

# LAKELWOOD connections

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## Lakewood Legacy Plan Update

*"We see Lakewood as a healthy and vibrant community where opportunities abound."*

This is the vision that the Legacy Team will be sharing with Council in early January. The City is working on the **Lakewood Legacy Plan**, a 20 year strategic plan that will lay out a roadmap for building a healthy and sustainable parks and recreation system. A 17 person **Legacy Team** representing many different segments of Lakewood's community is working together to help build the plan. To date, they have analyzed pages and pages of information and will recommend various ways to achieve this vision. Service, integrity, teamwork, respect and sustainability are the core values and guiding principals we will use to develop quality parks, diverse programs and sustainable practices in order to create an active, engaged and livable Lakewood. Goals, strategies and performance measures to address environmental, economic, social, cultural and organizational issues will also be recommended. Later in the year, the Council will discuss how we will sustain, maintain, improve and support the City's Parks and Recreation system now and in the future. If you would like more information on the Lakewood Legacy Plan or want to be sure we don't forget to include your favorite park, recreation program, service or event – please contact us at [parks@cityoflakewood.us](mailto:parks@cityoflakewood.us) We look forward to hearing from you.

## 100 Best Communities... again!

Lakewood is now a five time *100 Best Communities* winner. After affiliating with America's Promise in 1998, Lakewood's Promise became the nation's first city-sponsored Promise initiative. Now, thirteen years later, Lakewood is still being recognized as one of the *100 Best Communities* for their commitment and delivery of the Five Promises.

In 2010, the City merged Parks, Recreation and Human Services. Parks and Recreation's mission to create healthy communities resonates strongly with the mission of Human Services in Lakewood: "The City shall build a healthy, safe community for all people of Lakewood through a collaborative group of community organizations, school district, human services agencies, businesses and individuals who share common goals and a unity of purpose."

The Five Promises are those developmental resources — wrap-around supports— that young people need for success in life: Caring Adults, Safe Places, A Healthy Start, Effective Education, and Opportunities to Help Others. Winning *100 Best* for the fifth time is recognition that Lakewood is meeting their mission to create a healthy community.

For more information on how you can invest in your community and support the Five Promises, contact the City's Human Services department at 253-589-2489. You can be a part of what makes Lakewood one of the *100 Best Communities for Young People!*



Pictured from left to right: Councilmember Mike Brandstetter, Deputy Mayor Don Anderson, Councilmember Jason Whalen, Councilmember Claudia Thomas, Jordan LaPier with America's Promise, Mayor Douglas Richardson, Clover Park School District Superintendent Debbie LeBeau, Councilmember Mary Moss and Councilmember Walter Neary.



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## LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL



Douglas Richardson  
Mayor

Don Anderson  
Deputy Mayor

Claudia Thomas

Jason Whalen

Mary Moss

Mike Brandstetter

Walter Neary

### 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](mailto:council@cityoflakewood.us) or leave a message at 589-2489.

### Half of July 2011

- Extended the proposed sewer franchise to Pierce County for an additional 60 days.
- Adopted the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (2012-2017).
- Authorized the execution of an interlocal agreement with Pierce County, for approximately \$55,200, relative to the Woodbrook and Tillicum low flow sewer system operation and maintenance.

### August 2011

- Awarded a bid to Barry Civil Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$149,225, for the construction of stormwater treatment facilities within the existing drainage system along Steilacoom Boulevard SW between Phillips Road SW and Edgewater Drive SW.
- Awarded a bid to Northwest Cascade, Inc., in the amount of \$497,515, for the 2011 Drywell Replacement Project.
- Amended the official zoning map of five parcels located east of Lakewood Drive and south of 74th Street from Mixed Residential 1 to Mixed Residential 2.
- Authorized the execution of an agreement with Pierce County, in the amount of \$500,000, for the Woodbrook sewer extension phase 3 project.

### First Half of September 2011

- Declared certain property as surplus and salvage items, and authorized its disposal to public entities and charitable nonprofit organizations or as otherwise available under the law.
- Appointed Youth Council members for school year 2011 through 2012.
- Appointed Sylvia Allen and James Montgomerie to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a three-year term through September 19, 2014.
- Reappointed Michael Lacadie and Laurie Maus to serve on the Community Development Block Grant Citizens Advisory Board for a three-year term through September 20, 2014.
- Appointed James Harvin "Harvey" Queen to serve on the Human Services Funding Advisory Board through December 31, 2013.
- Authorized the execution of an agreement with the Department of Justice in the amount of \$67,346, for in-car video cameras.
- Authorized the execution of a grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$200,000, for the Lakewood Station Connection Project.

## MAYOR DOUGLAS RICHARDSON'S COLUMN

Lakewood is increasingly involved in a leadership role dealing with significant regional issues. Most prominent is with the South Sound Military and Communities Partnership, an organization addressing the impact of increased military population growth on Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM). With grants from the Department of Defense's Office of Economic Adjustment, a growth coordination plan was developed to deal with issues in the areas of transportation, education, housing, land use, public safety, and healthcare and social services. Lakewood is the lead agency in obtaining and administering the grants with over 100 stakeholders participating in the process. Earlier this month, the Lakewood City Council approved a grant application for nearly \$6 million to improve traffic flow on Freedom Bridge, the overpass at the gate entrance to Madigan Army Hospital and the Tillicum neighborhood.



Mayor Douglas  
Richardson

In June, I convened, along with the Pierce County Executive, and Chair of the Thurston County Commissioners, the first Elected Officials Council meeting on the occasion of the Military Community Covenant signing. The next meeting of elected officials, to be held this fall, will finalize the Council's organization and approve the work plan of the Steering Committee for 2012. There is a true climate of cooperation to ensure the viability of JBLM and protect the quality of life in the South Sound.

Lakewood is committed to being an active participant in the development of solutions to regional challenges.





**Andrew Neiditz**  
City Manager

## Thinking Regionally and Acting Collaboratively

Last week, the Lakewood Police Department announced the conclusion of a three-month undercover investigation called Operation Bulldog, which resulted in arrest warrants issued for 16 individuals for various auto theft and property crimes. The complex operation involved extensive regional coordination among a number of entities: the police departments of Tacoma and Puyallup, in addition to Lakewood, and the Pierce County Sheriff's Department and Prosecutor's Office. The City of Lakewood has played the lead role in hosting the Auto Crimes Enforcement Task Force (ACE) which has been funded by the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority (WATPA) and Washington State Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC).

As the Mayor mentions in his column, Lakewood has also taken on a lead role in coordination of a number of regional entities in developing the Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM) Growth Coordination Plan. The regional players include both Pierce and Thurston counties, and the cities of Tacoma, DuPont, Lacey, as well as the State Department of Transportation, the Clover Park School District, Camp Murray, and others. The greater community's support of our military installations is bolstered by improved communication and regional coordination of effort, and the likelihood of federal funding for infrastructure improvements is strengthened as a result. While the City of Lakewood has taken the lead role, it is on behalf of the region, and each of the participating entities has contributed its share of the matching funds required by the federal grant.

The recently-approved interlocal agreement between Lakewood, the City of Tacoma, Pierce County, and West Pierce Fire & Rescue, which established the South Sound 911 proposal, is another example of active regional coordination with the intent of improving county-wide public safety communications. While the next step toward implementation is dependent on a funding decision to be made by the voters on November 8th, the program has been a strong regional effort, supported by most police agencies and all fire agencies in the County.

The city managers and administrators of the cities throughout Pierce County meet once a month for a lunch meeting in Fife, which includes the chief appointed administrator of the County (deputy county executive). The meeting is an opportunity to discuss issues of mutual concern and interest, ranging from legislative priorities to flood control program strategies, from public safety communications to emergency management. The critical issues of the day certainly cross over city boundary lines and a coordinated approach is a much more effective means of addressing regional issues.

A major challenge in today's world is building trust in government. I believe that citizens, who are the stakeholders on public services and public policy issues, want and expect their local government administrators to have positive and professional working relationships with their local government colleagues, in order to achieve efficiencies and productive results in the delivery of programs and services.

## Spotlight on Staff



**Dawn Avcular and family**

### How long have you worked for the City?

I have had the privilege to work for the City of Lakewood, in Human Resources (HR), for the past 10 years.

### Describe your current position.

As a Human Resources Analyst and the City's Civil Service Secretary/Chief Examiner, my primary responsibilities include recruitment and promotional processes for the Police, Finance, and Executive departments. Earlier this year I began working a job share, so I currently work two and a half days a week, which allows me to enjoy additional time with my family.

### What do you like best about your job? Why?

Besides the fabulous people I get to work with in HR; I truly enjoy working closely with department supervisors to develop and administer fair and equitable processes, so we can hire and promote the best qualified candidates for vacant positions.

### Where did you last go on vacation?

I went to Turkey with my family this past July. We are fortunate to travel there every other year and spend time with relatives, as well as, visit many amazing and beautiful, historical places.

### What hobbies do you have?

I love riding bikes with our kids, geocaching, preparing Turkish meals for friends and family, and doing yoga. I also enjoy seeing live theater, participating in charitable events, and reading a good book if time allows.

### Could you tell us a little about your family?

My husband and I met as students at the University of Washington in 1996. He moved here from Turkey in 1997 and we have been married almost fourteen years. We have three amazing children; our daughter Ayse is nine and our twin boys, Omer and Emre, are five. My husband is the Assistant City Engineer for the City of University Place where we have lived for the past thirteen years.




## Late Nite Program expands



This school-based program designed to provide activities and a safe place for middle school students will expand from the original site at Woodbrook Middle School to include Mann Middle School with funding through the Army Youth Program in Your Neighborhoods (AYPYN) grant. The Woodbrook program was started with Weed & Seed grant money and continued after grant funding ended with a combination of volunteer staffing and support from the Parks & Recreation department. An average of 35-50 students attended the program at Woodbrook which utilizes the gym and provides a meal-type snack for the participants. For approximately 95% of the participants, the snack is their only meal after the end of the school day. Basketball, volleyball, foosball, the Wii, board games and other activities keep the participants busy from 6:00-9:00pm. The program encourages the participation of school staff to interact with the students in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Competition is still the focus on the basketball court especially when we brought in some CPSD school board members to test their skills (see picture). The funding from the AYPYN grant will allow the city to offer this program at Mann Middle School on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month beginning October 28th.

## DROP & SHOP

### Free Activities at City Hall



Come join us for stories, movies and Crafts at City Hall during Winter Break. All activities are FREE! Parents can drop-off kids or stay and play. Parent presence is required for children 6 years old and under.

**Dates:** December 19 - 30  
**Times:** 10 - 11:30am  
**Location:** Lakewood City Hall (6000 Main Street SW)  
**Ages:** All Ages Welcome (parents must stay with children 6 + under)  
**Cost:** FREE!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19 Story with Santa	20 Movie in Council Chambers "Polar Express"	21 Gingerbread House Craft	22 Movie in Council Chambers "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"	23 Ornament Decorations
26 No Activity - City Hall Closed	27 Movie in Council Chambers "Happy Feet"	28 New year's Party Hat Craft	29 Movie in Council Chambers "Snow Buddies"	30 New year's Noise Maker Craft



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### COOKIES WITH MRS. CLAUS

**Date:** Saturday, Dec. 17  
**Location:** Activity Center (9112 Lakewood Dr.)  
**Time:** 11am - 1pm  
**Ages:** 5 + Up  
**Cost:** \$10 per child

For more information or to register, visit us online at [lakewoodparksandrec.com](http://lakewoodparksandrec.com) or call us at (253) 983-7887.

## LAKESIDE'S 100th ANNIVERSARY

# Christmas Tree LIGHTING FESTIVAL

Feel the Enchantment,  
Live the Tradition

- Free Entertainment
- Experience the Lighting of the Lakewood Christmas Tree
- Join in the Kiddie Parade
- Visit with Santa
- Fun Christmas Crafts

FRIDAY, DEC. 2 • 4 - 7PM  
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(6000 MAIN ST. SW)

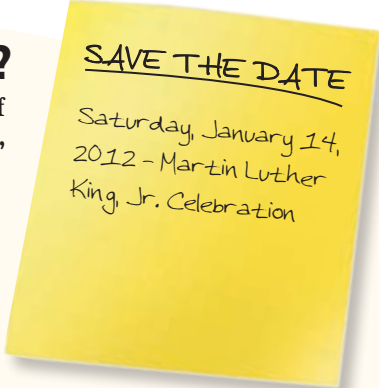



## Does Your Home Need To Be Weatherized Before Cold Winter Weather Arrives? Does Your Home Need Repair?

If you answered yes to either of these questions the City of Lakewood may be able to help. The City of Lakewood Community Development Department has home repair programs offering **0% interest loans, deferred for up to 20 years** to make these and other home repairs.

If you own and occupy a single family home in Lakewood and meet income guidelines based on household size, we may be able to assist you. The programs are not available for mobile homes in parks, or for homes with reverse mortgage financing. Programs offer assistance replacing roofs and windows; weatherization upgrades such as installing insulation; energy efficient heating systems; water-saving plumbing fixtures; making electrical and plumbing repairs; making accessibility improvements such as wheelchair ramps or the removal of architectural barriers; replacing siding; and painting your home to make it look new again. In addition to these repairs, the City offers a comprehensive home rehabilitation program, allowing you to tackle all those repairs that may have gone unaddressed for years.

Call now to see if you qualify! Call the City of Lakewood Community Development Housing Specialist at (253) 983-7785 for further information.



## Cities of Lakewood and University Place Support YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter



In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month this past October, the cities of Lakewood and University Place partnered with the Dollar Tree Corporation to seek community assistance to support victims of domestic violence. From September 18th through October 15th, shoppers at the Dollar Tree stores in Lakewood and University Place were able to purchase items to donate to victims residing in the Tacoma-Pierce County YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter. Local shoppers donated well over \$1000 worth of items.

*Falling leaves and heavy rain can cause problems. City crews work hard to keep storm drains free of debris, but we need your help.*

Leaves in street gutters can clog storm drains, potentially causing flooding of neighborhood streets. Your help with prompt removal of fallen leaves is appreciated; potential flooding will be reduced; and pollution to local creeks will be prevented. Check storm drains near your property to make sure they are free of leaves and debris. Rake leaves away from blocked storm drains and dispose with your yard waste. Do not remove the grate! Street sweepers cannot pick up large piles of leaves, so please do not rake or blow leaves from your property into the street.



The Sister City Delegation from Danzhou, China with Mayor Doug Richardson.



Ms. Niu Yuqian, Ms. Fu Shujuan, Ms. Xue Meijiao and Mr. Wu Youzheng, Municipal Song and Dance Ensemble.

## Lakewood's 12th Annual International Festival a Success

Five officials and three entertainers travelled from China to attend Lakewood's 12th annual International Festival held on Saturday, September 24th, at Clover Park Technical College. The five-year old Sister City relationship between Danzhou and Lakewood was highlighted with performances of traditional Chinese songs and dances. Other festival cultural entertainment included Filipino, Japanese, Samoan, and South Asian/Bhangra performers.



## Lakewood Offers Assistance To Small Businesses

Are you looking to expand your business through capital investment, or simply maintain or improve services? If so, the City may be able to help. Through partnership with Seattle-based Community Capital Development, the City is able to provide up to \$35,000 in funding to small businesses unable to secure loans through traditional lending sources due to undercapitalization or other lending restrictions. The Economic Development Business Loan Program provides loans to eligible small businesses currently located in the City of Lakewood or to entrepreneurs looking to relocate or develop businesses within the city limits for the purpose of creating jobs for low-income persons.

Technical assistance grants are also provided to all supported small businesses in partnership with the South Sound Washington Business Center to aid with all aspects of starting and running a business including marketing, management, finance, and strategic planning. Trained counselors are also available to help clients with their business plans, cash flow projections and loan applications.

Loans carry a fixed interest rate, based on current Small Business Administration program rates, with a maximum term of six years. Eligible small businesses are those with five or fewer employees (one of which can be the owner) and need to be located in, or relocating to, the city of Lakewood.

For additional information about the Economic Development Business Loan Program, please contact Jeff Gumm in the city's Community Development Department at (253) 983-7773.

## New Businesses Open in Lakewood



Freedom Furniture and Electronics Grand Opening on September 22, 2011 at 5919 Lakewood Towne Center Blvd.

Numerous new businesses have opened recently in Lakewood. Economic Development Manager Ellie Chambers-Grady credits Lakewood's business friendly environment and the recent influx of military members and dependents for allowing Lakewood to remain

competitive in this tight market. The new businesses include, AAA Buffet, Café Banana, Dr. Jackson's Spa, Freedom Furniture and Electronics, and Mama's Muffins & More.



Commissioning Ceremony on July 28, 2011 for Officers Michael Wulff and Monte Henderson, and the promotion of David Crommes to Sergeant. Pictured from left to right: Chief Bret Farrar, Officer Michael Wulff, Sergeant David Crommes, Officer Monte Henderson, Judge Ernest Heller, City Manager Andrew Neiditz, and Assistant Chief Mike Zaro.



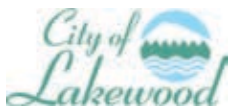
### University Place Court Services Contract Continues

The City of Lakewood will continue to provide Court, Prosecution and Public Defense services to the City of University Place. In January 2011, University Place commenced contracting prosecution and public defense services with the City of Lakewood for the newly created University Place Municipal Court, held at Lakewood City Hall. University Place had not previously had their own municipal court, and had contracted with Pierce County to use district court. Both cities have achieved the desired results of the 2011 contract, which lead to the renewal for 2012.

### Caution – limited risk may exist for exposure to canine distemper virus.

Consult with your vet if you have an unvaccinated or young pet. A recent outbreak of canine distemper virus has been confirmed through a limited number of cases among the raccoon population. This virus can be transferred through the feces and urine of infected raccoons. While the virus typically does not survive long in the environment, in temperatures below 41 degrees it may exist for up to 14 days. Canine distemper is not transferable to humans.





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## ADVISORY BOARDS & COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

BOARD/COMMITTEE	MEETS MOST MONTHS ON THIS DAY - PLEASE CALL & CONFIRM	TIME	LOCATION AND/OR CONFERENCE ROOM
<b>Citizens' Transportation Advisory Committee</b> Contact: Karen Devereaux - 983-7767	Quarterly	4:30pm	City Hall Council Chambers
<b>Civil Service Commission</b> Contact: Dawn Avcular - 983-7849	1st Thursday	9:00am	First Floor - 1E
<b>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizens Advisory Board</b> Contact: Jeff Gumm - 983-7773	Varies	Varies	Third Floor - 3A
<b>Human Services Funding Advisory Board</b> Contact: Kim Dodds - 983-7756	3rd Wednesday (only when needed)	Varies	Third Floor - 3A
<b>Lakewood Arts Commission</b> Contact: Suzi Riley - 983-7758	1st Monday	4:30pm	Third Floor - 3A
<b>Lakewood Community Collaboration</b> Contact: Kim Dodds - 983-7756	2nd Wednesday (none in July/August)	9:30am	City Hall Council Chambers
<b>Lakewood Sister Cities Association</b> Contact: Melody Perrussel - 983-7769	3rd Thursday	5:30pm	First Floor - 1E
<b>Landmarks &amp; Heritage Advisory Board</b> Contact: Staci Vukovich - 983-7716	4th Thursday (every other month)	6:00pm	Third Floor - 3A
<b>Lodging Tax Advisory Committee</b> Contact: Melody Perrussel - 983-7769	Varies	Varies	Varies
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation Advisory Board</b> Contact: Suzi Riley - 983-7758	4th Tuesday	5:30pm	First Floor - 1D (next to Chambers)
<b>Planning Advisory Board</b> Contact: Staci Vukovich - 983-7716	1st and 3rd Wednesdays (or more frequently)	6:30pm	City Hall Council Chambers
<b>Public Safety Advisory Committee</b> Contact: Joanna Nichols - 830-5000	1st Wednesday	5:15pm	Police Station 9401 Lakewood Dr. SW Lakewood, WA
<b>Redevelopment Advisory Board</b> Contact: Melody Perrussel - 983-7769	Varies	7:30am	Third Floor - 3A
<b>Youth Council</b> Contact: Dennis Higashiyama - 983-7835	1st and 3rd Mondays when needed (none in summer)	6:00pm	Third Floor - 3A

### CITY OF LAKEWOOD

City Hall .....	589-2489	Municipal Court .....	512-2258
Abandoned Vehicles.....	830-5080	Noise Complaints.....	798-4721
Animal Control.....	830-5010	Parks & Recreation.....	983-7887
Animal Licensing.....	512-2269	Police Department -	
Building Inspectors .....	512-2261	Main Desk.....	830-5000
Building Permits.....	512-2261	Non-emergency only .....	798-4721
Business Licenses .....	512-2261	Drug Tip Hotline .....	830-5049
City Council.....	589-2489	Sex Offender Info.....	830-5095
Code Enforcement .....	512-2261	Public Works Department -	
Community Development		Main Desk.....	983-7795
Department.....	512-2261	Potholes/Street lights.....	267-1628
Economic Development...	589-2489	Street signage.....	531-6990
Finance Department .....	512-2269	Senior Activity Center .....	798-4090
Housing Programs.....	983-7785	Traffic Complaints.....	830-5072
Human Services.....	983-7756	Traffic Infractions .....	512-2258
Information Line (automated)	512-2264	Vehicle Licensing .....	588-7786
Garage Sale Permits.....	512-2261	Zoning .....	512-2261

### OTHER PHONE NUMBERS

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

Burn Ban.....	1-800-595-4341	Lakewood Fire District	
Cable TV		Non-emergency only .....	582-4600
(Comcast).....	1-877-824-2288	Lakewood Library.....	582-6040
Clover Park		Lakewood Refuse .....	588-1705
School District .....	583-5000	Lakewood Water	
Domestic Violence Helpline		District .....	588-4423
.....	798-4166 or 1-800-764-2420	Marriage Licenses .....	798-7435
Earthquake/Floods .....	798-7470	PetData .....	1-866-594-1283
Electric Companies -		Pierce County Sewer .....	565-3440
Lakeview Light.....	584-6060	Qwest	
Puget Sound		Communications ...	1-800-244-1111
Energy.....	1-888-225-5773	Safe Streets.....	584-0404
Gas Leaks .....	1-888-225-5773	Tacoma Public	
Humane Society.....	383-2733	Utilities.....	383-2471
Lakewood Chamber .....	582-9400	Tillicum Library .....	588-1014

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