LAKEWOOD UPDATES ITS PARKS & RECREATION PLAN

PUBLIC FORUM—Thursday June 3, 6:00 PM., Lakewood City Hall

The City of Lakewood is updating its Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The planning program now underway is an update of the 1997 Park and Recreation Plan completed just after the City incorporated in 1996. The purpose of the plan is to create a working document that guides both current and long-range decision making about Lakewood’s parks & recreation programs. The plan will outline a clear set of goals and objectives; identify partnership opportunities; and establish projects and/or actions required to implement the plan recommendations and policies.

The City has retained the Portland-based consulting firm of Moore Iacofano Goltzman, Inc. (MIG) to update the new Master Plan. A 13 person master plan subcommittee has been appointed to work with the Consultant. This subcommittee will routinely brief the Lake-wood Park and Recreation Advisory Board regarding the status of the Plan.

The City currently owns and operates ten park and recreation facilities. Since the last plan was prepared, the City has acquired and developed two new parks (Springbrook and Wards Lake Park) and completed upgrades to most of the City owned park and recreation facilities.

The City will use two primary methods to seek citizens’ help in identifying issues for long-range capital development and implementation. First, the subcommittee will sponsor a public forum “Visioning Meeting” to gather information on our community values and neighborhood needs and issues. That meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 3, at 6:00 p.m. at Lakewood City Hall Council Chambers. Everyone with an interest in the future of parks and recreation is encouraged to attend.

Second, various community organizations will be contacted to solicit participation statistics, use patterns and other needs. In addition we will also use the City’s website, City Happenings and the news media to share and collect information. The subcommittee will also hold meetings periodically to discuss the progress of the planning effort. The public is welcome to attend and participate in these meetings.

Upon completion of the draft Master Plan the Park and Recreation Advisory Board will hold community meetings and a public hearing before sending their recommendation to the City Council for adoption of the final Master Plan. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this exciting and important process.

LAKEWOOD’S NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT MOVES FORWARD

Creation of the City’s new Police Department is moving along extremely well. We were overwhelmed by the response to our recruitment for Police Officers, Sergeants and Detectives. The application period for Officers, Detectives and Sergeants opened at the end of January and closed near the end of February. We received over 600 applications to fill approximately 85 positions. The initial phase of hiring began in early April with the hiring of seven entry level Officers and continues with the hiring of experienced or “lateral” Officers. Most of these Officers will not actually start work until sometime this fall when transition to the new Department begins. Currently, we are recruiting for the Lieutenant and Assistant Chief positions and interviewing and testing applicants for Detective and Sergeant.

The City of Lakewood website is a great place to learn more about what is happening in our community. Check out Lakewood online at www.cityoflakewood.us.

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Congratulations to JAM Enterprises for its silver award for the design of Lakewood’s Veterans Memorial

JAM Enterprises won the silver award for art/sculpture in an international metal craft competition sponsored by the National Ornamental & Miscellaneous Metals Association (NOMMA) for its work on the Lakewood Veterans Memorial located in front of City Hall. JAM Enterprises was honored at NOMMA’s annual convention in March for its outstanding craftsmanship on the Memorial sculpture. The competition was open to over 1,000 member firms in the US and 13 foreign countries.

Lakewood’s Veterans Memorial was dedicated on Memorial Day 2003 and funded through the efforts of a volunteer citizens committee in partnership with the City of Lakewood.

Citizen Advisory Boards are an important part of city government

The City Council would like to express our appreciation to the men and women who volunteer their time to serve on one of Lakewood’s 11 advisory boards.

Lakewood has also been working to secure the necessary equipment including cars. Lakewood’s new Police Department will feature new dark blue police cars with gold stenciling; however, many cars will be purchased used from Pierce County and will be green. The mixture of new and used cars will save money in the transition process.

It is estimated that the new Department will have an operating budget in 2005 of about $12.8 million which includes approximately 110 staff members including at least 95 commissioned officers (up from 87 currently). If Lakewood would have continued to contract with Pierce County for police services, we would have paid $13.5 million in 2005 without any increases in staff or services.

Work also continues to establish a facility for the new Department. Lakewood has negotiated a two year lease with Pierce County for the existing police precinct building located on 112th Street SW. However, the existing precinct was built in 1985 to house 55 officers and is too small for the planned force of 95 officers. So, in addition to the temporary lease, part of the new Department will be temporarily housed at City Hall and at the Lakewood Industrial Park. These temporary accommodations will provide a stopgap solution to allow time for the development of a permanent Police station. By late summer, the community and the City Council will need to determine what the permanent solution will be for developing a Police station. It is estimated that such a facility will cost approximately $7.5 million to develop. The City has few options for developing a Police station - we can buy an existing building and remodel, we can build a new building, or we can enter into a long-term lease. However, a lease is likely the most expensive in the long run.

A Police station is a critical component of strategic policing operations. A Police station is more than just office space; it is the central nervous system of the Department. The station acts as the hub for the sharing of information between officers to allow them to combat crime strategically while reducing overhead costs that would result from a decentralized Department spread out in several facilities.

The station will also have a number of special features such as emergency radio communications, holding cells, secure storage for evidence, private interview rooms and secure parking. The City will likely include a car impound lot and an animal shelter to reduce costs in those areas. City staff is partnering with a citizens work group to help with the process of developing this facility and is in the process of making recommendations to Council.

As progress continues on the new Department, look for updates on the web, in City Happenings and in future editions of Lakewood Connections.
Lakewood’s Annual Financial Report honored

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has selected the City of Lakewood to receive its Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Lakewood's 2002 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. In order to receive this award the City had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines. The City has routinely been able to meet the strict guidelines for receiving this award as well as the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in its budget presentation.

Lakewood City employees recognized for WellCity efforts

Lakewood has been recognized by the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) as a 2004 WellCity Award winner for promoting employee health. Lakewood employees participate in many wellness activities throughout the year designed to encourage active and healthy living leading to higher productivity.

Americans with Disabilities Act

The City of Lakewood is working with the United States Department of Justice on improving accessibility of City programs, services and activities for persons with disabilities. City staff receives specialized training on the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and effective ways to interact and communicate with persons with disabilities.

Policies and procedures are implemented that will aid the City in providing information regarding ADA accessible programs and services and improve the City’s ability to receive and act upon requests and concerns regarding accessibility.

Any person who would like to provide information to the City regarding such issues is invited to contact the City’s Human Resources Department at 589-2489.

City procedures formalize how people may request accessibility accommodations, such as requests regarding the accessibility of sidewalks and curb cuts at roadway intersections. To request accessibility accommodations regarding City streets and sidewalks, please contact the City’s Public Works Department at 589-2489.

Procedures also identify how requests should be made for interpreters, transcription services, and documents in alternative formats. Additional information is available on the City’s internet website at www.cityoflakewood.us.

Lakewood SummerFest

Fort Steilacoom Park
July 10
11:00 am - All Day
FREE ADMISSION

A Day at the Park.
A Night at the Movies.
Street Fair  Family Activities
Live Music    Entertainment    Food
Golf Tournament  Outdoor Movie
(798-4176 to register) (9:30pm)

Sponsored by: City of Lakewood, Pierce County Parks & Recreation, Lakewood Towne Center, St. Clare Hospital

Bridgeport Way Entryway Beautification Project

Bridgeport Way from the Interstate 5 off ramp to Burlington Northern Railroad crossing is scheduled for a major make-over in 2004. The City Council has committed up to $100,000 for improvement of this prominent City entrance. Ultimately the project will combine Federal grant funds related to Lakewood’s proposed Sounder Transit Station with City funds to install landscaping, street improvements, signs and possible public art. Lakewood residents will be asked for ideas and feedback on potential designs as the project progresses.

The Redevelopment Advisory Board (REDAB), a group of volunteer business advisors to the City Council, recommended that the Council consider improvement of City entrances, specifically Bridgeport and Pacific Highway South, as an important means of enhancing the economic health of the community.

The Lakewood firm of Chaffee and Associates was competitively selected from among a group of firms to develop design options for this project. The community will be invited to participate in the design process as it gets underway this summer. If you have ideas about the intersection or would like to offer your opinion on designs, please email jhannan@ci.lakewood.wa.us.

Lakewood Police Officers

Recruitment for Lakewood’s new Police force has been very successful. Lakewood began the selection period for Officers, Detectives and Sergeants at the end of February after receiving more than 600 applications.

A critical component to the success of the hiring process for the new Department is the Civil Service Commission. The three member Civil Service Commission was appointed in January and began with the task of establishing the job descriptions and hiring processes for the Department. The Commission continues its work by determining the hiring process and approving the eligibility lists.

The new Lakewood Police Department has launched its largest hiring phase by hiring the City’s first seven entry level Officers. The seven new Officers began work on April 5 and after a week of initial orientation and training reported to the Police Academy on April 14 for a six month training program.

The new Officers were selected from a highly competitive pool of 225 applicants. Applicants were then tested in a variety of areas and interviewed by both a citizens’ panel and the Police Chief. The seven new Officers are highly qualified and demonstrate the values that Lakewood seeks for its new Police Department.

The City was initially prepared to hire as many as 20 entry level Officers; however, the high level of response and high quality of lateral Officers who applied to come to work for the new Lakewood Police Department has allowed the City to hire more experienced Officers and fewer entry level Officers.

The entry level Officers are an important component of the new Department. They bring diversity, energy and enthusiasm to the Department and complement the experience of more senior Officers.

Work continues as the Department hires experienced Officers as well as Detectives and Sergeants.

Fort Steilacoom Park
11:00 am - All Day
FREE ADMISSION

A Day at the Park.
A Night at the Movies.

Street Fair  Family Activities
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Scott Rohlfs,
City Manager
Lakewood continues to make improvements throughout the City’s park system. Below is a summary of some of the recent projects as well as some of the improvements planned for this summer. In addition to the work at the city-owned parks, major improvements, made possible by our partnership with Pierce County, will get under way this summer at Fort Steilacoom Park to upgrade the athletic fields.

Wards Lake Park
Construction on this new park was completed in early May. Improvements to the park include paved parking, restrooms, canoe launch, play equipment, picnic shelter, and walking paths.

Active Park
A new walking path around the park is just under ¼ mile per lap. The new play equipment and basketball court have proven to be very popular. Recently a new irrigation system and turf renovations were completed which will make the park a great spot for a family picnic or a game of catch.

Harry Todd
A new picnic shelter is being installed near the play equipment, and landscape renovations are planned for the area as well. The swim docks are also being rebuilt.

American Lake
For safety reasons the swim dock was removed from the swim area. Special thanks to the Lakewood Fire Department for their help.

Edgewater Park
The City is currently working with the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) to install a new launch to replace the old one. DFW will build the launch in sections offsite, and then install them with minimal impact to users and neighbors.

Washington Park
New play equipment and a walking path will be added during 2004.

For more information on these or other park projects contact Parks & Recreation, 589-2489.

3rd Annual Parks Appreciation Day – another great success!
On April 24, 2004 approximately 350 volunteers provided over 1,500 hours of service to beautify the Lakewood’s parks. Volunteers pulled weeds, cleaned up the beaches, moved dirt, painted shelters and planted over 2,000 flowers and shrubs at American Lake Park, Harry Todd Park, Active Park, Wards Lake Park and Fort Steilacoom Park. The City is especially thankful to all the businesses, service clubs, churches and individuals who provided support and helped make Lakewood a great place to live, work and play.

Special thanks goes to HomeStreet Bank, Starbucks, Clover Park Rotary, Lakewood Rotary, Target and Lakewood Refuse for financially sponsoring this great community program.

Wards Lake Park – Grand Opening Celebration June 16, 4:00pm
Wards Lake Park is now open for business. This 22 acre park is the second new park developed since Lakewood incorporated in 1996. The land was purchased and developed using city, state and federal funds. Park improvements include a new entry and parking area, sidewalks and pathways, nature trails, a car-top boat launch, playground, fishing pier, restrooms, picnic shelter, benches and picnic tables. We are fortunate to have a nesting eagle watching over the park. Wards Lake is located at the intersection of 84th and Pine Street. Join us for an official grand opening celebration on June 16 at 4:00pm!

Reserve a Park for summertime fun!
The sun is out and that means lots of visitors at our City parks. The City of Lakewood has picnic shelters, baseball fields and other spaces to use for your company picnic, family reunion or other special events.

City of Lakewood Parks

(462) 374-4061

Independence Day Celebration & Children’s Parade
Thursday, July 1
Noon - 2:00
Lakewood City Hall
Join us for fun activities, music, entertainment and crafts and a chalk art contest. Kids of all ages can participate in the Children’s Parade down Main Street. Your family pooch can also join in the fun with the Patriot Pooch contest – prizes will be awarded for the most patriotic pooch present. For more information call 589-2489.

MOBILE RECREATION PROGRAM
This popular program will once again provide free recreational activities for children at a number of neighborhood parks and schools. Springbrook Park has been chosen as our afternoon site and will have the program there everyday of the week (Monday - Friday). We are also adding the Summer Food Service Program at Springbrook Park which will provide a free lunch for children 18 years old and younger. Lunches must be eaten on site. Children will be able to visit the park and have recreational opportunities every afternoon all summer long. All ages are welcome at all mobile recreation programs.

Reserve a Park for summertime fun!

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*Program will not be held due to the Independence Day Celebration at City Hall on Thursday, July 1st and the holiday observance on Monday, July 5th.
Summer Camp – 2004
This program will be at Tillicum Elementary. This all-day program will also be a site for the Summer Food Service program through the Clover Park School District and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. This food service program will provide a free lunch to children 18 years old and younger which must be eaten on site. Games, activities, arts & crafts and more will be offered. Come on down and join in the fun. This program will be offered free of charge from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday through funding provided by a federal Weed & Seed grant, a City of Lakewood Human Services grant and a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant. Children ages 6-18 are welcome.

The program is a collaboration of a number of organizations serving youth including: Camp Fire, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Lakewood Boys & Girls Club, Clover Park School District and, of course, Lakewood Parks & Recreation. The program will also offer an extended-day program from 7:00 – 10:00 a.m. and from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. that will be provided by Lakewood Boys & Girls Club for a fee. Preregistration for the extended-day program is required and can be done at City Hall or the Lakewood Boys & Girls Club. Special activities will be provided by the Tacoma Astronomical Society, the Summer Youth Mission, and other organizations.

Lake Ozette Hike–2004
This three-day, two night backpacking trip will take you from Lake Ozette to the Pacific Ocean and back again. An assortment of wildlife including seals, raccoons, deer and eagles are normally observed during the trip. Our first campsite will be at Cape Alava just off the ocean beach. We will hike along the beach to Sand Point on the second day and enjoy a long sandy beach to play and relax. The third day will be a short hike back to Lake Ozette and our transportation home. Backpacking gear will be provided if you do not have your own. The recommended age is 15 for this hike. Call Dennis, 589-2489, for more information. Cost: $65

Climb a Volcano – 2004
Ever wanted to stand on top of the world? This could be your chance to get close! There will be ten lucky people who will have the opportunity to test their strength and endurance on an overnight trip to the top of Mt. St. Helens. This two-day trip requires good physical condition and access to backpacking equipment. Recommended age is 15 or older. We will be following “leave no trace” principles since we will be in an environmentally sensitive area. We will be on the volcano on August 11th & 12th with our summit push the second day. We will hike two miles the first day to the 4,800 foot level to establish our camp. Our summit day will encompass three miles to the top and five miles back to the van. We will return to Lakewood the same day. Preregistration is required. Call Dennis, 589-2489 to register. Space is limited. Cost: $45

Summer Tennis Lessons – 2004
Beginner and intermediate children’s tennis lessons will be offered through the Parks & Recreation Department at Clover Park High School Tennis Courts. Learn the essential strokes of forehand, backhand, volleys & serve and basic court positioning. Each session will run Monday through Thursday (with Fridays reserved as makeup days) and will have a maximum of 8 students. Lessons will be for one hour each day and the session times are (9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m.). There will be no refunds due to weather. Please call Dennis, 589-2489, for session information on ability and age levels. Cost: $26/session

Kayaking Opportunities!
Ketron Island Tour
This small but charming island maintains its separation from bustling day to day life, yet lies only a short distance away. We’ll circumnavigate this isle, enjoying the sandy beaches and sea life, beginning and ending in Steilacoom. Half Day Tour – Noon to 3:30 p.m. Date: July 31 (4-spots) Cost $55.00
Nisqually Delta Tour
Our most popular tour and a nature lover’s dream! This tour takes us through the largest saltwater estuary in the South Sound, home to a plethora of birds, animals, and plants. We’ve seen seals, sea lions, otters, herons, eagles and osprey. Half Day Tour – Noon to 3:30 p.m. Date: July 24 (4-spots) Cost $55.00.

Beach Lifeguards
Lifeguards will be at Harry Todd Park and American Lake Park beginning July 3rd and will end the summer swim season on Labor Day, September 6th. They will be on duty from noon until 8 p.m. every day unless weather conditions dictate otherwise. They are there for your safety and require your cooperation for a safe swimming environment. Remember, lifeguards are not a replacement for adult supervision.

Lakewood Summer Concert Series
The summer concert series, back by popular demand, will begin on July 6th at American Lake Park. The FREE concerts are held every Tuesday evening from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. through August 24th. The park is in great shape and the paved walkways have made it really easy to get to your favorite spot. Come on down and enjoy a great view of the lake while enjoying a variety of music. Bring the whole family!

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Do you have a skill or talent you would like to share? We are looking for experienced instructors to work with youth, adults and seniors. Contact Dennis Higashiyama, 589-2489, to talk about ways you can get involved!
Lakewood has had a 24% reduction in overall crime and a 40% reduction in violent crime rates since incorporation.

For information about joining or creating a Blockwatch contact Safe Streets representatives Joy Browne at 798-4239.

CRIME FREE HOUSING IS AT THE HEART OF LAKESIDE’S FIGHT AGAINST CRIME

The Lakewood Crime Free Rental Housing Program has been crucial to the continuing decline of crime in Lakewood. It helps tenants, owners and the managers of rental property keep drugs and other illegal activity off their property.

This program is honest and direct. It is solution oriented. It is designed to be easy, yet very effective in reducing the incident of crime in rental property. The program uses a unique three-part approach which ensures the crime prevention goal, while maintaining an tenant-friendly approach.

Phase one involves a one and a half day educational seminar for owners and managers. Phase two certifies that the rental property has met minimum security requirements for the tenants’ safety. In Phase three, a tenant crime prevention meeting is conducted for full program certification. For those who complete all three phases, the property owner or manager is authorized to display Crime Free Rental Housing signs and logos.

Since the inception of the Crime Free Rental Housing in 1998 there have been 32 Crime Free Rental Housing Seminars (phase one) giving the Phase One Certificate to 441 Students. There have been a total of 118 Rental Housing Properties whose owners/managers have completed all the requirements and received the full certification or recertification.

This program is part of an ongoing crime prevention effort in the City of Lakewood and the Crime Free Housing Seminars are conducted every other month. The next seminar is set for May 19 and 20. If you would like to know more, call the Lakewood Police Department at 798-4200.

FIREWORKS IN LAKESIDE

Have a safe and happy Fourth of July! Lakewood allows fireworks to be discharged only between 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. July 3 through July 5. Only common fireworks may be discharged during this time. Common fireworks are usually those that can be purchased legally at typical fireworks stands. Fireworks such as bottle rockets and some others that maybe purchased on American Indian Reservations are illegal to discharge at any time in Lakewood.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME - TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

Lakewood will again join over 10,000 other communities and 34 million people worldwide with a series of farewell to crime parties celebrating National Night Out Against Crime (NNO). We look forward to many neighborhoods coming together to host their own celebrations again this year. National Night Out is just one of the ways we can assist law enforcement in furthering Lakewood’s joint crime, drug and violence prevention programs. Police-community partnerships, neighborhood participation and neighborhood safety programs (such as our PC-NET neighborhoods) are just a few of the ways community members supplement the efforts of our professional law enforcement and fire fighter personnel to keep Lakewood safe and make it a great place to live.

If you would like to organize a National Night Out celebration, you can register online at www.cityoflakewood.us or pick up registration forms at City Hall, Lakewood Police Precinct and the Chamber of Commerce. These neighborhood events provide the opportunity for neighbors to get to know one another and work together to identify and resolve neighborhood concerns.

The City’s website also has numerous articles of interest and check sheets on this year’s theme, “Personal and Property Protection.” These may be downloaded and copied for personal use or reproduced for neighborhood use. More will be added as they become available. Be sure to check regularly.

For further information or questions please contact our NNO coordinators, Sharron and Mike Kanter. They may be reached at 582-5314 or nno@ci.lakewood.wa.us.
COMMUNITY UPDATE

DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS
Up to $5,000 as a GRANT is available, on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified applicants, to be used towards down payment and closing costs in buying a home in Lakewood. The GRANT funds do not have to be repaid! The maximum allowable property value/sale price has been raised to $262,295.
- The borrower must pay 1/2 the required down payment, and gift funds are OK to meet this requirement.
- Borrowers must have reasonably good credit in the past 12 months.
- Borrower must meet income limitations are based on U.S. Housing and Urban Development median income guidelines.

When the onetime GRANT funds of $25,000 have been exhausted, Down Payment Assistance LOAN funds are available. The loan program allows up to $5,000 towards down payment and closing costs in buying a home in Lakewood. The interest rate for the loan program is 0% and payments are deferred for up to 20 years. The maximum allowable property value/sale price has been raised to $262,295.

EMERGENCY MINOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM CHANGES
Beginning July 1, 2004 the City of Lakewood's Emergency Minor Home Repair Program for qualifying low-income owner-occupied homeowners will be changed. Due to limited federal funding and to assist as many households as possible, the following changes are being 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 are effective July 1, 2004. If you have 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.

HOUSING REHABILITATION
If you have more extensive home repair needs, our Housing Rehabilitation Program will provide up to $60,000 towards needed repairs. This is structured as up to $48,000 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, or plumbing repairs, or a new heating system.

Questions? Call the City of Lakewood Housing Specialist at 589-2489 or visit the City’s website, www.cityoflakewood.us.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT UPDATES
Work has recently been completed on installation of sidewalks on the south side of San Francisco Avenue from Bridgeport-Way to Lincoln Avenue, and on the east side of Lincoln Avenue between San Francisco Avenue and Chicago Avenue. This project also included construction of a traffic circle at the intersection of Lincoln and Chicago Avenues.

In early summer construction will start on the following projects:
- Sidewalks on the west side of Kline Street between 108th Street and Pacific Street, serving Lakeview Elementary School.
- Improvements at the intersections of Gravelly Lake Drive and Steilacoom Boulevard and Steilacoom Boulevard and Lakewood Drive.

For more information on these and other public works projects, please contact the Public Works Department, 983-7795.

PLANNING A SUMMER GARAGE SALE?
Before you start cleaning out your closet for a garage or yard sale, please stop by the second floor of City Hall for a garage sale permit. There is no fee for the permit and it can be issued right away. Lakewood residents are allowed up to four garage sales each year. The purpose for limiting the number of garage sales allowed is to maintain the residential nature of neighborhoods. If you have questions call 512-2261.

HOLDING A CAR WASH FUNDRAISER?
To protect Lakewood's lakes, streams and ground water sources, organizers of car wash fundraisers are required to follow procedures to minimize the amount of pollutants discharged from wash areas. A procedures list, necessary materials (at cost), and required permits are available from the City. In lieu of conducting car washes, organizers are encouraged to sell car wash coupons available from the Puget Sound Car Wash Association, which are redeemable at local commercial car washes. For more information about these requirements, contact the Public Works Department, 983-7795.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

MUNICIPAL COURT

Lakewood is fortunate to have its own Municipal Court as a convenient service for its citizens. Lakewood's Municipal Court has been and remains very busy. In 2003, the Court handled 11,658 infraction and criminal case filings as well as 10,007 photo enforcement cases. Down slightly from 2002 when the Court handled 13,600 infraction and criminal cases and 16,337 photo infraction cases.

In addition to processing case filings, the Court is also responsible for managing the City's probation program and jail alternative programs.

Jail alternative programs are a cost effective way of ensuring that offenders are held accountable without the expense of sending them to jail. The community service work crew program has been especially successful at saving money. Not only does the City save the cost of jail, but the work crew performs valuable services around the community including maintenance work in parks, at City Hall and along rights of ways. In 2003, the work crew performed 9,976 hours of service and saved $91,000 in jail costs.

Lakewood is also using electronic home monitoring as another alternative to costly jail time. In addition to saving the City $75,000 in jail costs, offenders pay a fee to the City to participate in the program that offsets the cost of the monitoring equipment.

With the help of these two programs and the City's new jail services contract with Wapato in eastern Washington, Lakewood has reduced jail costs by nearly $200,000 in the last few years. Lakewood continues to seek new ways to reduce costs while maintaining offender accountability.

Lakewood's Municipal Court is open 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday and Court sessions are held Monday through Thursday. Court sessions are open to the public. For more information you can call 512-2258.
**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: 512-2261
  - non-emergency only: 798-4200
  - drug tip hotline: 798-4206
  - sex offender info: 798-4216
- Public Works Department: 983-7795
- Street Light Outages: 983-7795
- Traffic Infractions: 512-2258
- Zoning: 512-2261

**OTHER PHONE NUMBERS**

- Burn Ban: 1-800-595-4341
- Cable TV (AT & T): 1-877-824-2288
- Clover Park School District: 583-5000
- Domestic Violence Helpline: 798-4166 or 1-800-764-2420
- Earthquake/Floods: 798-7470
- Electric Companies:
  - Lakeview Light: 584-6060
  - Puget Sound Energy: 1-888-225-5773
  - Tacoma Public Utilities: 383-2471
  - Gas Leaks: 1-888-225-5773
- Humane Society: 383-2733
- Lakewood Chamber: 582-9400
- Lakewood Fire District:
  - non-emergency only: 582-4600
- Lakewood Library: 582-6040
- Lakewood Refuse: 586-1705
- 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.**

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**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
- County Talk, Lakewood City Hall, 9:00 a.m. - noon, 798-3380
- Saturday 15: Congressman Adam Smith Town Hall Meeting, Lakewood City Hall, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., 593-6600

**JUNE**

- 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
- Friday 4 - Saturday 5: American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Harry Lang Stadium, 984-6217
- Saturday 5: Summer Safety Fair, Lakewood YMCA, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., 983-4579
- Monday 7: Keep Lakewood Beautiful, 7:00 a.m., Burs Restaurant
- Thursday 10: Lakewood Sister City 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
- Wednesday 16: Wards Lake Park Grand Opening Celebration, Wards Lake Park, 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday 19: Lakewood Tour of Gardens, 964-6441
- Thursday 24: Second City Chamber Series, Lakewold Gardens, 572-TUNE

**JULY**

- 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 1: Lakewood Chamber Lunch, 11:30 a.m., 582-9400
- Independence Day Celebration & Children’s Parade, Lakewood City Hall, noon - 2:00 p.m., 589-2489
- Monday 5: Keep Lakewood Beautiful, 7:00 a.m., Burs Restaurant
- Tuesday 6, 13, 20, 27: **Summer Concert Series, American Lake Park, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.,**
  - Tuesday 8: Lakewood Sister City Association, Lakewood City Hall, 5:30 p.m., 589-2489
  - Friday 9: Coffee with the Mayor, St. Clare Hospital, 7:30 a.m., 589-2489
  - Saturday 10: Lakewood SummerFest 2004, Fort Steilacoom Park, 11:00 a.m. - all day, 589-2489
  - Saturday 17: Skate Park Fest 2004, Lions Skate Park at Kiwanis Park, 589-2489
  - Thursday 22: Second City Chamber Series, Lakewold Gardens, 572-TUNE
  - Saturday 31: Return to Lakewood Car Show & Market in the Park, Clover Park Technical College, 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., 582-9400

**AUGUST**

- Every Thursday: Lakewood United Forum, Burs Restaurant, 7:00 a.m., 584-1867
- Every Thursday: City Talk, Lakewood City Hall, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., 589-2489
- County Talk, Lakewood City Hall, 9:00 a.m. - noon, 798-3380
- Monday 2: Keep Lakewood Beautiful, 7:00 a.m., Burs Restaurant
- Tuesday 3: National Night Out Against Crime, 798-4200
- Thursday 5: Lakewood Chamber Lunch, 11:30 a.m., 582-9400
- Sunday 8: Annual Great American Picnic & Pops, Lakewold Gardens, 584-6115
- Tuesday 10, 17, 24: **Summer Concert Series, American Lake Park, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.,**
  - Thursday 12: Lakewood Sister City Association, Lakewood City Hall, 5:30 p.m., 589-2489
  - Friday 13: Coffee with the Mayor, St. Clare Hospital, 7:30 a.m., 589-2489
- Friday 4 - Saturday 5: American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Harry Lang Stadium, 984-6217
- Saturday 15: Congressman Adam Smith Town Hall Meeting, Lakewood City Hall, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., 593-6600
- Saturday 19: Lakewood Tour of Gardens, 964-6441
- Sunday 21: Lakewood Garden’s Mothers Day Brunch, 584-4106

**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.

**COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The public is welcome at all Council meetings. Council meetings are held at the Lakewood City Hall, 600 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.