City-College Partnership on Conference Center

An exciting partnership between Clover Park Technical College, the City of Lakewood and Lakewood motels and hotels will soon produce a breathtaking 1,500 seat meeting and student center on Clover Park College’s Lakewood campus. For several years, students, faculty and Clover Park Technical College administration have identified a need for a student center with a modern bookstore, activity spaces, multi-purpose rooms as well as cutting-edge culinary arts and floral training facilities. The City has also been searching for public/private partnerships to provide a modern meeting/convention and events center that would attract conventions and tourists and provide a large, quality venue for community events such as Christmas bazaars and performing artists (while not burdening the taxpayer).

In 2006, these visions came together in a detailed concept plan expanding the existing 400-seat auditorium in the new student center into a state-of-the-art 1,500 seat meeting/convention/event facility. Over a period of nine months, College and City staff worked on the concept in concert with the City’s Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. Student-assessed fees will cover part of the construction cost. The City Council agreed to a financial plan committing future motel/hotel taxes to finance $2.1 million of the project’s total $18 million, saving the public from the tax burden.

The result will be a 48,000 square feet facility currently under construction in the middle of the College campus, scheduled to open this fall as the Dr. Sharon McGavick Student and Meeting Center. The facility will meet student needs while providing community space for special events. The College will maintain and operate the facility while the City receives 12 dedicated days for community events annually. The center is a testament to our community’s ability to solve problems cooperatively and should spur additional economic development in Lakewood.

Lakewood Voted One of 100 Best Communities for Young People

America’s Promise – The Alliance for Youth is pleased to announce that Lakewood is a winner of a national competition to identify the 100 Best Communities for Young People. In partnership with Capital One, the 100 Best competition honors communities – ranging from small towns to urban neighborhoods across America – for their commitment to provide healthy, safe and caring environments for young people. Hundreds of communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands took part in the competition.

Lakewood won this distinction, in part, because several schools serving high percentages of low-income students have made double-digit gains in test scores over the past four years. Five small learning communities were created with support from the Gates Foundation to provide a more personalized high school education. The results are dramatic. The district’s graduation rate increased from 56.1% to 66.9% between 2004 and 2005. A complete list of winners can be found at www.americaspromise.org.

Lakewood Mayor Claudia Thomas said, “Lakewood is thrilled to be named one of 100 Best Communities for the second time. I want to congratulate our committed partners, volunteers and supporters who give zealously of their time on a continual basis to ensure our youth have access to the services they need to succeed. It is important for our youth to know that the community stands ready to help families and youth meet the many challenges they face on a daily basis. Lakewood is a very diverse community committed to surrounding our youth with caring adults. We are not where we want to be, not where we need to be, but we have the infrastructure in place for continual progress.”
City Council Highlights

The Lakewood City Council meets every Monday evening except on federal holidays (in which case meetings are generally postponed a day) and on fifth Mondays of the month. Your City Council took action on a variety of issues over the last two months. Their actions in March will be highlighted in the next Lakewood Connections issue.

DECEMBER

- Established the 2007 ad valorem levy and established the amount to be raised by taxation on the assessed valuation of property in the city limits.
- Terminated the moratorium relative to the filing of applications for licenses, permits and approvals for correctional facilities located within Public/Institutional Zoning Districts.
- Granted the Lakewood Water District a 20-year franchise to construct, maintain, operate, replace, and repair water systems within the City.
- Approved the 2006 budget amendments.
- Authorized the sale of the property at 4508 Yew Lane SW to Habitat for Humanity; and authorized an agreement for the construction of an affordable home for a low-income family. *(Please see accompanying story on page 6).*
- Awarded a bid to Marles Corporation dba Amaya Electric, in the amount of $80,540, for the construction of Phase 2 of the school zone yellow flashing lights project.
- Authorized an inter local agreement with the City of Wapato for jail services for 2007.
- Adopted a system of registration of bonds and obligations of the City of Lakewood.
- Amended the fee schedule providing for U.S. passport services and revising the general business licenses *(please note related story on page 5).*
- Authorized a lease agreement with Northwest Building for property at the Lakewood Industrial Park for a police facility from December 1, 2006 through November 30, 2008.
- Appointed Bill Kittrell, Ken Severe and John Paul Wagemann to the Citizens’ Transportation Review Committee.
- Approved the 2007 human services grants. These grants will serve a variety of public needs from youth services and emergency shelter to food banks. A total of 49 grants were awarded to 39 organizations, totaling over $368,000.
- Approved the 2007 lodging tax grants for tourism services.

JANUARY

- Confirmed the City Manager’s appointments of James N. O’Connor and Irv Berteig as hearing examiners and authorized agreements for hearing examiner services.
- Held a public hearing on vacating a portion of 47th Avenue SW right-of-way to provide parking spaces for the Lakewood Ford dealership.
- Amended the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to fees for permits and licenses of recyclable transporters and recycling container placements.
- Authorized an agreement with Clover Park Technical College in the amount of $2,037,000, payable over 20 years, relative to funding by lodging tax funds and usage of the Student Center conference facility.
- Authorized an agreement with Law Enforcement Support Agency (LESA) for law enforcement dispatch and records services through December 31, 2011.
Lakewood’s “A” Rating and other “A’s”

In December, Standard & Poor issued the City of Lakewood its first bond rating: an A. That’s a pretty good rating for a newly incorporated city, and will allow us to proceed into financing for several LID’s (local improvement districts) to complete several key street projects. These include improvements along Steilacoom Boulevard, supported by Clover Park Technical College, Western State Hospital and other property owners.

The “A” rating will also position us favorably when the City goes forward on partial bond financing for the new police facility on Lakewood Drive. The bond rating is a positive reflection of the City’s financial standing, in particular its “non-deficit” status of fully balancing operating expenditures with operating revenues, as well as its healthy reserves.

The “A” rating brings to mind two other “A’s” which I believe are of critical importance to the City: Accessibility and Accountability.

All too often, constituents view government in general as “hard to reach,” and even harder to influence. However, we want to show that this City can be different in that we will be open to comments as well as constructive criticism, and that such feedback can and should make a difference. An innovative program we’re about to launch is the new On-line Citizen Comment and Service Request System. This system will provide citizens with a form for requesting information or services and giving feedback or complaints through our City Web site. Additionally, the system will provide one location for tracking and monitoring any requests, feedback or complaints that come in from citizens.

The data from the requests will be stored in a SQL server database which provides security, stability and consistent back-ups of the information. Data will be retrievable from this system and can be used for report generation to allow management to review potential patterns on customer service issues. This form of tracking and data storage will also allow for historical review of the City’s response to citizen feedback, requests, or complaints. The goal is to bolster customer service with our automated ability to manage and track our responsiveness. Even the customers who prefer to register their concerns by telephone or in person will benefit from the system, as staff will input the data for them. The City will achieve more accessibility.

The bottom line will also be greater accountability, as the City will be able to monitor its progress, its ability to serve our customers, and, indirectly, the relative levels of satisfaction with City government. When the system’s information shows significant levels of dissatisfaction, the City will be able to objectively respond and make appropriate adjustments to procedures and practices. Most importantly, citizens and customers will have a way of tracking and resolving their concerns or complaints, and at the very least knowing that there will be a response. The Police Department will be an integral component of the new system, although as always, citizens are reminded to call 9-1-1 for police and emergency response.

The new on-line citizen comment and service request system is intended to be “user-friendly” with simple instructions online. The system is undergoing testing right now, and is expected to officially launch in late March.

Did You Know?
The City of Lakewood is fortunate to have several employees who are bilingual. In addition to English we have:

CHINESE: Joy - Police
FRENCH: Anita - Legal, Doug - Police
GERMAN: Nadine - Community Dev., Doug - Police, Diana - Public Works
JAPANESE: Joy - Police
KOREAN: Austin - Police
RUSSIAN: Joy and Doug - Police
SPANISH: Melissa, Joy, Angel, Michelle and Oscar - Police
TAGALOG: Tes - General Services
TURKISH: Dawn - Human Resources
March 24 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.

Men’s Softball
Register now for this slow-pitch softball league! Teams will play ten games with a single-elimination tournament to follow. All games will be played Wednesday evenings beginning April 4th at Ft. Steilacoom Park. Players must be 16 years or older. The registration deadline is March 9th and the cost is $300 per team. Persons who wish to play but do not have a team may add their name to the Free Agent List.

Youth Track & Field
Lakewood Parks and Recreation will be offering Youth Track and 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 11th-May 16th at Harry Lange Stadium from 6:00-7:00 p.m. The cost is $20.00 and pre-registration is required.

Spring Tennis
Sign up now for spring tennis lessons! These classes are open to players ages 7-adult. The program runs Saturdays, April 14th - May 17th and the cost is $35.00. Session times are as follows:
- Pre-Tennis (ages 3-6): 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.
- Beginning: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Advanced Beginning: 11:00 a.m. – Noon
- Intermediate: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- Matches (Only $30): 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Private Lessons ($28 per hour): By appointment

Youth Fishing Event
Fish on! It’s time to register for Lakewood’s annual Youth Fishing Event. This year’s event will be held Saturday, May 19th at American Lake Park. Start times will range from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 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 will receive a tee shirt and Zebco rod and reel. Pre-registration is required! Registrations will be accepted on Wednesday, April 18th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Lakewood Community Center (9112 Lakewood Drive SW). For more information, call Pierce County Parks at 798-4199. Arrive early because this event sells out fast!

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.
Do I Need A Permit For My Home Improvement Project?

How are permits processed?

It depends upon the nature and complexity of the project, but the process can be as simple as having staff review your completed application forms and receiving a permit after paying applicable fees. A building permit issued while you wait is called an “over-the-counter” permit. Typically, such permits involve simple projects that might include:

✔ Remodeling existing bathrooms or kitchens.
✔ Repairs and additions to existing homes.
✔ Most types of termite repair work.
✔ Exterior stair repair.
✔ Roof sheathing repair.
✔ The installation of a new furnace in the same location or replacement of the existing furnace.
✔ Installation of certain appliances in single-family homes in strict accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.
✔ Minor additions of fan fixtures, ventilation units, or replacement of ducts or mechanical units within a single-family home.
✔ Replacement of residential water heaters.
✔ Sewer replacement/repairs to residential dwellings. (Note: If this requires trenching within the public right-of-way you will also need an encroachment permit from the Public Works Department.)
✔ Residential gas piping repairs/ replacements.
✔ Repair or replacement of water piping in residential dwellings.
✔ Repair or replacement of drains or vents in residential dwellings.
✔ Installation of residential lawn sprinklers.

How does the plan check process work?

Prior to getting a permit, you might be required to submit your plans for a plan check. When you submit your plans, you will need to pay a fee based on the value of your proposed project. If any plan corrections are required, they will be provided to you in writing. It is then up to you or your representative to make the actual corrections on a new set of plans and resubmit them. Once your plans are approved by all departments involved, you will receive a call letting you know your permit is ready. Only the contractor or the homeowner may pick up the permit unless you have given your agent written permission to pick it up for you. A copy of this letter will be required. When picking up the permit, there will be a building permit fee based on the construction valuation and any plumbing, mechanical, or electrical work being done.

What about electrical permits?

Electrical permits are not issued by the City. Lakewood has three different utility purveyors located within its incorporated limits – Tacoma Public Utilities (502-8435), Puget Sound Energy, and Lakeview Light and Power. Tacoma Public Utilities issues its own electrical permits. The Washington State Department of Labor and Industries issues electrical permits on behalf of Puget Sound Energy and Lakeview Light and Power. Labor and Industries has a Tacoma office 596-3800 and their Web site has a variety of information as well: www.lni.wa.gov.

Anything else I should know?

If your property is adjacent to a lake or stream, you may be subject to the Washington State Shoreline Management Act, which includes special public review, setback, and construction standards. If you are constructing a new boat dock, replacing an existing one, or undertaking some other kind of shoreline construction, early consultation with the Community Development Department is strongly recommended.

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 or 512-2261. The permit counter is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The City’s Web site (www.cityoflakewood.us) also has additional information on permitting under Community Development.

Passports

Did You Know Passport Requirements Are Changing? Get Your Passport At City Hall.

The U.S. State Department is phasing in new passport requirements for travel by air, sea, and land to countries such as Canada and Mexico as well as other countries that did not previously require a passport. For specifics, please visit the State Department’s Web site at http://travel.state.gov/passport.

The City of Lakewood offers passport services every weekday from 1–3 p.m. at the first floor main receptionist counter. If applying for passport services, please note the following:

1. Bring in two (2) approved passport photos with the dimension of 2" x 2"
2. Bring in appropriate personal identification which includes the following:
   a. A certified birth certificate.
   b. An old passport, if you have one.
   c. Current and valid drivers license with a photo ID.
4. Passport Fees:
   a. Ages 16 and over – $55.00
   b. Ages 15 and under – $40.00
   c. Security Fee – $12.00
   d. Expedite Service Fee (if desired) – $60.00
   e. Execution Fee – $30.00

Plan ahead! Standard service takes six to eight weeks; expedited service is two weeks. If you need a passport in less time, you must visit the Federal Building in Seattle. For items a–d above, make out the check to Passport Services. Please make the execution fee check payable to the City of Lakewood. Execution fees cover city processing costs.

Bon Voyage!
A Special Thank You!

We want to gratefully acknowledge the months of hard work removing Scotch Broom (an invasive and non-native weed) in the middle of Ft. Steilacoom Park by Doris and Burt Johnson, Po Kearney, and Dave Castimore (members of Friends of Ft. Steilacoom Park & Nature). Charlie Maxwell from Lakewood Refuse donated dumpsters.

Members have planted native shrubs and trees around Waughop Lake and other areas. If you’d like to volunteer, please contact Doris Johnson at 588-8428.

Lakewood’s Promise: Habitat For Humanity Home

Lakewood’s Promise is building its first Habitat for Humanity home at 4508 Yew Lane, through the generosity of youth and community volunteers. The property was once a public nuisance site which the City abated and sold to Habitat for Humanity to build an affordable home for a low-income family. The homeowners are required to put in 500 sweat equity hours in the construction of the home and meet U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income requirements to qualify. A Lakewood family – Michael and Demy Soriano and their son Troy – has been selected to build and live in the home and were recently featured in the News Tribune.

The home’s framing was constructed in early March by youth volunteers from Clover Park High School, Lakes High School, Al School, 5-12 Learning Community, Lakewood’s Youth Council, the Boys and Girls Club of South Puget Sound, and Clover Park Interact Club at the Tacoma Dome Home and Garden Show. It was then transported to the Yew Lane site for final completion and landscaping.

Volunteers and donations are still needed to complete the construction. No training or tools are required – you will be trained if you volunteer. Call Habitat for Humanity at 627-5626 or the City’s Human Services Division at 589-2489.

Lakewood Sister Cities Association Invitation

Eighth Annual Sister Cities International Festival
Pierce College
9401 Farwest Drive SW, Lakewood
Fri., May 4 & Sat. May 5, 2007

For the eighth year, the popular, family-oriented Sister Cities International Festival will be held to heighten cultural awareness and to celebrate cultural diversity throughout our community. This year, the celebration has been extended to two days. The event is free, with the exception of a small admission charge to the special Saturday evening music concert and dance. It is an opportunity for all ages to take part in our rich cultural heritages by tasting a variety of ethnic foods, listening and dancing to international music, seeing traditional ethnic costumes, learning about foreign languages, arts and crafts, and much more.

Friday, May 4th is also a family film night with a student film competition.
Performances by Native American, Samoan, Korean, Japanese, African-American, Hispanic, Filipino, Scandinavian, Greek, Norwegian, Swiss, German, Country Western, and many other cultures will delight the crowds, while nearly 40 arts, crafts, food, and informational booths will be displayed. The Association expects to serve approximately 3,500 people from the greater Puget Sound. For more information call 589-2489.

See you there!

Lakewood Senior Activity Center

For St. Patrick’s Day, so don’t forget to wear your green! On April 6, the second annual

Easter Egg Hunt will commence for those aged 55 and better. Guests are asked to register for this event to ensure enough eggs. This was a grand event last year that you won’t want to miss this time!

Other opportunities include art classes including oil painting, mixed media, woodcarving, principles of photography and scrapbook workshops.

A new program has been launched, called “Writing Family Stories.” This is a great opportunity to help seniors get started writing their legacies for later generations.

The Center has a great computer lab, with open Lab times and a teenage tutor available to help answer questions.

Several upcoming tours are planned, including a trip to Lakewood Playhouse, Diva Night for the ladies, a mystery trip, and a trip to Daniel Smith, a Seattle art supply store. We also have outdoor recreational opportunities, including

Carolynn and Wayne Howard and Shirley Ceeley enjoy last year’s Easter egg hunt.

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Gang Task Force

Three Lakewood Police Department employees, two detectives and an intelligence analyst, routinely focus on gang activity in Lakewood. They form the nucleus of a larger gang task force that can be mobilized to respond to increased gang threats. The gang task force includes a sergeant and an officer each from the department’s patrol unit, community policing section, and school resource officer section (officers serving inside Clover Park schools). The intelligence officer continuously updates a database on gang members and gang activities and is the point of contact for information-sharing with regional law enforcement agencies. The two detectives respond to gang incidents and investigate probable gang-related crimes. The officers from the department’s various divisions coordinate gang intelligence-gathering and suppression activities within their divisions.

The unit was created when the department was launched two years ago, responding to gang-related incidents and conducting special missions to target problem areas. Last April, gang-related incidents rose significantly. By June 2006, violent crime had risen to a level 22 percent higher than the same period in 2005. In May, the Department mobilized the task force and also directed its drug and property crime units to provide additional assistance. The results have been dramatic:

- 101 gang-related arrests through the end of 2006, compared with only 45 in 2005.
- 18 guns seized from suspected and known gang members.

Moreover, year-end results indicate an increase of violent crime at only 6% – well below the 22% mid-year rate. The Lakewood Police Department will continue to emphasize gang suppression operations in 2007.

Weed & Seed

Lakewood incorporated in 1996 due, in part, to concerns about crime. Sixty-five percent of Lakewood crime and 70 percent of its violent crime occur in the underdeveloped I-5 corridor neighborhoods. To address crime, the City Council has nearly doubled the size of the police force since incorporation and adopted a Department of Justice (DOJ) strategy for high-crime zones called Weed and Seed, successfully obtained $1.2 million in supporting grants.

The strategy begins with intensive joint federal and local law enforcement efforts to eliminate the major criminals dominating the zone – Weeding. Community policing programs are then implemented to coordinate decentralized City services, to aid in weeding out lower-level crime and blight. Additional focus is placed on mobilizing neighborhoods and engaging them in crime prevention practices. The next step is preparing neighborhoods to support and ultimately take ownership of seeding, which includes specific outreach activities for eliminating the conditions that foster high crime and generate economic revitalization.

In 1999, Lakewood received a DOJ Weed and Seed grant to start this process. The grant provided $275,000 yearly through 2005. Grant guidelines specified a narrow geographic footprint, and the City opted first to target southeast Lakewood. The outcome from the grant-fueled strategy was highly successful:

- For the past nine months, Tillicum has had the lowest crime of any district in Lakewood.
- In Ponders, prostitution is down by 71 percent, violent crime is down by 40 percent, and property crime is down by 24 percent.
- Economic redevelopment is rapidly progressing (new roads, new hotel, new Sound Transit Station, and new Lakewood Fire Station). The City will continue to pursue grant opportunities to enhance public safety.

Pandemic Flu Response

The City of Lakewood is currently working closely with the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management to update plans addressing emergency situations. These situations may range from the recent windstorms to earthquakes and even volcanic eruptions. An important current threat for the City of Lakewood’s residents and businesses is the potential for an influenza pandemic. Most of us are accustomed to seasonal influenza, or “the flu,” a viral infection that continues to be a significant public health challenge. From time to time, changes in the influenza virus result in a new strain to which people have never been exposed. These new strains have the potential to sweep the globe, causing millions to become ill and some to die – particularly those very young, very old or already infirm.

Lakewood’s emergency planning includes training on steps that can be taken by employees of the city, residents and businesses to limit the transmission of the flu as much as possible and successfully withstand a pandemic should it occur.

The plan for the city will include steps such as:

- Informational training for citizens and businesses coordinated by the City, describing what the pandemic flu is and how to prevent its transmission.
- Providing links on the City of Lakewood’s Web site to the Pierce County Health Department’s site, where additional training and information can be found.
- City labor management agreements that allow for a limited work force depleted by illness (up to 30 percent of employees), to carry on if needed to ensure the delivery of essential services to citizens during a pandemic outbreak.
- Assisting residents and businesses to make the necessary preparations to help minimize the impact on them and their businesses.

If you are interested in learning more about this potential pandemic, please go to the Web sites of the City of Lakewood (www.cityoflakewood.us), the Pierce County Health Department (www.tpchd.org) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (http://www.cdc.gov/).

If your business or neighborhood group is interested in coordinating a short presentation on how to recognize and plan for a pandemic flu, please call the Lakewood Police Department front desk at 830-5000.

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snowshoeing, a Ruston Way walk and a Twin Falls hike.

Due to popular demand, an additional SAIL (Staying Active & Independent for Life) Class has been added. This is a low-impact, light aerobic workout concentrating on strength training, balance and coordination. We also offer a beginning and intermediate Line Dance Class.

For more information on activities and costs, please contact Elizabeth Scheid at 798-4090.
**MARCH**

**Every Thursday**
- 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 1**
- Civil Service Commission – City Hall, Room 3A, 4:00 p.m.

**Monday 5**
- Arts Commission – Lakewood City Hall, 3A, 4:30 p.m.
- Youth Council – City Hall, third floor at 6:00 p.m.
- Regular City Council Meeting – Council Chambers, 7:00 p.m.

**Friday 9**
- Coffee with the Mayor – St. Clare Hospital Resource Center, 7:30 a.m.

**Monday 12**
- City Council Study Session – Council Chambers, 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday 14**
- Community Collaboration – Lakewood City Council Chambers, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; 589-2489

**Thursday 15**
- Lakewood Sister Cities Association – Lakewood City Hall, Conference Room 1E, 5:30 p.m.

**Monday 19**
- Youth Council – City Hall, third floor, 6:00 p.m.
- Regular City Council Meeting – Council Chambers, 7:00 p.m.
- Public Safety Advisory Committee – City Hall, Room 1E, 5:15 p.m.

**Wednesday 21**
- Planning Advisory Board – City Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday 22**
- Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board – City Hall room 3A (alternate location: Council Chambers), 6:00 p.m.

**Monday 26**
- City Council Study Session – Council Chambers, 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday 27**
- Citizens Transportation Review Committee – Lakewood City Hall, Conference Room 1A, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday 27 cont.**
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Conference room next to City Council Chambers, 5:30 p.m.

**APRIL**

**Every Thursday**
- 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

**Monday 2**
- Arts Commission – City Hall, third floor
- Executive Conference room, 4:30 p.m.
- Youth Council – City Hall, third floor, 6:00 p.m.
- Regular City Council Meeting – Council Chambers, 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday 4**
- Planning Advisory Board – City Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday 5**
- Civil Service Commission – City Hall, Room 3A, 4:00 p.m.

**Monday 9**
- City Council Study Session – Council Chambers, 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday 10**
- Redevelopment Advisory Board – Lakewood City Hall in conference room, 1E, 7:00 a.m.
- Citizens Transportation Review Committee – City Hall, Room 1E, 4:00 p.m.

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

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

**Monday 16**
- Youth Council – City Hall, third floor, 6:00 p.m.
- Regular City Council Meeting – Council Chambers, 7:00 p.m.
- Public Safety Advisory Committee – City Hall, Room 1E, 5:15 p.m.

**Wednesday 18**
- Planning Advisory Board – City Hall, Room 3A, 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday 24 cont.**
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Conference room next to City Council Chambers, 5:30 p.m.

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