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No Lifeguards:



While out and about enjoying the city's parks this summer, please remember to swim responsibly. The city will not have lifeguards at its swimming beaches in American Lake and Harry Todd parks this year.



A runner enjoys Fort Stellacoom Park on an overcast day. Photo by: Brynn Grimley

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Brynn

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Connections editor says her goodbye

I have written and re-written this piece, trying to find the right way to share the news that the Summer 2020 Lakewood Connections publication is my last.

I joined the city in February of 2017, though my arrival was not the first time my name appeared in print in Lakewood. Some recognized my byline from the time I spent at The News Tribune writing about Lakewood and other happenings in Pierce County.

As I prepare for my next adventure, I face mixed emotions. I am excited for the future, but sad to leave. I will be forever grateful to Lakewood, specifically City Manager John Caulfield, for taking a chance on me and helping me transition from journalism into the local government communications world.

Lucky for me, many of the things I loved about journalism carried over into my Communications Manager role with the city. The first being this publication, which allowed me to provide valuable information to residents about what is happening in YOUR city.

I have always cherished making personal connections with people, hearing

their stories and sharing their experiences with others. This job allowed me to continue to do that by meeting business owners and writing about them through our Business Showcase spotlight, as well as engaging with residents and helping solve problems and find solutions to better our community.

Whether it was connecting with people over social media, or photographing families celebrating our many wonderful community events, I am thankful for the opportunity I was given to work for the residents of Lakewood.

This continued engagement and participation by residents is what makes Lakewood such a special place.

While I may be departing, I will always reflect proudly on my time in Lakewood and know that I will carry with me the friendships and relationships built while I was here.

Thank you Lakewood, and one last time:

Happy reading!

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Coronavirus — we're in this together

NO ONE ANTICIPATED that by summer we would find ourselves in the middle of a public health crisis with no end date in sight.

To say the first half of this year challenged our community would be an understatement. Businesses were forced to close without warning, and many of our residents found themselves without employment.

All of us were ordered to remain home, except for essential services, forcing us into isolation. For many people the solitude has taken a toll on their mental health and physical wellbeing.

But amidst the chaos we have seen bright spots. Neighbors helping each other, whether it's offering to go grocery shopping for those considered most vulnerable to COVID-19, or by checking in on each other from a safe social distance across the fence.

We also have seen our community make a concerted effort to support Lakewood businesses. The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce organized Quarantine Cruise Nights aimed at getting people out of the house and ordering to-go meals from local restaurants. Not only have these events given participants something to look forward to, they've also helped our business community.

Steps that we have taken to help our Lakewood business and residents include:

- **Economic assistance for small, low-income businesses.** Established a no-interest deferred loan program for small and low-income businesses to provide emergency economic development assistance due to impacts from COVID-19. Amounts up to \$10,000 were made available from the \$350,611 in grants the city was awarded from the Department of Housing and Urban

Development through its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program as part of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

- **Connecting with local businesses.** To understand the impacts faced by our businesses we conducted surveys to hear what we could do to help and we continued to communicate with business owners, connecting them to local, state and federal resources to provide economic assistance.
- **Human services.** We are currently working with the city's Community Collaboration group to learn the needs of our most vulnerable residents in order to prioritize and direct the city's federal funding to the proper channels to help those in need.

Elsewhere in the city we saw the Clover Park School District take on the Herculean effort of providing free meals to all children within the district each week, delivering the meals via school bus to bus stops around the city. These efforts are providing stability to some of the most vulnerable in our community. Teachers also pivoted to come up with school plans that could be completed at home so that student learning would continue, even though students were no longer physically in classrooms.

When city facilities closed in March to limit the spread of COVID-19, the majority of city employees transitioned to teleworking. The move was relatively seamless and employees remain dedicated to serving residents by continuing to complete work from home.

Whether it's applying for a permit from the city's planning division or staying up on

the latest information around COVID-19, most of these tasks can be completed online.

We extend our sincerest thanks to all our employees for their continued commitment to serving residents, especially those who remain on the frontlines. That includes our Lakewood Police Department, our Operations and Maintenance staff, our Parks Maintenance teams, and inspectors from our Building Division and our Public Works Engineering Department.

These individuals continue to meet the day-to-day needs of our community. They keep people safe and continue to work to maintain the quality of life our residents have come to expect.

We also extend our thanks to the grocery store workers, delivery truck drivers, hospital and healthcare personnel, utility companies and our first responders with West Pierce Fire & Rescue. These individuals make up our community and deserve to be recognized for their sacrifices.

As we move into the second half of the year, the waters remain uncharted. City revenues have been hit hard by the loss of sales tax, gambling tax and admission taxes. Statewide shared revenues, particularly fuel taxes, are also down, which will have an impact on the city.

We are entering a new biennial budget planning cycle for 2021–2022 with a lot of unknowns. What we do know is this: We will continue to embrace the change as we've done since this all started, and we will move forward together with what we have.

We know that things won't look the same, but we are committed to making smart, fiscally minded decisions and providing support to our community to help people get back on their feet.

LAKEWOOD STATION PLANNING UNDERWAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK?

In November 2019, the state Department of Commerce awarded Lakewood grant money to help with the creation of planning documents to position the Lakewood Station District for redevelopment.

The city hired BERK & Associates to complete the work in coordination with the city.

The planning documents to be crafted include:

A subarea plan, which identifies future uses allowed on the site and creates a plan for its eventual development.

A State Environmental Protection Act-based planned action, which identifies potential environmental impacts associated with the site and ultimately streamlines the process for how to accommodate and mitigate the impacts as private development is approved.

A hybrid form-based code, which will make changes to Lakewood Municipal Code to support private development in the designated district and streamline the permitting process.

In January the Lakewood City Council updated the boundaries of the Lakewood Station District to expand the boundaries beyond what was first identified in the city's 2000 Comprehensive Plan.

The expanded site comprises approximately 318 acres stretching north to 108th St SW, east to the state Route 512 interchange, and south to Interstate 5.

Points of interest within the subarea include the Lakewood Sounder Station, Lakewood Landing—a redevelopment opportunity currently proposed by the city—St. Clare Hospital, the SR-512 park-and-ride, the commercial areas fronting Pacific Highway and Bridgeport Way, and a residential area.

The city's Comprehensive Plan includes a vision for the subarea. The plan is being reviewed and updated with

citizen input this year. The current vision anticipates that the Lakewood Station area will become a new high-density employment and residential district catalyzed by station-area development opportunities.

Dense urban development with a major concentration of multi-unit housing, health care services and shopping will be developed within walking distance of the Lakewood commuter rail station. A significant high-density, multi-unit residential housing building in the center of

this area is encouraged. There will be special emphasis placed on design to enhance the pedestrian environment and create a diverse new urban neighborhood.

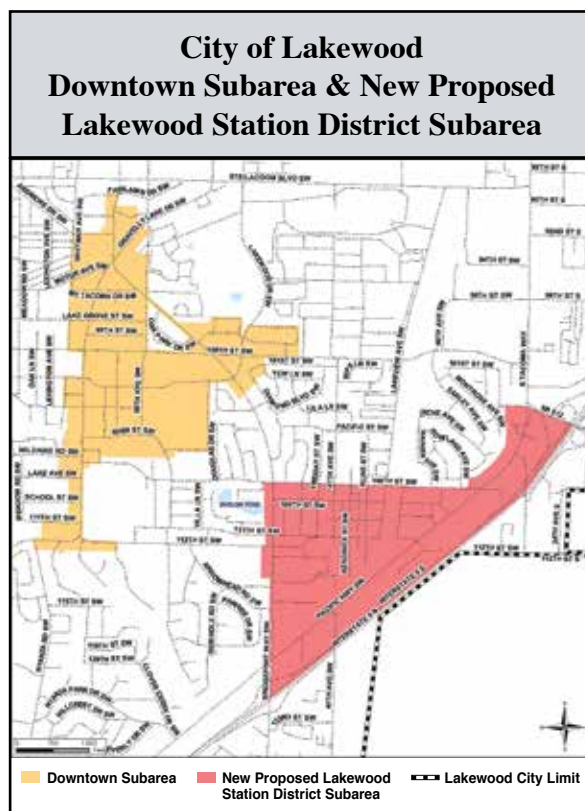
New open space opportunities consistent with the desired urban character will be prioritized to attract development. A pedestrian bridge connection the Lakewood Station to the neighborhood to the north was completed in 2013.

At the end of February, the city hosted a stakeholder meeting with representatives from public transit, utility companies, Lakewood neighborhood association members, land owners and private developers.

During the meeting the group provided information to the city and BERK about the current issues facing the area, and respective plans and ideas for developing the land within the district boundaries.

Next steps will occur this summer as the city coordinates public outreach efforts with Sound Transit. The outreach will coincide with Sound Transit's planned construction of ST2-funded access improvements to the Lakewood Sounder Station.

Find out how you can participate in this process and let us know what you want to see in the Station District at the dedicated website www.LakewoodStation.org. The site will be updated throughout the planning process.





LAKEWOOD LANDING: Opportunity for redevelopment

SITUATED WITH PRIME ACCESS TO PACIFIC HIGHWAY between state Route 512 and Bridgeport Way SW, Lakewood Landing is a redevelopment effort in Lakewood's Station District ripe with opportunity.

The city's vision for this property is to create a mixed-use development, rich in amenities for residents, businesses and the surrounding neighborhoods.

A fiscal benefits analysis and market analysis show great potential for the site, which comprises 30 acres.

Currently the state Department of Transportation owns property within the developable area for its maintenance facility. The city and state continue discussions around selling the property and relocating the facility elsewhere.

With this key piece of property now available for redevelopment, the city is moving forward with recruiting a developer to bring its vision for this corridor to life.

That includes creating a project that enhances the commercial district and contributes to the social, environmental and economic health of the community, setting the bar for new development in Lakewood.

This area is an integral part of the Lakewood Station District, a subarea identified within the city's Comprehensive Plan as a priority for transit-oriented, high-density development.

The city would like to see retail, office space and housing added to this premier location which has immediate access to Interstate 5 and is adjacent

to the Sound Transit Lakewood Station where Sounder commuter rail connects north to Seattle.

Redevelopment of this site is one of the city's highest priorities. The city will actively participate in and facilitate the project through various incentives, including accelerated permitting,

infrastructure capital contributions and staff support, working with the chosen developer to bring the vision of Lakewood Landing to reality.

Read more about this project, including the developer's brochure, on the city's website at: cityoflakewood.us/lakewood-landing

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State proposes new hospital on Western State Hospital grounds

The state Department of Social and Health Services has proposed a complete reconstruction of Western State Hospital and its campus.

The changes are necessary because many of the site's existing facilities are aging and no longer comply with federal standards for the care of mental health patients. That's according to the application the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) submitted to the city to update the Western State Hospital Master Plan.

In the short term DSHS, which operates Western State, wants to temporarily expand the hospital capacity and build a new 350-bed forensic hospital on the property. This would include demolition of several existing buildings on the site.

The state also proposes building a second, 18-bed residential cottage at the Child Study and Treatment Center and a treatment and recreation center.

Long term, the state's goal is to transition the hospital to serve primarily forensic patients (those who have been processed through the criminal justice system) and fewer civil commitment patients, which make up the majority of the approximately 850 patients on site today.

This transition is in line with Gov. Jay Inslee's five-year plan to modernize and transform the state's mental health system and expedite efforts to end civil patient placements at the state's large hospitals by 2023.

Instead these placements would be made in smaller, community-based facilities that are primarily state-run, with some community hospital capacity throughout the state.

Lakewood is the lead agency for State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) review process for the application. Part of that process includes receiving public comment about potential impacts associated with the project.

The public comment period provides the opportunity for the public—including those outside the city—to provide their opinion on the changes proposed for Western State.

A dedicated website was created to keep people updated on the process and to provide more information. Visit www.WSHMasterPlan.org to learn how you can be involved in this important process. Public comment will be received until 5 p.m. July 10, 2020.

WORK ON SHORELINES: DID YOU KNOW YOU NEED A PERMIT?



Do you own property on one of our beautiful lakes or creeks, including: Lake Steilacoom, American Lake, Lake Louise, Gravelly Lake, Chambers Creek, Clover Creek or Flett Creek?

If you answered yes, did you know that you need a permit to do any work in the water or on your property if it's 200 feet from one of the above mentioned shorelines?

If you answered no, then please continue to read to make sure you are in accordance with city and state laws.

Under the city of Lakewood Shoreline Management Program, properties within 200 feet of the shoreline are considered part of the shoreline jurisdiction and as such, a permit is required before any work can be done on the property. Depending on the scope of work, permits might

also be required from the state Department of Fish and Wildlife and the state Department of Ecology.

The Shoreline Management Act, and required Lakewood Shoreline Master Program, are intended to protect shoreline natural resources including land, vegetation, wildlife and aquatic habitats against adverse environmental effects. All allowed uses are required to offset these adverse impacts as much as possible and preserve the natural character and aesthetics of the shoreline.

Before beginning work on the shoreline or within the water, please contact the city's Planning Department to inquire about permitting requirements: permits@cityoflakewood.us or 253-512-2261.

Even in crisis, opportunity awaits

A MESSAGE FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER BECKY NEWTON:

For many of us, the COVID-19 health crisis has disrupted our livelihoods. We've scrambled to make sense of it all and to move forward.

Through it all, the city has remained committed to providing excellent municipal services and opportunity for a brighter future.

What does that mean?

It means you can count on continual improvements in efficiency for delivery of services, new and exciting developments that increase family wage jobs and instill community pride, resources for those in need, a commitment to keeping taxes low and incentives high, and an openness to create lasting partnerships that increase the likelihood of success.

When it comes to development, permit predictability is a priority. In Lakewood, our online capabilities are about to get more transparent and efficient as we join the Pierce County PALS system. This will make all permitting within the city accessible online. We've also improved our municipal code to make it more user friendly.

We continue to see projects around town, including new developments in the Downtown district, on Pacific Highway and in Woodbrook. Adoption of the Downtown Plan, and subsequent completion of the Colonial Plaza, are catalysts to bringing in new restaurants, retailers and experiences. Some projects were delayed due to the health crisis, but in the end a newly revitalized downtown with residential and family entertainment is in our future.

The city is spearheading a major redevelopment on Pacific Highway called Lakewood Landing. Imagine a unique and vibrant urban village with restaurants and entertainment, convenient access to transportation and that is close to everything including shopping, hiking and events.

Elsewhere in Lakewood, the need for distribution and warehouse space resulted in 2 million square feet of industrial development in the pipeline to meet the demand. The majority of this will go into the Woodbrook Business Park. The end result will be hundreds of new jobs, many of which are family wage.

As part of the economic response to help mitigate some of the impact of COVID-19, Lakewood received some of the federal funding made available through the CARES Act. These monies

were used to assist businesses and the general public. This included a no-interest loan to low-income businesses, improved technologies to better serve and protect the community, improved communications across platforms in multiple languages, support of non-profits in the delivery of mental health and other medical services, food, clothing and shelter.

People may not know this, but Lakewood has one of the lowest tax structures in the region and programs to support business. This includes no local business and occupation tax, a multifamily tax exemption program, and a free construction watch program for new commercial projects. Our Community and Economic Development Team is ready to assist in providing what we call "wrap-around" services for businesses and developers, from start-ups to well established businesses, and for those new to the area.

If there's one thing we're taking away from the COVID-19 pandemic it is that partnerships are key. Now more than ever it will take all of us working together collaboratively to make it all work. We look forward to the opportunity and privilege of serving the community and businesses that will build our future.



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Clover Park School District students adapt to learning on a new and different learning platform

When the statewide school closure went into effect in mid-March to help slow the COVID-19 pandemic, Clover Park School District was faced with the challenge of helping students continue learning without being in a school building with their peers and person-to-person contact with their teacher.

Learning exclusively at home is not ideal, but students and staff tackled the opportunity. Teachers used weekly learning packets aligned to rigorous learning standards to guide instruction and met with students online in classroom teams to teach, re-teach and give feedback.

Schools developed learning schedules for students to interact with their classroom teacher and classmates online during

the week. The district's online learning platform allows students to ask questions and discuss assignments and other class materials from home.

"I am incredibly proud of CPSD students, staff and families for their tremendous efforts in adapting to online learning this spring," said Superintendent Ron Banner. "We would all prefer to be learning in person but the hard work everyone has put in to making this work has been nothing short of impressive."

The district has assembled a task force to explore options available for a safe reopening of schools this fall in alignment with state and health department guidelines. Key areas of focus include the social emotional well-being of students, health and safety and academics.

Congratulations, Class of 2020



Graduating seniors received additional support from their high schools to complete graduation requirements and earn their diplomas. It wasn't the senior year most were expecting, but students worked hard to adjust to the new learning model and stay on track to meet graduation requirements.

Graduation ceremonies and celebrations looked different this spring due to social distancing requirements; however, it did not diminish the enthusiasm and pride of district staff, families and the community.

"I am incredibly proud of the class of 2020. Each of you has worked through unprecedented adversity to fulfill graduation requirements and earn your diplomas," Banner said.

If you have not had a chance, you can view virtual commencement ceremonies for Clover Park and Lakes high schools, Harrison Preparatory School and Open Doors on the district's YouTube channel.

Reserving city park facilities

AS WE HEAD INTO THE BUSY SEASON for use of city parks and facilities, the health and safety of our community remains a priority. The following requirements are in place for all city of Lakewood shelter use and reservations:



COVID-19 SHELTER USE REQUIREMENTS

- Practice social distancing and maintain at least 6 feet between people.
- Group size is limited based on current state requirements and noted on your permit.
- Bring your own disinfectants to clean site.
- Bring your own soap and/or hand sanitizer and use often.
- Park playgrounds, restrooms and other amenities may be closed. Plan accordingly.
- "Go before you go."
- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth when social distancing is not possible.
- Please pack out all your event trash, park staff is limited this summer.

Those who do not comply with the above regulations will be asked to leave and/or not able to reserve space in the future.

Lakewood recognized for its financial reporting

THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD WAS RECENTLY RECOGNIZED

by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada with two awards for its financial reporting.

The awards included:

- Outstanding achievement for the FY 2018 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR); and
- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the FY 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

The city began publishing its PAFR in FY 2016 and received the outstanding achievement recognition for its 2016 and 2017 reports. The most recent recognition marks the third year in a row the city has received the award.

The report provides an overview of the city's financial position, including sources of revenues and expenditures, as well as economic information about the community. The PAFR is meant to increase public awareness around the city's financial condition and the city's goal is to make the report easy to read and understand.

The GFOA Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Report is a prestigious national award that recognizes conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government popular reports.

To receive this award, a government must publish a PAFR that conforms to program standards of creativity, presentation, understandability and reader appeal. The award is valid for one year.



The city also previously received the excellence in financial reporting for its CAFRs from 2013 through 2017.

This award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The city's CAFR was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read it.

The city will continue to produce both reports and submit them annually to GFOA to determine eligibility for future recognition.



*Congrats Grads!
The Lakewood
City Council
applauds the 2020
graduating class!*

FIREWORKS IN LAKEWOOD: Celebrate responsibly

IT'S THAT TIME A YEAR AGAIN where we remind Fourth of July revelers the rules around fireworks in Lakewood.

Fireworks are permitted between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. on July 3, 4 and 5 ONLY.

Firework discharge is NOT ALLOWED in city parks or on city property.

July 4 is one of our busiest holidays for police officers. Please be smart, don't mix alcohol and explosives, keep children away from fireworks and remember we already have extremely dry conditions so be mindful not only about where you light your fireworks, but also where they will fall.



**Celebrate
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WASHINGTON STATE LEGAL CONSUMER FIREWORKS FOR SALE IN TENTS AND STANDS PER RCW 70.77.136

Cylindrical Fountain

Upon ignition, a shower of colored sparks, and sometimes a whistling effect, is produced.



Helicopters, Aerial Spinners

A propeller or blade is attached, which, upon ignition, lifts the rapidly spinning device into the air. A visible or audible effect is produced at the height of flight.



Cone Fountain

Upon ignition, a shower of colored sparks, and sometimes a whistling effect, is produced.



Smoke Devices

Tube or sphere containing pyrotechnic composition that, upon ignition, produces a white or colored smoke as a primary effect.



Roman Candles

Heavy paper or cardboard tube containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, up to ten "stars" are individually expelled at several-second intervals.



Parachutes

Upon ignition, one or more parachutes are propelled into the air with stars, smoke, and other effects being discharged as the parachute floats downward.



Wheels

Pyrotechnic device attached to a post or tree by means of a nail or string. A wheel may contain up to six "driver" units; upon ignition, the wheel revolves, producing a shower of color and sparks and, sometimes, a whistling effect.



Mine/Shells/Cakes

Mine – An aerial device that shoots stars into the sky in an upward spray pattern. Shell – A shell is an aerial item that is fired into the sky. Cake – Dense-packed collection of mine/shell tubes that are fused together.



Ground Spinners

A small device similar to a wheel in design and effect. When placed on the ground and ignited, a shower of sparks and color is produced by the rapidly spinning device.



Reloadable Mortars

A shell consisting of a container, a lift charge, a time fuse, a burst charge, and stars/effects. The lift charge propels the shell out of the tube igniting the burst charge at the right altitude, igniting the effects.



Dipped Stick, Sparkler

Stick or wire coated with pyrotechnic composition that produces a shower of sparks upon ignition. Total pyrotechnic composition not to exceed 100 grams per item.



Novelties

"Trick and Novelty Devices" means any small firework device not classified as a Consumer of Display Firework. Items contain a small amount of pyrotechnic composition that is friction sensitive.



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FUTURE REGULATIONS

A recommendation is before the Lakewood City Council to restrict the use of legal fireworks in the city to July 4 only, between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. and on Dec. 31.

The City Council has a tentative public hearing date of Monday, July 20, 2020 at 7 p.m. to hear from the public about the proposed change. The public is invited to provide testimony. Comments already received were added to the record and shared with council members.

In light of restrictions on group gatherings, residents should visit the city's website cityoflakewood.us to confirm the July 20 hearing date.



FIREWORK AND EXPLOSIVE DEVICES THAT ARE ILLEGAL IN WASHINGTON STATE

Federally Legal Consumer Fireworks: These items are legal to purchase, possess, and discharge only at an Indian Reservation. Possession and/or use off the reservation is illegal.

Firecrackers

Generally 1/4" x 1 1/2" or less that come in packs to large bricks. A firecracker makes a single "pop" sound. Many firecrackers strung together will make repetitive "popping" sounds.



Sky Rockets and Missiles

Similar to the Bottle Rocket, a Sky Rocket is attached to a stick or has fins and may have a plastic cap. A missile will have fins rather than a stick. Once lit, it ascends rapidly, high into the air where it explodes.



Bottle Rockets

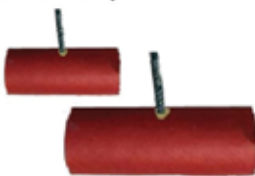
A firecracker type (tube) attached to a 12" long wooden stick. The stick is placed in a bottle and once lit, it rises into the air, travelling laterally before exploding.



Illegal Explosive Devices: The possession, manufacturing, or using of illegal Explosive Devices is a criminal offense.

M-80's, M-100's, etc.

Illegal since the 70's, an M-80 can contain flash powder, black powder, or a composition of materials that are sensitive to shock and can injure or kill people. Can do serious permanent damage to fingers, hands, and eyes.



Improvised Explosive Device (IED)

A pipe bomb is an improvised explosive device, consisting of a tightly sealed section of pipe that is filled with an explosive material. The pipe provides containment, meaning that a low explosive can be used to produce a relatively large explosion.



A tennis ball bomb is an improvised explosive device consisting of a tennis ball filled with combustibles or pyrotechnic material with a fuse producing a loud explosion.



Altered Firework

Sparklers are bound together in electrical or duct tape to contain the ignition of the sparklers, providing for a loud "whoomp" sound with a flash of light.





Despite pandemic, improvements continue at Lakewood parks

Whether to exercise a four-legged family member or to get a mental health break, over the past several months we learned just how much our residents rely upon and love our parks for the respite they provide.

It is with this in mind that the city remains committed to improving these valuable neighborhood resources for all to enjoy—residents and out of town visitors alike.

Although summer is always the busiest season to visit our parks, it is also the best time to do major improvements. Many of these projects are grant funded, requiring the city to meet a variety of timelines tied to the funding.

Keep your eyes and ears open when visiting city parks this summer, and watch for signage and other measures to keep you safe during your visit. Here's just some of what's happening in the parks:

HARRY TODD WATERFRONT IMPROVEMENTS: Harry Todd Park is the only city-owned public open space in the Tillicum neighborhood. A major renovation will begin in September. Multiple grants for this project were combined and site planning and permitting are complete. Improvements include an Americans with Disabilities Act pathway to the shoreline along with new docks, a fishing pier, restrooms and playground. We'll also replace the bulkhead and update the shoreline and open space areas along the hillside.

FORT STEILACOOM PARK/ANGLE LANE SOUTH IMPROVEMENTS: Fort Steilacoom Park is the most popular park in our system. This project is the final step of the roadway paving improvements made in the last couple of years. Improvements include a new parking lot, park sign and trail head improvements near Elwood Drive, resurfacing Angle Lane from Elwood to Waughop Lake Road and a new

restroom, plaza, and trailhead signage near the main entry to the dog park.

SERVICE CLUB SIGN: As an alternative to placing numerous service club signs on the gateway monument signs and along city right-of-way, an alternative standalone sign will be placed near Bridgeport Way and Lakewood Drive recognizing and promoting the numerous organizations within the city. We are proud of our many partnerships with our local service clubs.

SEELEY LAKE IMPROVEMENTS: The city partnered with Pierce County Parks to assess several issues associated with Seeley Lake Park near the Lakewood Community Center. The park includes woods, wetlands, natural areas and a seasonal 1.3 mile perimeter loop trail. This project will assess condition and function of storm water outfalls into Seeley Lake and system retrofits, assess water quality and environmental health of the park and plan for improved public safety, use and access.

AMERICAN LAKE PARK SITE IMPROVEMENTS: While the city is improving Veterans Drive, you'll also see improvements at American Lake Park. A new parking lot is coming soon and a new picnic shelter will be installed thanks to a grant from Pierce County, facilitated by Pierce County Council Chairman Doug Richardson.

COMING SOON: Planning is happening now to prepare for turf infields at the baseball fields at Fort Steilacoom Park, Lakewood Gateways at the Woodbrook and Berkeley Street entrances off Interstate 5, updates to the Fort Steilacoom Park playground (can you believe it's almost 14 years old?!), restoration of Clover Creek and expansion of Springbrook Park, and connections along Chambers Creek Canyon trail, along with applying for more grants to implement master plans and make improvements at Wards Lake Park and American Lake Park.

Lakewood City Council adopts Parks Legacy Plan

In May the Lakewood City Council adopted an update to the city's Legacy Plan, a long-term strategic planning document crafted to meet the future park and recreation needs of the community.

The council adopted its first Legacy Plan in 2014. The May 18, 2020 adoption reflects the latest version of the plan.

Since its 2014 adoption, the city executed and completed a number of the projects, strategies and action items identified in the plan.

In 2019 it was time to update the plan and revisit the needs of the community. To do this the city embarked on a public outreach campaign as part of a larger effort to update the plan to ensure the document remained timely and reflected the needs and desires of the community.

Outreach included attending various public events to capture the voice of residents, as well as hosting open houses and stakeholder meetings.

The city also reviewed recent local demographic information and park trends to craft the 2020 Legacy Plan. This update

identifies priorities over a six-year period from 2021 to 2026, as well as acts as a long term strategic guide.

Like the proceeding plan, the updated Legacy Plan provides the strategic framework for the city's parks and recreation system. This document is intended for use at the policy level, as well as a tool for day-to-day operational decision making.

The City Council strongly believes in the power of planning and a community-driven process. This plan was formed based on the aspirations, values and beliefs of the Lakewood community.

The Legacy Plan includes information on present day park and recreation trends, demographic developments, existing park and recreation conditions, an analysis of community needs and desires, an updated Parks Capital Facility Program (PCFP) for 2020-2026 and a list of potential future capital projects.

The plan will be used as a living document responsive to the changing needs of the community. Lakewood will continue to follow the Plan to help achieve its vision of creating and sustaining a healthy and vibrant community.

View more: cityoflakewood.us/legacyplanupdate

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Restoring Waughop Lake

LOCATED IN THE HEART OF FORT STEILACOOM PARK, Waughop Lake should be the crown jewel of this 340-acre park that is a crown jewel in itself.

However, historically the kettle lake has been victim of toxic algae blooms during hot summer months. Instead of providing a place for people to fish or play in the water, the blooms created a green algae film that floated on the lake, resulting in public health warnings directing people and pets to have no contact with the water.

Over the years Waughop Lake has been home to many activities, including remote control hydroplane races, fishing derbies and other public gatherings. With a paved path around its nearly mile-long perimeter, Waughop Lake is one of the few waterbodies in the city that is fully accessible to the public.

Expressing a desire to return the lake to a healthy state, the city of Lakewood embarked on numerous studies spanning multiple years. Outside experts were brought in to evaluate the lake and formulate different alternatives for how to responsibly tackle the toxic algae blooms.

Options proposed included:

- Do nothing;
- Apply safe chemical treatment; or
- Dredge the lake.

After review and public discussion, the Lakewood City Council agreed in 2017 to move forward with the option to apply safe chemical treatment to the lake.

The recommended treatment, aluminum sulfate, is a tried and true, cost-effective treatment proven to reduce phosphorus in the water and settle over the lake bottom, creating a cap over the excess phosphorus and thus preventing future toxic algae blooms.

Commonly known as “alum”, the treatment has been used for decades to treat waterbodies and has been used for more than 200 years to treat drinking water.

The state Department of Ecology issued a permit in 2019 for the city to complete treatment. The city proceeded with treatment of Waughop Lake in March 2020.

The city hired HAB Aquatic Solutions, a Nebraska company that specializes in alum treatments, to do the application. The company works on waterbodies throughout the United States, completing similar treatments and is highly regarded. HAB has a high success rate with little to no environmental side effects from applications. If applied incorrectly, alum treatment can cause toxic conditions lethal to aquatic life.

The treatment is expected to be effective for five to 10 years, depending on environmental conditions. Due to the high levels of phosphorus in Waughop Lake, a second treatment is planned for this summer.

Environmental consulting firm Tetra Tech, led by Dr. Harry Gibbons, guided the city in its latest evaluation of alternatives to solve the lake’s toxic algae blooms. The firm helped design the alum treatment protocols and the recommended alum dose for the first and second treatments. »





A sediment core sample taken from the lake after treatment. Alum is visible on top of the sediment. The water above the alum layer is clear and filled nearly to the top of the container.



» Tetra Tech monitored the condition of the lake before, during and after the first treatment. Crews will be on site during the second treatment and will continue to monitor the lake for a period after the second treatment. Depending on the results, a third treatment may be needed in 2021 or 2022.

Shortly after the first treatment, the results on water clarity were astounding. The lake bottom is clearly visible from the middle of the lake, lake color is normal, there were no observable environmental impacts and testing the water column shows the lake responded as expected: Tested water quality parameters returned to more normal levels.

The real test will come this summer when the lake naturally heats up during hot periods and historically algae blooms materialize.



PARDON OUR PROGRESS:

Road improvements underway

THIS SPRING MARKED THE START of three road improvement projects in Lakewood that will result in dramatic changes for the neighborhoods they serve.

ONYX DRIVE

Work began in April in the Oakbrook neighborhood preparing two sections of Onyx Drive for expansion to accommodate sidewalks and shared use path. Trees and other vegetation were removed from the public right-of-way by the city's contractor Active Construction, Inc.

With the area clear, crews began storm drainage improvements on Onyx Drive between Garnet Lane SW and Phillips Road SW and between 87th and 97th Streets. Utility companies also relocated facilities.

Once complete later this year, a 1.55-mile stretch of Onyx Drive will be rebuilt with these key features:

- 12 foot travel lane in each direction.
- 8 foot wide shared sidewalk on the south side of the road with a two foot roadside buffer.
- 6 foot wide sidewalk on the north side of the road.
- Street lighting suitable for the residential setting.
- Realignment of the Onyx Drive/Phillip Road intersection.
- Raised crosswalks at the intersections of:
 - 97th Avenue
 - 78th Street
 - Coral Lane
- Radar feedback signs.
- Locking cluster mailboxes.

View overhead pictures and updates of this project online at: cityoflakewood.us/public_works_engineering/onyx

STEILACOOM BOULEVARD/88TH STREET

Also in April, Steilacoom Boulevard/88th Street saw storm drainage improvements, pavement rehabilitations and overlay begin between its intersection with Weller and Custer roads.

This work is being done to prepare the road for the eventual inclusion of bike facilities, 5-foot wide concrete sidewalks, street lighting and modifications to the Chambers Creek Bridge. Construction of the sidewalks and new LED streetlights is anticipated in 2022-2023.

VETERANS DRIVE

In Lake City residents saw the first phase of work begin in mid-May as the city's contractor Miles Resources, Inc., began removing trees and other vegetation from the public right-of-way.

The road will experience phased closures as work progresses along the 1.21-mile stretch from Gravelly Lake Drive to the entrance of the VA Hospital.

Improvements include:

- 12 foot travel lane in each direction with no center turn lane.
- 10 foot wide shared path on the south side of the road with a 3-5 foot roadside buffer.
- 7 foot wide sidewalk on the north side of the road.
- Limited and intermittent landscape within the buffer.
- Street lighting suitable for the residential setting.
- Roundabouts at:
 - Lake City Boulevard
 - Vernon Avenue
 - Dolly Madison Street
- Radar feedback signs.
- Preservation of the large oak tree at the mini mart.
- Direct pedestrian access to American Lake Park.
- Expansion and reconfiguration of the American Lake Park parking lot.
- Lockable cluster mail boxes.

Construction will continue through the summer and is expected to be complete later this year.

View project updates online at: cityoflakewood.us/public_works_engineering/improving-veterans-drive/





Future of transportation in Lakewood

In June the Lakewood City Council adopted the proposed 6-year Transportation Improvement Program.

The document outlines upcoming road and transportation improvement projects in the city for the years 2021 to 2026. As part of its review process, the City Council listened to public feedback to make sure the document accurately reflected the needs of the community.

During the fall of 2019 the City Council met to review met to discuss Legislative Priorities and Transportation options. Part of that review included a look at the city's transportation program and upcoming projects.

Whether through the addition of sidewalks or bike lanes, council members requested the 2021-2026 TIP include more connections between city neighborhoods and parks and commercial districts.

Since incorporation in 1996 city leaders have prioritized pedestrian and bike connectivity to create safer roadways for drivers and pedestrians alike. At the time of incorporation the majority of roads in Lakewood were without sidewalks or bike lanes.

In the more than two decades since, a concerted effort was made to add these connection points. Today about 20 percent of the city has sidewalks with more in the queue as part of upcoming major transportation improvement projects are completed.

You can find out more information around future road projects planned for Lakewood on the city's capital projects page: cityoflakewood.us/category/public-works-engineering/capital-projects



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IMPROVING ACCESS THROUGH LAKE CITY

While work continues on Veterans Drive, city engineers are moving forward on a second major road improvement project in the Lake City neighborhood.

Known as the JBLM North Access improvement, the scope of work includes a complete rebuild of 3.5 miles on the corridor spanning Washington Boulevard from the western city limit at North Gate Road and Edgewood Avenue east to Gravelly Lake Drive.



Other improvements proposed include rebuilding Vernon Avenue between Washington Boulevard and Veterans Drive, and rebuilding two sections of Gravelly Lake Drive: one between Washington Boulevard and Veterans Drive and the second a section just east of the road's intersection with Veterans Drive headed to Nyanza Road.

Improvements through the corridor include sidewalks, bike facilities, landscaping and street lighting. Roundabouts are proposal at each intersection through the corridor.

Design for the project was completed in June. The city applied for a grant to help fund part of the estimated \$18.2 million project cost. Notification of whether the grant will be awarded is expected in September 2020.

The city anticipates accepting contractor bids for the project by late fall 2020 with construction possible in 2021.

Visit the city's website for project updates and to see a video of how the redesigned road could look: cityoflakewood.us/design-jblm-north-access-improvement



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Crime in Lakewood continues downward trend

IN 2019 THE CITY'S OVERALL CRIME RATE

DROPPED just over 7 percent from 2018. At the end of the first quarter 2020, crime was down another 3.8 percent.

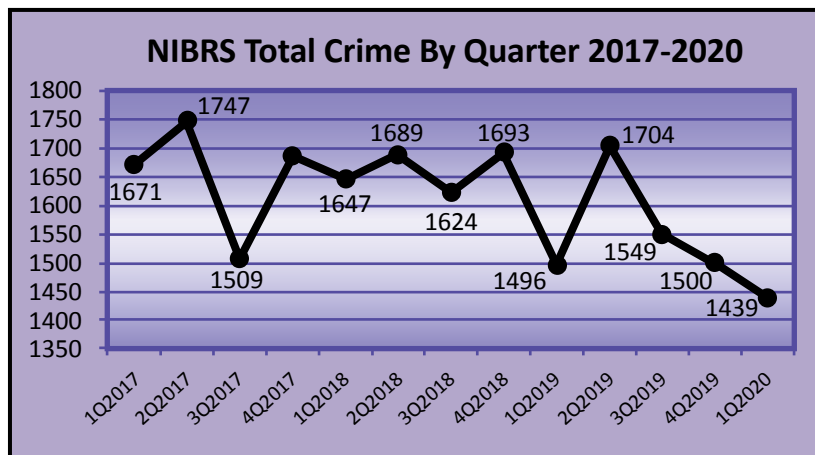
The Lakewood Police Department tracks crime across a number of areas, including property crimes, person crimes and overall crime. Each of these areas saw continued declines at the end of the first quarter 2020—before the COVID-19 public health crisis impacted calls for service.

Specific to property crimes and the city's overall crime rate, each had boasted the lowest quarter recorded in five years.

Person crimes were down 10.6 percent from the first quarter in 2019, marking the second lowest first quarter recording the department has seen in three years.

At the start of 2020, Police Chief Mike Zaro shared with the Lakewood City Council some of the steps the department took in 2019 to continue to bring down the city's crime numbers.

That included targeting retail theft and stepping up patrols by the department's bicycle team through Lakewood Towne Center, especially during the busy holiday shopping season. These efforts, along with the improved economy, likely contributed to the significant decline in property crime in 2019 of 14.6 percent over 2018.



While crime statistics fluctuate due to varying factors, the long-term trend in Lakewood is that overall crime continues to be on the decline due in large part to the efforts of the men and women in the Lakewood Police Department and the partnerships they've built with our community.

"While we like to see the downward trend, we know there is more work to do and we need to remain vigilant to continue reducing crime," Zaro said. "Particularly in the face of drastic social and economic changes."

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2020 Events

Although we had to cancel some of our summer events this year due to COVID-19, we are still finding ways to bring the community together in a safe, responsible way.

Whether it's our Farmers Market, our new Drive-in Movies or our Summer Concert Series, we ask all visitors to please respect signage and the safety protocols in place to protect everyone and limit the spread of COVID-19.

And if you're not ready yet to join us yet, that's OK too. We're ready when you are.

Follow the city on social media (FB: @lakewoodparks, @lakewoodwa) or visit our website cityoflakewood.us for updated information about what is planned.

Happening this summer:

LAKEWOOD FARMERS MARKET

3-7 p.m. | June 19-Sept. 18

Fort Steilacoom Park

Buy farm-fresh produce from local farmers, support local vendors and enjoy Friday Night Food Trucks.

DRIVE-IN MOVIES

AT FORT STEILACOOM PARK

Dusk (approx. 9:30 p.m.)

Aug. 21 presented by CHI Franciscan

Aug. 28 TBA

Fort Steilacoom Park

Stay tuned for movie list and more dates as August draws near.

Celebrate Fall in Lakewood

TRUCK AND TRACTOR DAY

12-3 p.m. | Oct. 10

Fort Steilacoom Park

Free pumpkins, giant sling shot, climb on trucks and tractors!

MAKE-A-DIFFERENCE DAY

9 a.m.-12 p.m. | Oct. 24

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Lakewood SummerFEST canceled, other city-run events modified due to COVID-19

The health and safety of the Lakewood community is our highest priority. It is through this lens that the city reviewed its planned events for 2020 to determine which could be held in accordance with current public health recommendations, including proper social distancing to minimize public interactions and help keep people safe.

Based on current conditions, the city made the difficult decision to cancel a number of upcoming events, including our signature summer celebration: Lakewood SummerFEST.

After reviewing different scenarios, it was determined SummerFEST, which last year drew nearly 50,000 people, could not be held in a way where social distancing practices could be achieved.

This is the first time in more than two decades that SummerFEST will not be held at Fort Steilacoom Park. While we are sad that we won't be able to celebrate the summer with our residents, we know that this was the right decision needed at this time to keep our community healthy.

Similarly, the inaugural Lakewood Night Market at the Colonial Plaza was canceled. Like many of our residents, the city was looking forward to kicking off this new market in 2020. But after careful consideration it was decided to postpone the event so that it can be launched with all the fanfare it deserves next year. We look forward to an even bigger opening night celebration in 2021.

National Night Out, typically held the first Friday in August, is postponed to early October. More information about this event will be made available at the end of summer on the city website and social media accounts.

There is some good news: The Lakewood Farmers market is open.

Considered an essential service, the Lakewood Farmers Market opened June 19 at Fort Steilacoom Park, which allowed

more space for vendors to spread out. Find out about the new format in this publication.

We have entered a unique time in our nation's history. We know social distancing and protections from communicable diseases will be part of how we do business in the short-term, and likely even longer as we continue to evolve in our response to COVID-19 and protecting the community.

As we enter the coming months the city assures its residents we are committed to making responsible, informed, substantive and meaningful changes in how we offer services and events in 2020 and beyond.



Return to the city's website (cityoflakewood.us) often to see the latest news and information around upcoming events and facility reservations, as well as how the city is adapting to the latest health guidelines and recommendations. We appreciate your support and patience during this unique and challenging time.

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The Lakewood Farmers Market opened June 19 at its new location in Fort Steilacoom Park and will run Fridays through the summer until Sept. 18 in the parking lot adjacent to the baseball fields. The new location allows us to achieve social distancing and meet public health directives to keep the community safe during the current health crisis.

New this summer we will offer drive-thru and walk-thru options for our market visitors.

People can park and walk around the perimeter of the

booths to purchase items, or they can drive through the middle of the market to pick up items they pre-ordered.

Visit our website:
cityoflakewood.us/lakewood-farmers-market to find out how to pre-order.

WE ASK ALL MARKET VISITORS

to please be mindful of social distancing, read posted signs and follow directions in order to keep everyone, vendors and visitors, safe. We will have portable hand washing stations available and a restroom nearby for public use.

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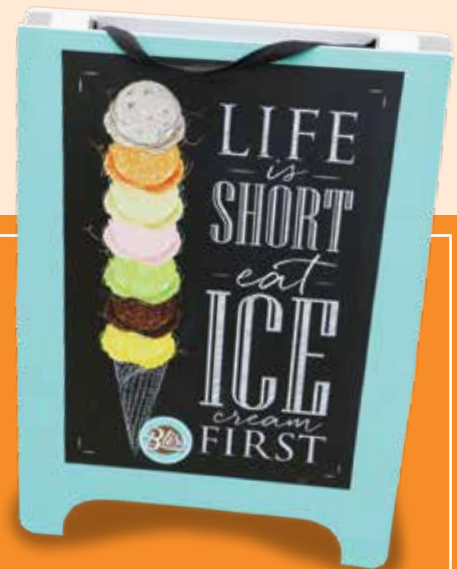
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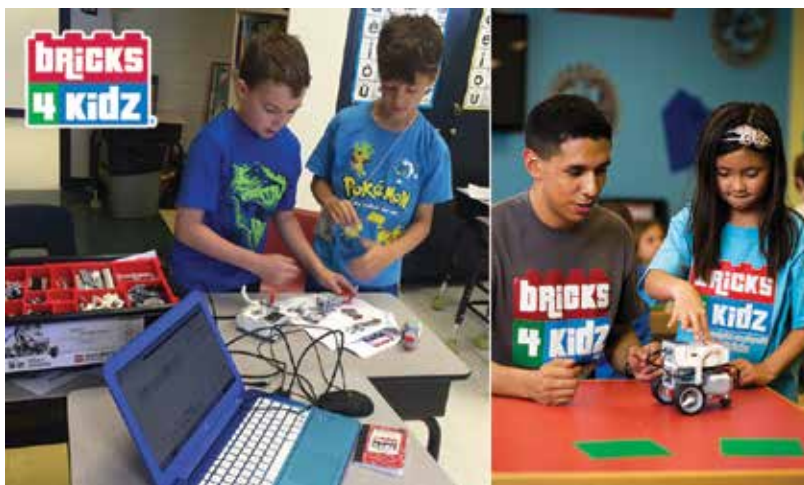
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From health and safety risks, to creating erroneous

impressions that our neighborhoods are unsafe, illegal dumping is a crime that affects all of us all. It also costs taxpayers upwards of \$50,000 a year for our crews to clean up the illegally dumped materials.

That's why we're asking you to help us stop illegal dumping in Lakewood!

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

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 - Call Waste Connections services (1-800-34LEMAY or 253-875-5053).
 - Use the city's Fall / Spring Clean-ups.
 - Take waste to a transfer station.
 - Donate items.
- Do not transport unsecured loads.
- Do not pay contractors or hauling companies unless they show you a paid landfill receipt.
- Spread the word that illegal dumping is a crime.
- Report illegal dumping:
 - If you see it happening call 911 and try to capture the vehicle license plate and description of people involved.
 - If you see it after the fact report it using our free mobile app: MyLakewood311, or call the non-emergency police line at 253-798-4721.
- Organize a neighborhood clean-up.



Is your carbon monoxide alarm ready to be replaced?

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oxide alarms typically

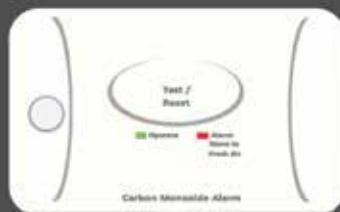
have a seven year life span. Now seven years after the law went into effect, West Pierce Fire & Rescue has seen an increase in calls from residents having problems with their alarms.

It is recommended to check your current carbon monoxide alarm to ensure it is working, replace the batteries or replace the entire unit itself. It is also recommend to read the back of your alarm to know what the different sounds mean. Most alarms have different sounds, one to indicate a low battery and one

for when carbon monoxide is detected. A little time now can prevent you from hearing that annoying beep at 2 o'clock in the morning.

CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

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Replace your CO Alarm if:

- It was installed in or before 2013. They generally have a 7-year life span.
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