



Growing in the park.

Kids in the Two Creeks neighborhood saw their neighborhood park in a whole new light this summer during the Mountair Park Summer Camps. Complete with games, a great lunch under the trees and outdoor adventures, the camp met important needs in the neighborhood. Learn how on page 6.



Cleanup Days coming in October

Are you in a daze about how to get rid of that old mattress in the basement or the broken freezer in the garage? Lakewood's free citywide Cleanup Days are the answer.

The free event will be 8 a.m.-noon on Oct. 3 and Oct. 10 at the Jeffco Stadium, 500 Kipling St. Residents must enter from Kipling on the west side of the stadium. For the most up-to-date information, visit www.Lakewood.org/Cleanup.

Lakewood residents living north of West Alameda Avenue can bring their items to the cleanup on Oct. 3, and residents living south of Alameda can participate on Oct. 10. Residents

need to bring proof that they live in Lakewood. For specific questions, please call 303-987-7193.

New this year is the participation of the Rooney Road Recycling Center, which will offer tire and household hazardous waste disposal for a minimal charge from 8 a.m. to noon on both Saturdays in October at the center, 151 S. Rooney Road. See the Rooney Road Recycling Center section below.

Conducted in conjunction with arc Thrift Stores, Cleanup Days allow residents to clear out their unwanted items and have them recycled or reused through the stores' expertise. The Lakewood-based stores make every day Earth Day by providing a way to divert millions of pounds of household and other items from landfills annually. Those items are reused by customers who shop at the stores, or arc Thrift Stores recycles them.

All items can be dropped off at the event for free except for cathode ray tube televisions or computer monitors, which will cost \$10 each. These are the older devices that used glass vacuum tubes to display images on the screen.

Arc will be accepting gently used household items, clothing, small appliances and small furniture at the cleanup to be sold in the stores, which provide funds for programs for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Jefferson County.

Items accepted at cleanup

- Electronics including flat screen televisions and computers, but CRT computer monitors and TVs cost \$10
- Furniture, mattresses, box springs and bed frames
- Appliances including stoves, ovens, ranges, dishwashers, washing machines, dryers, refrigerators

freezers and microwave ovens

- Sinks, toilets, bathtubs, carpet, flooring, doors, windows and wood stoves
- Engine blocks, car parts or small gas engine equipment
- Regular recyclable items such as plastic bottles, newspaper, glass, cardboard and cans

Items not accepted at cleanup

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

Items accepted at Rooney Road Recycling Center 151 S. Rooney Road

- Tires: \$5 per car tire, \$10 per truck or SUV tire, \$15 per semi tire, \$3 per rim or wheel. Please remove tire from rim if possible.
- Household hazardous waste: \$20 for 75 pounds of aerosols, batteries, fertilizers, pesticides, waxes, cleaners, antifreeze, paint thinner, oil-based paints, gasoline, fluorescent bulbs, motor oil, latex paint and automotive batteries
- Complete list at www.RooneyRoadRecycling.org

2016 proposed budget

The proposed 2016 Annual Budget includes the addition of eight police agents and two community service officers for the Lakewood Police Department. It also contains proposals for a one-time increase in funding for replacing outdated playgrounds in the City's parks and improving traffic medians and to set aside money for a potential mulch site for residents' yard waste.

The new positions in the Police Department are the single largest new expense in the proposed budget, and Police Chief Kevin Paletta said the positions would allow the department to provide better service to residents and business owners.

"This is about service, not about safety," the chief said. He explained during the City Council's Aug. 24 budget study session that the additional positions would give agents "more time to devote to community service types of activities" such as proactively addressing traffic or crime issues in

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Letter from the mayor



Grateful for helping move Lakewood forward

After 21 years of public service to the City of Lakewood, I am writing my last column as your mayor. It's been an incredible ride! I've been here from the decline of Villa Italia to the renaissance of Belmar; from the failure of the "Guide the Ride" transit ballot initiative in the 1990s through the 2004 successful FasTracks vote; and all the way to the 2013 opening of the W Rail. I've been a part of draconian City budget cuts in 2003-04, led a successful 2005 campaign to increase our sales tax by one penny, and have now presided over eight of 10 consecutive years of budget surpluses. By the way, during my first year as mayor, I also led the effort to remove the sales tax from grocery food items. Balance is everything in making good public policy!

I was here when Greg Stevinson approached the city in 1994 to request that his property, which would later become Colorado Mills and the Denver West Village, be annexed into the city. These

shopping and entertainment destinations are now our largest revenue producers, with over a \$1 million per day in sales!

I was also part of a 2003 City Council that had the courage to put the words "Walmart" and "urban renewal" in the same sentence and transform a horribly blighted area at Wadsworth Boulevard and West Colfax Avenue into a positive asset for the city.

As they say, there is no "I" in "team." Collaboration is in our DNA at the City of Lakewood, and all the successes over the last 20 years have been a result of diverse groups of stakeholders working together for the common good of the community.

Perhaps the most memorable example of cooperation was the planning and building of the W Rail, a complex \$700 million infrastructure project running right through the heart of a historic neighborhood. The Regional Transportation District, City staff, utility companies, contractors, subcontractors, neighbors, businesses and elected officials worked tirelessly for years to ensure the project would produce maximum benefit with minimal negative impact.

Another example of collaboration is the resident-driven neighborhood planning effort begun in the mid-1990s, allowing neighborhood organizations to determine their own destinies. The latest iteration of this movement is the Sustainable Neighborhoods Program, originating right here in Lakewood, and now trademarked and being exported to

other communities.

Along the way we have passed more ordinances and resolutions than any of us could count. They range from routine housecleaning items that align us with new state statutes to groundbreaking measures that are followed by the rest of our region. Our construction defects law is a recent example, but we also pioneered a thoughtful, balanced approach to the complex issue of medical marijuana that was later emulated by other cities. By the way, no one could have possibly foreseen the amount of time and effort we would spend on marijuana law following the passage of Colorado Constitutional Amendments 20 and 64!

At the end of the day, our job at the City is to provide outstanding quality-of-life services to our community. That starts with great people, and our Lakewood staff members are unparalleled in their dedication and professionalism. That philosophy begins at the top, and I believe our selection of Kathy Hodgson as our city manager has been our most significant accomplishment, one that will ensure our legacy of strong fiscal management and great service provision will continue.

There are so many people to thank for helping build this wonderful community we have today. I have served with many City Council members, and virtually every one of them has been a dedicated public servant, just trying to make their hometown a better place to live, work and play. Special

thanks to my fellow City Council classmates of 2007: Adam Paul, Cindy Baroway, Karen Kellen and Tom Quinn. As a group they have been the most courageous, yet thoughtful and visionary colleagues I have ever had the pleasure of working with. And, thank you to my family, for their sacrifice and support.

Finally, I take my hat off to the neighbors, business owners and volunteers who are so actively and positively engaged every step of the way, not for money or glory, but simply to make our community better. You are my true heroes.

In 2007 and 2011, I ran for mayor with the motto: "Moving Lakewood Forward." I believe that together, we have achieved that goal, and I look "forward" to the continuation of that momentum.

It has been the most fulfilling privilege of my professional life to serve as your mayor. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for the opportunity.

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Council Corner

Ward 2



Cindy Baroway

It's been a rewarding experience to guide Lakewood

As I enter into my last few months on City Council, I'd like to share a few of the highlights of my two terms representing Ward 2 and the City of Lakewood. When first elected, I promised to work toward furthering the goal of improving the great and comfortable city that so many of us have chosen to make our home. With the never-ending assistance of so many, Lakewood is stronger than ever and remains one of the best places in the state to live. Since the beginning of my service on council, we have seen a world-class hospital locate here and the completion of a light rail line that is the envy of most metropolitan areas.

We have been a part of a rapidly developing arts district blossoming on West Colfax, the building of two new splash parks and the expansion of our bike paths to serve our residents.

We have also worked together as a City to navigate the worst economic crisis in decades while maintaining our financial strength to be able to provide services such as repairing and reviving our streets and park amenities, adding sidewalks and creating more online services. While always respectful of the taxpayers, we have committed to continuing the work of improving our infrastructure and to providing new technologies in law enforcement and public safety while adding more diverse development options for landowners across the city to ensure that Lakewood stays the wonderful community it has become.

The evidence of our progress is best demonstrated by the large businesses that appreciated the results of our efforts by reinvesting millions of dollars in their Lakewood operations. From Colorado Christian University, Terumo BCT and FirstBank

to the nonprofits of The Action Center, The Gold Crown Foundation and the Boys & Girls Club, they all share our passion for the path Lakewood has chosen.

In 2011, we received the first-ever Diversity Award given by the National Civic League as well as the coveted All-America City award. I was honored to be there with other Lakewood leaders and volunteers to participate and to receive the awards.

None of this would have been possible without the amazing efforts of so many. Our City Manager Kathy Hodgson and her dedicated management team have all encouraged and fostered a work environment that has been award winning. I'd also like to recognize the countless volunteers and local community and neighborhood

organizations that all work tirelessly to support Lakewood, a place we call home. I would also like to thank my colleagues on City Council, especially Debbie and Scott Koop who have been my fellow Ward 2 representatives on council.

I hope you share with me the belief that Lakewood has and will continue to move in a direction we can all be proud of. Thank you for the trust you placed in me for the last eight years to assist in making this happen. It's been one of my most rewarding experiences.

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City Manager Kathy Hodgson

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Economic Development

Locally owned restaurants, businesses make a name for Lakewood

Businesses that are rewarded for their commitment to customer service and community leadership are businesses we all want to see more of in Lakewood. For the Lakewood Economic Development Division, if a business rises to the level of "best of the best," we get on the national map, we attract metrowide customers to our community and we become known for our uniqueness. Think of trying to separate Chicago from its pizza or New York from its bagels.

A Lakewood business has reached that level by becoming a hall of famer. Congratulations are in order for Lakewood's Chicago Style Beef and Dogs, successfully run by Joe and Luanne Margotte and their family on West Colfax Avenue since 1997. Vienna Beef, a Chicago-based national meat supplier, inducted Chicago Style into its Hall of Fame in August, an honor



bestowed to only four restaurants across the country this year. Reaching Vienna Beef's Hall of Fame involves several factors such as how long the restaurant has represented the Vienna brand and the restaurant's overall commitment to the quality of the product. Other factors, ones that are important to Lakewood and economic development, include the restaurant's commitment to its community, philanthropic leadership and satisfaction of the customer.

When unique, entrepreneurial businesses such as Chicago Style Beef and Dogs succeed in Lakewood, it sets the stage for attracting other businesses in the future, even the big businesses. We become known as a community where independent, entrepreneurial self-starters know they will be supported. Big businesses see we have diverse restaurants and places that their employees will enjoy, and that makes it more attractive to those companies to move or expand in Lakewood.

Family-run businesses set Lakewood apart. They help create

a "sense of place," setting our community apart from others in the metro area, the state and the country. They create a neighborhood feeling and authenticity to an otherwise global business world, and customers can stop in where "everyone knows their name." This approachability and authenticity keeps these local businesses competitive with online sellers and Internet businesses and maintains diversity in our business base.

Lakewood is home to several of these locally owned businesses and restaurants that make us unique. Think of Café Jordano, at Kipling Parkway and West Jewell Avenue, a repeat winner in the "Best of Westword" publication, which described it as "the little Italian place in Lakewood that won't take reservations because if it did, there'd never be an open table for the neighbors!" This Italian restaurant is a metrowide destination, attracting visitors to Lakewood with its friendly neighborhood-serving vibe. There's also Frijoles Colorado Cuban Café, near West Alameda Avenue and Union Boulevard, that customers continue to rate highly on customer-review websites such as Yelp. And of course, there's internationally known Casa Bonita and several other destination restaurants in Lakewood.

In a true nuts-and-bolts sense, these businesses serve an important economic development role. When these businesses attract visitors

from outside Lakewood, new money is brought into our economy. This new money pays for employers to hire staff, ensures a steady stream of income, maintains storefronts and landscaping and creates many other spin-off benefits for the area. When those customers visit Lakewood, they improve the competitive advantages of local businesses, keep money circulating locally, provide revenue to pay for services for Lakewood residents, fuel innovation and entrepreneurship and keep Lakewood unique.

When you visit these local businesses that have helped put Lakewood on the map, thank them for making a name for Lakewood and for their contributions to their community. Also contact Lakewood Economic Development to let us know about award-winning businesses that help tell Lakewood's economic story.



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Check out new boundaries for Enterprise Zone

The Colorado Enterprise Zone is a state run program that provides tax incentives to businesses in designated areas. The Economic Development Commission of Colorado has recently reevaluated all the zones across the state, as required by state law at least every 10 years.

The new boundaries for the Jefferson County zone have been approved, and they include Lakewood. The new boundaries will become effective Jan. 1, 2016. A map of the zone is available for Jefferson County at the state's website, www.advancecolorado.com/ez.

Businesses can receive tax credits for training expenses, equipment purchases, creating new jobs, employee health insurance expenses, business vehicle purchases and costs for rehabilitation of a vacant building. Businesses must be certified by



the state to receive the credits. For questions about areas within Lakewood eligible for the tax credits, please contact Lakewood's Economic Development Division at 303-987-7730 or www.ed@lakewood.org.

Welcome to



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

Listed below are openings of new businesses and important milestones.

IHOP

389 S. Wadsworth Blvd.
720-974-0757
www.ihop.com

Sooper Credit Union

1497 S. Wadsworth Blvd.
303-986-7500
www.Soopercu.org

Namlo International

8790 W. Colfax Ave., Suite 100
303-399-3649
www.Namlo.org

Larry H. Miller Ford Lakewood

11595 W. Sixth Ave.
888-927-9286
www.Lhmlakewoodford.com

Kaleidoscope Therapy Services

1880 S. Pierce St., Suite 11
303-829-7904
www.Ktsllc.org

Vital Physical Therapy

12211 W. Alameda Parkway, Suite 104
720-519-1548
www.Vitalptco.com

Milestone

Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage

60 years
Headquarters in Lakewood
Multiple locations
303-986-5700
www.Naturalgrocers.com



Comments, concerns, questions?

Let the City know about your comments, concerns or questions by filling out the comment card below and mailing it back to the City for a response.

If you prefer, go online to www.Lakewood.org/RequestLakewood with your request or question, or download the GoRequest app for your mobile device. Each request that comes to Request Lakewood is tracked to ensure that an answer is provided in a timely manner. Residents can always call, starting with the main City phone number, 303-987-7000.

Comment Card

To create open communication between residents and the City of Lakewood, we are providing this card for your comments or suggestions. After filling it out, clip it out and mail it to City of Lakewood, City Manager's Office, 480 S. Allison Parkway, Lakewood, CO 80226-3127.

Blank lines for writing comments or suggestions.

Name** _____
Address _____
ZIP _____
Phone (Work) _____
(Home) _____
Email _____

**If you are reporting a zoning violation, please provide the exact location; do not give your name, address or phone number.



The Lakewood Police Department & the Colorado Bureau of Investigation Invite You To

CLEAN OUT YOUR MEDICINE CABINET



National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Saturday
September 26, 2015

Bring unused over-the-counter and prescription medications to the following location:

Lakewood Police Department
Upper Parking Deck
445 S. Allison Parkway
(West of Alameda and Wadsworth)



Items that cannot be accepted:
Needles and sharps
Mercury thermometers
Oxygen containers
Chemotherapy/Radioactive substances
Pressurized canisters
Illicit drugs

Briefs

Investigation in regional park underway

The Army National Guard is investigating 641 acres on the north side of William Hayden Park on Green Mountain to determine the extent and potential hazards of any munition debris left there more than 70 years ago. The slope was used as an impact area for an artillery range during military training activities from 1930 to 1945 at Camp George West in Golden. Park visitors might encounter crews working on the investigation on the north side of the park until November. Visitors also should stay on marked trails as the park rules require. For more information, visit Lakewood.org/HaydenPark.

Marijuana regulations considered for neighborhoods

City Council will have a public hearing at its Sept. 28 meeting to consider proposed regulations of

marijuana in residential areas. Because of state law, the City cannot prohibit personal marijuana cultivation, processing or use in neighborhoods, but it can adopt limitations to mitigate impacts to the neighborhood. Watch a presentation about the issue and the City Council's discussion during its Aug. 17 study session at Lakewood.org/CouncilVideos. The proposed ordinance will be available on Sept. 14 to review at Lakewood.org/CouncilMeetings.

This is their story

First, there are the fitness challenges. Then there's learning to shine your boots, and that's just the beginning of learning to become a law enforcement officer. "It sounds so simple. I didn't give it much thought during orientation week," writes one recruit about learning to shine boots during training in the Lakewood and Jefferson County Combined Training Academy. This is their story. Read it at <http://acadblogger.blogspot.com>.

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a specific area of the city or attending community meetings and interacting with community members. While the department's current staffing levels provide effective protection of the public's safety, the additional positions would improve the availability of agents to respond to calls for service, which would decrease response times.

The community service officers also help the department provide services to residents more cost effectively and efficiently because they handle taking minor police reports and other duties so that agents can respond to calls and work on crime issues and investigations.

City Manager Kathy Hodgson also proposed adding \$1 million in the 2016 budget for playground replacements and \$800,000 for improving medians to make them an attractive asset in the city. She also requested \$800,000 to be set aside in preparation for creating a mulch site and developing a yard waste drop-off program for Lakewood residents. Staff members have been working on finding a site ever since Jefferson County closed its mulch site, which had been available to Lakewood residents. The funding for these projects would come from the City's savings, which is known as the "reserves" or the "fund balance."

The proposed budget for next year is \$114 million for the General Fund, which accounts for two-thirds of the City's budget. The General Fund pays for the majority of the expenses to provide services to residents, and 66 percent of the "income" for the fund comes from sales taxes that shoppers pay. The overall proposed budget for the City is \$186 million, which includes funds for operations, construction-related

expenses and restricted funds that can be spent only for specific purposes.

The City Council will have two public hearings on the budget, one at its Sept. 14 meeting and one at its Oct. 5 meeting, which will start at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 480 S. Allison Parkway. The meetings are aired live on cable channels 8 and 880 or online at www.Lakewood.org/Live8. The 2016 Annual Budget is available at www.Lakewood.org/Budgets.

Next year's budget also includes more than \$13 million for annual programs such as street repaving and maintenance and traffic safety as well as new projects that will help sustain property values, public safety and the community's quality of life such as adding sidewalks along a section of Sheridan Boulevard and elsewhere, lining and replacing sewer pipes and conducting needed renovations at recreation centers.

The City also has budgeted for an expected refund under the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights in 2016. Known as TABOR, the state constitutional amendment limits the amount of revenues cities can have to pay for providing services to residents. For example, in 2014 the City's revenues — or its income — increased 8 percent as the economy recovered, but TABOR limited the amount of revenues the City could have for City services to 3.5 percent above the previous year's TABOR limit, prompting a \$5.2 million refund to taxpayers. The 2015 revised budget is expected to include a \$2.7 million refund, and the 2016 budget is projected to have a refund of \$2.8 million. But actual numbers that set the TABOR limit aren't known until well after the end of each year. The City expects to provide \$12 million in refunds from 2013 to 2016.

Arts & Parks



TRAIL RUNNING SERIES

6 p.m., September 9, 16 & 23
 Bear Creek Lake Park
Lakewood.org/TrailRunning

Hit the trails this fall. Cost is \$25 for each race. Ages 14 and up. Races are held at Bear Creek Lake Park and vary from four to eight miles.

COPS THAT COOK! PANCAKE BREAKFAST

7-10 a.m., September 18
 Clements Community Center
Lakewood.org/CopsThatCook

Show your support and enjoy pancakes cooked by our own Lakewood Police agents at the 17th annual Cops That Cook! fundraiser. Tickets are \$4 in advance/\$6 at the door. Proceeds will benefit the Lakewood Police Department Explorer program, a coordinated program between the Police Department and the Boy Scouts of America that encourages youth and young adults (ages 14-21) to develop an interest in law enforcement by experiencing police operations.

FALL FIRING FESTIVAL

5:30-8:30 p.m., September 25
 Washington Heights Arts Center
Lakewood.org/WashingtonHeights

Visit the outdoor firing yard for demonstrations on all of our firing techniques: raku firing, a pit fire, soda kiln firing, wood kiln and gas car kiln firing. Food and entertainment are provided. This is a fun family outing and a good way to learn about the great things that happen in our pottery studio at Washington Heights Arts Center, the artistic center of the universe.

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROJECT

8 a.m.-noon, September 26
 Bear Creek Lake Park
Lakewood.org/BCLPEvents

All ages are invited to join us for the largest national volunteer service day dedicated to parks and public lands. Lunch will be provided. Please register yourself or your group today.

SIXTH ANNUAL SWING AWAY FOR THE CURE ADULT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

9 a.m.-6 p.m., October 10
Lakewood.org/RecEvents

Please come out to support a great cause and have FUN! Prizes will be awarded. A portion of the proceeds goes towards breast cancer research and prevention. Fee is \$250/team.

BEAR CREEK LAKE PARK HAUNTED TRAIL ADVENTURE

4-7 p.m., October 17
 Bear Creek Lake Park
Lakewood.org/BCLPEvents

Experience Bear Creek Lake Park with all its ghostly magic in an evening of ghostly trails and tales. Walk along the Owl Trail and discover critters of the night. We'll have games and even a visit from a few "live" owls. After your adventure warm your toes by the fire at the amphitheater and enjoy roasting marshmallows and sipping hot chocolate.

ART ON THE COMMONS

Through June 2016
 Civic Center Plaza
Lakewood.org/ArtontheCommons

The City of Lakewood is pleased to present this year's Art on the Commons, a rotating sculptural exhibit on Lakewood's Civic Center Plaza. This year we feature works by artists Randy Curry, Sue Quinlan, Michael Mladjan, Ken Stock, Gary Monaco, Doyle Svenby and Nester Fedak. The sculptures will be on display through June 2016.

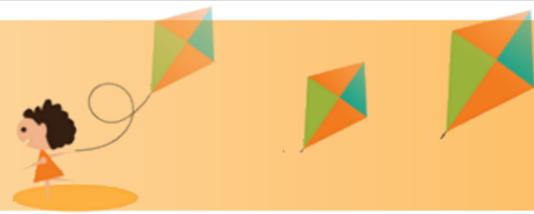
Take a self-guided tour of the seven pieces using your phone. Call the number on each identifying plaque to hear about the artist, the work and the inspiration. Enjoy!

LAKWOOD CULTURAL CENTER PRESENTS! 2015-2016 SEASON

Single tickets are on sale now.
Lakewood.org/LCCPresents

Performances in this can't-miss season include On Ensemble, Golden Dragon Acrobats, Lysander Piano Trio with Mischa Bouvier, "Red Riding Hood," "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes," Timothy P. and the Rocky Mountain Stocking Stuffers, "Broadway's Next H!T Musical," Adonis Puentes and the Voice of Cuba Orchestra, Sean Jones Quartet, New York Brass Arts Trio, "Ragtime, the Musical," Jason Petty: Hank and My Honky Tonk Heroes, ODC Dance: boulders and bones and New Directions Veterans Choir.

City Happenings



Unique summer camp fills need in northeast Lakewood

Kids in northeast Lakewood faced a summer that looked a little bleak. Summer activities and lunch programs wouldn't be offered at Molholm Elementary School because needed construction was closing the school for three months. The programs would be missed, especially the lunches.

Many of the children in the neighborhood come from families that qualify for free and reduced-priced lunches during the school year, and the summer lunch program normally provided them with an important meal. It doesn't help that a significant part of northeast Lakewood is a food desert — a federal government designation prompted by the lack of a large grocery store with fresh food in the neighborhood.

When staff members in Lakewood's Community Resources Department learned about the closure of the school's summer programs, they searched to find a way to fill the gap. They reached out to potential partners in the community including Mountair Christian Church, Sprout City Farms, 40 West Arts District and Molholm staff to discuss how best to address the students' needs. A collaboration formed with these partners including the 21st Century Community

Learning Center's Good to Great Program at Molholm that was also looking for a way to engage the kids in activities during the summer.

What resulted from the collaboration was the Mountair Summer Camp. The camp provided fun, stimulating and educational activities to the kids in the morning and a free, healthy lunch — all for only \$10 for a three-week session at Mountair Park, the neighborhood's park. Scholarships were available for the camp fee, and for many who attended, it was their first summer camp experience.

"I like when we do activities and games. That was my favorite part," camper Belen Tzintzun said in a video that Jefferson County Public Schools

produced about the camp.

Watch the video by visiting www.JeffcoPublicSchools.org, clicking on the button to watch JPS-TV and looking for "The Fun Fantastic Summer at Mountair Park" video.

The camp included literacy activities such as story time, physical activities such as kickball, art ventures including painting a mural on a neighborhood building and farming at Mountair Park Community Farm. Field trips took campers to a Lakewood spray park, the Wildlife Experience and other places.

"We do several different activities that have learning hidden in them, so they may think it's a game, or they may think they are playing, but they are still getting things like literacy or science," said Marissa Mallory, the Lakewood Recreation staff member who oversaw the camp.

The Sprout City farm at the park provided a convenient and unique opportunity for the participants. Each camper selected a flower and vegetable to plant at the farm, where the kids picked weeds, studied sprouting plants and made guacamole for a snack.

"They are also showing us life lessons that we can use later on when we're adults like planting seeds and pulling the carrots," camper

Mason Miller said on the video.

Providing the summer camp involved the village. Lunch Box Express operated by the Jewish Family Service provided fresh lunch to the campers as well as any child under age 18 in the neighborhood, serving more than 700 lunches during the summer. The artist in residence, a program operated by 40 West, offered art activities. Dick's Sporting Goods provided athletic equipment for the camp. Jeffco Public Library provided staff and supplies for camp activities, and the church offered a place for the camp when the weather prevented outdoor activities. This support from the community made the camp affordable and fun.

"I like when we do activities and games."

That was my favorite part,"

— camper
Belen Tzintzun



Community Planning Month Film Event

THE DESTINY OF THE WEST IS WRITTEN IN THE HEADWATERS OF COLORADO

the
GREAT DIVIDE
a film by Novey Productions

OCTOBER 13TH 2015
FREE SCREENING 6:30 PM
RECEPTION WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS 5:30 PM
LAKEWOOD CULTURAL CENTER THEATER
480 S. ALLISON PARKWAY, LAKEWOOD, CO 80226

APA OCT
National Community Planning Month 2015

For more information, please contact 303-987-7503.



Make a difference in your community

Become a leader for the City of Lakewood by applying to serve on the Advisory Commission for an Inclusive Community, which advises City Council on issues important to residents.

Applications are available at Lakewood.org/GetonBoard. For additional information, contact Ethen Westbrook at 303-987-7661 or ethwes@lakewood.org.

ACIC members attend a minimum of two meetings a month, which includes a meeting of the full commission and a committee meeting. The full commission meeting can last two hours, and the committee meetings are one hour. Visit www.Lakewood.org/ACIC for more information and specific meeting times.

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








CIDER DAYS

2015

10 a.m.-5 p.m. October 3 & 4 Lakewood.org/CiderDays

The sweet taste of fresh pressed cider, the smell of funnel cakes, the laughter of family and the roar of antique tractors can only mean one thing: Lakewood's signature event, Cider Days, has returned to Lakewood Heritage Center! Cider Days offers sights, sounds and tastes for everyone. Enjoy everything apple with cider pressing, cider tastings, an apple bake-off, pie eating contests and more. With an eclectic mix of amusements including wagon and barrel train rides, historic demonstrations and a variety of exhibitors and vendors, Cider Days is fun for the whole family! Admission: Adult \$7 | Child \$4 (3-12). Admission includes unlimited kids amusements!

2015 Entertainment

10:30 a.m. **Magic Show**

11 a.m. **Top Hogs**

Noon **Cowboy Craig & Family**

1 p.m. **Top Hogs**

2 p.m. **Pie Eating Contest**

2:30 p.m. **Square Halos Square Dancing**

3 p.m. **Cowboy Craig & Family**

4 p.m. **Top Hogs**






LAKEWOOD HERITAGE CENTER | 801 S. Yarrow St. | 303. 987.7850 | Lakewood.org/CiderDays










September 15, 2015

2 - 6 p.m.

Lakewood Elks Lodge #1777
1455 Newland Street
Lakewood

Posting of the Colors and singing of the
National Anthem at 3 p.m.

Complimentary food will be served
2:30 - 5 p.m.

www.Lakewood.org/VeteransFair



Visit with representatives from the following service providers:

- American Legion
- Colorado Coalition for the Homeless
- Colorado Housing and Finance Authority
- Denver County Veterans Services Program
- Denver Veteran Center - Mobile Service Center
- DEW Consulting Solutions
- Family Tree
- Freedom Service Dogs
- Healing Warriors
- Inner City Health Center
- Jefferson Center for Mental Health
- Jefferson County Human Services
- Jefferson County Public Library
- Jefferson County Workforce Center
- The Military Order of the Purple Heart
- New Beginnings Counseling
- A representative from Colorado's 7th Congressional District
- Phoenix Multisport
- Red Rocks Community College
- Team Red, White and Blue
- VA - Eastern Colorado Health Care System
- VA - Eastern Colorado Valor Point
- VA - Veterans Benefits Administration
- VA - Veterans Justice Outreach
- Veterans Assistance League of Colorado (VALCO)
- Veterans Integrated Service Network 19
- Veterans Reintegration Program
- Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA)
- Volunteers of America - Veterans Services
- Wounded Warriors



Civic Center Refresh. Residents of all ages came out on Aug. 27 to celebrate the refreshed Civic Center Plaza at 480 S. Allison Parkway. Renovations include water-wise plantings, attractive benches, two stages and a new exhibit of Art on the Commons. The changes make the plaza an inviting place for festivals, parties and events. Check out the upcoming events at www.Lakewood.org/plaza.



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all day long!

Free guided tours of the
**LAKWOOD
HERITAGE
CENTER**
11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

**FREE
WORLD
MUSIC
WORKSHOP**
(ages 10 and up)
on the Lakewood Civic Center plaza
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Come
Celebrate
Lakewood**

Saturday
Sept. 19

More information: 303-987-7050 • www.Lakewood.org/Cityweek