



HAWK comes to Lakewood

The Union Boulevard corridor has an innovative traffic signal that makes it safer and easier for pedestrians to cross the heavily used boulevard to access the Federal Center Station on the W Line and the businesses, restaurants and office buildings along the corridor while stopping traffic only when necessary.

The signal is a High-intensity Activated CrossWalk signal, also known as a HAWK signal. The signal handles the interaction of pedestrians and motorists more efficiently because it allows safe crossings but stops traffic only long enough to accomplish the crossing. At standard intersections with traditional traffic signals, pedestrian crossings prompt the signal to run through a complete, and longer, cycle before allowing traffic to flow again.

Learn more, see an animation of how the signal works or watch a video about it on the City's website at Lakewood.org/HAWKSignal. Also, check out the illustration on page 7 of this edition showing how the signal works.

The signal was installed at 260 Union Blvd. because it is directly in line with the Federal Center Station. The City also built a sidewalk to connect the station to the crossing signal, allowing commuters to walk from the station on the sidewalk to the HAWK signal. The Union corridor is home to about 13,000 jobs including the St. Anthony Medical Campus and the Federal Center campus.

"It's absolutely beautiful. We've got a sidewalk going all the way down Union and all the way to the Federal Center/St. Anthony campus station," Mayor Bob Murphy said at the ribbon-cutting for the signal. "This is going to allow people to get back and forth. It's going to be great

for our businesses, and most of all it's going to be much safer."

HAWK signals have been installed elsewhere in the metro area including in Centennial and Denver as well as in Boulder and Fort Collins. Since its introduction in the United States, studies have shown that the HAWK signal results in a decrease in pedestrian-related accidents.

The two main causes of accidents involving autos and pedestrians are drivers not paying attention and pedestrians not using crosswalks. The HAWK signal addresses both issues. First, its flashing lights effectively capture the attention of drivers to get them to stop. Second, the signal is located where pedestrians from the Federal Center Station are likely to cross Union, providing them a protected area and discouraging them from crossing in an area without a crosswalk or signal.

How the signal works

To motorists, the signal looks like a triangular arrangement of a traditional stoplight, and the yellow and red lights indicate that motorists need to take the same actions as they would with a traditional traffic signal. When motorists see a solid yellow light, they need to slow down to stop. When they see a solid red light, they need to stop. When they see a flashing red light, just as with a traditional signal when it encounters

See HAWK page 7



Get inspired! Carrie MaKenna from Anam Cara Living Arts Studio and Gallery talks to visitors on Belmar's Block 7 during the INSPIRE Arts Week last year. The 2014 INSPIRE Arts Week in Lakewood is June 4-14, featuring free and discounted events from dozens of art and cultural organizations in Lakewood. Find out about all the art in the city on page 6.

Spring right time for yard waste cleanup

There's no time like the spring to clean up, and Lakewood is offering residents the opportunity to dispose of their yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves and shrub prunings during two days in May at several locations. Only green waste will be accepted, so please check the time, dates, locations and lists of accepted items on page 4.

The City's Organic Yard Waste Cleanup Days will be 8 a.m.-noon on May 3 and again on May 10 at multiple locations. This is a free service to residents, but you must bring proof that you live in Lakewood. No businesses or private contractors will be allowed.

The idea for the yard waste cleanup grew from conversations City Council members have had

with residents.

For more information, visit the City's website at Lakewood.org/Cleanup. Residents can contact the City for questions at 303-987-7193 or Cleanup@Lakewood.org.

Please see times, dates and locations on page 4



Letter from the mayor

State of the City: Lakewood's strong, hopeful future

Last month, I had the opportunity to deliver my annual State of the City address at a luncheon that raised more than \$8,500 for nonprofit organizations here in Lakewood. I want to express my appreciation to Bill Marino of the West Colfax Community Association and George Valuck of the Alameda Gateway Community Association for hosting this engaging community event.

Afterward, I received thanks from many people for conveying a strong, hopeful message about Lakewood's current status as well as our prospects for the future. My response to them was: "How can I be anything but optimistic with all the great things happening in our city right now?"

Financially, we are in the strongest position in our history. When we close the books on 2013, Lakewood will record its ninth straight year of adding to our fund balance by spending less than we brought in. This is a tribute to the efforts of our staff under the leadership of City Manager Kathy Hodgson. Also in 2013, our crime rate declined for the fifth time in the last six years, including a remarkable 17 percent drop in crimes against persons. And, our Jefferson County Public Schools saw the graduation rate of our neighborhood high schools increase to 89 percent.

Lakewood is a city that is financially sound, we're a safe place to live and work, and we have a well-educated population. We're located just 10 minutes from both downtown Denver and the mountains and have a great transportation system highlighted by a brand new light rail line. These are all qualities that make us attractive to new businesses, new jobs, and with that, new opportunities. Already the new St. Anthony Hospital campus provides 1,700 direct primary jobs and has spun off 2,700 additional jobs in the area.

Lakewood was once thought of as a bedroom community, where people left their homes to go to work elsewhere. Now, although 50,000 people still leave Lakewood

daily for work, another 50,000 commute to jobs here. Soon, just as Colorado Mills and Belmar turned Lakewood into a net importer of sales tax revenue, the new St. Anthony Hospital campus and additional opportunities along the W Rail line will result in our city becoming a net importer of jobs as well. These new jobs will provide a positive impact on every aspect of our economy. They will bring more customers for our existing businesses as well as more opportunities for entrepreneurs who want to consider new ventures.

Many of these new arrivals will choose to call Lakewood home, boosting property values and bringing with them new energy and new ideas. Some will look for existing houses in our beautiful single-family neighborhoods. Others, though, will opt for a new, more compact style of housing that offers less maintenance and more flexibility in life, including easy access to transit.

Lakewood is indeed a community in the midst of a transformation. We have carefully planned for some necessary increases in density in areas along some of our busier corridors and near our new light rail stations. Perhaps the most exciting new area is the "horseshoe property" at the Federal Center Station, located inside the "U" of the light rail tracks. There, the City is working with the General Services Administration at the Federal Center and the Regional Transportation District to plan a dynamic new village with the vision for it to be a magnet for research, development and innovation.

Through this transition, your city leaders will always stay focused on improving the single most important thing we have here: our magnificent quality of life. Our foundation will always be rooted in our heritage of being a safe community with a rich variety of beautiful neighborhoods and more than 7,000 acres of parks, trails and open space. We have opportunities right now to build on these qualities, and the community-created 40 West Arts District on West Colfax Avenue is just one example of a vibrant new place built around what we have to offer. It is truly an exciting time to be living in Lakewood!

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Council Corner

Ward 2

Gardens, art and creativity hallmark of Ward 2

Some might think of Ward 2, the northeast part of the city, only as the older part of Lakewood with unique neighborhoods and Casa Bonita, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. Well, we're here to tell you that Ward 2 is also about art, creativity and gardens!

Let's start with the rain garden at Morse Park. This came about because the Morse Park Neighborhood Organization applied for and received a grant from the City's annual Neighborhood Participation Program, which helps fund improvements in neighborhoods. The rain garden provides a better and more attractive way to handle runoff from storms in the area near the southeast corner of the park. Last fall, about 40 residents showed up on a Saturday morning to plant the garden with hundreds of plants to turn a previous eyesore for retaining storm runoff into a beautiful amenity — aesthetically pleasing as well as functional. Everyone is anxiously waiting to see the fruits of their labor as spring and summer come into full bloom.

As we travel down Colfax, the next stop is the 40 West Arts District, designated an "emerging creative district" by Gov. Hickenlooper in 2012. 40 West completed its first mural under the Project: COLorFAX program at the King's Rest Motel on West Colfax, and more murals are in the works. If you haven't yet seen the first mural, we suggest you take a drive east of Wadsworth to check it out. 40 West also welcomed The Edge Theater to its location on Teller Street. The Edge Theater has brought some unique, creative performances to Lakewood. 40 West has also been actively involved in the Artspace project, which you can read about on page 3 in this edition along with taking a survey. We congratulate 40 West, a group of dedicated volunteers, local artists, students, neighbors and business owners who have accomplished so much in just 2.5 years. Thank you for being a creative force in Ward 2 and in Lakewood!

If you are a W Line rider, keep your eyes open for the public art recently installed at the Lamar Station. Known as the Lakewood Legacy Trees, it was created by Lakewood artist and Glens neighborhood resident Lonnie Hanzon. Also look for more upcoming "wraps" on the Regional Transportation District's relay, communication and signal boxes along the line. This public art enhances the area, and the wraps reduce maintenance costs and deter graffiti.

Another new feature along the line will be the community farm in Mountair Park between Sheridan Boulevard and Lamar Street. Learn how this project sprouted on page 4. Soon we should see corn, tomatoes and other vegetables growing in the one-acre garden.

In the O'Kane Park neighborhood, the Washington Heights Arts Center will continue to enrich the community by offering a variety of art and educational opportunities for all ages. A few of the most popular classes include pottery, watercolor, papermaking and weaving. Washington Heights is a true community art center, welcoming to all who want to learn and inviting to those who just want to watch artists at work. Check out all the offerings at Lakewood.org/WashingtonHeights or 303-987-5436.

A community is strengthened by those who care about their neighbors and wish to leave this place better than how they found it. Given all that is going on in Ward 2, we are thankful for all our residents who care so much about their community by providing their volunteer hours, their thoughtful guidance and their passion. Thank you!

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Take survey on future artistic community

Are you an artist, performer or engaged in a creative business? Do you lead an arts or cultural organization? We need your help. Please take an online survey about a potential new community of housing and space for artists and arts-related organizations at ArtspaceLakewood.org.

The City of Lakewood, 40 West Arts and Artspace Projects, the leading national nonprofit developer of affordable spaces for the arts, are conducting a market survey of the space needs of artists, arts and cultural organizations and creative and art-friendly businesses in Lakewood and the surrounding area.

The survey is open until April 30. The survey includes two versions — one for artists and one for organizations and creative businesses. Artists who operate an arts/cultural organization or

creative business should take both surveys.

This survey will assist in the development of affordable new space where artists of all disciplines could live, work and create, as well as space where creative and arts-related organizations and businesses could thrive in the 40 West Arts District in Lakewood. The district is a state-designated creative district and is the primary location under consideration for an affordable, multiuse live/work community that Artspace would develop. The 40 West Arts District, stretching along West Colfax



Avenue, is just 10 minutes from downtown Denver and conveniently located on the new W Line light rail.

Responses to the survey are anonymous and are critical in determining the community's size and number and types of live/work and other creative spaces.

They also will play a role in design features, special amenities, programs and affordability. The results can help build support for a project and assist in securing funding for the new community, which would serve as a catalyst for a new future for West Colfax in Lakewood.

For more information, please visit Artspace.org and 40WestArts.org.

Get email alerts for upcoming meetings

Residents have a great chance each month to meet with their City Council members to provide their thoughts and ideas about the city, discuss neighborhood happenings and learn about the issues that are on City Council's agenda.

All the City Council members have informal, casual meetings with residents that are often referred to as "ward meetings." Sign up to receive email alerts about the upcoming meeting in your area of the city by visiting Lakewood.org/CityCouncil. Click on the ward you live in to subscribe to the email alert. If you don't know which ward you live in, visit Lakewood.org/WardMap.

Welcome to



New Businesses

Baldoria Cafe, 146 Van Gordon St., European-style lunches and private event space for up to 500 people, 303-507-3554, www.BaldoriaEvents.com

Catamount Constructors, 1527 Cole Blvd., Suite 100, 303-679-0087, www.CatamountConstructors.com

Caution Brewing Company, 1057 S. Wadsworth Blvd., www.CautionBrewingco.com

Danny Cash Hot Sauce, 3497 S. Wadsworth Blvd., www.DannyCash.com

Envision Martial Arts, 11078 W. Jewell Ave., Suite B4, 303-968-5000, www.EnvisionMartialarts.com

Olive Garden, 14175 W. Colfax Ave., 303-277-0535, www.OliveGarden.com

Planet Fitness, 98 Wadsworth Blvd. Suite 125B, www.PlanetFitness.com

Roosters Men's Grooming Center, 14710 W. Colfax Ave., 303-278-8686, www.Roostersmgc.com

Shen Dae Acupuncture, 6565 W. Jewell Ave., Suite 4B-2, 720-670-0098, www.mariamandarino.com

Suetree Jewelry, www.SueTreeJewelry.com

Sweet Bloom Coffee, 1619 Reed St. 303-261-5954, www.SweetBloomCoffee.com

Vela Insurance, 5285 W. Louisiana Ave., 720-550-6527, www.VelaInsurance.net

World Financial Group, 659 Allison St., 720-443-6016, www.WorldFinancialGroup.com

Ikonomo, website with free personalized price comparisons and shopping recommendations, www.Ikonomo.com. It was incorrectly described in the previous edition.

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

Anniversaries, Moves and Milestones

Body and Soul Healing Connection, 274 Union Blvd., Suite 105, celebrated its two-year anniversary, 303-986-0733, www.BodyandSoul.com

Colorado Media School, formerly Ohio Center for Broadcasting, celebrated its name change at 404 S. Upham St. in Belmar, 303-937-7070, www.BeOnAir.com/denver

The Everything Gallery is celebrating its second anniversary at 1492 Ammons St., www.theEverythingGallery.com

Goddard School of Lakewood celebrated its four-year anniversary at 12850 W. Alameda Parkway, 303-237-4558, www.GoddardSchool.com/denver/lakewood-alameda-parkway-co

House of Imports has moved to 9720 W. Colfax Ave., www.HouseofImportsInc.com

The Point Athletic Club, 533 Van Gordon St., is under new ownership and has rebranded as The Point At Lakewood. It also has several new improvements planned for the upcoming year, 303-988-1300, www.thePointAtLakewood.com

Tom's Brew Shop at 883 Parfet St., Unit J, has expanded into 3,500 square feet after three years in business, 303-232-5347, www.TomsBrewShop.com

U.S. Bank celebrated a move from Westland to the Promenade at Denver West at 14680 W. Colfax Ave., www.usbank.com

Village Roaster celebrated 35 years of business, 303-238-8718, www.VillageRoaster.com

Whole Health Center, 4260 S. Wadsworth Blvd., Unit 150, celebrated its second anniversary, 303-980-4260, www.WholeHealthCenters.com

Lakewood gets growing on its first community farm

Everyone wants locally grown fresh produce, and that's why the City has embarked on its first community farm, an oasis in Mountair Park at 5620 W. 14th Ave.

Driven by input from residents in the Two Creeks neighborhood, the community farm is on just over an acre of the 9.7-acre park. It will be operated

by Sprout City Farms, a nonprofit organization that transforms underutilized land into urban community farms. The groundbreaking was on March 18, and the first crops will be ready for tables this summer.

Food grown on the farm will be distributed locally through a variety of means. The farm will operate a Community Supported Agriculture program whereby shareholders visit

the farm once a week for 17 weeks to pick up a mix of local produce. The CSA shares are sold out for the 2014 season. The farm also will operate a weekly community farm stand from August to October, and residents will be asked to make a donation for the produce.



Sprout City expects this year's harvest at Mountair Park to net about 6,000 pounds of produce and reach more than 10,000

pounds by 2016.

Lakewood's community farm grew from what is known as the "20 Minute Neighborhood" project, which lays out a vision for improvements that allow residents to find the services and products they need within a 20-minute walk or bike ride particularly centered on the Sheridan Station for the W Line serving the neighborhood.

"Residents told us clearly

that a community farm would be an incredible asset to their neighborhood, and the project has come together quickly to provide residents better access to fresh food," said Kit Botkins, director of Lakewood's Community Resources Department, which manages and operates the City's parks.

An active group of residents, local business owners and educators have formed a Community Advisory Committee and are planning the direction of farm programs. So far, proposed programs and educational opportunities include school field trips, community workshops, weekly volunteer and learning sessions, farm dinners and an internship program.

"The Mountair Park Community Farm will be a place for us all to share the experience of reconnecting to the land and people producing our food. It's also a living example of our saying, 'It takes a village to raise a chard,'" said Meg Caley, Sprout City Farms director of farming and education.

Learn more or lend support at SproutCityFarm.org.

Yard waste cleanup

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Times, dates, locations 8 a.m.-noon

Locations for May 3

- Lakewood Church of the Nazarene, 1755 Dover St.
- O'Connell Middle School, 1275 S. Teller St.

Locations for May 10

- Jefferson County Public Schools Building, 809 Quail St.
- Foothills Elementary School, 13165 W. Ohio Ave.

Items accepted at cleanup

(Green waste only – no plastic bags)

- Tree branches
- Yard clippings
- Leaves
- Shrub prunings
- Logs (maximum of 24 inches long, 6 inches in diameter)

Items not accepted at cleanup

- Plastic
- Sod
- Dirt
- Construction materials (no plywood, brick, concrete, edging, etc.)
- Trash
- Treated wood
- Fencing

Briefs



Julia Popham



Elizabeth Lawton

Student music exchange

Student musicians for the Lakewood/Chester Sister Cities Music Scholar Competition are violinist Julia Popham, representing Lakewood, and flutist Elizabeth Lawton from Chester, England. Popham will visit and perform in Chester this summer, and Lawton will visit Lakewood and play with the Lakewood Symphony in April. Learn more at Lakewood.org/CulturalCenter.

Make every trip count

Get rewarded for pledging to reduce two car trips a week by signing up at EveryTripCounts.org. Lakewood and the Regional Air Quality Council are teaming up again this year for the Every Trips Counts program to encourage residents to help make the air cleaner. Residents who sign up for the program are entered into a prize drawing for transit passes.

Annual siren test

Lakewood will conduct a test of its outdoor siren system at 11 a.m. on May 14. All 26 sirens in the system will be activated with a long wail, followed by a voice message over the public address portion of the system. The test will conclude with one long siren wail. Watch a video about what to do when the outdoor sirens sound at Lakewood.org/SafetyVideos.

Summer hours for recycling

The City's free drop-off recycling center at 1068 Quail St. will shift to its summer hours beginning in May, extending drop-off times by an hour. The center is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. through September. The center will be closed on Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day. Visit Lakewood.org/Recycling for more information.

Popular perennial plant sale

The City's perennial plant sale kicks off at 8 a.m. and continues to 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 3 at the Lakewood Greenhouse, 9556 W. Yale Ave. Hard-to-find perennials, shrubs and ornamental grasses are offered for

ecological, Western-style gardens and water-wise landscapes at \$7 a plant. For more information, please contact the Urban Parks Administration office at 720-963-5240.

Electronics recycling event

Recycle your electronics 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, April 19 in the Inrongate parking lot north of the Lakewood Heritage Center, 801 S. Yarrow St. The Rooney Road Recycling Center Foundation is hosting the event, which will take computers, TVs and other electronics. Fees will be charged. For additional information, call the City's Environmental Services Division at 303-987-7190.

Work to widen Wadsworth to begin

The Colorado Department of Transportation will begin work this month on rehabilitation and widening of Wadsworth Boulevard between West 10th and West Colfax avenues. Initial work will include digging to locate utilities, surveying and constructing temporary traffic signals. This will likely affect traffic on

Wadsworth with periodic closures of a single lane, which will occur throughout the duration of the project. This project will include concrete paving, widening Wadsworth by one lane in both directions, adding 10-foot multiuse paths on each side of Wadsworth and reconstructing the box culvert to carry Dry Gulch under Wadsworth. For additional information, please call 888-759-6197 or email wadsworthcapacity@gmail.com.

Lamar Station Crossing info

The Lamar Station Crossing, a housing complex built by Metro West Housing Solutions within a half-block of the Lamar Station for the W Line, has made sustainability a focus. The complex initially receives its electricity through whatever is provided on the electrical grid as with any other homeowner, but the complex purchases enough wind power and produces enough renewable energy through its photovoltaic solar system at the complex to offset the building's total energy needs.

Do you live in a flood hazard area?

Heavy spring thunderstorms are strong reminders that some properties in Lakewood lie in a flood hazard area even though they don't regularly appear to be in danger. You can check to see if your property is considered to be in a flood hazard area by visiting or writing Lakewood's Public Works Department, 480 S. Allison Parkway, 80226, or by calling 303-987-7500 for this free service.

Flood hazard information for your specific property can also be requested at Lakewood.org/DrainageandFloodPlain. Flood insurance rate maps and additional information can be obtained online from the National Flood Insurance Program at www.FloodSmart.gov. In addition, elevation certificates used to certify building elevations when required with the issuance of building permits are on file and available for public review in Lakewood's Public Works Department.

Even if you already know that your property is located within a

flood hazard area, Public Works can provide you with valuable information about flood plain issues. You can also find information in the reference section that Lakewood established at the Lakewood Library, 10200 W. 20th Ave.

Floods can happen in high, medium and low-risk flood areas. There is no way to predict where flooding will occur in Lakewood. It can happen to you.

Property protection in or near a flood hazard area

- Analyze the slope of the ground around your foundation. Check to see that you have slopes that drain away from your foundation a minimum of seven to 10 feet on all sides.
- Check your gutters and downspouts to see that they drain away from your foundation. Use splash blocks as necessary. Also make sure that your downspouts do not drain to your neighbor's

foundation. Remember, water standing in your yard can seep into a basement.

Tips for living in or near a flood hazard area

- Help keep drainageways clean. Do not dump or throw debris into gulches and ditches, including branches, grass clippings, garbage, dirt and other materials. Debris can clog drainageways, create hazards and is not permitted.
- If you see dumping in gulches and ditches or potential problems such as blocked culverts, please contact the Public Works Department immediately at 303-987-7500.
- Always check with Lakewood before you build, regrade, fence, fill or otherwise alter your property. Any work within a flood hazard area requires a special permit from the City. Call 303-987-7500 to ask about flood plain development requirements.
- Check to see if you have a

current flood insurance policy for your property. If not, talk to your insurance agent. Standard homeowners or renters insurance policies do not include protection from flood damage. You must purchase a separate flood insurance policy in order to cover potential losses.

- Flood insurance covers most surface floods. If you are considering flood insurance or already have it, check to see if you are covered for both the structure and the contents. If you are a renter, flood insurance can be purchased for your contents.
- The City has entered into a federal program that provides lower flood insurance rates for any property owner in Lakewood whether or not the building is in a flood plain. For flood insurance and rate details, contact your insurance agent. To search for an agent by your zip code, contact the National Flood Insurance Program at 888-435-6637 or FloodSmart.gov.



Clean out your medicine cabinet

**National Prescription Drug
Take-Back Day**
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
April 26

Lakewood Police Department's
upper parking deck
445 S. Allison Parkway

Bring unused prescription or
over-the-counter medication
for proper disposal

No needles, sharps, mercury
thermometers, oxygen containers,
chemotherapy or radioactive
substances, pressurized canisters or
illicit drugs

PARTNER NEWS

News from our partners in government



Lisa Ritchey

She's got her eye on the tiger

Lakewood High School's new principal has been walking the school's hallways since 1992.

Current assistant principal Lisa Ritchey has been named the guardian of the Lakewood Tigers, having the baton passed to her from retiring Principal Ron Castagna. She will start serving as principal when

the new school year begins in the fall.

Ritchey said taking over as principal was a natural extension of working in partnership with Castagna all these years.

"We have worked together for a long time," said Castagna. "She knows our strengths and our weaknesses and truly knows our school culture and our constant goal for improvement."

A deep understanding of the school's programs, students and struggles makes her a perfect fit. Ritchey was one of the founding teachers for the school's International Baccalaureate program and served as an IB coordinator and, since 2002, the assistant principal.

"I love Lakewood," said Ritchey.

The largest Jeffco high school with 2,100 students, Lakewood has 40 percent of its students using the free and reduced-price lunch program, which highlights challenges the school faces. "We have about 850 students living in poverty, and we really are several different schools all mixed together," said Ritchey.

In a true reflection of the city of

Lakewood, the school's population represents 42 languages and 44 countries. Ritchey said the diversity is what sets the school apart and creates a rich environment for students and families.

"We are proud of our diversity, and it's one of our selling points of our school," she added. "This is a special school, and people feel that when they walk through the front door."

Looking forward, Ritchey is focused on engaging students so that she can play a part in both the school's and students' successes.

"We have applied for a grant to provide a freshman transition counselor and plan to target 120 students," said Ritchey. "We'll have more supports to decrease low grades and rally disengaged freshman to take advantage of all the supports and choice we have to offer."

One theme emerges when you talk to LHS students, staff and parents. "We are family," said Ritchey. "We will continue on as a family because it works. We love our families, and we work hard to keep kids human and put humanity first."

Arts & Parks

Colorado Get Movin' Challenge



Help prove Lakewood is a healthy place to live and join the Get Movin' Colorado Challenge! This program challenges you to get 30 minutes of activity for 30 days during the month of May. Check out GetMovinChallenge.org for more information and create your account starting April 22. Join the fun and take the challenge!

INSPIRE

ARTS WEEK LAKEWOOD

June 4-14

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WEDNESDAY, June 4

LAKEWOOD LIBRARY FREE *Where the Rubber Hits the Road Reception*
LAKEWOOD SYMPHONY FREE *Open Rehearsal*

THURSDAY, June 5

LAKEWOOD CULTURAL CENTER FREE *Reclamation: Artists Modifying Debris Exhibit Opening with Piano Music Mix by Rockley Music and Recycled Art Project by BADGER*
LAKEWOOD SYMPHONY Adult \$15 | Senior, Student & Child \$12 *Inspiration Point*

FRIDAY, June 6

LAKEWOOD ARTS COUNCIL FREE *Experience the Arts Art Activities*
40 WEST ARTS FREE *Rolling Route 40-The Hubcaps Art Exhibit Opening*
VALKARIE GALLERY & STUDIO FREE *Opening, Dane "Colfax" Stephenson, Photography*
THE EDGE THEATRE COMPANY \$15 *The Graduate*
BELMAR FREE *Music on the Plaza*
BELMAR BLOCK 7 FREE *Art Walk*
DIAGNOSISART! FREE *Grand Opening*

SATURDAY, June 7

40 WEST ARTS FREE *Classic Car Show*
BELMAR FREE *Music on the Plaza*
CLASSICAL BALLET OF COLORADO FREE *Master Class Open Viewing*
CLASSICAL BALLET OF COLORADO \$22 *The Best of Sleeping Beauty & More*
THE EDGE THEATRE COMPANY \$15 *The Graduate*

SUNDAY, June 8

VALKARIE GALLERY & STUDIO FREE *Artist Trading Cards: Open Event*
LAKEWOOD SISTER CITIES FREE *Julia Popham, Violinist*
THE EDGE THEATRE COMPANY \$15 *The Graduate*

MONDAY, June 9

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS ARTS CENTER FREE *Open House & Pottery Project*

TUESDAY, June 10

DIAGNOSISART! \$15 *Abstracting Anatomy*

WEDNESDAY, June 11

ANAM CARA LIVING ARTS STUDIO & GALLERY \$30 *Intuitive Arts Journal Workshop*
TRUE COLORS STUDIO/GALLERY FREE *Road Trip: Nature's Art Gallery*

THURSDAY, June 12

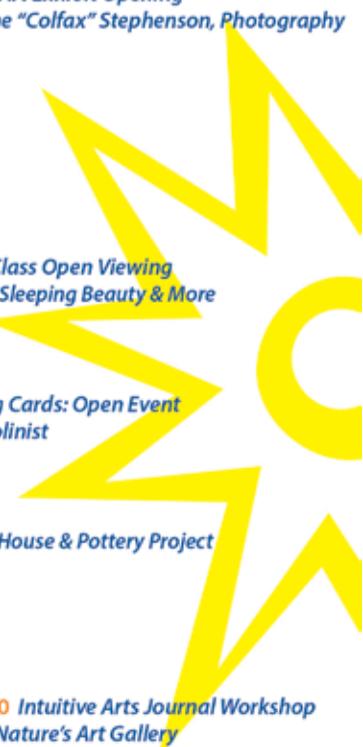
VALKARIE GALLERY FREE *Create in the Gallery*
WASHINGTON HEIGHTS ARTS CENTER FREE *Art in O'Kane Park*

FRIDAY, June 13

BELMAR FREE *Music on the Plaza*
PERFORMANCE NOW THEATRE COMPANY \$28 *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*
THE EDGE THEATRE COMPANY \$15 *The Graduate*

SATURDAY, June 14

ANAM CARA LIVING ARTS STUDIO & GALLERY \$60 *Art Shot: Color Mixing Made Simple*
LAKEWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY \$5/item *What's It Worth? Appraisals*
LAKEWOOD HERITAGE CENTER FREE *Rockin' Block Party*
BELMAR FREE *Music on the Plaza*
PERFORMANCE NOW THEATRE COMPANY \$28 *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*
THE EDGE THEATRE COMPANY \$15 *The Graduate*



2014 SOUNDS EXCITING!

BRAD FITCH & THE TROPICOWBOY BAND
 Wednesday, June 25
 Tribute to John Denver

THE HAZEL MILLER BAND
 Wednesday, July 2
 Lakewood's rhythm & blues favorite

THE BALLROOM THIEVES
 Wednesday, July 9
 A fresh, powerful take on folk rock

TODO MUNDO
 Wednesday, July 16
 Worldly rhythms & grooves

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What is a HAWK Signal?

"HAWK" stands for High-Intensity Activated CrossWalk, a new pedestrian crossing signal proven to increase safety for pedestrians.

What Drivers Should Do ...

What Pedestrians Should Do ...

	See This	Do This	See This	Do This
1. When not in use, the traffic signal is dark, and a solid DON'T WALK (raised hand) indication is displayed for pedestrians.		Proceed with caution.		Push the button to cross.
2. When a pedestrian pushes the button, the traffic signal flashes yellow for several seconds.		Slow down, prepare to stop. Pedestrian has activated the walk button.		Wait.
3. After the flashing yellow interval, the traffic signal displays a solid yellow to give motorists enough time to stop.		Stop if safe to do so.		Continue waiting.
4. After the solid yellow interval, the traffic signal is solid red, and the pedestrian signal displays a WALK (walking person symbol), indicating pedestrians are allowed to cross the street.		Stop and remain stopped. Pedestrians in crosswalk.		Start crossing.
5. The traffic signal then flashes red, and the pedestrian signal flashes the DON'T WALK indication. Drivers may proceed after stopping if there are no pedestrians in the crosswalk.		Stop. Then proceed with caution if clear.		Continue crossing. If walking, continue. Those who have yet to step off the curb, do not start to cross.
6. The traffic signal is dark again, and the pedestrian signal indication is a raised hand (DON'T WALK) until the next pedestrian pushes the button.		Proceed with caution.		Push the button to cross.

Courtesy of Rhode Island Dept. of Transportation

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operational problems, motorists need to stop and only proceed when it is safe to do so.

The same is true for pedestrians. When they see the "raised hand" known as the "Don't Walk" signal, they should not cross the street. When it's time

to cross, pedestrians will receive the "Walk" signal with the "walking person" symbol. As they are crossing the street, pedestrians will see a countdown of the time they have for crossing the street before the signal changes.

Once a pedestrian presses the walk button, a yellow light in the lower portion of the triangle will flash, signaling drivers that a pedestrian wants to cross. The flashing yellow light will then turn

a solid yellow to warn motorists to slow down to stop.

Next, the top two lights in the triangle will turn red, requiring motorists to stop. The pedestrian receives the signal to cross the street at this time. As the pedestrian crosses the street, the top two lights will remain red and flash. At this point, the flashing red lights function the same way as a stop sign. The flashing lights indicate that motorists may proceed after stopping as soon

as it's safe for both the motorists and pedestrian.

The signal and the sidewalk connecting to the transit station were funded by Funding Advancement for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery (FASTER), a state program to improve safety, and by the City of Lakewood. The signal also addresses needs identified in Lakewood's Union Boulevard Corridor Urban Design Plan.

Join unique program for teens

Lakewood offers a unique after-school program for teens that will teach them public speaking and other skills while handling real-life issues.

Lakewood's Municipal Court offers Teen Court, an educational tool that enables youth to actively

participate in the justice system by acting as defense attorneys, prosecutors, bailiffs and jury members. In Teen Court, a trial takes place with the teen volunteers and a teen jury panel that determines the sentence for an actual juvenile offender.

The program can build confidence and allows teens to meet other students throughout the Lakewood area. Volunteers must be 13-18 years of age to participate in the program, which occurs every other Tuesday during the school year starting at 5 p.m. at the City's Public Safety

Building, 445 S. Allison Parkway.

To receive more information about the program and how to participate, teens or parents can contact Jennifer Dunn with Lakewood's Probation Division at 303-987-7442 or jendun@lakewoodco.org.

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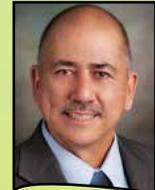


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Earth Day activities are organized by the
City of Lakewood Employees' Committee
for a Sustainable Lakewood.



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