Lakewood Idol
Ever dreamed of being the next big star? Get your start right here in Lakewood!

Auditions will be held Thursday, July 14th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Lakewood City Hall. Singers must bring a karaoke/back-up disc without vocals. There is a $10 audition fee.

Eight finalists will be selected to advance to the final competition which will be held Tuesday, July 26th at 6:30 p.m. at American Lake Park. At the final competition, finalists will compete for a cash prize, the opportunity to advance to Washington’s Battle of the Idols at the Puylup Fair with a $1,000 cash prize, and the title of Lakewood Idol 2005.

Ages 12-adult. No duets or group performances. For more information, call 589-2489.

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LAKEWOOD COUNCIL SAYS “NO” TO WORK RELEASE PROGRAM AT WESTERN STATE HOSPITAL

Late last year the City discovered that the Department of Corrections was planning to relocate a 75 bed male work release program for felons from the grounds of Remann Hall in Tacoma to the Western State Hospital campus in Lakewood. The Department of Corrections planned to close the 140 bed female prerelease program currently located at Western State and replace it with the male work release program.

The Department of Corrections (DOC) did not contact the City about this plan nor did they follow State law on procedures regarding public notice for the siting of a work release facility. The Lakewood City Council, other community leaders and neighboring communities were extremely upset with this proposed action and the potential danger it posed to our community.

Pierce County and Lakewood have often been referred to as “dumping grounds” because of the high number of State programs, like work release, that bring criminals into our communities. Other counties have much lower numbers and, in the case of Snohomish County, it has no work release facilities.

Westernide’s Council already believes that Lakewood, with Western State Hospital, has more than our fair share of State programs that create an unfair burden on our city. In order to gain a better understanding of the situation and to ensure that DOC follows the public notification process, the Council adopted a moratorium on any new DOC facilities at Western State Hospital. The Council held a public hearing on the moratorium on April 18 and heard from about 100 citizens as well as other interested parties including DOC representatives.

The Council is very concerned that the current 75 bed work release program will expand because the existing female prerelease facility at Western State has 140 beds. The bed space in the work release facility turns over three to four times a year meaning that as many as 300 felons move through the program each year. Prerelease programs are much different than work release programs. Felons in prerelease settings are monitored constantly; felons in a work release setting are free to be in the community during the day.

The Council remains concerned that the clients of the work release program could generate additional crime in our community and create an unsafe environment at nearby schools and Fort Steilacoom Park. The Council continues to watch this situation closely and is working with other local officials including our Legislators, the Town of Steilacoom and Pierce County Prosecutor Gerry Horne to ensure that DOC follows the rules for siting a work release program.

LEARN MORE ABOUT LAKEWOOD - ENROLL IN LAKEWOOD UNIVERSITY

Lakewood is pleased to announce the opening of Lakewood University. Lakewood University will be held on Tuesday, June 1 and 8 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at Lakewood City Hall.

Lakewood University is an opportunity for citizens to learn more about how the City works and find out about current topics like public safety programs, economic development efforts and what is going on in our parks - plus a lot more.

If you are interested in enrolling, contact Charleen at 589-2489 or cjacobs@cityoflakewood.us to reserve your seat.

The Rotary Club of Lakewood is coordinating the creation of a world-class playground designed by children and built by volunteers. Community service clubs and other organizations are combining efforts to raise the funds and build the elements for this park. Construction will take place the week of June 6-12, 2005.

We need the help of everyone in our community to lend a hand, loan us equipment or put a work team together to help build the pirate ship, tree house, swing sets and climbing wall.

What can you do to help? Log onto www.fttilacoomplayground.org to find out more about this exciting community event.
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COUNCIL CHOOSES FIRST VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
In April, as part of Volunteer Appreciation Week, the City Council named Diane Formoso of Caring For Kids as the recipient of the 2004 Bill Harrison Volunteer of the Year award.

The Council also took the opportunity to celebrate nine nominees for the award as well as the many people who volunteer their time and talent to our community.

The award is named for Lakewood’s first Mayor and current Council member Bill Harrison and celebrates the spirit of volunteerism that makes Lakewood special.

Diane was selected from among many distinguished nominees for the tremendous and broad reaching impact she has on the youth in Lakewood. Through Caring for Kids, Diane and her many volunteers raise money and donations to help children in need through the Ready to Learn Fair at the beginning of each school year as well as providing resources all year long.

The nominees for the 2004 award were: Toby Murray, Emergency Food Network; Outreach, Lakewood Area Shelter Association; Kay Linda Midgette, Tillingrum/ Woodbrook Neighborhood Association and Red Cross; Boy Scout Troop #51; 1/5 Infantry Family Readiness Group Leadership; La Leche League of Lakewood; Diane Formoso, Caring for Kids; Mike Kanter, Lakewood Police and National Night Out Against Crime; and John Korsmo, Lakewood Baseball Club and Lakewood Redevelopment Advisory Board.

All of the nominees are commended for the positive impact they have on our community. Lakewood would not be the same without the generosity of these and our many other community volunteers.

COUNCIL SAYS OKAY TO PURCHASING PROPERTY FOR FUTURE POLICE STATION
Earlier this year the Council approved the purchase of approximately 2.7 acres of property from the Lakewood Industrial Park. The property is located off Lakewood Drive just south of the Clover Park School District school bus facility.

The Council took this step because the City knows that sometime in the near future we will need to provide a permanent Station to house the 120 member Police Department. The Council felt it was wise to move forward with purchasing the property now since there are few available pieces of land suitable to meet the needs of the Police Department and the cost of property continues to increase.

Later this year the Council plans to continue discussions on how to build the estimated $10 million, 31,000 square foot Station.

CITY MANAGER
ANDREW NEIDITZ AS NEW CITY MANAGER
The City Council is pleased to appoint Andrew Neiditz as Lakewood’s second City Manager. The Council focused much of its time last fall on the selection process and, in January, interviewed five candidates from across the nation.

In February, the Council unanimously selected Andrew Neiditz to be our new City Manager.

Andrew started work in Lakewood March 7 and has been spending time getting to know Lakewood, current issues and meeting citizens. Andrew has a long history of public service, most recently serving as the City Administrator for the City of Sumner for the past five and a half years. Prior to that position, Andrew served as the Deputy City Manager in Lakewood for three years and worked for Pierce County as Deputy County Executive and Public Safety Director.

The selection process was very time consuming, but provided a great opportunity for the Council to work together cooperatively. The Council approached the process collectively and held many good discussions regarding the candidates to determine the best fit for Lakewood. The Council looks forward to working collaboratively with Andrew in the future.

NOVEMBER ELECTIONS
The Lakewood City Council has four position up for election in November: Positions 1, 2, 3 and 5. Lakewood City Council positions are all elected at-large and not elected by specific districts. If you are interested in running for election to the Lakewood City Council, contact the Pierce County Auditor’s office (www.co.pierce.wa.us or 798-7427) for information about filing for office.
It’s been a busy first couple of months for me as Lakewood’s new city manager; and I’ve been very pleased to be meeting many employees and citizens in my first month on the job. The more I hear from people, the better job we all do. Feel free to call City Hall with any questions or concerns, or feel free to email me at aneiditz@cityoflakewood.us.

Andrew Neiditz
Lakewood City Manager

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 by fellow staff members and one is selected to receive this recognition. For Winter 2005 the Employee of the Quarter is Pam Battersby, Administrative Secretary to the Chief of Police.

Pam was recognized as employee of the quarter for her outstanding work and her willingness to go above and beyond her normal duties to make sure that the Police Department runs smoothly. She has been instrumental in assisting the Police chief and Assistant chiefs by answering and directing phone calls and visitors - providing information and assistance as needed, insuring timely and accurate correspondence, coordinating calendars and arranging meetings and conferences. She has also served on the City employee committee and done a wonderful job of bringing the new department in-line with city policies and programs. Congratulations Pam!

LAKEWOOD SUMMER CONCERTS
The summer concert series, back by popular demand, will begin on July 5th at American Lake Park. The FREE concerts are held every Tuesday evening from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. through August 23rd. There will not be a concert on August 3rd as the city participates in National Night-out. We will feature a wide variety of music. Come on down and enjoy a great view of the lake while enjoying a variety of music. Bring the whole family!

July 5
High Rollers, Rhythm & Blues

July 12
Deems Tastakava & Seattle Groove, Funky Jazz

July 19
Incendio, Latin guitar world fusion

July 26
Lakewood Idol, your chance to be a star

August 9
I Corps Army Band, Patriotic Music

August 16
Bruce Robertson and the Reverbs, Golden Oldies

August 23
Island Jams, caribbean steel drums
LAKEWOOD'S PARKS & LAKES

BRA D GEPO R T WAY CLOSURE PLANNED FOR J ULY
Leach Creek Culvert Replacement Project set for this Summer

The City of Lakewood, in conjunction with the City of University Place, is planning to replace a five foot diameter culvert that carries Leach Creek under Bridgeport Way. The culvert is located at the city limits of Lakewood and University Place. The culvert will be replaced by a bottomless “box”, or 3-sided culvert. The new culvert will be wider, approximately 30 feet, which will better match the creek width. This will open up new spawning and rearing habitat for salmon and other fish further upstream. Previously many salmon were not able to negotiate the culvert during high flows due to the high velocity of water in the culvert. The work is scheduled to take place this summer.

To expedite construction Bridgeport Way will be closed in the vicinity of the project for approximately two weeks in July (see detour map). This will allow the contractor to work more quickly without having to control traffic. Alternatively, the contractor would have to install approximately one-half of the structure at a time while having traffic on the road. This option would reduce traffic to one lane in each direction for an extended period of time since construction would be more complicated due to the need to keep two lanes open at all times and, at the same time, dig a 25 foot deep hole to replace the culvert. While it will be a temporary nuisance for the traveling public, allowing the road closure should reduce total construction time by more than a month.

The estimated project cost is $1,320,000. This includes administration and design costs, box culvert purchase, and construction contract. The general contractor for the project is Thompson Brothers of Vancouver, Washington.

The project is funded by grants in the amount of $818,000 from the state Salmon Recovery Funding Board, with the balance of funds made up equally from Lakewood and University Place.

Please contact Greg Vigoren, Public Works Department, 983-7795, if you have any questions about the project.

W E 6-Y E A R T R A N S P O R T A T I O N I M P R O V E M E N T P L A N

The Citizen Transportation Review Committee kicked off development of the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) (2006-2011) in March. This annual process provides the framework for identifying transportation needs within the City. The Committee and staff members have a challenging job of setting priorities based on community need and available funding.

We welcome comments and input from the public. The Committee will be meeting to work on the TIP through May. The final draft will be available for review and presented to City Council prior to the public hearing for adoption in June. If you would like to provide input to the TIP, please contact the Public Works Department at 983-7795 or publicworks@cityoflakewood.us.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT UPDATE

• Short Lane Improvements – Construction is wrapping up on sidewalk improvements along Short Lane from 104th to Lake Steilacoom Drive.
• Steilacoom Blvd / Lakewood Drive - This project will provide extension of sidewalks on Steilacoom Blvd and Lakewood Dr. Construction is scheduled for Summer-Fall 2005. This project is funded through a local improvement district.
• Western State Hospital – This project will provide frontage improvements in front of Western State Hospital on Steilacoom Blvd, Sentinel Way, and 87th Ave. Construction is scheduled for Summer-Fall 2005. This project is funded through a local improvement district.
• Gavelly Lake Drive / Pacific Hwy – This project will provide frontage improvements to the Union 76 Station frontage at Gavelly Lake Drive and Pacific Hwy. Construction should begin June/July 2005. This project is funded through a local improvement district.
• Traffic Signal Analysis and Upgrade Project: This project provides for equipment and operational upgrades to the City’s traffic signal system, including signal timing and coordination. Work will be ongoing for the next two years.

For more information about these and other projects contact the Public Works Department, 983-7795.

Tips for safe visits to city parks:
• Swimming areas are marked with buoys, log booms, or other markers, clearly designating the boundaries. Swimming shall be permitted only within these areas.
• Children should always be supervised by a responsible adult.
• Obey all posted beach rules and/or the instructions of lifeguards, facility managers, or other park department employees.
• If you use barbecues or similar devices at park facilities please dispose of ashes safely in the red ash cans provided at all parks.
• Make sure you put out your fire before you leave the park.

To learn more about the rules for city park use, please read, Lakewood Municipal Code 8.76 – Park Code which is available on the City’s website, www.cityoflakewood.us.
S U M M E R C A M P P R O G R A M
This free, fun program for youth and teens will be held at Tillicum Elementary, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 27 through August 19. 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. All children ages 6-18 are welcome.

The program is part of a collaborative effort by a number of youth serving organizations including: Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Lakewood Boys & Girls Club, Clover Park School District and Lakewood Parks & Recreation. Pre-registration 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.

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. Funding for the Summer Camp is provided by a federal Weed & Seed grant, a City of Lakewood Human Services grant and a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant.

S U M M E R W I L D E R N E S S H I K E S
Snow Lake Day Hike
This day hike in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area takes you to one of the most beautiful destinations in the central Cascades. Travel the well-maintained trail to the top of the ridge and take in the magnificent views of lake. Proceed down the trail to cool off your feet in the icy waters of Snow Lake. Have lunch at the lake before hitting the trail for the trip home. This mid-week trip is planned for July 27. Recommended age is 15 or older. Register through the Parks & Recreation Department, 589-2489. Cost: $10 per person

Ollalie/Talapus Lakes Day Hike
Another great day hike in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area that will take you through timbered-forests to two beautiful lakes. A wonderful hike for the whole family that features a well-maintained trail, beautiful views and great exercise. If we’re lucky, we’ll even catch a glimpse of the great-horned owl that lives near Talapus Lake. This mid-week trip is planned for August 10. Register through the Parks & Recreation Department, 589-2489. Cost: $10 per person

Lake Ozette Hike
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, eagles and others 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. This trip is planned for August 2-4. Recommended age is 15 or older. Register through the Parks & Recreation Department, 589-2489. Cost: $65 per person

S U M M E R T E N N I S L E S S O N S
Beginner and intermediate youth tennis lessons will be offered through the Parks & Recreation Department at Clover Park High School Tennis Courts. Learn the essential strokes of forehand, backhand, volley & 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 the Parks & Recreation Department at 589-2489 for session information on ability and age levels. Cost: $26/session

K A Y A K I N G O P P O R T U N I T I E S!
Ketron Island
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 – Begins at 1:00 p.m. Date: July 23 (4-spots) Cost $60.00

Nisqually Delta
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, along with many other species in our frequent trips to this magical spot. Evening Tour – Begins at 5:30 p.m. Date: July 26 (4-spots) Cost $60.00

Contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 589-2489 to register.

A U G U S T 2 0 , 1 - 4 P . M .
The Skatewave National Tour is coming to Lakewood. Come watch exciting skateboard tricks performed by expert athletes, try out the new 3.0 equipment, instructional workshops, music, food and free give-aways. You won’t want to miss this event!

Work continues at Fort Steilacoom Park
Construction is done, but the fields will need to rest until this Fall, so please help us by staying off the grass until the fields are completely ready.

Summer Beach Lifeguards
Lifeguards will patrol the beaches at Harry Todd Park and American Lake Park beginning July 2 and will end the summer swim season on Labor Day, September 5. They will be on duty from noon until 8 p.m. everyday 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 substitute for adult supervision.

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 Sara at 589-2489 if you are interested in volunteering at any of the following events: Fishing Event, Independence Day on the Plaza, Youth Sports Day and Safety Fair, Summer Concert Series or Holiday Tree Lighting.

Market at the Park
Clover Park Technical College will again host Market at the Park on Saturday, July 30 from 11:00am to 6:00pm. This fun event features the Lakewood Chamber’s 13th Annual Return to Lakewood Car Show as well as free entertainment, fun crafts and unique vendors. Parking & Admission are Free. Visit www.cptc.edu for more information.

SUMMERFEST 2005
Join us on June 18 at Fort Steilacoom Park to dedicate our new playground and have some FUN! Festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. Food, live music, games, arts and crafts and summer program information. At sunset watch Racing Stripes, a FREE outdoor movie courtesy of Comcast.
DO YOU KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS?

Knowing our neighbors and our neighborhoods can be a huge deterrent to crime. National Night Out Against Crime is an opportunity to get out and meet your neighbors and take back your neighborhood in the fight against crime.

This year, in recognition of the large number of military families in our community, we have selected “SUPPORT OUR TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES” as our theme for National Night Out Against Crime.

The Lakewood Police Department is committed to making this the best NNO in our City’s history, but it can’t be accomplished without the help of all our citizens. Form your neighborhood block watches, get organized, register your neighborhood for an NNO event and have a “Going Away Party for Drugs and Crime” in your neighborhood.

By registering your NNO event, we will be able to provide the opportunity for visits by police and fire personnel, elected officials and maybe a few surprise visitors.

Registration forms may be found on the City’s website, Lakewood Police Headquarters, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and Lakewood City Hall. Any questions should be directed to Sharron or Mike Kanter, 582.5314.

STATE OF THE ART ADDITION ASSISTS VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The City of Lakewood recently took a technological leap forward when it received a DV Kiosk to assist domestic violence victims who wish to request a two week temporary protection order. The Kiosk, a computer station designated to on-line temporary order requests, is conveniently located on the 3rd floor of City Hall, near Lakewood Towne Center. The Kiosk will enable victims to receive the assistance they need without leaving Lakewood. Members of the Lakewood Partnership Against Domestic Violence strongly advocated for the Kiosk and believe it will be of invaluable benefit to victims. All too often, domestic violence victims are unable to secure transportation to the County City Building in downtown Tacoma, previously the only place where temporary orders could be obtained.

The Partnership hopes that the simplified initial process and the convenience of the Kiosk will encourage victims to obtain protection orders.

The Kiosk is available to domestic violence victims between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm. To use the Kiosk, Victims must bring photo identification with them. Users should also plan to be at City Hall for at least ½ hour.

Following submission of the on-line application for the order, the requestor must return to City Hall to learn of the judge’s decision. If the temporary protection order has been granted, it is recommended that the victim take the order to the applicable police precinct where law enforcement will serve the respondent. Temporary orders are valid for two weeks and only after service has been accomplished.

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Many of our local military families are separated because one or more family members are serving our country in locations far away from home. Some of these families may feel isolated because they are new to our City. They may appreciate your help in preventing criminals from using this separation and isolation to cheat, rob, or abuse them.

Some may just like to be welcomed into our neighborhoods, invited for a barbecue or picnic dinner and shown why the Northwest is a great place to live.

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Your Neighborhood Police Officer and Community Service Officer will be happy to assist you in forming a neighborhood block watch and provide information and training to make your block watch effectively prevent crime.

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Would you like to be part of the Lakewood Police Department?
The Department is looking for Lakewood residents to serve as volunteers in a variety of areas and those interested in becoming Reserve Officers.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact the Police Department at 830-5000 or pick up an application at City Hall or on our website, www.cityoflakewood.us.

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.

Many additional services, including transportation assistance, are offered through the 24 hour Domestic Violence Helpline, 800-764-2420. If you are interested in joining the Partnership Against Domestic Violence, please contact Ann-Marie at 983-7824.

Do you know someone who is the victim of domestic violence?

You can help. The Domestic Violence Helpline is for friends and family too. You can call the Helpline, 798-4166 or 800-764-2420, for help and advice. Your call can be anonymous.

When you call the helpline you will find:

• Someone who can help you decide how to safely help your friend or relative.

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Within two weeks, the petitioner must attend a Superior Court Hearing at the County City Building in Tacoma to request that the order be extended. For more information about obtaining a temporary protection order in Lakewood, please contact the Legal Department at 589-2489 and request to speak with a victim advocate.

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**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERSmake a difference**

Recently, Lakewood’s Animal Control Officers have focused their efforts on enforcement of the City’s leash and scoop laws in our public parks, but our Animal Control Officers also get to make a difference in people and pets’ lives everyday.

Watching out for our animal friends in an important part of what they do. Here are a couple of examples of some of the great work and community outreach that our Animal Control Team is able to accomplish.

Recently the team was called out to apprehend an aggressive pitbull running loose in a playground at an apartment complex. It took awhile, but they were able to catch the dog with no injuries. As they were leaving two boys came up on their bikes. One of the boys, who was about 8 or 9 years old, stopped and asked, “Did you catch that dog?” Our Officer said “Yes”. He said “Good”. As he went to leave, he stopped, turned back around at me and said, “Thank you for all you do for our City.” What a good feeling to know that we can make a difference for our community and our kids.

Another example of how Animal Control helps out is the story of “Moose”. Seventeen year old Moose belongs to an 8 year old Lakewood resident. Moose disappeared one day and his young owner contacted our Animal Control Officers. Unfortunately, they hadn’t picked him up. However, a week later one of our Police Officers found a dog matching Moose’s description and brought him to the shelter where our Animal Control Officers were able to reunite him with his young owner.

We hope that we can share more of these great stories. Pets have a great impact on our lives and we encourage all pet owners to take responsibility for the safety and behavior of their animals.

If you are in need of animal control assistance, call the Animal Control hotline, 983-7800. We are glad to help.

**KEEPING LAKESWOD’S PROMISE - SERVING OUR YOUTH**

Lakewood’s Promise is proud to carry on the vital work of America’s Promise – The Alliance for Youth. The Promise Movement fosters collaborative efforts among the many committed partners - community organizations, businesses, human service agencies, faith-based organizations and individuals - to mobilize the community to build the character and competence of Lakewood’s children and youth. By providing access to resources, the youth are encouraged and enabled to reach their full potential and become productive members of our community. These critical resources are known as the Five Promises:

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

These lofty goals embody the basic essence of the nurturing and guidance our children need and deserve. They are made attainable because ordinary people are able to accomplish extraordinary things when they work together with a shared commitment to improve the quality of life for Lakewood’s children. You can become a part of this exciting effort by volunteering and getting involved with our young people. Become a mentor to a teen. Tutor a child. Visit a classroom and read to the students. Coach a sports team. To learn more about Lakewood’s Promise and the available volunteer opportunities visit www.LakewoodPromise.org or call Linda, Lakewood’s new Promise Coordinator, at 589-2489.

Together we can build a healthy, safe community for all the people of Lakewood by making children our priority.

**IN NEED FOR HOME REPAIRS OR DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE?**

Effective July 1, 2005 the City of Lakewood will be offering higher loan amounts for Major Home Repair or Housing Rehabilitation assistance, as well as for Down Payment Assistance in purchasing a home in Lakewood.

**MAJOR HOME REPAIR**

Qualified homeowners may apply for Major Home Repair assistance up to $12,000. Repair funds will be provided in a 0% interest loan, with payments deferred for up to 20 years. Typical repairs under this program have included such things as a new roof or repairs, plumbing repairs, electrical repairs, insulation or ADA improvements.

**HOUSING REHABILITATION**

For eligible homeowners needing more substantial repair work done, our Housing Rehabilitation program will offer assistance up to $65,000 depending on the amount of equity in the home. The repair funds will be offered in a 0% interest loan, with payments deferred for up to 20 years. This program has assisted Lakewood homeowners with repairs for structural repairs such as a new roof, electrical repairs, plumbing repairs, and windows.

**DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE**

The City of Lakewood will make available up to $7,000 to qualified applicants who wish to purchase a home in Lakewood. The Down Payment Assistance funds will be provided in the form of a second mortgage loan at 0% interest with payments deferred for up to 20 years.

The following income limits apply for the Major Home Repair, Housing Rehabilitation and Down Payment Assistance programs of the City of Lakewood:

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Income limits effective March 31, 2005.

Contact the City of Lakewood Housing Specialist for further information at 589-2489.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION & CHILDREN’S PARADE**

Thursday, June 30  Noon - 2:00

Lakewood City Hall

Join us for fun activities, music, entertainment, crafts and chalk art. 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 Patriotic Pooch contest - prizes will be awarded for the most patriotic pooch present.

For more information call 589-2489.

**LAKEWOOD’S UNIVERSITY**

Are you interested in learning more about the City of Lakewood and local government? Enroll now for Lakewood University – a two day course that will teach you all about how your local government works for you.

Wednesday, June 1 – 6:00 to 8:30pm & Wednesday, June 8 – 6:00 to 8:30pm

Lakewood City Hall Council Chambers

Space is limited so please contact Charleen Jacobs, 589-2489 or cjacobs@cityoflakewood.us to reserve your seat.

Graduates will receive an honorary Lakewood University Diploma and t-shirt.

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Recently, Lakewood’s Animal Control Officers have focused their efforts on enforcement of the City’s leash and scoop laws in our public parks, but our Animal Control Officers also get to make a difference in people and pets’ lives everyday.

Watching out for our animal friends in an important part of what they do. Here are a couple of examples of some of the great work and community outreach that our Animal Control Team is able to accomplish.

Recently the team was called out to apprehend an aggressive pitbull running loose in a playground at an apartment complex. It took awhile, but they were able to catch the dog with no injuries. As they were leaving two boys came up on their bikes. One of the boys, who was about 8 or 9 years old, stopped and asked, “Did you catch that dog?” Our Officer said “Yes”. He said “Good”. As he went to leave, he stopped, turned back around at me and said, “Thank you for all you do for our City.” What a good feeling to know that we can make a difference for our community and our kids.

Another example of how Animal Control helps out is the story of “Moose”. Seventeen year old Moose belongs to an 8 year old Lakewood resident. Moose disappeared one day and his young owner contacted our Animal Control Officers. Unfortunately, they hadn’t picked him up. However, a week later one of our Police Officers found a dog matching Moose’s description and brought him to the shelter where our Animal Control Officers were able to reunite him with his young owner.

We hope that we can share more of these great stories. Pets have a great impact on our lives and we encourage all pet owners to take responsibility for the safety and behavior of their animals.

If you are in need of animal control assistance, call the Animal Control hotline, 983-7800. We are glad to help.
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
(ATH & 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
Earthquake/Floods...............................798-7470
Lakeview Light.................................584-6060
Puget Sound Energy
..................................................888-225-5773
Tacoma Public Utilities.........................383-2471
Gas Leaks............................................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

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
Monday 2
Keep Lakewood Beautiful, 7:00 a.m., Cynthia’s Cafe
Thursday 5
Lakewood Chamber Lunch, 11:30 a.m., 582-9400
Wednesday 11
Community Collaboration, Lakewood City Hall, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 589-2489
Thursday 12
Lakewood Sister Cities Association, Lakewood City Hall, 5:30 p.m., 589-2489
Friday 13
Coffee with the Mayor, St. Clare Hospital Resource Center, 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 Fishing, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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
Saturday 4
Summer Safety Fair, Clover Park High School, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Lowes’ Summer Safety Fair, Lakewood Lowes, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., 581-6444
Monday 6
Keep Lakewood Beautiful, 7:00 a.m., Cynthia’s Cafe
Monday 6 - Sunday 12
Construction of the Playground at Fort Steilacoom Park,
www.fsstilacoomplayground.org

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
Monday 4
Keep Lakewood Beautiful, 7:00 a.m., Cynthia’s Cafe
Tuesday 5, 12, 19, 26
Lakewood Summer Concert Series, American Lake Park, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., 589-2489
Thursday 7
Lakewood Chamber Lunch, 11:30 a.m., 582-9400
Friday 8
Coffee with the Mayor, St. Clare Hospital Resource Center, 7:30 a.m., 589-2489
Wednesday 13
Community Collaboration, Lakewood City Hall, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 589-2489
Thursday 14
Lakewood Idol Auditions, Lakewood City Hall, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., 589-2489
Lakewood Sister Cities Association, Lakewood City Hall, 5:30 p.m., 589-2489
Saturday 30
Market at the Park & Return to Lakewood Car Show, Clover Park Technical College,
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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., Cynthia’s Cafe
Tuesday 19, 26
Lakewood Summer Concert Series, American Lake Park, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., 589-2489
Thursday 7
Lakewood Sister Cities Association, Lakewood City Hall, 5:30 p.m., 589-2489
Friday 12
Coffee with the Mayor, St. Clare Hospital Resource Center, 7:30 a.m., 589-2489
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Kids’ Fishing Day, American Lake Fishing, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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 cbeck@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 email 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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR