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Report neighborhood issues

Report potholes, code violations and other items to MyLakewood311. Receive status updates as city staff work on your issue.



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CITY COUNCIL CORNER: CLIMATE CHANGE

Rising temperatures require thoughtful action — locally and globally

Welcome to the Dog Days of Summer! We hope you and your family have been enjoying these glorious summer days. While higher temps are welcomed following our wet spring, the impacts of climate change, including increasing global warming, affect all of us. Your Lakewood City Council is focused on policy decisions that will have lasting effects on residents — not just immediately, but over the long term.

As policy makers, we have reviewed the impacts of climate change and what that means for future growth and development in Lakewood.

As a result, last summer we amended the city’s central planning document — the Comprehensive Plan — to add a chapter on energy and climate change. This set in motion a series of “next steps” by the Lakewood Planning Commission, which over the last year took a list of 87 implementation measures from the new chapter and identified a list of 14 priorities to tackle first.

Of these, the Commission recommended certain action items rise to the top of the list:

- Develop a five-year plan for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- Update the city’s non-motorized (“active”) transportation plan.
- Conduct studies to identify solutions to protect the city from flooding along Clover Creek.
- Revise the city’s tree preservation code to preserve and increase Lakewood’s tree canopy.
- Coordinate with Pierce County and other South Sound municipalities to develop regional strategies and best practices to address climate change.
- Coordinate and implement a regional electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure strategy with the state, county and neighboring cities.

Heading into fall, the City Council will review and discuss the Planning Commission’s recommended action strategies to move Lakewood forward as a regional leader and partner on these important matters. Several of these initiatives are already underway including revision to the tree preservation code, addressing flooding along Clover Creek, and updating the non-motorized plan.

When it comes to tackling the important issues of the day, including the impacts of climate change, we are all in this together. We welcome your constructive input and feedback as we prioritize these ambitious but necessary action strategies.

Our discussions will occur at our study session meetings and during regular meetings where the public always has the opportunity to comment. Council meets Mondays at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main Street SW. Please feel free to join us in person, or remotely via Zoom. Meeting details are online at CityofLakewood.us/City-Council.

As you thumb through the pages of the Fall Lakewood Connections you’ll see all the fun we had this summer at the Lakewood Farmers Market, Summer Nights at the Pavilion concerts, Saturday Street Festivals and of course the return of our fan-favorite: SummerFEST! After a two-year hiatus, it was great to return to a more “normal” summer. We hope to see you this fall and winter at more of our events.



Staff Spotlight: Brynn Grimley

Chances are if you ever posted a comment to social media, sent a private message to the city’s Facebook, Instagram or Twitter profiles, or had a question for the city about MyLakewood311, you interacted with Brynn Grimley. Brynn serves as the city’s Communications Manager. Again. That’s right that is not a misprint. Brynn formerly held this position from 2017 to mid-2020. She returned in mid-July, just in time for SummerFEST! She’s excited to be back with the city, connecting with residents and helping promote all the great things Lakewood has to offer. Keep an eye out for her if you’re at a city event – chances are she’ll be the one behind the camera and/or phone snapping photos and sharing the fun to social media!

Lakewood Deputy Mayor named Honorary Commander of 62nd Airlift Wing

Lakewood Deputy Mayor Mary Moss has a new title to add to her list: Honorary Commander of the 62nd Airlift Wing.

Stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, the 62nd Airlift Wing is the active duty host wing on base.

Being named an honorary commander is not new for Moss. She previously served in this capacity for different groups in the Air Force beginning in 2004 until her last appointment in 2016 with the 627th Airbase Group.

Despite holding the title before, Moss noted each invitation to serve as a civilian liaison to the military is an honor.

“The military took care of me when I was a dependent,” Moss said of her time as a military spouse. “They were so good to me and willing to help me, so for me it’s a special honor and an appreciation that they put that



Mary Moss
Deputy Mayor

trust in me to help tell their story. This gives me an opportunity to again communicate to our community the benefits and supports we get from our military.”

As an honorary commander Moss will be paired with a commander to learn more about the 62nd Airlift Wing. This includes opportunities to go on base and learn more about the day-to-day operations performed by active and civilian personnel, and trips to other bases to see how the work being done

at JBLM connects with installations across the country. Moss will then be able to share these experiences with her connections as an elected official and city leader to help bridge the gap between the military and community.

“As a civilian I saw the Air Force finished product, I had no clue what it took to get it to that point,” Moss said. “It’s a great educational program to have the community understand what they do to protect us.”

Want to work for Lakewood?

Interested in finding out about city jobs or applying for employment with the city of Lakewood? The best and easiest way is to visit the city’s website (CityofLakewood.us) and click on “Jobs” in the quick menu. Here you’ll find the city’s career pages that list current openings. You can create an account and apply online. Click on any of the current openings to view the job description, salary range, benefits associated with the position, and more. From there, click on the “Apply” button in the upper right corner, and you’re on your way.

Interested in a job that is not being recruited for? In the top left corner of the city of Lakewood Career Pages, click on “Menu,” then “Job Interest Card.” From here check the box for each job category you are interested in (such as Accounting and Finance, Human Services, or Grounds and Landscape Maintenance) and click “Subscribe.” Fill out the requested information and click “Submit.” When job openings are posted in one of the categories you selected, you will receive an e-mail notification for the next 12 months.



2024 Comprehensive Plan periodic review

Lakewood's Comprehensive Plan is the foundation for its future development, its identity and how it will provide services to residents. The state Growth Management Act (GMA) requires counties and cities to periodically conduct a thorough review of their Comprehensive Plan and regulations:

- Bring them up to date with any relevant changes to state law and the GMA.
- Respond to changes in land use and population.
- Address any regional and countywide as well as city policy and goal changes or needs.

Lakewood's next periodic review is due by Dec. 31, 2024. Input from residents is critical. As we move into fall, look for invitations to learn about this process and

provide your feedback and expertise.

A series of presentations will begin Sept. 21, 2022 to the Lakewood Planning Commission, with more public outreach occurring in late 2022.

Watch the Planning Commission live or after the fact on the city's YouTube channel at [YouTube.Com/CityofLakewoodWA](https://www.youtube.com/CityofLakewoodWA), or join virtually using Zoom. Find meeting information, including how to attend meetings at [CityofLakewood.Us/Planning-Commission](https://www.cityoflakewood.us/Planning-Commission).

Find more information about the periodic review at [CityofLakewood.Us/Longrange_Planning](https://www.cityoflakewood.us/Longrange_Planning).

City of Lakewood Permit Activity January-June 2022

Total permit
applications reviewed

1,153

Under review

171

Approved/under
construction

588

Final/work complete

394

Hearing Examiner reviews Western State Hospital plans

In the fall of 2020 the state submitted a proposed update to the Western State Hospital Master Plan to the city for review. The proposed updated included complete reconstruction of the hospital and its campus near Fort Steilacoom Park.

Updates included adding a 350-bed forensic hospital on the property, requiring the demolition of several existing buildings on site, adding an 18-bed residential cottage at the Child Study and Treatment Center on site

and creating a new, 48-bed residential treatment facility on-site, contingent on completion of a parallel study to site community facilities across the region.

In late July 2022, the city's independent Hearing Examiner held a public hearing on the proposed plan update. The hearing was held in person and via Zoom and can be watched in its entirety on the city's YouTube channel: [YouTube.com/cityoflakewoodwa](https://www.youtube.com/cityoflakewoodwa). Presentation materials are available at [wshmasterplan.org](https://www.wshmasterplan.org).



At the time of the magazine's printing, the Hearing Examiner had not yet issued a determination on the proposal. Find up-to-date information at [wshmasterplan.org](https://www.wshmasterplan.org).



Tree preservation in Lakewood

Lakewood is in the final steps of amending its tree preservation code and associated planning documents. The changes are expected to impact property owners throughout the city.

Review of the city's tree preservation began in late 2021 at Council's direction. In early 2022 an ad hoc tree advisory committee was appointed. This group of volunteers included residents and experts in the field. They met seven times between March and April to review the city's regulations related to tree preservation and development. The committee submitted a report with suggested improvements and revisions to the city's Planning Commission for consideration in May. The commission held seven meetings to review and discuss the report, including a public hearing and ultimately in July made its recommendation to the City Council.

Proposed amendments include:

- Additional protections for Oregon White Oak (Garry Oak) trees

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All Council meetings are held in Council Chambers at Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main Street SW, unless otherwise noted. The public may participate in person, or remotely via Zoom. Find meeting details, including agendas and information about how to join a meeting remotely at: CityofLakewood.us/city-council.

- Removal of an exemption for industrial lots
- Establishment of a heritage tree program
- New incentives to encourage tree preservation
- The establishment of a city-wide urban tree canopy goal
- The creation of a new urban forestry program

Council began its review of the proposed recommendations at an August study session and is scheduled to hold a public hearing Sept. 6, 2022 at 7 p.m. Final consideration is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 19, 2022.



Lakewood Senior Activity Center leaders Elizabeth Scheid and Debbie Washburn hid painted rocks this summer in select Lakewood parks for Pierce County Trails Day.

Staying in touch with the Lakewood Senior Activity Center

While we are still waiting to return to our building, the Lakewood Senior Activity Center remains active! This summer we offered a variety of activities and resources at several locations in Lakewood and plan to continue this into the fall. Please call 253-798-4090 or email Elizabeth Scheid at escheid@cityoflakewood.us for a current newsletter and to learn how to join the fun!

Walk with us

Join us for our “Walk in the Park” at Fort Steilacoom Park. We meet Monday mornings at 10:30 a.m. near the dog park. Please arrive a few minutes early to sign in. Leave your dog at home for this walk. Grab your friends and join us! As we move toward fall and cooler weather, please call the Center at 253-798-4090 to confirm the walks are still happening.

Virtual Zoom happy hour

Enjoy a cup of coffee, lemonade or soda and join your friends at Lakewood Senior Activity Center’s Virtual Happy Hour on Zoom! Good news, we will continue to offer our Zoom Happy Hour even after the center reopens! We will “see” you Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Call 253-798-4090 or email escheid@cityoflakewood.us to join the party!

Lakewood Community Cleanup

Bring trash, junk and recyclables to the Lakewood Transfer Station for the city’s Fall Community Cleanup event Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 5 and 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (last vehicle admitted at 1:45 p.m.).

This event is for Lakewood residents only; a utility bill or ID is required to show proof of residence. Participants should be prepared to back up a steep ramp, unload all items yourself, bag all loose items and wear proper footwear.

Additional rules:

- 5-minute time limit to unload items
- No box vans or vehicles taller than 7 feet
- Trailers over 4-feet-by-8-feet prohibited
- Unsafe vehicles may be cited

Accepted items:

- Tires (removed from rims)
- Bicycles
- Furniture
- Grills
- Appliances
- Recyclables
- Bagged garbage



Not accepted:

- Commercial waste
- Loose items
- Paint/hazardous materials
- Yard waste
- Construction waste
- Lumber longer than 8-feet
- Concrete
- Auto parts
- Explosive materials
- Propane tanks
- Electronics
- Donations
- Mattresses



Lakewood park project updates

Did you know Lakewood has 600-plus acres of parkland across its 14 park properties? These feature wildlife viewing, beaches, playgrounds, sports fields, trails and more.

The city is proud of its natural areas and the opportunities they afford our residents to get outdoors. That's why city leaders regularly evaluate and review opportunities to maintain, improve and expand on what we have. Numerous projects are in various stages of design, project approval, permitting or construction – many of which won't start until the end of this year or start of 2023.

Here are just a few projects we're working on:

Fort Steilacoom Park swing replacement

Swings are a highlight at any park and none get used as much as those at Fort Steilacoom Park. Installed in 2004, the swings outlived their life cycle and a section was removed due to equipment failure. Replacement costs came in around \$30,000 and the city is excited to announce the Rotary Club of Lakewood offered to help support the purchase of new equipment with a \$11,000 donation. The Rotary Club of Lakewood previously led the community installation of the adventure playground at the park and the city is grateful for the service club's continued partnership.

Nisqually Indian Tribe partnership

The city of Lakewood and the Nisqually Indian Tribe are engaged in a collaborative partnership to develop interpretive installations on public lands within the city that feature the unique culture and history of the Nisqually Indian Tribe. A pilot project is slated for Fort Steilacoom Park. Along with art, cultural interpretive markers will be placed along the park's 1.7-mile Nisqually Loop Trail that will include descriptions of traditional uses of the area, information about the Nisqually Tribe and Chief Leschi's legacy, and Lushootseed language.

Park sign upgrades

We know our parks are a big attraction and it's time to make sure their entrances reflect our pride. The city identified 11 signs leading into our parks that need to be updated to welcome visitors to our amazing parks and open spaces. In 2023 keep an eye out for new signs at Wards Lake Park, Active Park, Washington Park, Springbrook Park, Fort Steilacoom Park, Harry Todd Park, American Lake Park, Oakbrook Park, Primley Park and Kiwanis Park.



The Lakewood Farmers Market saw its largest number of vendors to-date this year at its Fort Steilacoom Park location.



Fresh fruit and veggies from local farmers are a must at any farmers market.



The Lakewood Farmers Market boosted its total number of food trucks for the 2022 season to 17.

Thanks for visiting the Lakewood Farmers Market

Change is good! The Lakewood Farmers Market can attest to that. Moving from its longtime Lakewood City Hall location to Fort Steilacoom Park in 2020 when the pandemic hit was a necessary adjustment to meet spacing requirements for each vendor to be 10 feet apart.

And wow did Fort Steilacoom Park deliver!

This year another move was in store, this time to a different location within the park that afforded a cement path for people of all abilities to use, while at the same time offering a grass surface for vendor booths. On hot days the grass kept things cool, and prevented pets' paws from overheating! The new location offered shade, a covered shelter, picnic tables, and lots of seating. For parents, the awesome playground was within reach, and our live jazz performances added a wonderful ambiance.

We are thrilled every year to see more people visit the market and enjoy what it has to offer – including our food trucks. We've seen vendor sales increase with this rise in popularity and this year was no exception. Opening day saw a jump in sales by nearly 23% over 2021 and the total number of sales in the first month went up nearly 38% over the year prior.

If you visited the Lakewood Farmers Market this year, thank you for shopping local and supporting budding businesses. Thank you market sponsors WSECU and Virginia Mason Franciscan Health!

2022 Lakewood Farmers Market at a glance

80
vendors

17
food vendors

38
women-owned business

17
minority-owned business

8
veteran-owned business



Lakewood SummerFEST

Did you join us July 23 for the return of SummerFEST? If you did, then you know what a great time we had celebrating the return of Lakewood’s biggest event after a two-year hiatus.

With 185 vendor booths, including 42 food vendors, visitors were able to learn about resources in the community, purchase handmade items from local artisans and enjoy food from around the world. Total food vendor sales alone were over \$200,000 – a huge boost for our local restaurateurs who definitely appreciate the support after two years of uncertainty.

Like year’s past, SummerFEST 2022 included activities for children through the “Live Your Best Life” themed Passport for Kids, live entertainment for all ages, a celebration of cultures from around the world on the Lakewood Sister Cities International Festival stage, live music and performances on the Main Stage, two beer gardens, a car show, circus acts, extreme trampoline shows and motocross stunts throughout the day. There were also hot air balloon rides in the morning and a visit from a Black Hawk helicopter, courtesy of our friends from Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

The evening crowd was treated to a lighted drone show at sunset, followed by the grand finale hot air balloon glow. Check out photo galleries of the event on Flickr ([Flickr.com/cityoflakewoodwashington](https://www.flickr.com/photos/cityoflakewoodwashington/)), Facebook (@LakewoodWA) and see a raw video of the drone show in its entirety on the city’s YouTube channel ([YouTube.com/CityofLakewoodWA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCityofLakewoodWA)).

Mark your calendar: SummerFEST 2023 is July 15. You don’t want to miss it!



Top and above: This year’s event offered something for everyone – and every thing! The return of the hot air balloon glow for a second year was a big hit.

Right from top: SummerFEST 2022 again delivered with kid-friendly activities and live music from bands like The Not-Its, as well as saw a return of its classic car show.



Special events: Save the date

Saturday Street Festivals at Motor Ave

Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, 4-7:45 p.m.
Colonial Plaza, 6114 Motor Ave. SW

Join us for the final Saturday Street Festival of the season at Colonial Plaza. The evening's theme is "Fiesta De La Familia" and we'll celebrate the end of summer with music, dancing culture and delightful foods.

Truck and Tractor Day sponsored by WSECU

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, 12-3 p.m.
Fort Steilacoom Park, 8714 87th Ave. SW

This family-focused fall festival features free pumpkins at the pumpkin patch (while supplies last), big trucks and tractors for kids to climb, hayrides, food trucks, the fan-favorite pumpkin slingshot and plenty of kid-friendly activities.

Audubon Society Youth and Families Bird Walk

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, time TBD
Fort Steilacoom Park/Waughop Lake

Grab the kids and cruise the paved path around Waughop Lake at Fort Steilacoom Park with the Audubon Society to learn what native birds call Lakewood home. Registration Details: CityofLakewood.us/youth-programs-2

Christmas Parade of Lights & Tree Lighting

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
downtown Lakewood

Join the city for its annual tree lighting ceremony, which this year returns to downtown Lakewood. Once again a procession of lights and intricately decorated floats will parade through town with everyone gathering in front of Lakewood City Hall to help countdown to the tree lighting at 5:30 p.m. Interested in entering the parade? Email Sally Martinez at smartinez@cityoflakewood.us for more information.



National Night Out 2022

Thank you to everyone who joined us Aug. 2 for the 2022 National Night Out celebration. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, City Council members, Lakewood police and West Pierce

Fire and Rescue responders had a wonderful time visiting each neighborhood block party to meet with people and connect over hot dogs and lemonade.

Top: To commemorate his last National Night Out as chief, Lakewood Police Chief Mike Zaro jumped in the bounce house at American Lake.

Pictured left to right: Clover Park School District Superintendent Ron Banner, Lake City Neighborhood Association President Larry Woods, Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland, Mayor Jason Whalen, Deputy Mayor Mary Moss, Lakewood Police Chief Mike Zaro, Lakewood PD Lt. Chris Westby.



Lakewood Police Chief recruitment

Lakewood Police Chief Mike Zaro announced this year his plans to retire in early 2023, ending a 30-year career in law enforcement.

Zaro was named to the department's top leadership position in 2015, and before that served as Assistant Chief. He has been with the department since its inception in 2004, and patrolled Lakewood as a member of the Pierce County Sheriff's Department before the city had its own police force.

While the decision to retire was difficult, Zaro noted he's ready for what's next and is excited to see the next generation of law enforcement leadership step up.



Lakewood Police Chief Mike Zaro

“The support the police department has enjoyed from the Lakewood City Council and community is unparalleled,” Zaro said. “Any measure of success I have had was due in large part to that support and the work of the men and women in the department.”

As he prepares to hand over operation of the department, the city will embark on formal recruitment process to find its next police chief. Information about that process, including opportunities for

public engagement, will be shared on the city's website (CityofLakewood.us) as it is available.



School is in session: Drive safe

School is back and that means school buses are once again on the roads – and so are children waiting at bus stops or walking to school.

If you're driving through a neighborhood with school speed limit signs please remember to abide by the posted speed during the listed hours, or when yellow lights flash. This helps make sure our children are safe and that they get to and from school without incident.

The return of school also means our school zone cameras on Steilacoom Boulevard and Gravelly Lake Drive are active. If you drive over the speed limit, expect to get a ticket in the mail.



Lakewood Alert

Earlier this year the city launched its alert system, known as Lakewood Alert. This system allows the city to send out notifications to those who sign up, or in case of an emergency, an alert to all residents.

Those who sign up for community notices will periodically receive emails or text messages with details around special events, road closure alerts, or other general announcements. Those who sign up for emergency alerts will instantly be notified of the emergency and any instructions or other relevant information.

Subscribe: CityofLakewood.us/Lakewood-Alert

Transportation updates

If you have driven around Lakewood over the last couple of years, you know we've been busy making big improvements to our roadways. Yes, the detours and extended construction projects have been at-times frustrating, but the city appreciates the support and patience of our neighbors who will soon benefit from the completion of these major improvements.

And we have good news! Some of our largest road improvement projects to-date are nearing completion.

In the past year the city's contractor completed four new roundabouts on Gravelly Lake Drive and Interlaaken Drive, along with new shared use pathway, sidewalks, street lighting, storm drainage, and roadway surface between Pacific Highway and Interlaaken Drive. This work improved traffic flow through the area and made the roadways safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

Mid-summer, work shifted to the west at North Gate Road through Edgewood Avenue to Washington Boulevard. Installation began on a large stormwater infiltration system at the start of August. Buried 10 feet below the roadway, this will eliminate large surges of water that previously spilled into Carp Lake during heavy rains. Now the water will go back into the ground, helping recharge the surrounding aquifers that feed Carp Lake in the summer.

As we move into fall, work will continue on Washington Boulevard and Gravelly Lake Drive from North Gate Road to Pacific Highway. This is one of the largest roadway construction projects in the city's history. Once this segment is complete, the contractor will remove the traffic signal at Washington Boulevard and Vernon Avenue SW to install another roundabout. Work includes rebuilding Vernon Avenue to Veterans Drive and installing sidewalks, drainage, a new road surface and streetlights.

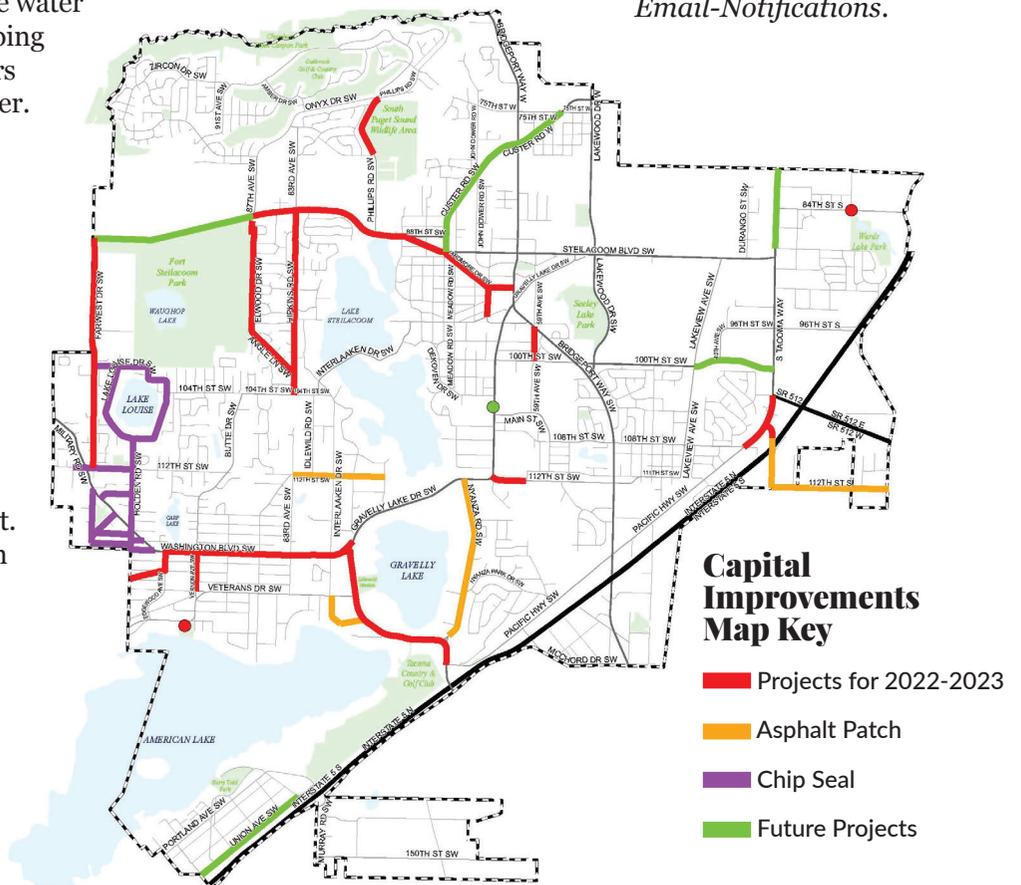
Ultimately the project will tie into the Phase 1 improvements that ended just west of the roundabout at Interlaaken Drive.



Other work completed this summer included roadway patching on Lake Louise Drive, Nyanza Road, South Tacoma Way and 112th Street between Interlaaken Drive and Lake Steilacoom Drive. Additionally, chip sealing was done around Lake Louise and southwest of Military Road to improve the degraded roadway.

We also added new sidewalks to Phillips Drive between Agate and Onyx drives, and a sidewalk along the east side of 59th Street between 100th Street and Bridgeport Drive. Next up sidewalks will be added to the segment of Steilacoom Boulevard and 88th Street between Weller and Custer roads.

Want to receive real-time updates of the city's road projects? Sign up to receive the city's weekly newsletter online at CityofLakewood.us/Email-Notifications.



Transportation projects slated for construction in 2023

SIDEWALKS

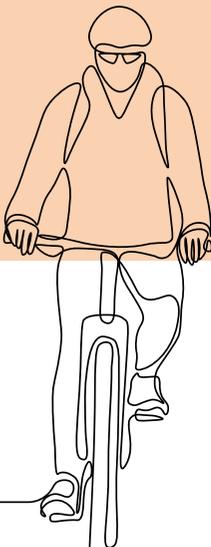
- Farwest Drive from Steilacoom Boulevard to just north of Lakes High School.
- North side of 112th Street SW from Gravelly Lake Drive to Highland Avenue SW.
- Pine Street with a new signal at S. 84th Street.

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

- Completion of Phase 2 of JBLM North Access: Washington Boulevard construction between North Gate Road and Interlaaken Road.
- Reconstruction on Steilacoom Boulevard from Weller Road to 87th Street SW.

OTHER PROJECTS

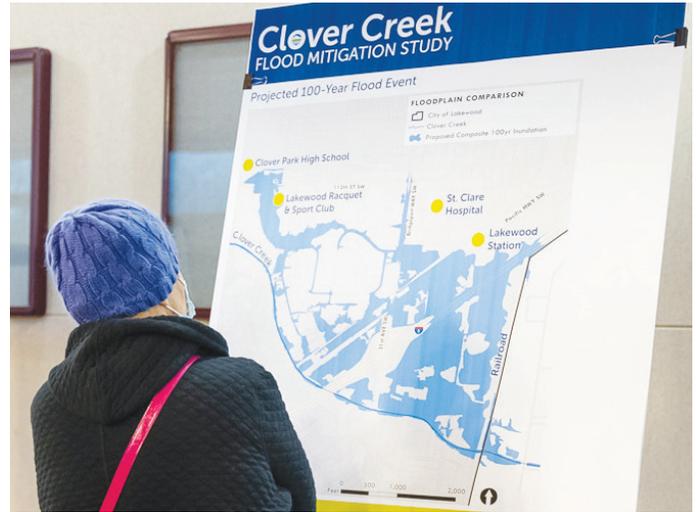
- **Chip sealing:** Focus is south of Tacoma Drive SW to Gravelly Lake Drive bordered by Steilacoom Lake and Gravelly Lake Drive to the east and part of the neighborhood just west of Bridgeport Drive and 108th/101st streets.
- **New Streetlights (2023-24):** Area south of Tacoma Drive SW to Gravelly Lake Drive and Oakbrook neighborhood.
- **Sanitary sewer extensions:** Rose Road SW/Forest Road SW in Tillicum.
- **Ardmore/Whitman/93rd:** Complete roadway reconstruction with streetlights, curb/gutter/sidewalks, new signal at junction of three roads.
- **Hipkins from 104th to Steilacoom Blvd.:** Sidewalk on both sides, overlay as necessary.



- **Shared use path** between Steilacoom and Hipkins along Elwood and Angle Lane.

Non-motorized plan updates

Stay tuned this fall for more information about how to get involved in the planned update of the city's non-motorized plan. Adopted in 2009, the plan outlines the different ways people can get around the city without a car. This includes through shared use paths for pedestrians and cyclists, as well as bicycle lanes.



Clover Creek Floodplain updates

Lakewood is proactively addressing concerns about the impact a 100-year flood could have on its Springbrook and Hillside neighborhoods and Interstate 5 that fall within the Clover Creek floodplain.

While there is a low immediate risk, city representatives continue outreach efforts to notify affected property owners of the implications. A 100-year flood means there is roughly a 1% chance of a major flood in a given year that would affect the identified area.

Earlier this year the city held an open house to explain the impacts and answer resident questions. The city continues its work to evaluate available alternatives to reduce or eliminate the projected flooding to the maximum extent possible. That includes exploring partnerships with other agencies to form a multi-agency technical advisory group to produce solutions.

Stay tuned to the city's website and social media channels for information about a meeting in late September or October to discuss the latest information. Find more information online at CityofLakewood.us/Clover-Creek-Floodplain.

Fall is around the corner

School is back in session and we're turning our attention to what fall has in store – hopefully an extended summer! While we might be slowing down compared to our fast-paced summer, we still have plenty of things happening in Lakewood this fall. Join us for our last Saturday Street Festivals on Motor Ave. Sept. 17 from 4 to 7:45 p.m. at Colonial Plaza and mark your calendar for Truck & Tractor Day Oct. 8 at Fort Steilacoom Park from 12-3 p.m. Ready for fall cleaning? Take advantage of our Community Cleanup dates Nov. 5 & 6 by dumping your unwanted items for free at the Lakewood Transfer Station.

Happy fall Lakewood!



Save the Dates

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Colonia Plaza,
6114 Motor Avenue

Truck & Tractor Day
Oct. 8, 2022, 12-3 p.m.,
Fort Steilacoom Park,
8714 87th Avenue SW

Fall Community Cleanup
Nov. 5 & 6, 2022,
8 a.m.-2 p.m.
(last car 1:45 p.m.),
Lakewood Transfer Station,
3869 94th Street SW



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