The City of Lakewood Celebrates Ten Years of Incorporation

In March 1995 the residents of Lakewood voted to become a city. That fall the citizens elected the city’s first seven member City Council which immediately set about putting together a city government. On February 28, 1996, the City of Lakewood was officially incorporated.

Celebrations

Here we are in 2006 celebrating the accomplishments of ten years of being a city. The city plans to celebrate this tenth anniversary milestone all year long by incorporating it as the theme for all of our events during 2006. We will kick off the celebration with a 10th Anniversary Open House at Lakewood City Hall on Tuesday, February 21, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Lakewood’s children have been invited to participate through a poster and essay contest. The theme of the contest is, “What would you give Lakewood as a birthday present?” All of the children’s work will be on display and the winners will be announced at the Open House. In addition to the contest, the Open House will feature an anniversary cake, displays and entertainment.

We will also have a big anniversary party for Lakewood in June as part of this year’s Summer-FEST celebration. Watch for more information about that celebration this spring.

Looking Back

In the early days of the city’s history, Council members outnumbered staff as they held twice weekly meetings just to get everything started. The new city had impressive goals and big expectations to meet. Citizens chose to incorporate because they wanted more local control, and were concerned about crime and unchecked development. Citizens also wanted to beautify their city and create a sense of community.

Ten years later: Lakewood has made great strides.

The city has focused money and resources on public safety. Fueled by innovative programs and community-oriented policing the violent crime rate has been cut by 45 percent.

Most recently, Lakewood started up a brand new Police Department to continue to carry out the goal of making the city a safer community. Lakewood has also invested in a beautiful park system. Ten years ago some of Lakewood’s parks were simply locked and closed to the public. In ten years, Lakewood has improved every park with new landscaping and play equipment and added two new parks for the community. The city is now starting to focus on offering more recreation opportunities for adults and youth including assuming operations of the Lakewood Senior Center last year.

Lakewood has been extremely successful in generating economic development and redevelopment. In the past ten years the city has experienced significant redevelopment of the former Lakewood Mall into the Lakewood Towne Center and other areas of retail and commercial development.

Maybe one of the biggest changes in Lakewood over the past ten years has been the beautification of our community. Groups like “Keep Lakewood Beautiful” started the process with a welcome sign and more projects have continued.

The city has removed thousands of junk vehicles, tons of trash and countless outdated signs from properties throughout Lakewood. We have planted hundreds of street trees and added miles of sidewalks. All of this has combined to make Lakewood a much more attractive place to live for our residents.

Lakewood has been committed to providing a safe and caring environment for young people. In 2005, Lakewood was recognized as one of the 100 Best Communities Serving Young People because of Lakewood’s Promise’s commitment to mobilize all sectors of our community to address the needs of young people.

There have been countless other achievements in the past ten years, thanks to the hard work and commitment of the City Council members, citizens, volunteers and staff who serve Lakewood.

Looking Ahead

The first ten years of being a city represents great progress in our community, but it is just the beginning. Much more remains to be done and lots of exciting projects are under way. In the coming years we can look forward to a new Sound Transit Station, sewer service in Tillicum and American Lake Gardens, continued growth of our business community, more beautification projects, continued improvements in public safety and much more.
Nominations needed for the Bill Harrison Volunteer of the Year Award

Gen. Bill Harrison (Ret.) served as Lakewood’s first mayor for the city’s first eight years, and he retired from the City Council at the end of 2005. In honor of his distinguished tenure with the City of Lakewood, fellow City Council members created the Bill Harrison Volunteer of the Year Award.

The Council is now seeking nominations for the 2005 Volunteer of the Year honoree. Nominees should be Lakewood residents who demonstrate a commitment to volunteerism in our community. Nomination forms are available at City Hall or on our website, www.cityoflakewood.us. The deadline for submitting nominations is February 28, 2006.

If you know of someone who has made a significant contribution to our community through their volunteer work, please nominate them for this important recognition. The Volunteer of the Year will be announced in April during Volunteer Appreciation Month.

Council Meetings

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

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

City Talk

Every Thursday from 9:00-10:30 a.m., the Mayor or another Council member is available to meet one-on-one with Lakewood residents. No appointment is necessary, just drop by City Hall.
The Second Cavalry is anticipating over- 
ment and restoration of public services.

US military bases

Lakewood extends 
profound connection with neighboring US military bases

The City of Lakewood is proud of its special connection to the US military bases at Fort Lewis, Madigan and McChord. Lakewood’s Community Connector program is an important effort in that partnership.

As a follow-up to the city’s new Lake-wood University program which provided basic information about local government structure to interested citizens, Lake-wood recently offered to provide the Second Cavalry Regiment with a special version of that educational program. Current and former city staff and council members performed a four-hour training for 100 officers of the Second Cavalry on issues such as local governance, community policing, economic development and restoration of public services. The Second Cavalry is anticipating overseas deployment, and a large number of the Regiment have already served in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Those who led the training included: City Councilmember, Army Brigadier General and former Mayor Doug Richardson; Retired Army Colonel, Lakewood Police Chief Larry Saunders; Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Joe Hannan of the city’s Economic Development dept.; and 30-year Public Works veteran Don Wickstrom.

City staff left open the invitation to provide additional, and more specific training as the unit gets closer to deployment.

The Second Cavalry Regiment of Fort Lewis has a distinguished history of service to our country going back to 1836 in Florida during the Second Seminole War. The Second Cavalry has expanded its service to the local community as a Community Connector partner with the City of Lakewood. The Fort Lewis “1 Corp’s” Community Connector program involves military units and communities adopting each other in service and support.

Recently members of the Second Cavalry Regiment led by Colonel Jon S. Lehr and Sgt. Major John Troxell donated many hours to construct the new playground structure at Fort Steilacoom Park.

This has all been part of a meaningful partnership between our city and our important military neighbors.

Kudos to Lakewood’s hardworking staff!

The City of Lakewood is fortunate to have a dedicated and hardworking staff committed to our community. Our staff focuses on customer service and teamwork all year long and once a year we recognize those employees who have excelled.

Lakewood has four annual awards, customer service, teamwork, productivity/significant accomplishment and police officer, all designed to recognize those areas that are our biggest focus.

In 2005, Lakewood celebrated 31 employees in these four categories. In the area of teamwork we recognized two teams. The honorable mention for this award was a combination of staff from three departments who teamed up on a large code enforcement project that closed down a sub-standard and dangerous hotel. The team was made up of staff members from Community Development, General Services and Police who all came together to deal with this crisis in a professional and caring manner.

The winners of this year’s teamwork award were the ten members of the Neighborhood Patrol Team. The team is made up of police officers and community service officers who are the heart of Lakewood’s community oriented policing efforts.

The productivity/significant accomplishment honorable mention award went to Desiree Winkler in the Public Works Department, and the award went to Scott Williams in the Parks Department. Both were recognized for the tremendous cost savings that they had generated for the city. Scott developed a program that would save $200,000 in the cost of maintaining Fort Steilacoom Park as well as several other cost saving programs.

The customer service award went to Julie Skaw from the Finance and Information Services Department. Julie serves primarily internal customers, but her friendly, helpful and “above and beyond” approach kept the city’s computer system running during some challenging times in the past year. Her hard work and customer focused approach help the rest of the city staff do their jobs of helping citizens.

Last but not least, we recognized Lakewood’s Police Officer of the Year. This year’s honorable mention went to Officer Mark Renninger for his efforts as a tactical training officer and for his leadership in shaping the Metro SWAT Team.

The Lakewood Police Officer of the Year award went to Detective John Unfred. Detective Unfred was recognized for his work on combating vice crimes in Lakewood and for spearheading the effort to create a diversion program for those charged with soliciting prostitutes. The “John” school, as it is known, is a partnership between the Cities of Lakewood, Tacoma and Fife and Pierce County.

We want to thank all of Lakewood’s dedicated employees for all of their hard work during the past year. We look forward to continuing to serve Lakewood’s citizens in 2006. If you are in City Hall, please take a moment to fill out the citizen service survey forms that are at all of the front counters. Your feedback will let us know how we are doing and help us do a better job of serving you, our citizens.

Introducing the new and improved Lakewood Connections

Starting with this first issue of 2006 we are changing the look and frequency of our newsletter.

We know that citizens like to be kept up-to-date on what is happening with their local government and Lakewood Connections is an important way for the city to share information with you.

To provide more timely and convenient information we will be producing the newsletter every other month. We have also changed the format of the newsletter to make it more cost-effective to produce and mail. Watch for Lakewood Connections in your mailbox again in April, June, August, October and December.
**Steilacoom Blvd. / Lakewood Drive Sidewalk Project**

Project will extend the sidewalks on Steilacoom Blvd. and Lakewood Drive. Weather delays have moved anticipated completion date to mid-February.

**Steilacoom Blvd. Improvements at Western State Hospital**

Project will provide frontage improvements in front of Western State Hospital on Steilacoom Blvd., Sentinel Way, and 87th Avenue. Construction will occur from January through June.

**Pacific Highway Improvements**

Project will provide sidewalks, street lighting, landscaping, and roadway improvements to Pacific Highway from Bridgeport Way to 108th Street. The first phase of this project has been delayed due to environmental permit approvals. The first phase of construction is anticipated to occur between March and September 2006.

**Lighting up Lakewood**

The City of Lakewood often gets requests regarding streetlights. The Public Works Department, with the assistance of the Citizen Transportation Review Committee, has developed an informative brochure outlining the process for citizens to report street light outages as well as how to request a street light installation. As part of the citizen request process, staff developed ranking criteria in order to objectively determine the priorities for street light installations as funding becomes available. The ranking criteria include items such as: traffic volumes, pedestrian facilities, crime history, and roadway geometry.

The next challenge for staff and City Council is determining how much funding should be allocated toward street light installations and on-going operation and maintenance. Currently, approximately 38 percent of the city is "lit" at an annual operation and maintenance cost of approximately $450,000. Staff estimates it would take an up-front investment of over $5 million and an additional $450,000 per year to light the remainder of the city. This issue, along with other transportation needs, will be looked at during the annual development of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), starting in March.

**American Lake Gardens / Tillicum Sewer Extension Project**

The design phase of the project to bring sewer service to the American Lake Gardens and Tillicum neighborhoods is underway. The City recently received word that it has been approved for a $5 million low interest loan from the State Public Works Trust Fund. This loan completes the funding necessary for the first phase of construction. Construction will not begin until 2007, but the Public Works Department is busy securing contracts for topographic survey/mapping, geotechnical, and environmental documentation services in order to develop the design for the project. The city is also working with its consultants to determine how best to implement the project and facilitate user hook-ups. Stay tuned for upcoming public information meetings this spring to learn more about the project.

For more information about these or other projects, contact the Public Works Department at 983-7795 or publicworks@cityoflakewood.us.

**School Zones in Lakewood are Changing**

In order to enhance the safety of school children, the City of Lakewood is working hard to change the habits of some drivers who choose to ignore the speed laws or just fail to pay attention to where they are. We are doing this by stressing heavy enforcement of school zones speeds and by changing the signage in school zones to better reflect the times that speeds are to be enforced, thereby reducing confusion on the issue.

The signs will change as follows:

- **School zones signs currently state:**
  - SCHOOL ZONE SPEED 20 MPH
  - when children are present

- **They will be changed to:**
  - SCHOOL ZONE SPEED 20 MPH
  - 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

This will eliminate any confusion about whether or not children are present. Traffic unit enforcement of the school zones will be heaviest during actual school hours. The time after actual school hours will only be enforced when there is a school function that has children in and around the school during those after-hour periods.

The school zones will also be more clearly marked, especially where side streets enter the school zone and there is no signage to tell the driver that they have just entered a school zone.

These changes will occur within the next month.

Those streets that currently have yellow flashing lights, such as Gravelly Lake Dr and Bridgeport Way will continue to be enforced only during the times that the lights are flashing. Due to the fact that they are major arterials, they will only be in effect during the heavy student commute times before and after school.

If you have any questions about this please call Sgt. Mauer at 830-5071.
Outdoor Adventure Camp

Come join us for our Outdoor Adventure Camp during spring break (April 3 - 7). The week will feature a trip to the Rattlesnake Lake interpretive center, a day hike to Twin Falls, and a snowshoe trip at Mount Rainier. This camp is for middle school youth, ages 12 to 14. We will meet every morning at 9:00 am. at City Hall and return by 4:00 pm. Cost for the weeklong camp will be $125. Space is limited, so sign-up early! For more information call 589-2489.

Volunteers of all ages help out at Parks Appreciation day 2005.

Parks Appreciation Day April 22

Parks add to the quality to our lives and add value to our community. Join your friends and neighbors in celebrating Parks Appreciation Day on Saturday, April 22 from 9:00 am. 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.

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.

Daddy/Daughter Dance

“Shining, Shimmering, Splendid.” Father/daughter couples are invited to dance the night away at our fourth annual Daddy/Daughter Dance. This will be a night to remember for dads and daughters alike. Each girl will receive a fresh flower, and dads will take home a professional 5”x7” photo of themselves with their sweetheart.

The event will be held at Clover Park High School Commons from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 11. The cost is $30 per father/daughter couple and $10 per additional daughter. Pre-registration is required. No tickets will be sold at the door. Don’t delay, this event sells out quickly!

For more information, call Sara Millbauer at 589-2489.

Youth Track & Field

Lakewood Parks and Recreation will be offering Youth Track & Field for youth ages 6-12. Participants will receive coaching in the areas of field events, sprinting and distance running.

The program will be held Wednesdays, April 19-May 24 at Harry Lange Stadium from 6:00-7:00pm. The cost is $20.00 and pre-registration is required.

For more info, call Sara Millbauer at 589-2489 or visit us on the web at www.cityoflakewood.us.

Youth Fishing Event

Fish on! It is time to register for Lakewood’s annual Youth Fishing Event. This year’s event will be held Saturday, May 20th at American Lake Park. This day of fishing is open to youth ages 5-12 and is sponsored by the City of Lakewood, Cast for Kids and Pierce County Parks. The cost is just $5 and each child receives a t-shirt and Zebco rod and reel.

Pre-registration is required! Registrations will be accepted Wednesday, April 19th from 5:30-6:30pm at Lakewood Community Center (9112 Lakewood Drive SW).

For more information, call Pierce County Parks at 798-4176.

Adult Kickball

City of Lakewood is combining with University Place Parks and Recreation Department to offer Adult Kickball. The new league will begin April 10th. Games will be played at Lakewood and University Place neighborhood parks on Mondays and/or Wednesdays. Each team is guaranteed seven games plus single-elimination tournament play. The cost per team is $240. Registration deadline is March 22nd.

For more information, please call Sara Millbauer at 589-2489.

Spring Break Snow Days

Enjoy some great spring skiing before the season ends. Day trips to Crystal Mountain Resort are planned for Tuesday – April 4 and 6 – during spring break. Skiers/snowboarders should be intermediate level and above in order to handle the snow conditions. All these day trips for youth ages 11-17, will include your transportation to and from the mountain, and an all-day lift ticket. Cost is $65 for each day and pre-registration is required. You can sign-up for one ($65) or both days ($130). We will leave City Hall promptly at 7:00 am. and will return by 5:00 p.m. Don’t miss out on the fun and remember your sunscreen and sunglasses! Space is limited! Call Dennis at 589-2489 for more details.

Catch some fun at the Youth Fishing Event in May.

Kidz Love Soccer

Kidz Love Soccer will teach children ages 2-12 the fundamentals of the world’s most popular game through fun, safe and age-appropriate activities. These soccer skills classes will be held Saturdays, March 4-April 8 at Oakbrook Park. The cost is $56.00 per child. Times are as follows:

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Block Watch: Laying a solid foundation

A building needs a good foundation in order to last. A successful crime prevention program is no different; it needs a solid foundation to support its programs. The local Block Watch is that type of foundation. While an individual can do his or her part to prevent crime, when individuals in a neighborhood join together they multiply their effectiveness. A true Block Watch is no longer looking out for the interests of one, but is concerned for the interests of their neighborhood.

In the past “911” has been the main link to your police department. We have learned that 911 is not always the best way to resolve all community problems, however we still wish you to call as it is our best way of tracking statistics and crime trends within our city.

We have learned that calls such as juvenile problems, suspected gang activities, speeding, mail and identity theft, prostitution, and drug related incidents cannot always be resolved by the beat officer due to the number of calls for service each receive through the 911 system.

A better solution is to contact your Neighborhood Patrol and Community Service Officer teams. By working with them, longer term solutions can be developed and implemented. The development of a block watch in your neighborhood will solidify this relationship.

When a block watch is formed, your access to what is going on in your community is enhanced. You gain a personal contact within your police department that will make information available to your block watch as incidents unfold in your neighborhood.

Beginning a block watch is simple, merely contact your police department and ask to be connected to your community policing team. We do the rest.

The benefits of a block watch go beyond making your neighborhood safer from crime; it extends into training for the future. As crime trends change we will meet with your block watch and update you not only to what those trends are, but provide ways to protect yourself and families. Since we are constantly working with other resources within Lakewood we will also provide training on disaster preparedness, medical emergencies, and home safety.

The block watch has evolved into a continuous education process that obviously makes for a safer neighborhood, but also trains individuals and affords the police department extra eyes in the community when tragedies occur. This does not merely mean natural disasters, but missing children as well.

The training you receive from your police department will allow block watch members to better understand how they can best help their community.

You are the most important link to your community and the crime prevention chain. The police cannot be everywhere at once, unfortunately, and crime will not simply go away if we ignore it. We all want a safer, more secure environment.

Contact us and we’ll get you started on your own Block Watch right away! Call 830-5000.

Automated Traffic Enforcement returns to school zones

Lakewood operated a successful automated traffic enforcement pilot program from 2001 to 2003 to reduce speeding in school zones. The program used radar and a camera mounted in an unmarked police car to catch drivers as they sped through school zones. Since that time, Lakewood has been working to make this program available to all cities in the state and in 2005 the State Legislature granted cities this authority.

Speeding is a problem in many of our neighborhoods, but the Police simply don’t have the resources to monitor everywhere all of the time and still focus on fighting more serious crime. The police department estimates that about 40 percent of citizen calls it receives are about traffic issues, and half of those are specifically about speeding. Automated Traffic Enforcement has been proven to be a very cost efficient way to enforce speeding.

The program is targeted to school zones because of the danger speeding in these zones poses to our children. The police believe using automated traffic enforcement in school zones reinforces good driving habits beyond just those zones.

During the pilot program for automated traffic enforcement in school zones in 2002, the City reduced average speeds in school zones from over 35 mph to 27 mph. Making school zones safer for children is the main goal of this program.

Car/pedestrian crashes in school zones have a low likelihood of occurring, but when they do it is often tragic. At 20 mph a car pedestrian accident has only a five percent probability of death. At 30 mph, that probability jumps to 45 percent and at 40 mph, it jumps to an 85 percent probability of death.

The city anticipates reinstating automated traffic enforcement in school zones all over our community by the end of March. During the first two weeks of the program, only warning letters will be issued. The program is simple: An unmarked police car is equipped with a radar triggered camera and manned by a Community Service Officer. The Community Service Officer moves the car around to various school zones throughout the day. The camera photographs only the rear of the vehicle in order to capture the vehicle license plate number. The photo does not identify the driver. A ticket is then issued to the registered owner of the vehicle. The ticket does not become part of the vehicle owner’s driving record and is not reported to any insurance agencies. If the registered owner of the vehicle was not operating the vehicle when it was photographed, the owner can submit an affidavit to the Court affirming that they were not the driver and the ticket will be waived.

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Record-breaking year for building development

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It was a record-breaking year in 2005 for building development activity in Lakewood. The city recorded more than $71 million in building activity, issuing 1,731 building permits. Some of the increase can be attributed to several large projects, but is also a sign of Lakewood’s continued economic development. Lakewood has seen steady growth in business and building activity over the last few years. The city expects 2006 to continue this trend of building activity with projects like the Sound Transit Station and development of a Peppertree Inn along the I-5 corridor, as well as other projects.

Lakewood’s Municipal Court is busier than ever

This year will be a challenging and exciting one for the Lakewood Municipal Court. Lakewood recently reappointed Municipal Court Judge Ernest Heller to a new four year term. The Court is anticipating an increased caseload in 2006. With the Lakewood Police Department fully staffed and trained, the number of traffic and criminal charges being filed in the court are increasing dramatically. In addition, it is anticipated that the Photo Enforcement Project for Red Light violations and Speeding in a School Zone will be in full effect by mid-2006. As a result, it is projected that the number of charges being filed in the Court will more than double. Additionally, the number of jury trials being held has more than doubled in the past year from 10 in 2004 to 22 in 2005. Jury trials are expected to continue increasing in 2006.

To address the impact of increased caseloads, the Court continues to use it’s Alternative Sentencing Programs such as Work Crew, Probation, and Electronic Home Monitoring. By using these alternative sentencing programs, the Court saved more than $130,000 in jail and booking fees in 2005. The Court also continues to contract with the City of Wapato for jail services instead of the Pierce County jail whenever possible, saving Lakewood approximately $250,000 in jail and booking fees in 2005.

In 2006, Lakewood Municipal Court looks forward to finding ways to save more money while providing the citizens of Lakewood with a convenient and cost effective municipal court. If you are interested in learning more about Lakewood’s court or want to observe the court in session, call 512-2258.

Wellness Conference has great influence on Lakewood Senior Activity Center staff

The Lakewood Senior Activity Center plans to move to a new location in the very near future. The center currently performs a tremendous job of providing many social opportunities and now we are in the process of adding many more health, wellness and outdoor recreation programs.

Elizabeth Scheid, senior center director, and Gloria Hill and Dolly Shaughnessy, two center participants recently attended the Pierce County Senior Wellness Conference on January 17. The conference provided personal wellness information and assisted Senior Center teams to develop an action plan to bring health and wellness to Lakewood’s center. The team was so enthusiastic that they developed their action plan in less than one week following the conference.

The action plan includes: Expanding health, wellness and nutrition classes; expanding the offering of volunteer opportunities to help older adults become more involved; and to form a planning committee to develop programs and activities. Some of the ways the Wellness Team plans to implement these goals is by offering a nutrition and cooking class, developing a volunteer bulletin board and flyer and selecting a planning committee. The team is also recruiting additional volunteers to put these changes into action.

Another exciting addition to the programs at the new center includes outdoor recreation activities. This program includes snowshoeing, hiking, fishing, walking and a grandparent-grandchild hike and picnic. For more information about any of these programs or to find out how to get involved by volunteering, contact Elizabeth Scheid at 589-5735.

Become a Lakewood Homeowner in 2006!

The City of Lakewood will make available up to $7,000.00 to qualified applicants who wish to purchase a home in Lakewood. These funds may be used for the down payment and closing costs in purchasing a home. 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 Down Payment Assistance program:

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*Income limits effective March 31, 2005*

Find out more about the Down Payment Assistance program by calling the Housing Specialist at 589-2489.
**FEBRUARY**

**Every Thursday**
Lakewood United Forum – Burs Restaurant, 7:00 a.m.; 589-1867
City Talk – Lakewood City Hall, 9:00-10:30 a.m.; 589-2489
County Talk – Lakewood City Hall, 9:00 a.m.-noon; 979-3308

**Tuesday 21**
Lakewood’s 10th Anniversary
Open House – Lakewood City Hall, 4:00-7:00 p.m.; 589-2489
Lakewood Historical Society presents The History of Boy Scouts in Lakewood – Clover Park High School PAC, 7:00 p.m.; 984-7299

**Saturday 11**
Daddy Daughter Dance – Clover Park High School, 6:00-8:00 p.m., $30, pre-registration is required; 589-2489

**APRIL**

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**Monday 3**
Keep Lakewood Beautiful – Cynthia’s Café, 7:00 a.m.

**Thursday 6**
Lakewood Chamber Membership Luncheon, 582-9400

**Wednesday 12**
Community Collaboration – Lakewood City Hall, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; 589-2489

**Thursday 13**
Lakewood Sister Cities Association – Lakewood City Hall, 5:30 p.m.

**Friday 14**
Coffee with the Mayor – St. Clare Hospital Resource Center, 7:30 a.m.

**Wednesday 19**
Registration for Youth Fishing Event – Lakewood Community Center, 5:00-6:30 p.m., $5, (The Youth Fishing Event is May 20. It fills up quickly!); 798-4176

**Saturday 22**
Parks Appreciation Day, 9:00 a.m.-noon; 589-2489

**City of Lakewood**

City Hall ................. 589-2489
Abandoned Vehicles .... 830-5080
Animal Control ......... 589-2489
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
Potheoles ................. 983-7795
Police Department – Main Desk ............. 830-5000
Non-emergency only ... 798-4721
Drug Tip Hotline ....... 830-5049
Sex Offender Info ........ 830-5049
Public Works Department .................. 983-7795
Senior Center ............ 589-5735
Street Light Outages ... 983-7795
Traffic Infractions ....... 512-2258
Zoning .................... 512-2261

**OTHER PHONE NUMBERS**

Burn Ban .................. 1-800-505-4341
Cable TV (Comcast) .... 1-877-824-2288
Clover Park School District ...... 583-5000
Domestic Violence Helpline ..... 798-4166 or 1-800-764-2420
Earthquake/Floods ....... 798-7470
Electric Companies – (automated) ....... 512-2264
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
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In an Emergency, call 911 for Police, Fire and Paramedics.

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**Celebrate Lakewood’s 10th Anniversary!**

Join us for an Open House
**Tuesday, February 21**
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Lakewood City Hall

The Open House will feature displays, entertainment, cake and we will announce the winners of the youth essay/poster contest as well as the photo contest.