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HERITAGE LAKEWOOD BELMAR PARK

Say hello again to Heritage Lakewood

earning about history never gets old, but the name for the city's museum and festival grounds needed some updating. Kicking off with the new year, the facilities have been renamed as Heritage Lakewood Belmar Park.

The new name stems in part from residents and visitors letting us know a change was needed. Formerly known as the Lakewood Heritage Center, the site was often confused with the nearby Lakewood Cultural Center, which frustrated attendees and visitors. The new name clearly identifies the site's mission and its location.

Located on 15 acres in Belmar Park, the site is a place that preserves Lakewood's past and celebrates community. It is home to 15 historic buildings creating a history park that represents Lakewood's heritage. It also houses the city's museum with more than 40,000 artifacts, while the festival grounds host numerous community celebrations.

Heritage Lakewood also presents exhibitions, supports research about the area and offers field trips and educational programs for all ages. More than 50,000 visitors participate annually in programs and attend community events such as the

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Rockin' Block Party, Sounds Exciting! Summer Concert Series, Cider Days and more.

The evolution of the name came from research and feedback starting with the process to update the master plan for the site beginning in 2016. Residents and community members communicated the need for the site to have a strong identity. Surveys, public meetings and more helped develop the new name and logo that will foster more visibility for the facilities, which was an important need identified in the updated master plan.

"Our goal with rebranding is to help pique residents' curiosity and encourage them to discover all the unique and interesting aspects of Heritage Lakewood," said Betsy Bowers, Heritage Lakewood administrator.

The new name also honors the namesake of the facility. Opened in 1976 as Belmar Museum, the facility is located on May Bonfils Stanton's former Belmar estate on the southwest corner of West Alameda Avenue and Wadsworth Boulevard. Heritage Lakewood's historic buildings include the estate's calving barn, which is listed in the Colorado Register of Historic Properties, and the caretaker's cottage.

The site's first master plan in 1996 recommended the creation of a festival area, leading to the addition of the Bonfils-Stanton Amphitheater and the renaming of the site to the Lakewood Heritage Center. That emphasis on heritage continues with this year's new name.

The new logo takes inspiration from the retro-themed visitor center, from midcentury modern and agricultural architecture and from the rolling hills of the park's shortgrass prairie with musical notes floating in from the festival grounds. The warm, sunny colors give a nod to the site's role in welcoming visitors to explore Lakewood's history.

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You count in the 2020 census

Census 2020

here's a historic opportunity coming to Lakewood mailboxes in March. For the first time in 230 years, you'll be able to stand up and be counted in the national 2020 census by going online from the convenience of your mobile device or computer. A few clicks and simple questions, a handful of minutes of time, and you'll play an important part in shaping the future of your nation and your community.

What's the census and why is it so important?

It's part of being an American. The census is essential to your right to be heard and participate in our representative system of government. Every 10 years since 1790, as outlined in the Constitution, the United States has counted its residents to ensure they are fairly represented in the U.S. House of Representatives in Congress. The census count also affects your representation at the state Capitol and in your wards for Lakewood City Council.

Important benefits and community needs depend on a complete population count in the 2020 census. The data is used in numerous ways such as businesses determining where to expand to new locations, government planners deciding where new roads, schools and other facilities are needed now and in the future and nonprofit agencies preparing for services for seniors and other populations in need.

Then there's your money. Census data determines the flow of an estimated \$13 billion of federal funding into Colorado each year. That works out to about \$2,300 per person annually to pay for needed programs and services for each of the next 10 years until the next census occurs. Those numbers don't include the private funding, such as nonprofit grants or business funding, that relies on census data. An accurate count of Lakewood residents means your fair share of funding coming back to your community.

So how do I get counted in the 2020 census?

Watch for your 2020 census instructions arriving in the mail beginning in March when the U.S. Census Bureau begins sending postcards to households across Lakewood and the nation. You'll be able to respond in one of four ways:

- Online with mobile devices, tablets or computers.
- Over the phone by calling the census call centers listed on the postcard.
- With a paper form.
- In person with a census taker, or "enumerator," who are local workers coming to homes.

You'll fill out 10 questions, in about 10 minutes, for each person who lives at your address. Remember this is a count of America's total

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Letter from the Mayor



Make sure you're counted

Happy New Year! I've always wondered how long into January one can continue to say "Happy New Year." Since it's almost February, it might be a little too late; however, this is my first column of the year and my first chance to truly wish you and your family a Happy New Year!

City Council kicked off the year working hard on issues that are important to you. We recently passed an update to our ordinances that will help the city address challenging properties that have become dangerous nuisances, not only to the occupants, but also to neighbors and first responders. Council is also finalizing the implementation of the Residential Growth Limitation Ordinance, which voters passed and became law in July. We will also begin conversations pertaining to the formation and governance

of metro districts, which are governmental entities often involved in development.

This is a census year, and we are proud to have a U.S. Census Bureau office in Lakewood. The bureau is ramping up its operations, and the agency is hiring for numerous positions. The constitutionally mandated census is critically important, and it's vital we get everyone counted. Read the story on the front page of this edition to understand why the census is so important, and you will see more information about your participation throughout the year, so stay tuned.

As always, I encourage you to get engaged and be a part of the conversation about what is going on in Lakewood. There are many ways to have your voice heard, and visiting **LakewoodSpeaks.org** to comment on council agenda items is one of the easiest. On Feb. 1, City Council is having its annual planning session for the year. This is where council will set legislative goals for 2020, so please let us know what's important to you for this session and throughout the year.

Throughout 2019, I encouraged drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians to follow the laws, slow down, use crosswalks and work to eliminate distracting behaviors. It was a terrible year for traffic related

fatalities. Nine pedestrians were killed, eight while jaywalking or crossing highways. Lakewood saw a total of 20 fatal crashes, which resulted in 25 lives lost on the roads in our city. This is shocking, sad and in most cases preventable. Please, please, please slow down, put the phone down, pay attention and obey the laws. We have to do better because life is so precious.

I also have some good news about the Coalition to End Hunger in Lakewood, which is part of my Lakewood Linked initiative. One of the coalition's partners, Benefits in Action, recently received a grant on behalf of the coalition. The grant will be used to conduct an in-depth study of needs and gaps in the food system and ultimately develop an action plan and roadmap for the coalition to address food insecurity in the community.

It's hard to believe that we are already into 2020, which certainly means we need to focus on establishing a vision for the year that will carry the city forward for the future. I believe that Lakewood's future remains bright, but that doesn't mean there won't be challenges we need to manage and difficult issues to work through. I do know that our city is filled with passionate residents who care deeply about its future. Let's work

hard this year to build meaningful relationships with our neighbors, engage in dialogue with others who see the world differently and establish a framework of common values and understanding that reflect the beautiful spirit of Lakewood.

I have monthly coffee meetings with residents, and if you would like to attend one of these, please send me an email. Let me know if you would also like to have me come talk to your neighborhood organization, homeowners association or even an informal group of your neighbors.

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Council Corner



Dana Gutwein



Karen Harrison

Important changes making a difference in Ward 5

NUISANCE ORDINANCE

City Council passed an update to the Nuisance Ordinance. This update will help address a number of issues throughout the city, and in particular, one that has been close to home in Ward 5 regarding rats. Special thank you to the Lakewood Police Department and the team that worked on this issue, including representatives from Jefferson County Mental Health, Code Enforcement, Public Works, and more. We'd also really like to recognize a number of residents who stepped up to advocate around this issue to improve our Nuisance Ordinance with the intent of preventing future issues. We hope that this update will help the city address extreme cases like hoarding and rat infestation that cause a threat to neighborhood health and safety, without crossing the line into infringing on individual property rights.

GOVERNING TOGETHER

We'd also like to thank all who come to our ward meetings and provide valuable perspectives as we continue to implement the Residential Growth Limitation Ordinance. While the growth limitation initiative was voted down in Ward 5, this citywide initiative passed overall and became law last July. At our January ward meeting, we handed out packets with copies of the initiative as well as questions, definitions, or inconsistencies that must be addressed. Community members worked in groups to help us navigate these challenges and implement the intent of the initiative. We brought forward a proposal that was crafted by neighbors to City Council for consideration. Ultimately, it didn't move forward. Still, it was an incredibly valuable experience, and we appreciate the great minds and hearts in our ward. If you have never attended a ward meeting, we would love to see you there adding your voice to the conversation. We meet at 9 a.m. the first Saturday of the month at Bear Valley Church, 10001 W. Jewell Ave.

ENJOYING THE LAKEWOOD WAY OF LIFE

Parks and open spaces are some of our most beloved assets in Lakewood and in Ward 5. We are excited about improvements coming

soon to the Bear Creek Greenbelt and the Taylor property.

- Bear Creek Greenbelt received a \$34,000 grant from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) to restore wildlife habitat along the greenbelt. Work includes removing weeds and Russian olive trees that can be damaging to native vegetation, and replacing them with native trees, shrubs, and grasses.
- Additionally, plans to update the nearly 7-mile-long trail used by cyclists and pedestrians are underway. Needed improvements were identified through a six-month public engagement process in partnership with Jeffco Open Space, Bicycle Colorado, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Updates will include a parallel trail for pedestrians, improved signs and wayfinding directions, repair of damaged concrete, and more. Stay tuned for more public input opportunities.
- Work continues to create access to the 59 acres of open space that was acquired with the help of Jeffco Open Space. Now known as the "Taylor property" with stunning views of the mountains and acres of gorgeous, rolling Colorado prairie, this land is situated east of South Wadsworth Boulevard between Morrison Road and Yale Avenue and will be preserved in perpetuity. The vision for this park

is to preserve its natural state as much as possible and incorporate passive, unpaved walking trails. Currently, the intersection creating access to the park is going through environmental clearances, traffic studies, and engineering processes through the Colorado Department of Transportation. Once complete, the public participation process will begin for shaping this new park that will include online and in-person opportunities, so stay tuned. We want to hear your vision of the park including ideas for park names.

Ward 5

As always, if you have questions, ideas, or concerns, please contact us. Thank you, Ward 5!

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Economic Development

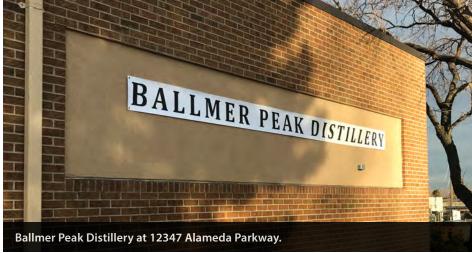


Denver Chip Co. chip bags ready for distribution at 1462 S. Wadsworth Blvd.



Amenities deck at Oak Street Station Apartments at 1420 Oak St.





2019 economic development recap

akewood has enjoyed brisk business development in the past few years, and 2019 was a solid year for the community. There were 43 projects completed in 2019, and 39 projects are already under construction at the start of 2020. Startups made locations across Lakewood their home, national tenants found thriving spaces and businesses expanded — all bringing jobs and vitality to our local economy.

South Lakewood

Business activity was robust south of Mississippi Avenue, and many notable projects kept things humming, Localhost Arena, located at 1882 S. Wadsworth Blvd., underwent an interior remodel to become a new electronic gaming studio, catering to newcomers and near pros alike for practice and large tournaments. A new potato chip manufacturer, Denver Chip Co., made its home at 1462 S. Wadsworth Blvd. Wendy's at 7807 W. Jewell Ave. renovated the existing restaurant, and Reddy Claws, a new restaurant, opened its doors at 3234 S. Wadsworth Blvd. Fairfield Inn started remodeling the entire hotel including guestrooms and is excited to soon welcome travelers at 3605 S. Wadsworth Blvd.

The Ridge at Pinehurst, 7205 W. Quincy Ave. is a 350,000-square-foot residential facility in the final phases of construction and will have all buildings open in 2020. With plush amenities for active senior lifestyles, it

will serve independent living, assisted living and memory care patrons.

West Colfax Corridor

Redevelopment and reinvention continue at rapid pace in this corridor.

BJ's restaurant and brewhouse built a new location at 14245 W. Colfax Ave. and opened in late 2019.

Colorado Mills continues to thrive and renovate, adding more stores including Ralph Lauren Polo, Le Creuset and Under Amour. Forever21 renovated its space to modernize and entice shoppers. SpringHill Suites on the Mills campus at 1315 Colorado Mills Parkway opened its doors in April 2019 as a four-story, 127-room hotel.

The openings of Oak Street Station Apartments, a 289-unit market rate project, and Indy Street Flats, a 160-unit affordable housing complex, provided important housing options and added a surge of additional shoppers to the market. Continued investment is taking place at Lamar Station Plaza, where work is underway to prepare for the opening of a Cici's Pizza, Nevaria La Delicia and Starting Strength Fitness in 2020. SpayToday also relocated to its new location at 1401 Ammons St.

West Sixth Avenue

This corridor is in the process of receiving new additions with construction of Coated Metals' new 35,000-square-foot industrial building at 5495 W. Sixth Ave. Cornerstone RCP Self-Storage at 599 Sheridan Blvd. will also be a new facility with storage condos. Both are expected to open this year.

Alameda Corridor

Colorado Christian University, 8787 W. Alameda Ave., completed a four-story residence hall that will house new and returning students to its campus. Westerra Credit Union relocated to 7740 W. Alameda Ave. after remodeling the space for the bank. Five Guys began work on its second Lakewood location, which is expected to open soon at 98 Wadsworth Blvd.

CubeSmart Self Storage, 6206 W. Alameda Ave., completed a new facility with available ground-floor retail space.

Sephora in Belmar at 351 S. Teller St. opened its personal care and beauty product location in 2019.

Golder Associates, providing consulting, design and construction services, moved its offices to 7245 W. Alaska Dr. and continues to operate its laboratory at 9197 Sixth Ave.

Old 121 Brewhouse at 1057 S. Wadsworth Blvd. opened in March, and the Cottonwood Plaza continued with major façade improvements and the addition of Wave Max Laundry at 1090 S. Wadsworth Blvd.

The Lakewood Reinvestment Authority's Alameda Streetscape Project is nearly completed, bringing landscaping, sidewalks and improvements to traffic congestion for the corridor from Sheridan Boulevard to Carr Street.

Union Corridor

This corridor continues to serve as an employment hub for Lakewood. The Marriott Fairfield Inn completed construction of a new four-story, 128-room hotel. Bank of Colorado continues construction at 275 Union Blvd., with an opening coming this year. Pizza Hut also relocated to 12073 W. Alameda Parkway.

Evolution Vet Clinic at 34 Van Gordon St. finished a remodel. Dakota Terrace at 12830 W. Alameda Parkway completed construction on 24 townhomes, all of which have been sold. Lakewood welcomed its first distillery with the opening of Ballmer Peak Distillery at 12347 W. Alameda Parkway.

2019 was an exciting year, and the Economic Development Office is looking forward to what 2020 will bring.



Lakewood Economic Development Office 303-987-7730 ED@lakewood.org

Want to know more about development projects as they happen? Check our Development Highlights Map:

City of Lakewood **Sustainability Awards**



Nominate your 'green hero'

ollow Time magazine's example of choosing a "green hero" as its person of the year by nominating someone locally for Lakewood's annual Sustainability Awards, which recognize those who enrich and make our community more sustainable.

Stories of saving energy, increasing recycling, cutting greenhouse gases, growing local food, cleaning up the environment and other sustainable approaches are examples of projects eligible for the 2020 awards.

Nominations are open through March 16 at Lakewood.org/
SustainabilityAwards.

The awards are open to residents, youth, local businesses, student groups, city employees and community organizations that deserve to join Lakewood's

sustainability hall of fame. The awards are given in the categories of Community Sustainability, Defender of the Planet for youth leadership and Bruce Peoples' Eco-Employee for City of Lakewood employees. Projects must have been completed in 2019 or 2020, and the winners will be recognized on May 11 with a community reception and at the City Council meeting.

Past awards have recognized zerowaste events, innovative and energy-efficient building developments, environmental and ecological restoration, energy conservation, recycling efforts, neighborhood garden programs and much more. Learn about the past winners on the sustainability website and see who inspires you.



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Admission to Heritage Lakewood Belmar Park is free and includes an outdoor self-guided walking tour of the historic buildings. The visitor center at 801 S. Yarrow St. features exhibitions including the new permanent history exhibit, "Lakewood: A 20th Century Journey." The center is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday, and noon-4 p.m.

on Sunday. Guided tours are available for a small fee on select days and by appointment. Like Heritage Lakewood on Facebook and follow its new Instagram account @HeritageLakewood. For more information, visit Lakewood.org/Heritage.



If you have questions or concerns about city services, our online customer service hub provides the easiest and fastest way to let us know about an issue. Lakewood.org/RequestLakewood is available 24 hours every day and is accessible by phone, app, tablet or computer whenever it's convenient for you.

The city's website also has a wealth of information at <u>Lakewood.org</u>, but we know there are still times you need to talk with someone. The city's frequently requested phone numbers are listed below for your quick reference.

Main city number	.303-987-7000
Nonemergency police services	. 303-980-7300
Mayor and City Council information	.303-987-7040
Snowplowing and ice buildup concerns	.303-987-7954
Potholes	. 303-987-7950
Barking dog complaints	. 303-987-7173
Fence permits	.303-987-7571
Street maintenance issues	. 303-987-7950
Unshoveled sidewalks and driveways	.303-987-7975
Water and sewer bills	. 303-987-7615
New business questions	. 303-987-7730
Overgrown weeds and junk concerns	.303-987-7566
Trash dumped in streets	. 303-987-7950
Traffic signal issues	. 303-987-7980
Animal control questions	. 303-987-7173
Lakewood Cultural Center tickets	. 303-987-7845
Park and recreation information	.303-987-7800
Picnic shelter reservation	.303-987-7800
Bear Creek Lake Park	.303-697-6159
Older adult programs	. 303-987-4820
Preschool and school-age services	.303-987-2490
Streetlight issues	. 1-800-895-1999
Voter registration	.303-987-7080

OTHER FREQUENTLY REQUESTED NUMBERS

Driver's licenses	303-205-5600
License plates	303-271-8100

ARTS & PARKS

ACTIVE

ARTS AND HISTORY

OUTDOORS



FREE! Storytime

Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m.

Heritage Lakewood Drop in, ages 0–5.

Details: <u>Lakewood.org/Storytime</u>

Bear Cubs

Feb. 6: Greetings from a Groundhog! **March 12:** Wacky Weather

Bear Creek Lake Park

Ages 3–5

Register: <u>Lakewood.org/BCLPevents</u>

Historical Luncheon & Lecture

Feb. 11

Heritage Lakewood

"After Incorporation" — Learn about the City of Lakewood's activities in the 1970s.

Register: <u>Lakewood.org/Luncheons</u>

Adult Nature Explorers

Feb. 13, March 19, April 16

Ages 18+

Explore the park with nature activities, hikes,

special guests and more.

Register: <u>Lakewood.org/BCLPevents</u>

Spring Break Camps

March 23–27

Register: <u>Lakewood.org/Camps</u>

Summer Camps

Registration opens Feb. 13 at 10 a.m.

Lakewood.org/Camps

FREE! Exhibition Receptions

March 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Lakewood Cultural Center

"We, the People of the Land: A Story of People, Place and Space" and "Change of State: An Exhibition of Printed Matter."

Lakewood.org/Exhibitions

Nature Hikes & Night Hikes, all ages

Daytime: March 7

Nighttime: Feb. 9 & March 9

Ongoing monthly.

Register: <u>Lakewood.org/BCLPevents</u>

Nutrition for a Better You series

Feb. 8: Meal Planning

Feb. 22: Grocery Store Tour **March 7:** Family Cooking

March 21: Senior Cooking **April 4:** Eating for Diabetes & Heart Health

Register: <u>Lakewood.org/Nutrition</u>

Drop-In Figure Drawing

Thursdays, 6:15-9:15 p.m.

Washington Heights Arts Center Ages 18+, bring drawing supplies.

Lakewood.org/WashingtonHeights

NEW! Bear Creek Birding

Feb. 25, March 31

Last Tuesday of each month, ongoing.
Explore different parks in search of birds with
Bear Creek Lake Park's naturalists.

Register: <u>Lakewood.org/BCLPevents</u>

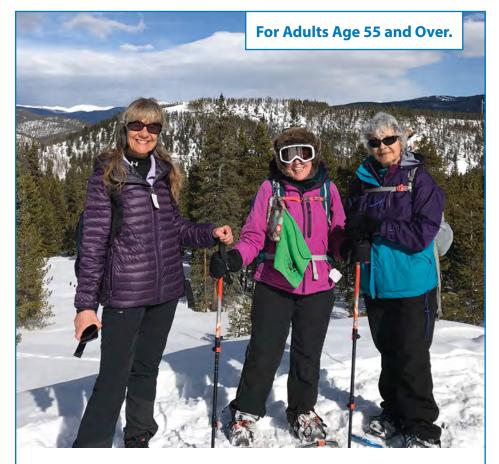




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Park entrance fee is waived.

BEAR CREEK LAKE PARK VISITOR CENTER 15600 W. Morrison Road 303-697-6159 Lakewood.org/BCLPevents



Ski program with transportation

If you are age 55 or older, join the Clements Community Center's great ski program. Ride the ski bus up the mountain to enjoy some of Colorado's finest ski resorts for downhill skiing and Nordic centers for both cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Sit back, relax and leave the driving to us. Register at Lakewood.org/OlderAdultFitness or call 303-987-4820.

opportunities:

PARK PATROL

TRAIL CREW

ADOPT-A-GARDEN

NATURE AMBASSADOR

ADOPT-A-PARK

NATURE GUIDE

RAPTOR MONITOR

BAT BOX MONITOR

(mountain bike, hike, horseback)

LAKEWOOD CULTURAL CENTER





LCC Presents family theater with stories told through live music and upbeat rhythms

See "Cuentos: Tales from the Latino World with David Gonzalez" at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22. Gonzalez, a master storyteller, paints a vivid picture of colorful tales from the Spanish-speaking world filled with memorable characters, fantastic plots and positive messages.

From the silly antics of Puerto Rico's "Juan Bobo" and the strength and magic of Afro-Cuban Orishas to mythic Iberian fairy tales and stories from the Bronx, "Cuentos" keeps families enchanted. Watch a preview and purchase tickets at Lakewood. org/LCCPresents. Tickets start at \$7, and the performance is best suited for ages 6 and older.

Tips for bringing kids to the theater

Seeing a live theater performance can be a magical and memorable experience. It encourages family bonding, and it's a great way for young people to build empathy and learn about different cultures and perspectives. Plus, it fosters creativity and inspires fun!

If you've never taken your child to the theater, don't worry! Here are a few quick tips.

- Some kids enjoy dressing up to see a show, but wearing jeans is fine, too.
- Shows created for children expect some noise and wiggling, and the performers will sometimes encourage participation. But it's also helpful to discuss how to be a good audience member and how to listen very carefully to what's happening on the stage.
- It's okay to excuse yourselves and head to the lobby if your little one's attention has run out.
- Most performances will list a suggested age or the length of the performance to help you decide if your child will enjoy the show.

If you have any questions, please call our box office at 303-987-7845 or email tickets@lakewood.org.

What's on at the LCC



Reverso

Eab 2

A singular musical experience where jazz and chamber music are gracefully intertwined, inspired by classical composer Maurice Ravel's "Le Tombeau de Couperin" and the music of Les Six.



ETHEL's Documerica

March 13

Indie-classical string quartet ETHEL performs music by some of today's top composers set against evocative imagery from the Environmental Protection Agency archive.



The Drowsy Chaperone March 20-April 5 Co-presented with Performance Now Theatre Company

When a die-hard theater fan plays his favorite cast album, the characters come to life in this hilarious musical farce.



The Lao Tizer Quartet Featuring Nelson Rangell

April 11

This all-star quartet takes you on a journey through original music with flavors of jazz, funk, classical, world and jam band influences.

Lakewood.org/LCCPresents | 303-987-7845 | 470 S. Allison Parkway

ROONEY ROAD RECYCLING CENTER

151 S. Rooney Road, Golden

Rooney Road Recycling Center accepts the following, by appointment, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Wednesdays & Saturdays:

HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS & HAZARDOUS WASTE

The center will accept your unwanted household chemicals and hazardous waste (for example, items you wouldn't want kids to get into). A co-pay of \$20 is required for up to 75 pounds of household hazardous chemicals. Other waste fees are on the website. Motor oil, 1 pound propane cylinder and car battery recycling is FREE.

USED PAINT

Used paint recycling by appointment only is **FREE** through the Colorado PaintCare program.

ELECTRONICS

For \$1.39 per pound, the center will properly recycle your TVs and electronics and ensure secure erasing of hard drive data.



Household Hazardous Waste

Visit **RooneyRoadRecycling.org** to view the full list of accepted items or schedule your appointment.

Please call **303-316-6262** with additional questions.

LAKEWOODS

Lakewood8 brings the city to you

Lakewood8 gives you insight into City Council meetings, issues affecting residents and stories from around the state. You can watch your government-access channel in all sorts of ways.

- Channel 8 and high-definition channel 880 through Xfinity.
- Live streaming 24 hours a day at <u>Lakewood.org/Live8</u>.
- Apple TV and Roku devices by searching for the "Cablecast Screenweave" app and selecting Lakewood8.
- YouTube.com/LakewoodColoradoGov.

Check out the range of programs the station provides.

- City Council regular meetings and study sessions live and replayed.
- "Let's Talk with Mark Koebrich" covering issues important to Jefferson County residents.
- "Connected Colorado" introducing people and events from across Colorado.
- JPS TV covering Jeffco Public Schools from the inside.



Register to receive important emergency notifications

mergencies can move fast, and alerting residents to flooding, fire, chemical spill or dangerous suspects in an area needs to move as fast as it can. That's why the Lakewood Police Department uses CodeRED emergency notifications to warn the public of danger.

With CodeRED, the Police
Department can call, text or email those in a broad area including individuals and companies.
Residents and business owners are encouraged to register their preferred method of receiving these notifications to ensure they are alerted to danger. Register for this free service at https://Your911.net.

The notification system uses two databases to reach those in an area of danger. One is the 911 database, which contains all listed and unlisted traditional landline phones numbers in Jefferson County and results in all those phones automatically receiving CodeRED alerts. The second database consists of Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) numbers and email addresses of residents who have registered to receive CodeRED alerts.

For those who don't fall into either of these categories, it's necessary for them to register in the CodeRED system with their cellphone numbers

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or email addresses to receive the notifications. The registration allows additional numbers and locations to be added to each profile as well. This means those who work in Jefferson County, for example, can sign up to receive CodeRED alerts related to incidents affecting the area around their work addresses in addition to receiving alerts based on their home addresses.

CodeRED also has an app, and unlike the two databases, the app provides the opportunity for people to receive notifications based on their geographic proximity to a warning area. This can be useful when traveling to visit friends or family members because the app will detect those registered in the app to the proximity of the warning area and provide them the same warning given to those who live and work in that area.

The city uses other tools to alert the public to emergencies including social media, **Lakewood.org** and outdoor sirens. Learn more about these and other emergency preparedness resources at **Lakewood.org/CodeRED**.



STAY INFORMED, CONNECTED

Get news and information about your city this year by following Lakewood on social media, visiting us online and subscribing to Lakewood's electronic newsletters. Several of the choices are listed below, but you can check out the full range of ways to stay connected to everything Lakewood at Lakewood.org/StayInformed.

ONLINE

- <u>Lakewood.org</u> in-depth city information.
- LakewoodTogether.org the city's community involvement hub for projects and planning efforts.
- <u>LakewoodSpeaks.org</u> site for participating in council meetings from home, work or anywhere.
- <u>Lakewood.org/CityCouncil</u> contact information for council members.

TWITTER

- <u>@LakewoodColo</u> news, information and events.
- <u>@LakewoodPDCO</u> your Police Department up close and personal.
- @LakewoodJobs announcements of city job openings.
- <u>@LakewoodEconDev</u> news and information for and about businesses.
- <u>@HaydenGreenMtn</u> park and trail updates.
- @GolfLakewoodCO updates on our challenging and championship courses.

FACEBOOK

- <u>@LakewoodGov</u> news and information about your city.
- <u>@LakewoodPDCO</u> insightful updates and information from the police.
- <u>@Lakewood.Cultural.Center</u> the place for upcoming performances, classes and activities.
- <u>@HeritageCenter</u> information on history, museum activities, exhibits and community festivals.
- <u>@LakewoodRecreation</u> the latest in fitness, sports leagues and special event information.
- <u>@PlanLakewood</u> sustainability resources and information from the Planning Department.
- <u>@BearCreekLakePark</u> news, events and wildlife photos from this regional park.

VIDEOS

- <u>YouTube.com/LakewoodColoradoGov</u> fun, educational and informative
- <u>Lakewood.org/CouncilVideos</u> online way to catch up on council meetings.
- <u>Lakewood.org/Live8</u> council meetings and other programs streamed live.

CUSTOMER SERVICE, E-NEWSLETTERS AND MORE

- <u>Lakewood.org/RequestLakewood</u> city's online customer service hub.
- <u>Lakewood.org/Newsletters</u> information delivered by email on topics ranging from sustainability to arts and older adults.
- <u>Lakewood.org/Videos</u> informational and educational videos and programs.
 <u>Lakewood.org/Publications</u> electronic flip versions of the
- city's printed publications.
- <u>Lakewood.org/News</u> access to city's press releases and other information.

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population, so don't forget to include children, seniors, renters or others who live in your home.

Census forms will be available in 13 languages. The sooner you respond, the better. Getting your answers in quickly means that census takers won't have to follow up with inperson visits, saving thousands of taxpayer dollars and saving you the time a visit would take.

Is it safe?

By law, your personal census data cannot be released to other government or law enforcement agencies. The U.S. Census Bureau goes to great lengths to protect your personal information. All Census Bureau employees swear a lifetime oath to protect respondent information, with significant penalties and imprisonment for violating that oath.

Information from the census count is tabulated and released

only in summary tables that do not reveal personal information. By law, individual records are confidential for 72 years. After that, they're a valuable, respected source of historical information for people tracing genealogy and family history.

It's important. It's easy. It's safe.

Watch for the 2020 census postcard arriving in your mailbox in March, and follow the instructions to shape your future, Lakewood's future and the future of America. For more information, visit Lakewood.org/Census.

Census jobs available

The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring hundreds of thousands of people across the country including in Colorado to help with the 2020 census. Local employees are needed for temporary positions that feature flexible hours fitting a variety of schedules. The income is based on competitive wages, and the work supports the community. It's also part of history extending back to 1790. For more information, visit 2020Census.gov/jobs.

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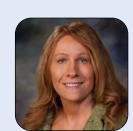
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Ward 5

Private investment of \$200K bringing new ArtLine murals

The art along the 40 West ArtLine continues to grow with the latest addition coming to a long-standing apartment complex where murals will help create a compelling place to live and a vibrant art destination.

Riverpoint Partners has announced plans to invest \$200,000 in new murals at the Lamar Station Apartments along with upgrading each of the 138 apartments located just south of West Colfax Avenue on Lamar Street. After Riverpoint Partners acquired the property in 2019, the group began working with West Colfax organizations on its vision to transform the 1960s-vintage apartment community.

"We've been watching the West Colfax area evolve over the last decade. Because of the progress here, we've made substantial investments in the corridor," said Riverpoint Partners Chief Executive Officer Reid Davis, who lived in the Two Creeks neighborhood for three years. "We want to breathe new life into this rental community and make it a joy to come home to for its residents. This investment in murals will benefit our residents as well as those who enjoy 40 West's ArtLine."

Following a call for muralists, presentations and interviews, Riverpoint Partners selected muralist Katy Casper Gevargis, a Colorado artist well known in the metro area and with extensive experience in the 40 West



Arts District. The artist will present her mural concept to the ArtLine Art Selection Committee, which consists of community members, ArtLine advocates and representatives from Lakewood city government. This will be followed by Lakewood's Public Art Commission reviewing the concept. The final concept will be unveiled to the community at a West Colfax Community Association meeting this spring.

Because of the scale of the project, discussions are underway to launch an online initiative to share realtime progress of the mural once work begins.

"This mural project is 100 percent privately funded and completely on private property," said Bill Marino, board chair of 40 West Arts. "West Colfax needs more visionary redevelopment of this nature. Let's hope this catalytic investment by Riverpoint starts a trend!"

Make a difference by getting involved

Volunteer for one of the numerous openings on Lakewood's boards and commissions and find fulfilling ways to contribute to your community. Apply online by 5 p.m. Feb. 14 and learn about specific qualifications at Lakewood.org/GetOnBoard.

Board of Appeals

This board has three openings for three-year terms starting in April. The board hears and decides appeals from determinations made by the city's codes administrator. Members must be qualified by experience and training to make decisions about building construction.

Historic Preservation Commission

This commission has two openings for four-year terms starting in April. Applicants must demonstrate a competency in historic preservation by having a background in architecture, history, urban planning, building trades, real estate or related fields. The commission conducts public hearings on applications for landmark designation, reviews alteration certificates and applications for relocating historically designated structures and makes recommendations to City Council.

Judicial Review Commission

This commission has three openings for four-year terms starting in April. The

commission investigates all complaints about Lakewood municipal judges and recommends potential actions to City Council. It also recruits, interviews and recommends judicial candidates to City Council.

Lakewood Advisory Commission

This commission has several openings for three-year terms. Members serve as advisers to City Council by researching specific issues of interest to residents and provides recommendations to council for potential action. Applicants must attend both a full commission meeting and an individual committee meeting before submitting an application. For more information, visit Lakewood.org/LAC.

Planning Commission

This commission has an opening for an at-large position for a term ending in 2021, and it has an opening for the Ward 1 seat with a four-year term starting in April. The Ward 1 commissioner must live in that ward, but the at-large commissioner can live anywhere except Ward 5. The commission conducts public hearings on rezoning and subdivision applications, approves certain special use permits and reviews site plans. Members also serve as the Board of Adjustment.