

## Lakewood's Crime Reduction Project

The Lakewood Police Department is launching a modern way to fight crime and reduce traffic accidents with the Lakewood Crime Reduction Project. Using the most up-to-date crime and traffic statistics, the project identifies "hot spots" of where and when criminal incidents and traffic accidents occur most frequently. During the next six months of this pilot project, the department will saturate a hot spot with highly visible patrols at a specific time to address crime and traffic issues.

The project's goal is to improve the quality of life for residents and businesses, and it is using data analysis in a new way to focus the department's effort on improving its service to the community. Several other cities are also using this approach including Denver, and the results have been as much as a 35 percent decrease in crimes such as auto theft, illegal narcotics

and prostitution as well as traffic violations such as running red lights, aggressive driving and hit-and-run accidents.

"Having your car stolen or broken

into or being in a traffic accident certainly negatively affects your life, and we want to increase the quality of life for our residents and business owners with this project,"

said Commander Pat Heffner, who is overseeing the project.

This targeted approach to fighting crime has been effective because cars are frequently used to commit crimes. Criminals typically drive to and from their crimes, and putting saturation patrols on the street at the time when data shows criminal incidents occur most often increases the possibility of catching criminals. The saturation patrols also put agents on the street when traffic accidents occur most frequently. The first saturation patrol occurred earlier this month.

The department's traffic teams and specialized units will conduct the highly visible patrols, keeping all other resources available to respond to emergency calls. With the use of on-duty traffic and specialized teams for the project, the department's response time to emergency situations will remain the same, and it will allow these specialized teams to focus on reducing crime and traffic accidents in a hot spot.

Visit [Lakewood.org/LCRP](http://Lakewood.org/LCRP) for updates, and check the answers to the frequently asked questions on page 7 for more information.

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**Trail repairs coming this summer.** Colorado State Trails and Great Outdoors Colorado have provided funding to repair a section of the concrete Bear Creek trail located south of the reservoir in Bear Creek Lake Park. The extensive repairs will cause trail closures throughout the summer. While the construction and closure schedule has not yet been determined, work is expected to begin in July. Visit [Lakewood.org/BCLP](http://Lakewood.org/BCLP) for trail repair and closure updates, or call 303-697-6159 for more information.

## Safe, enjoyable trail use depends on good manners



Lakewood's network of earthen and multiuse trails is extensive with heavy use year-round by residents exploring the great outdoors in a variety of ways and for different reasons. Some love a casual stroll, others explore on horseback, and some enjoy a vigorous bicycle workout while others ride just for fun.

Every year, conflicts and incidents happen among the various trail users that can be avoided by maintaining reasonable speeds, yielding in accordance with regulations, keeping dogs close on a leash and communicating effectively. Whatever your passion and reason for using the trails, please follow the guidelines

below to make your experience and the interaction with other trail users safe and enjoyable:

- Bicycles and other wheeled users must yield to pedestrians. All users must yield to equestrians.
- Use common courtesy and do your part to resolve communication issues or conflicts on the trail.
- Always occupy the right side of the trail.

### **Bicyclists**

- Pass only on the left. Slow to a safe speed and make sure the party you are passing hears and understands what you are doing.
- Keep your speed to 15 mph or less, keeping in mind that trails are

used by everyone, including small children, and that "safe speed" really depends on the situation.

### **Pedestrians**

- Don't block the entire trail.
- Keep dogs on a short leash and under control.

### **Equestrians**

- Ride only on designated soft-surface trails.
- Communicate with other trail users to create safe passing opportunities.

If you would like more information about trail etiquette, please call the Regional Parks office at 303-697-6159.



## Letter from the mayor

### 'Spotlight' shines on Lakewood's people, places and businesses

Many of you have heard me say how much I appreciate what I call the "opportunity of a lifetime" to serve you as mayor. Virtually every day brings a new learning experience about this wonderful community. One ongoing highlight is the chance I have had to both learn about and showcase so many of our interesting people, places and businesses on the monthly "Spotlight on Lakewood" TV show on cable channel 8.

We have taken most of the episodes out of the studio and into the community to get an inside look at schools, neighborhoods, teachers, parks, special events and many of our unique businesses. I ate my way through Festival Italiano at Belmar (yum!) as a food judge. Jim Curtis at Village Roaster took us through the world of coffee, from the process of roasting a green (raw) bean to the brewing of a cappuccino. We prepared dinner with Michael Coughlin at 240 Union, fried chicken with Charlie Wilson at

White Fence Farm, tossed pizza with John Keiley at Johnny's NY Pizza, cooked breakfast with Dwayne Clark at Davies Chuck Wagon Diner and made sopapillas with Mike Mason at Casa Bonita.

At its heart, Lakewood is really a mosaic of unique, beautiful, even historic neighborhoods, and we've ventured out into many of them. Jim Halderman taught us the history of Glennon Heights dating back to World War II. Cindy Baroway took us even further back to the 1920s when the Glens neighborhood was founded. Peggy Phillips reflected on the long tradition of community involvement in Sun Valley, near Addenbrooke Park, and Barb Heckle showed us the inside of the historic O'Kane House.

While I am no daredevil, "Spotlight" has brought me new personal experiences. I enjoyed my first helicopter ride with the highly skilled medical team aboard St. Anthony's Flight For Life. The staff at Lakewood's Whitlock Recreation Center talked me through a natural fear of heights as I took on the rock climbing wall. West Metro Fire's canine unit tracked me down amidst the debris of a crumbled building at West Metro's state-of-the-art training facility on Kipling Street. And John Bandimere strapped me into a specially formulated Camaro for a duel on the track at his speedway. (He was gracious enough to let me win!)

It has been an honor to visit and learn more about longtime community institutions. Bill Armstrong briefed us on 50 years of Colorado Christian University's presence in Lakewood. Tom Murray took us on a tour of Lakewood Brick Company. Did you know the company once ran its brick furnaces nonstop on eight-hour shifts, 24 hours a day for 26 consecutive years? Glen Keller, director of the Westernaires showed us the group's delightful museum. And Mag Strittmatter at The Action Center detailed how the center goes about providing 4-5 tons of food per day to those in need here in Jefferson County.

Whenever I'm asked, "What do you enjoy most about being the mayor," my answer is always the same: visiting our schools. Whether I'm reading to first-graders at Foothills Elementary or talking about government to students at Alameda International High School, interaction with young people always fills me with confidence about our future. How can you not feel pride when you learn from Principal Socorro Alarcon about the extraordinary academic accomplishments at Stein Elementary even as students face difficulties such as poverty? Our hearts were warmed by the student-lead Believe It Or Not I Care (BIONIC) program at Green Mountain High School that tries to

ensure every student feels like a vital part of the school. The students in the theater arts program at Bear Creek High School thrilled us with their performances. A year ago, we stopped in at Warren Tech to learn about a partnership with NASA, and one of the projects underway was a gravity-free egg-cooking experiment that is in the running to go up to the International Space Station! One very special episode was a visit to Camp Paha, a partnership between the Friends of Paha foundation and the City of Lakewood. We learned about the metro area's only summer day camp for disabled young people. I participated in some "beach ball bowling," and I will never forget the sheer joy on the face of a young camper when she rolled a strike for our cameras!

The definition of community is "the condition of living together in friendly association and fellowship." I must say that "Spotlight on Lakewood" has been an extraordinary opportunity to find, film and share many of the remarkable stories that showcase the true meaning of "community" right here at home. Watch at Lakewood.org/Spotlight.

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## Council Corner

### Ward 3

### Ward 3 offers a salad bowl of diversity

One of the most striking things about Ward 3 is our diversity. We consist of 35 percent racial minorities including Latinos, Asians and African-Americans. We are young and old, wealthy and struggling, urban, suburban and rural. Living here, we have the opportunity to incorporate the best of many different worlds.

If you're like us, you probably like to eat. The combination of our cultural diversity and the success of Belmar translates into a lot of great places to eat. We enjoy street

tacos, burritos, tamales, pho, curries, spaghetti, hamburgers, and with the opening of the World of Beer and Caution Brewery, local beers.

But we don't just eat food, we also grow it. Our big yards and open spaces allow for beautiful, productive gardens. Two nice examples are at the Boys & Girls Club and the Belmar Neighborhood Community Garden. If you're interested in buying your food locally, try shopping at Everitt Farms, <http://everittfarms.com>. It is the new urban farm south of Alameda Avenue between Garrison and Kipling streets. You can also find out more about community supported agriculture in Lakewood at <http://ColoradoCsas.info/csas/pickupCity/Lakewood>.

We all want to live in places that are beautiful and fun. In Ward 3, horses and people alike walk around Kountze Lake, the lake in Addenbrooke Park and along Bear Creek, which although not in Ward 3 borders it. There are birds, turtles and beavers. In addition to the parks, there are recreation centers

and more formal cultural events:

- The recreation centers help to meet our diverse needs. Seniors tend to think the Link Recreation Center is for exercise classes. Children think it is for Lego camp. In addition, the Recreation Division is hiring a youth specialist to expand teen and youth offerings.
- In May, the Heritage Center hosted 500 elementary age students during the museum's annual Heritage Days. They learned about history, agriculture and science.
- There are also summer concerts at the Heritage Center's amphitheater. To learn more, visit [Lakewood.org/SummerConcerts](http://Lakewood.org/SummerConcerts).
- We are lucky to have the Cultural Center right here in Ward 3. To learn more about music, dance and theater performances, go to [Lakewood.org/CulturalCenter](http://Lakewood.org/CulturalCenter).
- All this and we also have Belmar with its music, movies, shopping and art. Remember to visit the galleries during the first Friday events when you can browse the galleries and meet the artists in Belmar's art district. The studio spaces are full,

and they have a wide variety of quality creative work.

Over the years, our concept of diversity has shifted from a melting pot to a salad bowl. In Ward 3, we make good salads. Our differences are our assets, adding richness to the experience of living here in Lakewood. As the economy gradually improves and the summer weather sets in, it's a great time to enjoy all that Ward 3 has to offer.

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# Economic Development

## Investments along Colfax on the rise

In the year since the grand opening of Lakewood's W light rail line, I can imagine you've been intrigued at the significant changes happening to the West Colfax corridor. Lakewood's Economic Development is starting a new column in this newsletter to showcase the reinvestment in the community. We will be promoting business activity, highlighting developments and analyzing trends that all contribute to Lakewood's unique quality of life.

Lakewood has already seen close to \$100 million dollars in investment along the Colfax corridor since

the grand opening of the W line. Large and small businesses and residents already see the benefit of locating near convenient stations and exciting new businesses. This area is seeing arts patrons support the first artist-in-residence at the Lamar Station Crossing apartments, while at the same time, Terumo BCT solidified its commitment to Lakewood by building a \$45 million corporate headquarters near the Oak Station. At the site of a long-vacant Target store on Colfax, a national investor is building a \$32 million new residential complex with 244 units.

New small businesses are

opening their doors every day, including The Orchid Wine Cave, Pho 2 Love, Five Star Bakers, Sweet Bloom Coffee Roasters and Kazoku Sushi. Urban pioneers, such as Sprouts City Farms, which recently opened the Mountair Park Community Farm, are flocking to the area. Further west on Colfax, Lakewood-based FirstBank will continue to anchor Colfax with a \$37 million investment in its long-standing headquarters on the avenue. Multifamily projects with more than 500 new residential units are in the planning process or have recently received a Certificate of Occupancy along the West Colfax corridor. In total, these developments are considerable private investment by businesses along Colfax, bringing new life to one of Lakewood's most important streets.

Most notably, the Lamar Station area has seen growth and change within the past year. This transit stop is situated within the 40 West Arts District, a state-designated candidate creative district, which is anchored by the Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design, the 40 West Arts Gallery and the Lamar Station. This small but thriving network of students, artists, galleries and a performing arts theater will capitalize on the increased foot and bicycle traffic to the neighborhood brought about by the W line.

Lakewood has been gearing up for this opportunity for years. We revisited our zoning code to allow for greater predictability

for both developers and small businesses while also retaining the ability to remain flexible and reasonable. We have begun crafting a promotional campaign to spur economic development in the Colfax corridor. In partnership with a local marketing agency, Lakewood is kicking off a business and development attraction effort to drive investors to consider West Colfax and the nearby W line stations as the location for their businesses or development. The goal of this effort will be to spread the word about the opportunities in the area and to streamline the process for development inquiries.

Partners, including the Lakewood-West Colfax Business Improvement District, the 40 West Arts District, the West Colfax Community Association, the West Line Corridor Collaborative, the Colfax Main Street Coalition and the neighborhood associations of Two Creeks, Eiber and Morse Park, have undertaken initiatives to drive growth along the corridor and have been an invaluable asset in working to achieve more investment in the corridor. Lakewood is excited to see what lies in store for our city over the many years ahead with this newfound interest, investment and growth along West Colfax since the light rail opened for business.



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To submit a listing, visit [Lakewood.org/GrandOpenings](http://Lakewood.org/GrandOpenings).



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

### New businesses

**The Action Center**, 8745 W. 14th Ave., broke ground for the new Program Services Building, 303-237-7704, [TheActionCenterCo.org](http://TheActionCenterCo.org).

**Chick-fil-A** in Belmar, 565 S. Vance St., 303-927-6303, [www.Chick-fil-a.com/belmar](http://www.Chick-fil-a.com/belmar)

**Colorado Nurse Aide Academy**, 1400 Simms St., Suite 300, prepares students for work in entry-level positions as a nurse aide, 303-862-8941, [www.ColoradoCnaAcademy.com](http://www.ColoradoCnaAcademy.com).

**ConneXions**, 14500 W. Colfax Ave., Suite 515, in Colorado Mills mall, a locally owned store that sells all Colorado products, 303-500-5072, [www.ConnexionsStores.com](http://www.ConnexionsStores.com)

**Denver West Limo**, 303-260-9542, [www.DenverWestLimo.com](http://www.DenverWestLimo.com)

**Edna Liquor**, 7986 W. Alameda Ave., next to King Soopers

**Live Basil Pizza**, 7740 W. Alameda Ave., 303-500-1919, [www.LiveBasilPizza.com](http://www.LiveBasilPizza.com)

**The Nest Nail Spa**, 180 S. Union Blvd., Unit 106, 720-524-4046, [www.TheNestNailSpa.com](http://www.TheNestNailSpa.com)

**New Earth Green Depot**, 950 Simms St., wholesale and retail store for outdoor living and fireplaces, 303-202-9663, [www.NewEarthGreenDepot.com](http://www.NewEarthGreenDepot.com)

**On the Mend Occupational Medicine**, 3900 S. Wadsworth Blvd., Unit 325, offers work related injury and illness services, physicals and drug screenings, 303-634-2970, [www.OnTheMendOccmed.com](http://www.OnTheMendOccmed.com).

**Root Skin**, a skin care service salon, 2550 Youngfield St., 720-989-9743, [www.RootSkinColorado.com](http://www.RootSkinColorado.com)

**RSG Mobile Innovations**, 9680 W. Colfax Ave., 720-937-4409, [www.RemoteStartGuys.com](http://www.RemoteStartGuys.com)

**Terumo BCT**, global provider of technology, products and services in automated blood collections and therapeutic systems, celebrated a groundbreaking for its new corporate headquarters at Quail Street and Collins Avenue, [www.terumobct.com](http://www.terumobct.com).

**Wren Portraits**, 303-908-9399, [www.WrenPortraits.com](http://www.WrenPortraits.com)

### Moves and anniversaries

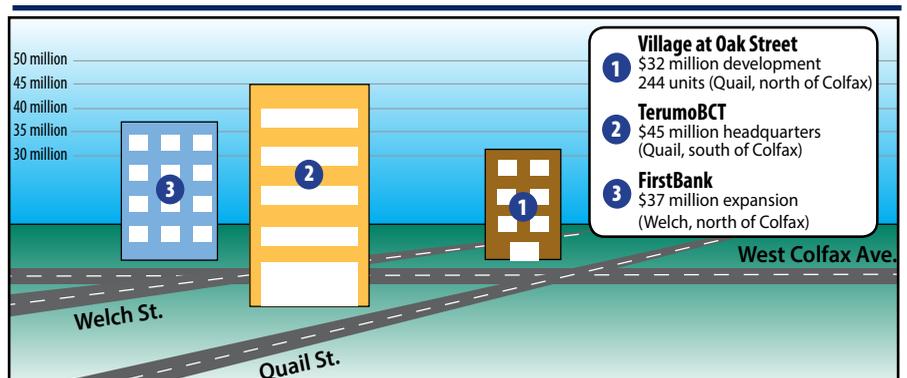
**Casa Bonita** celebrated its 40th anniversary, 303-232-5115, [www.CasaBonitaDenver.com](http://www.CasaBonitaDenver.com).

**Cell Phone Repair** celebrated its first anniversary, 5066 S. Wadsworth Blvd., Suite 114, 303-948-1553, [www.cpr-littleton.com](http://www.cpr-littleton.com).

**Lisa M. Fredrickson, LCSW, LLC**, an individual, couples and family psychotherapist, has relocated to 6565 W. Jewell Ave., Suite 4B-1, 720-377-4969, [LisaFredricksonLCSW.wix.com/LisaFredricksonLCSW](http://LisaFredricksonLCSW.wix.com/LisaFredricksonLCSW).

**Shear Productions Salon** in Belmar celebrated a move to 7156 W. Alaska Drive, 303-934-5700, [www.ShearProductions.com](http://www.ShearProductions.com).

**Wystone's World Teas** has moved across the street in Belmar to 7323 W. Alaska Drive, 303-663-5775, [www.WystonesTea.com](http://www.WystonesTea.com).



# Work on Wadsworth

Construction to improve Wadsworth Boulevard from West 10th to West 14th avenues is underway, and when completed in June 2015, the project will include concrete paving, widening Wadsworth to three lanes in both directions, adding 10-foot multiuse paths on both sides of Wadsworth and reconstructing the culvert that carries water in Dry Gulch under the roadway.

Work on the first part of this project will occur for much of the summer, and it will remove and rebuild the east side of the existing roadway. Reconstruction of the road will include new pavement, curbs, gutters, storm sewer and the multiuse paths. Replacing the culvert under the road will improve drainage of storm runoff in the area.

Both north- and southbound lanes have been detoured to the western half of Wadsworth to complete the work on the east side of the roadway. Motorists need to be cautious while driving through these lane detours, and access to businesses on the east side of



Wadsworth will be maintained through the construction zone.

When this work is completed, work will shift to the west side of the roadway, which is expected to occur late in the summer. When work begins on the west side, all lanes will be shifted to the newly completed east side. Construction will include the same items as on the east side.

This Colorado Transportation Department project is the first of a three phase construction plan evolving from the study area of the U.S. 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment. The second phase of construction, from Highland Drive to 10th, is expected to start in the spring of 2015. The third phase will be the completion of the project, and it will include improvements from Highland

to West Fourth Avenue, the interchange of West Sixth Avenue and Wadsworth and the associated ramps and sound walls. Funding is still being sought for construction, but right of way acquisition required for the third phase is funded and is underway.

For the latest information on this summer's construction on Wadsworth, call 888-759-6197 and choose option 9. For questions or concerns, send an email to [wadsworthcapacity@gmail.com](mailto:wadsworthcapacity@gmail.com).

To receive email updates, visit [www.ColoradoDot.info](http://www.ColoradoDot.info) and click on the green cell phone icon in the upper right-hand corner. Live road conditions are also available at [www.cotrip.org](http://www.cotrip.org), by downloading CDOT's mobile app or calling 511.

## Ward meeting for all city residents

9 a.m.  
Saturday, June 28  
Training Room in the Lakewood  
Police Department,  
445 S. Allison Parkway

Lynn Johnson, executive director of Jefferson County's Human Services Department, will speak about human trafficking, which is the crime of forced labor, slavery or exploitation.

Ward 1 City Council members Ramey Johnson and Karen Kellen are hosting this meeting. For more information, contact Council member Johnson at 303-232-1567 or [rjohnson@lakewood.org](mailto:rjohnson@lakewood.org).

City Council members have informal monthly meetings with residents known as "ward meetings," when community members can share their thoughts and ideas, discuss a neighborhood concern or learn more about city issues. Learn about ward meetings and sign up to receive email reminders about the meetings at [Lakewood.org/CityCouncil](http://Lakewood.org/CityCouncil).

## Briefs

### Fireworks prohibited in city

Fireworks of any kind are illegal in Lakewood. City law bans the sale and use of fireworks including sparklers, glow worms, snakes and all others. Fines for illegal fireworks are typically \$300 but can reach \$1,000. To report illegal fireworks, call 303-987-7111.

### City certified for historic preservation

The National Park Service, in concurrence with the Colorado State Historic Preservation Office, has designated Lakewood as a certified local government. This designation makes Lakewood an official partner in the federal historic preservation program, which engages local, state and federal partners to promote historic preservation at the grassroots level. The designation also gives Lakewood access to historic preservation grants.



### Exciting summer sounds

This year's lineup for the Sounds Exciting! Summer Concert series includes national draws such as the Ballroom Thieves, Todo Mundo and Brad Fitch & the TropiCowboy Band and returning fan favorites including the Hazel Miller Band and Chris Daniels & the Kings. Bring your picnic dinner and enjoy a summer concert at the Bonfils-Stanton Foundation Amphitheater, 801 S. Yarrow St. For tickets, visit [Lakewood.org/SummerConcerts](http://Lakewood.org/SummerConcerts).

### Remember RV parking rules

Camping season is here, and it's a good time for residents to remember that all recreational vehicles or travel trailers must be parked on an improved surface such as concrete, asphalt or gravel when parked on private property. Lakewood also has a 48-hour limit for parking RVs and travel trailers on city streets for loading or unloading of such vehicles, and the vehicle must be parked directly in front of the residence of the vehicle's registered owner. Learn more by entering "RV parking" in the search bar at [Lakewood.org](http://Lakewood.org).

### Annual street paving gets underway

Lakewood will spend more than \$7 million for the annual street resurfacing program this year to

repave City streets, repair damaged concrete curbs, gutters and sidewalks and apply sealcoating to lengthen the life of asphalt. Check which streets in your area will be repaved this year at [Lakewood.org/RepairsToStreetsAndSidewalks](http://Lakewood.org/RepairsToStreetsAndSidewalks).



### Bike to Work Day

Register for Bike to Work Day 2014 on June 25 to experience how healthy, environmentally friendly and cost-saving bicycle commuting can be. You'll be part of the second-largest event of its kind in the country, and you will be eligible for prizes. Get your company to participate, and it can win a pizza party, catered lunch and other prizes. Learn more at <http://BikeToWork2014.org>.



# What do the flashing red lights on the HAWK signal mean?

The flashing red lights on traffic signals indicate the signal is now functioning as a stop sign. That means motorists must stop and then proceed when it is safe to do so just as they would with any stop sign. With Lakewood's innovative High-intensity Activated CrossWalk (HAWK) signal for pedestrians at 260

Union Blvd., motorists must stop when the HAWK signal is flashing red. But they can proceed when the pedestrian is 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 getting traffic flowing 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 [Lakewood.org/HawkSignal](http://Lakewood.org/HawkSignal).

## DFC Farmers Market

June 12-August 28, 2014

Thursdays 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Bicentennial Park, Denver Federal Center



### Features

- food trucks
- farm-fresh produce
- local vendors
- open to the public
- picnic area
- free parking

### Entrances

- Gate 1 (Kipling near Alameda)
- Gate 4 (Union & Fourth Avenue)
- Gate 5 (Union & Second Place)

### Learn more

[www.facebook.com/denverfederalcenter](http://www.facebook.com/denverfederalcenter)

[www.gsa.gov/dfcfarmersmarket](http://www.gsa.gov/dfcfarmersmarket)

Please bring a valid ID and leave furry friends at home.



## Do I need a City permit to finish my basement?

Yes, you, or your contractor, need a permit from the City to finish a basement because it ensures that any changes to your home are done in a way that protects your health and safety. The best approach for any construction or renovation project is to first contact Lakewood's building permit office before you start construction to learn what is needed.

Because all construction other than very minor cosmetic work requires a permit, you should call Lakewood's permit office at 303-987-7500 or use the online resources the City has available. Permit applications and handouts to help guide you on finishing a basement and other projects are available at [Lakewood.org/BuildingCodesPermitHandouts](http://Lakewood.org/BuildingCodesPermitHandouts). Documents and assistance also are available at the permit counter in the Public Works Department at

480 S. Allison Parkway.

Talking to the City first can eliminate any confusion over such issues as tile work, for example. Tiling a bathroom or tub and shower walls requires a permit, but tiling a kitchen floor does not require a permit. Permits also are required, for example, if any wall is moved, modified or added.

Going through the permitting process addresses safety requirements such as the location of smoke detectors or carbon monoxide alarms. For basements, the permit covers having an egress window or door that would allow you to get out of the basement quickly in case of an emergency. It also outlines such issues as ensuring furnaces and water heaters aren't located in a room directly accessed through a bedroom or bathroom, and it ensures that proper light and ventilation are provided to make the rooms comfortable.

## Outdoor pickleball courts coming to Lakewood by popular demand

In early July, Lakewood will open its first set of outdoor pickleball courts at Green Mountain Recreation Center, 13198 W. Green Mountain Drive, providing a great new venue for this increasingly popular sport.

These new courts will feature two dedicated concrete pickleball courts and two concrete tennis courts that can be set up as an additional four pickleball courts. Green Mountain Recreation Center's outdoor courts will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, and they will not be lighted.

Played with pingpong-like paddles and a perforated plastic ball, the game is a blend of badminton and pingpong and is played on a court about half the size of a tennis court. The game can be played with single or double players and serves must be made underhand.

Chris Beal, a retired physical



education teacher known around town as "the pickleball lady," believes that the game is important in today's community because of its health and social benefits, contributing to its exploding popularity in the Denver

metro area and across the country. While a player can definitely work up a sweat, pickleball is not necessarily a strenuous workout and can be played by people of all fitness levels and abilities, making it a favorite

activity with older adults.

"Players have a great time on the court, laugh a lot and get in a decent workout, whatever that means for them," said Beal. "It's great for people who have balance issues, is pretty easy on the body and doesn't require any expertise."

Lakewood now joins a number of other metro area communities that have added outdoor pickleball courts to their list of amenities. Just a few years ago, the only place to play pickleball in the metro area was indoor at Lakewood's Whitlock Recreation Center, which still provides indoor courts.

Drop-in pickleball play is available indoors at Green Mountain from 8 to 11 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays and 2 p.m. on Fridays. Please call 303-987-7830 for more information or visit [Lakewood.org/GreenMountain](http://Lakewood.org/GreenMountain).

**Saturday, June 21**

6:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

- Third Annual -  
**Trout Fishing Tournament**

2014

**Cash Prizes!**  
1st, 2nd & 3rd

Bear Creek Lake Park

- \$60 per team of two (includes park entrance fee).
- Registration is limited to 50 teams. 25 boat and 25 shore.
- Each team must have one licensed fisherman 16 yrs. or older.
- Mandatory boat inspections to be held the day before the tournament.
- Only rainbow and brown trout will be accepted.
- Winner will be determined by weight.
- Check-in begins at 5:30 a.m., Saturday, June 21.

Bear Creek Lake Park  
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[www.Lakewood.org/FishingTournament](http://www.Lakewood.org/FishingTournament)

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**Grin & Bear It**  
FAMILY ADVENTURE RACE

6 p.m.  
Friday, July 18

**RUN!**  
**CANOE!**  
**BIKE!**

This annual family adventure race involves teams of two completing a lake crossing, mountain bike course and a run. All participants will receive an event shirt. Youth (ages 5-15) and adult categories.

For more information or to register, please call 303.697.6159 or visit [www.Lakewood.org/GrinandBearIt](http://www.Lakewood.org/GrinandBearIt).

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[www.Lakewood.org/BCLP](http://www.Lakewood.org/BCLP)

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# Stormwater work helps prevent flooding

Residents might not pay much attention to the drainage system running through Lakewood that carries away runoff from snowstorms, thunder showers and hail storms, but that system is critically important to reducing flooding and other problems after storms.

Each year, crews for Lakewood's Stormwater Utility inspect the drainage system, conduct maintenance, repair damage, build improvements and replace older, deteriorated facilities. They also test and monitor water quality and respond to pollution issues. View pictures and learn about all the work the utility accomplished last year in the 2013 Stormwater Management Utility Annual Report at [www.Lakewood.org/StormwaterUtility](http://www.Lakewood.org/StormwaterUtility).



In 2013, the city experienced intense rainstorms in July, August and September that produced runoff that exceeded the capacity of Lakewood's drainage system, resulting in localized flooding. Some of the storms affected fairly small areas of Lakewood, but they had substantial impacts on multiple individual properties and public facilities because of the amount of

runoff.

Stormwater flooded low areas in streets and on private property, and it overtopped roadways, damaged channels and deposited debris in channels. Utility crews responded during the storms with dump trucks, snowplows and other large equipment to remove hail blocking inlets. After the storms, entire trees and several full-size commercial trash dumpsters were found in gulches, creating significant blockage for water flowing downstream.

More than 200 cubic yards of trash and debris in Lakewood Gulch between Wadsworth Boulevard and Allison Street had to be removed after the storms, costing \$10,500. In places where large equipment

couldn't access a gulch, crews collected and carried out debris by hand.

The cleanup after the storms was conducted in addition to crews inspecting and maintaining 1,100 inlets and associated discharge pipes, inspecting six miles of gulches and cleaning and repairing 46 inlets. Last year, inspection and maintenance of the drainage system resulted in the removal of 70 dump truck loads of built-up debris.

The utility also built \$1.2 million in improvements to the system that corrected severe bank erosion, replaced undersized inlets and improved detention areas that collect storm runoff to allow it to flow off slowly over time.

Since 2000, property owners have paid a stormwater utility fee to fund maintenance, repairs and improvements to the drainage system to protect properties from flooding. Owners of a single-family home pay \$23.76 a year for the fee, which is one of the lowest rates for cities along the Front Range. The fee has not increased since it began 14 years ago.

Prior to collecting the fee, Lakewood was unable to adequately maintain the drainage system for decades. While the fee provides \$2.5 million a year for maintenance and improvements, the number of repairs and improvements needed in the drainage system citywide amounts to more than \$95 million.

## Crime Reduction From page 1

**Are you doing this just to generate revenue through traffic tickets?**

No. This is using data analysis in a new way to reduce crime and traffic accidents by focusing on an area where criminal incidents and traffic accidents occur frequently.

**Aren't you just inconveniencing innocent residents with traffic stops rather spending time arresting criminals?**

Because criminals typically drive cars to and from crimes, these saturation patrols have helped reduce crime in other cities that have used this data-driven approach to fighting crime. Our agents also can learn about ongoing issues or problems in the area when they speak with residents and motorists during these saturation patrols.

**Who came up with this idea?**

A national model for this new approach to fighting crime is the result of a partnership among the U.S. Department of Justice's two agencies, the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the National Institute of Justice, and the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Technical assistance also has come from a variety of groups including the American Probation and Parole Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

**Since this is a pilot project, will you continue it if it's successful?**

Yes. Known as Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS), the program integrates local crime and traffic crash data to establish effective and efficient methods for using law enforcement resources.

**Will you tell us the results?**

Yes. When sufficient data is available, we will report what we learned and what occurred with the crime and traffic statistics on the website at [Lakewood.org/LCRP](http://Lakewood.org/LCRP).

**Is this just going to push crime from the hot spot to another part of the city?**

It is possible that crime could be displaced, but we will carefully monitor the crime and traffic data in all parts of the city. If problems are displaced to another part of the city, the Police Department will respond with additional saturation patrols using the same approach.

## What to do when you hear outdoor sirens

The sirens are used primarily to warn residents who are outdoors of weather dangers such as a tornado, but the system also can be activated to issue warnings for chemical spills or a flash flood. When you hear Lakewood's outdoor sirens, you should take the following steps:

- Turn on the radio (850 KOA AM is the designated Emergency Broadcast Station in the Denver area) or television to a news station for information on what is happening.
- Do NOT telephone the police or fire departments. This ties up dispatchers, making them unavailable to handle emergency calls.
- If you believe the reason the sirens have been activated is for a tornado, take shelter immediately. At home, take cover in the basement. For homes without a basement, take

cover in the center part of the house away from windows.

- Do not remain in a trailer or mobile home.
- At work or school, go to the interior hallways on the lowest floor or to the designated shelter area away from windows.
- Continue listening to the radio or television for developments on the emergency and for information on when it is safe to leave your shelter.
- Residents are encouraged to buy a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio or sign up for the CodeRed system at [Your911.net](http://Your911.net) as additional ways to receive warnings.

Watch a video about what to do when the outdoor sirens sound at [Lakewood.org/SafetyVideos](http://Lakewood.org/SafetyVideos). For more information about the City's outdoor siren warning system, call 303-987-7190.

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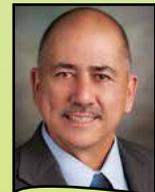


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## Give us 21 hours for 6 free dinners

Now that we have your attention, please consider applying for the 2014 Citizens' Planning Academy, a dynamic and interactive program that provides residents with an understanding of all aspects of city planning.

This program includes lively discussions about how city planning helps shape a community, and it covers how cities handle the long-term vision for the community as well as the issues of land uses, subdivisions, traffic, legal matters and how new developments are designed, reviewed and approved. It ends with participants using what they learned in a mock public hearing about a fictional project.

The deadline to apply to participate in this free program is Aug. 15. Learn more at [Lakewood.org/PlanningAcademy](http://Lakewood.org/PlanningAcademy).

### Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Length of Residency in Lakewood \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

1. Why are you interested in attending the Lakewood Citizens' Planning Academy?  
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2. Do you have an area of particular concern you would like the Planning Academy to address?  
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3. Please identify three issues or opportunities you feel are important to Lakewood.

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b. \_\_\_\_\_  
c. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you currently serve on a board or commission? \_\_\_\_\_

The Citizens' Planning Academy is limited to 25 participants. If accepted, it is important that participants attend all sessions. The dates and times are listed below.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this application by 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, 2014.

City of Lakewood, Attention: Mark Doering, 480 S. Allison Parkway, Lakewood, CO 80226-3127

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**Session #1**  
Introduction to Planning and Community Vision  
Thursday, September 4, 5:30 to 9 p.m.

**Session #4**  
Hands-On Site Planning Exercise  
Thursday, October 9, 5:30 to 9 p.m.

**Session #2**  
Zoning and Subdivision  
Thursday, September 18, 5:30 to 9 p.m.

**Session #5**  
Legal Issues  
Thursday, October 23, 5:30 to 9 p.m.

**Session #3**  
Transportation Planning  
Thursday, September 25, 5:30 to 9 p.m.

**Session #6**  
Mock Hearing and Graduation  
Thursday, October 30, 5:30 to 9 p.m.