

## October, 2023: Community Partnerships



### Community Partnerships

The City of Lakewood partners with many government units, tribal organizations, non-profit organizations, businesses, religious organizations, neighborhood organizations, and other groups. Working in partnership with organizations informs the City's decision-making process to keep Lakewood on track to being a city that works for its citizens.

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## Community Collaboration

Lakewood's Human Services department runs a monthly Community Collaboration meeting. The Community Collaboration meetings bring local organizations and community members together at Lakewood City Hall to discuss community issues with a concentration on issues affecting families and children. Community Collaboration meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of the month from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Meetings are held at host locations by organizations throughout the city. Meetings may be attended in person or online.

For more information about Community Collaboration meetings, please visit the City's [Human Services](#) page.

## First Responders

### Lakewood Police Department

Originally formed in 2004, the Lakewood Police Department (LPD) has grown into one of the largest police departments in the state of Washington. Approximately 100 officers are currently employed by the LPD. In addition to general patrols, criminal investigations, and traffic enforcement, the department also provides a Community Safety Resource Team (CSRT).

The CSRT includes code enforcement and community service officers who work to address issues citywide. The CSRT focuses on criminal activity, nuisance properties, dangerous buildings, and illegal business practices.

For more information, please visit the [Lakewood Police Department](#) homepage

### West Pierce Fire & Rescue

On March 1st, 2011, the Lakewood and University Place Fire Departments merged to form West Pierce Fire & Rescue (WPFR). WPFR serves Lakewood, University Place, and Steilacoom with six stations operating around-the-clock.

WPFR provides numerous services to the community including fire response, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and transport, technical rescue, hazardous materials response, special operations, fire prevention, inspections, code enforcement, and fire and life safety education.

For more information, please visit the [West Pierce Fire & Rescue](#) page.

## Housing & Housing Assistance

### South Sound Housing Affordability Partners (SSHA3P)

Established in 2021, SSHA3P is an intergovernmental collaboration between the Cities and Towns of Auburn, DuPont, Edgewood, Fife, Fircrest, Gig Harbor, Lakewood, Milton, Puyallup, Sumner, Steilacoom, Tacoma, and University Place, Pierce County and the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, working together to create and preserve affordable, attainable, and accessible housing throughout our communities.

The partner organizations of SSHA3P are keenly aware of the disparate impacts on the most vulnerable in our communities, including seniors, the unhoused, people of color, veterans, and working families. We are continuing to explore and work toward actions that can be taken at the local level to foster greater housing stability in Pierce County.

For more information please visit the [South Sound Housing Affordability Partners](#) page.

### Tacoma Pierce County Affordable Housing Consortium

The Affordable Housing Consortium is a non-profit agency that advocates for high-quality affordable housing in Tacoma-Pierce County. It provides public education, public education, and membership opportunities to its members and partners.

Current members include government units, community organizations, non-profits, businesses, and religious organizations.

For more information please visit the [Affordable Housing Consortium](#) page

### Other Housing Assistance Partners

[Habitat for Humanity](#)

[Living Access Support Alliance \(LASA\)](#)

[Pierce County Housing Authority](#)

[Tacoma-Lakewood CDBG Consortium](#)

[Tacoma-Lakewood-Pierce County Continuum of Care](#)

[Tacoma Rescue Mission](#)

[Tacoma Housing Authority](#)

# Military

## Joint Base Lewis-McChord

The City of Lakewood is the host community for [Joint Base Lewis-McChord](#), the only power projection platform on the west coast. JBLM was formed in 2010 by the merger of McChord Air Force Base and the Fort Lewis Army installation. Lakewood is home to many short-term and long-term service members.

The City of Lakewood also borders Camp Murray, the headquarters of the [Washington Military Department](#), which includes the Washington Air National Guard and the Washington Army National Guard.

The [Veterans Administration \(VA\) Puget Sound Health Care System](#) has a large division located at American Lake, which shares boundaries with Lakewood, Camp Murray, and JBLM.

## South Sound Military & Communities Partnership (SSMCP)

SSMCP is a cross-county partnership between Pierce & Thurston Counties, the cities within those counties, the Nisqually Tribe of Indians, and JBLM to collaborate on issues of common concern.

SSMCP projects advance infrastructure and regional improvements that support military readiness and the communities neighboring Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Projects encompass land use, infrastructure, traffic, community relations, child care, housing affordability, and economic development.

For more information, visit the [South Sound Military & Communities Partnership](#) page.

## Regional & Local Planning

### Growth Management Act (GMA)

The Washington State Growth Management Act requires cities and counties to develop comprehensive plans and development regulations for their communities. The GMA is administered through several layers of regional planning.

For more information, visit the [Growth Management Act](#) page.

### Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)

PSRC develops policies and coordinates decisions about regional growth, transportation and economic development planning within King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish counties. PSRC is composed of nearly 100 members, including the four counties, cities and towns, ports, state and local transportation agencies and Tribal governments within the region.

[Vision 2050](#) is PSRC's regional plan through 2050.

For more information, visit the [Puget Sound Regional Council](#) page.

### Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC)

The Pierce County Regional Council was created to ensure planning between Pierce County and its cities and towns was accomplished in a coordinated, consistent manner. The PCRC is composed of elected officials from Pierce County, each of its 23 cities and towns, and the Port of Tacoma. The primary responsibility of the PCRC is to ensure that the Growth Management Act requirements are coordinated within the County and the region.

PCRC administers the GMA through its [Countywide Planning Policies](#)

For more information, visit the [Pierce County Regional Council](#) page.

### Lakewood Comprehensive Plan

Lakewood administers the GMA through its [Comprehensive Plan](#). Per the GMA, the City's Comprehensive Plan will be updated in 2024.

For more information, visit Lakewood's [Long-Range Planning](#) page

# Transportation

## Sound Transit

Sound Transit builds and operates regional transit service throughout the urban areas of Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties. Transit services include Link light rail; Sounder trains; ST Express Bus; Tacoma Link light rail; and soon, Bus Rapid Transit. With voter-approval, Sound Transit is in the process of [planning and building](#) the most ambitious transit expansion in the country.

Sound Transit is investing in better walking, bicycling, and bus facilities [in Lakewood](#). Filling gaps such as missing sidewalks, ADA ramps or bike lanes, will make it easier to get to Lakewood Station and Sounder train service, as well as destinations around the neighborhood.

For more information, visit the [Sound Transit](#) page.

## Pierce Transit

Pierce Transit provides transportation options [throughout Pierce County](#) and offers outside connections via regional transportation hubs. The Lakewood Transit Center, located in Lakewood's Towne Square provides regional connections in the heart of Lakewood. Pierce Transit also operates the SR512 Park & Ride.

For more information, visit the [Pierce Transit](#) page.

## Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)

The Washington State Department of Transportation builds and maintains the transportation infrastructure of the State of Washington.

WSDOT recently updated the [I-5 Thorne Lane Overpass](#) that serves the Tillicum and Woodbrook neighborhoods. In addition to these updates, WSDOT will also add the [I-5 Gravelly-Thorne Connector](#) to give pedestrians and bicyclists access to central Lakewood from Tillicum and Woodbrook.

## Utilities & Broadband

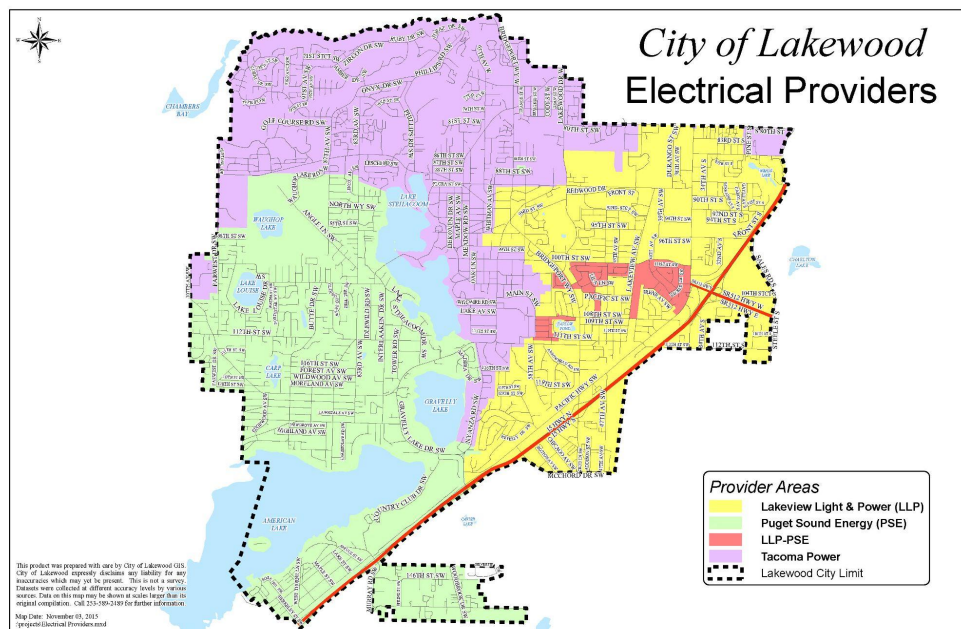
Lakewood does not own its utilities. The City works with several different utility providers to keep the city running.

### Broadband

Broadband access in Lakewood is provided by privately owned utility companies. Broadband providers in Lakewood include Century Link, Xfinity, and Rainier Connect.

### Electricity

Electricity in Lakewood is provided by three utilities: [Lakewood Light & Power](#), [Puget Sound Energy](#), and [Tacoma Power](#).



### Sewer

Sewer service in Lakewood is provided by [Pierce County Sewer](#).

### Refuse

Refuse service in Lakewood is provided by [Lemay Pierce County Refuse](#).

### Water

Water in Lakewood is provided by [Lakewood Water District](#).

# Workforce Development

## Workforce Central

Workforce Central leads the workforce system structure in Pierce County, guided by the [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act](#) (WIOA). WIOA requires states to strategically align their core workforce development programs to coordinate the needs of both job seekers and employers.

Workforce Central provides workforce data and information, performs community outreach, promotes job fairs, and generally supports the health and growth of the local workforce.

For more information, please visit the [Workforce Central](#) page.

## Worksource Pierce

WorkSource Pierce connects people with training programs and jobs to help them succeed at any stage in life. Resources are available to job seekers from all backgrounds, regardless of past work history or educational attainment. They provide help for people searching for jobs as well as for people seeking access to hiring & layoff assistance.

For more information, please visit the [Worksource Pierce](#) page.



# Appendix: List of Community Partnerships

Lakewood collaborates with many other governmental units, non-profit organizations, neighborhood organizations, and religious organizations:

AARP  
Alaska Gardens  
American Lake – Lake Management District  
American Lake Veterans Hospital  
Asia Pacific Cultural Center (APCC)  
Aspen Court  
Association of Washington Cities  
Boys & Girls Club of South Puget Sound – Lakewood  
Boy and Girl Scouts of America  
Bridgeport Place  
Camp Murray  
Caring for Kids  
Catholic Community Services  
Centerforce  
Christ Lutheran Church  
City of DuPont  
City of Tacoma  
City of University Place  
Clover Park Kiwanis  
Clover Park Rotary  
Clover Park School District  
Clover Park Technical College  
Coffeehouse with the Mayor  
Community Healthcare  
Communities in Schools of Lakewood  
Diabetes Association of Pierce County  
Emergency Food Network  
Federal Legislators (Senator Maria Cantwell, Senator Patty Murray, Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland)  
First Baptist Church of Lakewood  
FISH Food Bank  
Greater Lakes Mental Health  
Grave Concerns  
Habitat for Humanity  
HeartWarming Care  
Humane Society Tacoma-Pierce County  
Integrity Hearing  
Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM)  
Korean Women's Association (KWA)  
Lake City Neighborhood  
Lake Steilacoom Improvement Club  
Lakewood African American Police Advisory Committee (LAAPAC)  
Lakewood Community Foundation Fund (LCFF)  
Lakewood Gardens  
Lakewood Baseball Club  
Lakewood Boys and Girls Club  
Lakewood Chamber of Commerce  
Lakewood Community Collaboration  
Lakewood First Lions  
Lakewood Historical Society  
Lakewood Industrial Park  
Lakewood Multicultural Coalition (LMCC)  
Lakewood Playhouse  
Lakewood Promise  
Lakewood Soccer Club  
Lakewood Towne Center  
Lakewood United  
Lakewood Water District  
Little Church on the Prairie  
Lindquist Dental Clinic for Children  
Living Access Support Alliance (LASA)  
Making a Difference Foundation  
Narrows Glen  
Nisqually Indian Tribe  
North East Neighborhood  
North Lakewood Neighborhood  
Northwest Integrated Health  
Nourish Pierce County  
Oasis Youth Center  
Pacific Lutheran University  
Pacific Neighborhood  
Partners for Parks  
Pierce College  
Pierce County  
Pierce County BIPOC Accelerator Program  
Pierce County Cities & Towns Association  
Pierce County Housing Authority  
Pierce County Library District  
Pierce County Project Access  
Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC)  
Pierce Transit  
Point Defiance Village  
Protect Our Pets  
Puget Sound Clean Air Agency  
Puget Sound Energy (PSE)  
Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)  
Puyallup Indian Tribe  
Rebuilding Hope: Sexual Assault Center  
Rebuilding South Sound Together  
Regional Access Mobility Partnership (RAMP)  
Rotary Club of Lakewood  
Senior Footcare  
Senior Housing Assistance Group – Lakewood Meadows  
Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors  
Sound Transit  
Soundview Medical  
South Sound Military Communities Partnership (SSMCP)  
South Sound Outreach Services  
South Sound Sports Commission  
Springbrook Connections  
St. Clare Hospital  
St. Leo Food Connection  
Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities (TACID)  
Tacoma Housing Authority  
Tacoma-Pierce County Economic Development Board  
Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department  
Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce  
Tacoma-Pierce County Realtors  
TacomaProBono  
Tacoma Rescue Mission  
Tacoma Treatment Solutions  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
The Footwear Place  
The Weatherly Inn  
Tillicum Community Center  
Tillicum/Woodbrook Neighborhood  
Trinity Baptist Church  
Town of Steilacoom  
United Way of Pierce County  
Virginia Mason Franciscan Health System  
Visiting Angels  
Walmart Washington Recreation and Park Association  
Washington State Association of Senior Centers  
Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)  
Washington State Legislators (Senator Steve Conway, Senator T'wina Nobles, Representative Dan Bronoske, Representative Steve Kirby, Representative Mari Leavitt, Representative Melanie Morgan)  
Washington State SAIL Task Force  
West Pierce Fire and Rescue  
Western State Hospital  
World Vision  
Workforce Central  
YMCA Lakewood  
YWCA Pierce County