



Clear out, reuse, recycle: Free citywide cleanup

Residents will have the opportunity to clear out unwanted appliances, car parts and other items from their homes and get those items reused or recycled during Lakewood's free citywide Cleanup Days from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12 and Oct. 19 at 1655 Owens St.

Lakewood residents living north of West Alameda Avenue can bring their items to the cleanup on Oct. 12, and residents living south of Alameda can participate on Oct. 19. Residents need to bring proof that they live in Lakewood.

The recommendation originated to create a citywide cleanup event at the City Council's 2013 annual planning session. After a staff committee researched the best practices for having such an event, the City created a partnership with arc Thrift Stores to benefit both the city and the stores. The event will serve to meet the City's values of inclusiveness for all segments of the community and sustainability while providing resources for the stores.

"This event reflects what we're talking about all the time in the City. By creating partnerships with a wide range of organizations throughout the community, Lakewood can provide better services to our residents in a cost-effective way," Mayor Bob Murphy said.

Lakewood-based arc Thrift Stores, where every day is Earth Day, is providing its expertise in diverting more than 39 million pounds of household and other items annually from landfills, allowing those items to

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Watch the Top Hogs team of pigs slam dunk a basketball, skateboard and perform impressions of Elvis Presley during this year's annual Cider Days, 10-5 p.m., Oct. 5 and 6 at the Lakewood Heritage Center, 801 S. Yarrow St. Cheer the annual tractor pull contest, press apples to make cider, let the kids take a barrel train ride and watch Cowboy Craig perform roping tricks during this festival celebrating Lakewood's agricultural heritage.

Questions answered about Nextdoor.com, the modern way to be neighborly

As part of Mayor Bob Murphy's Lakewood Linked initiative for building a stronger community (www.Lakewood.org/Neighbors), the City has been encouraging neighborhoods to become part of Nextdoor.com, a private social networking website that fosters neighbor-to-neighbor communication and collaboration. Over 70 Nextdoor.com sites have started in Lakewood, and residents are using the site to get to know their neighbors, ask questions and exchange local advice and recommendations on everything from baby sitters to plumbers.

Lakewood residents and businesses interested in joining their neighborhood's Nextdoor website

can visit www.nextdoor.com to join an existing site or to become a founding member to start a group for their neighborhood. Below are answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about this new social media site.

How do neighborhoods become active on the site?

An individual needs to sign up as a neighborhood "leader" and ask 10 more neighbors to register within 21 days. Until 10 people have registered, the neighborhood stays listed as a "pilot" but is not active, and nothing can be posted. Nextdoor.com will extend the 21 days as needed to get enough neighbors to register.

Do I have to verify that I live in the neighborhood to join my neighborhood group on Nextdoor.com?

Yes. Nextdoor.com will send you a postcard to verify that you live in the

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Letter from the mayor

Prosperity follows the arts

"Building better, more livable communities through the arts." That is not a dream, but rather the mission of Artspace, the leading national nonprofit developer dedicated to creating affordable spaces for arts and artists. Lakewood and the 40 West Arts District were honored to recently host Artspace for a two-day visit, the first step in evaluating the feasibility of Artspace investing in a project here.

The idea of "creative placemaking" is not new. Artists infuse imagination, ingenuity and innovation into neighborhoods. That new energy brings an excitement, a vitality of spirit which, in turn, stimulates the kind of economic growth that serves the creative class. From Santa Fe, New Mexico, to Santa Fe Drive in Denver, from SoHo to Salida, we can all think of examples

of what evolves when artists move in. There is a direct correlation between the arts and economic prosperity. Creative industries are the fifth largest employment cluster in Colorado, with more than 186,000 jobs contributing to \$5 billion in employee earnings. Nationally, the average person who attends a cultural event in a nearby community spends \$40 on ancillary activities in addition to the price of the ticket itself.

What makes the Artspace approach unique is that the organization strives to make the affordability for arts and art organizations permanent. As Artspace President Kelley Linquist says, "It's a well-known irony of arts-driven community transformations that artists are frequently a victim of their success: creating places so desirable, they can no longer afford to be there."

Lakewood has a long, deep, and rich tradition of supporting the arts. The Lakewood Arts Council blazed the trail beginning in 1988 and celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. Today, the City's Heritage, Culture & Arts Division presents exhibits, performances and art education in six galleries and two performance venues in the City's

Heritage Center, the Washington Heights Center and our showpiece, the Lakewood Cultural Center. In the past 13 years, the Cultural Center theater has hosted 1,500 separate matinee and nighttime shows.

Art flourishes throughout the city from the sculptures on the Civic Center Plaza here at City Hall to the dynamic working studios of Belmar's Block 7. Now the 40 West Arts District is helping to bring new life to Colfax. The district has hosted successful permanent and traveling exhibits, as well as live entertainment shows like the upcoming Riot II shows on Oct. 4 and Oct. 5 featuring a rock 'n' roll retrospective (www.40WestArts.org). 40 West and the Lakewood-West Colfax Business Improvement District helped coordinate the public art design at the Lamar Station for the W Line and secured a State Historical Fund grant to catalog the history of 500 buildings in north Lakewood. 40 West also brought the scintillating live performances of The Edge Theatre to 40 West's gallery home at 1560 Teller St. Now 40 West has begun something called "COLorFAX," brightening the old avenue with lively murals on the sides of buildings. Check out the first installation at the King's Rest Motel.

We always talk about

collaboration here in Lakewood, and the successes at 40 West are a prime example of good outcomes when organizations work together. The Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design has been an important partner, along with the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Regional Transportation District, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Denver Regional Council of Governments all alongside the City of Lakewood. But like all great community ventures it begins with a vision that is carried out by a core group of hardworking individuals and local businesses who all share that vision.

Arts and culture are a catalyst for the heart and spirit of a community. The economic benefits naturally follow. I am extremely excited about the progress at 40 West so far, and I can't wait to see what will transpire over the next few years!

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Honored to be part of positive change, collaborations and challenges

Council Corner WARD 5



Diana Wilson

It's hard to believe that eight years have gone by since I was first elected to Lakewood City Council as a Ward 5 representative. I feel honored to have had the opportunity to serve Lakewood's residents and work on numerous interesting issues and committees. Many things have happened in Lakewood over the last few years — a new hospital, new retail areas, annexing the Federal Center and Taylor properties, the opening of light rail, weathering a recession — too many to list!



My boys with my 2005 campaign signs. They are now 11 and 9! Guess time flies when you are having fun.

But the important things to note are how Lakewood looks for positive change, boldly faces challenges, seeks out residents' input and collaborates with others. These values were here before me and will continue long after. I was lucky to serve with such excellent staff, elected officials and involved residents and community members and to be a part of the team that makes decisions for our City. I am proud to live in Lakewood and think the future of our community is bright.

Thank you to all who elected me, to all who trusted my judgment and valued my input, and especially to my family for supporting this endeavor. My best to the next Ward 5 council member — I hope you enjoy the experience as much as I did.

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City Council elections by mail ballot only

Electing your representatives for Lakewood City Council is as easy as going to your mailbox. This Nov. 5 election for City Council members will be done by mail ballots only.

Each active, registered Lakewood voter will receive a mail ballot at home listing the City Council candidates who are up for election this year in the voter's ward. Absentee ballots are available, and applications for those can be picked up at the City Clerk's Office at 480 S. Allison Parkway.

For your convenience, the City Clerk's Office will have a ballot box in which voters can drop their mail ballots instead of mailing them through the U.S. Postal Service. If you mail your ballot at the post office, mail it early enough before the election to ensure that it is received by the 7 p.m. deadline on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Important dates to remember

Oct. 15-18 – Mail ballots sent to all active, registered Lakewood voters.

Oct. 29 – Last day to apply for a mail ballot to be received by mail at your home.

Nov. 1 – Last day to apply for a mail ballot that you must pick up at the City Clerk's Office.

Nov. 5 – Election Day. Mail ballots must be received by 7 p.m.

Where to go or call for voting information

Lakewood City Clerk's Office, 480 S. Allison Parkway, first floor, 303-987-7080, www.Lakewood.org/Elections.

Locations to drop off mail ballots

Lakewood City Clerk's Office

480 S. Allison Parkway
8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday
10-2 p.m., ONLY on Saturday, Nov. 2
7 a.m.-7 p.m., ONLY on Tuesday, Nov. 5

Jefferson County Drop-off Box

100 and 700 Jefferson County Parkway
Available 24 hours a day
Walk-up drop off on Tuesday, Nov. 5 in lobby of 100 Jefferson County Parkway

Jefferson County Elections Office

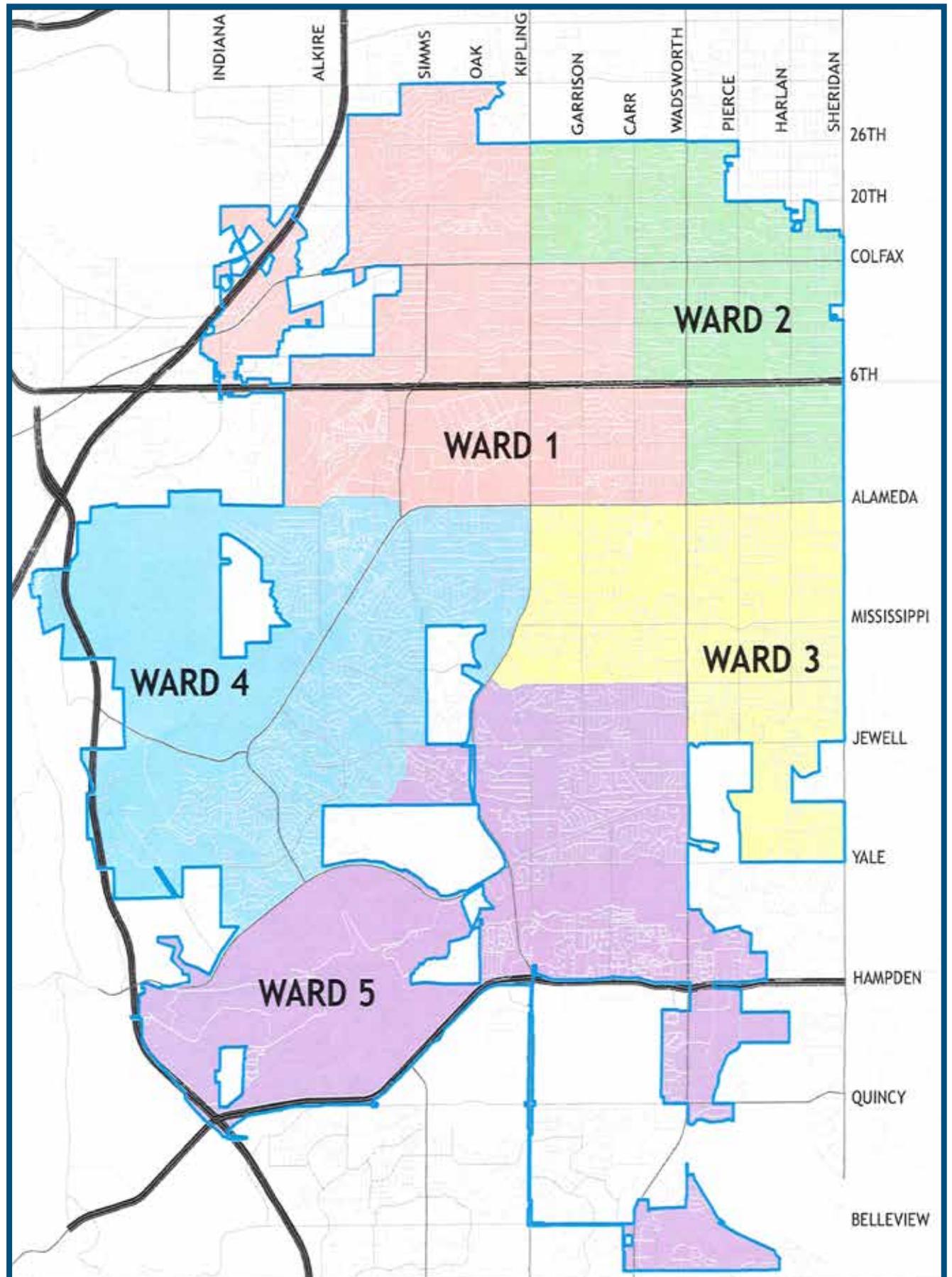
3500 Illinois St., Suite 1100, Golden
7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
10-2 p.m., ONLY on Saturday, Nov. 2
7 a.m.-7 p.m. ONLY on Tuesday, Nov. 5

Jefferson County Motor Vehicle Office

2099 Wadsworth Blvd.
7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
10-2 p.m., ONLY on Saturday, Nov. 2
7 a.m.-7 p.m., ONLY on Tuesday, Nov. 5

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Wondering what ward you live in? Visit www.Lakewood.org/WardMap for an interactive map.





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WARD 1

Ramey Johnson

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How long have you lived in Lakewood, and how long have you lived in the ward for which you seek a seat?

My Dad and I moved to Lakewood when I began Junior High School in the early 1960's. I have lived in Ward 1 for about 23 years. When we were first married, we lived in Lakewood, then moved to Arvada for 17 years before returning to Lakewood.

What are your top three qualifications to run for public office?

- Unapologetic love for the people in Lakewood and the city.
- Passion for public service- listening to people's voices with a history of total commitment to finding solutions.
- Previous experience as State legislator, City Councilwoman, 2013 graduate of Harvard-Kennedy Business School – State and Local Government

Why are you running, and what do you hope to accomplish?

I am seeking re-election because I believe there is still vital work that can be done to improve the Colfax corridor, and to monitor new development in Ward 1. I have a total commitment to give the citizen's a voice and help find workable solutions in a congenial way. People want a "government" that is responsive and works for them and I believe I have a track record of that. I study all issues before making a honest deliberative vote (see website for my analysis on controversial votes).

What is your vision for Lakewood?

Continually live up to the citizen's expectations of a safe city that honors the need for our beautiful parks and open space. Always work toward a city that reflects the citizen's values, is economically stable and a place that people choose to move to.

How would you handle issues that create opposing views among your constituents?

First, bring people together, listen and listen, and then always look for and

seek areas of mutual agreement and commonality as a bench mark.

Second, respect all views and differences, work towards a value of creating "no harm" or ill feelings between neighbors or toward the city government. Avoid allowing one side being "played" against the other. Be forthright and transparent in all conversations.

Third, avoid taking sides at the expense of others losing face or feeling devalued or their views being excluded. All views have merit.

Last, finding solutions that everyone can agree on to some degree. This may require many meetings, surveys and time. But in the end it is worth it.

What do you think the role of local government should be?

- To provide services that meet the needs of the citizens in a fiscally responsible way.
- To keep our streets, neighborhoods and city safe.
- To encourage economic development.
- To maintain the legacy of our beautiful parks and open space.
- To reflect the community values.
- To listen to all and always put the needs of the citizen above personal gain

How do you define the role of a City Council member?

I see my main role as a public servant. I have never forgotten who pays my paycheck. I see myself as a liaison that gives voice from citizens to their government. People want a government that works for them. I am one of those cogs that tries to find solutions.

As a Master's prepared nurse I have a life-long history of caring about people and their situations, and I am one who unapologetically truly loves the people of Lakewood and our city, I understand how to work toward a healthy community with an honest commitment.

WARD 2

Scott Koop

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How long have you lived in Lakewood, and how long have you lived in the ward for which you seek a seat?

We have lived in Lakewood and Ward 2 since 1992.

What are your top three qualifications to run for public office?

My top qualifications are: **a. Responsive** - All residents deserve to have their issues heard and acted upon in a timely manner. **b. Informed** - As a current city council member I have stayed abreast of any issues that would affect citizens and neighborhoods. **c. Reliable** - It is of the utmost importance to me to deliver what has been promised, accurately and in a timely manner.

Why are you running, and what do you hope to accomplish?

To continue being the representative that the citizens of Ward 2 and all of Lakewood deserve by striving to be someone they can count on to follow through on their behalf.

What is your vision for Lakewood?

My vision of Lakewood has us continuing to be a city of great fiscal responsibility, a city that is dedicated to acquiring and maintaining quality parks and open space and provides opportunities for small businesses to flourish.

How would you handle issues that create opposing views among your constituents?

I firmly believe that open and honest communication works best. There are times when citizens with opposing views will come together to discuss those views where new and innovative ideas will be discovered. The most effective way for me to make an informed decision is to continue to stay objective, hear all sides and promote collaborative partnerships.

What do you think the role of local government should be?

To promote the health, safety and high quality of life for its citizens and local businesses.

How do you define the role of a City Council member?

The big picture of City Council is to set policy for the City of Lakewood. I believe it is very important that they never forget that they work for the people of Lakewood. Councilors need to commit themselves to fulfilling Lakewood City Council's Mission Statement, their Commitment to Citizens and to always remember their Core Community Values.

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How long have you lived in Lakewood, and how long have you lived in the ward for which you seek a seat?

I've been a Lakewood, Ward 3 resident since 1983 and at my current residence since 1989.

What are your top three qualifications to run for public office?

Managing and working with small businesses for many years. I've been involved and very active in community affairs since 1980. History is my passion. If you don't know where we've been, it's more difficult to determine where we're going.

Why are you running, and what do you hope to accomplish?

I'm running to put our citizens first. For many years Ward 3 has not been a top priority regarding maintenance of our streets (curbs, gutters and repaving), parks and playground equipment, lights, etc. I will champion our Ward to encourage our City to make Ward 3 a higher priority for any maintenance issues.

The crime incidents (home break ins, car thefts and graffiti) in our Ward are on the increase. I will work hard to increase the Police presence in our Ward and to insure the voices of residents of Ward 3 are heard. I want to bring forward your concerns to City Hall.

As a community eyesore, graffiti is a direct correlation to crime. My goal is to combat graffiti and help our business community with graffiti removal.

What is your vision for Lakewood?

Getting back to basics is essential. I would like to foster better communication between our citizens, businesses and government.

How would you handle issues that create opposing views among your constituents?

Bring people together, develop a consensus and bring forth resolutions to the issues.

What distinguishes you from your opponent?

I've lived in Ward 3 in Lakewood, Colorado for 30 years.

How do you define the role of a City Council member?

To represent the citizens & businesses in our Ward and to improve communications between our City Government and Citizens.

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How long have you lived in Lakewood, and how long have you lived in the ward for which you seek a seat?

I have lived in Ward 3 for three and a half years. I attended CU Boulder as an in-state student because my father, a small business man, lives in Colorado. During college I met my husband who is from Steamboat. After graduating we moved to Boston for 10 years. Then as the economy was plummeting we felt ourselves beginning to put down roots in the wrong community. That's why we left our comfortable jobs in order to move back to Colorado, the area we love and the city where we intend to stay.

What are your top three qualifications to run for public office?

My top three qualifications are relevant experience, thoughtful leadership, and familiarity with the issues in Lakewood.

- Much of my background is in law and policy. I am licensed to practice law and have worked in the U.S. Senate, Massachusetts state government, and for the Colorado General Assembly.
- I have found thoughtful leadership leads to the best outcomes. That is why I have reached out to the community, attending events and knocking on almost 3,500 doors. It is part of the role of elected officials to listen to people in order to find workable solutions for the community.
- I am an active participant in City activities. I have served on the Advisory Commission for an Inclusive Community (ACIC) for three years, completed the Citizens' Planning Academy, regularly attend city council meetings, study sessions, ward meetings, South Lakewood Business Association meetings, and the Alameda Gateway meetings.

Why are you running, and what do you hope to accomplish?

I am running because I believe that working together to create the society we want is one of the most important and interesting parts of being alive. Here in Lakewood we are lucky to live in a community that is already doing so many things right. We need someone on council to help us continue on this great course while always reaching out for ways to make things better. I would create opportunities for youth, prioritize senior services, and encourage local business.

What is your vision for Lakewood?

My vision for Lakewood is a community with an exemplary police force, mountain views, an almost unprecedented amount of parks and open space, enriching art

and cultural programs, opportunities for youth of all ages, quality services for seniors, a vibrant diverse business sector, attractive streets with sidewalks and bike paths, convenient access to Denver, and interesting mixed commercial and residential neighborhoods near the light rail stations.

How would you handle issues that create opposing views among your constituents?

I believe in the value of reaching out to the community in order to get a more nuanced understanding of the issues. In order to get this important feedback I have been knocking on neighbors doors since June. So far I have knocked on almost 3,500 doors. At each door I ask, "What would you like to see Lakewood working on?" People don't always agree but they do help me understand more about the issues by sharing their perspectives. I don't have all the answers. I don't think anyone does, but when it comes down to it I will choose what I think is right and best for Lakewood.

What distinguishes you from your opponent?

It is important that someone running for city council understand the issues in Lakewood. That involves talking to a wide range of voters and being involved with the City. Lakewood provides a number of ways to engage including classes like the Citizens Planning Academy, commissions like ACIC, information gathering meetings like the re-write of the comprehensive plan and the creation of a new sustainability plan, and public comments at regular city council meetings. I have reached out by knocking on almost 3,500 doors, I've held monthly coffees, attended all the town hall meetings, attended the citizens planning academy, served on ACIC for almost three years, and attended almost all the City Council meetings and study sessions for the last year. My level of engagement is what distinguishes me from my opponent.

How do you define the role of a City Council member?

City Council sets policy. When done well that involves reaching out the community for input, researching to really understand issues, and reaching out to academics and other communities to learn from their expertise. City Councilors can also help solve problems by serving as a liaison between City staff and citizens with individualized concerns.



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WARD 4

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How long have you lived in Lakewood, and how long have you lived in the ward for which you seek a seat?

I have lived in Lakewood for over 30 years, including 15 years in Ward 4

What are your top three qualifications to run for public office?

- Served on Lakewood City Council for four years
- Work experience – 30+ years as an economist and former military officer
- 30+ years of community involvement – West Metro Fire District Board, Jeffco Mental Health Board, leadership roles in public school, civic and charitable groups. My complete resume is available on my website.

Why are you running, and what do you hope to accomplish?

To continue the work I started in my first term. I want to ensure we continue to strengthen our city's economy and create an environment where local businesses and the families that own them can thrive. I want to continue to promote collaborations like community gardens, Foothills Field of Dreams and upcoming projects at Glennon Heights and Green Mountain Elementary School. I oppose the expansion of marijuana sales facilities in our community and believe we should "opt out" of recreational marijuana commercial operations. There are already a dozen medical marijuana sales facilities in our city and enough is enough. Additional commercial operations could send the wrong message. Lakewood runs the risk of having a national reputation as a "pot" capital. This may attract visitors we don't want and discourage new businesses and families from locating here. I also want to improve our families' budgets by suspending the city's annual storm water fee collection.

What is your vision for Lakewood?

A family friendly community where all viewpoints are welcomed, our economy is strong and sustainable, arts

and culture is prominent, seniors are able to stay in their homes, schools are safe and nurturing, neighborhoods are preserved, and open space is protected.

How would you handle issues that create opposing views among your constituents?

I give all views more than just lip service and seek to achieve meaningful compromises that give all sides a real stake in our future. Disagreements should be about issues, not personalities. In Sunday school, I was taught to "judge not, lest ye be judged". At the state and federal level politics have been poisoned with mudslinging, accusations, character assassination and questioning motives. I think we should keep our local politics free from these negative tactics. After all, we are all neighbors.

What distinguishes you from your opponent?

During my four years on council I have demonstrated my commitment to improved government transparency by communicating with my constituents using the latest outreach tools. The last three decades I have spent working and serving in our community gives me a local perspective unburdened by outside influences. Since I don't accept any campaign contributions from developers, lobbyists or other special interests, I am not beholden to anyone other than the neighbors I represent on city council. I have not hesitated to stand up for my constituents in the face of threats from special interests.

How do you define the role of a City Council member?

While technically the role is to hire the city manager, set policy and vote for a budget, I believe a councilor should be a good communicator and work to improve citizen involvement.

Betty Boyd

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How long have you lived in Lakewood, and how long have you lived in the ward for which you seek a seat?

I have lived in the same house in the ward for 40 years.

What are your top three qualifications to run for public office?

Integrity, my ability to build coalitions to solve problems and my consistent leadership for the citizens of Lakewood

Why are you running, and what do you hope to accomplish?

I currently chair the Colorado Community Living Advisory Group which is studying supports to help seniors and people in the disability community stay in their homes and maintain independence as long as possible. I would like to shepherd implementation of those findings through the City of Lakewood. I would also like to see public health included in The City's Master Plan. I have long been involved in the Health and Human Services sector and I would like to make sure the City of Lakewood acts as a partner in supporting the overall health of the people who live here. Finally, I agree with Mayor Murphy that we need to find an appropriate way to prioritize funding for projects in our wards.

What is your vision for Lakewood?

The light rail system and the relocation of St. Anthony's Hospital have propelled Lakewood into a new and vibrant era. I think Lakewood can be a place that draws businesses and families who want the same quality of life that my family and I have had in our 40 years here. I want to see schools that produce college-ready students and a city that supports them in their preparation for the workforce. I want to grow the arts community to make Lakewood even more livable and exciting. Ward 4 especially, because it sits at the Gateway to Lakewood from the mountains can be an enticing draw for people who want to enjoy the thrilling natural beauty which

causes us to stay in Colorado. I want to make sure we're preserving neighborhood integrity as we seek to capture the wealth of opportunity afforded by this proximity.

How would you handle issues that create opposing views among your constituents?

The hallmark of my leadership in my 12 years at the state capitol was the ability to build consensus, but to have the integrity to make an unpopular decision when necessary if I felt it represented the people in the City of Lakewood. I have sat in a quasi-judicial body and respect the value that one enters the discussion with an open mind to the viewpoint each party represents then makes a decision based upon a result that benefits the most people.

What distinguishes you from your opponent?

My campaigns have always specifically addressed issues and my qualifications for office without slinging mud at my opponent. What I can say is that I bring integrity in decision-making and respect for both the process of lawmaking and respect for my colleagues with whom I serve. I have a reputation for building consensus and listening to all sides of an issue before making tough decisions for the benefit of my constituents.

How do you define the role of a City Council member?

The City Council acts as a policymaking board for the smooth operation of the City of Lakewood. For this reason, probably the most important decision the Council makes is the hiring of the City Manager. Council members bring ward-specific issues to council meetings in order to assure that these issues get attention and in that way act as a liaison between city government and residents.



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WARD 5

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How long have you lived in Lakewood, and how long have you lived in the ward for which you seek a seat?

After searching virtually every quadrant of the Denver Metro area, my wife Drucella and I settled on Lakewood because of its scenic beauty and high quality of life. We have been here since 2005 at our present address in Ward 5.

What are your top three qualifications to run for public office?

I have no political allegiances. I have a passion for serving and doing what is best for Ward 5 residents and the City of Lakewood. I listen carefully to both sides of an issue and carefully consider each one before making a decision.

Why are you running, and what do you hope to accomplish?

There are several reasons for why I am running. Here are just a few: I am concerned about Lakewood's economic development decisions and how they impact our citizens. I want to be sure Lakewood is smart about growth, environmentally friendly and preserves and enhances its open spaces. I want to be part of the solution to the problems facing our city, such as crime encroaching from Denver (see raidsonline.com for reference). Lastly, I want this city to be all it can be for my family and yours.

What is your vision for Lakewood?

I want to see Lakewood stay true to its roots and not become just another "development for the sake of development" suburb. I believe our citizens value more open space land, not less. I believe our citizens want responsible development, not more big box stores such as Wal-Mart. My vision for Lakewood is that it remain a city true to its "inclusive community" moniker.

How would you handle issues that create opposing views among your constituents?

First, I would listen to both sides carefully and seek to determine if there is common ground that might provide for a compromise. If not, I would use the following plan: I now have a core group of residents that I have counseled with well before this campaign began. They have agreed to continue in this capacity should I be successful in this run for office. I will carefully consider each side's view, seek the guidance of my campaign group and then make a decision that is best for Ward 5 and the City of Lakewood.

What distinguishes you from your opponent?

I have no allegiances to City Hall.

How do you define the role of a City Council member?

A "good" City Council member is one who doesn't always rubber stamp the views of the mayor or other Council members, but carefully studies each issue, listens to constituents and then makes an informed decision.

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How long have you lived in Lakewood, and how long have you lived in the ward for which you seek a seat?

I have lived, worked and played for 26 years in Lakewood and Ward 5. I am a Colorado native.

What are your top three qualifications to run for public office?

- Obtained knowledge of how Lakewood runs through Civic 101, Police Academy, Planning Academy, Advisory Commission for Inclusive Community (chair), Planning Commission, and South Lakewood Business Association (vice chair.)
- Good communicator, team builder, hard worker
- Understand the needs of business and citizens to make Lakewood the best place to Live, Work and Play.

Why are you running, and what do you hope to accomplish?

I want to see business flourish in Lakewood, creating new opportunities. Business is the economic engine for the City of Lakewood, also helping to support new, safe neighborhoods. The W Line Light Rail and surrounding areas will provide opportunities to energize the West Colfax corridor. I will work to find solutions to bring the same vitality and opportunity to areas in Ward 5.

Lakewood's parks and open space are excellent. I will work to create more opportunities for green spaces in Lakewood.

What is your vision for Lakewood?

- Safe and vibrant neighborhoods
- Successful and growing businesses- jobs and more jobs
- Diversity in all forms –jobs, housing, and ethnicities – all surrounded by opportunity.

How would you handle issues that create opposing views among your constituents?

I will listen, to learn and to represent the concerns of Ward 5 to City Council. I will try to find solutions for concerns of both the City and Ward 5 residents. Opposing views deserve to be heard and considered. Successful solutions are found when compromise is reached and all parties feel they were involved in finding a solution.

What distinguishes you from your opponent?

I have 26 years of residency in Lakewood. I have been actively involved in Ward 5 meetings and issues for many years. My involvement in Planning Commission and ACIC have given me a great education on the issues of the City. I have developed working relationships with neighborhoods and their leaders. I will represent Ward 5 in all its diversity- honoring the differences and encouraging opportunity.

How do you define the role of a City Council member?

- A strong voice for the people of Lakewood and their ward.
- An active liaison – listening and sharing information between the ward and City Council.
- Seeking solutions and opportunities for all of Lakewood

See page 8 for times when candidates forums air on KLTv8 or visit www.Lakewood.org/elections



Voters Guide



Lakewood judges up for retention

Anne Stavig
Presiding Judge



Judge Anne Stavig was appointed presiding municipal judge in July 2008. She graduated from Colorado College in Colorado Springs in 1981 with a degree in political science. She received her law degree in 1985 from the University of Colorado School of Law and was admitted to the Colorado bar in October 1985.

Judge Stavig started working with the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office in 1984. She prosecuted adult felony cases for most of her 24 years at the district attorney's office but also worked several years in the juvenile division. Her strong interest in juvenile justice prompted Judge Stavig to volunteer to return to the juvenile division in 2007. She continues to work on the prevention of juvenile crime.

Judge Stavig is the Secretary for the Board of Directors of the Colorado Municipal Judges Association, is on the Executive Board of the Jefferson County Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee and participates as a member of the CJCC Juvenile Crime Prevention Subcommittee. She also serves as a board member of the Youth Alcohol and Drug Program, is on the advisory council for the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Grant and is a member of both the Colorado Bar Association and the First Judicial Bar Association. She lives in Lakewood with her husband and two daughters.

Daniel E. Ramsey
Municipal Judge



Judge Daniel E. Ramsey was appointed municipal judge in November 1990. He graduated from Purdue University in Aeronautical Engineering in 1965. He then moved to the Denver area. He has lived in Lakewood since 1977. Married since 1966, has two married daughters and nine grandchildren.

Judge Ramsey received his law degree from the University of Denver in 1972 and was admitted to practice in Colorado and practice before the U.S. District Court that same year. He was admitted to practice before the U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court in 1980.

Judge Ramsey was an engineer/contracts specialist with the then Martin Marietta Corporation (1965 - 1973), was a prosecutor in the City of

Englewood Municipal Court (1973 - 1975) and was a private practitioner and a part-time Arapahoe Community College instructor for two years (1975 - 1977). He was an Assistant Jefferson County Attorney for 13 years (1977 - 1990) before being appointed to the bench. He is a member of the American Judges Association, Colorado Bar Association, Colorado Municipal Judges and First Judicial District Bar Associations. He is also a longtime member of the Jefferson County Corrections Board.

Watch forums to hear what City Council candidates have to say

The League of Women Voters in Jefferson County sponsored forums for candidates for Lakewood City Council. The forums will be on KLTv8 cable channel 8 throughout October at the times listed below. Watch them on-demand at www.Lakewood.org/elections.

Wards 1, 2

8 a.m. & 9:30 p.m., Sundays
4:30 p.m., Mondays
5 a.m., Tuesdays
10 a.m. & 8:30 p.m., Wednesdays
4 p.m., Thursdays
5 p.m., Fridays
4:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m., Saturdays

Ward 3 forum

8:30 a.m. & 10 p.m., Sundays
5 p.m., Mondays
5:30 a.m., Tuesdays
10:30 a.m. & 9 p.m., Wednesdays
4:30 p.m., Thursdays
5:30 p.m., Fridays
5 a.m. & 7 p.m. Saturdays

Ward 4 forum

9 a.m. & 10:30 p.m., Sundays
5:30 p.m., Mondays
6 a.m., Tuesdays
11 a.m. & 9:30 p.m., Wednesdays
5 p.m., Thursdays
6 p.m., Fridays
5:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., Saturdays

Ward 5 forum

9:30 a.m. & 11 p.m., Sundays
6 p.m., Mondays
6:30 p.m., Tuesdays
11:30 a.m. & 10 p.m., Wednesdays
5:30 p.m., Thursdays
6:30 p.m., Fridays
6 a.m. & 8 p.m., Saturdays

2014 proposed budget

The proposed operating budget for the City in 2014 includes funding for annual programs such as street repaving, strategic investments in infrastructure such as City buildings and other items and the addition of positions to aid in the reviewing and issuing of permits for construction projects as that segment of the economy begins to pick up.

The proposed budget for 2014 is \$103.7 million for the General Fund, which pays for the majority of the City's services and operating expenses. Sales taxes collected from shoppers produce the "income" that largely pays for the City's expenses to provide services to residents.

View the 2014 Proposed Annual Budget at www.Lakewood.org/Budgets.

"This budget employs both fiscal prudence and realistic projections that reflect a continued commitment to the strategies that have made Lakewood a success," City Manager Kathy Hodgson said in her formal budget message to City Council. "While an uncertain economic environment challenges the City, along with other cities and counties in Colorado, Lakewood continues to deliver quality municipal services while maintaining a strong foundation for its future."

The City will be able to successfully maintain its level of services to residents in 2014 as it has during the economic recession even though the City's "income" continues to be unpredictable and volatile. Maintaining service levels has been accomplished by spending less than the budget when possible — sometimes by as much as 4.4 percent in the 2012 Annual Budget — and adding money to the City's savings account, which Lakewood has done for the eighth year in a row at the end of 2012.

The City's savings account continues to allow the City to provide services without dramatic fluctuations from year to year by

providing funds if needed and by addressing unexpected needs.

As the recession has eased, it also has allowed the City to invest in meaningful infrastructure projects.

The proposed 2014 budget includes \$11.4 million for annual programs such as street repaving, traffic safety and improvements to infrastructure. Next year's budget also includes money to pay for higher electricity bills for streetlights, which will cost \$1.8 million for the year.

The City's sustainability efforts will receive \$65,000 to support creating programs and educational opportunities to help residents and businesses become more sustainable. The City's Advisory Commission for an Inclusive Community consisting of Lakewood residents recommended including this item as a way to support the community's desire to become more sustainable (see Living in Lakewood story on this page).

New items in the 2014 proposed budget include the purchase of winged snowplows, which allow plows to have larger "winged" blades for plowing. It also includes additional positions for reviewing and approving construction projects in the city. The number of positions for this process varies from year to year, and the number of positions dropped significantly during the recession. Money also is available in the 2014 proposed budget to complete the renovation of the Civic Center complex to ensure that the Civic Center's drive aisle, parking garage and public plaza provide a good value as the center of civic activity.



Life in Lakewood is good, and the best parts of living here are the city's location, its parks and recreation and its safety. That's what Lakewood residents said in a recent report card on the quality of life in the city.

Known as the Citizen Survey, this consumer report card provides residents the opportunity to rate their satisfaction with the quality of life in the city, the community's amenities and the city government itself. The survey also allows residents to provide feedback on what is working well, what is not and what their priorities are for allocating the City's resources.

Watch a report about it during the Aug. 5 City Council Study Session at www.Lakewood.org/CouncilVideos.

An overwhelming majority of 93 percent of Lakewood residents who filled out the survey said the quality of life in the city is "very good" or "good" in the 2013 Citizen Survey. This is consistent with ratings on surveys since 2008. Large majorities also said Lakewood was a good place to raise children, work and retire, which were new questions on the 2013 survey.

Among the highest ranked city services were maintenance of parks, open space and trails, police services, recreation programs and recreational and cultural facilities. In fact, favorable ratings for two-thirds of City services have been stable over time during the surveys, which began in 2000. But in the 2013 survey residents rated a handful of services lower than in 2010 including maintenance of parks,

open space and trails, building permits and inspections and the City's communication tools such as this newsletter.

A majority of respondents were satisfied with the City's efforts to support the quality of life in Lakewood and with the overall direction the City government is taking. But residents indicated that some areas for improvement were overall government performance and employee customer service.

The highest priorities for residents in the coming years are crime prevention, the overall appearance and cleanliness of the city and the quality of the natural environment. Residents saw these three items as the "most important" among 11 potential factors. When it came to sustainability and recycling, residents also supported the City investing in resources to help sustain the local environment, and they showed support for increased recycling efforts.

The City will use the survey as a tool to find ways to make improvements to City services, the residents' interactions with City employees, communicating with residents and other areas.

More than 2,800 surveys were mailed to randomly selected households evenly spread throughout the city, and 921 surveys were completed for a response rate of 32 percent. To better reach residents, the survey was also available online this year.

To learn more about the survey, enter "citizen survey" in the search bar at www.Lakewood.org.

Please fill out this survey by Nov. 1

The City of Lakewood works continually to find the best ways to provide City information to you. Help us by anonymously answering the short survey below and mailing it to the City Manager's Office, 480 S. Allison Parkway, Lakewood, 80226. An online version is available at www.Lakewood.org/Survey. Your input will help the City improve how we communicate with the community, and we appreciate your participation.

Looking @ Lakewood, this printed publication mailed to all addresses in the city
How often would you like to receive Looking@Lakewood? Please circle one.

a. Monthly b. 7-8 times a year c. Six times a year c. Quarterly

Would you subscribe to an electronic form of Looking@Lakewood delivered to your email address?

a. Yes b. No c. Maybe

What do you think of the layout and photos in Looking@Lakewood?

a. Very good b. Good c. OK d. Needs improvement e. Dislike it

What do you think of the size of the text in Looking@Lakewood?

a. Just right b. Too small c. Too big

What types of information are you most interested in? Circle as many as you like.

Community events; project updates; City meetings and agenda; City Council actions; reminders about City policy and laws; public notices; volunteer and City job opportunities; program information; recreational facilities and amenities; seasonal programs; City-run events and festivals; fees and rates; land use and development decisions or cases. Other: _____

KLTV8, the government-access cable channel 8

Are you aware that you can watch Lakewood City Council meetings, the City's news show and many other programs on the City's website and Comcast channel 8?

a. Yes b. no

What topics would you like to see more of on KLTV8? Circle as many as you like.

Meetings; older adult; cultural; historical; event coverage; public safety; classes and program opportunities. Other: _____

What would make you more likely to subscribe to the City's YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/kltv8?

a. Shorter videos b. If council meetings were on YouTube c. I don't watch YouTube d. Other _____

Lakewood.org, the City's website

What information have you looked for on the website? _____

How easily did you find the information you wanted?

a. Easy b. Fair c. Difficult e. Did not find

Was the information you found useful?

a. Yes b. No

How often do you return to Lakewood.org for updated or newer information?

a. Daily b. Weekly c. Monthly d. Rarely e. Never

What are your main reasons for visiting the website? Circle as many as you like.

Agendas and meetings; news and press releases; jobs; recreation opportunities; economic development; permitting. Other _____

What do you like about the website? _____

What would you improve about the website? _____



Nextdoor.com From page 1

neighborhood or that your business is located in the neighborhood in order for you to join your neighborhood group.

Can I see nearby neighborhoods' posts on Nextdoor.com?

Yes. A recent feature on Nextdoor.com allows neighboring groups to see other group's posts if individual users select this option in their accounts. If you do not want to see posts by neighboring groups, you can keep that feature turned off and only see posts made in your neighborhood.

Is my information private?

Yes. Nextdoor.com is password protected and cannot be accessed by those outside the neighborhood or found on Google or other search engines. Nextdoor.com never shares personal information with any third parties.

Do I need a Facebook account to register on Nextdoor.com?

No. While there is an option to sign in to Nextdoor.com using your Facebook log in if you are already a member of Facebook, you do not have to join Facebook or be a member of Facebook to create an account on Nextdoor.com.

Can the City see what the residents are talking about with their neighbors on the site?

No. The City cannot see the conversations that occur within neighborhoods.

My neighborhood has an established site on Nextdoor, and I've noticed that some neighbors speculate about City projects or activities on the site. Is Nextdoor.com the official voice of the City of Lakewood?

No. The City has its own website, www.Lakewood.org, where you can find information and resources. You are encouraged to contact the City Manager's Office at 303-987-7050 or your City Council member (www.Lakewood.org/CityCouncil) at any time for clarification on any issue about which you have questions.

Should I use Nextdoor.com to report crime, other emergencies or a pothole or graffiti problem?

No. If you have an emergency, always call 911. Nextdoor.com is not intended to be used for emergencies or crime reporting. Residents should report issues or concerns and ask questions through the "Need Assistance?" button on the City's website. Residents can also use www.Lakewood.org/NeedAssistance or call 303-987-7050. This includes nonemergency crime reports and graffiti. City staff cannot see posts made on Nextdoor.com in your neighborhood groups regarding these issues.

Who created Nextdoor.com?

Nextdoor.com is a private business created in California in 2010.

Become a SnowPAL

The snow will be here sooner than you realize. After a snowstorm, the City often receives calls from individuals in the community who could use a little help shoveling their walks. Although the City tries to match volunteers who have offered their help with those needing it, we often do not have enough volunteers to respond to the number of requests. Volunteers also might live on opposite ends of Lakewood from the individual in

need, making it difficult to provide assistance.

If you are able to provide snow shoveling assistance to individuals in your area, we encourage you to organize an effort to assist your neighbors who may need some help. The City also is accepting volunteer applications now for "SnowPALS" to create a pool of volunteers ready to go when residents call for snow shoveling help. If you are able to provide this support, please visit www.Lakewood.org/SnowPALS, email volunteer@lakewood.org or call 303-987-7393.

Lakewood 2025: Moving Forward Together

Give us your ideas on how you want Lakewood to evolve, change, grow and become more sustainable during the continuing community open houses in October and November.

These open houses are part of the community discussion on how to update Lakewood's Comprehensive Plan, an essential document that lays out the vision for the city's future, and how to create the City's first Sustainability Plan, an important step in making Lakewood more sustainable.

Learn more at www.Lakewood.org/MovingForward or "like" us at www.facebook.com/PlanLakewood.

Lakewood Lives

5:30-8 p.m.
Oct. 15
City Council Chambers
480 S. Allison Parkway

What should Lakewood do to increase the quality of life for residents and businesses? What is important for a thriving, engaged, sustainable and healthy city?

Joins us for roundtable discussions about neighborhoods, business and transportation corridors and strategic development areas.

Lakewood Moves

5:30-8 p.m.
Oct. 29
City Council Chambers
480 S. Allison Parkway

How do transportation and land use work together to create a more livable city? How should Lakewood plan for future growth?

Speakers: Gideon Berger, senior planner with Fehr and Peers Transportation Consultants, and Crissy Fanganello, director of Denver's Policy & Planning Group in the Public Works Department.

Lakewood Sustains

5:30-8 p.m.
Nov. 12
City Council Chambers
480 S. Allison Parkway

How can Lakewood, its residents and businesses become more resource efficient, reduce waste and protect our air, water and ecosystems?

Speaker: Eric Lombardi, executive director of Eco-Cycle and president of Zero Waste Strategies.

Free citywide cleanup From page 1

be reused or recycled.

Usable items received during Lakewood's Cleanup Days will be sold in arc Thrift Stores, which provide funds for programs for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Jefferson County where the stores were founded. Donations of gently used household items, clothing, small appliances and small furniture will be accepted during the Cleanup Days as well.

Other items such as unusable electronics, batteries and televisions will be recycled. Metal will be stripped from objects for reuse, and cloth items will be shipped to countries in need.

Items accepted at cleanup

- Furniture, mattresses, box springs and bed frames
- Appliances including stoves, ovens, dishwashers, washing machines, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, microwave ovens and wood stoves
- Sinks, toilets, bathtubs, carpet, flooring, doors and windows
- Electronics including televisions, computer monitors and computers
- Engine blocks, car parts or small gas engine equipment
- Regular recyclable items such as plastic bottles, newspaper, glass, cardboard and cans

Items not accepted at cleanup

- Landscaping materials and fencing
- Yard waste including trees, branches, shrubs
- Scrap lumber or drywall
- Household chemicals, paint, fuel tanks or cans, propane bottles
- Gravel, asphalt, rock, sod, earth, concrete, brick, blocks, pavers or roofing material
- General household trash or loose debris that would normally be picked up by a residential trash service
- Materials or debris from a private contractor's work

For a complete list of items that will be accepted during the cleanup, please visit www.Lakewood.org/Cleanup or call 303-987-7193.

Arc Thrift Stores will manage the logistics of the cleanup events with assistance and support from City staff. The stores maintain agreements with vendors that handle scrap metal and electronics recycling as well as a solid waste hauler, and those vendors are assisting with the Cleanup Days. Western Scrap Processing will handle the metal and electronics recycling while Alpine Waste and Recycling will provide hauling services.

HAUNTED TRAIL ADVENTURE





4:30-7:30 P.M.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

\$5 per person
(children 3 and under free)

Come experience the park and all its magic with an evening of ghostly trails and tails!

Also enjoy:

- **HAWKQUEST** with live birds of prey
- Education stations
- Marshmallow roast and hot cocoa
- Costume contest
- Face painting and much more!

Registration is required, and space is limited.

Register online at:
www.Lakewood.org/ParkProgramsandEvents

 /BearCreekLakePark
 @BearCreekLake

Bear Creek Lake Park
15600 W. Morrison Road
303-697-6159
www.Lakewood.org/BCLP



Lakewood
Regional Parks



National Community Planning Month

Lakewood's 5th Annual Brown Bag Film Series!

Each October the American Planning Association and the City of Lakewood celebrate National Community Planning Month to show the important role that planning plays in communities across the United States. For each of the past five years, Lakewood has organized a brown bag film series that focuses on different planning topics. This year, we're showing the films that were selected as favorites by participants during the previous film series.

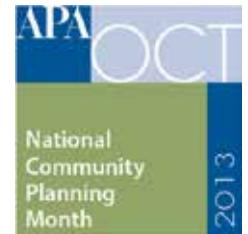
You are invited to bring a lunch and join Lakewood planning staff each Wednesday in October for a one-hour film that examines urban planning challenges and opportunities. Please join us after each film for a 30 minute staff-led discussion on each week's topic!

Wednesdays in October from Noon-1:30
Community Room in the Lakewood Cultural Center
470 S. Allison Parkway

Construction activities outside the Civic Center buildings will affect parking for visitors to the Cultural Center. Please visit www.lakewood.org/CivicCenterRefresh for parking and information prior to your visit.

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October 2

Make No Little Plans: Daniel Burnham and the American City

This documentary explores the life and legacy of visionary architect and city planner Daniel Hudson Burnham (1846-1912). Burnham's urban planning work helped set the standard for modern city planning in America, leaving a lasting impact on our cities. Before the modern profession of urban planning existed, Burnham created urban plans for San Francisco, Washington D.C., Chicago, Cleveland, and Manila and Baguio City in the Philippines.



October 9

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 16

Taken for a Ride

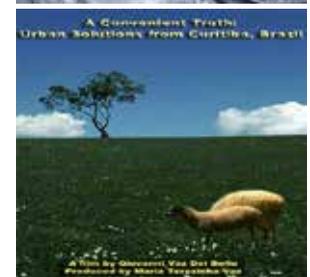
This film reveals the tragic and little-known story of an auto and oil industry campaign, led by General Motors, to buy and dismantle streetcar lines. With investigative journalism, vintage archival footage and candid interviews, "Taken for a Ride" presents a revealing history of our cities in the 20th century that is also a mediation on corporate power, city form, citizen protest, and the social and environmental implications of transportation.



October 23

A Convenient Truth: Urban Solutions from Curitiba, Brazil

This 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 process that transformed Curitiba into one of the most livable cities in the world.



October 30

Retrofitting Suburbia: Designing Healthy Communities

Dr. Richard Jackson investigates the link between our nation's obesity and Type 2 diabetes epidemic with urban sprawl fueled by car dependency. To prevent disease through better urban planning, Boulder redesigns the city to make bicycles a safe alternative in transportation planning.

