



Spring 2025

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LAKEWOOD FARMERS MARKET OPENING DAY IS JUNE 3

Head to Fort Steilacoom Park from 2-7 p.m.
for fresh produce, flowers, local goods, food
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We're working for you



We jumped into 2025 ready to run. Major infrastructure projects are underway bringing safety improvements to our roadways, connecting pedestrian and nonmotorized paths across our 19 square miles, and investing in neighborhood parks to provide space for residents to get outside close to home.

Here is a look at what we have planned for this year.

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

We are investing \$32.9 million into road improvements across the city. We were awarded \$21 million in grant funding to pay for these improvements. They include:

- Steilacoom Blvd from Weller Rd to 87th Ave. (\$6 million), complete fall 2025.
- South Tacoma Way 88th St. to north city limits (\$4.2 million), complete winter 2025.
- South Tacoma Way/92nd St. signal (\$750,000), complete winter 2025/26.
- South Tacoma Way overlay (\$750,000), complete spring 2025.
- Rose Road sewer installation (\$1.9 million), complete summer 2025.
- Custer Road (\$3.5 million), estimated complete summer 2026.
- Wadsworth/Silcox boat sewer installation (\$2.3 million), complete summer 2025.
- Grant/Orchard sewer installation (\$1.8 million), complete spring 2026.
- 112th Street from Gravelly Lake Drive to Bridgeport Way (\$3.76 million), complete spring 2026.
- Nyanza Road (\$4.3 million), complete spring 2026.
- 112th Street and Idlewild Road (\$1 million), complete summer 2025.
- Interlaaken Drive from Washington Boulevard to 112th Street (\$2 million) complete summer 2025.
- 2025 Chip Seal Program (\$350,000), complete

summer 2025.

- 2025 Pavement Patching Program (\$175,000), complete summer 2025.
- Street Light Program (\$150,000) ongoing.

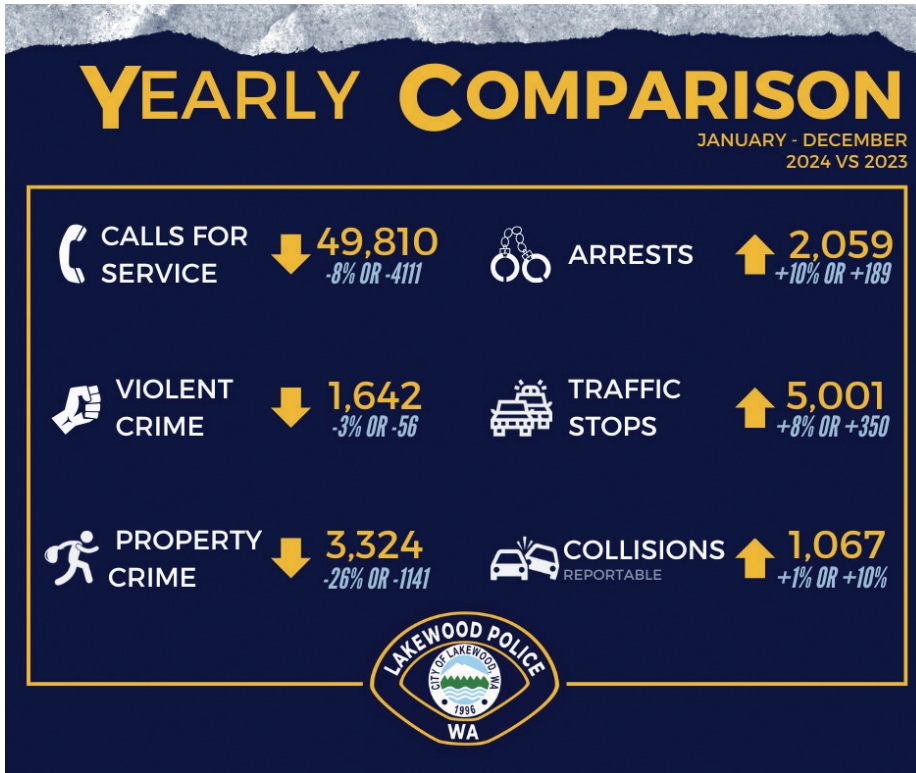
PARK PROJECTS

- American Lake Park (\$4.2 million), complete summer 2025.
- Fort Steilacoom Park (\$300,000)
 - Nisqually Indian Tribe Partnership Project. Complete fall 2025.
 - ADA and overflow parking. Permitting expected second quarter 2025.
- Wards Lake Park Improvements (\$5.4 million), complete November 2025.
- Oakbrook Park Improvements (\$200,000), installation early spring 2025.
- Primely Park Improvements (\$55,000), complete spring 2025.
- Harry Todd Park Pickleball Courts (\$700,000), complete summer 2025.
- Harry Todd Park Deferred Maintenance Grant Improvements (\$100,000), complete summer 2025.
- Park Sign Replacement (\$329,000), complete summer 2025.

PLANNING & PUBLIC WORKS

- A new permit system comes online in June. It will improve review efficiency to meet mandated timelines. It also has a TurboTax-like online application portal make it clear what is needed for a complete application. It provides 24/7 permit review status and inspection requests during construction.
- Jan. 1 in-person front counter services resumed. At the end of February, online customer meeting appointments were available virtually or in person. More options will phase in this year to improve customer service.
- The department is analyzing workload to ensure permit review and inspection services are sized to address the needs of a growing, diverse community.

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- The department will expand customer informational resources on permitting requirements for building, planning, environmental and engineering.
- 2025 Comprehensive Plan updates include review of nine proposed zoning, policy and regulatory amendments. This includes updates to reflect changes in state law around housing, climate change and adhering to framework requirements for regional growth centers.
- A Natural Environment and Climate Change (NECC) Program will be developed that includes policy direction, a 10-plus year implementation plan, and a three-to-five-year work plan. The NECC Program

and plans would replace the city's adopted 2022 Three-Year Energy & Climate Change Work Plan.

- Implementation of a Multifamily Tax Exemption program to incentivize private development of affordable multifamily housing by offering property tax exemptions. This makes investing in Lakewood more attractive to developers and addresses the affordable housing shortage facing our region.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- The Lakewood Police Department Citizen's Academy will be held allowing residents to get an inside look at how the department operates.
- Our Neighborhood Police Officer team will continue its community connections by attending Neighborhood

Association meetings, conducting patrols of Lakewood Towne Center and attending city events.

- We'll see continued work by our Code Enforcement team to respond to problem properties and resident concerns reported through MyLakewood311 and with proactive neighborhood visits.
- We will continue to offer behavioral health support to our most vulnerable by pairing a mental health professional with our officers and connecting people in need of resources and services instead of jail or the emergency room.
- We will keep a continued focus on reducing property crimes and proactively policing in Lakewood's commercial business districts to deter retail theft.

Developing Lakewood street ends



On March 8 the Lakewood Parks and Recreation Advisory Board held a meeting to hear from people who live around

Westlake Avenue where it dead ends into Lake Steilacoom.

The meeting marks the start of the city's public outreach process to gather information from neighbors about how they want to see the city develop the overgrown street end to create a public access point to the lake.

If you missed the meeting, there will be other opportunities this summer to weigh in on the proposed access point to the public lake. If you'd like to learn more about upcoming public meetings or the proposed project, email Capital Projects Manager Daví de la Cruz at ddelacruz@cityoflakewood.us.



The city is embarking on a pilot project to improve access to Lake Steilacoom from Westlake Avenue, a road that dead ends at the lake.

SAVE THE DATE

LAKEWOOD YOUTH COUNCIL YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT

Date: Saturday, April 12, 2025

Time: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Location: Harrison Preparatory School

Who should come: Students in grades 7-11

Details: Attend this FREE event for break-out sessions on sustainability, financial advocacy, college admissions, goal setting and how to turn your passion into a career, methods for building college resumes and self-advocacy. Students will also have access to a game truck, coffee truck, photo booth, Chick-fil-A lunch and raffle prizes.

Registration: CityofLakewood.us/youth-summit



Lakewood Parks Legacy Plan is ready for an update

In 2025 the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department will engage the public to help update the city's Legacy Plan.

A long-term strategic plan crafted to meet the future park and recreation needs of the community, the plan was first created in 2014. Since its adoption, several of the projects, strategies and action items identified in the plan were completed.

The city last updated the plan in 2020. It identified park priorities from 2021-2026, as well as long-term goals.

In total \$35.8 million in projects identified in the plan are either completed, underway or will be completed by 2026. Major projects include:

- Springbrook Park expansion
- Harry Todd Park redevelopment
- Fort Steilacoom turf infields & Pierce College home field
- Wards Lake Parks expansion and development

- American Lake Park redevelopment
- Oakbrook Park expansion and new playground
- Primley Park playground replacement
- Chambers Creek trail and bridge
- Edgewater Park master plan updated
- Seeley Lake natural area trail enhancements

It is now time to update the plan. The volunteer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will kick off public engagement



THE BIG ONE

Work continued this winter to build the enclosure around “The Big One” — the 660-plus-year-old Douglas Fir round relocated by the city to Fort Steilacoom Park from the former Lakewood Library building. The 12-foot-wide round was treated to prevent the weather from damaging it, and a mesh fence is around it to protect from vandalism and damage. Stop by to check it out as you head to the paved path around Waughop Lake inside the park.

opportunities for residents to identify community needs, wants and gaps in the current park system network. Look for more information about how to get involved and participate in upcoming public events and meetings to make sure your voice is heard.

The Legacy Plan is used in the following ways:

A strategic guide:

The Legacy Plan acts as a foundation for future strategic planning, decision making and visioning exercises. It serves as a guide for elected officials and city personnel in the provision of park, open space and recreation services.

An information provider:

The Legacy Plan provides information on the city's park, open space and recreation

system for elected officials, city personnel, community members and any other interested parties.

To support grant funding:

The Legacy Plan is designed to support grant applications; specifically, the plan is designed to meet the planning requirements of the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).

To comply with Growth Management Act requirements:

The Legacy Plan complies with Growth Management Act (GMA) requirements and supplements the City's Comprehensive Plan, specifically RCW 36.70A.020 and Section 3.10.

Rent this space!

Did you know that in addition to beautiful natural areas, several Lakewood parks offer facilities for rent? That includes The Pavilion at Fort Steilacoom Park.

This facility has room for up to 75 people inside and can hold more than 100 people with the large garage-style door open. This is a great spot for corporate events, trainings, graduation parties, weddings or other special occasion celebrations.

Want to stick outside? Many of Lakewood's parks have picnic shelters with seating for 25 to 100 people. Call 253-983-7887 for a complete list of available space, or email Parks@CityofLakewood.us to book your spot today!



CITY FINANCES

2025-26 Biennial Budget adopted

At the end of 2024 the Lakewood City Council adopted the city's 2025-26 Biennial Budget. Before adoption the City Council held numerous public meetings to review the proposed document, hear from department directors about funding requests, listen to public comments and finally review the document.

The adopted budget reflects the policies, goals, programs and service priorities of the City Council and its values. The 2025-2026 biennial budget emphasizes several critical areas:

- **Public Safety:** Allocating resources to ensure the safety and well-being of Lakewood residents.
- **Infrastructure Development:** Investing in continued improvements to Lakewood's roads and pedestrian connections and its parks.
- **Community Services:** Funding programs that support the diverse needs of the community.
- **Economic Development:** Encouraging growth and sustainability of local businesses.

The adopted budget is available on the city's website for review:
CityofLakewood.us/finance/biennial-budget

PPW works to improve permit review times and customer service

The city is changing the software system it uses to process permits to increase ease of use for customers, reduce permit review times and increase transparency and tracking in the permit review process.

The current system used by the city was developed by Pierce County and adapted for Lakewood. It includes a combination of paper filings and digital permitting. Under this system, if the city needs to change something or create a report, it must be done through the county.

With the new system, permit

staff can immediately update the system to reflect changes in state law or due to permit demand. It also will allow for changes to internal workflows and report generation. This will save considerable time.

By implementing new digital tools, automating portions of the review process and optimizing staff workflows, the goal is to lower the average permit review time. The end goal for the customer is shorter permit review wait times.

"With these improvements, we hope to make the permitting process faster and more accessible for residents and businesses alike," said Jeff Rimack, Planning and Public Works director. "We remain

Total permits issued in 2024: **2,447**

Total permit valuation in 2024:

\$270 million

committed to increasing efficiency while maintaining the quality and thoroughness of our permit review system."

The new software rollout is anticipated for June. Once it is ready for public use, informational materials will be shared to help the public learn how to use it.

ADUs in Lakewood: What's allowed?

In 2025, new housing rules went into effect around accessory dwelling units (ADUs) on residential lots in certain zones. So, what can you do on your lot?

WHAT'S ALLOWED?

Up to two ADUs are allowed in conjunction with any detached single-family structure, duplex, triplex, townhome, or other housing unit. If a lot has critical areas or buffers, the number of ADUs could be limited to one. ADUs can be built on an existing lot, which is owned by the owner of that property,

unless the lot is split under a separate permit. Lots are not required to be split to build allowed ADUs.

WHAT RULES APPLY?

ADUs are subject to the same building codes and city requirements (sewer, setbacks, etc.) as any other type of housing.

HOW BIG/SMALL CAN MY ADU BE?

The size for ADUs is at least 1,000 square feet and no more than 1,200 square feet,

excluding the garage. The size of an ADU contained within or attached to an existing single-family home is limited by the existing home's applicable zoning requirements.

DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE PARKING SPOTS FOR AN ADU ON MY LOT?

The number of parking spaces you'll need depends on zoning. The city will let you know the number of spots required once you begin your permit application process.

WILL THE COST OF MY HOME INSURANCE CHANGE?

Road closures planned for Interlaaken Drive this summer

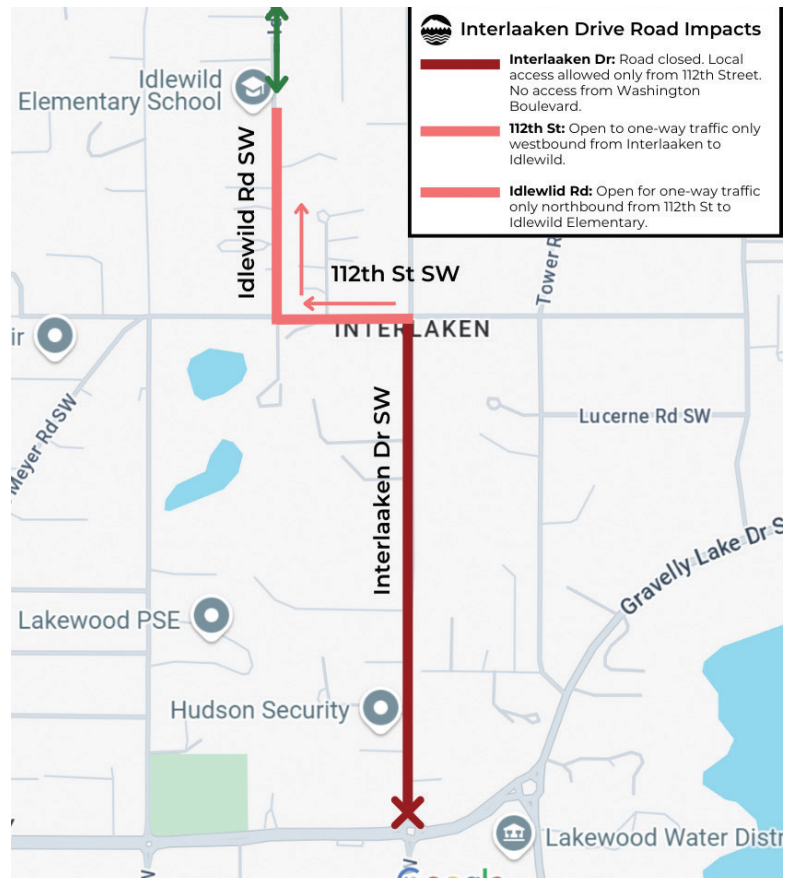
This summer work will begin to make necessary pedestrian safety and road improvements to sections of Idlewild Road SW, 112th Street NW and Interlaaken Drive SW. The project will stretch from Washington Boulevard to Idlewild Elementary School.

During construction Interlaaken Drive will be closed between 112th Street SW and Washington Boulevard. Idlewild Road and 112th Street will remain open one-way.

The intent is to wait for school to end to begin construction, though an official start date is not yet confirmed.

The project will require the removal of trees in the right-of-way to make room for improvements. The city is working to limit the total number of trees that need to be removed. More details about these impacts will be shared closer to the construction start time.

Planned improvements include adding curbs, gutter, streetlighting and sidewalks, making a connection to Idlewild Elementary School. With the completion of the sidewalk installation,



there will be a direct pedestrian and nonmotorized connection from the Interstate 5 corridor all the way to Fort Steilacoom Park.

Consult with an insurance provider to determine the cost to insure your property.

WILL MY TAX ASSESSMENT GO UP NOW THAT ADUS ARE ALLOWED?

A tax assessment will change after the ADU is built, not before.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

To find out more about ADU options and rules, email Planning@cityoflakewood.us or call 253-512-2261.

SIGN UP FOR LAKEWOOD'S CAMP CREATE

Did you know the City of Lakewood hosts a summer camp for youth? This affordable summer camp is a great opportunity to keep your child active in the summer – and away from screens! The camp is held at Park Lodge Elementary School in Lakewood and includes fun activities, field trip visits and more. Additional details will be shared this spring about specific programming. Registration opens May 1.

CAMP CREATE DATES

- Week 1: June 23-27
- Week 2: July 7-11
- Week 3: July 14-18
- Week 4: July 21- 25
- Week 5: July 28- Aug. 1
- Week 6: Aug. 4- 8
- Week 7: Aug. 11-19

Lakewood also partners with community organizations like Bricks 4 Kidz, SkyHawks and others to offer summer youth programming in the city. Find more details online: CityofLakewood.us/YouthPrograms.



City of Lakewood 2025 events

**Lakewood
Farmers
Market Opening
Day, Tuesday,
June 3**

SPRING ARTIST RECEPTION: “CULTURE CLASH: ART EDITION!”

5-7 p.m. | April 7

Lakewood City Hall

View the works of artists from the Hwa Sil Art Studio which will be on display at Lakewood City Hall for the city's spring art exhibition. The artists will be there in person to speak about their work. Enjoy refreshments, entertainment and an evening of community.

PARKS APPRECIATION DAY

9 a.m.-12 p.m. | April 26

Various park locations
Help us clean up our parks by picking up trash, pulling weeds, and light landscaping. To sign up to volunteer call 253-983-7887 or email parks@cityoflakewood.us.



**Summer
Nights at the
Pavilion, starts
Tuesday,
June 17**

**Kid's
Fishing
Event,
May 17**



KID'S FISHING EVENT

9 a.m.-1 p.m. | May 17

Harry Todd Park

Bring the kids to the beach at Harry Todd Park and participate in our annual fishing event. Fishing poles provided. Registration details at [CityofLakewood.us/Calendar](https://www.cityoflakewood.us/calendar)

**SATURDAY STREET
FESTIVAL: DANCING IN THE
STREET**

4-7 p.m. | May 30

Colonial Plaza on Motor Ave

This family-friendly event has food trucks, local vendors, artists and more.

**LAKEWOOD FARMERS
MARKET**

**2-7 p.m. | June 3 – Aug. 26
(except July 15 & 22)**

Fort Steilacoom Park

Opening Day of the Lakewood Farmers Market is June 3. Head to Fort Steilacoom Park for fresh cut flowers, fresh produce, local vendors, food trucks, live entertainment,

giveaways and family fun. The market runs every Tuesday. [CityofLakewood.us/FarmersMarket](https://www.cityoflakewood.us/farmersmarket)

**SUMMER NIGHTS AT THE
PAVILION**

6:30-8 p.m. | Tuesdays, June 17 – Aug. 19 (except July 15 & 22)

**Pavilion at Fort Steilacoom
Park**

Visit the Lakewood Farmers Market for dinner, set up a lawn chair or picnic blanket on the grass in front of the Pavilion and enjoy the show. This year's music line up is:

- June 17 Rebel Canyon (country)
- June 24 Baking with Julia (classic rock)
- July 1 Groove Nation (Top 40 hits)
- July 8 Candy Shoppe (variety)
- July 29 Radio 80's (80s)
- Aug. 5 House Band of Lakewood (classic rock)
- Aug. 12 Fastlane (Eagles tribute)
- Aug. 19 Wally & The Beavs (50s & 60s)

SUMMERFEST

11 a.m.-10 p.m. | July 19

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, hot air balloon glow at night and more. Full event line up: [NEARcation.com/SummerFEST](https://www.nearcation.com/summerfest)

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**SummerFEST,
July 19**



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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Aug. 5

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. 6

Fort Steilacoom Park

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

TRUCK & TRACTOR DAY

12-3 p.m. | Oct. 11

Fort Steilacoom Park

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

FALLEN OFFICERS FOOD DRIVE

6 a.m.-6 p.m. | Date TBD

Lakewood police station

Drop off non-perishable food items, monetary donations or sign up to donate blood for this annual event held by the Lakewood Police Department to benefit Emergency Food Network and Bloodworks NW. A date will be announced later this year.

HOLIDAY PARADE OF LIGHTS & TREE LIGHTING

4:30-6 p.m. | Dec. 6

Lakewood City Hall

6000 Main St SW

Kick off your holidays in Lakewood at our Holiday Parade of Lights and annual Tree Lighting. Join the community parade to showcase your business or group, line the parade route and visit Santa.

JINGLE BELL 1-MILE KID'S DASH & 5K RUN/WALK

9:30 a.m. | Dec. 13

Fort Steilacoom Park

This 5k walk/run and 1-mile kids fun run is great for families. Wear your best holiday-themed costume, bring your dog (on a leash), grab the stroller and head to Fort Steilacoom Park for holiday cheer. Registration will open in the fall.

FREE SPRING COMMUNITY CLEANUP

Bring trash, junk and recyclables to the Lakewood Transfer Station for the city's Spring Community Cleanup Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (last vehicle admitted at 1:45 p.m.).

This event is free 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 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

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

NEED A JOB? THE INTERIM LAKEWOOD LIBRARY CAN HELP

Submitted by Pierce County Library System

Your interim Lakewood Pierce County Library can help you get the job you want! Your library offers free services to help people improve their technology skills to get their next job or promotion.

The Pierce County Library System provides free certifications in more than 30 online programs. People can access the programs from anywhere with internet access. From Adobe and IT Specialist to Microsoft Office Specialist and QuickBooks, the Library System offers numerous online programs geared to improve professional skills.

The Library System offers:

- Online resume templates
- Live interview coaches
- Technology assistance

You can get started today at Jbc.Pcls.US.

In addition, to these many online resources, the Lakewood Library gives one-on-one tech help for people of all ages, skills and abilities. Visit the library and staff is happy to help.

Lakewood Library staff look forward to seeing you soon!

EVER WONDER WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A HERO?

Contributed by West Pierce Fire & Rescue

West Pierce Fire & Rescue's Youth Academy is back this June, offering teens a hands-



on experience like no other. Participants will climb ladders, bust down doors, pick cars apart with the Jaws of Life, and, of course, fight some fires. The Youth Academy is an amazing opportunity for students ages 14-18 living or attending school in Lakewood, University Place and Steilacoom. There's no cost to attend and all equipment and necessary gear will be provided. Breakfast, snacks, and lunch are also included each day.

The application period runs from May 1-15, and selected participants will be notified the week of May 26.

Space is limited — don't miss your chance to be part of this unforgettable adventure! Visit West Pierce Fire & Rescue's website for more details and to apply: WestPierce.Org.

CONNECTING CLASSROOMS TO CAREERS

Submitted by Clover Park School District

Preparing for graduation in the 21st century is much different than in decades past. As students begin secondary school, they also begin preparing for life after

graduation, in addition to their core academics.

A foundational component of this is the creation of a "High School and Beyond Plan," presented at the end of their senior year. Through career pathways, students explore interests, develop skills and make informed decisions about their futures. Clover Park School District offers 12 career clusters and 20 career pathways.

These pathways focus on current demands in a global economy and increase the relevance of a student's high school education. The variety of career pathways blends academic learning and practical career preparation, allowing students to gain valuable skills, certifications and college credits.

Many pathways allow students to earn dual credits for higher education or receive industry certifications. Last year, students earned 861 industry-recognized certificates, 1,148 CTE dual credits and 5,261 college credit hours.

Students report that career pathways programs have been instrumental in building their confidence and expanding their skill sets. For example, students have shared that these programs help them develop professionalism, find their voice and build confidence in their abilities. They appreciate exploring different classes to find the right pathway for them.

Students' advice: Try new things and ask for help. Teachers are a great resource.



Barnes & Noble will relocate to a new building in Lakewood Towne Center to make way for a private housing development that will add 309 residential units to 34.11 acres in Towne Center.

Private development seen as catalyst for downtown

In February, Hearing Examiner Pro Tem Stephanie E. Marshall ruled in favor of a proposed master planned development permit to build a mixed-use housing project in Lakewood Towne Center.

The private development, known as Lakewood Towne Center Apartments, will add 309 residential units to 34.11 acres in the privately owned Lakewood Towne Center. Eight

buildings will be constructed in the vacant parking lot behind Target, the movie theater and the Barnes & Noble building. Barnes & Noble will relocate to a storefront within the Towne Center; the vacated building will be torn down.

This private investment is a critical step forward in the transformation of Lakewood's downtown area. The development will revitalize this significantly underutilized area by transforming an empty parking lot into a housing hub and bringing with it a sense

of interconnectivity. Residents will enjoy sustainable living where they can walk to restaurants and shopping, ultimately supporting local businesses.

"This is the first project of this kind in our downtown and its significance cannot be overstated," said Lakewood Mayor Jason Whalen.

"We hope its success will encourage property owners and developers to come to Lakewood and help with the future development of what we envision to be a dynamic

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— Mayor Jason Whalen

downtown with pedestrian connections, public parks and gathering places for our community.”

In the ruling, Marshall determined the project met the city’s zoning and planning requirements, while enhancing the livability of downtown Lakewood. The approval included several conditions to address community concerns about traffic, environmental impact and infrastructure.

TRAFFIC MITIGATION

- The project must comply with the city’s traffic management requirements to ensure no major disruptions to existing traffic flow.
- Pedestrian pathways must be enhanced for safety and connectivity.

STORMWATER & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS

- The project must follow strict stormwater management guidelines per the state Department of Ecology’s Stormwater Manual.
- On-site water treatment systems must be installed to improve stormwater drainage and water quality from the site. These systems do not currently exist, allowing untreated runoff to directly flow into nearby creeks.
- The development must include landscape buffers and tree retention, maintaining at least 91 existing trees while adding over 280 new trees.

“Our vision for our downtown is to create a walkable urban environment, enhancing public safety and connecting people with resources like parks, libraries, public transit and cultural institutions,” said Whalen. “This housing development is the first major step toward achieving this goal and we hope it serves as a catalyst to encourage more private development in Lakewood.”

BUSINESS SHOWCASE



Diamond Designs Unlimited

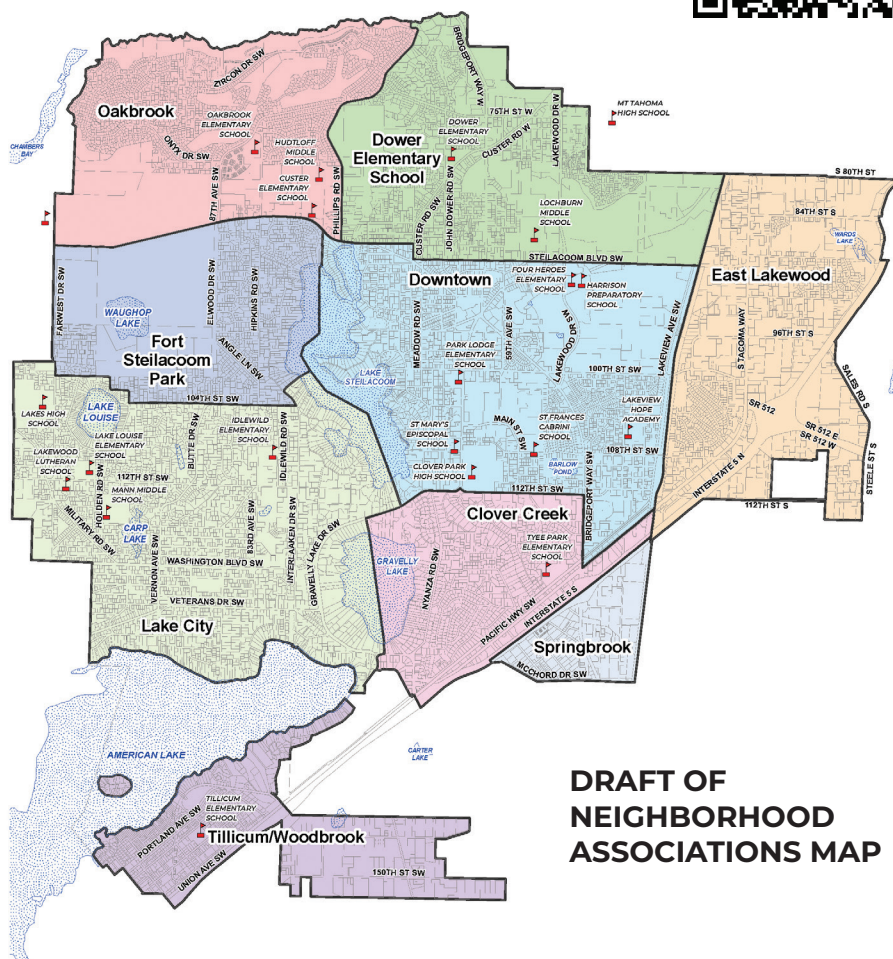
Shawn Luvaas, owner of Diamond Designs Unlimited, receives the November 2024 Business Showcase from the Lakewood City Council. Diamond Designs was awarded the recognition because of its commitment to serving the community with happiness, its longevity in Lakewood and its dedication to supporting Lakewood businesses and residents. Read more: CityofLakewood.us/BizShowcase



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.

Share your thoughts! Public input will help shape this map and ensure it reflects the needs of the community. Scan the QR code to take a quick survey to tell us what you think.



DRAFT OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS MAP



Our weekly email newsletter covers important news, upcoming events, construction updates and more.



Visit our events calendar to see a list of upcoming and recurring events hosted by the city. Add the events to your calendar to make sure you never miss out on the fun!



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



Find Lakewood on social media to see what's happening in real-time. We're on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube.