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25 years of community

summer
2021



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ABOUT OUR COVER:

Our 25th Anniversary Art Contest collected gorgeous submissions from students of Lakewood and our Sister City of Gimhae, South Korea. This is "Symbolic Unity", made by Park Hanbin from Gimhae.



Your City Council



Don Anderson
Mayor



Jason Whalen
Deputy Mayor



Mary Moss
Councilmember



Mike Brandstetter
Councilmember



Patti Belle
Councilmember



Linda Farmer
Councilmember



Paul Bocchi
Councilmember

A time for recovery and renewal

Lakewood was incorporated in 1996 – a quarter-century has passed since we took the leap to become an independent city. This anniversary is an opportunity to reflect on our history and to consider our future.

The promise of incorporation was to achieve a government that was more representative, responsive, and more specifically focused on this community. Lakewood residents voted to be better heard, better acknowledged, and better served.

Over the last 25 years, Lakewood has become safer. Crime has decreased by 42% since the city's incorporation.

Lakewood has become more prosperous. Millions of investment dollars are bringing new jobs and new commerce.

Between 2012 to 2019, 17.5% more jobs were created over a population growth of 2.4%. Lakewood's new largest private employer is set to move in – Aero Precision will employ over 800 people by the end of the year.

Lakewood has become more vibrant. We have been caring stewards for our 14 precious parks, from our smallest diamond (Primley Park) to our largest gem (Fort Steilacoom Park).

Lakewood's infrastructure has been greatly improved. We've built over 20 miles of new sidewalks and installed over 4,000 streetlights. Your roads are safe and smooth.

The pandemic has created extraordinary hardships for families, workers, and businesses. It has disrupted life as we knew it.

You have more to say than ever. You have a role in helping this community get back to normal. This Council is here to listen and here to help. We represent you, *proudly*.



Patti Belle

Your newest Councilmember

As a Lakewood City Councilmember, Patti will do her part to be a partner and deliver results for those that rely on Lakewood's services. She intends to legislate in a way that considers what's best for all residents, and to uphold the City's reputation for transparency and accessibility.



What's changed since 1996? **25 years**

We turned to local business leaders to ask about the changes they have observed since 1996 to their business and their community.

Tammy Birklid

Principal of Merit Construction

"I think it's obvious that great things are happening in Lakewood. We've been talking to the City and we've seen the drawings - even more great things are coming. We're excited to invest here and continue to build the future of our community here."

Jae Han

Owner of Boo-Han Market

"In the early 80's, there was a major immigration boom from Korea. A community has formed here along South Tacoma Way and we've seen a lot of growth in the restaurant and food service industries. Now, with the advent of social media, we notice a lot of young kids coming into the market to try Asian dishes they saw online. We're proud that we are able to introduce our culture to the general community."

Shawn Luvaas

Owner of Diamond Designs Unlimited

"How people do business has changed quite a bit. I seem to be using the computer quite a bit more than what I did 30 years ago. I love Lakewood - the business atmosphere is healthy and good, and I like that City Council is thankful to have business. I wouldn't leave."

Tammy Faelnar

President of A.A. Meats

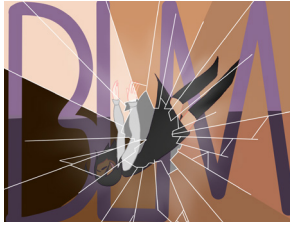
"I love Lakewood! It keeps getting better and better with all of the new roads and sidewalks, and beautiful parks. AA meats has been here since the 1950's and it's a great place to do business."

25th Anniversary Art Contest

The theme of our 25th anniversary is “commUNITY” to celebrate togetherness after a year of social distancing. In the spirit of “commUNITY”, the 25th Anniversary Art Contest collected works from Lakewood residents and from students of our Sister City of Gimhae, South Korea.



1st Prize (tie) – Grades 1-4
“My Family”
by Sarah Jung



1st Prize – Grades 5-8
“The Broken Glass”
Roslyn Pitts



1st Prize – Grades 9-12
“The Connection Bridge”
Noemi Duncan



1st Prize – Gimhae 1-4
“Flying for Integration”
Su-Ha Um



1st Prize – Adult Category
“Stapled Apple”
Angela Tyree



1st Prize (tie) – Grades 1-4
“Lakewood Summer Fun”
Catalina Cruz



2nd Prize – Grades 5-8
“A Kitty Night”
Khilei Cline



2nd Prize – Grades 9-12
“Hearts of Lakewood”
Arianaie Esperon



1st Prize – Gimhae 5-8
“Hands of Unity”
Junkee Lee



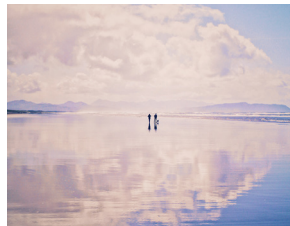
2nd Prize – Adult Category
“Rainbow Love + Unity”
Meredith Russell



2nd Prize – Grades 1-4
“Together We Are Better”
Calypso Cruz



3rd Prize – Grades 5-8
“Doodle”
Kainoa Demei



3rd Prize – Grades 9-12
“Lovers Unified in Clouds”
Luke Keser



1st Prize – Gimhae 9-12
“Symbolic Unity”
Park Hanbin



3rd Prize – Adult Category
“The Oak on Dower”
Heidi Merrick

To Twin Star Credit Union, sponsor of cash prizes, and our other collaborators: thank you.



Student Mural Project

Clover Park School District Students are making their mark.

The 2021 Student Mural Project is a multi-agency effort to partner with students to elevate voices and showcase collaboration. Clover Park School District (CPSD) is leading the project with sponsorship from the Lakewood Multicultural Coalition, the City of Lakewood, Clover Park Technical College, the Pierce College

Foundation. The project includes a local artist, a CPSD art teacher and 10 CPSD high school students to create a 128 square foot portable mural. The 2021 Mural Project is an extension of our collective commitment to advance equity and inclusion in our schools and community. Come see the mural at the Lakewood Farmers Market!

JUNE

4 Lakewood Farmers Market	2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
11 Lakewood Farmers Market	2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
11 Drive-In Movie Night	8:30 p.m. - TBD
18 Lakewood Farmers Market	2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
25 Lakewood Farmers Market	2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
25 Drive-In Movie Night	8:30 p.m. - TBD

"Coco"

"The Goonies"

JULY

2 Lakewood Farmers Market	2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
9 Lakewood Farmers Market	2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
15 Summer Nights Concert	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
16 Lakewood Farmers Market	2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
16 Drive-In Movie Night	8:30 p.m. - TBD
22 Summer Nights Concert	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
23 Lakewood Farmers Market	2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
29 Summer Nights Concert	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
30 Lakewood Farmers Market	2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
30 Drive-In Movie Night	8:30 p.m. - TBD

"Nive Wave" (80's new wave)

"Trolls World Tour"

"Good Co. Swing" (swing)

"Cambalache Salsa" (salsa)

"Wonder Woman 1984"

AUGUST

5 Summer Nights Concert	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
6 Lakewood Farmers Market	2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
12 Summer Nights Concert	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
13 Lakewood Farmers Market	2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
13 Drive-In Movie Night	8:30 p.m. - TBD
19 Summer Nights Concert	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
20 Lakewood Farmers Market	2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
26 Summer Nights Concert	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
27 Lakewood Farmers Market	2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
27 Drive-In Movie Night	8:30 p.m. - TBD

"Chris Eger Band" (blues/rock)

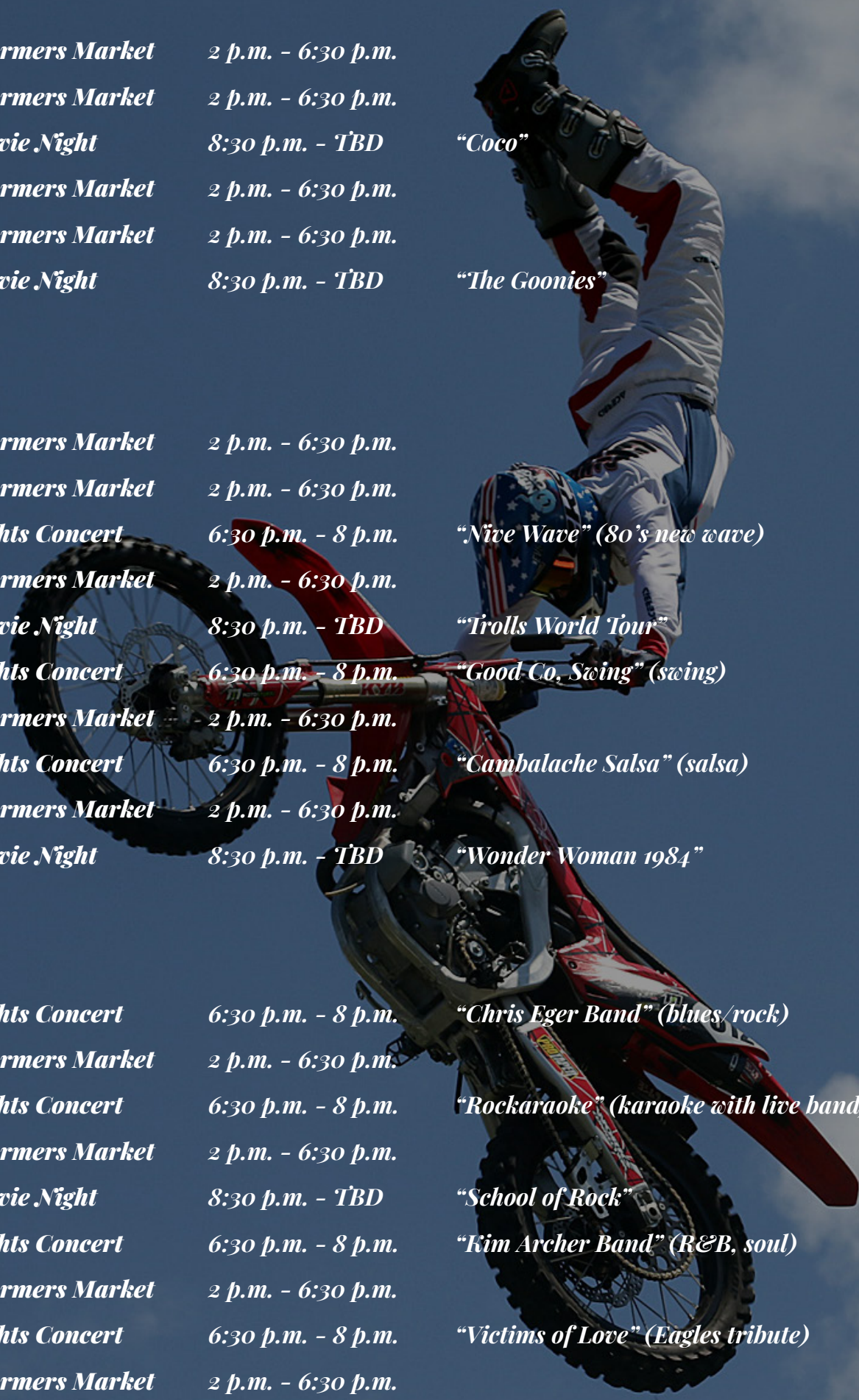
"Rockkaraoke" (karaoke with live band)

"School of Rock"

"Kim Archer Band" (R&B, soul)

"Victims of Love" (Eagles tribute)

"Remember the Titans"



Summer Event Schedule

Warm weather and good times are coming to Lakewood. After a year of social distancing, it feels good to get back to some of the activities and events that make living here so wonderful.

That said, we are watching the public health situation very closely. All events will observe necessary safety guidelines. Our summer events will be safe and fun for the whole family. See you there!

THE LAKEWOOD FARMERS MARKET

The Lakewood Farmers Market is the best around. Stop by Fort Steilacoom Park on Fridays from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. all summer long and behold a spectrum of flavors, crafts, and goodies.

Over 65 total vendors and over 20 food vendors will be onsite, offering one-of-a-kind treats and crafts. From apples to

burgers to cherries to desserts, there is something special for everybody to enjoy.

DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHTS

Pull up, lean back, and enjoy a night under the stars and the big screen. Lakewood Drive-In Movie Nights feature a classic lineup of family-friendly flicks.

Get your popcorn ready for that iconic scene from "Remember the Titans":

"You make sure that they remember, FOREVER, the night they played the Titans." - Coach Yoast

SUMMER NIGHTS CONCERTS

The sound of live music will be a treat to the ears after a year starved of it

Throw down a picnic blanket and jam to some blues, salsa, swing, and music from an eclectic variety of genres. Bring some

dancing shoes for Cambalache Salsa!

Our Summer Nights at the Pavilion Concert Series is scheduled through the dog days of July and August.

OTHER SAVE-THE-DATES

Mark your calendars - we have several fall events scheduled.

The City of Lakewood **25th Anniversary Celebration** is scheduled for September 18th at Colonial Plaza downtown.

Truck and Tractor Day is scheduled for October 9th at Fort Steilacoom Park.



Add the Lakewood Events Calendar to your preferred calendar app.

LAKEWOOD PARKS & REC DRIVE IN MOVIE SERIES!

Fort Steilacoom Park
8714 87th Ave SW
Lakewood, WA

TwinStar
CREDIT UNION
WSECU
Virginia Mason
Franciscan Health

**ONLY
\$13
PER
VEHICLE**

cfairfield@cityoflakewood.us
More Info at Cityoflakewood.us
Movie Begins at Dusk
tinyurl.com/21DriveIns

June 11

June 25

July 16

July 30

August 13

August 27

CITY OF LAKEWOOD PRESENTS

thursdays

July 15
Nite Wave 80'S NEW WAVE COVER BAND

July 22
Good Co SWING

July 29
Cambalache Salsa SALSA

August 5
Chris Eger Band BLUES/ROCK

August 12
Rockaroake KARAOKE WITH LIVE BAND

August 19
Kim Archer Band R&B/SOUL

August 26
Victims of Love EAGLES TRIBUTE BAND

FORT STEILACOOM PARK

JULY 15 - AUGUST 26 • 6:30-8 PM

Fun for the whole family!

Enjoy the region's best LIVE performances

Information: 253.983.7758 Space may be limited and social distancing required.

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The Lakewood Farmers Market

It's the tastiest time of the year!



The Lakewood Farmers Market

Summer Fridays at Fort Steilacoom Park

8714 87th Ave SW, Lakewood, WA 98498

2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

As the story goes, the first customer to try Gail Thompson's signature sauce got up from his chair and shouted "Hallelujah!". Gail's *Hallelujah* sauce was born.

It's a little sweet and a little hot, and it's expertly infused with southern Creole and Asian spices.

Diana and Mariani are twins from Taiwan, where the bubble tea craze took off. Flavorful beverages swimming with tasty tapioca nuggets, bubble tea has become popular stateside.

Strawberry, green apple, taro, mocha, mango – Squishy Pop's flavors are various and delightful.

Gail, Diana, Mariani, and more than 65 other vendors will attend the Lakewood Farmers Market this year. Stop by, have fun, and try something new from over 20 food vendors.



Visit our website for a full list of vendors, information on safety precautions, and other event details.

<https://cityoflakewood.us/lakewood-farmers-market/>

To our generous sponsors - thank you!





Activities for Kids

There's lots to do in Lakewood for families with kids! Enjoy scavenger hunts, walks in the park, summer camps, sports, and all sorts of other activities for kids of all ages.

AGENTS OF DISCOVERY

Join the secret agency solving challenges around Lakewood parks. Agents of Discovery is an augmented reality app (kind of like *Pokemon Go*) where kids can explore the community and have a blast completing geo-located missions.



MOBILE RECREATION PROGRAM

We're bringing the fun to you! Our Parks staff will bring free crafts, games, and activities to local parks for kids to enjoy on scheduled days. Visit our website to see the schedule.

KIDS NEED TO PLAY!

From June 28 through September 3, many youth camps and programs for pre-school (age 3-4) and school-age (ages 5-18) kids will be deeply discounted at 60-90% off across Pierce County. Look for this logo and ask about discounts.

BRICKS 4 KIDZ

Help build interest in the sciences through camps and classes where kids can learn the basic building blocks of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) through the fun of LEGO® blocks.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

Learn a new sport with the *Skyhawks* program. Build a drone or try STEM experiments with *Snapology*. Give yoga a try with *Tuladhara Yoga*. Land your first fish with the *Department of Fish and Wildlife*. Follow City of Lakewood social media to hear about other events and activities for kids and families.



Activities for Older Adults

The **Lakewood Senior Activity Center** is temporarily closed due to COVID-19, but we have plenty of fun activities. The activities below and many more will be held all summer.

JUST A WALK IN THE PARK

Take a stroll with folks like you around Fort Steilacoom Park. Mondays at 10:30 a.m. - make sure to register in advance at the phone number or email below.

ZOOM HAPPY HOUR

Hang out with friends, join special guests, and mingle on Zoom! Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Call for details.

MONTHLY DRIVE-THROUGH EVENT

Stop by, spread some cheer, and pick up a special goodie. Call for detail and to hear about the monthly theme.

MEN'S COFFEE

Enjoy a cup of brew with the guys in person this summer. This event is coming soon - call for details.

"We know you miss the Senior Activity Center, and we genuinely miss seeing you. It's just not the same online, is it? We have good news - we're hosting events and chances to connect with friends all summer. Call (253) 798-4090 for details - talk soon!"

- Elizabeth & Debbie

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Fire up a skillet and tune in for **"Welcome to Elizabeth's Kitchen"**. Enjoy some silly fun on **"Mad Libs Mondays"**. Get knotty and knit with friends by joining the **"Knotty Knitters"**. Dive into a great story with friends at the **"Happy Bookers Book Club"**.

Feeling a little out of the loop on Zoom? Join our **"Zoom Tutor"** program and learn how to connect with friends online. Fire up your synapses with our fun **"Brain Games"**. Channel your inner Rembrandt with an **"Oil Painting Social"**. Go for a stroll and learn about art, history, or nature during a **"Themed Walk"**.

We also host a **support group for those caring for parents with memory loss**. We invite you to listen in and connect with others on a journey similar to yours.

For activity and event information, call Elizabeth & Debbie at (253) 798-4090 or email escheid@cityoflakewood.us



Boo-Han Market

Introducing new flavors

Jae Han's mother and father first opened their Korean grocery store in 1978 at 100th and Kline. By 1988, the new Boo Han Market stood at 9122 South Tacoma Way. The market is thriving today - it is one of many long-established grocery stores with a hard-to-find food items in Lakewood's International District.

In the years that passed since 1978, Jae and his family witnessed dramatic change and growth to their business and the local community.

An immigration boom from Korea in the early 80's brought many new residents to the area, and many of those families got right to work starting businesses along South Tacoma Way.

"There were some not-so-nice activities happening around here back in the day," said Jae. "Now the immigrant community has built a business center here - there are more economic opportunities now than ever."

Once upon a time, 80-90% of Boo Han Market's customers were Korean or proprietors of local Asian restaurants. That percentage has reduced over time as curious non-Asian residents from the community have begun to frequent the market.



Jae Han, Owner of Boo-Han Market

"There's a lot of interest in Asian foods from the general community. We try to focus on our specialty of serving Korean flavors. Our most popular items are mostly ready-to-eat products like noodles and soups. We are proud to introduce our food and our culture to the general community."

LAKEWOOD ORIGINALS

Business isn't easy. It's a feat to stick around for 25 years. Each member of this list pre-dates the City of Lakewood.

Let's hear it for 25 more!

50's & 60's

LAKEWOOD PLAYHOUSE
BURS RESTAURANT
MERIT CO
HOLROYD COMPANY
NORTHWEST PROPERTIES AGENCY, INC.
EUROPEAN MOTORS
AMAYA ELECTRIC
ED SELDEN FLOOR COVERINGS, INC.

1970's

VISTA AUTO SALES AND LEASING, INC.
BRINK & SADLER
LAKEWOOD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
KIM, JUNG, STEVENS, STEVENS, D.D.S., P.S.
RAINIER EVERGREEN, INC.
LAKEWOOD COUNTERTOPS
BRIAN KERR, D.M.D., P.S.
LAKES AUTO SALES
LAKEWOOD HARDWARE & PAINT, INC.

1980's

LA PALMA RESTAURANT
HAMMOND CONSTRUCTION, INC.
PEASE CONSTRUCTION, INC.
A A MEATS, INC.
ADVANCED HEALTH CARE INC
DIRKS TRUCK REPAIR INC
TRANSMISSIONS LAKEWOOD
PACIFIC WESTERN LUMBER INC
KAMG MANAGEMENT CORPORATION
LAKEWOOD RACQUET CLUB INC
EDISON ELECTRIC INCORPORATED
PARKWOOD PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC.
ON HOLD CONCEPTS, INC.
FRANCISCAN ST CLARE HOSPITAL

1990's

ASA NORTHWEST
BEST BURGERS OF LAKEWOOD, INC.
EMERGENCY FOOD NETWORK
DELTA PAINTING & PREFINISHING INC
LIVING ACCESS SUPPORT ALLIANCE (LASA)
PRINTIX
ONEDURR, INC.
MERRY MAKERS INC.
SULLIVAN PAINTING SERVICE, INC.
PACIFIC AIR SYSTEMS
AQUARIUM PARADISE
CHITTENDEN CHIROPRACTIC, P.S.
EXPERT MOVING & STORAGE INC
QUANTUM MEDICAL CORPORATION
KEYSTONE CONSTRUCTION CONSULTANTS,
C.C.'S CLASSY CHASSIS, INC.
PHASE II GENERAL CONTRACTOR, INC.
DRK DEVELOPMENT, INC.
PAL-DO WORLD
THE FOXHOLE
ALL SEASONS, INC.
F. JAMES WEINAND & ASSOCIATES
WINGS BROKERAGE
SAM FOGERTY, ATTORNEY AT LAW
TRANSMISSION ENTERPRISES, INC.
GREER
VALDAR INC.
PACPAL
OLYMPUS SPA, INC.
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT SERVICES
MEADOW PARK CHEVRON
HULL FLOOR CO.
HANBY ENTERPRISES, INC.
LBC MABUHAY NORTH AMERICA
CORPORATION
THERMATECH NORTHWEST, INC.
TWIN TRADING (KFC)
SUBWAY SANDWICHES
RAM INTERNATIONAL
AWNING SOLUTIONS, INC.
GLACIER PACKAGING
MOUNTAIN TRUCKING CO. INC
OCEAN FISHERIES LLC
PACIFIC NORTHWEST INSURANCE
BROKERAGE
SC CORPORATION



Merit Construction

Building community centerpieces

Founded in 1957, Merit Construction has seen change and itself been a catalyst in the growth of the South Sound region.

Merit's local marquee projects include the construction of the Tacoma Dome in 1981 and the construction of the Boys & Girls Club and Lake City Community Church buildings here in Lakewood.

Tammy Birkliid is now Merit's Principal after becoming its full owner in 2020. She has been involved in the construction industry for over 25 years.

Reflecting on changes to the industry, Tammy says, "Construction wasn't as friendly as it is now. Most things were design-bid-build and low-bid wins, unfortunately often at the expense of quality. This method can also lead to delays, disputes and cost overruns."

Merit operates with a "team-build" strategy, which involves learning about the project and working with the architect and the client before starting a project. That brings the experience of

all parties to the table early.

"We've been doing that since we built the Tacoma Dome and it's the best way to build a building."

Tammy has also observed changes to Lakewood in her time with the business. As the city has grown, Merit has been a part of that development.

"You can see in our portfolio that we've built community centers, churches, financial institutions, restaurants, industrial parks, etc. When we build something, we want it to be part of the future of that community."



The Lakewood Boys & Girls Club

"I like to see the growth here in Lakewood. It feels alive."

Got your shot?

Vaccines are the most important tool we have to return to normal. Over 605,000 doses have been administered to Pierce County residents, but we have a long way to go.

Why get vaccinated?

To get back to normal with friends and family

If you're fully vaccinated, the CDC, DOH and our friends at Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department say you can enjoy indoor and outdoor activities without a mask or social distancing. You can also skip quarantine after an exposure if no symptoms show up. In other words, after your vaccine, life goes back to normal - finally.

To protect yourself and others

FDA and CDC data is proving that vaccines are effective against COVID-19. Local data is showing that neighborhoods with more vaccinated residents are successfully reducing new case rates. Even if you aren't at severe risk of COVID-19, you might save someone that is.

Teamwork makes the dream work.

We're all ready for this pandemic to be over, and we all have a role in making that happen. Vaccines protect you, your loved ones, businesses, workers, and all of Lakewood.

I feel the need ... the need for vaccine!

tpchd.org/vaxtothefuture



Still need your shot?

<https://www.tpchd.org/vaxtothefuture>



Lakewood Shot Spots

There are dozens of vaccine clinics operating in Lakewood. If you're looking for something quiet and private, try a pharmacy or doctor's office. If you're looking for something speedy without setting up an appointment, try a larger vaccine clinic.

LAKEWOOD TOWNE CENTER CLINIC

A rapid clinic is running at the old Dress Barn location in Towne Center through mid-June. No registration or appointment or documentation is required.

10330 59th Ave SW STE B, Lakewood, WA 98499.

SMALLER & QUIETER CLINICS

The best way to find a local clinic is:
www.tpchd.org/vaxtothefuture

In Lakewood, you might stop by a local CVS, Rite Aid, Walgreens, Safeway, Albertsons, Fred Meyer, or Wal-Mart location. Call ahead if you do.

If you prefer to consult a doctor before rolling up your sleeve, many local medical and doctor's offices are offering COVID-19 vaccines as well.

NEED A RIDE?

Around the Sound provides transportation for people with limited mobility, including those who use wheelchairs or scooters. Call (253) 858-7088 or visit atstrans.org.

Pierce Transit gives free bus rides to people going to vaccine appointments or volunteering at vaccine events. Call (253) 581-8000 (press 1, then press 1 again) or visit piercetransit.org.

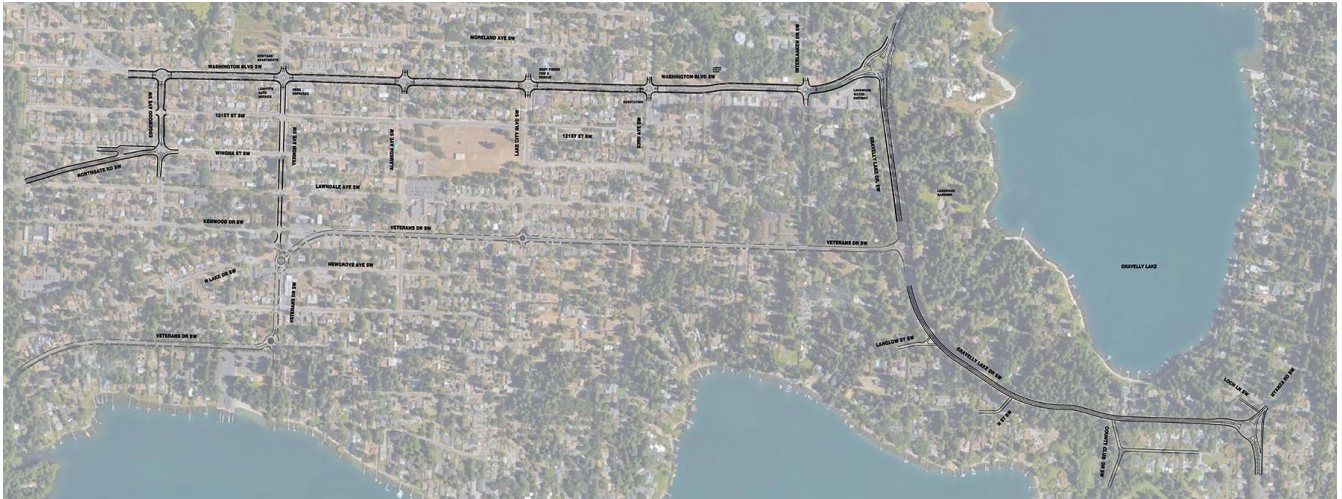
Uber and Lyft offer rides to and from vaccine events. Call the state COVID-19 information hotline at (833) VAX-HELP for that service.

TEENS NOW ELIGIBLE

Children ages 12-15 are now eligible for the Pfizer vaccine after a successful authorization process through the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Stay tuned to the Tacoma-Pierce Health Department for the latest on vaccines.

Public Works Projects



JBLM North Access

Big changes coming to Gravelly Lake Drive

Road work has begun on Phase 1 of the JBLM North Access Project, which will completely rebuild several key interchanges and stretches of roadway. Stretches of Gravelly Lake Drive SW between Nyanza and Washington will be under construction for the next 18 months.

Roundabouts will be installed at four high-traffic interchanges to improve traffic flow and safety for drivers and pedestrians.

New curbs, sidewalks, gutters, landscaping, lighting, and other features will be installed.

In the first stage of construction, Gravelly Lake Drive SW will be closed between Nyanza Road SW and Veteran's Drive SW for 7 to 8 months (February 2022). Local access will be permitted at the north end of the closed section via Veteran's Drive SW.

In the second stage of construction, Gravelly Lake

Drive SW will be closed between Veterans Drive SW and Washington Boulevard for several months. A third phase will close Washington Boulevard between Gravelly Lake Drive SW and Interlaaken Drive SW.

"Once complete, the project will improve walkability along Gravelly Lake Drive between Pacific Highway and Washington Boulevard," said civil engineer Troy Pokwinski.

"By constructing roundabouts at four intersections, we expect to significantly reduce vehicular and injury accidents at these locations. Though the detours will require patience, the improvements will be rewarding."



Visit the project website to review details and sign up for email status and construction updates.



*Work along **Veterans Drive SW** is now complete. Wide shared paths line the street leading to American Lake Park.*



*An overlay will be applied and sidewalks improved on **108th Street**. The work is underway and will continue into July.*



*Substantial work will affect **Steilacoom Boulevard SW** this summer as sidewalks are installed and utility poles replaced.*

Letters from Leaders



*Director, Tacoma-Pierce
County Health Department*

Anthony Chen

Baseball season is in full swing and thanks to vaccines, so is the end of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This week, we learned more children (as young as 12 years) can now get the vaccine, fully vaccinated people can safely resume most indoor and outdoor activities without masks or distancing, and restrictions on businesses and activities will ease as we roll forward to Phase 3.

While COVID-19 might still throw us a curveball, we are rounding the bases.

Thanks to the whole Pierce County team who got us here: elected officials, public health professionals, partners, and of course you. Together, we have worn masks, changed our daily habits, protected our vulnerable, given vaccines, and gotten vaccinated.

If you have not already, step up to the plate, roll up your sleeves and get vaccinated.

Together, we can bring it home.



*Chief, Lakewood
Police Department*

Mike Zaro

The last year will go down as one of the most challenging for law enforcement in recent memory. The Department responded to the pandemic, protests, wildfires, as well as our core mission of keeping people safe.

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

2020 saw a precipitous drop in overall crime, continuing a steady decline of about 30% since our inception in 2004. Our annual report goes into great detail about the Department and can be found on the City's website.

FIREWORKS

A change to our fireworks ordinance takes effect next year in 2022, when fireworks will be allowed only on July 4. This is the final year in which fireworks will be permitted on July 3 and 5 (11a - 11p). As we approach Independence Day, we encourage everyone to have a safe and happy holiday.



*Chief, West Pierce
Fire & Rescue*

Jim Sharp

We proudly serve the communities of Lakewood, University Place and Steilacoom. Please visit our website and connect on social media for more about our community programs.

PULSEPOINT

Early intervention is critical for effective CPR. The PulsePoint app notifies you of sudden cardiac arrests in your immediate vicinity so you can start CPR before first responders arrive. Download the PulsePoint app on your phone today - www.pulsepoint.org

FIREWORKS

July 4 is the busiest day of the year for our firefighters. Please be smart, don't mix alcohol and explosives, keep children away from fireworks and be careful not only about where you light fireworks, but where they will fall. Visit www.westpierce.org/fireworks for more information.



*City Manager,
City of Lakewood*

John Caulfield

The City of Lakewood is in a strong position after a tumultuous 2020 thanks to responsible financial management and decisive leadership from our City Council.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS

The City of Lakewood will receive \$13,766,236 in ARPA funds over the next two years. The City Council has begun the process of deciding how these dollars will be spent, and will be reaching out to YOU – stakeholders and City residents – in the near future to gather ideas.

The City must spend its ARPA funds by December 31, 2026, so there is time to figure out the best way to use them.



The law allows the City to spend ARPA funds on assisting residents and businesses, and to help the City itself recover from the effects of the pandemic.

Federal, state and county governments will offer rental, mortgage and utility assistance. The City of Lakewood wants to help in other areas to avoid overlap. Ideas include job retraining, business assistance, and loans for small businesses. Other ideas include expanded human services, making City parks and facilities safer to visit, and more.

Please go to the City's ARPA website to engage with us. This is a collaborative process – you will help us invest in our future, and we're counting on you for constructive insight.

cityoflakewood.us/ARPA



*Superintendent, Clover
Park School District*

Ron Banner

Education is often about turning unexpected situations into learning moments. The COVID-19 pandemic provided us with many of these opportunities this school year.

I am proud of the work we have done as a district and community to face these challenges together. Throughout this pandemic, we have remained focused on supporting our community's children and families.

Our top priority is providing a quality learning experience for students while they are learning at school and at home. In addition to online district learning apps and tutoring support, school engagement teams have connected struggling students to additional resources and support.

No matter how they're learning, our students need the energy and tools to thrive. District teams quickly mobilized and have been providing free meals for all students in our schools and at mobile locations across the city. Computers were also distributed to all students, along with Wi-Fi for students with limited or no Internet access. Community partners have supported our efforts every step along the way, and we thank you.

The Class of 2021 has overcome unprecedented challenges in earning their high school diploma. I am proud of their hard work and grit. Each high school will be holding in-person graduation ceremonies this year that will be broadcast live on our district YouTube channel for those who can't attend. We invite you to tune in to celebrate with the graduates.

We look forward to welcoming students back for five days of in-person instruction this fall in alignment with state Department of Health guidance.

In the meantime, keep learning, stay safe and remember that we are better together!

Special Recognition **Jim Endicott**

Jim Endicott runs the Lakewood Community Garden. Last year, he and a small band of volunteers grew and delivered nearly 900 pounds of produce to local food banks. In the middle of a pandemic, with folks out of work and families in need, Jim dug deep for his community.





City of Lakewood, Washington

The days are getting longer, the weather is getting warmer, and we can almost smell the elephant ears at the farmers market- summer has arrived in Lakewood. Splash in the shallows at American Lake Park. Park the car and pop some corn for a drive-in movie at Fort Steilacoom Park. Harry Todd Park has a new playground and improved waterfront - take the family down to Tillicum for a day of fun. No matter what you do in Lakewood this summer, we wish you and your family a fun & safe season of sun.

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