Extension Project Under Way

LEFT: On May 28th, the City hosted a ground breaking ceremony in Tillicum for the Tillicum/Woodbrook Sewer Extension Project. L-R: Desiree Winkler (Project Manager), Andrew Neiditz (City Manager), County Councilman Dick Muri, Representative Troy Kelley, Councilman Walter Neary, Mayor Doug Richardson, Councilwoman Claudia Thomas, Grian Alvis (Federal Economic Development Administration), Jim Taylor (Tillicum/Woodbrook Neighborhood Association), and Randy Black (Lakewood Water District).

RIGHT: The real ground breaking machines in Tillicum in early July.

These statements were adopted by the City Council on July 6, 2009. Please see page 3 to learn more about the process.

VISION STATEMENT
Lakewood is a beautiful community with a unique and proud heritage. We are a racially and culturally diverse city where people care about each other. We are working together with our regional and military partners to build an exciting and prosperous future for our citizens.

MISSION STATEMENT
The City of Lakewood enhances the quality of life of our residents by providing essential services in a fiscally responsible manner, ensuring public safety, promoting economic development and preserving our natural environment.

Mark your calendar for the 2009 All-City Tailgate!
On Friday, Sept. 11 (Patriot Day) from 3:30-6:30 p.m. we will celebrate the beginning of a new school year at Harry Lang Stadium (6615 111th St. S.W.). A patriotic variety of entertainment, food ($1 hot dogs!), and activities precede a 7 p.m. kickoff for the Lakes vs. Peninsula football game. For more details, please visit www.cityoflakewood.us or www.cloverpark.k12.wa.us.
City Council Highlights

The Lakewood City Council meets every Monday, except on federal holidays when 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 six months. The Council wants to hear from you. Please email your thoughts to council@cityoflakewood.us or leave a message at 589-2489.

MAY 2009-JULY 2009

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Toward a Values-Based Organization

Five years into cityhood, the 2001 City Council adopted Lakewood’s Comprehensive Plan which provided “guiding principles” to steer the City in a focused direction. These principles were a mix of vision, values, and priorities. During its retreat in early 2008, the current Council refined its priorities and brainstormed components for an updated and more succinct City vision. Over the last year, the Council spent time reviewing a variety of documents from Lakewood and other cities and considered extensive citizen input. It then formulated its own vision and mission statements which can be found on the front page of this newsletter. Concurrent with the Council’s efforts, City staff identified core values which, perhaps coincidentally, we elected to call “Guiding Principles.” These principles complement and support the Council’s vision and mission statements.

All employees, from those who joined the City in 1996 to those who will be hired in the coming years will be expected to operate by these principles and will be evaluated by them as well. Shared values are important to every successful organization and provide a common understanding of what is required to accomplish the mission and move toward a defined vision. Ultimately, these principles all relate to good customer service and living by the “Golden Rule.” We can be more certain, for example, that we will treat all of our citizens/customers with the utmost respect during the most difficult circumstances if we are treating each other with respect at all times. These principles will be posted throughout City Hall with the new vision and mission statements and will be a part of new employee orientation. Our commitment to these values and principles, as well as the “art” of quality customer service, will continue as a high priority.

City of Lakewood
Guiding Principles

Service
We provide prompt, courteous, and effective service emphasizing problem solving and creativity.

Integrity
We are honest, accountable, and honor our commitments.

Teamwork
We communicate and work cooperatively with others, recognizing and appreciating the contributions of all.

Respect
We embrace differences and treat each other with dignity.

DEANA WRIGHT has worked for the City of Lakewood for 13 years as a Senior Court Specialist

What did you do before coming to Lakewood?
I worked for the Chapter 13 Trustee’s Office for four years. Chapter 13 is a form of bankruptcy that deals with wage earners paying a portion of their debt.

What are your current duties?
I oversee all court hearings. I work closely with the jail for transport of prisoners for court, LESA records for warrants, and No Contact Orders. I also work with internal and external agencies such as private attorneys, public defenders, and interpreters. Internally I work with our legal and police departments. I’ve been a co-chair on the employee committee for 10 years and I’m also involved on the Domestic Violence Court Innovation Committee.

What do you like about your job and what is a typical day like?
I like the constantly changing environment in the court which has many different situations occurring at once making my job interesting. I also feel the Court Staff is a great team that works together to do the best job possible. A typical day begins with prioritizing my duties since every day is different. We have criminal calendars such as DUIs, Domestic Violence and civil cases such as speeding.

Can you tell us about your family?
I’m married with two girls; one is beginning high school and the other first grade. My husband works for Clover Park Technical College so we both work in Lakewood. Our family is looking forward to a trip to Mexico.

What do you like to do in your free time?
I just got back from a surprise trip to Vegas with friends for my birthday. I enjoy the outdoors with my family in the summer, taking my girls swimming and to the movies, vacationing with my family and reading James Patterson novels. I’m currently reading Black and Blue which is a novel about a domestic violence victim and her life on the run from an abusive husband. The last movie I saw was “Seven Pounds” and it was great, but definitely a tear jerker.
The City is very appreciative of all the volunteers, agencies and organizations who made SummerFEST 2009 so successful. Over 10,000 people participated in this two-day event which included a car show, soccer tournament, fun run, motorcycle rally, boat races, entertainment, celebrity athlete appearances, sport skill stations, inflatable toys for the kids, a public market and delicious fair food. Special thanks to Comcast for sponsoring the movie in the park, the Lakewood Arts Commission for managing the community stage, the US Army Recruiting Battalion for bringing in the fitness expo and fun run, Partners for Parks for coordinating the car show and the Lakewood Parks and Recreation Department for pulling it all together.

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Lake Louise School Park Opens

The City and Clover Park School District are proud to announce the opening of Lakewood’s first neighborhood school park at Lake Louise Elementary School. School parks are not a new concept in Lakewood. The City’s park and recreation master plan proposed using school properties as neighborhood parks to meet the goal of providing public open space within ½ mile of all residents. The updated playground, walking trail and improved access will benefit the students and residents living in this area. The school park is closed during regular school hours, so stop by after school or on a weekend and try out the new swings.

“ActiveNET”

The Parks and Recreation department successfully launched a new registration and scheduling program this summer. The immediate advantages of “ActiveNET” include the ability to email customer confirmations, process payments quickly and easily, audit programs and generate enrollment-related reports. We will soon add parks and on-line registration. Thank you for your patience!

Senior Activity Center Trip registration day!

The fall is a wonderful time to explore the great Northwest. The Lakewood Senior Activity Center has planned a variety of exciting excursions for older adults. You can review the trips in our activity brochure which can be viewed at www.lakewoodparksandrec.com. We have created a special day just for taking registrations: Tuesday, September 8th at 9:30 a.m. The trips and tours are very popular so it will be first-come first-served. Call for more information: 798-4090.

The renovated American Lake Park boat launch was dedicated on May 16, 2009 and has been an instant hit with local boaters.

The 2009 International Friendship Fest was conducted in Lakewood’s conference center at Clover Park Technical College on June 26-27 and featured live music and dance performances, a cultural art show, ethnic food court and much more.

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**Shopping Carts – Please be a part of the solution!**

The City of Lakewood regularly receives abandoned shopping cart complaints. Many citizens consider abandoned carts a visual blight. They can cause potential hazards for pedestrian and vehicular traffic on streets, sidewalks and private property. In addition, dirty and abandoned shopping carts can be a public health concern. The City has been working with local businesses to increase awareness and encourage them to be more aggressive in policing their carts. We would be remiss if we did not encourage shoppers to be a part of the solution. While the vast majority of Lakewood shoppers use carts responsibly, some do not. Please do not remove carts from vendor parking lots. Carts are private property and are expensive to purchase and maintain. It is not courteous to expect someone else to return your cart for you. If you live within walking distance of a store or use the bus for shopping, please consider buying a portable shopping cart. Try an online search for “portable shopping cart.” If you find abandoned carts, please help our businesses by giving them a call. Below is a quick reference for some of our larger shopping centers. A more comprehensive list can be found on the city’s website under the economic development department (“business” page).

- **Bed Bath & Beyond**: 581-4900  
- **Dollar Tree**: 588-8004  
- **Lakewood Market Place (Saars)**: 588-2157  
- **Safeway**: 581-2072  
- **Target**: 581-7171

**Building Permit Trends**

Through the first half of 2009, approximately $36 million in building permit requests (estimated value of new structures) were submitted to the City’s building department. While this is notably below the same period in 2008, it is roughly consistent with historical trends and much healthier than many surrounding jurisdictions at this time. The City believes this is a strong indicator of continued private and public investment in Lakewood.

**Joint Meeting — City and Port**

The Port of Tacoma’s Board and the Lakewood City Council will meet jointly at 6 p.m. on August 24 at the Clover Park Technical College Rotunda (building 3) to review the Woodbrook Business Park Development Report. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The report contains in-depth information on current conditions, infrastructure, property holdings, and land uses and values. In short, it identifies the future opportunities and constraints of this isolated and underutilized Lakewood neighborhood.

For more information and to review the plan, please visit [www.cityoflakewood.us](http://www.cityoflakewood.us) or contact Deborah Johnson at 512-2261 or djohnson@cityoflakewood.us.

**Wards Lake Park Updated Master Plan**

Please join us Tuesday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m. at 2511 - 88th Street South (the southeastern corner of Wards Lake Park) as we start developing a master site plan for 2+ acres of newly acquired park land. Previous structures have been removed. See you there!

**Gravelly Lake Drive Overlay**

Gravelly Lake Drive will get a new coat of asphalt between Nyanza Road S.W. and 100th Street S.W. (roughly the area adjacent to Clover Park High School and Lakewood Towne Center). Traffic will be slowed somewhat during this mid-August to mid-October project.
2009 Torch Run takes a break at Lakewood City Hall

City employees joined runners from the military and other law enforcement agencies on May 29th. The relay team delivered the torch to McChord AFB as a precursor to this year’s Special Olympics at Ft. Lewis and McChord.

**Lakewood leads the way with E-Verify**

Effective July 1, 2009 the City of Lakewood now requires that all contractors who enter into agreements to provide services or products to the City use the Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system when hiring new employees for the term of the contract. Lakewood was the first city in Washington to implement this requirement.

E-Verify is an electronic system designed to verify the employment eligibility of newly hired employees. It applies to all contractors doing business for the City and all subcontractors employed by the general contractor on these contracts. There is no minimum dollar value for contracts affected. Contracts for “Commercial-Off-The-Shelf” items are exempted from this requirement as well as individuals, companies, or other organizations that do not have employees. The Contractor will be required to comply with the E-Verify system for the entire term of the contract with the City of Lakewood.

E-Verify will only be used for new hires during the term of the contract and cannot be used for existing employees. The new requirement states that E-Verify must be used to verify the documentation of any new employee during the term of the contract, not just those directly or indirectly working on deliverables related to the City of Lakewood contract.

All contractors entering into agreements with the City of Lakewood will sign a Memorandum of Understanding that they execute with the Department of Homeland Security. They will then sign and submit to the City an E-Verify Affidavit of Compliance with their signed contract. All General Contractors will be required to have their subcontractors sign an Affidavit of Compliance and retain that Affidavit for 4 years after the end of the contract. The City of Lakewood has the right to audit the Contractor’s compliance with the E-Verify Ordinance.

Further information on E-Verify can be found at the following website: [www.uscis.gov/e-verify](http://www.uscis.gov/e-verify).

**Lakewood Toastmasters**

To improve confidence and competence in public speaking, City of Lakewood employees chartered a Toastmasters club in April 2008 with 30 members. Desiree Winkler, the City’s transportation division manager, was the first member to reach the level of “Competent Communicator,” the first key milestone established by Toastmasters International.

To reach this standard, she presented ten speeches and participated weekly in various meeting roles. The City of Lakewood salutes Ms. Winkler on this achievement.

**Passport Services Discontinued**

The City of Lakewood has indefinitely postponed the processing of passport services due to resource constraints. In the meantime, passports can be processed at the Lakewood Post Office and the Pierce County Auditor’s Office. Other locations are listed at the U.S. State Department’s website: [http://travel.state.gov/](http://travel.state.gov/).
4th Stryker Brigade prepares for deployment

Soldiers of the 4th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division “Raiders” spent last month training at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La. in preparation for their deployment to Iraq this fall.

Training included live fire exercises and scenario based training. In this training, leaders and soldiers worked with role players acting like the Iraqi Army to help replicate the partnership of security forces in Iraq. Senior leaders were fortunate to work with Iraqi Army officers that took two weeks “vacation” to come to the United States and help train units.

Now that the Raiders have returned home the calendar is full of activities. Our first major event was the dedication of the Raider Memorial. “The Memorial was made possible by the hard work of the Dragoon Raider Soldier and Family Fund leadership,” said Col. John Norris, Brigade Commander. Funding was made possible by numerous donations from many wonderful organizations and individuals.

It was a somber ceremony that over 60 families of the fallen soldiers and numerous friends attended. “This is not a memorial to war, but a tribute to our heroes,” said Norris.

Bagpipes played, a 21-gun salute was performed, and a wreath was placed at the memorial by Col. Norris and Col. John Lehr, the former commander.

Now that we have honored our fallen heroes we can focus on preparing for the upcoming deployment to Iraq. A number of events have been planned to include a social with organizations that are sponsoring a unit within the brigade (see photo on right), Casing of the Colors Ceremony, and the Raider Ball to be held in Tacoma.

The Soldiers and leaders of the brigade plan on having an enjoyable summer with their families and appreciate the support of the Lakewood community.

Submitted by Pvt. 1st Class Kimberly Hackbarth and Capt. Chris Ophardt. The 4th Stryker Brigade is Lakewood’s “Community Connection” to Ft. Lewis and will deploy to Iraq for a second time in September.

Now Available: Citizen Online Reporting

Citizens can now report certain lost, stolen, or damaged property using the Citizen Online Reporting program on the Police Department’s web page. This program will benefit those citizens who are either “do-it-yourselfers” or have a very simple issue that they wish to resolved outside of the Communications Center or 911.

This site is not to be used to report emergencies or in-progress crimes; dial 9-1-1 if you have an emergency or in-progress crime.

Citizen Online Reporting is only for those incidents that the citizen knows took place within the city limits of Lakewood. For example, you are a citizen of Lakewood whose car was vandalized near the Tacoma Mall; you would not use the Lakewood Citizen Online Reporting option because Tacoma would have jurisdiction. You could however use the City of Tacoma’s online reporting service. A Lakewood resident, who loses a cellular telephone and not sure where it was lost, can certainly our Lakewood Citizen Online Reporting service to report that loss.

This site is currently able to accept reports that have no suspects or evidence left by the suspect at the scene. It can also be used to report lost property (excluding guns, passports, military ID, etc.) vandalism, and stolen property/theft (excluding vehicles, guns and license plates.)

A case number will be relayed back to the citizen once the report is accepted and validated. The case number is for your records and your insurance company if necessary.

Citizen Online Reporting can also be found on the front page of www.cityoflakewood.us under “quick links.”
# Community Calendar & Frequently Called Numbers

## Advisory Boards & Committee Meeting Schedule

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<td>4:30 p.m.</td>
<td>First Floor – 1E</td>
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<td>Civil Service Commission</td>
<td>1st Thursday</td>
<td>4:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Third Floor – 3A</td>
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<td>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizens Advisory Board</td>
<td>Only meets as needed</td>
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<td>Lakewood Arts Commission</td>
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<td>Third Floor – 3A</td>
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<td>Lakewood Community Collaboration</td>
<td>2nd Wednesday (No July or August meetings)</td>
<td>9:30 a.m.</td>
<td>City Hall Council Chambers</td>
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<td>Lakewood Sister Cities Association</td>
<td>3rd Thursday</td>
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<td>Landmarks &amp; Heritage Advisory Board</td>
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<td>6:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Third Floor – 3A</td>
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<td>Lodging Tax Advisory Committee</td>
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<td>4th Tuesday</td>
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<td>First Floor – 1D (next to chambers)</td>
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<td>Planning Advisory Board</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Wednesdays (or more frequently)</td>
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<td>5:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Police Station 5504 112th Street SW, Lakewood, WA</td>
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<td>Redevelopment Advisory Board</td>
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<td>7:00 a.m.</td>
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<td>Youth Council</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Mondays</td>
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- City Hall: 589-2489
- Abandoned Vehicles: 830-5080
- Animal Control: 830-5010
- Animal Licensing: 512-2269
- Building Inspectors: 512-2261
- Building Permits: 512-2261
- Business Licenses: 512-2261
- City Council: 589-2489
- Code Enforcement: 512-2261
- Community Development Department: 512-2261
- Economic Development: 589-2489
- Finance Department: 512-2269
- Housing Programs: 589-2489
- Information Line (automated): 512-2264
- Job Line (automated): 512-2265
- Garage Sale Permits: 512-2261
- Municipal Court: 512-2258
- Noise Complaints: 798-4721
- Parks & Recreation: 589-2489
- Potholes: 983-7795
- Police Department – Main Desk: 830-5000
- Non-emergency only: 798-4721
- Drug Tip Hotline: 830-5049
- Sex Offender Info: 830-5095
- Public Works Department: 983-7795
- Senior Activity Center: 798-4090
- Street Light Outages: 983-7795
- Traffic Complaints: 830-5072
- Traffic Infractions: 512-2258
- Vehicle Licensing: 588-7786
- Zoning: 512-2261

## Other Phone Numbers

- In an Emergency, call 911 for Police, Fire and Paramedics.
- Burn Ban: 1-800-595-4341
- Cable TV (Comcast): 1-877-824-2288
- Clover Park: 583-5000
- School District: 583-5000
- Domestic Violence Helpline: 798-4166 or 1-800-642-2420
- Earthquake/Floods: 798-7470
- Electric Companies – Earthquake/Floods: 798-4166 or 1-800-764-2420
- Lakeview Light: 584-0404
- Safe Streets: 584-0404
- Qwest Communications: 1-800-244-1111
- Safe Streets: 584-0404
- Tacoma Public Utilities: 383-2471
- Tiliaum Library: 588-1014

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