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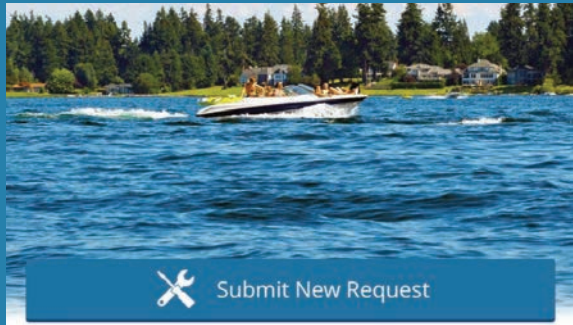
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Dec. 12, 2020

6:00-8:00pm

**Perimeter Road
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Enter behind Panera Bread**



Light up your holidays by viewing our "reverse" parade from the comfort of your car. Viewers drive by and view the delightfully lit and decorated floats that are placed along Perimeter Road at the Lakewood Towne Center

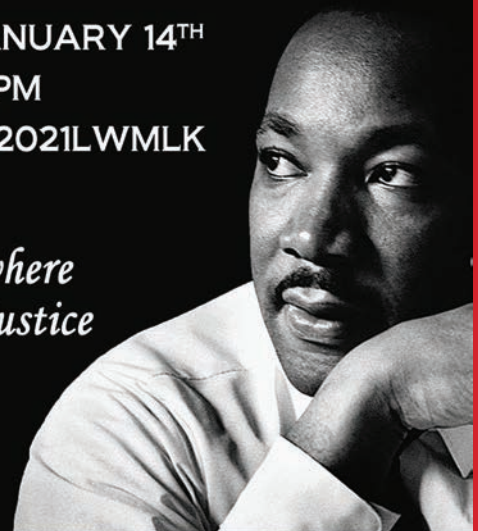
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 14TH

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is a threat to justice
everywhere."*



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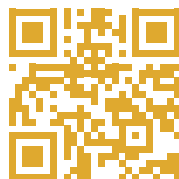
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LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL UPDATE



Lakewood continues proactive approach to State priorities in 2021

The Washington State Legislature convenes for the 2021 session on January 11. This session is likely to be unlike any other in history given the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Washington State Legislature is a bicameral body (two chambers) consisting of 49 members in the Senate and 98 members in the House of Representatives. Each legislative district in Washington is served by one Senator and two Representatives. Lakewood falls into two districts, the 28th and the 29th. As a result, the City is represented by two Senators and four Representatives.

As in previous years, the City Council prepared for the Session by researching and discussing issues and then adopting a State Legislative Agenda and Policy Manual. This groundwork coupled with the strong relationships the City has forged with our state delegation has led to many successes for the Lakewood community. A few recent highlights include securing state funding for the construction of Colonial Plaza, turf in-fields at Fort Steilacoom

Park, the expansion of Springbrook Park, and a number of road and sidewalk improvements, like the safe routes to school projects on Phillips Road and John Dower Road, and improvements to Gravelly Lake Drive and Veterans Drive. Our 2021 efforts aim to build off this success with the following priorities:

Economic Development Financing for Lakewood Landing

Establishing a financing tool that will help us move Lakewood Landing from vision to reality has been a City priority for the past few years. Lakewood Landing is a 25-acre property along I-5 that is primarily used for industrial purposes, including a WSDOT facility and some retail. The site's prime I-5 frontage and proximity to the Lakewood Sounder Station make it well suited for a mixed-use development and could feature such things as shopping, medical and other services, a movie theater, restaurants, condos or apartments. The City has made progress on this issue as more interest in financial tools develops within the Legislature.



Renderings of Lakewood Landing

Community Partnership Program at Washington State

Since 2007, the Lakewood Police Department has operated a highly effective Community Partnership Program at Western State Hospital (WSH). Since its inception, the program has reduced calls for police services at WSH by 40% and has facilitated a stronger relationship between hospital staff, police, and the community. This, in turn, has resulted in increased collaboration and mutual feelings of trust and respect.

Capital Budget Requests:

We will be seeking capital budget funding for the following:

- **An expansion of Living Access Support Alliance (LASA) facilities in Lakewood.** LASA is a nonprofit that provides emergency housing, rapid rehousing and transitional housing in Lakewood, in addition to case management, and a range of other services to prevent homelessness. We are working with LASA to acquire additional space to expand their existing facilities. We are requesting \$500,000 for LASA to accelerate this project and expand needed services in Lakewood.
- **Improvements at Wards Lake Park (WLP).** We are requesting \$250,000 to help complete a multi-faceted park revitalization project at WLP that will improve safety and access for a historically underserved community in Lakewood, restore and enhance environmental systems, and increase recreational opportunities.
- **ADA improvements at American Lake Park (ALP).** We are requesting \$250,000 toward ADA access improvements at ALP. Since incorporation, Lakewood has worked to create more equitable access to parks. This project will provide a new ADA ramp to the shoreline and boat launch area and provide easier access to the restrooms and picnic shelters.

- **Multimodal transportation study.** We are requesting \$250,000 for a study to look at ways to increase connectivity and relieve congestion along the I-5 corridor between Lakewood and DuPont. This study would include consideration of passenger rail service and stops. Improvements to this area would provide more equitable transportation access to historically underserved communities.

Adult Family Homes

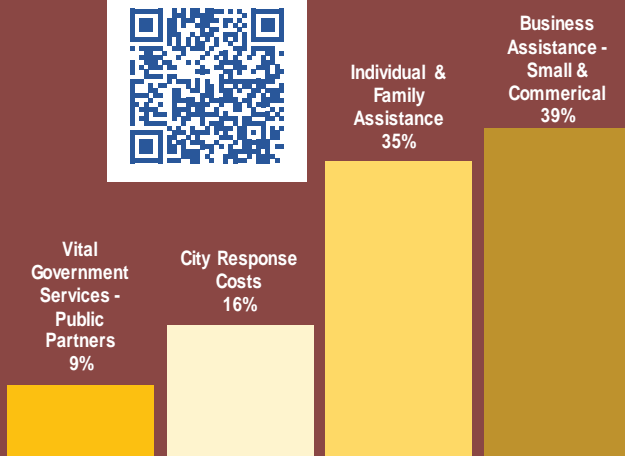
As in past sessions, we will continue to push for additional oversight and regulation of adult family home businesses to ensure that the state's most vulnerable residents living in these homes are safe. This past session our state legislators introduced a number of bills aimed at keeping violent offenders out of these homes, but none gained enough support to move forward.

Many of us on the City Council have lived here for a number of years, if not decades. If it's important to you, it's important to us. We will continue to advocate on your behalf during the 2021 Legislative Session in order to improve the quality of life for everyone who calls Lakewood home. We want to express our sincere thanks to our legislators for the important work that they do on behalf of Lakewood. To learn more about our legislative priorities, scan this QR code.



City's CARES Act funds

In March 2020, the federal government passed the \$2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). From the state of Washington, the City received a total of \$2.6 million in CARES Act funds. As of early November, here's how the City used these funds. To learn more scan the QR code.





The city of Gimhae is located in southeastern South Korea in the South Gyeongsang Province. As the bird flies, the distance between the Lakewood and Gimhae is over 5,000 miles. From SeaTac International Airport it's an 18-hour plus flight with one or two stops along the way.

This past August, Gimhae provided a donation to the City that demonstrated that friendship has no bounds and that a "friend in need is a friend indeed."

GIMHAE AT A GLANCE

Gimhae has a population of around 550,000 and is located directly outside of Korea's second largest city, Busan, which has a population of around 3.5 million. Gimhae is home to Busan International Airport which handles over 9 million travelers per year. Akin to most of western Washington, Gimhae has relatively mild weather due to its proximity to the ocean.

FRIENDSHIP CITIES

In October of 2006, the City and Gimhae became Friendship Cities. The purpose of this relationship is to champion friendly cooperation with one another, promote mutual understanding of each community, and establish meaningful and lasting connections across the globe.

As a mainstay of this relationship, both cities engage in reciprocal visits to promote international exchange. Visiting representatives from one city go on VIP tours of the other. This includes visiting the city's primary businesses and attractions, as well as other landmark institutions. They also engage in cultural events and sports activities aimed to help increase the cultural understanding of the city being visited. Gimhae is home to a Korean National League soccer club, Gimhae FC, and hosts a major cultural event once a year, the Gaya Cultural Festival.

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These trips also provide the chance for each city to meet one another's government officials, residents, business owners, and community stakeholders. In April of 2019, Lakewood City Councilmember Mike Brandstetter, the president of the Lakewood Sister City Association, and a representative from Pierce College, visited Gimhae and attended the 43rd Annual Gaya Cultural Festival. This five-day festival celebrates and preserves the history of this area.



The festival is named after the Gaya Kingdom founded in 42 A.D., one of the four kingdoms in the Korean peninsula at the time. As the capital city, Gimhae served a prominent role in the Gaya Kingdom. The Gaya Cultural Festival includes a colorful program featuring folk art, food, a large procession and a tug-of-war game that includes hundreds of festival goers.

Councilmember Brandstetter speaking of the exchange in 2019 noted that it "was well worth doing and we were really well received... [The Gaya Festival] is rather elaborate, somewhat like a four day SummerFest, with lots of entertainment and things going on but with lots of historical reference."

In the summer 2019, Gimhae representatives visited Lakewood and were provided a tour of Lakewood and attended the City's annual community blockbuster event, SummerFEST. Due to COVID-19, there was no exchange in 2020.

GIMHAE'S DONATION

This August, the City received a donation of 10,000 KF94 masks and 1,000 sets of personal protection equipment (PPE) from Gimhae to help the City respond to the coronavirus pandemic. KF94 masks have a filter performance of 94% just slightly less than the US mask rating N95. The PPE sets included full body suits, booties, N95 masks, googles, and gloves.

Exemplifying the spirit of the Friendship City relationship, Gimhae donated the masks and PPE as an act of support, collaboration and friendship between the two cities during this trying time.

Lakewood Mayor Don Anderson expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Gimhae for this act.

“We are so incredibly grateful for Gimhae’s generosity and support as we continue to respond to the coronavirus pandemic here in Lakewood. This donation will make a significant difference in our ability to effectively suppress the spread of the virus, particularly for some of Lakewood’s most vulnerable residents. We look forward to many more future collaborations with Mayor Seong Gon Heo and the city of Gimhae.”

The City in turn distributed the KF94 masks to community members, non-profits and local businesses for use by Lakewood residents and businesses. In total, the City provided KF 94 masks to:

- » West Pierce Fire and Rescue - 800 masks
- » Lakewood’s Choice - 200 masks
- » Western State Hospital - 600 masks
- » Emergency Food Network - 5,000 masks
- » Lakewood Chamber of Commerce - 1,600 masks
- » Asian Pacific Cultural Center - 1,200 masks

The PPE sets will be used by first responders out in the community and by the City for clean-ups involving potential workplace exposures to COVID-19.

THANK YOU, GIMHAE

At the Lakewood City Council Regular Meeting on September 21, the Lakewood City Council recognized Gimhae for their donation of masks and PPE, as well as for their continued friendship and support. The City’s recognition included a proclamation and a thank you video featuring the Lakewood City Council, the Lakewood Sister Cities Association, Mayor Don Anderson and the Emergency Food Network, West Pierce Fire and Rescue, and the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce.

For help with its Sister and Friendship cities, the City partners with the Lakewood Sister Cities Association, an independent non-profit organization that was established to help promote meaningful cultural, educational, tourism, and trade exchanges between Lakewood and its Sister cities and Friendship cities. This donation really highlights all the work and effort this group put into helping cultivate these relationships.

The City and the Lakewood Sister Cities Association look forward to strengthening its relationship with Gimhae and to a time when in-person exchanges between the two cities can safely happen again. Until then the City would like to say **gamsahamnida (thank you)**, Gimhae.





ALL RISE & WELCOME JUDGE LISA MANSFIELD

Judge Lisa Mansfield was appointed as the Lakewood Municipal Court Judge this past September. The position became open due to the departure of Judge Susan Adams who was appointed by Governor Jay Inslee to serve on the Pierce County Superior Court. Judge Mansfield will serve in this position for the remainder of Judge Adams' term which expires on December 31, 2021.

In Lakewood, the municipal court judge is appointed because it is a part-time position. The Lakewood Municipal Court Judge also works part-time for the cities of DuPont and University Place, and the town of Steilacoom.

Judge Mansfield became the first judge in City history to be sworn in online during a virtual Lakewood City Council Meeting. At the ceremony, Judge Mansfield expressed her gratitude to the people of Lakewood sharing:

"I look forward to serving you. I look forward to treating each and every person that comes before me with the respect that they deserve. I am honored to be here and I will faithfully do my duties to the best of my abilities. I will treat everyone equally under the law regardless of who they may be."

Judge Mansfield has worked 17 years with the Pierce County Department of Assigned Counsel who is responsible for providing legal services to indigent persons. In addition to this work, Judge Mansfield has also served as a Judge Pro-Tempore for Thurston County District Court since 2018. Judge Mansfield has ample experience building and enhancing therapeutic courts.

Tell us a little about yourself...

I am a Nashville, Tennessee native but I grew up in Norfolk, Virginia. My dad was a veteran of the Vietnam War. I went to undergraduate school in New York City. I came out to the northwest in 1991 to go to the University of Washington Law School. I was interested in both trial advocacy and alternative dispute resolution (ADR). University of Washington School of Law had great trial and ADR professors and I took advantage of both programs.

I still use the skills I gained in law school on the bench today. For most of my professional life I've been a public defender.

What made you interested in a career in law?

Lawyers were always respected agents of justice in the community where I grew up. My father attended Lincoln University in Lincoln, Pennsylvania and it was the same college that the first African American Supreme Court Justice, Thurgood Marshall attended. In our home, we often discussed the civil rights movement and law and justice were central to those discussions. That's why I always wanted to become a lawyer.

What do you like best about the PNW?

The natural beauty to me is unmatched from anywhere I have travelled in the world. When I first came out here from New York City it was August and there were salmon BBQs, the mountain was out, and I thought I had entered paradise. Then the rains came and I had to get used to that... When I did, there's no place else I would rather live because it is so beautiful.

On therapeutic courts

Lakewood's Veterans Treatment Court was what piqued my interest in this position... I was very instrumental in getting the Best for Babies Court model off of the ground. The program is affectionately called "Baby Court." Baby Court surrounds families with infants from zero to three years old, that are in Dependencies, with best practices and community support. We found that with that extra support the Dependency time period was shorter and folks were just better served all around. This type of hands-on court model is also central to how we are serving the participants in Veterans Treatment Court.

What's one piece of advice you want pass on?

Seek to understand first and then seek to be understood. Listening first is the model I use when I am sitting on the bench and in my daily life.

CRIME CONTINUES TO DECLINE IN Q3 OF 2020

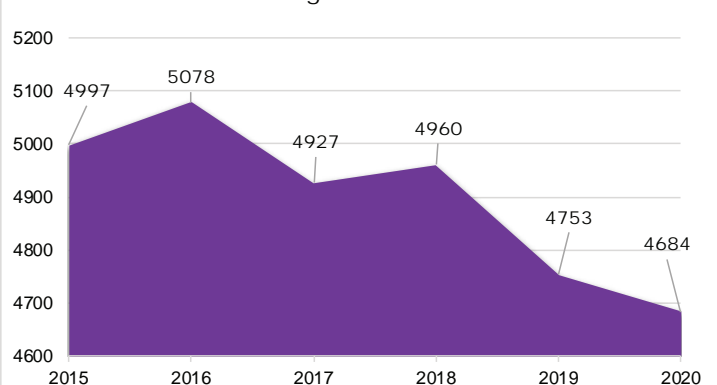
In the third quarter (Q3) of 2020, crime continued to decline across a number of the areas in which the Lakewood Police Department tracks crime, including declines in person crimes and society crimes. The City did have an uptick in total crime in the Q3 compared to Q1 and Q2 of 2020. This increase is primarily due to the spike in property crime caused largely by an increase in vehicle thefts and vandalism.

Notably, the total crime rate for 2020 is still significantly lower than in past years. Through the first three quarters of 2020, the City had a total of 4,684 crimes compared to 4,753 in 2019 and 4,960 in 2018 for the same period of time. This equates to decreases of 4% and 5.6%, respectively. Since incorporation in 1996, crime in Lakewood has declined by almost 50% reflecting the City's commitment to public safety.

To learn more about Lakewood crime statistics, scan this QR code.



Total Crime through first 3 Quarters 2015-2020



It takes a village

Creating a Sustainable Human Services System in Lakewood



The City recognizes that one group, whether a government or non-profit, alone cannot solve the community's most pressing issues.

As the proverb goes, it takes a village. And a village is exactly what the City works hard to create – a collaborative community where human service providers and community stakeholders work together leveraging their respective resources and skills to help meet the diverse needs of our community.

Since incorporation, the City has worked with partners and community members to tackle pressing social issues in Lakewood in a sustainable, community-led way. While knowing the City and its partners still have considerable work to do, it is important to highlight the work we've done and the successes we've had in the recent past.

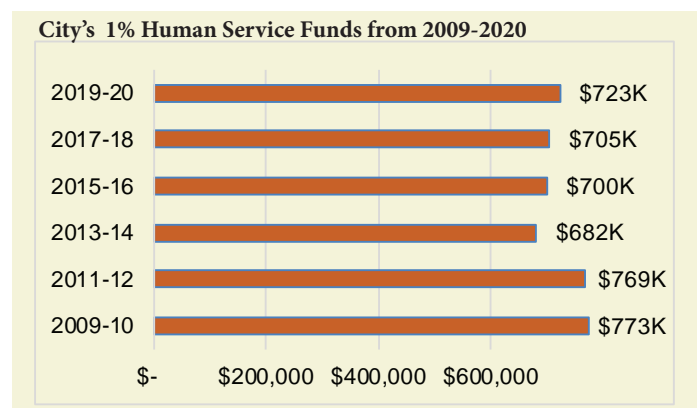
The most important action we've taken is creating a strong human services system that is focused on the interests of the community, capable of responding to on-going and developing needs, and is an effective and efficient use of resources. Here are just a few ways the City, with its community partners, supports the human services needs of our community:

Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board

Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board was established in 1996 and consists of eleven representatives. The Board is challenged with looking for innovative ways to collaborate and develop relationships with Lakewood organizations, residents and businesses to improve the lives of Lakewood Youth. The Board prints a quarterly What's UP! newsletter, which is distributed throughout the community through Lakewood schools. The Board also coordinates the monthly Lakewood Community Collaboration meetings and supports the City's Youth Council. The Board is currently focused on bringing more awareness regarding youth mental health and supporting community efforts in Lakewood.

Human Services Funding

The Lakewood City Council allocates 1% of its general fund budget to human services. From the start, the City recognized that the most effective ways to use these funds was to partner with existing non-profits that provide services in Lakewood. Since 2009, the City has allocated over \$4.3 million to community partners with these funds.



The City's Human Services Department works with the Community Services Advisory Board to develop a recommendation to the Lakewood City Council on the best uses for the 1% funds. It's a rigorous and competitive grant process. The Board reviews funding applications and conducts interviews as part of this process.

Since 2009, 1% funds have supported five categories of human services:

1. Emotional Supports & Youth Programming
2. Access to Food
3. Access to Health and Behavioral Health
4. Housing Assistance & Homeless Prevention
5. Other Crisis Stabilization

The pie chart to the left shows the City's 1% funding per the five categories since 2009.

In 2019, this funding supported the mission of 18 organizations and 23 programs in effort to meet the needs of Lakewood residents.

Lakewood Collaboration

The City also facilitates monthly community collaboration meetings to identify and understand the most urgent needs in the community and how City resources and various partnerships can be used to best tackle these needs. Over 60 community partners regularly attend these meetings to address important community issues.

Behavioral Contact Team

In 2015, the City in partnership with Greater Lakes Mental Health created the Behavioral Health Contact Team (BHCT), which consists of a mental health professional and a dedicated Lakewood Police Officer. The BHCT is embedded with regular patrol services and serve as a resource for those who are homeless and/or suffering from mental or behavioral health issues. Since its inception, the BHCT has helped an average of 546 people per year find the services they need.

Mental Health Resource Coordinator

Since 2018, through a grant from the Washington State Office of Public Defense, the City has provided funding to its Public Defender to have a part-time mental health resource coordinator to help individuals with, or eligible for, public defense representation. By providing a mental health resource coordinator, clients receive a more holistic public defense and public defenders are able to spend more time defending their clients.

Veteran's Treatment Court

Veteran's Treatment Court is a therapeutic court serving Lakewood, Steilacoom and DuPont that is for anyone who served in the armed forces with an open criminal charge and a nexus to a service-connected disability. The Court works collaboratively with community partners and resources to help veterans reintegrate in to the community.

Living Access Support Alliance Expansion

The City is working with Living Access Support Alliance (LASA) to expand their existing facility. LASA is a local nonprofit that provides emergency housing, rapid re-housing and transitional housing in Lakewood, in addition to case management, and a range of other services to prevent homelessness.

Habitat for Humanity Partnership

The City continues to partner with Habitat for Humanity to help build low-income housing in Lakewood. The City provides financial support to Habitat for Humanity through its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). Between 2001 and 2019, Habitat for Humanity has constructed 41 new homes for low-income families in the Tillicum neighborhood. Another nine homes are proposed in 2021 and 2022.

CDBG and HOME Programs

Over the past 20 years, the City has invested approximately \$4.6 million in CDBG funds to improve roads, add sewers, add sidewalks and install street lights in low-income neighborhoods. With CDBG and HOME funds, the City invested almost \$5.3 million in support of affordable and low-income housing in the form of home repairs, emergency assistance to help displaced individuals find housing and for down payment assistance.

Affordable Housing Sales Tax Credit Program

In 2020, the Lakewood City Council adopted an ordinance authorizing the Affordable Housing Sales Tax Credit. The City plans to use these funds, an estimated \$97,571 per year, with the City's CDBG program and in support of home repairs.

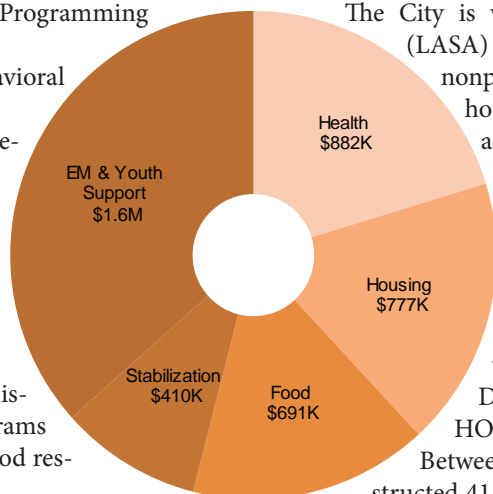
Rental Housing Safety Program (RHSP)

This proactive program is designed to ensure that all rental housing units comply with specific life and safety standards and are providing a safe place for tenants to reside. The program helps protect vulnerable tenants and those that may be afraid to complain about their housing in fear of landlord retaliation.

Other Housing Related Elements

The City works collaboratively with Pierce County to allocate State 2060 and 2163 funds, which support affordable housing and homelessness programs across Pierce County, including Lakewood.

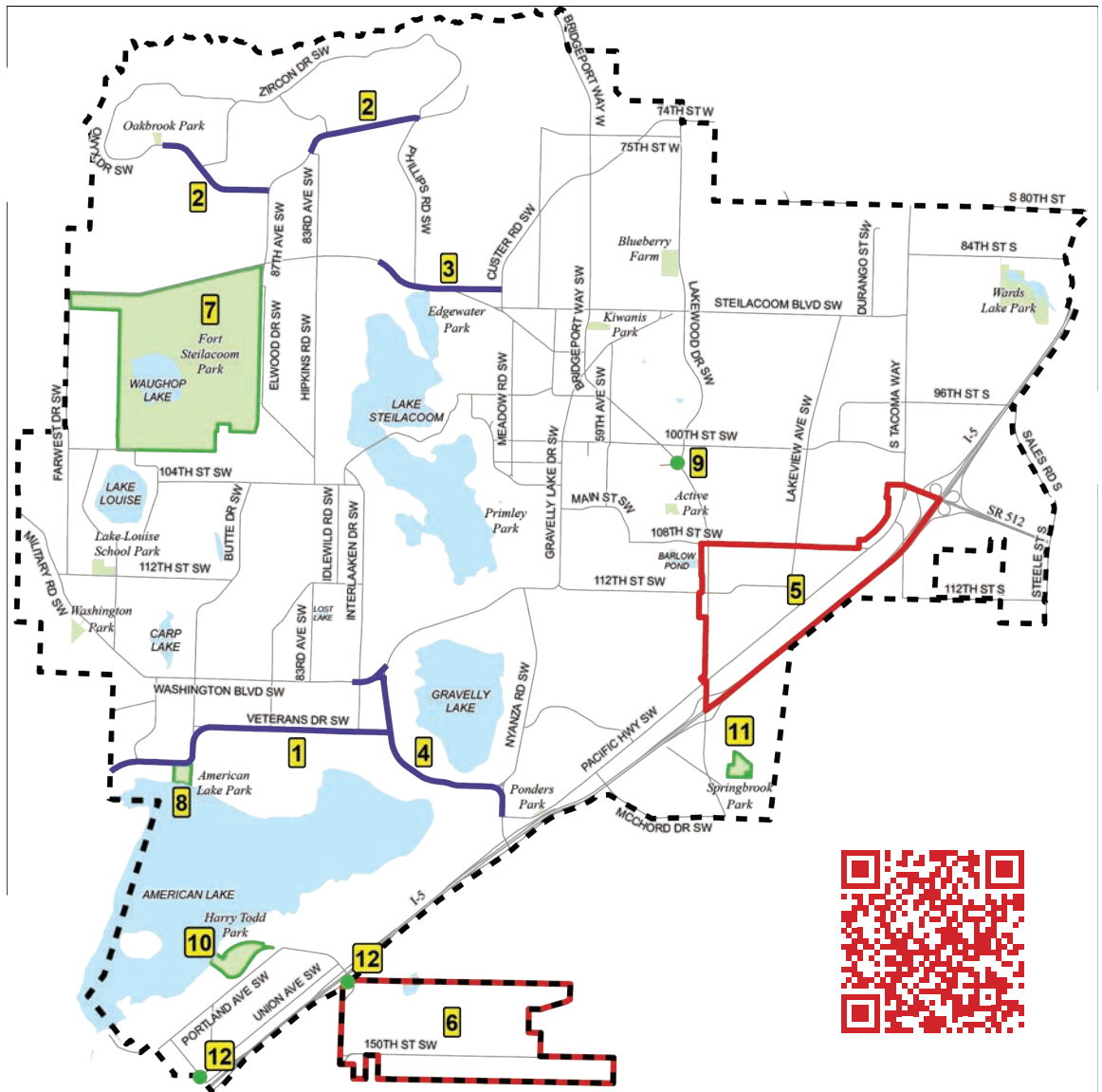
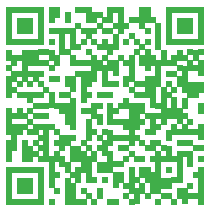
We recognize that there is still significant work ahead of us. We look forward to continuing to work with our community partners to meet the needs of our community.



Lakewood Boys & Girls Club event

What's going on around town

Learn about some of the City's major projects in 2020 & 2021



TRANSPORTATION

1. Veterans Drive

This project adds curb, gutter, sidewalks, bike facilities, street lighting and storm drainage systems on both sides of Veterans Drive (Gravelly Lake Drive to American Lake Park). The project includes the addition of three roundabouts which will improve traffic flow and vehicle safety. The project will also improve the parking lot at American Lake Park, including the addition of more ADA stalls and an ADA pathway to the road and park restroom. The base lift of asphalt will be laid and sidewalks, curb and gutter will be installed along this corridor by the end of 2020. The final asphalt lift will be done in spring of 2021.

2. Onyx Drive (97th Ave to 87th Ave & Garnet Ln. SW to Phillips Rd. SW)

This project rebuilds 1.55 miles of roadway on Onyx Drive including adding curb and gutter on both sides of the road,

as well as improved bike and pedestrian facilities, and street lighting. As part of the pedestrian improvements, this project will add raised crosswalks and an 8-foot wide sidewalk on the south side of the road and a 6-foot wide sidewalk on the north side of the road. This project will be completed by the end of 2020.

COMING SOON

3. Steilacoom Blvd / 88th Sidewalks / Bike Infrastructure

This project involves widening Steilacoom Blvd. and 88th Street between Weller Road and Custer Road for the inclusion of bike facilities and 5-foot wide concrete sidewalks. New pavement, curb, gutter, and stormwater improvements were completed along this section in 2020.

4. JBLM – North Access Improvement Project Phase I (Gravelly Lake Drive – Washington Blvd & Nyanza)

Phase I of this project will add curb, gutter, sidewalks on

both side of the road, bike facilities, storm drainage facilities, landscaping, street lighting, three new traffic signals, and roundabouts between Pacific Highway and Interlaaken Drive along Gravelly Lake Drive and Washington Boulevard. The four roundabouts will be installed at the Nyanza, Veterans Drive, Washington Blvd, Interlaaken intersections. Construction is planned for 2021 and 2022.

5. Lakewood Drive – Steilacoom Blvd to Flett Creek

This project will include roadway improvements including asphalt curb, sidewalk, electrical, stormwater, and channelization along Lakewood Drive from Steilacoom Boulevard to Flett Creek. Anticipated construction start date is early 2021. Anticipated project completion date is end of 2021.

6. 108th, Bridgeport Way to Pacific Highway South Overlay

This project will provide an asphalt overlay and upgrade existing curb ramps to meet current ADA standards along this 0.8-mile stretch.



PARKS

7. Fort Steilacoom Park - Angle Lane South Improvements

This project is almost done! It includes resurfacing Angle Lane South, adding a new parking lot, entry sign, restroom and plaza and included trailhead improvements near the award winning 22-acre Fort Steilacoom Dog Park. The City is also working with the Nisqually Tribe to add benches and other site amenities in the new plaza area.

7. Pavilion at the Park Improvements

This project adds restrooms and a warming kitchen to the Pavilion at the Park in Fort Steilacoom Park. These additions will make the facility more functional and marketable for public and private events. Check out our website for rental information.

8. New Picnic Shelter at American Lake Park

Pierce County Council's adopted 2020-2021 budget included \$35,000 for a Lakewood park improvement project, courtesy of County Council Chairman Doug Richardson. The City will install a new shelter after the parking lot is finished at American Lake Park (see Veterans Drive Project). Major restoration of this site is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2021 which will include creating ADA access to the beach.

9. Service Club sign

The City is proud of the work and partnerships with our various service clubs. The City is placing a combined service club sign near Bridgeport Way and Lakewood Drive.

10. Harry Todd Park Improvements

Major restoration is happening at Harry Todd Park in the Tillicum neighborhood. Improvements will make the waterfront area more accessible. Improvements include: a new fishing pier, finger docks, and restroom building. Improvements should be completed in time for a busy summer 2021 season.

COMING SOON

7. Turf Infields at Fort Steilacoom Park

This project replaces the dirt infields with synthetic turf material on four baseball fields at Fort Steilacoom Park. These upgrades will make Fort Steilacoom Park a more desirable location for large tournaments. By keeping the outfields natural grass, the City is able to continue overlaying soccer fields and other open space needs throughout the year in this area. The City is working with Pierce College to make additional improvements on Field #3 to develop a facility that can serve as a home field. Additional grants are anticipated to support this improvement.

11. Springbrook Park Expansion

This project will expand the footprint of the park, add park amenities and help with the restoration of Clover Creek. Anticipated improvements include a dog park, basketball court, irrigated turf areas, pathways and improved access to the park with sidewalks and road improvements. This project is funded in part with a State grant of \$773,000.

12. Gateway Signs

Two new gateways are being created in conjunction with the JBLM WSDOT improvements along I-5. One will be in the roundabout near Camp Murray and will welcome people to the Tillicum neighborhood. The other will be on the east side of the freeway to welcome visitors to the Woodbrook Business Park.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

13. Lakewood Station District Subarea Plan

The City continues to work on creating a cohesive plan for the area around the Lakewood Station. It is anticipated that the plan will be completed by 2021. The plan will include a Hybrid Form Based Code with an emphasis on economic growth, transit oriented development, walkability and "missing middle" housing. Stay up to date with the Plan's progress at: lakewoodstation.org

Record Setting Permit Activity Anticipated (not mapped)

Have you noticed all of the construction all around town this past year? Based on data through September it is anticipated that the City will experience the highest permit valuation (an estimated \$140,000,000 for 2020) since incorporation.

14. Woodbrook Industrial Park Development

Major changes are currently happening in Woodbrook. The former Woodbrook Middle School and several other lots are currently being redeveloped for commercial purposes.

Comprehensive Plan Updates (not mapped)

The City is in the process of making annual comprehensive plan amendments. The City is also working on an all new climate change chapter for the City's Comprehensive Plan.



SUMMER JAM LAKEWOOD FARMERS MARKET SHINES

This summer marked the City's ninth annual Lakewood Farmers Market. Even with all the adversity of 2020 the Lakewood Farmers Market was a huge success!

New Location - Fort Steilacoom Park

Due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements, the Lakewood Farmers Market was moved to Fort Steilacoom Park. In past years the City has hosted the market at City Hall. Fort Steilacoom Park provided ample space for vendors and market goers to safely spread out. Additionally, this move also provided plenty of free parking for market goers. While many community activities and events were canceled, farmers markets were allowed under the Safe Start Plan because they are an essential service.

New Time - Friday afternoons/early evening

We heard from community members that the previous Lakewood Farmers Market time of Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. was hard for many people to attend due to a variety of reasons. Based on this feedback we decided to try a new time - Friday afternoons. On two Friday evenings we followed the market with a drive-in movie, showing Grease and The Sandlot. These movies were very

successful and City will offer a number of drive-in movies events next year.

Results - 100% Fun!

The 2020 Lakewood Farmers Market was the most attended market ever in the history of the event for the City. It also had record sales for the market's vendors. The market was such an extraordinary success that the City decided to extend its run for four additional dates into October. The feedback the City received from these changes was overwhelmingly positive. People expressed that they felt safe at the new location and that the market was much more accessible. We also received a lot of positive feedback on Food Truck Friday. In addition to having fresh produce, hand cut flowers, homemade goodies, and other artisan crafts, this year's market featured a number of food trucks serving lumpia, burgers, Jamaican food, deep fried fair food, shaved ice and more!

Youth market goers were able to try fresh and healthy produce thanks to our sponsor CHI Franciscan Health who funded \$2 "healthy bucks" to over 2500 youth attendees. We look forward to seeing you all again next year at the Lakewood Farmers Market.



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WINTER IS COMING

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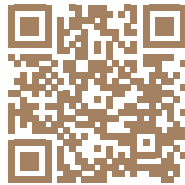
Can you feel it in the air? Winter is just around the corner.

Here at the City our operations and maintenance crew are ready for the snow. The City's arsenal of snow plowing equipment includes one ten-yard dump truck with plow and salt spreader, two five-yard dump trucks with plows and salt spreaders, two 1,000-gallon brine tanks for one of the five-yard dump trucks, one 500-gallon brine tank for the 1-ton flatbed truck, one 10,000-gallon brine storage tank and five trucks with plows.

The City has designated priority routes for snow and ice events (see maps). Priority Level I routes include the City's main arterials, the "big" streets which are high-capacity, such as Bridgeport Way SW and Steilacoom Boulevard, to name a few. We also focus on necessary access for first responders.

In addition to plowing, the City's crews also apply anti-icing treatments on roadways to prevent snow and ice from sticking (bonding) to the road in freezing temperatures. The City's anti-icing treatments is a salt brine, which is a solution of sodium chloride and table salt. This type of brine is the safest and most cost-effective anti-icing product available for our needs in the Western Washington climate.

To see a video of the city's trucks in action scan this QR code.



Over the line?

**Do you know where your property ends and the City road begins?
The answer might surprise you.**

Many people are not really sure where their property line is in relation to the public road. This is especially true if a property has well-established vegetation. Many believe the property line is the hedge, or the fence, or just at the end of their driveway.

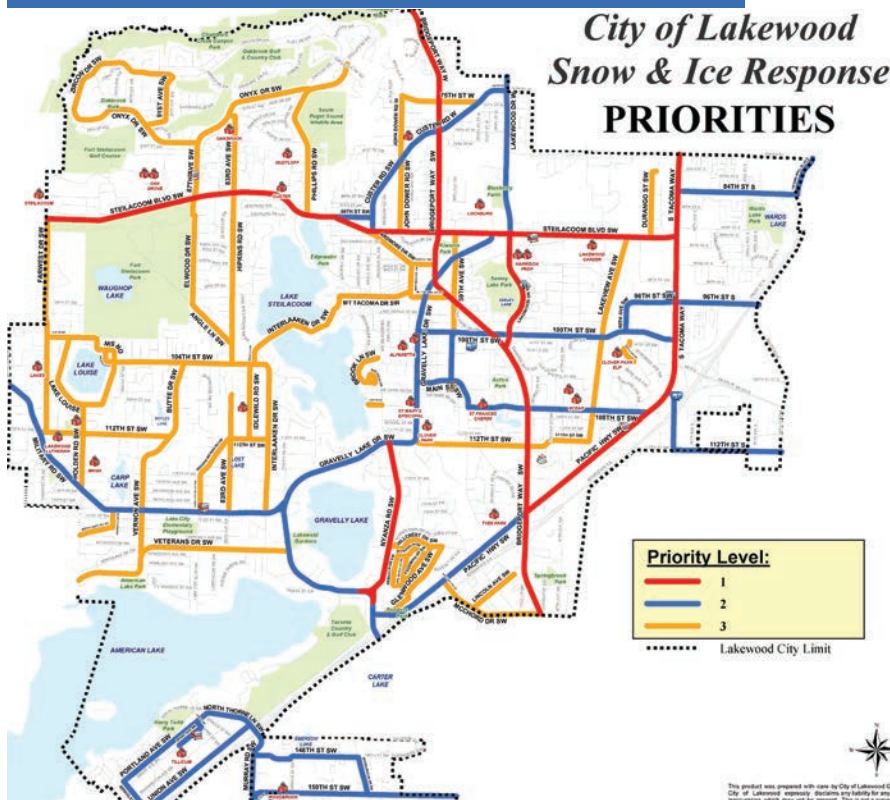
The actual property line is often very different.

Prior to City incorporation, the area that is now Lakewood did not have many curbs, gutters, or sidewalks. Overtime, fences and landscaping were installed very close to the road pavement and often well into the public rights-of-way (ROW). Public ROW is secured for City uses such as roads, alleys, medians, boarder areas, sidewalks, planting strips, and traffic circles.

Since incorporation, the City has made a concerted effort to improve road conditions, including adding sidewalks and streetlights. Through this process, the City and private land owners continue to discover many private improvements were mistakenly done in the public ROW.

These improvements must be removed from the public ROW as the City cannot "gift" public funds. A gift of public funds is a term used to define when a private entity, in this case the property owner, is "given" or allowed exclusive use of an asset owned by the public for their own use without just compensation. Gifting of public funds is an illegal action.

To understand exactly where your property line is you need to hire a licensed surveyor. To get a general idea, you can use Pierce County's public GIS webpage that shows every property in Pierce County. Try it here by scanning this QR code.



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UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

Virtual Christmas Tree Lighting

December 7

7 p.m.

Online

Join us at the Lakewood City Council meeting as we light up the City's Christmas Tree.

"REVERSE" Parade of Lights

December 12

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Lakewood Towne Center

The "Reverse" Parade of Lights will feature a stationary display of floats and vehicles that spectators can drive-thru to view with music. Santa will be there!

Virtual MLK Jr Ceremony

January 14

6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Online at: TinyUrl.com/MLK-Lakewood

We'll hear from community leaders, enjoy some music, and listen to a very special keynote speaker.

Park Appreciation Day

April 24

TBD

Various parks sites around the City

Spend the day outside and help beautify parks throughout Lakewood.

Lakewood Farmers Market

May 20 - September 30

(Thursdays)

1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Fort Steilacoom Park

Join us Thursdays for fresh produce, fruits, flowers, food trucks, fun and local craft goods.

SummerFEST

July 9, 10, 11

Fort Steilacoom Park

The summer outdoor festival you don't want to miss! Join us for this free, family-friendly event that has something for everyone.

Drive-in Movies

Select Fridays summer 2021

TBD

Fort Steilacoom Park

Experience a local drive-in movie in a beautiful park setting. Movies are TBD. We'll have popcorn and dinner options on-site.

Summer Nights at the Pavilion Concert Series

Select Thursdays summer 2021

TBD

Fort Steilacoom Park

Enjoy live music following the Lakewood Farmers Market. Bands will showcase various music genres. Come soak up the tunes.

Summer Camp

Summer 2021

The City will offer a low-cost summer day camp open to children ages 5 to 12 years.

City of Lakewood 25th Birthday Celebration

Summer 2021

Join in the fun as the City celebrates turning 25! More information coming soon.

Truck and Tractor Day

October 9

12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Fort Steilacoom Park

Take a free hay ride, climb aboard giant trucks, tractors, buses and fire trucks and honk the horn! This free, favorite fall festival is the perfect chance to build memories with your family.

For up-to-date information on City events scan this QR code



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