Senior Center will remain on the Clover Park Technical College Campus until the remodel is complete. For more information, contact Elizabeth Scheid, Recreation Coordinator at 589-5735.



Members of the Lakewood Senior Center show off their muscles during a recent class.

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
- Saturday 20 Skatewave Demonstration, Harry Todd Park, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., 589-2489
- Caring for Kids Ready To Learn Fair, Lochburn Middle School, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (open to children who receive free or reduced lunch)
- Tuesday 23 Lakewood Summer Concert Series, American Lake Park, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., 589-2489
- Saturday 27 Communities In Schools Rummage Sale, 6402 100th Street SW, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 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
- Monday 5 Keep Lakewood Beautiful, Cynthia's Cafe, 7:00 a.m.
- Thursday 8 Lakewood Chamber annual meeting & installation banquet, 11:30 a.m., Great American Casino, 582-9400
- Lakewood Sister Cities Association, Lakewood City Hall, 5:30 p.m., 589-2489
- Friday 9 Coffee with the Mayor, St. Clare Hospital Resource Center, 7:30 a.m., 589-2489
- Clover Park School District's All City Tail-Gate Party and back to school kick off, Clover Park High School Stadium, 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday 14 Community Collaboration, Lakewood City Hall, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 589-2489

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
- Saturday 1 Autumn Leaf Health & Safety Festival, Clover Park

- Monday 3 High School, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., ww.fhshealth.org
- Keep Lakewood Beautiful, Cynthia's Cafe, 7:00 a.m.
- Friends of Fort Steilacoom Park & Nature presentation, Lakewood City Council Chambers, 7:00 p.m., 584-3870
- Thursday 6 Lakewood Chamber Membership Luncheon, Tacoma Country & Golf Club, 582-9400
- Wednesday 12 Community Collaboration, Lakewood City Hall, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 589-2489
- Thursday 13 Lakewood Sister Cities Association, Lakewood City Hall, 5:30 p.m., 589-2489
- Friday 14 Coffee with the Mayor, St. Clare Hospital Resource Center, 7:30 a.m., 589-2489
- Saturday 22 MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY - please volunteer!
- Lakewood Fire District Pumpkin Patch, Fire Station 2-1 (Steilacoom Blvd.) 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Lakewood Chamber BOO Bash - Trade Show, Great American Casino, 582-9400
- Friday 28 Lakewood Police Department Open House and Halloween Safety Fair, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., 830-5000

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
- Thursday 3 Lakewood Chamber Membership Luncheon, 582-9400
- Monday 7 Keep Lakewood Beautiful, Cynthia's Cafe, 7:00 a.m.
- Wednesday 9 Community Collaboration, Lakewood City Hall, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 589-2489
- Wednesday 9 & 16 Lakewood University, Lakewood City Hall, 6:00 p.m., 589-2489
- Thursday 10 Lakewood Sister Cities Association, Lakewood City Hall, 5:30 p.m., 589-2489
- Friday 11 Coffee with the Mayor, St. Clare Hospital Resource Center, 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 OF LAKEWOOD

- City Hall.....589-2489
- Abandoned Vehicles.....830-5080
- 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 main desk.....830-5000
- non-emergency only.....798-4721
- drug tip hotline.....830-5049
- sex offender info.....830-5049
- 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 (Comcast).....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.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The public is welcome at all City 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.

CITY TALK

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. No appointment is necessary, just drop by City Hall.