

2015 Annual Budget

Getting around Lakewood on foot and by bicycle will get easier because of the 2015 Annual Budget. In October, the City Council approved the budget that contains \$2 million for adding sidewalks and paved bicycle paths in the city. The budget also provides for annual needs such as repaving streets, and it ensures a consistent level of service for its residents.

To view the 2015 Annual Budget, visit www.Lakewood.org/Budgets. Next year's budget also continues

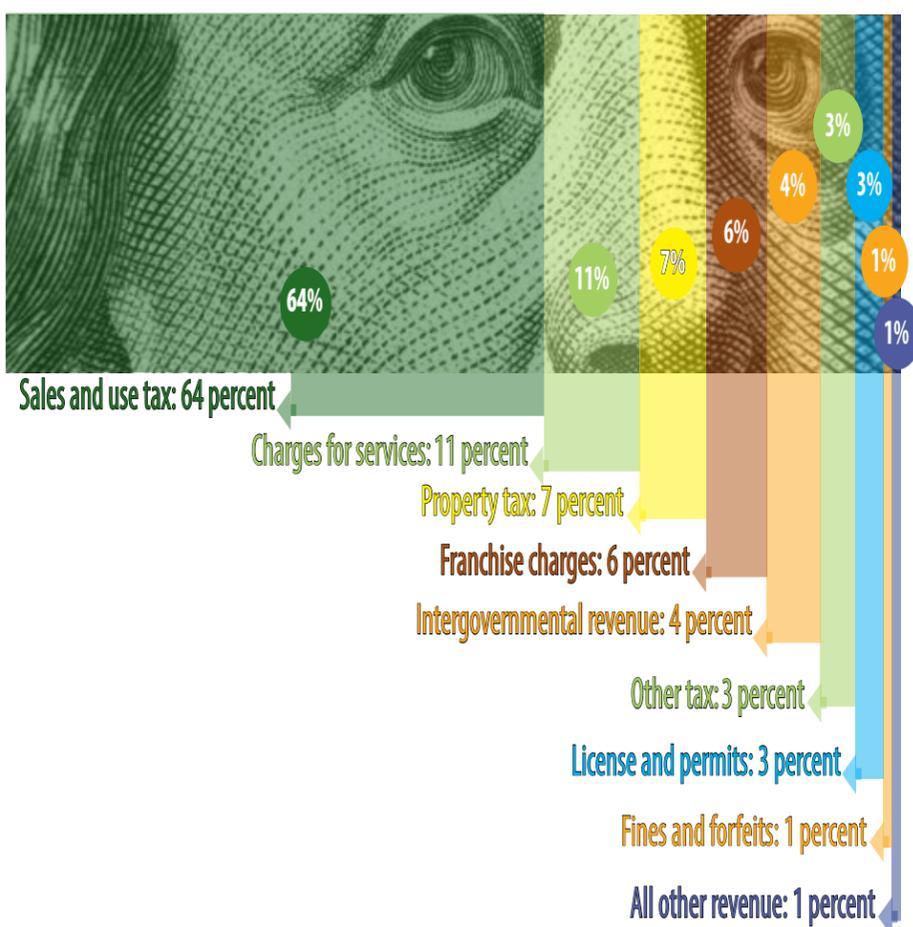
to build on the Police Department's collaborations with other agencies in Jefferson County as a way to provide services as efficiently as possible. The budget includes funds for purchasing a new records management system that will be funded and used by several agencies in the county. The new system will provide real-time sharing of information among officers in a variety of agencies and aid in filing cases electronically.

This collaborative effort follows

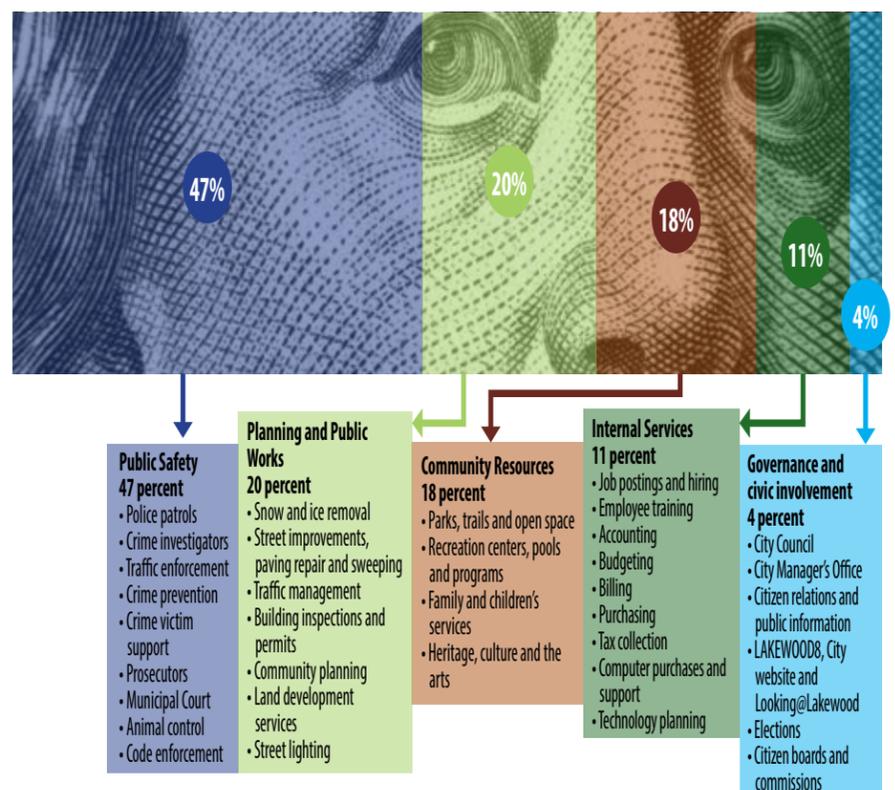
the opening of a regional crime lab for agencies in the county, the creation of a regional training academy and a combined SWAT unit with the Wheat Ridge Police Department.

Next year's budget includes \$108 million for the General Fund, which pays for the majority of services provided to residents. The overall budget is \$178 million, which includes project-related expenses and restricted funds that can be spent only for specific reasons.

Where does the money come from?



Where does the money go?



How much do you know about City's snow plan?

Having the streets plowed in the winter is one of the most important services the City provides to residents and businesses. But how much do you know about Lakewood's annual snow plan? Take a short quiz below, and learn how well you scored on page 7.

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- 1) How many snowplows does the City operate during a snowstorm?
- 2) How much money per resident does the City typically spend on snowplowing annually?
- 3) Does the City plow major, secondary or residential streets first?
- 4) Name two of the seven major thoroughfares in Lakewood that the City is not responsible for plowing?
- 5) If residential streets are plowed, how much does it cost?

The City's snow plan focuses on keeping major streets drivable to ensure traffic can flow throughout the city and emergency vehicles can reach all parts of Lakewood. Once these important streets are plowed and maintained, crews will move on to plow minor and smaller streets.

The City has 26 snowplows that operate on a 24-hour schedule during storms. When blizzards hit Lakewood, the City also can call on a fleet of up to 15 privately owned motor-graders under contract to help the snowplows keep roads passable. The City spends about \$1.2 million annually on snow removal, which amounts to about \$8 per resident.

Plowing priorities

Lakewood's snowplows first work on 125 miles of Priority 1 streets, which include Lakewood's major arterial and collector streets such as West Alameda and West Jewell avenues and Bear Creek Boulevard. During major snowstorms, the wind and heavy snow accumulation requires plows to work and rework these major streets to keep them open, preventing crews from moving on to smaller streets in the city.

The next set of streets to be plowed is Priority 2 and 3 streets, which are 119 miles of minor collector streets, hilly areas and school and shopping areas. A map of the Priority 1, 2 and 3 routes is available at www.Lakewood.org/

Maps or by calling 303-987-7900.

Several of the major roads in Lakewood are state highways, and the Colorado Department of Transportation plows these roads, which include West Sixth Avenue, West Colfax Avenue, Morrison Road, Hampden Avenue, Kipling Parkway and Wadsworth and Sheridan boulevards.

Residential streets

Lakewood has about 242 miles of residential streets that are not part of the priority routes, and these streets are plowed only when snow depths are seriously impeding vehicle mobility and melting is not expected to occur quickly. Plowing residential streets costs the City a minimum of \$75,000 for each snowstorm, and the City considers the conditions and weather forecast before deciding whether to plow residential streets.

When residential streets are plowed, a snowplow will attempt

See Snow Plan page 7

Go in-depth

Look for links in bold and go online to Lakewood.org to watch videos, see photos and read more.

Letter from the **mayor**



City looks good through rearview mirror and gazing into the future

In this last column of 2014, it seems appropriate to “look at Lakewood” from both the rearview mirror (what happened this year), as well as the windshield (what is coming ahead).

Let’s carry the automobile metaphor forward for just a bit by talking about West Colfax Avenue. Our venerable Highway 40, the historic transcontinental route, is undergoing a transformation in Lakewood. This year, the 40 West Arts District was officially designated a Colorado Certified Creative District by Colorado Creative Industries, one of only 12 such designations in the entire state. Also, a significant portion of the nearby JCRS shopping center was purchased by Broad Street Realty. The new owners are completely dedicated to reinvestment while still honoring both the history of Colfax and the new 40 West brand. And, yes, Casa Bonita will stay!

There was a theme of reinvestment on Colfax this year. FirstBank, our hometown bank, broke ground on an expansion of its corporate headquarters, and Terumo BCT, Lakewood’s largest private employer, did the same on its campus at the Lakewood Technology Center at West Collins Avenue and Simms Street. Each of these projects represents a \$40 million expression of confidence in the future of Lakewood. Further west, Colorado Mills is experiencing record sales and adding new, nationally recognized stores to the mall. And the W Rail Line is attracting construction of new residential buildings from Sheridan Avenue to Union Boulevard.

Our City finances continue to be strong. This is a remarkable tribute to the fiscal prudence of our 900 dedicated employees. Through it all, we have continued to invest in our Police Department, our infrastructure, our parks and open space and our cultural venues.

Many other City initiatives debuted this year. We introduced Request Lakewood, a new web-based system for residents to ask questions or report concerns such as graffiti. Citywide cleanups returned, resulting in tons of old stuff leaving basements, garages and yards to be

recycled or retired. Our Lakewood Police Department worked with other Jefferson County jurisdictions to open a new Regional Crime Lab that will help solve crimes faster while also cutting costs. City Council approved a large investment in a cooperative solar power array that will continue to provide energy to City facilities for many years after being completely paid off.

Some of our biggest strides came in the area of “community-building” as neighbors, businesses, governments and nonprofits came together around projects and ideas that will make our future brighter. Steve and Anne Burkholder shepherded the new Parent Child Home Partnership that brings books and readers into the homes of lower-income preschool children. George Valuck and many others are moving forward the Jeffco Prosperity Project, with the goal of eliminating poverty here in the foreseeable future. Pastor Reg Cox, Green Mountain resident Diane Rhodus, Jeffco Public Schools, Great Outdoors Colorado, the City of Lakewood and many individual donors collaborated to produce a miracle: the new Field of Dreams at Foothills Elementary School. Our Lakewood Linked program is bringing together many of our

faith-based groups to create even more synergies for their individual community outreach programs. Finally, residents of more than 90 Lakewood neighborhoods are now utilizing Nextdoor.com to stay in touch with each other within their own areas.

Looking ahead to 2015, City Council will be working hard on projects that have the potential to positively reshape parts of our community, including the new Federal Center Station Neighborhood and Artspace, which would create permanently affordable live-work space for artists in the 40 West Arts District. We’ll be looking at ways to help revitalize areas of need like Jewell and Wadsworth and parts of Sheridan, Alameda and West Colfax. Finally, we look forward with great anticipation to the rollout of Lakewood’s first-ever Sustainability Plan and our updated Comprehensive Plan. It’s going to be an exciting year ahead!

Best wishes from all of us here at the City of Lakewood for a joyous, healthy and safe holiday season.

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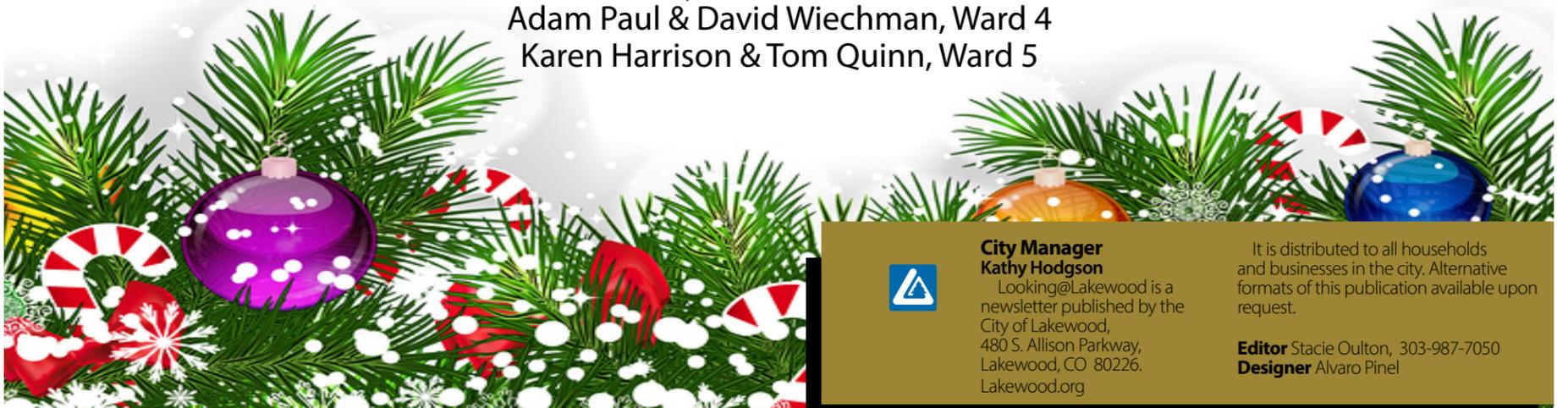
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*Celebrate the blessings of family
and all the joys of the holidays.*

Best wishes from the Lakewood City Council

Mayor Bob Murphy
Karen Kellen & Ramey Johnson, Ward 1
Cindy Baroway & Scott Koop, Ward 2
Pete Roybal & Shakti, Ward 3
Adam Paul & David Wiechman, Ward 4
Karen Harrison & Tom Quinn, Ward 5



**City Manager
Kathy Hodgson**

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Shopping in Lakewood shapes your community

What kind of impact will you have if you choose to shop in Lakewood this holiday season? You can have a tremendous impact on the kind of community you live in and the quality of services that are available to you as a resident.

Lakewood Economic Development encourages you to consider Lakewood first when doing your holiday shopping. When you shop in Lakewood, you generate the sales tax revenue that pays for the services you receive as a resident: the police to patrol your streets, the snowplows to clear them, the parks to enjoy with your children and the festivals and performances that bring a rich cultural experience to living in Lakewood. Sales taxes collected from businesses ranging from small stores to the national chains pay for nearly two-thirds of the City's annual operating budget.

Our economic development efforts focus on retaining, expanding, promoting and attracting all types of businesses to our community. These efforts support the City's

ability to continue to operate on a solid budget, and our goal is to have strong, competitive and diverse businesses with a healthy mix of locally owned and national employers. Having a broad range of businesses helps the City weather economic cycles, allowing it to maintain a consistent level of service. A diversity of businesses also provides the community and its residents with a wide range of options whether it's their favorite mom-and-pop plumbing service or a major store that provides the latest fashions.

Shopping in your city also makes an immense difference to all kinds of businesses. Take Sallie Kashiwa, owner of Timbuk Toys in Lakewood City Commons at West Alameda Avenue and Wadsworth Boulevard. Her shop offers one-of-kind, idiosyncratic toys. The purchases shoppers make during November and December help Timbuk Toys weather the slower times that all businesses experience. The holiday shopping season contributes to more

than 35 percent of her toy store's business. When you support unique businesses such as Timbuk Toys in your city, you support the creation of vibrant neighborhoods with distinct businesses, and you help keep lively shopping and entertainment options close to home.

But shopping locally means so much more. Spending your money in Lakewood is powerful because local businesses invest the money you've spent with them in your community an average of three times, according to the Mile High Business Alliance. Besides paying local taxes, they support local charities, sports teams or school activities. They employ local residents, and they buy their needed supplies and services locally.

When you purchase goods and services in Lakewood, you help stabilize Lakewood's employment rate as those businesses hire your friends, neighbors and fellow residents. You also are supporting businesses that have chosen to rent or own Lakewood real estate, contributing to the vibrancy of our commercial areas. Shopping in Lakewood also can be cost-effective and sustainable by reducing your gas consumption to get to and from stores, and saving money on gas increases your purchasing power for other items.

Both locally owned shops and national chains contribute to the economic stability of our community. For example, family-owned businesses have anchored economic activity on some of our major corridors for decades. Front Range Lumber has been on Wadsworth Boulevard since before the city incorporated, and the same is true for Rockley Music on West Colfax Avenue. A+A Toppers and Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage launched in Lakewood and remain mainstays. White Fence Farm is a

hallmark on West Jewell Avenue, and Front Range Pizza keeps a wall of sponsorships it has provided to the Green Mountain neighborhood from its location on Jewell. Small businesses represent more than 99 percent of American employer firms, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration.

On the other end of the spectrum, the national businesses at places such as Colorado Mills Mall, Denver West Village and the new Promenade at Denver West attract regional shoppers and equate to new money and revenue coming into the Lakewood economy. These high-demand stores also create a stable real estate environment and often serve as a catalyst for underserved areas to redevelop, spurring vacant store fronts to be replaced with new stores, restaurants and businesses.

When you shop elsewhere or shop online, taxes and profits no longer stay in Lakewood. More than 19 percent of the City's sales tax revenue for the entire year is generated during each holiday season. When you shop in Lakewood, you are investing in your community, which is why it is critical that we support each other in the coming months. Kicked off with Black Friday and Small Business Saturday and continuing into the remainder of the holidays, this shopping season is a time we encourage you to help shape Lakewood by shopping here.



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The power of shopping locally



When you shop at Lakewood's many family-owned shops or national chains, you shape your community in the following ways:

- ✓ Support Lakewood's tax base
- ✓ Contribute to Lakewood's operating budget
- ✓ Support local job creation
- ✓ Ensure vibrancy in shopping areas
- ✓ Save money



New Businesses

285 Landing Asian Bistro
3650 S. Wadsworth Blvd.
303-988-0870
www.285landing.com

Carrie B's Boutique
13701 W. Jewell Ave.
303-953-0482
www.CarrieBBoutique.com

Denver Christian Schools campus
3898 S. Teller St.

Divalicious Boutique
2099 Wadsworth Blvd., #G
720-483-9878
www.Divaliciousboutique.com

Elements Massage
14650 W. Colfax Ave.
www.ElementsMassage.com

To submit a listing, visit Lakewood.org/GrandOpenings.

Listed below are openings of new businesses or important milestones and news about companies in Lakewood.

Himalaya House
11903 W. Sixth Ave.

Mary's Mountain Cookies
14405 W. Colfax Ave.
303-278-1003
www.MarysMountainCookies.com

Metro Denver Accident and Injury Center
2290 Kipling St., Unit F
720-328-9033
www.WestminsterAccidentAndInjury.com

Reframe, creative reuse of recyclables
10230 W. 26th Ave., Unit 5
www.ReframeCRC.org

Starbucks
12408 W. Alameda Parkway

Summit House Grill and Tap
14285 W. Colfax Ave.
www.SummitHouseGrill.com

WestRail Tap and Grill
195 S. Union Blvd., Suite 150
303-986-2200
www.WestRailTapAndGrill.com

Wilde Belle
377 S. Teller St.
www.ShopWildeBelle.com

ZandiK Salon
14235 W. Colfax Ave.
303-279-9160
www.ZandiKSalon.com

Milestones
Colorado Frame and Art Restoration moved to a brand new building.
9780 W. Colfax Ave.

Foothills Animal Hospital celebrates 35 years in business this year.
13015 W. Alameda Parkway
303-988-0403

U Dirty Dog is celebrating one year in business.
11098 W. Jewell Ave., Suite A-8
303-717-3167
www.UDirtyDog.co

Lakewood United Methodist Preschool celebrated 50 years of operation in September.
303-238-9082
www.LumPreschool.com

Jefferson County Public Health has moved to 645 Parfet St.

Reflections Salon, Day Spa and Studios celebrated 10 years at its location.
980 Simms St.
303-462-5556
www.ReflectionsColorado.com

SpayToday celebrates five years at its current location.
1864 S. Wadsworth Blvd., #2
303-984-7729
www.Spay2day.org

Did you Know?



Frequently asked questions about fixing flooding problems faster

During the City Council's current discussion with the community about whether to complete improvements more quickly to the stormwater drainage system in the city — what people often think of as the "storm sewer" — residents have asked a variety of questions. The most frequently asked questions from residents are answered below.

Join the ongoing discussion using one of the following methods:

- Submit your comments or photos of drainage issues online at Lakewood.org/StormwaterUtility, which also provides a variety of information and resources about the discussion.
- Contact your City Council members directly using their contact information listed at www.Lakewood.org/CityCouncil.
- Call 303-987-7941.

My house and neighborhood don't have flooding problems, so why don't the residents who live in low-lying areas or near gulches just pay for the drainage improvements?

Every property in Lakewood regardless of location contributes to the amount of storm runoff from roofs, driveways and other hard surfaces that must be managed to prevent flooding. The situation is similar to the sanitary sewer system for discharge from kitchens and bathrooms. Each residence or business contributes to the sanitary sewer system, so each property pays a fee for the sanitary

sewer system. The stormwater utility service charge functions the same way, and every property owner pays the service charge because every property contributes to the runoff.

Flooding can affect everyone if roads are blocked or damaged, hindering local traffic and emergency response vehicles. It also can damage recreational trails, parks and other community assets, and it can occur in areas where there are no flood plains, low-lying areas or drainage gulches. Currently, Lakewood has about 70 areas in neighborhoods that experience localized flooding because of inadequate culverts or a lack of drainage structures. Preventing flooding to protect private property, public facilities and lives contributes to the quality of life in a community.

Does increasing the stormwater utility charge require a vote of the residents?

No. Stormwater utility service charges such as Lakewood's are a fee, not a tax. Given that, a vote by residents is not required.

Why can't property owners just collect the rainwater and use it instead of paying the service charge?

Runoff from storms is already appropriated under the state's water laws to downstream users who own water rights, and collecting rainwater is prohibited under state law if a property owner lacks the proper water rights.

How much more would property owners have to pay to accelerate improvements?

The City Council has not discussed any specific amount for increasing the stormwater utility service charge to accelerate drainage improvements. City Council asked for some examples of what kind of improvements could be made to reduce flooding if the service charge was increased by a small, medium or large amount. Those examples have been outlined in the "Range of options" document available at www.Lakewood.org/StormwaterUtility.

How will an increase in the service charge benefit me?

Reducing flooding and its impacts contribute to the quality of life in Lakewood, the safety of the community by preventing injury or deaths and to the peace of mind for residents and businesses that the potential for flooding has been reduced or eliminated. Other benefits include the following:

- Preventing or reducing damage to roads, recreational trails, parks and other community assets that can affect everyone in the city.
- Reducing the frequency and severity of property damage from flooding.
- Removing the 100-year flood plain from around numerous properties.
- Saving money by reducing maintenance costs for the drainage system.

• Providing a better climate for businesses and others to invest in Lakewood by buying or developing property or expanding their businesses because the risk of flooding is reduced.

• Eliminating the need for some property owners to buy flood insurance.

Wasn't there a plan already in place for fixing flooding, so did that plan not work?

There has been a plan in place and an annual budget to improve the drainage system in Lakewood. The City's Stormwater Management Utility has worked diligently within that budget to maintain, repair and improve the drainage system in the city. But the list of needed improvements is long.

Lakewood has 18 drainages known mostly as gulches that run west to east through Lakewood on their way to the South Platte River. Master plans for improvements have identified about 110 improvements needed in those drainages to eliminate or reduce flooding, and there are another 70 areas that have been identified where localized flooding occurs in neighborhoods. The current estimated cost to make all those improvements is more than \$125 million. About \$1.25 million — only a hundredth of the total cost for improvements — is available each year to pay for improvements to reduce or eliminate flooding. With the current funding, it will take several decades to complete all those projects.

Watch Mayor Bob Murphy discuss these stormwater questions at Lakewood.org/StormwaterUtility.

How was Lakewood affected during the heavy 2013 rainstorms?



Lakewood Gulch

Intense rainstorms such as the ones that occurred in the region last year can cause substantial impacts for numerous homeowners, businesses, roads, public facilities and private property in Lakewood. In 2013, the City experienced four significant storms from July to September, producing sizable localized flooding. Below are some of the impacts from those storms:

- At least 22 homes and businesses were flooded during those storms.
- At least nine private property owners sustained damage or erosion to their land.
- Flood waters overtopped roads in six locations in the city, which can hinder local traffic flow and access for emergency response vehicles.
- Large cottonwood trees, branches, trash, fencing and full-size commercial dumpsters washed into Lakewood and McIntyre gulches, creating blockages that had to be cleared to prevent flooding in subsequent storms. Lakewood Gulch starts on Green Mountain near Red Rocks Community College and

runs east near West 10th Avenue and near West Seventh Avenue. McIntyre Gulch starts on the east side of Green Mountain and runs along West Alameda Avenue, across the Federal Center and the Jeffco Stadium property before crossing under West Sixth Avenue to flow into Lakewood Gulch.

- Crews for Lakewood's Stormwater Management Utility cleared about 300 cubic yards of debris — the equivalent of 30 dump truck loads — from Lakewood and McIntyre gulches. The utility spent \$10,500 to remove the debris.
- Excavators were used to remove several commercial dumpsters and entire trees from the gulches.
- Crews also collected and carried out debris by hand from places in the gulches that are inaccessible to large equipment.
- The utility spent nearly \$20,000 replacing soil that washed away from the sides of culverts that carry stormwater runoff under roadways and repairing a 60-foot section of a concrete bank lining McIntyre Gulch.



City of Lakewood Holiday Lights Recycling

Recycle your old, broken and unused strings of lights!

Friday, Nov. 28 - Sunday, Jan. 11

Collection totes will be located at the
Quail Street Recycling Center

1068 Quail St.

7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

There will be separate bins for LED and incandescent strings and bulbs.

Responsible electronics recycling services provided by



More Information: 303.987.7190 or www.Lakewood.org/recycling

City News

Above & Beyond: Volunteers honored for going extra mile

Mayor Bob Murphy recognized several community members during a recent City Council meeting for their efforts to go the extra mile to contribute to their community and to exemplify the values of the mayor's Lakewood Linked initiative to foster collaboration, communication and cooperation in the community. The honorees included the following residents and organizations.

Pastor **Reg Cox** of Lakewood and resident **Diane Rhodus** were recognized for getting the Foothills Field of Dreams project rolling to provide new sports fields at Foothills Elementary School for its students and youth throughout the surrounding Green Mountain neighborhood.

Eiber neighborhood resident **Lois Witte** was honored for volunteering and engaging nearly 40 of her co-workers from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to volunteer on their lunch hours to provide reading and literacy assistance to students at Eiber Elementary School in northern Lakewood.

Stephanie Wise, Life Directions adviser for Colorado Christian University, was recognized for coordinating hundreds of CCU students who provided the workforce to complete several projects that residents requested in their neighborhoods.

Jim Edwards from the KWAL paint



store at 7105 W. Colfax Ave. received recognition for the store, which has donated free and reduced-priced paint to residents needing to clean up graffiti. The store also provided the paint and supplies for the first COLorFAX mural along West Colfax Avenue in Lakewood. The COLorFAX project is helping to make Colfax sparkle with engaging, artful murals.

Jim Hassig and Terry Belaie-Hassig, owners of the Jewell Square

Ace Hardware store, were honored for providing relevant workshops and discounts on energy-saving supplies to the Southern Gables Sustainable Neighborhood Program, which is a City program that assists neighborhoods with instituting sustainable practices in their neighborhoods. The store at West Jewell Avenue and Wadsworth Boulevard also assisted with the outdoor classroom built for



Lakewood Linked

Lakewood's Patterson Head Start facilities for preschool students.

To see tips, ideas and resources to improve your neighborhood, visit www.Lakewood.org/Neighbors or call 303-987-7050. Learn about the City's award-winning Sustainable Neighborhoods Program at www.Lakewood.org/GreenNeighborhoods or call 303-987-7510.



WANTED: Your insight, expertise and advice

Become a leader for Lakewood by applying to serve on the Advisory Commission for an Inclusive Community, which plays a significant role in advising the City Council on issues important to residents.

Applications are available at www.Lakewood.org/GetonBoard and are taken year-round. For additional information, contact Teri Colvin at 303-987-7596 or www.tercol@lakewood.org.

The commission has openings for commission positions ending on Dec. 31, 2017. In its advisory role to City Council, the commission researches specific issues or topics of interest to Lakewood residents and make recommendations to City Council about potential actions on those issues.

Members should plan to attend a minimum of two meetings a month, which would include a meeting of the full commission and a committee meeting. The full commission meetings can typically last two hours, and the committee meetings are one hour. Applicants should attend both a full commission meeting and a committee meeting before applying. Visit Lakewood.org/ACIC for more information and specific meeting times.



PARTNER NEWS

News from our partners

Young Entrepreneurs Marketplace

Saturday, December 6, 2014

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Young Americans Center - Cherry Creek
3550 East 1st Avenue, Denver

Saturday, December 13, 2014

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Young Americans Center - Belmar
401 South Pierce Street, Lakewood

Shop for hundreds of unique gifts created by entrepreneurs, ages 6 to 21. Support local young business owners while getting your holiday shopping done early! Free parking and admission.



More details at www.yacenter.org

 **Young Americans**
CENTER FOR FINANCIAL EDUCATION

3550 E. First Ave. • Denver, CO 80206 • 303-321-2265

Oh my, do you have a lion, tiger or bear?

Is there a wizard at your breakfast table, a lion in your backyard or a munchkin sleeping in your bed?

Bring them to the Lakewood Cultural Center on Monday, Jan. 19, when children interested in acting from grades kindergarten through 12th are invited to audition for the production of "The Wizard of Oz!" by Missoula Children's Theatre.

But don't lose your way on the yellow brick road and show up late. Group auditions, beginning exactly at 4 p.m., will put the aspiring thespians through two hours of casting activities. To be considered for a role, children must arrive promptly by 3:45 p.m. at the Cultural Center, 470 S. Allison

Parkway, and plan to stay for the full two-hour audition. Anyone arriving late will not be allowed to audition.

Learn more at www.Lakewood.org/MCTAuditions or call 303-987-7845.

The group audition requires no advance registration, preparation or previous acting/stage experience. Casting will be announced shortly before 6 p.m., and depending on the specific role assigned, rehearsal for the children will begin immediately that evening, running from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Rehearsals will continue after school that week from 4 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, with a dress rehearsal Saturday morning at 9 a.m. Not all children will be required at all rehearsals.

The cost of the Missoula Children's

Theatre residency is \$50 and will only be assessed to those children accepted into the program. The final product of your child's week of hard work and fun will be two performances on the Lakewood Cultural Center stage at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24.

Missoula Children's Theatre has

opened the world of live theater to children for more than 40 years, focusing on achievement through creativity and teamwork. More than 65,000 children across the country are cast in MCT touring productions each year.



Get all you need to know about your city on LAKEWOOD8 cable channel 8.



Program schedule: Lakewood.org/LAKEWOOD8

Lakewood City Council meetings – Watch live Regular City Council Meetings and City Council Study Sessions at 7 p.m. every Monday (except the fifth Monday of the month) and rebroadcasts throughout the week.

"City Scene" – Tune in for City government news, arts and entertainment features, park and recreation updates, older adult information and much more.

"Spotlight on Lakewood" – Mayor Bob Murphy introduces viewers to the colorful people, interesting businesses, historic places and variety of services that make Lakewood an All-America City.

"Connected Colorado" – This program covers topics of regional importance you might not hear about otherwise.

"Medical Edge" – The Mayo Clinic produces this show, covering medical advances and compelling general health topics.

"Off The Page" – Hear local authors talk about their books to learn the stories behind the stories in this show produced by Broomfield's channel 8.

"Denver Loft Sessions" – Local artists and performers get the spotlight on shows that Denver8 produces twice a month.

"Road to Recovery" – Learn about the societal benefits of prevention, treatment and recovery for substance abuse and mental disorders on this program that also celebrates people in recovery and their treatment providers.

"In The Fight" – Get the latest military action from the field during this 30-minute show produced by the Department of Defense.

"NASA X" – NASA produces this half-hour program that highlights new and emerging technologies in the space program.

"About Health with Jeanne Blake" – You'll learn about the latest breakthroughs in health and medicine on this 30-minute award-winning talk show.



The 5-visit Punch Card good at all Lakewood recreation centers

\$15 Adult -or- \$10 Youth

Available for purchase at any recreation center November 28 through December 24

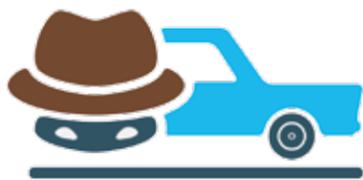


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City Briefs

Don't leave cars running unattended

Leaving a car running unattended in a driveway or in front of a store can be quite a costly decision. Auto thieves are trolling the streets, even long before dawn, looking for trouble-free targets to steal. Cars running unattended with exhaust "puffing" from the tailpipe are easy targets. "Puffers" also affect others. Police throughout the metro area handle cases each year involving stolen "puffers" that result in hit-and-run collisions and reckless driving incidents, endangering other motorists. It's also a crime that leaves the victim paying an insurance deductible, losing personal items left in the car and possibly receiving a ticket because it is illegal to leave a car running unattended with the keys in the ignition.



Get ready for a career

The Jeffco Business Education Alliance will be providing a free course covering basic skills, business principles and technological skills necessary to succeed in the modern workplace. Taught by business leaders with years of real-world experience in the Jefferson County community, the Career Readiness Program provides an up-to-date look at everything young people need to know before entering the workforce. The course will be from January to March 2015. Register at <http://jcbea.org/career-readiness-program>.

Retail marijuana stores banned

Lakewood voters decided to ban retail marijuana stores in Lakewood with their vote on the Nov. 4 ballot. A majority of 55 percent voted to ban the stores, while 45 percent voted to allow the stores. Lakewood City Council also banned the cultivation, manufacturing and testing of retail marijuana in the city as well as hash oil production and retail marijuana social clubs. The City's regulations of medical marijuana facilities remain in place.

Teen Court

Lakewood's Teen Court offers an exceptional after-school program for teens that will teach them public speaking and other skills while handling real-life issues. Offered by Lakewood's Municipal Court, this free program is an educational tool that enables youth to actively participate in the justice system by acting as defense attorneys, prosecutors, jury members and even judges. In Teen Court, a trial occurs with the teen volunteers who determine the sentence for a first-time juvenile offender who has pleaded guilty to a municipal court violation. Participants must be 13-18 years old. Teen Court starts at 5 p.m. every other Tuesday at the City's Public Safety Center, 445 S. Allison Parkway. The next session begins Jan. 13. Teens or parents can contact Jennifer Zubalik with Lakewood's Probation Department at 303-987-7442 or jenzub@lakewoodco.org to receive more information about the program and how to participate.

Free emergency training for residents

Find out what to do if an emergency or disaster strikes your community by enrolling in Community Emergency Response Training. This free course involves three classroom sessions and one mock emergency exercise. It will be offered several times through 2015 in Lakewood with the first session in April. To register or for more information, contact Mary Ann Valeska at 303-987-7980 or www.marval@lakewood.org.



Flashing red traffic signal means it's a stop sign

Flashing red lights on traffic signals indicate the signal is now functioning as a stop sign, and that is true for the City's HAWK signal at 260 Union Blvd. Motorists must stop and then proceed only when it is safe to do so – just as they would with any stop sign.

With the High-intensity Activated CrossWalk (HAWK) signal, motorists must stop when the signal is flashing red. But they can proceed when pedestrians are safely out of the traffic lane.

The HAWK signal has been installed in the heavily traveled Union Boulevard corridor to provide



safe crossings for pedestrians while also allowing traffic to flow as soon as possible. The HAWK accomplishes

this by using the flashing red lights. Because motorists can proceed on the flashing red lights after they have stopped, traffic starts to flow sooner than with a traditional traffic signal. At intersections with traditional traffic signals for pedestrian crossings, motorists must wait for the traffic signal to complete a full and longer cycle before they can proceed with a green light.



Watch a video on how to use the HAWK signal at www.Lakewood.org/HawkSignal.

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to make two passes on a street, and snow will be plowed to each side of the street. This creates snow "windrows" across driveways that residents are responsible for clearing. The biggest obstacle preventing completion of two passes on a street is vehicles parked on the street.

Plows will attempt to complete two passes straight into cul-de-sac and dead-end streets, but plows are too large to plow around the curve of cul-de-sacs or up and down dead-in streets.

During major snowstorms or blizzards, residents can report concerns about unplowed streets online through the winter storm page featured at Lakewood.org or by calling 303-987-7950. Because of the volume of calls during large snowstorms, the phone number only takes messages, and calls are not returned.

Sidewalks

After blizzards, it often takes everyone working together to dig out, and residents are encouraged to check on elderly or disabled neighbors to help shovel their sidewalks and

driveways. If you are able to provide snow shoveling assistance to individuals in your area, the City encourages you to organize an effort to assist your neighbors who may need some help.

The City requires sidewalks and business driveways to be cleared within 24 hours after the end of a storm. Sidewalks left unshoveled create icy conditions that are hazardous to pedestrians, children walking to school and those in wheelchairs. Residents with concerns about sidewalks that aren't shoveled after a storm can call 303-987-7975.

Materials used on streets

The City sprays a light application of liquid anti-icing material, which is magnesium chloride, on some major streets such as Union Boulevard prior to snow developing. This anti-icing material prevents snow from bonding to the pavement and makes plowing more effective. Once snow accumulates, these major streets are treated with a solid deicing product known as Ice Slicer, a red salt that will melt the snow and provide traction.

Other priority routes are treated with a sand-salt mixture.

During large snow events, updates on snow removal operations are available at Lakewood.org, on LAKEWOOD8 cable channel 8 and through the City's Twitter feed, @LakewoodColo. These updates include a general status of snowplowing operations and information on whether residential streets will be plowed.

Quiz answers:

- 1) 26 snowplows operate on a 24-hour schedule during storms.
- 2) About \$8 per resident.
- 3) The City plows Priority 1 streets first, which include major arterials and collector streets such as West Alameda Avenue, Bear Creek Boulevard and Garrison Street.
- 4) The Colorado Department of Transportation is responsible for plowing West Sixth Avenue, West Colfax Avenue, Morrison Road, Hampden Avenue, Kipling Parkway and Wadsworth and Sheridan boulevards.
- 5) A minimum of \$75,000.

Five correct answers: Time to become a snowplow driver.

Three to four correct answers: A little practice will get you winterized.

One to two correct answers: Dig yourself out by reading www.Lakewood.org/SnowPlan.



The City can open a 24-hour call center during major snowstorms or blizzards to help get essential employees such as doctors, nurses, fire and police personnel to and from work in City-owned, four-wheel drive vehicles. The call center also assists residents who need to get to dialysis or other critical, but nonemergency, medical appointments.

When the Emergency Call Center is activated, Lakewood residents can call 303-987-5412 to request nonemergency transportation assistance. Visit Lakewood.org, LAKEWOOD8 cable channel 8 or @LakewoodColo on Twitter to learn when the center is activated.

Holiday Happenings



Winter Break Camps

Lakewood Recreation offers day sports camps during school's winter break.

www.Lakewood.org/Camps
303-987-5422

Lakewood Lights

Free photos with Santa, hayrides, museum tours, ornament making.

ONLY Dec. 5: Mayor's tree lighting featuring the Shadows of the Mountain Choir from Green Mountain High School at 5:45 p.m.

5:30-8:30 p.m., Dec. 5 & 6
Lakewood Heritage Center
801 S. Yarrow St.

www.Lakewood.org/HolidayLights
303-987-7850

Timothy P. & The Rocky Mountain Stocking Stuffers

Holiday favorites with a Western twist

7:30 p.m., Dec. 5 & 6
2 p.m., Dec. 6 & 7

Lakewood Cultural Center
470 S. Allison Parkway

www.Lakewood.org/LCCPresents
303-987-7845

Block 7 Art Walk

Meet local artists, browse collector's in Belmar

6-9 p.m., Dec. 5

445 S. Saulsbury St.

www.BelmarColorado.com
303-742-1520

Annual Pottery Sale & Open House

Pottery, weaving and papermaking from local artists

10 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 6

Washington Heights Arts Center
6375 W. First Ave.

www.Lakewood.org/Tickets
303-987-5436

Breakfast with Santa

Share your gift wishes over breakfast

8:30-9:30 a.m., Dec. 6

Colorado Mills Mall
14500 W. Colfax Ave.

www.Simon.com/mall/colorado-mills
303-590-1634

Skate with Santa Saturdays

1-3 p.m., Dec. 6, 13 & 20

Rink at Belmar

439 S. Teller St.

www.BelmarColorado.com
303-742-1520

Pet photos with Santa

6-8 p.m., Dec. 16

Colorado Mills Mall

14500 W. Colfax Ave.

www.Simon.com/mall/colorado-mills
303-590-1634

Rocky Mountain Ukulele Orchestra's Holiday Flea Circus

Music done right on the ukulele

7:30-9:30 p.m., Dec. 9

Lakewood Cultural Center

470 S. Allison Parkway

www.Lakewood.org/Tickets

303-987-7845

Joy for Toys exhibit

Free exhibit of toys both retro and historic

8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday

10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday

Through Dec. 24

Lakewood Cultural Center

North Gallery

470 S. Allison Parkway

www.Lakewood.org/Exhibits

303-987-7844

Family Art Studio Labs: Snowflakes & Snowglobes

Families can work together to create a winter art treasure

5:30-7:30 p.m., Dec. 17

Lakewood Cultural Center

470 S. Allison Parkway

www.Lakewood.org/Workshops

303-987-7845

Winter Solstice and Ice Castle Carving

Oversized ice sculptures, skating and live music

11 a.m.-2 p.m., Dec. 20

Rink at Belmar

439 S. Teller St.

www.BelmarColorado.com

303-742-1520

Winter Solstice Celebration

Night hike followed by burning the yule log

6-8 p.m., Dec. 21

Bear Creek Lake Park

15600 W. Morrison Road

www.Lakewood.org/BCLPEvents

303-697-6159

Saturday Night Dance

Dancing and refreshments for anyone age 55 or better

7-10 p.m., Dec. 27

Clements Community Center

1580 Yarrow St.

www.Lakewood.org/ClementsCenter

303-987-4820

Boulder Chamber Orchestra presents "A Night on the Danube"

New Year's Eve concert of festive European music

6:30-8:30 p.m., Dec. 31

Lakewood Cultural Center

470 S. Allison Parkway

www.Lakewood.org/Tickets

303-987-7845

City holiday closures

Christmas, Dec. 25
Day After Christmas, Dec. 26
New Year's Day, Jan. 1