

# COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH



October is National Community Planning Month, and Lakewood is taking this opportunity to highlight the contributions of sound planning within our community.

Displays are in the lobby of the Civic Center North building throughout the month of October. The displays illustrate how planning has shaped Lakewood and also provide information to citizens about how they can be involved in planning for Lakewood's future. In addition, several exciting events are planned throughout the month, and **the public is invited and encouraged to attend these free events.**



## DRCOG MetroQuest Vision Workshop

Lakewood Cultural Center  
Community Room  
470 South Allison Parkway

**October 20, 2009**  
6:30 - 8 p.m.

What will the Denver region look like in the year 2040? How can our region accommodate millions of new people and jobs? How might different development patterns and infrastructure investments influence our region's quality of life? The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) has developed an interactive computer tool called MetroQuest that allows policymakers, business leaders and the general public to explore these questions by visualizing alternative future scenarios for our region. Come participate in this workshop using hand-held keypads to create scenarios on the fly and then discuss the different issues that arise through the workshop.

## Brown Bag Lunch & Learn Film Series

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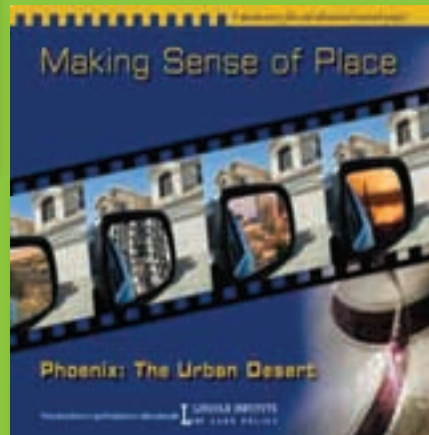
**Each Wednesday in  
October  
noon -1 p.m.**

Bring a lunch and join Lakewood planning staff each Wednesday in October for a short film that examines local, national and international urban planning challenges and opportunities.



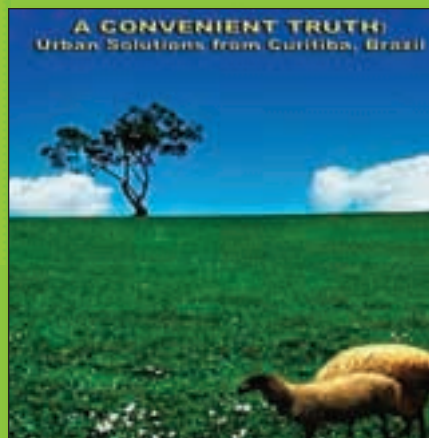
**October 7**  
**Making Sense of Place -  
Portland: Quest for the  
Livable City**

This film chronicles the complex challenges of aspiring to be a more sustainable metropolis with a smaller carbon footprint. As cities across the country today attempt to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, invest in transit, and focus on infill redevelopment as an alternative to car-dependent sprawl, the experience of Portland provides a cautionary tale for planning in the 21st century involving issues of economic development, gentrification, local food and farming, property rights, and civic participation.



**October 14**  
**Making Sense of Place -  
Phoenix: The Urban Desert**

Through the eyes and voices of Phoenix residents, the film explores the interrelationships both caused by and affecting individual choices, the democratic process and market forces in the region. Many factors contribute to this development pattern, which is providing homes and jobs to 100,000 new residents each year but is also threatening the region's unique desert environment.

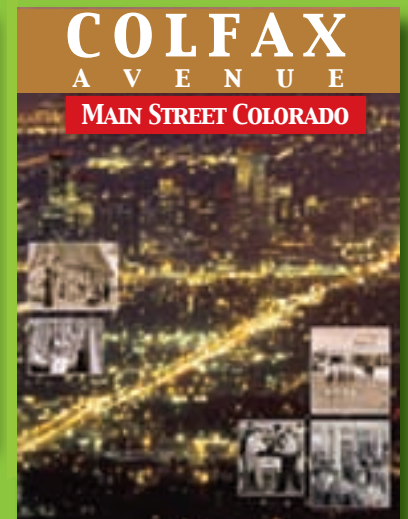


**October 21**  
**A Convenient Truth: Urban  
Solutions from Curitiba, Brazil**

This informative, inspirational documentary is aimed at sharing ideas to provoke environment-friendly and cost-effective changes in cities worldwide. The documentary focuses on innovations in transportation, recycling and social benefits including affordable housing, seasonal parks, and the processes that transformed Curitiba into one of the most livable cities in the world.

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**October 28**  
**Colfax Avenue:  
Main Street Colorado**

This is the story of the longest commercial thoroughfare in America. As both a neighborhood main street and transcontinental highway, Colfax Avenue provides a telling reflection of the people and events that shaped metropolitan Denver. Along the banks of this concrete river, the link between history and destiny can be discovered. This event will include a discussion with City staff and the filmmaker about the film and recent planning efforts along West Colfax Avenue in Lakewood.

**Attend two or more brown bag lunch events and you will be entered to win one of five Belmar Gift Cards.**

**For questions regarding any of these events, please contact June at 303-987-7515 or [jungra@lakewood.org](mailto:jungra@lakewood.org).**

