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LAKEWOOD SEARCHES FOR A NEW CITY MANAGER

Since early last fall the City Council has focused on searching for a new City Manager. Lakewood's City Manager of nearly 10 years, Scott Rohlfs, will retire on February 28 and the Council has worked to hire his successor. The Council retained the services of Waldron & Company to assist in a nationwide search.

The Council reviewed a number of qualified applicants and narrowed the list down to five initial candidates. They interviewed those candidates during the first week of January. The Council then narrowed the list to two candidates and conducted site visits to their communities.

The Council felt very strongly about including the community in the process of selecting a new Manager. One of the interview panels that reviewed the candi-

dates was made up of local citizens representing various community groups. Additionally, the Council hosted a public open house where residents could meet all of the candidates.

Under Lakewood's form of government, Council-Manager, the City Manager oversees the day to day administrative functions of the City and implements Council policy.

The Council wishes to thank Scott Rohlfs for his outstanding service to our community. Scott undertook the herculean task of starting a brand new city when he agreed to come to work for Lakewood in October 1995, and he has truly set a high bar for accomplishments in the last 9 1/2 years. The Council wishes Scott well and hopes that he thoroughly enjoys retirement. The community is invited to attend an Open House in Scott's honor on Monday, February 28 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers.

At press time the Council was still in the process of reviewing the candidates and planned to make a selection. The Council hopes to have completed the selection process by mid-February. Watch for more information about the new Manager in the next issue of Lakewood Connections as well as on our website.

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.



ONE CITY ONE BOOK

Lakewood Reads Tuesdays With Morrie Together. Join us for the following opportunities to discuss this inspirational book.

- February 23, 6:30 p.m., Book Discussion, Clover Park School District Administration Bldg. Room 6a
- February 24, 6:00 p.m., Documentary/Movie featuring Morley Shafter's 60 minute interview, Clover Park Technical College, Rotunda, Bldg. 3
- March 2, 6:30 p.m., Book Discussion, Clover Park School District Administration Bldg. Room 4
- March 3, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Book Discussion, Clover Park Technical College, Rotunda, Bldg. 3
- March 8, 5:30 p.m., DVD Showing, Lakewood City Council Chambers
- March 8, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Book Discussion, Pierce College, Performance Lounge
- March 11, 7:30 a.m., Book Discussion, Coffee with the Mayor, St. Clare Resource Center
- March 16, 6:30 p.m., Book Discussion, Clover Park School District Administration Bldg. Room 6a
- March 18, 5:30 p.m., DVD Showing, Lakewood City Council Chambers
- March 21, 7:00 p.m., Book Discussion, Lakewood Library Meeting Room

Special Thanks: City of Lakewood, Clover Park School District, Clover Park Technical College, Friends of Lakewood Library, Lakewood Chamber, Pierce College, St. Clare Hospital, Starbucks Foundation
Questions? Call the Lakewood Chamber – 582-9400.

LAKEWOOD REFUSE INTRODUCES SINGLE CART RECYCLING

In March, Lakewood residents will be able to recycle using a single recycling container. Lakewood Refuse is moving to a single-cart program for curbside recycling. The new carts will be delivered to homes this month. Residents will no longer need to sort their recycling and you will still be able to recycle many of the same products.

Here are a few of the items you will be able to recycle with the new single cart system: milk jugs, plastic bottles, milk cartons, magazines, catalogs, metal cans, paper bags, newspaper, pop cans, cereal boxes, cardboard as well as other items. Glass will no longer be accepted at the curb, but you can take it to drop off sites around the area. Look for more information on recycling from Lakewood Refuse along with your new cart. If you have questions, please call 588-1705.

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COUNCIL CONNECTION

ONE CITY ONE BOOK - LAKEWOOD READS TOGETHER

Our community is again embarking on a city-wide “book read”. This year we have chosen *Tuesdays With Morrie* by Mitch Albom as our One City One Book selection.

One City One Book was created through a partnership between the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, Clover Park School District, Pierce College and the City of Lakewood. The city-wide book read promotes literacy and provides an opportunity for Lakewood to come closer together as a community as we read and discuss this inspiring book.

Many may have already read *Tuesdays with Morrie*, but we encourage you to reread this timeless book and share it with a friend or family member.

To help encourage discussion and to bring people together, a number of book events are being sponsored between February 20 and March 30. The Council hopes that you will join in one of these discussions or that you may host your own book discussion with friends and family.

COUNCIL APPROVES SEWER SURCHARGE TO BUILD SEWER LINE

At the Council meeting on Monday, December 6, the City Council voted 6 – 0 to approve asking the County to place a sewer surcharge on Lakewood sewer users to help pay for extending sewer service to the American Lake Gardens and Tillicum neighborhoods.

The sewer surcharge would cost the average residential sewer customer about \$1.03 a month over a twenty year period for a total impact of about \$247 over twenty years.

The surcharge will be used to pay off a \$6 million low interest State loan that the City intends to use to finance a majority of the project. The total cost of extending the main sewer line to the two neighborhoods is about \$9.1 million. The City has \$2.2 million in federal grants and plans on providing about \$1 million in “in-kind” services in addition to the \$6 million loan.

Sewer service is expected to generate economic development in the area. There are 120 acres of industrial property in American Lake Gardens that will be ready for development after sewer lines are completed. Future industrial development in this area will help to create jobs and raise property values. More than 200 jobs could be created



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.

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 and always includes time for questions and comments.

initially with more than 2,000 when the industrial area is fully built out. The expansion of sewer service will also allow for growth and redevelopment in the existing commercial area of Tillicum along I-5. This will add more jobs and increase property values.

Based on census data, American Lake Gardens and Tillicum are Lakewood’s lowest income neighborhoods. These neighborhoods are home to about 5,000 residents and a number of businesses all of which are on septic systems. The area also has two schools and a number of apartment complexes that must use costly septic systems. The City understands that the aging septic systems will fail over time creating a huge public health problem. The Council hopes that by extending sewer service, which has been a long term goal, these areas will benefit from future economic revitalization. These two neighborhoods were excluded when the rest of Lakewood was sewered with the help of significant federal funding approximately 20 years ago. Without this help from the rest of the community, these low income residents would end up having to pay more for their sewers than anyone else in the city.

Building the \$9.1 million main sewer line is the first phase of the project. Local residents will then have to decide on how and when they want to hook up to the sewer system. The City will be pursuing other ways to help residents manage the cost of hooking up, possibly by using local improvement districts or additional grant funds.

The Council would like to thank Congressman Smith and Senator Cantwell for their work in securing federal funding for this project. Congressman Smith, in particular, has made this a priority and his commitment to this project has made a huge difference in making it a reality.

City Talk

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@cityoflakewood.us.

YOU'RE INVITED!!! LAKEWOOD INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 14

Pierce College Performance Lounge

Fort Steilacoom Campus

11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Free entertainment, ethnic foods, arts, crafts and children’s activities

LAKEWOOD'S FIRST CITY MANAGER SAYS GOODBYE

This constitutes my final column as your City Manager. After nine and one half years, I have decided that it is time to retire and enjoy life a little more fully or at least differently from being a public figure for the past thirty years. I have enjoyed and appreciated my time as your first City Manager and can only tell you of the pride I have for the many accomplishments achieved by so many over these first nine plus years of our new city. I have been privileged to be a part of what I believe is a number of significant changes for the betterment of our community.

When I first came here, the Council set a number of lofty goals to be achieved. First and foremost was to clean up the community and get our crime situation under control and we have gone a long way in achieving that with a 40% plus reduction in violent crime. The beginning of our new police department promises to continue to improve on that statistic. Probably the second most important goal was to improve the economic climate in Lakewood away from a dying mall and lack of investment community wide. With the new Towne Center and nearly \$60 million a year in new investment across the community, we have also made significant inroads in that direction.



Scott Rohlf, City Manager

There were numerous other things including starting up a number of services to better serve the needs of our community. In short order, we started a municipal court in just a few weeks, developed the community's first true Comprehensive Plan, improved every park in Lakewood and added three new ones, added numerous traffic and sidewalk improvements, added street lighting along most arterials, consistently achieved international recognition for our financial management, and started CDBG and HOME programs along with funding many human service programs for our more needy residents.

This could all be accomplished because I have been blessed with a superb staff of employees who continuously put forth a supreme effort to keep costs down and make miracles out of our limited resources. From the absolutely excellent management team through every employee in our organization, the citizens of Lakewood should be very proud of these public servants.

It was also critical that the City was able to begin its history with a group of wonderful, caring and responsible Council members who made up our original Council. These seven individuals worked so positively together to accomplish so much so fast and served our community in such a professional, caring manner. I would like to thank each and every one of those special people who made the decision to bring me here. I wish that space would allow me to provide individual thanks to staff and Council, but I think they know how I feel.

Please join us on Monday, February 28 in the City Council Chambers from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. for an Open House celebrating Scott's service to Lakewood.

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 Summer 2004 the Employee of the Quarter was Assistant City Attorney Anita Booker-Hay and for Fall 2004 the Employee of the Quarter was Fleet Maintenance Coordinator Paul Powers.

Both of these individuals were recognized for their outstanding work that went above and beyond fulfilling their daily duties. Anita and Paul were both chosen because of the tremendous amount of new duties each took on as a result of creating Lakewood's own Police Department. Anita took on the additional duties of becoming legal advisor to the Department and Paul was responsible for purchasing and outfitting more than 100 vehicles for the new Department. Kudos to both for their hard work and dedication.

LAKEWOOD'S BUILDING PERMIT ACTIVITY GROWS IN 2004

Lakewood's building activity continues to be strong. 2004 was our busiest year ever in terms of the number of permits issued and the value those permits represent.

	Number of Permits	Total Valuation
2000	1,256	\$35,961,815
2001	1,234	\$39,771,274
2002	1,504	\$52,777,330
2003	1,524	\$48,890,364
2004	1,773	\$57,025,334

Lakewood is proud of the work our Neighborhood Associations are doing throughout the community. Neighborhood Associations are a great way to get involved in your community to make a difference.

Lake City

The Lake City Neighborhood Association meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake City Fire Station (8517 Washington Blvd.).

Lakeview

The Lakeview Neighborhood Association meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Lakewood City Hall (6000 Main Street SW).

Tillicum/Woodbrook

The Tillicum/Woodbrook Neighborhood Association meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Tillicum American Lake Gardens Community Center (14916 Washington Ave. SW).

Pacific

The Pacific Neighborhood Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Lakewood Fire Station (10928 Pacific Hwy SW).

Northeast

The Northeast Area Neighborhood Association meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Lakewood Fire Station (10928 Pacific Hwy SW)

If you would like information about Neighborhood Associations contact the Community Relations Department, 589-2489 or e-mail cbock@cityoflakewood.us.

If you are interested in forming a blockwatch in your area, please contact the Lakewood Police Department, 830-5000.

LAKEWOOD'S PROMISE



COMMUNITY NEWS

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT UPDATES

Lakewood's Promise continues to carry on the good work of America's Promise - The Alliance for Youth.

America's Promise and Lakewood's Promise are dedicated to keep five promises to our youth:

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

Lakewood's business community is an active partner in Lakewood's Promise. Recently, Cold Stone Creamery celebrated its grand opening in Lakewood by donating 50% of the celebration's sales to Lakewood's Promise - a total of \$743.54. Additionally, local celebrity guest "scoopers" (who included Deputy Mayor Helen McGovern, Council member Claudia Thomas and Police Chief Larry Saunders) earned another \$200 in tips that were contributed directly to Lakewood's Promise.

It is this kind of partnership and collaborative effort that have made Lakewood and Lakewood's Promise a model for the nation. In October America's Promise—The Alliance for Youth notified Lakewood's Promise leaders that Model Community status had been awarded to the six-year old Lakewood Promise effort for its outstanding commitment and effective use of the Five Promises. Lakewood joins Knoxville, TN; Kansas City, MO; and Minneapolis, MN as communities whose efforts to mobilize their citizenry to build the character and competence of youth are worthy of emulation. Lakewood is the smallest model community and the only one hosted by a city government.

Lakewood is proud of our community's commitment to youth and encourages everyone to get involved with our young people. To find out more about Lakewood's Promise visit www.LakewoodsPromise.org.

2005 will mark the first time that Lakewood has used a Local Improvement District (LID) to fund public works projects. A Local Improvement District (LID) is simply a financing mechanism allowed under State Law which enables property owners to tax themselves for the installation of specific public improvements which benefit their property. It can be initiated by property owners through either a petition to City Council or by the City Council through passage of a resolution. The petition or resolution describes both the improvements to be constructed and properties which are to be assessed (pay) for them. A public hearing is required to be held wherein all affected property owners are notified of the time and date of the hearing along with the amount of the assessment proposed to be levied. For an LID to proceed it must receive support from those property owners whose properties represent 40% of the total amount of the assessments proposed to be levied. The City is hopeful that in the future more property owners will opt to use LIDs to make improvements.

For more information about LIDs or any of the projects listed below, please contact the Public Works Department, 983-7795.

Recently completed projects include:

- Gravelly Lake Drive / Steilacoom Blvd. / Lakewood Drive Intersection Realignment Project was completed in November 2004. The project completion was celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony on December 7, 2004 attended by City Council, Transportation Improvement Board, City staff, project consultant and contractor.
- The recently completed Gravelly Lake Drive/Nyanza Road Stormwater Quality Project was done primarily to clean stormwater before it discharges to Clover Creek.

The following transportation projects are scheduled to occur this year:

- Short Lane Frontage Improvements – Construction of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks along the west side of Short Lane from 104th Street SW to Lake Steilacoom Drive should begin in March 2005.
- Local Improvement District (LID) 1101 – Lakewood Drive / Steilacoom Blvd. Frontage Improvements – Construction of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks along

Lakewood Drive (north and south of Steilacoom Blvd.) and on Steilacoom Blvd. (east of Lakewood Drive should begin Summer of 2005.

- Local Improvement District (LID) 1102 – Western State Hospital Frontage Improvements – The project includes construction of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks along Sentinel Drive and 87th Avenue and construction of streetlights along Steilacoom Blvd. between Sentinel Drive and 87th Avenue.
- Local Improvement District (LID) 1103 – Pacific Highway / Gravelly Lake Drive Gas Station Frontage Improvements – Construction of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks along the frontage of the gas station at the SE corner of Pacific Highway and Gravelly Lake Drive should begin Summer of 2005.
- Pacific Highway Improvements – Construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and streetlighting along both sides of Pacific Highway between Bridgeport Way and 108th Street SW should begin Fall 2005 / Winter 2006.
- Bridgeport Way Sidewalks – Construction of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks along both sides of Bridgeport Way between 59th Avenue and Steilacoom Blvd. should begin Fall 2005 / Winter 2006.



Contractor installs a storm drain pipe on Leschi Road.

These stormwater projects will be completed this year:

- Leschi Rd./Weller Rd. Drainage Improvement Project – Construction of the drainage system was largely completed in December. The contractor will return after the weather warms up to finish the paving portion of the project. The project should be finished by early April.
- Leach Creek Culvert Replacement Project – This project will replace an undersized culvert at the University Place/Lakewood city limits under Bridgeport Way. A portion of the project will involve closing Bridgeport Way in the vicinity of the project for up to two weeks. Allowing the closure will decrease the project work days and save money. Construction is scheduled to begin in June.
- Farwest Drive/116th St. Drainage Improvement Project – This project will address a localized flooding problem by upgrading an aging drainage system. Construction is scheduled to begin in June.
- 88th Street/Gramercy Place Stormwater Quality Project – This work entails installing a stormwater quality vault at a point in the drainage system just before it discharges to Lake Steilacoom. The vault contents clean the stormwater before it discharges to the lake. This project should occur late summer or early fall this year.



PARKS & RECREATION

PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN UPDATE

The mission of the Lakewood Parks and Recreation Department is to create a healthy community through people, parks and programs. During the last six months of 2004 the community, city staff and MIG consultants have gathered information to update our city wide Park and Recreation Master Plan. Once adopted, the Plan will provide short term and long term policies for expanding the park and recreation system, offering programs and services, implementing the improvements and ensuring we are meeting our mission.

The Plan identifies and evaluates the existing system for deficiencies, assesses the need for additional park land, open space and specialized facilities, establishes criteria and standards for site selection, design, and management of the various areas and recommends an approach to funding acquisition, development and maintenance of facilities.

The Park and Recreation Advisory Board will review the Plan at a meeting on March 1, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. The community is welcome to attend this meeting to learn more about the future of parks and recreation in the City of Lakewood. The Board will forward their recommendations to City Council for final approval.

AMERICAN LAKE MASTER PLAN

Do you use American Lake Park? This popular 5-acre park is located on the north shore of American Lake and offers a children's playground, picnic shelter, picnic tables, restrooms, outdoor shower, a swimming beach and community boat launch. Although the park is used year round by the community, it is heavily used during the summer months. A master site plan is being developed to determine the how the site can accommodate it's many uses and what improvements can be made to ensure the site is ready for future generations.

Everyone interested in providing input for this project is invited to an open house on Thursday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m. at Lakewood City Hall Council Chambers.

PARKS APPRECIATION DAY - APRIL 23, 2005

Parks add to the quality to our lives and add value to our community. Join your friends and neighbors in celebrating Park Appreciation Day on Saturday, April 23, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The purpose of this event is to come together as a community, beautify the parks and help prepare them for the spring/summer season. Each year we have over 400 volunteers from local community groups, churches, businesses and neighborhoods support this event.

This year the City will focus our community efforts at different park sites. Special projects will occur at Wards Lake, Harry Todd, American Lake, Springbrook and Fort Steilacoom Parks.

The City is looking for volunteers and donations to support our event. We need refreshments for our volunteers, landscaping materials, hand tools and other types of event support. Call Suzi at 589-2489 if you would like to be a part of this event.

KIDS' FISHING DAY - MAY 21, 2005 AT AMERICAN LAKE PARK

Children aged 5 – 14 will learn about the sport of fishing and experience the thrill of catching a fish at this year's Kid's Fishing Day. The event will be held on Saturday, May 21st at American Lake Park. Registration is required! Your \$5 registration fee includes an event T-shirt and a Zebco rod & reel. Register on **Wednesday, April 20 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** at the Lakewood Community Center. Registration after April 21 will be on a space available basis. This event sells out each year so plan to preregister as soon as possible. Children must be accompanied by an adult at the event. We are looking for volunteers to work with the kids. Call us if you and your fishing buddies can help!

SPRING YOUTH TRACK & FIELD PROGRAM

Sponsored by the Clover Park School District and the City of Lakewood Parks & Recreation Department this program is open to **all children** age Kindergarten through 6th grade to test their skills in a variety of track & field events. The program will be held every Wednesday evening at Harry Lang Stadium beginning April 20th and will conclude on May 25th. All-comers track meets will be held: April 27th, May 11th, and 25th. Training, conditioning and practice for the various events will be held: April 20th, May 4th and 18th. Ribbons will be awarded at all the track meets. The program will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will end by 8:00 p.m. This program is an excellent opportunity for your child to participate in a low-cost healthy activity that promotes physical fitness. There will be a small, one-time fee (\$15) to register your child for the program. You can register your child at City Hall or through the Lakewood Boys & Girls Club.

3RD ANNUAL FATHER / DAUGHTER DANCE

This year's dance will be held at Clover Park High School in the "Gathering Hall" on Saturday, March 19th from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The theme will be "Butterfly Kisses". Come join us to celebrate the special bond that daughters have with their fathers – grandfathers – uncles – or special friends. Let the "little girl" in your life know how special she is. Refreshments and prizes will be included. A photographer will be on hand so you can purchase a treasured memory of this day. The cost for the dance is \$10 per person and registration is required. Space is limited – reserve your spot today!

[Forestry Grant Update](#)

Trees support native species, maintain natural ecological processes, sustain air and water resources and contribute to the beauty, health and quality of life in the community. Lakewood is fortunate to be located within a well-forested area. Come learn more about Lakewood's urban forest. Staff from International Forestry Consultants will provide an overview of what they have learned about the trees in our City park system and what we need to do to ensure a well-maintained urban forest will be available to future generations. The presentation will include tree identification, health assessment, and forestry maintenance and management information. Join us at Harry Todd Park on Saturday, March 12 at 10:00 a.m. Rain or shine, the presentation is free.

[Work continues at Fort Steilacoom Park](#)

Work continues on the upgrades to the ball fields at the Park. The fields will need to rest until this Fall, so please help us by staying off the grass until the fields are completely ready. Additionally, the community will come together in June to build a big new playground. Visit www.ftsteilacoomplayground.org for information about how you can help.

[Volunteers Needed for City Events](#)

The City of Lakewood coordinates a number of annual community events. Volunteers are needed to help plan each event or to help at the events. Contact Suzi at 253-589-2489 if you are interested in volunteering at any of the following events: Parks Appreciation Day, Father - Daughter Dance, Fishing Event, Independence Day on the Plaza, Youth Sports Day and Safety Fair, Summer Concert Series or Holiday Tree Lighting.

[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. It's time to join or renew your KLB membership. Contact Michael McGovern at 253-983-4543 for more information.

POLICE REPORT

The Lakewood Police Department has moved!!

The Lakewood Police Department main operations has moved out of Lakewood City Hall at 6000 Main Street to 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 Volunteers Needed

The Lakewood Police Department is seeking community volunteers who are interested in assisting the Department with a variety of programs. If you would like to become a Police volunteer, contact the Lakewood Police Department at 830-5000 for an application. All volunteers are subject to a background check.

Cell Phones Help DV Victims

Do you have an old cell phone that you aren't using any longer? Put it to use in the fight against domestic violence. You can donate your old cell phone to the Lakewood Police Department (5504 112th Street SW) and it will be given to the victim of domestic violence as a way to call 911 in case of an emergency.

POLICE SEEK VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS RESERVE OFFICERS

The City of Lakewood is highly supportive of a citizen police program to promote the concept of community policing. We are looking forward to getting the Reserve Officer program up and running with the same success that we have enjoyed with our new Police Department. Our successful and seamless transition to our new Department has allowed us to now move forward with the Reserve Officer program.

Basic requirements to become a Reserve Police Officer:

- United States Citizen
- 21 years of age at time of appointment
- High School Diploma or G.E.D.
- No felony convictions
- No domestic violence or drug convictions
- Good driving record
- Good moral character to include employment and credit history

Desirable experience:

- Bilingual ability
- College level coursework in law enforcement
- Previous law enforcement training

The Reserve Officer program will be a functional unit within the Patrol Response Unit. Reserve Officers will work side-by-side with full time patrol officers. Reserve Officers will attend the WSCJTC approved Reserve Academy. After graduation, Reserve Officers will learn to become fully operational police officers by being assigned with a Police Training Officer on a probationary basis. When their training is complete, Reserve Officers will progress to the level of being able to operate as a solo officer in the field covering every aspect of patrol procedures and functions. Eventually, Reserve Officers may apply for opportunities to work in the Criminal Investigations Unit, the Special Assault Section, the School Support section, the Traffic Section and the Marine Patrol.

Being a Reserve Police Officer is a voluntary unpaid



Officer Martin and Officer Bo at the Commissioning Ceremony on January 25

position that allows the department to supplement community and police services while also allowing individuals interested in future law enforcement careers to train and gain experience. It also allows others who have an interest in their community the opportunity to serve it as a law enforcement officer.

The Lakewood Police Department will provide Reserve Officers with all uniforms, bullet resistant vest, and other duty related equipment. The City will cover the cost of the academy, however, footwear and any other personal equipment choices not provided by the department will be the responsibility of the Officer.

Candidates will be required to undergo a selection process which is equal to the same intensity as the regular Officer process. In addition to an oral board, candidates must pass a full background investigation, polygraph or voice stress analysis, psychological and medical exams. The Reserve Academy is tentatively set to begin March 1st, 2005 and will

meet Tuesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Thursday evenings 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 1st through mid-June.

Application packets may be obtained from the Professional Standards Section, located on the 2nd floor of Lakewood City Hall. If you have any questions, you can contact Sgt. Evans of the Professional Standards Section (253)830-5086.

LAKWOOD POLICE EXPLORERS NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS

The Lakewood Police Department is accepting applications for young adults between the ages of 15 and 20 who are interested in becoming Police Explorers.

Police Explorers Post #253 is sponsored by the Lakewood Police Department in cooperation with the Boy Scouts of America. Explorers will learn about all aspects of the Police Department and its functions. They are allowed to engage in ride-a-longs with Police Officers on patrol, assist Investigators, participate in department training exercises and provide security at local events.

To receive an application contact Lakewood Police Department, 5504 112th St. SW, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., or email: explorers@cityoflakewood.us.

LAKWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBERS

Abandoned Vehicles.....	830-5080
Animal Control Hotline.....	983-7800
Drug Tip Hotline.....	830-5049
Gang Tip Hotline.....	830-5049
Main Desk/Information.....	830-5000
Traffic Complaints.....	830-5070
Prostitution Tip Hotline.....	830-5049
Sex Offender Information.....	830-5095

LAKEWOOD SUPPORTS LOCAL HUMAN SERVICE EFFORTS

Human service outreach is a high priority for the citizens of Lakewood. In a survey done last summer, social service programs ranked third in a list of priorities, behind only transportation and public safety. Each year the City sets aside a portion of its budget to fund human service programs serving local residents.

For 2005 Lakewood designated \$275,600 of its annual budget to human services programs to support the five fundamental resources of Lakewood's Promise and for services that assist with basic human needs such as food/shelter, domestic violence, basic health care, transportation, employment training, services to special populations (e.g. seniors and persons with physical/mental disabilities), and emergency services supporting the City's targeted crime reduction and community mobilization.

Programs receiving funding in 2005 are:

- Lakewood Boys & Girls Club - Delinquency Prevention, Tillicum Outreach
- Centro Latino - Youth at Risk
- Child & Family Guidance Center - Healing Hearts
- Communities in Schools - Lakewood After School Program
- Franciscan Health System - Children's Immunizations
- Pacific Peaks Girl Scouts - Girl Scout Outreach
- Metropolitan Development Council - Woodbrook LEADS
- My Service Mind - Promise for Youth
- New DAY New DAY - Diaz Art for Youth
- Pierce College Foundation - Lakewood Computer Clubhouse
- Pierce County AIDS Foundation - Oasis Youth Center
- Pierce County Community Action - ChildReach
- Pierce County Juvenile Court - Community Service by Youth
- Sexual Assault Center - Education and Prevention
- Tacoma – P.C. Education & Training Consortium - Youth Internship
- The Exchange Club of Tacoma - Caring for Kids
- YMCA - Late Night Program
- YWCA - Generation YW, Women's Support Shelter, Children's Program, Legal Services
- Catholic Community Services - Phoenix Housing Network
- Community Health Care - Primary Medical Care Tillicum, Primary Medical Care Lakewood
- Faith Homes - Jump Start
- Good Samaritan Community Health Services – Neighborhood Emergency Respite Shelter
- Korean Women's Association - Asian Pacific Senior Day Care
- Lakewood Area Shelter Association (LASA) – Transitional Housing, Outreach
- Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities (TACID) – ACCESS, Housing and Employment Link (HELP)
- Tacoma Rescue Mission- Family Shelter

- Emergency Food Network - Food Bank
- Tillicum/American Lake Gardens Community Service Center - Emergency Services

HOUSING ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE TO LAKEWOOD RESIDENTS DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE LOANS

- A loan up to \$5,000 is available to qualified applicants, to be used towards down payment and closing costs in buying a home in Lakewood. The maximum allowable property value/sale price has been raised to \$288,700.
- Borrowers must pay ½ the required down payment, or at least \$500, and gift funds are OK to meet this requirement.
- The interest rate for the loan is 0% and payments are deferred for up to 20 years.
- Borrowers must have reasonably good credit in the past 12 months.
- Borrowers must meet income limitations based on U.S. Housing and Urban Development median income guidelines.

EMERGENCY MINOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM CHANGES

Effective July 1, 2004 the City of Lakewood's Emergency Minor Home Repair Program for qualifying low-income owner-occupied homeowners was changed. Due to limited federal funding and to assist as many households as possible, the following changes were made:

Maximum lifetime limit: The maximum grant amount that can be spent on the first visit to the home after July 1, 2004 is \$3,500 with a lifetime maximum of \$5,000 per homeowner for needed emergency minor home repairs. These changes were effective July 1, 2004. If you received assistance under the Emergency Minor Home Repair Program prior to July 1, 2004, that assistance does NOT count towards the \$5,000 maximum lifetime limit.

MAJOR HOME REPAIR

Major Home Repair funds are available to qualifying low-to-moderate income owner-occupied homeowners in Lakewood. Up to \$8,000 in a 0% interest loan with payments deferred for up to 20 years, plus a GRANT of up to \$2,000 can help you with needed repairs such as a new roof, plumbing repairs or a new heating system.

HOUSING REHABILITATION

If you have more extensive home repair needs, our Housing Rehabilitation Program will provide up to \$60,000 towards repairs. This is structured with up to \$48,000 in a 0% interest loan and payments deferred for up to 20 years, plus a GRANT of up to \$12,000. Qualifying low-to-moderate income homeowners in Lakewood are encouraged to apply. Homeowners must own and occupy the home in need of repair.

QUESTIONS? Call the City of Lakewood Housing Specialist at 589-2489.

LAKEWOOD'S PETS

LAKEWOOD FOCUSES ON LEASH AND SCOOP LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Lakewood Police Department has begun increased enforcement of Lakewood Municipal Codes 06.04.010 and 06.02.086 which address animals at large on public property and animal waste/owner responsibility, respectively.

The move to stricter enforcement comes after several complaints were received by the City of Lakewood from concerned citizens. While the majority of pet owners are very responsible, pets which are allowed to roam the streets and parks may cause distress to members of the public, occasionally bite, cause road hazards and soil public footpaths.

In January and early February, Lakewood Police Department Police Officers and Animal Control Officers primarily issued warnings to the owners of animals that were in violation of the leash and/or scoop laws. The Officers only issued citations during this period for unusual circumstances. The primary emphasis was to warn citizens and educate them about the law and obtain voluntary compliance. On February 14, Lakewood stepped up enforcement efforts and will now more aggressively balance warnings with citations.

All of Lakewood's Parks are posted with signs reminding residents that dogs must be on leash at all times and that pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their animals. All of the parks are also supplied with scoop stations stocked with plastic bags.

Lakewood encourages all pet owners to take responsibility for the safety and behavior of their animals and we greatly appreciate your cooperation. If you are in need of animal control assistance, call the Animal Control hotline, 983-7800.

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

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 main desk.....	830-5000
non-emergency only.....	798-4721
drug tip hotline.....	830-5049
sex offender info.....	830-5095
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

FEBRUARY

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 7	Keep Lakewood Beautiful, 7:00 a.m., Burs Restaurant
Wednesday 9	Community Collaboration, Lakewood City Hall, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.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, 7:30 a.m., 589-2489
Thursday 17	American Lake Park Master Plan Open House, City Hall, 6:00 p.m., 589-2489

MARCH

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 Lunch, 11:30 a.m., 582-9400
Monday 7	Keep Lakewood Beautiful, 7:00 a.m., Burs Restaurant
Tuesday 8	One City One Book, movie presentation, Lakewood City Hall, 5:30 p.m., 589-2489
Wednesday 9	Community Collaboration, Lakewood City Hall, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.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, 7:30 a.m., 589-2489
Saturday 12	Lakewood's Urban Forest Program, Harry Todd Park, 10:00 a.m., 589-2489
Friday 18	One City One Book, movie presentation, Lakewood City Hall, 5:30 p.m., 589-2489
Saturday 19	Father Daughter Dance, Clover Park High School, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., \$10 per couple, 589-2489

APRIL

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
Sunday 3	Lakewood Historical Society Walk Into History, Antique & Collectible Show & Sale, Lakewood Gardens, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Admission Fees: General \$5.00, Seniors, Student, & Military \$3.00, Appraisal of items (no furniture please, limit is three items) is \$3.00 donation per item, 584-6147
Monday 4	Keep Lakewood Beautiful, 7:00 a.m., Burs Restaurant
Thursday 14	Lakewood Sister Cities Association, Lakewood City Hall, 5:30 p.m., 589-2489
Friday 8	Coffee with the Mayor, St. Clare Hospital, 7:30 a.m., 589-2489
Wednesday 13	Community Collaboration, Lakewood City Hall, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 589-2489
Wednesday 20	Registration for Kids' Fishing Day on May 21, Lakewood Community Center, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., \$5, 589-2489 (registration is required and space fills quickly)
Saturday 23	Parks Appreciation Day, Lakewood's Parks, 9:00 a.m. - noon, 589-2489

MAY

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
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Friday 13	Coffee with the Mayor, St. Clare Hospital, 7:30 a.m., 589-2489
Saturday 14	International Festival, Pierce College Fort Steilacoom, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 21	Kids' Fishing Day, American Lake Park, 589-2489 (preregistration is April 20)

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.