Response to Gang Resurgence

In the 90s Lakewood Police were successful in cracking down on gang activity. However, recently Tacoma and Pierce County have been experiencing renewed gang activity. That activity is now beginning to show up in Lakewood. Since May, we have seen a significant upswing in violent gang activity in Lakewood. Lakewood Police have been aggressively targeting the renewed gang violence.

Our Special Operations Unit was already very active and is now leading a Department-wide emphasis to suppress this recent surge in violent gang activity. Special Ops has also created an internal anti-gang response Task Force to coordinate gang-related information and operations among all of our line Patrol Officers, Neighborhood Police Officers and School Resource Officers. In June, the Department completed awareness training on Lakewood gangs and coordinated gang response operations.

Special Ops already has existing relationships with the regional Pierce County Violent Crimes Task Force, the FBI, and ATF (ATF is key because many proactive gang-related arrests come from federal laws prohibiting convicted felons from possessing firearms). We partner with these regional agencies when it is appropriate. Lakewood is also a founding member of a region-wide gang intelligence sharing group.

To date, our efforts have been very successful resulting in about 35 Lakewood gang-related arrests since May. Many more are expected to follow.

Lakewood Historical Society moves forward with a museum

The City of Lakewood's history is only ten short years, but the Lakewood community has a long and rich history that is celebrated and recorded by the dedicated members of the Lakewood Historical Society.

The members of the Historical Society have been dreaming of having a real museum where they could showcase artifacts that they have collected and tell Lakewood’s story. That dream is now coming true. The Historical Society has signed a lease with the Colonial Center for an interim storefront museum. Located at 6211 Mt. Tacoma Drive SW., the museum will be about 1,400 square feet. The grand opening is planned for mid-September, watch for future announcements. The Historical Society is currently working on layouts and exhibits. They are looking for volunteers to help with the museum as well as donations of items relevant to Lakewood’s history for museum displays and archives.

The Historical Society regularly offers programs featuring Lakewood history (including recent history) of people, buildings, activities and events. The Society is also conducting an Oral History program and has plans to develop an education program in conjunction with local schools.

For more information about the Lakewood Historical Society call 682-3480 or email contact@lakewoodhistorical.org. The new website (a work in progress) offers current news, a calendar of events, membership forms and early newsletters online at www.lakewoodhistorical.org.
LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL:
Pictured from left, top row: Pad Finnigan, Walter Neary, Doug Richardson, Helen McGovern. Bottom row: Ron Cronk, Mayor Claudia Thomas, Deputy Mayor John Arbeeny.

Lakewood Arts

Lakewood for Art, a citizen volunteer group, is working to develop and ensure an arts focus in Lakewood that contributes to our quality of life, our sense of well-being, a celebration of our diversity and our viability as a destination community. Lakewood for Art is seeking your views about how best to formulate Lakewood’s future arts activities through a citizen survey. The survey is available on the City’s website, www.cityoflakewood.us.

The City Council is very supportive of this effort and intends to create a City Arts Commission that will advise the City Council on ways to increase access to arts and to encourage public art in Lakewood. The Council will be recruiting in August and September for members to serve on the newly formed Arts Commission. For more information, contact City Hall at 589-2489.

Lakewood City Council Action Summary

As a new addition to Lakewood Connections, we will be printing a summary of actions the City Council has recently taken. For a more detailed discussion of these items, visit City Hall for a copy of the Action Summary.

TOPIC & MEETING DATE:
07/17/06 –
• Setting Monday, Aug. 7, 2006, at approximately 7p.m.as the date for a public hearing by the City Council regarding the use of additional public funds, in the amount of $2,083.52, for the abatement of a dangerous building at 3418 84th Street South.
• Creating Chapter 1.29 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to adopting the powers of initiative and referendum for the qualified electors to the city.
• Adopting the findings, conclusions and recommendations made by the appointed Hearings Officer and declaring Council Findings and Conclusions regarding the assessment rolls of Local Improvement Districts (LIDs) Nos. 1101, 1102 and 1103; confirming the assessments of $1,743,680.53 for LID No. 1101, $1,246,959.72 for LID No. 1102, and $100,000 for LID No. 1103; and amending Section 9.24.030 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to a 12 percent penalty for delinquent payments.
• Adopting the findings of fact and extending the moratorium for the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for correctional facilities located within Public/Institutional Zoning Districts for an additional six months.
• Amending Chapter 8.76, repealing Sections 08.76.040 and 08.76.070, and creating Section 08.76.385 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to parks.
• Amending the fee schedule relative to parks and recreation.
• Approving the issuance of tax-exempt industrial revenue bonds of the Economic Development Corp. of Pierce County, in an amount not to exceed $6,500,000, for JNB Enterprises LLC (dba Print NW) to finance the acquisition and construction of a manufacturing facility at 9914 32nd Avenue South.

07/05/06 –
• Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Public Works Trust Fund loan agreement in the amount of $5,000,000 at ½ percent interest for 20 years for the construction of sewers at Tillicum and

Mayor Thomas meets with Cub Scout Pack 53 during the Pack’s tour of City Hall.

COUNCILMEMBER COLUMN

Congratulations, Voters!

You finally got what you deserved all along: the right to use Initiatives and Referendum (I/R) in the city of Lakewood.

On July 17, the city Council approved an ordinance giving you the right to put measures on the ballot to make a law (initiative) or overturn one (referendum) if the Council doesn’t respond to your needs. Here’s hoping the Council listens and responds to voters in future years, so you will never have to exercise this newly given right. It is a right reserved for citizens in our state constitution, but it’s a right the Council took 10 years to ratify for you.

Way so long? That’s what I wondered when I was first elected to the Council in 2001. So, during my first planning retreat with my six fellow Council members in 2002, I suggested we should endorse the right of I/R over to Lakewood voters like dozens of Washington cities previously had. However, the Council would not support the action at that time.

To make a long story short, we finally asked voters what they thought in November 2005, and 72 percent of you said you wanted the right to use I/R. On the 17th, the Council made it law.

Good government is citizen-oriented, and we just took a decisive step in that direction.

Way to go, citizens!
Way to go, Council!
Pad Finnigan can be reached at 589-CITY or pfinnigan@cityoflakewood.us.

American Lake Gardens.

06/19/06 –
• Setting Wednesday, July 5, 2006, at
city manager’s clipboard...

**Advisory Board volunteers bring important perspective to City business**

The PAB is interested in growth management, planning, and zoning issues associated with the park, the LHAB is interested in the historical attributes of the park associated with the early days of Western State Hospital, and the PRAB is interested in balancing natural areas and open spaces with the many recreational demands ranging from soccer and baseball leagues to cross country runners to off-leash dog enthusiasts.

Participants came from many different backgrounds with diverse perspectives and skill sets. Some had been appointed to their respective board for only a few weeks, and some had served faithfully for over eight years. What they all had in common was a commitment to serve their City, to advise the Council and staff, and to volunteer their valuable time to improve the quality of the community.

These citizens join the 72 members of nine other advisory committees and board in areas ranging from Transportation to Human Services to Economic Development. They will soon be joined by nine newly appointed members of the latest advisory body – the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

While Lakewood has a hard-working and dedicated Council and a professional staff, the citizens who are members of the advisory committees provide a vital additional link between the diverse Lakewood community and its city government. The value of their energy and time cannot be overstated, because their service bolsters the confidence of the community and the responsiveness of City Hall.

**Lakewood recognizes outstanding staff**

Lakewood’s staff places great importance on customer service, team work and productivity. Each quarter we recognize an employee and a Police officer for their outstanding services. For second quarter, we had a unique situation, in which there was a tie for employee of the quarter, so we recognized both Sara Millbauer, Recreation Coordinator, and Eric Swanstrom, Associate Civil Engineer. The Police officer for the second quarter was Sgt. Joe Kolp.

*Sara Milbauer* was recognized for her extraordinary efforts in planning and coordinating Lakewood’s most successful SummerFEST celebration ever. Sara worked with numerous partner organizations, vendors and sponsors to create an outstanding event. More than 8,000 people attended SummerFEST, which also celebrated Lakewood’s 10th Anniversary. In addition to SummerFEST, Sara does a great job of coordinating recreation and athletic programs for the City. She is behind the successful Lakewood Idol competition.

*Eric Swanstrom* was selected for his efforts in coordinating Lakewood’s first Local Improvement District (LIDs). LIDs are a way to finance improvements that allows property owners benefiting from the improvements to pay for the project. Eric helped set up three LIDs in three different areas of Lakewood. Eric did an outstanding job working with the property owners, contractors, and legal and finance staff to establish the LIDs and complete the projects. Thanks to Eric, Lakewood’s first three LIDs came off without a hitch, and he has paved the way for using LIDs to fund future improvement projects.

*Sgt. Joe Kolp* is the Patrol Division supervisor, and he has been key to the department setting up essential training for all officers in the Active Shooter training program. Joe has also been a powerful force in taking on a key role in the Cooperative Cities Metro SWAT Team as the Tactical Commander. Active Shooter (training to handle a situation where a suspect is actively firing a weapon) has become a very vital portion of officer training over the last several years, since violent crime has moved into schools and businesses on a much more prevalent basis. Joe is an expert on this subject and in this training, and he voluntarily took on the responsibility of preparing curriculum and the actual hands-on training of each squad in the Operations Section. Citizen and Officer Safety is paramount to the Department, and Joe has provided top quality training for all our officers, and has prepared them for any challenges that may present themselves and to lessen any injury or loss of life.
Kidz Love Soccer is a great way for kids to have fun and learn the fundamentals.

**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, Sept. 16-Oct. 28 at Oakbrook Park. The cost is $56 per child. Times are as follows:

- **Ages 2-3:** 1:45-2:15 p.m. (parent participation required)
- **Ages 3-4:** 2:30-3:00 p.m.
- **Ages 4-5:** 3:00-3:35 p.m.
- **Ages 5-6:** 3:35-4:20 p.m.
- **Ages 7-8:** 4:20-5:05 p.m.
- **Ages 9-12:** 4:20-5:20 p.m.

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

**Lakewood Idol 2006**

Forty contestants entered the Second Annual Lakewood Idol contest on July 13. Eight finalists advanced to the final stage of competition, which was held at American Lake Park on July 25. Finalists included Paulette Anderson, Curtis T. Rice Sr, Alaurra Boring, Antonia MacFadden, Cameron Boyd, Josh Harris, Tara Williams and Ken Heath. **Tara Williams** won the competition, earning the title of Lakewood Idol 2006, $250 provided by Brenda Leech of Countrywide and many other well-known “smooth jazz artists.” For more information, contact: Dennis Higashiyama at 589-2489.

Referral to the program is required and must be done through the school’s main office. Check with your local elementary school office.

**The Lakewood Jazz Concert Series**

The City of Lakewood and the Clover Park School District are proud to announce the Lakewood Jazz Concert Series, which will be held in the Clover Park High School Performing Arts Center. The concerts are tentatively scheduled for the second Thursday of the month from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Concerts will be held in October, November, January, February, March and April. Single tickets will be $15, or you may purchase season tickets for all six concerts for $75. Featured artists will include Deems Tsutakahwa & Seattle Groove, Darren Motamedy and many other well-known “smooth jazz artists.” For more information, contact: Dennis Higashiyama at 589-2489.

**American Lake Boat Launch Update**

Sorry, boaters, but the boat launch at American Lake Park will close in late September to prepare for a major and much needed renovation. The launch will reopen in time for the 2007 boating season. The site is in dire need of repairs, and the city is excited to implement phase 1 of the American Lake Master Site Plan. Improvements will include rebuilding the boat launch, demolishing and removing structures on the property, adding parking, revamping the circulation pattern to open up access to the three launch ramps, adding transient dock facilities and other park amenities. The City has been working for the past year on obtaining the necessary permits for this project, and more than $840,000 in grants and donations have been secured to fund the improvements.

Boaters wishing to access American Lake during construction are encouraged to use the public boat launch on the south side of the lake near Camp Murray. A vehicle use permit issued by the

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**Thank You!** to our Summer Program Sponsors:

Thank you to those businesses that contributed to our summer events. We couldn’t do it without their support. Sponsors included:

**SUMMERFEST**
- Comcast
- LeMay Enterprises
- AgriShop
- Homestreet Bank
- Panattoni Construction

**LAKEWOOD IDOL**
- Brenda Leech with Countrywide
- Target
- Crane's Creations

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**New Shelter at Fort Steilacoom Park**

The City is very thankful to the Clover Park Rotary Club for donating a new picnic shelter at Fort Steilacoom Park. This chalet style shelter includes picnic tables, garbage cans, barbecue pits and access to water and electricity. This community donation, valued at more than $80,000, was made possible by the contributions of many. We are fortunate to have such generous service clubs in our community that continue to support our citizens. Stop by today to see their great efforts.

**Woodbrook Late Night Program**

This popular program for Woodbrook Middle School students will begin on Oct. 6 and will be held on the first and third Friday of each month. The program will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will feature open gym, arts and crafts, board games and other activities. Homework help will also be available. A snack will be served. This program is for Woodbrook Middle School students only. Registration is required and may be done at either City Hall or in the school’s main office. For more information, please contact: Dennis Higashiyama at 589-2489.
Pacific Highway Improvements

Work began earlier this year on Pacific Highway SW between Bridgeport Way SW and 108th Street SW. The project is installing street improvements, including new pavement, sidewalks, street lights, and landscaping. The first phase of work includes all of the area between Bridgeport Way and 108th Street, except the portion in front of the proposed Sounder Station located near 47th Avenue. The work in front of the Sounder Station will be a second phase, to be built in 2007. Work on the first phase is scheduled for completion in September.

City Hall parking lot expansion

The City recently added new pavement and re-striped the City Hall parking lot to increase parking capacity. The expanded lot was originally designed as a part of the City Hall project but was not needed when the City occupied the building five years ago. With the eventual construction of a privately owned building on the lot adjacent to City Hall, the City chose to pave now in order to anticipate future parking needs.

2006 Chip Seal Program

After a three-year hiatus, the City of Lakewood is resuming its chip seal program. Chip seal is a process of rejuvenating an asphalt pavement’s surface through an application of asphalt cement (oil) and crushed rocks. Chip sealing is a cost effective way to maintain the structural integrity of roads in fair condition. Just like regularly changing the oil in your car, this preventative maintenance goes a long way in keeping the City’s roads in good condition.

Chip sealing will be limited to local access roads. Work will be performed by Pierce County road crews under contract with the City of Lakewood. It is anticipated that the chip sealing will begin in the middle of August. Prior to the chip seal application, Pierce County road crews will be preparing roads with crack sealing and patching.

Roads will be signed prior to chip sealing operations. We ask the public to be patient during construction and to travel 15 mph or less to minimize “kicking up” rock. Within a few days of the chip seal application, the roads will be swept to remove any loose gravel. We appreciate your patience during this work.

A complete list and map of the chip seal roads can be accessed on the City’s website, www.cityoflakewood.us.

Road Stripping

Since the beginning of July, Pierce County crews, under contract with City of Lakewood, have been re-striping the City roadways. This is an annual process of refreshing the lines that help get everyone safely from Point A to Point B. Road striping happens in the heat of the summer because 1) striping must be applied to dry pavement, and 2) higher temperatures allow the striping to dry more quickly. It takes striping three minutes to dry when temperatures are in the mid-80s.

Striping will continue throughout the summer. We ask all citizens’ cooperation in preventing tracking of the new striping. When you see the striping crews ahead, please keep your distance and avoid crossing over the lines. We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

School Zone Yellow Flashing Lights

The City of Lakewood will be adding new and modifying existing yellow flashing lights in school zones located on arterials. The modification work will include addition of an amber beacon light on the top of the light assemblies, so people can see if the school zone lights are “on” when entering midway in the school zone. In addition, signing is being added to side streets located in the middle of school zones to remind people they are entering a school zone. This work will be completed by fall.

There are two types of school zones in the City of Lakewood. 1) Reduction of speed to 20 mph between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.; and 2) Reduction of speed to 20 mph when yellow lights are flashing. The yellow lights provide additional visibility on higher volume/speed roads, in addition to allowing traffic to flow at regular speeds when children are not typically traveling to and from school.

American Lake Gardens, Tillicum Sewer Project Public Meetings

Initial design work and environmental assessments are under way for the sewer extension project that will bring sewer service to the American Lake Gardens and Tillicum neighborhoods. The City will host two public meetings where residents can learn more about the project and provide feedback. The meetings are Tuesday, Aug. 22, at 6 p.m. at Woodbrook Middle School and Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 6 p.m. at Tillicum American Lake Gardens Community Center. For more information about this project and the public meetings, contact the Public Works Department at 983-7795.

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Department of Fish and Wildlife is required. Contact www.wdfw.wa.gov for more information.

Adult Coed Soccer

Register now for this new Coed Soccer League! Teams will play eight games with a single-elimination tournament to follow. All games will be played Sunday afternoons, Sept. 24-Nov.19 at Fort Steilacoom Park. Players must be 18 years or older. Registration deadline is Sept. 15. Cost is $200 per team.

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

Park Hours

Lakewood parks are open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. or dusk (whichever comes first). Permanent restroom facilities in City parks are open on a seasonal basis, from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Portable units are available year-round in most City parks.
Seniors have lots of choices at Senior Activity Center

The Lakewood Senior Activity Center is offering some great programs this fall. We have several exercise classes and a walking club. We are highlighting two new fitness programs. The (SAIL) Stay Active & Independent for Life class is a strength and balance fitness class designed specifically for older adults. The class has proven to help seniors gain strength, have better balance, feel better, prevent falls, help you stay independent and active. Kelly Wright teaches the class, and she has extensive education and experience in the health and fitness field working with older adults. We are also excited to offer a new strength training class. For more information on our health and fitness programs, please call 798-4090.

The Lakewood Senior Activity Center also offers a variety of art and craft classes. The center offers Oil Painting, Mixed Media, Woodcarving, and Photography. We also have craft classes, including scrapbook, concrete leaf workshops and crochet classes. For a schedule, cost and more information, you may call the Center at 798-4090.

This fall, the Center will be offering a Sumi-E Brush Painting Class. Participants will have the opportunity to explore the art of Japanese ink painting. Beginners learn to use Japanese painting equipment and the techniques to paint classic nature subjects while spontaneously expressing with the brush. This class is sponsored by “Seniors Making Art.”

The Center is also offering an array of trips and tours this fall. We are taking a trip to the wild side at North West Trek. We are also planning to visit the Black Diamond Museum & Bakery. Other trips include the Steilacoom Apple Squeeze, Holiday Food & Gift Festival and Fantasy Lights.

The Lakewood Senior Activity Center will be offering many trips and tours, health and fitness classes, art and craft classes, social programs and special events. For more information or a tour of the facility, please call 798-4090.

Lakewood Municipal Court – Ticket revenues

Lakewood has a very busy municipal court that processes misdemeanors and traffic infractions. Many residents may not know that the City doesn’t have the ability to set our own ticket fines. For example, the typical traffic ticket is $101. That amount is set by the State Legislature. Also, the City is required to share most of the ticket revenue with the State and Pierce County also receives a small portion of the fine. For a typical $101 ticket, only $51 stays in the City. The money that goes to the State goes to the Public Safety and Education, and Judicial Information System Assessment accounts.

Through June of this year, Lakewood Municipal Court had taken in $860,404 in revenue. Of that amount, $408,334 went to the State, $5,216 went to Pierce County and the remainder, $446,853, stayed in Lakewood to help offset the costs of operating the Court and the City’s criminal justice system.

Home Repair Assistance and Down Payment Assistance

Leaky roof? Broken furnace? Don’t wait until winter for home repair assistance!

EMERGENCY MINOR HOME REPAIR

A maximum lifetime grant of up to $5,000 is available to qualified Lakewood homeowners to assist with projects such as roof repairs and replacement of furnaces, water heaters, stoves and refrigerators.

MAJOR HOME REPAIR

Does your home need a new roof, or a new furnace, or new windows, or plumbing repairs? Up to $12,000 as a 0 percent interest loan is available to qualified Lakewood homeowners. Loan payments may be deferred for up to 20 years.

HOUSING REHABILITATION

Does your home need a new roof, AND a new furnace, AND electrical repairs, AND plumbing repairs? Qualified Lakewood homeowners may apply for rehabilitation assistance up to $65,000, depending on homeowner equity. This repair assistance is in the form of a loan at 0 percent interest, with loan payments deferred for up to 20 years.

DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

Would you like to own a home in Lakewood? Up to $7,000 may be provided to qualified applicants who need help with down payment and closing costs in buying a home in Lakewood. The assistance is in the form of a loan at 0 percent interest, and loan payments may be deferred for up to 20 years.

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QUESTIONS? Call the City of Lakewood Housing Specialist at 589-2489.
June. The attacks happened in the early morning hours when the Park was closed. A group of people calling themselves Juggalos attacked and robbed 23 people over the course of three nights.

Lakewood Police have already apprehended five suspects and are working to apprehend the remaining two suspects.

Fort Steilacoom Park is safe during daytime hours. However, visitors should always take safety precautions, such as leaving valuables at home. The Police have also stepped up patrols to keep people from going to the park after hours.

Summary of Lakewood Gangs

We have identified about 20 gang “sets” in the LPD gang database, but only seven or eight have any measurable membership and/or engage in Lakewood-based gang activity.

Lakewood Crips - LHC

Lakewood Hustler Crips are the longest standing Lakewood gang. Hustlers have been involved in narcotics trafficking, pimping, robberies, weapons trafficking, assaults and murders. They used to be our dominant gang, but have been almost non-existent in Lakewood since 2003.

Tillicum Park Gangsters - TPG (BGD’S)

This gang is also a long-time group. Their crime profile is rising and they are considered to be the dominant street gang in Lakewood as of this writing. This gang is involved primarily in property crimes and violent crime.

Surenos – SUR13

The gang is actively trying to gain a foot hold in Lakewood. This gang is primarily from California. Two sets of SUR13 have been identified in Lakewood; they are East Side Locotes and East Side Trece. Some SUR13 members are involved in narcotics trafficking, and there have been assaults and at least one murder in Tacoma credited to this gang.

Young United Bloods

Six members of this upstart gang, claiming territory in Springbrook, were arrested for a violent, unprovoked assault on the weekend of June 10-11. They are also probably responsible for a strong-arm robbery and another aggravated assault that night. All of the arrested members are juveniles.

School Gangs

We have not seen a great deal of gang conflict in the schools. We attribute this to a successful school policy that prohibits gang attire and behavior, increased School Resource Officer coverage in the schools, and the fact that most active gang members either drop out of school or are expelled at first signs of gang behavior.

Traffic Safety Tips – Motorcycles

As the summer season greets us with good weather, so the motorcycling public takes to the road. For this reason, we should all exercise increased caution in how we drive, especially those on motorcycles. Here are a few safety tips for our motorcyclists this season:

- Invest in a good motorcycle safety course. An ounce of training and experience can truly make the difference in your ability to ride safely.
- Wear a DOT-approved helmet at all times. Not all helmets sold on the market are safe and/or in compliance with the laws of the State of Washington. A reputable dealer will gladly explain the differences in helmet quality and what is available.
- Clothing worn while riding should be sturdy and capable of providing as much protection to the rider as possible. Shorts and flip-flops are never a safe clothing choice for a rider. Items to consider are jeans, sturdy boots, gloves, a long-sleeved shirt and/or jacket with built-in armor such as the type that can be purchased from most motorcycle clothing shops.
- Never operate your motorcycle without eye protection. Even a small insect can be disabling if it strikes your open eye while you are in motion.
- Ride as if you are invisible. Expecting others on the road to see and avoid you is a critical error you can’t afford to make. Having full awareness of your surroundings at all times is paramount.
- Don’t mix alcohol consumption and motorcycling. The effects of intoxicants on your ability to safely operate a motorcycle are obvious as well as deadly.
- Obey all rules of the road and observe the posted speed limit. Remember that a motorcycle can stop in a shorter distance than a car. For this reason, always be aware of what is behind you and maintain a viable escape route whenever possible.
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### Community Calendar

#### August

**Every Thursday**
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- City Talk – Lakewood City Hall, 9:00-10:30 a.m.; 589-2489
- County Talk – Lakewood City Hall, 9:00 a.m.-noon; 798-3308

**Every Saturday**
- Market at the Park – Clover Park Technical College, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Thursday 21**
- Lakewood Sister Cities Association – Lakewood City Hall, 5:30 p.m.

**Monday 25**
- Smart Communities Book Discussion – Clover Park School District Admin. Building, 4:00-5:00 p.m.; 589-2489

#### September

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- Lakewood United Forum – Burs Restaurant, 7:00 a.m.; 584-1867
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**Thursday 7**
- Lakewood Chamber Membership Luncheon; 582-9400

**Friday 8**
- Coffee with the Mayor – St. Clare Hospital Resource Center, 7:30 a.m.

**Monday 11**
- Keep Lakewood Beautiful – Lakewood City Hall, 7:00 a.m.

**Friday 15**
- All City Tailgate – Clover Park High School, 3:30-6:30 p.m.; 583-5040

**Wednesday 20**
- Community Collaboration – Lakewood City Hall, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 589-2489

#### October

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- Lakewood Chamber Membership Luncheon, 582-9400

**Saturday 7**
- St. Clare Hospital’s Autumn Leaf Health & Safety Festival – Clover Park High School, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Friday 13**
- Coffee with the Mayor – St. Clare Hospital Resource Center, 7:30 a.m.; 589-2489

**Wednesday 18**
- Community Collaboration – Lakewood City Hall, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; 589-2489

**Thursday 19**
- Lakewood Sister Cities Association – Lakewood City Hall, 5:30 p.m.

**Saturday 28**
- Safety Pumpkin Patch Fair – Fire Station 2-1, 5000 Steilacoom Boulevard S.W., 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; 582-4600

**Monday 30**
- Smart Communities Book Discussion – Lakewood City Hall, 4:00-5:00 p.m.; 589-2489

### City of Lakewood

- City Hall ........................................ 589-2489
- Abandoned Vehicles ...... 830-5080
- Animal Control .............. 983-7800
- 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

### Other Phone Numbers

- Burn Ban .................. 1-800-595-4341
- Cable TV (Comcast) ...... 1-877-824-2288
- Clover Park School District ................. 583-5000
- Domestic Violence Helpline ..... 798-4166 or 1-800-764-2420
- Earthquake/Floods .......... 798-7470
- Electric Companies – Lakeview Light ........ 584-6060
- Puget Sound Energy .......... 1-888-225-5773
- Tacoma Public Utilities ............... 383-2471

### Contact the City Council

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**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.

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