Phase 1: Pacific Highway Improvements
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The City celebrated the completion of the first phase of improvements to Pacific Highway SW at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 29th. The street improvements, located between Bridgeport Way and 108th Street SW, begin the revitalization of this major corridor which will include the Sound Transit commuter rail station, Lakewood Ford, a new car dealership and a 110-room hotel. This project was accomplished through the partnership and support of several agencies and private companies including Sound Transit, Pierce Transit, the Federal Highway Administration, Washington State Department of Transportation, Perteet Engineering, and Harlow Construction Company.

This project evolved from Sound Transit’s commitment to bring regional bus and commuter rail service to Lakewood. The City and Sound Transit worked together to choose the site on the east side of Pacific Highway SW. Both recognized that a commuter facility is only as useful as the infrastructure that is available to serve it. Together, and with the assistance of a technical advisory committee that included community members, the City and Sound Transit outlined the vision for the supporting infrastructure and formalized it into an agreement.

That vision included tying the commuter rail station to Lakewood Towne Center, which forms the bulk of the city’s central business district, through a network of sidewalks and bicycle lanes.

Sound Transit and the City partnered to apply for a $3.7 million federal grant to fund these improvements, which they received. In addition, Sound Transit previously provided the City with $1.8 million to complete the improvements on 108th Street SW, which were completed in 2003.

The second phase of the planned improvement to Pacific Highway SW will be completed next summer. The Sound Transit commuter rail station and transit center are expected to be well underway, with completion scheduled for Spring 2008. Ultimately, roadway improvements throughout the area will include curb/gutter/sidewalks, street lighting, street trees and planter strips from Bridgeport Way SW to 108th Street SW.

These infrastructure improvements provide a significant safety enhancement for bicyclists and pedestrians, as well as a makeover for the entire corridor. Together with the new transit and business development, they are expected to act as a catalyst for additional new development and renovation along the Pacific Highway SW corridor.

On either end of the current project, the City has already received grants for construction of improvements on Pacific Highway SW from 108th Street to State Route 512; as well as for the design of roadway improvements on Pacific Highway SW from Gravelly Lake Drive SW to Bridgeport Way SW.
City Council Highlights

**OCTOBER**

- Approved Fiscal Year 2007 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Act Policy Statement for the Annual Consolidated Plan.
- Set Monday, October 16, 2006, as date for public hearing relative to extending a moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for card rooms (casino gambling) for another six months.
- Authorized special tax assessment against property at 3418 84th Street SW, for the abatement of a public nuisance and dangerous building.
- Awarded bid for construction of sidewalks, street lighting, and storm drainage improvements on South Tacoma Way, 112th Street SW and 34th Avenue SW (Local Improvement District 1108).
- Appointed members to serve on the Lakewood Arts Commission.
- Set Monday, November 6, 2006, as date for public hearing on proposed 2007-2008 City of Lakewood biennial budget and the 2007 mill levy rate.
- Expressed opposition to Initiative 933 relative to government regulation ofgambling.
- Set date for public hearing by the City Council on the proposed 2007-2008 City of Lakewood budget and the 2007 mill levy rate.
- Repealed Ordinance No. 279, which provided for a biennial budget and reverted back to an annual fiscal year budget effective January 1, 2007.
- Adopted the findings of fact and extended the moratorium on the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals of card rooms (casino gambling) for an additional six months.
- Authorized execution of agreement with DKS Associates to assist with the selection and integration of a central traffic signal system.
- Authorized execution of an interlocal agreement with the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife for the boat launch installation at American Lake Park.
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- Set the mill levy rate at $1.100369 per thousand dollars for 2007 on Nov. 20th.

**NOVEMBER**

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**Mark Your Calendar – Lakewood Summit Coming Soon!**

All community members are invited to attend the first Lakewood Summit on Saturday, February 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at Pierce College’s Fort Steilacoom Campus (9401 Farwest Drive SW).

“The purpose of the summit is to mobilize citizens to help Lakewood become the best place for families, children and youth,” said Mayor Dr. Claudia Thomas. For more information, call the City at 589-2489.

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LAKWOOD’S 2007 BUDGET: Splurge or Fiscally Conservative Work Plan?

A recent newspaper headline referred to our 2007 budget as “young Lakewood’s just itching to splurge...” A review of definitions shows “splurge” to mean “to overdo or to indulge.” I believe the City’s new budget is anything but a splurge. As a matter of fact, for a city of 60,000 to do as much as is planned with a tax base nowhere near that of its neighboring cities is remarkable.

The city manager’s initial budget proposal reduced seven positions from the General Fund, and did not fund 15 new General Fund position requests. The total of department heads’ unfunded budget requests, none of which were frivolous, was $4.35 million. This is significant because there are many demands for service in our city that cannot be fully satisfied with the resources available. When comparing Lakewood’s tax base to nearby cities of Tacoma, Puyallup, Sumner and Fife, one finds that we’re 62.5 percent below the average property tax on a per capita basis; and about 75.4 percent below the average per capita sales tax of the five cities. The per capita utility tax in Tacoma is more than three times higher than Lakewood’s. These three taxes (property, sales, utility) are the major sources of City revenue.

Lakewood’s total budget for 2007 is $91.9 million. This includes major capital projects – $6.5 million in streets projects, $1.65 million in parks projects, and the new police station, with a budget of $12 million. The police station will replace the current leases in multiple locations, and will be funded by $5 million in cash from reserves and $7 million from Limited Tax General Obligation (LTGO) Bonds. The debt service from the bonds will be about $385,000 annually starting in 2008, which is about $190,000 higher than the current annual lease costs for several police facilities.

The General Fund budget for 2007 is about $35.3 million, about an 8.5 percent increase. However, there are several “one-time” or non-recurring components, such as the camera enforcement capital and “catch up” salary costs for the city’s first police collective bargaining agreement, so that the actual increase is about 4.5 percent. In addition to the implementation of the police officers’ contract, the budget also extends appropriate benefits, such as merit pay and cost-of-living adjustments (COLA), to our general “non-union” city employees.

All employees will participate for the first time in across the board premium-sharing for medical insurance costs, at a contribution level of 6 percent.

After several City Council discussions about code enforcement and neighborhood group support, a package adding three Community Service Officers (CSOs) into the budget was included, which will add low-threshold code enforcement complaints to the CSO assignments in addition to full neighborhood coverage.

There is also a special $250,000 fund established for abatement, to fund necessary clean-up and demolition of substandard structures prior to placing delinquent properties on lien.

To bolster revenues, the budget includes a water franchise fee of 6 percent, which is the equivalent of the utility tax that most area cities charge on water, and will cost the average residential water customer about 55 cents per month. (Lakewood Water District’s rate will continue to be the lowest in the area.) There is also an adjustment in the business license fee to $45 to reflect increased costs, resulting in a fee that is still lower than most of our comparable cities.

I’ve heard the question raised about why we compare ourselves to other cities. We do so for a number of reasons. For employee salaries, including police officers, it’s critical that we review comparable cities of similar size to avoid losing employees to other cities after we’ve invested substantial training costs. For revenue structures, it’s relevant because our citizens expect many of the same services that residents in other cities demand, and we must be held accountable as to our ability to deliver quality service at a reasonable price.

In short, the 2007 budget is not a splurge, but a carefully developed work plan that is intended to move the City of Lakewood forward in a manner that reflects the goals and priorities of the City Council.
Youth Dance and Cheer Classes
Sign up now for our youth dance and cheer classes! Instruction is held at the Lakewood Senior Activity Center, and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, please call 589-2489.

Creative Movement – Ages 3-5
Tuesdays, Jan 16 – Feb 20
5:30-6:00 p.m.
$20.00

Twinkle Toes and Do-See-Dos – Ages 6-8
Tuesdays, Jan 16 – Feb 20
6:00-6:45 p.m.
$20.00

Hip Hop – Ages 9-11
Tuesdays, Jan 16 – Feb 20
6:45-7:30 p.m.
$20.00

Beginning Cheer – Ages 5-7
Thursdays, Feb 8 – March 15
5:30-6:15 p.m.
$20.00

Intermediate Cheer – Ages 8-10
Thursdays, Feb 8 – March 15
6:15-7:00 p.m.
$20.00

Advanced Cheer – Ages 11-13
Thursdays, Feb 8 – March 15
7:00-7:45 p.m.
$25.00

*Participates will perform at a youth basketball game

Imagination Station – Kinder Camps
Youth ages 3-8 are invited to join us for crafts, games, singing and dancing as we explore the world around us. This Kinder Kamp will be held Saturday, February 17 at the Lakewood Senior Activity Center. Ages 3-5 attend from 10:00-11:30 a.m. and ages 6-8 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. The cost is $15.00 and pre-registration is required. Parents are encouraged to participate. To register, call 589-2489.

Cyber Safety Presentation
Cyberspace is a great but sometimes scary place. Youth will learn how to safely surf the Web and parents will learn how to protect their kids without taking away their freedom. Topics will include MySpace, Instant Messenger, Webcams and more. Join us at Lakewood City Hall on Saturday, January 27 from 9:00 a.m.-noon. This important class is free of charge but pre-registration is required. Call 589-2489.

Hoop Shoot/Hot Spot Competitions
Youth ages 7-14 are invited to test their basketball skills and compete for a chance to advance to state and regional levels. The free competition will be held Saturday, February 3 at 10:00 a.m. at Hudtloff Middle School. For more information, call 589-2489.

Adult Coed Soccer
Register now for the Coed Soccer League! Teams will play eight games with a single-elimination tournament to follow. All games will be played Sunday afternoons, March 4 – April 29 at Ft. Steilacoom Park. Players must be 16 years or older. Registration deadline is February 2, 2007. The cost is $300 per team. For more information, please call Sara Millbauer at 589-2489.

Ski/Snowboard Trips
Sign up now for fun trips to Crystal Mountain! The cost includes transportation and your choice of an all-day lift ticket or first-time special lesson (includes lift ticket, rental package and 2-hour lesson). For more information, call Dennis Higashiyama at 589-2489.

Session A: Friday, January 26
Session B: Friday, February 16
Session C: Tuesday, April 3
Session D: Thursday, April 5
Time: 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location: Depart from Lakewood City Hall
Cost: $70.00
Ages: 11-17

Snowshoe Trips
Join us for snowshoeing on Mt. Rainier! Snowshoes, poles and transportation are provided. Wear clothes in layers and bring sunglasses or goggles, sunscreen and a lunch with drink. To register, call 580-2489.

Date: Wednesday, April 4
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location: Depart from Lakewood City Hall
Cost: $25.00
Ages: 12-adult

Senior Activity Center Thanks Volunteers
The Lakewood Senior Activity Center recently hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Reception to honor over 50 volunteers who donated their time in 2006. They would like to thank the businesses who donated items for the event: Lakewood Hardware, Cookies by Design, Starbucks (100th and Main Street locations), Life’s Escape Massage, Lakewold Gardens, Applebee’s, Nestle, Ram Family Restaurant and Chips & Palace Casinos.

The Senior Activity Center could not operate without the special people who volunteer at its facility. If you are interested in joining their team of volunteers, please contact Elizabeth Scheid at 798-4090.

Lakewood Senior Activity Center Hosts Variety of Winter 2007 Programs
The Senior Activity Club will start the year off with a variety of special events, trips and classes. Call 798-4090 for more information or to register.

Trips
• Pacific Science Center’s Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit
• Washington State Capitol Tour and Legislative Session
• Trader Joe’s and lunch at Affairs
• Chinese New Year in Seattle’s International District
• Northwest Trek Volksmarch

Exercise Classes
• Fit Happens
• Exercise with Elizabeth
• S.A.I.L. (Staying Active and Independent for Life)
• Line Dance Classes

Arts and Crafts Classes
• Oil Painting
• Mixed Media
• Woodcarving
• Photography
• Sumi-E Brush Painting
• Scrapbooking

Membership
Become a Senior Activity Center member and receive discounts on activities as well as our monthly newsletter. The annual membership fee is $20.00 per person or $30.00 per couple.
Building Permit Frequently Asked Questions:

WHY DO I NEED A PERMIT?

Building permits ensure the quality of construction and appropriate use of property within Lakewood. Construction standards are based on the International Building Codes adopted by Washington State to ensure buildings are safe and will withstand emergency situations such as earthquakes. A lender will often require you to show proof of a building permit before underwriting construction finance. As part of the permit review, the building’s intended use, height, size, and design, are reviewed for consistency with city codes.

WHEN IS A PERMIT REQUIRED?

A permit is required for any new construction, change of use, repair, improvement, modification, or demolition. Permit requirements include all outdoor decks. There are some exceptions for minor construction, which include:

- One-story, detached accessory buildings 120 square feet or less in size used for tool/storage sheds, playhouses, and similar uses.
- Fences of up to six feet in height.
- Movable cases, counters and partitions not over five feet, nine inches tall.
- Retaining walls that are not over four feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top.
- Painting, papering, and similar finish work.
- Prefabricated swimming pools not exceeding 5,000 gallons and where the pool walls are entirely above ground.

HOW DO I OBTAIN A PERMIT?

To obtain a building permit, you can either come to the Lakewood Community Development Department in person or you can download the building permit application online at: http://www.cityoflakewood.us/department-pages/community-development-forms.html.

WHEN ARE BUILDING PLANS REQUIRED?

Building plans are required for any addition to or alteration of a structure or construction of a new structure. Examples of projects that require plan submittals include:

- The removal of a wall or part of a wall.
- Creating new roof openings for a skylight.
- Converting garage or storage areas to a recreation room, play room, or bedroom.
- Any addition to the building or property.

- Constructing a new addition or adding a new story.
- Building a new deck or enlarging an existing one.
- Changing the number of dwelling units by adding or removing a unit.

Where plans are required, you must submit at least two sets. Plans must be drawn to a uniform scale (for example, 1/8” = 1 ft. or 1/4” = 1 ft.); must show the location, nature and extent of the existing and proposed work; and must detail how the construction will conform to code requirements and all other laws and regulations. Structural plans must be stamped and signed by a professional engineer or architect. A complete plan should illustrate the following items:

- A plot plan showing the building location and its relationship to the street, sidewalk, property lines and other items on or near the property, including distance(s) between the house walls and the front, back, and side lot lines.
- Exterior elevations illustrating the addition or the change being made.
- Floor plans of each floor being remodeled or added that show both the existing and proposed work on the floor(s) being improved.
- Type and size of all building materials to be used and how they are connected or attached.
- Structural drawings and calculations when required.
- Parking plans.

CAN I DO THE WORK MYSELF?

Work on an owner-occupied home may be performed by the owner. You may also hire another person or contractor to do the work on your home. Contractors must be registered with the State Department of Labor and Industries and maintain the proper insurance and business license. State law requires workers’ compensation insurance be provided for all workers, so be sure you or the contractor have this insurance in order to protect yourself in case of industrial accidents.

WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT SEWER OR SEPTIC SYSTEM PERMITS?

For new construction and changes of use, sewer permits are required by the Pierce County Public Works and Utilities Department. However, if your property is located in Tillicum or American Lake Gardens, a septic permit is required by the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

Please contact the Community Development Department on the second floor of City Hall at 6000 Main St. SW. The permit counter is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The phone number is 512-2261.

Freedom Bridge

In the spirit of honoring all service personnel and their families, the City of Lakewood unveiled a new sign on Berkeley Street SW on October 11, highlighting the recent renaming of the I-5/Berkeley overpass bridge to Freedom Bridge. The unveiling ceremony was led by Mayor Claudia Thomas. Other dignitaries present included: city council members Walter Neary and Pad Finnigan; county council member Dick Muri; and Senator Mike Carrell. The sign’s placement was a culmination of the efforts of Richard Rabisa, a veteran and city resident who diligently pursued the bridge’s renaming.

Local dignitaries and freedom bridge supporters unveil the projects sign at the dedication.

American Lake Gardens (ALG) / Tillicum Sewer Extension Project

The City of Lakewood is moving ahead with the design and associated environmental review of the ALG/Tillicum Sewer Extension Project. This $9.25 million project will provide a “backbone” sewer system for these two neighborhoods, currently served only by septic systems. The new sewer infrastructure will offer a foundation for new development and redevelopment in these areas.

A project update will be included on the Tillicum/Woodbrook Neighborhood Association’s agenda for Thursday, January 4, 2007, at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Tillicum/American Lake Gardens Community Services Center, 14916 Washington Ave. SW. For additional information, contact the Public Works Department at 983.7795.
community spotlight...

Stefanie Coleman and Brian Hinkle supported the project at Fort Steilacoom Park and Jay Anderson did a great job with the soldiers at Active Park.

Landlord/Tenant Information and Counseling

On Tuesday, January 9, 2007, the City of Lakewood will conduct a workshop for Lakewood residents on the state Landlord/Tenant Act. The workshop will run from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers at Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main Street SW.

To qualify for individual counseling following the presentation you must provide income and residence verification including photo identification or a bill sent to your home address. Required income verification can include a medical coupon, an award letter, a pay stub, or a self declaration of little or no income including how you are meeting your living expenses. For additional information, contact Martha Larkin, program/grants coordinator at 589-2489.

Landlord/tenant informational brochures will be available. Accommodations can be made.

CPSD students perform at the 2005 Martin Luther King Jr. event.

Dennis Higashiyama; Joeloth Smith, Lakewood African-American Police Advisory Committee; Sa-On Johnson, Lakewood Boys & Girls Club; and Ivy Murphy, founder of Athiri Advocacy, a Baha’i Faith-based non-profit organization.

A special thanks goes to the Clover Park Technical College Video Production program and instructor Scott Blatman for their large contribution to a project the committee is working on. They will also be video recording the January 13 event, and may be able to offer a DVD of the event for sale at the CPTC store. Watch for details!

This event is proudly sponsored by the City of Lakewood and Clover Park School District;
Pet Licensing
As the New Year approaches, we’d like to remind all Lakewood residents of the need to buy licenses for their domestic pets. Licensing is required for all cats and dogs over the age of eight weeks.

There are four primary reasons that licensing is so important:
1 – Public Health – Animal licensing is utilized primarily to monitor rabies vaccination compliance. Because there is no treatment for rabies, once symptoms develop, the need to verify vaccinations is crucial. Animals under investigation for biting whose vaccinations cannot be verified may be euthanized to allow for the proper testing.
2 – Reuniting lost pets with owners – In the United States, between six and eight million pets are placed in animal shelters, and nearly 75 percent of them are euthanized within seven days because their owners cannot be found. In 2005, more than 1,200 stray dogs and cats from Lakewood were taken to the Humane Society. Only 211 of those were reunited with their owners.
3 – Reducing Pet Overpopulation. Abandoned and lost pets that live on the street pose a health threat to humans and other animals. They may carry and spread disease and become aggressive toward humans and other pets. Each year, 4.5 million Americans become victims of dog bites. Some attacks have been fatal.
4 – Better Service - A found pet with a current license is easily processed by our animal control officers. A quick return frees the officers up to respond to more serious calls, like dog bites and abused animals, instead of transporting an unlicensed pet to a shelter where it may be exposed to stress, sick animals and even euthanasia.

For Lakewood residents, a pet license is only $10 for a spayed or neutered pet, or $50.00 for an unaltered pet. Senior citizen pet owners are eligible for discounted licensing fees. If your pet has previously been licensed in Lakewood, watch your mailbox for your renewal notice in early January. If you’ve acquired a new pet or have not licensed your pet previously, please visit our website at www.cityoflakewood.us for updated licensing information, or phone 253-589-2489. Residents who do not license their pets by February 28, 2007 are subject to a fine of up to $250.

Lakewood crime, accidents go down
In the third quarter of 2006, overall crime in Lakewood was down 24 percent compared to the same period in 2005. Property crime was down 28 percent. However, violent crime was up 13 percent. The majority of the violent crime increase is a result of increased gang violence; a situation common to most large cities in the state. Lakewood launched an emphasis on gang-related crime in May and has been successful with nearly 90 gang arrests. Since this emphasis on enforcement began, violent crime has been on a downward trend. In September, gang-related incidents fell below 2005 levels.

Through the third quarter of 2006, vehicle accident rates have dropped 16 percent. In September, the statistics dropped to a total of 58 accidents, the lowest level Lakewood has experienced since forming the police department. We cautiously attribute this to our school zone enforcement program.

Crime Prevention Tips
With Daylight Saving Time over and the cooler, darker days of winter upon us, this is a good time to remind you of some winter crime prevention and safety tips. Begin by checking your home’s outdoor lighting. Make sure all lights are working, and check to see if they are properly illuminating your yard and home. Does your lighting allow you to see your house clearly, or does it create darkened hiding areas near your house? If you are going to be away from your home when it is dark, consider having some lights on timers or photocell lights that come on automatically after dark.

As for your vehicles, remember this: never leave anything of value in the passenger area of your vehicle. Take it inside or lock it in your trunk. Remember to switch off the automatic trunk opener in the vehicle. When you park your car at night, try to park in a well-lit area and as close to the building as possible. Always look around the parking lot before exiting your vehicle and take a wider look around when you exit your vehicle. Be aware of anyone loitering in the parking lot, and if you see someone suspicious, notify the police or store management.

Remember that crime prevention and safety begins with you. Practice awareness of your surroundings and learn to recognize and minimize potential risks to your safety and thus reduce your chances of being a victim.

Emergency Preparedness Tips
Winter is upon us...with a vengeance! Each year when you change our clocks to and from Daylight Saving Time, remember to make a few other changes. Following are some tips:
- Change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors should be done twice a year, to assure they function properly.
- Many of you store water, in case of emergency. When time changes, consider changing your stored water.
- While we don’t usually experience severe winter weather in the Pacific Northwest, there is always the possibility that this might be the year. You might want to have your furnace checked by professionals for safety and be sure your chimney is free of creosote to prevent the possibility of a chimney fire. Place portable heaters on stable surfaces and away from combustible materials. Be mindful of carbon monoxide and consider getting a monitor if you commonly use heating alternatives.
- Should you be unable to leave your home for a few days, have a supply of non-alcoholic beverages such as coffee, tea, soda and soups. Have extra food for your pets. Think about fresh flashlight batteries, medications and stocking non-perishable foods in greater quantity.
- Don’t forget to winterize your vehicles. Get a tune-up. Check your anti-freeze, tires, battery and brakes. Be sure to carry a winter survival kit that includes blankets, first aid kit, flashlight, extra batteries, booster cables, windshield scraper and more.
DECEMBER

Every Thursday
Lakewood United Forum – Burs Restaurant, 7:00 a.m.; 584-1867
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

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

JANUARY

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Thursday 1
Lakewood Chamber General Membership Luncheon & Annual Chili Cook-Off – Location TBD, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 582-9400

Monday 5
Keep Lakewood Beautiful – Lakewood City Hall, 7:00 a.m.

Thursday 4
Lakewood Chamber State of the City General Membership Luncheon – Location TBD, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 582-9400

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Saturday 13
City of Lakewood and Clover Park School District 4th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commemoration – Clover Park High School Performing Arts Center, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon, contact Wanda Motonaga at 589-2489 or Andrea Dobroski at 583-5045.

Passport Services at City Hall
The City of Lakewood will start offering Passport services as authorized by the U.S. State Department at City Hall effective January 1, 2007. Call 589-2489 for more information.

City Hall ......................... 589-2489
Abandoned Vehicles .... 830-5080
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

Contact Wanda Motonaga at High School Performing Arts Hall, 9:00 a.m.-noon; 798-3308

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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
Tacoama Public
Utilities ....................... 383-2471
Garage Sale Permits .... 512-2261
Municipal Court ......... 512-2258
Noise Complaints ......... 798-4721
Parks & Recreation ... 589-2489
Potheoles .................. 983-7795
Police Department –
Main Desk ................. 830-5000
Non-emergency only .... 798-4721
Drug Tip Hotline ......... 830-5049
Sex Offender Info ........ 830-5095
Public Works
Department ................. 983-7795
Senior Activity Center .. 798-4090
Street Light Outages .... 983-7795
Traffic Infractions ....... 512-2258
Vehicle Licensing ....... 588-7786
Zoning ....................... 512-2261

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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