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Prioritizing public access to parks, open space

Our city's first leaders knew they had a lot of work to do after incorporation.

One of the first things they committed themselves to was creating a vibrant park and recreation system to serve all residents.

Nearly 30 years later, that commitment remains a priority.

Establishing a park network that serves the unique needs of residents, visitors and individual neighborhoods does not happen overnight. Vision, planning, public engagement, and at times patience while we secure outside funding, are all vital to the development of a lasting park and recreation system.

Between 2015 and 2025 we have invested, or are planning to invest, over \$35 million in improvements to our parks. Thanks to our many partners, including our legislative representatives, over half of this funding is from grants. Equity and access to parks is a priority for our City Council. As we look to the future, we are focused on offering recreation and open spaces for everyone in our community.

We have 19 park projects scheduled to begin soon across the city. This includes adding designated off-leash dog areas to multiple parks,

building pickleball courts and expanding recreational uses. We are also focused on restoration and preservation. This includes restoring our H-Barn and adding interpretive signs at Fort Steilacoom Park in partnership with the Nisqually Indian Tribe, and preservation of the Old Settlers Cemetery in the Lake City neighborhood.

As we look to the future, we know vibrant cities have urban parks and open space. We are focused on strategically adding recreation spaces to meet our growing population. This includes the creation of a downtown park and a "green street loop" for pedestrians and bicyclists connecting open spaces with shopping and other amenities.

Our vision includes acquiring land in the downtown core to create a central park. This space would provide a place for people to gather and will include recreation and cultural features. Over time, additions to this space may include multiuse plazas, courtyards, walkways, landscaped areas, public art, a spray park, restrooms, dog park and more connections to the surrounding businesses and amenities. We see this park as a catalyst for redevelopment in the area.

As is our practice, before anything is built or finalized, the public will have a chance to weigh in. We want residents and business owners to share

RECENTLY COMPLETED PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- **Springbrook Park expansion and Clover Creek restoration.** We added new paths, viewpoints, shoreline plants, basketball court, a dog park, a bike pump track and expanded the community garden.
- **Fort Steilacoom Park.** We replaced dirt infields with synthetic turf and made one field the new home for Pierce College baseball — games are free for the public.
- **Harry Todd Park improvements.** We added fishing piers, improved beach access and made ADA improvements.
- **Edgewater Park Master Plan.** We updated the master plan for this linear park along Lake Steilacoom that includes improvements to increase public access to the lake.

what they envision for park enhancements.

Improving access to public lakes remains a priority. We recently adopted the Edgewater Park Master Plan that proposes lake access improvements for Lake Steilacoom. We plan to study opportunities for appropriate access to Gravelly Lake and Lake Louise, where public access has historically been nonexistent. We are also working to improve access to American Lake near Camp Murray in our Tillicum neighborhood.

As we embark on these efforts to add to our existing park system, we hope our residents and business owners will constructively engage in the process and share with us their vision for Lakewood's future.

Crews work to build the roundabout at Hipkins Road SW and Angle Lane SW, tying together two road improvement projects.



PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING

Hipkins Road making progress



he first part of 2024 saw major underground construction on Hipkins Road between its intersections

with Steilacoom Boulevard and 104th Street SW. It also included the construction of a roundabout at Hipkins Road SW and Angle Lane SW to tie into the new road and sidewalk system on Angle Lane.

The underground work was done in partnership with Lakewood Water District. The agency replaced its aging water main with a new system. The city upgraded the stormwater system.

The project is anticipated to be largely finished by summer,

with the road reopen to traffic and improved pedestrian connections in place.

ARDMORE/WHITMAN/93RD

This busy triangle of residential roads reopened to traffic in mid-April after being closed for several months. Improvements added to this area of the city include streetlights, curbs, gutters and sidewalks, making it easier for residents to walk safely to neighboring commercial areas.

A new traffic signal will be added to the intersection likely by the end of summer once the equipment is delivered. This signal will span the intersection with a signal bridge. In the interim, stop signs control traffic.

PROJECTS STILL TO COME IN 2024

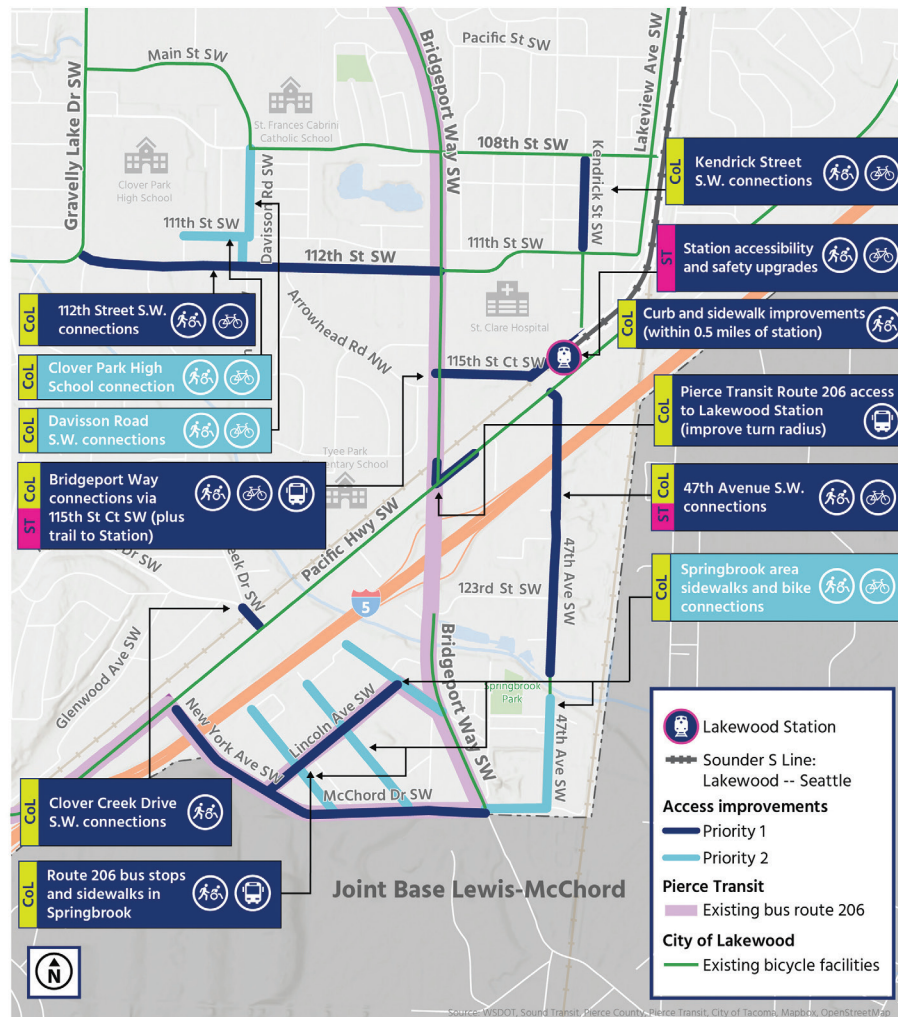
- Steilacoom Boulevard (Weller to 87th): Summer 2024
- Farwest Drive sidewalks (112th to 91st Street Court): Summer 2024
- South Tacoma Way overlay (96th Street to Steilacoom): Summer 2024
- Idlewild/112th Street SW sidewalks: Fall 2024
- South Tacoma Way sidewalks (88th Street to 89th Street Court): Fall 2024
- Chip seal and pavement patching: Ongoing summer

Coming to Springbrook: Pedestrian improvements

The City of Lakewood and Sound Transit are partnering to improve pedestrian connections in the Springbrook neighborhood with the Lakewood Sounder Station. Lakewood will be responsible for the design and construction of the projects. Proposed upgrades include curb and sidewalk improvements within a half-mile of the Sounder Station. Priority will also be given to 47th Street SW, including the Interstate 5 overpass, to widen sidewalks and increase bicycle access to make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists to access South Tacoma Way and the transit station.

Additional sidewalk improvements are planned for New York Avenue SW, Lincoln Avenue SW and McChord Drive SW. If funding is available, improvements will be made to the residential streets that connect to these main roads.

LAKEWOOD ACCESS – RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS



Construction will not begin for a few years. The Sound Transit board of directors recently approved the partnership. The preliminary plan is to

undertake two improvement projects a year with the goal to have the first set of approved projects completed within five years.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

WELCOME TO YOUR INTERIM LAKEWOOD PIERCE COUNTY LIBRARY

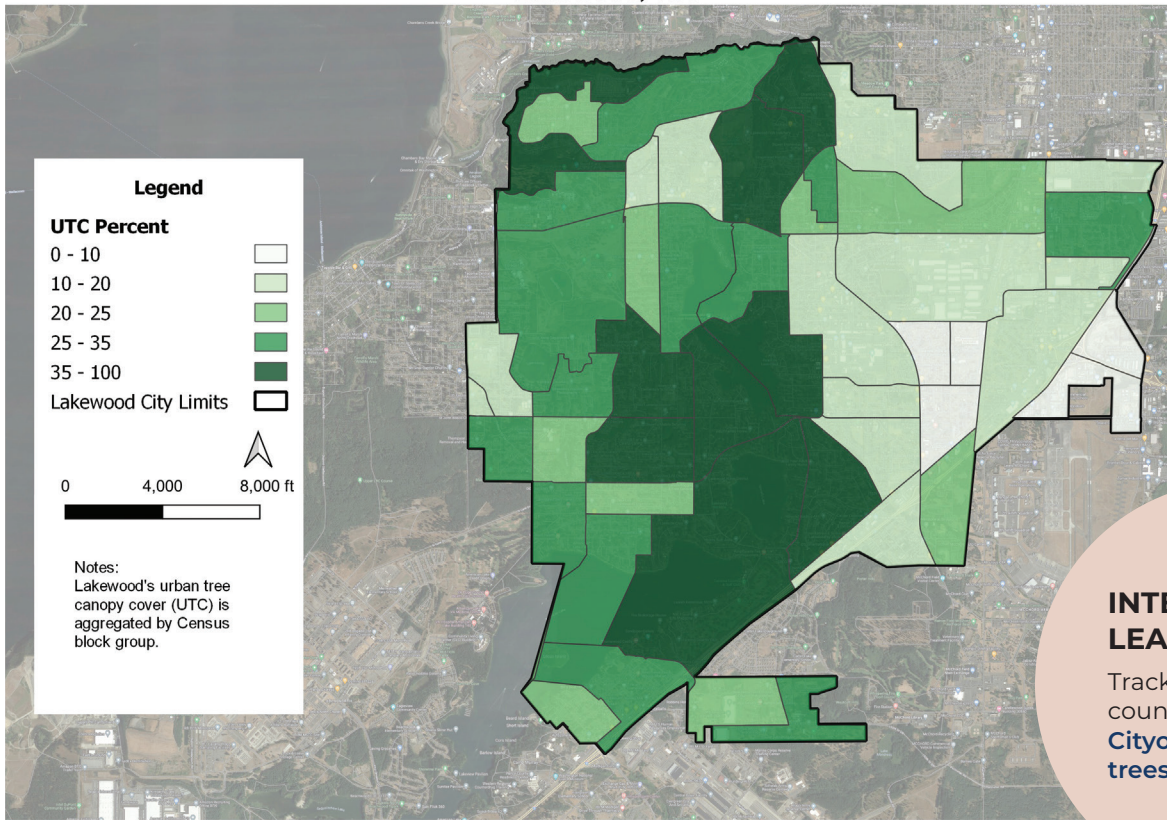
If the construction plan holds, the Pierce County Library System hopes to open its interim Lakewood library branch by late summer! Located at 10202 Gravelly Lake Drive, the library will be open seven days a week and offer a full range of services.

The library system realizes the disruption the community experienced when the library closed. We are eager to start serving residents at the interim library in an inviting, welcoming space.

The 7,500-square-foot building will offer learning resources and classes for all ages; deliver books, materials, and events for enjoyment; and offer community meeting spaces to gather. Service include:

- Access to nearly 21,000 copies of books, movies and magazines and the ability to place a hold on more than 626,000 books and movies for pick up in Lakewood.
- Enjoy story times, author talks, technology classes and more.
- Use computers.
- Reserve space for meetings and connecting in the community meeting room.

Urban Tree Canopy Cover Distribution Lakewood, WA



Lakewood, WA Tree Preservation Code Update 2022

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?
Track the tree counting progress at CityofLakewood.us/trees.

Establishing an urban forestry program in Lakewood

The City of Lakewood is counting trees. This summer contractors hired by the city will record information about trees across the city.

This includes gathering data about trees in the right-of-way, on public property and even private property, if owners give permission.

The inventory is critical to understand what the current

tree canopy looks like citywide. It is part of a larger effort to improve the environmental health of the city and for the people who live here.

Once the tree inventory information is gathered, it will become the foundation for identifying where and how tree coverage can be increased in the most beneficial way.

In 2021, the City of Lakewood adopted new policies and goals and an accompanying work plan to address and minimize the negative effects

of climate change. This work included a goal to establish an urban forestry program.

In 2022, after convening and getting recommendations from a volunteer-led tree advisory committee, the Lakewood City Council adopted new tree regulations and preservation regulations.

A year later, the City Council adopted a goal to increase the tree canopy cover citywide to 40% by 2050, up from its current level of 26%.

Reviewing the 2024 draft Comprehensive Plan

The Lakewood Planning Commission spent the month of May and first part of June holding public meetings to review the 2024 draft Comprehensive Plan.

The Comprehensive Plan is a long-range planning document that outlines plans for the future of the City of Lakewood. It covers everything from zoning to critical areas and development regulations. It also includes plans for specific neighborhoods within Lakewood, outlining how they

could be developed in the future.

The Planning Commission's next step is to take action and make a recommendation on the plan to the Lakewood City Council at its June 26 meeting.

The Lakewood City Council will then hold a series of meetings to review the document. The first meeting is scheduled for a July 8 study session. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. Public comment is not heard

at study sessions, but people who wish to comment on the plan can comment at a public hearing on Aug. 5.

The City Council is expected to take final action on the plan at its Sept. 3 meeting.

Under state law, every city must develop a Comprehensive Plan. Cities are also required to update this plan every 10 years. Lakewood began its periodic review update in early 2023. It is required to have the update completed and adopted by the Lakewood City Council by the end of this year.

Review the document online at [CityofLakewood.us/24PeriodicReview](https://www.cityoflakewood.us/24PeriodicReview).

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

MEET LAKEWOOD'S NEW COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Earlier this year longtime Community Economic Development Director Dave Bugher retired after a nearly 30-year career with the City of Lakewood.

In March, Jeff Rimack joined the team as the new Community Economic Development Director. Read on to learn more about Lakewood's newest director.



Jeff Rimack

A little about myself: Prior to joining the City of Lakewood, I worked for Kitsap County for 23 years. I started out working for Public Works as a maintenance mechanic, before moving over to the retrofit construction crew

for stormwater and wastewater services.

Taking what I learned there, I moved to the Department of Community Development. I started as an engineering technician before progressing to construction inspector, plans examiner, engineer I, construction/plan review supervisor, then assistant director, and finally, department director for the last five years.

A little more about myself: I have lived in the Kitsap/Pierce County area since 1997 when the Navy brought me to the area

while on active duty. When I got out, I loved the area and decided it was where I wanted to make my home. I have one son still in high school and looking toward a career in construction and the military after he graduates. He

came to love working with his hands after working with me on home renovations. He is aiming to become an electrician.

Even more about myself: I was born in Orange, California, but spent middle school in northern California about an hour and a half from Lake Tahoe.

An ironic fact for you: While I grew up at the foothills of Lake Tahoe, a well-known snow sports town, I never once went skiing or snowboarding in the seven years I lived there. Fast forward 25 years and you'll find me trekking around the U.S. and Canada on the hunt for good slopes with my son and snowboard.

I am a member of the U.S. Navy Reserve with 27 years of service. I am a senior chief and serve with Naval Mobile Construction 18 as operations chief. This has afforded me a lot of adventures. I spent the first 10 years with the unit stationed on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, which is how I came to know and enjoy all Lakewood has to offer.

SummerFEST



SUMMERFEST

Saturday, July 20,
11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Where: Fort Steilacoom
Park, 8714 87th Ave. SW

THIS FREE FESTIVAL ON JULY 20 IS THE CITY'S LARGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR!

The City of Lakewood's SummerFEST 2024 is the South Sound's not-to-be-missed summer celebration with something fun for everyone.

SummerFEST has it all: 30+ food trucks, 100+ market vendors, a beer garden, live music all day, a pop-up skate park, skim boarding, aerial motocross shows, bubble soccer, international stage performances, kids activity zone and pony rides (for a fee). Walk through the Cruizin' Together car show, sit to watch circus acts by the Vuelta La Luna Circus and Wenatchee Youth Circus, stop by the Veterans Resource Village, enjoy extreme trampoline acts throughout the day and participate in interactive sports and arts for all ages.

You don't want to miss the grand finale. Fire dancers will amaze you with their tricks at dusk. Find them at the Pavilion stage. Head over to the large field by the Main Stage to watch a choreographed drone show and hot air balloons burst with light and dance to music.

Find the full schedule of events, parking map, vendor list and more at [NEARcation.com/summerfest](https://nearcation.com/summerfest).

MAIN STAGE

11 a.m.-12 p.m.: House Band of Lakewood

12:30-1:30 p.m.: ABBAGraphs

2:15-3:30 p.m.: Olson Brothers Band

4:15-5:30 p.m.: Groove Nation

6:15-7:30 p.m.: Prom Date Mixtape

8:15-9 p.m.: Kalimba, The Spirit of Earth, Wind & Fire

WENATCHEE YOUTH CIRCUS

• 12:30-1:15 p.m.

• 2:30-3:15 p.m.

• 4:30-5:15 p.m.

• 6:30-7:15 p.m.

AERIAL MOTOCROSS

• 1:30-1:55 p.m.

• 3:30-3:55 p.m.

• 5:30-5:55 p.m.



CRUIZIN' TOGETHER CAR SHOW.

Stroll vintage, classic and custom cars from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Awards will be announced toward the end of the show. Day-of registration is allowed.



INTERNATIONAL STAGE.

Stop by the stage at the Pavilion, presented by the Lakewood Sister Cities Association. Enjoy performances from around the world throughout the day from 11 a.m. to 8:45 p.m.



ALL DAY. Stilt walkers, roaming entertainment and more. Free fun for the whole family.



ALL DAY. Sign up for free skim boarding.



BRICKS 4 KIDZ LEGO CONTEST.

Youth can show off their building skills and win LEGO prizes. Stop by the Bricks 4 Kidz booth to see the creativity and vote for your favorite build. The contest is 1:30-3:30 p.m. Winners announced at 3:15 p.m. Find contest details and register your builder online: [Bit.Ly/24SummerfestLEGO](https://bit.ly/24SummerfestLEGO)



FOOD VENDORS. More than 30 food trucks and stands to choose from. You will find something sweet (or savory) for the whole family!

Let's play ball!



At the end of April, the City of Lakewood and Pierce College held a field dedication event commemorating the completion of the turf infield installation and creation of the new Pierce College home field complex at Fort Steilacoom Park. Members of the Pierce College baseball team were joined on the field by youth players from Lakewood Baseball Club. Together they ran the bases, threw some pitches and welcomed dignitaries. The fields are available for public use through scheduling. Pierce College will host its home games at the complex. All Pierce College games are free to the public.

SPRINGBROOK PARK RENOVATION RECEIVES AWARD

The City of Lakewood received a 2024 Spotlight Award from the Washington Recreation and Parks Association (WRPA) for the development and renovation of Springbrook Park.

The Spotlight Award highlights excellence and achievement in the field of parks and recreation by honoring the efforts of public agencies whose projects display the highest standards in design, development and renovation of park and recreation spaces.

Springbrook Park is a special area and the City worked with the community to plan park renovations. Improvements

included development of a loop trail system, basketball courts, a bike pump track, dog park, expanded community garden and 400 linear feet of shoreline restoration along Clover Creek.

Previous improvements included park expansion, a pedestrian bridge to connect the park to neighbors across the creek, a new playground and parking lot.

More than 5,000 residents who live near the park have access to a high-quality community park. The city received almost \$800,000 in grants to support the \$1.6 million project.

Edgewater Park Master Plan adopted

This spring the Lakewood City Council adopted the

master plan update for Edgewater Park.

The adopted plan focuses on improving public access to Lake Steilacoom and the water.

Proposed improvements for the park include:

- Adding a fishing pier/fishing beach.
- Creating pocket beaches to reduce negative impacts to sensitive areas and restoring habitat areas with native plants.
- Identifying a designated swimming area and space to hand launch kayaks, canoes and paddleboards.
- Building a new boat launch with floating dock.
- Improving vehicle traffic flow and adding walkways for pedestrians and parking.

The city will now apply for grants and other funding to help pay for the proposed improvements.

At 2.8 acres, Edgewater Park has seen minimal improvements since incorporation in 1996. It serves as the only public access point for Lake Steilacoom.

Why is economic development so important?



conomic development is critical for a city to survive. At the most basic level, it is needed to

generate revenue to provide city services.

In Lakewood there are several economic development projects in various stages of progress. They include:

WESTERN STATE HOSPITAL (STATE PROJECT)

Adds a 350-bed forensic hospital and an administrative building and upgrades some existing buildings and the hospital grounds to meet safety and security standards for patients and the community.

- \$750-\$800 million total project value.
- 5-year project, anticipated completion in 2028.

DEVCO (PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT)

This 245-unit affordable housing development is planned for the Lakewood

Station District. It will offer 100% affordable housing for people with incomes at 60% or less of the adjusted median income level, meeting the needs of our community.

- Estimated value of construction: \$75 million.

ALLIANCE RESIDENTIAL (PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT)

As proposed, this 90,000-square-foot project would build two, five-story buildings that will house 400+ market rate units. The buildings will be located on 10 acres in the Lakewood Towne Center in the city's Downtown/Central Business District. One of the buildings would support housing for people 55 years and older.

- Estimated value of construction: \$126 million.
- The project may request an 8-year Multifamily Tax Exemption.
- Lakewood's Downtown district is a Regional Growth Center that targets 2,200 new units of housing by the year 2035.

PHOENIX CAPITAL (PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT)

This project will add two industrial buildings to the Woodbrook Business Park. The buildings are Building A at 202,991 square feet and Building B at 82,656 square feet. The buildings will be shell buildings and combine for a total of 285,647 square feet to be built on 15 acres.

- Estimated value of construction: \$25 million.

LAKWOOD ONE INDUSTRIAL (PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT)

This industrial project adds a 135,970-square-foot shell building on 123rd Street SW.

- Value of construction: \$12 million.

MARRIOTT SPRINGHILL SUITES (PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT)

Marriott is expanding its hotel footprint in Lakewood with the addition of a 128-room hotel facility on Pacific Highway next to its TownePlace Suites.

- Estimated value of building: \$25 million.



PARKS AND RECREATION

Prairie monitoring in progress

Did you know the Old Settlers Cemetery has one of the most pristine prairie ecosystems in the area? Work is now underway to inventory and monitor the property and its natural environment. There will be limited mowing or other landscaping maintenance on site while volunteers conduct the inventory across the seasons. A stewardship plan will be developed from the inventory list.



Casa Mia owners Gerald and Jamie Pense receive the March 2024 Business Showcase award from the Lakewood City Council.

Casa Mia Italian Restaurant

Gerald Pense didn't know it at the time as a teenager, but his first job working for the original Casa Mia restaurant in the Aberdeen/Hoquiam area two blocks from his home had some serious foreshadowing for his adult life.

Fast forward to today when Pense and his wife Jamie own Lakewood's Casa Mia located off 74th Street SW.

"I didn't necessarily ever think I was going to be in business for myself, but the opportunity came around and it was a good time to do it when we did," said Pense, who has been a local business owner for 21 years.

Thinking about what he's most proud of as a business owner, Pense reflected on his teenage years growing up in Aberdeen and his experience working at Casa Mia in his youth.

"We've been really blessed with having good young people," Pense said of his employees. "A lot of them use this as a place to start on their way to college

STAY UP ON BUSINESS NEWS

Want to know the latest on economic development in the city of Lakewood? Sign up to receive an e-newsletter every other month from the city's Economic Development team. Scan the QR code to sign up to receive the newsletter or visit [Bit.ly/LakewoodEconomicNews](https://bit.ly/LakewoodEconomicNews).



out of high school."

Because of the Pense's hard work and dedication over two decades — and their commitment to giving back to the community by passing down knowledge and positive work experiences to Lakewood youth — Casa Mia was awarded the March 2024 Business Showcase by the Lakewood City Council.

Are you signed up for emergency alerts?

In the event of a large-scale emergency, West Pierce Fire & Rescue works diligently with its partners to alert the public about safety concerns. This may include evacuations due to a large fire or hazardous materials incident. But emergencies come in many forms.

While social media is widely used to reach the public and news media partners, another valuable tool we use are emergency alerts. These alerts are used when there is a significant impact and further instructions to the community are necessary.



ARE YOU SIGNED UP?

Visit westpierceemergency.org/emergency-alerts if you live or work in Lakewood, University Place and/or Steilacoom. To stay as updated as possible, please follow West Pierce Fire & Rescue on social media.

First quarter crime summary shows decline in crime overall



Look at first quarter numbers from the Lakewood Police Department showed

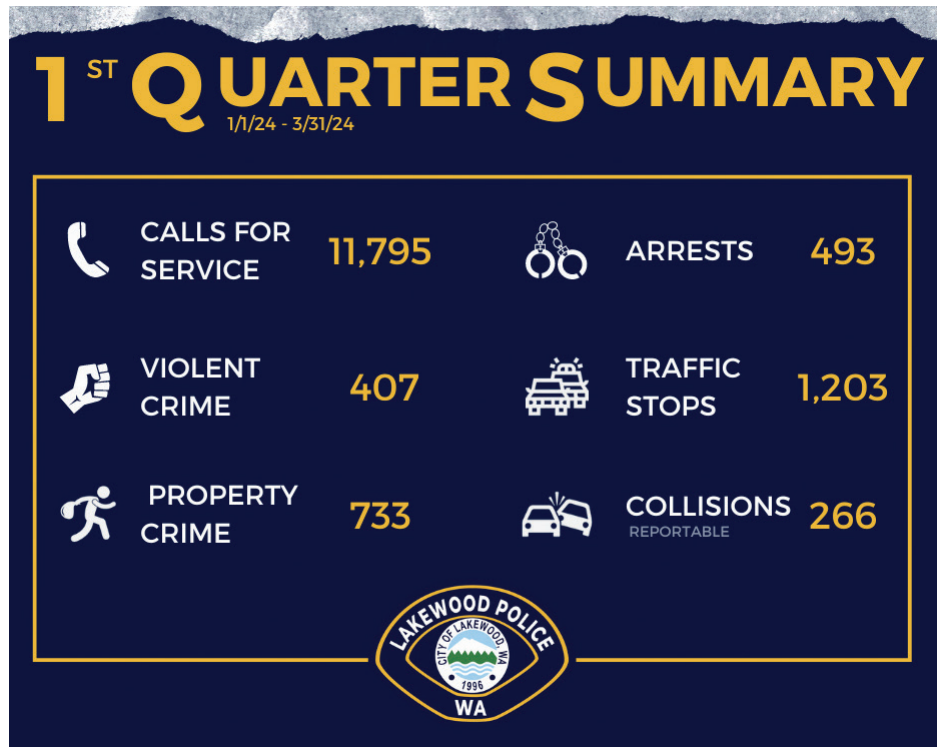
crime was down overall across multiple categories, compared to the same period in 2023.

That includes overall calls for service, which were down 6% in the first quarter of this year compared to the first quarter of 2023.

The biggest gains were seen in the reduction of property crimes and motor vehicle thefts.

Motor vehicle thefts were down 60%. That means there were 200 less victims and 200 fewer cars stolen compared to the same period in 2023. This is a result of officers using technology to assist with identifying stolen vehicles, and arresting suspects for their crimes.

Lakewood police also prioritized reducing property crimes across the city. As a result, property crime was down nearly 40% for the first quarter. This is attributed to an increase in police staffing, additional technology resources that assist in catching criminals and a focus on reducing these types of crimes in the city.



The crime summary looks at data for the first quarter of 2024. The numbers are compared against the prior quarter, as well as the same period in 2023.

One area that saw an increase was arrests, which were up 23%. This increase is due to officers arresting people committing crimes. It includes a 50% increase in arrests of people with existing warrants, and a 23% increase in people committing misdemeanors.

The first quarter saw a slight increase in crimes against people, but that increase is due to assaults. In most cases, assaults are domestic violence incidents involving people that know each other. Police Chief Patrick D. Smith noted in an April report to the Lakewood City Council that specific to the first quarter, there were at least five or six calls tied to one household where officers responded multiple times. When these situations happen, they can skew the numbers.

The Lakewood Police Department remains committed to proactively policing across the city. This includes using technology, neighborhood patrols and emphasis patrols like those in the Lakewood Towne Center to stop shoplifters.



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Lakewood Farmers Market, June 4-Sept. 17



City of Lakewood summer events

LAKWOOD FARMERS MARKET

2-7 p.m. | June 4 – Sept. 17 (except July 16 & 23)

Fort Steilacoom Park

The Lakewood Farmers Market runs every Tuesday from now until Sept. 17. Find fresh cut flowers, fresh produce, local vendors, food trucks, live entertainment and family fun. New this year we'll feature pop-up markets. Find the pop-up market themes and more at CityofLakewood.us/FarmersMarket

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

3-5 p.m. | Saturday, June 15

Lakewood City Hall

Hosted by St. Joseph-St. John Episcopal Church in partnership with the City of Lakewood, this free event celebrates family and community. Come for an afternoon of community, celebration and relationship building.



Summer Nights At The Pavilion, Tuesdays

SUMMER NIGHTS AT THE PAVILION

6:30-8 p.m. | Tuesdays, June 18 – Aug. 27 (except July 16 & 23)

Pavilion at Fort Steilacoom Park

Visit the Lakewood Farmers

Market for dinner, set up a lawn chair or picnic blanket and enjoy an evening of live music on the outdoor Pavilion stage. Concerts are every Tuesday (except July 16 and 23) and feature a range of musical talent. Find the list of bands: CityofLakewood.us/Concerts



Fiesta de la Familia, Sept. 7

SPEND YOUR SUMMER WITH LAKEWOOD SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

Are you looking for some great activities this summer for older adults? Are you new to the area or new to the Lakewood Senior Activity Center?

Now is a great time to stop in and meet new friends at Coffee & Conversation or Men's Coffee. Or join us for fitness and fun at "Just a Walk in the Park" at the beautiful Fort Steilacoom Park on Monday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

Interested in art? Check out our sumi painting class, Knotty Knitters or photography club. Keep your mind sharp with "brain games" and have some fun too. Do you love a great game of mahjong? We have many programs and activities, and we would love to get connected and grow with you.

For more information about Lakewood's senior programs, contact **Elizabeth Scheid** or **Debbie Washburn** at 253-983-7786. We would love to hear from you!

SUMMERFEST

11 a.m.-10 p.m. | July 20
Fort Steilacoom Park

Join us for this FREE outdoor festival that includes live entertainment, an international festival, stilt walkers, food trucks, a car show, kids' activities, a grand finale balloon glow at night, drone show and so much more. More details: NEARcation.com/SummerFEST

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
Aug. 6
Lakewood

Join your neighbors in this national celebration. Each August the Lakewood Police Department and Lakewood City Council visit neighborhood barbecues, potlucks and gatherings to strengthen relationships.

FIESTA DE LA FAMILIA
12-6 p.m. | Sept. 7
Fort Steilacoom Park

Join us for an afternoon of culture and celebration with dancing, live music, community performances, food trucks, local vendors, student art show display, car show, children's costume parade, interactive activities and family fun.

ARTIST RECEPTION
5-7 p.m. | Sept. 16
Lakewood City Hall

Stop by Lakewood City Hall to view this joint exhibition and meet artists Sylvi Johnson and Laurie Davenport. There will be live music performed by saxophonist Maureese Itson and refreshments. The art, including photography and paintings, will be on display at Lakewood City Hall for all to view.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS



CPSD PARTNERS WITH LAKEWOLD GARDENS FOR HANDS-ON LEARNING

In April, Clover Park School District (CPSD) fifth graders became one with nature at Lakewold Gardens. Led by mentors from Lakes High School, nearly every fifth grade class participated in engaging educational activities in the gardens.

Students navigated trails, examined leaves, collected flowers and more, as they connected classroom science concepts to the nature around them.

CPSD received a state outdoor education grant to pay for field trip transportation and learning materials. Lakewold Gardens received a grant to provide additional learning materials.

Lakes students served as tour guides. They trained at Lakewold Gardens before the field trips began so they were ready to use their new knowledge to enrich

LAKEWOLD GARDENS UPCOMING EVENTS

FAIRY FEST

June 22-23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tickets: \$20 General, \$16 Students, Seniors & Military, \$10 Youth 6-17 (5 and under free)

Fairy-themed events for the entire family! Enchanting activities including art projects, live music and dance performances, a fairy house contest, free play and games in the gardens, storytelling and more.

MUSIC FROM HOME

Ongoing through 2024

Tickets: \$35 General, \$28 Students, Seniors & Military, \$17.50 Youth 6-17 (5 and under free)

Intimate chamber music concerts held in the historic Wagner House. "Sounds of the Homelands" transports attendees to Mexico, Norway, Southeast Asia and around the United States by artists representing these places. Ticket price includes complimentary desserts. Details: lakewoldgardens.org

the experience for the fifth graders.

The Lakes students led creative activities to challenge the elementary students' comprehension of important topics including the hierarchy of ecosystems, biodiversity of plants and animals, and the web of life.

Lakewold Gardens volunteers helped organize and assisted on the field trips.

Thanks to the partnership with Lakewold Gardens and the Lakes mentors, science came to life for CPSD fifth graders.



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