Lakewood’s “Community Connection” to the Army, the 4th Stryker Brigade (2nd Division) beginning its historic return from Iraq this month and all will be home by early September. The “Raiders” will be the last Army combat brigade to leave Iraq and will conduct an “Uncasing Ceremony” at 10am October 7th at Watkins Field (Main Post area on JBLM). The Lakewood Sub-Chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) was created to support the Raider Brigade. To learn more or get involved with Lakewood’s sub-chapter call 983-7761. Photos of the 2-23 Infantry Battalion “Tomahawks” are courtesy of 4th Brigade Public Affairs staff.

Join Tillicum's 100th birthday party Saturday, August 14th (11am-7pm) at Harry Todd Park. A day of food, music and live entertainment includes a car show, Chris Craft boat rides, games, prizes, face painting, Indian drummer and storyteller, chainsaw woodcarver, magic show, bounce house, music by the Rockin' Relics and the Rebel Rousers. Emcee is Tillicum native Jane McCarthy, formerly of KING 5 and current evening news co-anchor at Spokane's KREM2. Call 588-3159 for more information.

Mayor Doug Richardson and Deputy Mayor Don Anderson join seven Lakewood officers for a photo outside of Congressman Dave Reichert's office after the National Law Enforcement Memorial event in Washington DC in May. The officers, from left, include Charles Porche, Darin Sale, John Fraser, Mark Eakes, Vince Sivankeo, Shawn Noble, and Angel Figueroa. They were joined by City Manager Andrew Neiditz and fifteen other Lakewood police officers during the trip. Most city attendees paid their own travel costs.
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 few months. The Council wants to hear from you. Please email your thoughts to council@cityoflakewood.us or leave a message at 589-2489.

April-July 2010

- Amended Lakewood Municipal Code with regard to International Building Codes.
- Reviewed and approved the Six-Year (2011-2016) Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program.
- Approved an $892,489 contract with Tucci & Sons for traffic signal and roadway improvements on Steilacoom Boulevard SW from Farwest Drive to 87th Avenue (between Fort Steilacoom Park and Western State Hospital).
- Approved a $433,095 contract with Northwest Cascade, Inc. for a drywell replacement project.
- Approved a $347,730 contract with Global Contractors LLC, to install curbs, gutters and sidewalks at Park Lodge Elementary School.
- Conducted public hearing to abate dangerous buildings and public nuisances at 15116 Portland Avenue SW, 5421 Chicago Avenue SW, 8301 Custer Road SW, and 12706 Pacific Highway SW.
- Appointed Louis Imhof to serve on the Redevelopment Advisory Board through May 23, 2013.
- Appointed Bethene Campbell to serve on the Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board for a three-year term.
- Approved a $306,000 contract with the City of Wapato for 2010 jail services.
- Converted to biennial budget process effective January 1, 2011.
- Authorized a $9,097.48 special assessment and lien against the property at 15013 Union Avenue SW for the abatement of public nuisances and dangerous buildings.
- Authorized the application and execution of a Washington State Public Works Trust Fund loan agreement up to $1,000,000 for side sewer connection loans to property owners in Tillicum and Woodbrook.
- Updated and extended an agreement for City Manager services.
- Updated the Lakewood Municipal Code relative to the International Fire Code for automatic fire sprinkler systems in townhouses.
- Appointed Edward Judie, Jr. to serve on the Human Services Funding Advisory Board through December 31, 2010.
- Authorized a $500,000 grant from the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.
- Amended the employee recognition program.
- Approved a $171,796 addendum to the Exeltech Inc. contract for professional engineering and construction management services for the construction of three phases of the Woodbrook/Tillicum Sanitary Sewer Extension Project.

COUNCILMEMBER COLUMN

As we immerse ourselves in summer, there are many visible signs of progress in our city. The installation of sewers and a variety of road improvements are nearing completion. Pierce College has a new state of the art science building and the new Lakes High School has become a reality. However, change does not just happen. The processes to effect change involve the planning, vision and efforts of many people. Many involved in the planning of our city’s future are citizens who take time to serve on advisory committees, participate in neighborhood association activities, and work within service clubs, churches, and other organizations to make Lakewood a better place to live, work or raise a family.

I recently had occasion to reflect on my first six months of service on the City Council. The experience has driven home how important the input of citizens is to fulfilling that role. Decisions regarding the future plans and priorities for our neighborhoods, our business and economic development, and the shaping of our city will reflect the expressed concerns and constructive input of individuals in our community. I have great appreciation for those who step forward and communicate and participate.

I only wish more residents of Lakewood would take the time to provide their insights and views. If you have a constructive idea for our city, share it; give it the light of day. If something is important to you, it is important to others as well. Letters, emails, and phone calls to the Council, advisory committees, and city staff are read, responded to, valued and remembered. Neighborhood associations are forums for voices to be heard. The city council takes public comment at its meetings as do all the formal advisory boards. Public hearings are a part of all significant planning activities.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer.
Some reflections on police accreditation, community safety, and development

The City’s highest priorities are public safety and economic development, and it’s only appropriate that our staff’s efforts are focused accordingly. The long range goal is, of course, improved quality of life for the community.

In public safety, our efforts at reducing crime, eliminating blight, and strengthening our community take shape in a variety of ways.

First and foremost are the professionalism and dedication of our police department, as recognized on a national level just recently by accreditation by CALEA (the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies), making us the first police department in our area to be so awarded. When I met with the on-site assessors early this year, I became aware of how impressed they were with our new department. One of the assessors commented to me that he thought we would have delayed the process since the tragic loss of our four fallen officers had occurred so recently, and he was impressed with the department’s readiness to move forward. CALEA accreditation requires compliance with over 400 professional standards — no easy task. For a department as new as Lakewood’s, it’s a major accomplishment.

Closely allied with our police professionalism is our emphasis on code enforcement and community problem-solving, and the recent establishment of our Community Safety & Resource Team (CSRT). The focus of this effort is to strengthen neighborhoods, to clean up unsafe and sub-standard structures, in order to facilitate the quality development the community deserves. The eight members of the team, carved out of several different departments at a time when staffing levels are being decreased, is now in full swing working at “making a difference” throughout the community.

The highest economic development priorities, of course, include the $18+ million in capital infrastructure improvements currently under construction — related to the sewer extension to Tillicum and Woodbrook, and the realignment and improvement of Pac Highway at Ponders. The positive changes in all three of these areas, and the tremendous potential for quality redevelopment there, are closely related to an effective public safety emphasis over a number of years, and the readiness at this point in time for change and redevelopment. Pac Highway, in particular, is a highly visible project; it’s the “gateway” to Lakewood, with several miles of high-visibility freeway frontage. The improvements along Pac Highway will underscore the changing image of the City of Lakewood as it moves forward in the next three to five years.

Spotlight on Staff

Gail Conelly has worked as a Community Service Officer (CSO) in Lakewood for six years. Before that, she worked as a CSO for the Pierce County Sheriff’s Department and previously worked in retail management.

Can you tell us about your job? I do a lot of crime prevention education and presentations, parking enforcement and code enforcement. I help people mobilize their communities. I work with neighborhoods to find creative solutions to the problems they are having. I love to help people find ways to solve their own problems. I really enjoy working with members of the community, getting to know them on a personal level and seeing them improve their situation through their own hard work.

I really don’t have a “typical” workday but almost always visit a lot of people, apartment complexes and/or businesses.

What can you tell us about your life off-duty? My family recently visited Disneyland. We also went to Armenia a couple of years ago, and are headed to Italy next year. I love to scrapbook and create craft items and spend time with family. I have been married to my high school sweetheart for 30 years. We have three sons, one daughter-in-law (with another on the way!) and one granddaughter. I am the youngest child of seven, with three brothers (one my twin) and three sisters. The last book I read was John Grisham’s Theodore Boone — Kid Lawyer; the last movie I saw was “Eclipse” and will be seeing “Predators” soon with my husband (he sees my movies, so I have to go to his). Finally, I love seafood — Lobster, Shrimp, Scallops … and corn on the cob. Ribs are pretty good, too!

What’s going on in Lakewood?

Here are a few suggestions for keeping up with happenings in Lakewood at large or City Hall: The News Tribune (www.thenewstribune.com) is the City’s newspaper of record; the online Suburban Times (www.thesubtimes.com) provides a wealth of community information and identifies the weekly schedule for “Lakewood United,” a civic forum of local speakers meeting at 7am every Thursday morning at Burs Restaurant. The City has a website (www.cityoflakewood.us), a Facebook page (315 fans to date), and presents “Coffee with the Mayor” every second Friday; the City Council meets most Mondays at 7pm and welcomes public comment. Meeting agendas are posted online.
It's a bird ... it's a plane .... it's Lakewood’s Kinder Kamp! This year’s program included “Super Hero Training Week” with some excellent safety tips from Lakewood’s finest at LPD and LFD. It was a great introduction for our upcoming fall pre-school program, call 983-7887 for more information.

Lakewood Legacy Plan Kicks Off

What is Lakewood’s Legacy? The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department is spearheading a “Lakewood Legacy Plan” to work toward a sustainable and livable City. This strategic park and recreation plan was initiated last month and will address our needs for the next twenty years. How can you help? Take the on-line survey, participate in a focus group or attend one of our community forums. Information and updates regarding the Legacy Plan can be found at www.Lakewoodparksandrec.com

Human Services funding supports the Communities in Schools – After School Youth Program.

Lakewood Human Services 2011

Human services funding priorities for 2011 will include basic needs, health, education and safety, with a preference given to agencies with proven results in changing the lives of their clients. The Human Services Funding Advisory Board will review applications this fall and give its recommendations to the Council in early November. In 2009, the Council approved 30 contracts for human services serving roughly 19,000 Lakewood citizens. We anticipate serving even more in 2010.

Fort Steilacoom Park Update

Partners for Parks committed $96,000 to the Fort Steilacoom Park restroom project and the City Council approved $100,000 towards the project. Our goal is to have the facility operational in late 2010. Also of note is a one mile road improvement project between the park and Western State Hospital. In July, Tucci & Sons began an $892,000 project to install curbs, gutters, storm drainage and a pavement overlay on Steilacoom Blvd. between Farwest Drive and 87th Avenue including a new traffic signal system at Farwest.
**Lakewood’s Leavitt Castro earns Eagle Scout**

For years, motorists drove by Old Settlers Cemetery (owned and maintained by the County) on Washington Blvd. wondering who might step forward to replace the dilapidated fence. Last fall, Leavitt Castro, a homeschooled Eagle Scout candidate decided he would be that leader. In a recent email to the City, Leavitt wrote “my eagle project is now completed. I would like to thank Fence Specialists, The Milgard Foundation, the Lakewood First Lions Community Foundation, the Lakewood First Lions, the Kiwanis Club of Clover Park, all the people of the community who donated time and money to this project, and my mom. I feel that the project is a success and that it has made a change in the community.” We couldn’t have said it better. Leavitt deserves congratulations for a job well done.

**KEEP LAKEWOOD BEAUTIFUL**

Katie Burki, Garden Manager at Lakewold Gardens, maintains a "Keep Lakewood Beautiful" site at Veterans Drive and Gravelly Lake Drive (photo courtesy of Bob Warfield).

Keep Lakewood Beautiful (KLB) is a local non-profit organization bringing friends, neighbors, business leaders and public officials together to enhance the beauty of Lakewood. As you drive through town, take a moment to enjoy the landscape projects that KLB has helped to develop: the traffic islands at Gravelly Lake Drive and Veterans Blvd., projects along Ardmore at Steilacoom Boulevard and Meadow, and one of the City’s main entrances at the corner of Gravelly Lake Drive and Nyanza. Others are underway.

As we partner with the City, we are looking for input and feedback from those most greatly impacted by these projects: Lakewood citizens. Special thanks to the KLB donors who graciously support our efforts to beautify the City. This support allows us to create beautiful space with no impact to the City’s budget. KLB meets monthly. For more information or to get involved, please contact Bob Brunke at 588-0442.
Sewer lines from the current project are now 90% installed. We are currently constructing the three pump stations (two in Tillicum, one in Woodbrook). Our contractor estimates that the first phase of the sewer project will be completed this November. Additional sewers will be extended in Woodbrook and Tillicum next year if funding is available. The good news is that property owners along streets where the new sewer lines have been installed are eligible for sewer connection loans through the City. All loans are available on a first come, first served basis subject to a fully completed application. Funding is limited and the application deadline is 4:00pm, September 30, 2010. For more information, visit www.cityoflakewood.us or call 983-7785.

Stormwater Update: Drywell Replacement and Storm Drains

Over the past couple of years the City has been replacing older style storm drains, called drywells, with a more environmentally friendly version. With the old style drywell, contaminants could enter the ground and underlying ground-water. Approximately 1,000 of these drywells are located throughout the city. The City has replaced over 200 drywells so far with another 100 slated to be replaced this year. The newer systems, called catch basins, capture oil that can be removed by a vacuum truck.

9am-noon Saturday, August 14th we are looking for volunteers to mark storm drains, a project sponsored by the City and the Pierce County Stream Team. Meet us at Seely Lake Park (9108 Lakewood Dr.). Free lunch provided! For more details, please visit: www.cityoflakewood.us. Call Melissa Buckingham at 845-2973.
Calling all Junior Officer Trainees!

The City of Lakewood’s “Junior Officer Academy” is scheduled from 10am to 4pm Saturday, August 21st at Clover Park High School. Kids 6-12 years old and their parents will take part in bike rodeo, swimmer safety course, obstacle course, baseball toss, and more. Demonstrations from the Lakewood Police SWAT Team, K-9 Unit, and others will also be featured.

Please bring your own bicycle if you wish to participate in the rodeo. Bicycle helmets will be available for purchase for only $5! There will be an open swim in addition to the swimmer safety course. Parents are required to accompany their children for the duration of the event. Lowe’s of Lakewood is an event sponsor. Call 983-7887 to register for this free event.

CSRT Summer Updates

Summer often requires higher levels of community enforcement. For example, illegal signage increases and vegetation grows faster than some can keep up with; ice-cream trucks and door-to-door solicitors hit the streets. The City’s Community Safety Resource Team (CSRT) has assembled information regarding these matters at www.cityoflakewood.us/departments/community-safety-and-resource-team.html under “seasonal issues.” Contact us for more information at 589-2489 or through the City’s online comment system (under “Quicklinks”).

Serve the community through CERT

Every Lakewood citizen has the chance to learn the skills they need to take care of themselves, their families and neighbors in the event of a disaster through Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training by Lakewood Fire District 2. CERTs are trained by Lakewood Fire personnel in various disaster topics to support their neighborhoods after a disaster. The twenty hours of training include sessions on personal preparedness, fire safety, first aid, search and rescue, disaster psychology, and a hands-on disaster drill scenario. Training is free for all who live or work in Lakewood. The next class begins September 14, 2010, and meets every Tuesday and Thursday for three weeks. Classes are from 6:30-9:00pm. The final drill is from 10:00am-2:00pm Saturday, October 2nd. To enroll or inquire, contact LFD’s Disaster Preparedness Coordinator Colleen Adler at 938-4564 or: cadler@lakewoodfire.org.
# Community Calendar & Frequently Called Numbers

## Advisory Boards & Committee Meeting Schedule

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## City of Lakewood

- Municipal Court: 512-2258
- Noise Complaints: 798-4721
- Parks & Recreation: 983-7887
- Police Licensing – Main Desk: 830-5000
- Non-emergency only: 798-4721
- Drug Tip Hotline: 830-5049
- Sex Offender Info: 830-5095
- Public Works Department – Main Desk: 983-7795
- Potholes/Street lights: 267-1628
- Street signage: 531-6990
- Senior Activity Center: 798-4090
- Traffic Complaints: 830-5072
- Traffic Infractions: 512-2258
- Vehicle Licensing: 588-7786
- Zoning: 512-2261

## 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
- Gas Leaks: 1-888-225-5773
- Humane Society: 383-2733
- Lakewood Chamber: 582-9400
- Lakewood Fire District: Non-emergency only: 582-4600
- Lakewood Library: 582-6040
- Lakewood Refuse: 588-1705
- Lakewood Water District: 588-4423
- Marriage Licenses: 798-7435
- PetData: 1-866-594-1283
- Pierce County Sewer: 565-3440
- Qwest: 1-800-244-1111
- Safe Streets: 584-0404
- Tacoma Public Utilities: 383-2471
- Tillicum Library: 588-1014

In an Emergency, call 911 for Police, Fire and Paramedics.