



Sidewalk progress

Lakewood has dedicated a sizable amount of money to building missing sections of sidewalks for the last several years, putting in needed sections that are important to safety and to a high quality of life in Lakewood.

Having sidewalks where residents want them is important because they provide a more comfortable and safer place for pedestrians to walk, particularly when there is a mix of uses such as stores, offices and residences.

Sidewalks, which sometimes also serve as bicycle paths, also increase transportation options for residents such as walking, cycling or taking buses or light rail, leading to a healthier community. The City has built a number of sections that make it easier and safer for residents to walk or cycle to stations on the W light rail line. But sidewalks also matter to motorists because they make roadways safer by ensuring that pedestrians aren't in the lanes of travel or close to motor vehicles, according to the Federal Highway Administration.

Lakewood has invested millions of dollars during the last several years to build sidewalks and bicycle paths, which are listed on page 7 along with soon-to-be-completed sections.

See Sidewalks page 7



Time for some cheer. Agents Moose Chavez, on the left, and Ray Lopez load presents for children into a Lakewood Police patrol car to prepare for the department's annual Christmas Cheer for Children. The program provides unwrapped presents to families that are unable to buy presents for their children. Lakewood agents nominate children for the program, and shortly before Christmas, agents deliver the presents to the parents who can wrap and give them to their children. The program also is a way for police agents to build positive relationships with the families they serve. The program accepts cash or unwrapped presents at the Police Department, 445 S. Allison Parkway. It also will have an "angel tree" at the Colorado Mills Mall on the weekends from Nov. 15 to Dec. 11 and gift drop-off boxes at the City's four recreation centers. For more information, call 303-987-7105 or email LPDvolunteercoordinator@lakewoodco.org.



Lakewood's new police chief

Lakewood has a new chief of police following a nationwide search conducted by the city. Dan McCasky, a 30-year veteran of the department who has been serving as the interim chief for the past five months, has

been selected to lead the Lakewood Police Department.

"We looked across the nation at candidates for this position, and Dan was the clear choice for leading the department," said City Manager Kathy Hodgson. "He brings experience, depth of knowledge and leadership qualities respected by his co-workers, peers and other agencies. Dan is a natural communicator who brings people together."

A Denver area resident for more than 40 years, McCasky, 54, has held line level, supervisory and leadership positions in all of the department's three divisions. He most recently served as the division chief of the Patrol Division.

He graduated from the University of Northern Colorado in 1984 with BA in sociology. He began his career in Lakewood in 1986, and in 1991 he earned a master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Colorado.



McCasky serves on a variety of committees and boards including the boards of the Ralston House and the Foothills Animal Shelter. He previously served as a board member for both the Colorado Association of Sex Crimes Investigators as well as the Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault. In 2007, he received the Police Service Medal for his work

with the Colorado Association of Sex Crimes Investigators.

As McCasky steps into his new role, he becomes the eighth police chief in the department's history. McCasky's promotion also brings to 72 the total number of police chiefs, sheriffs or law enforcement CEOs that Lakewood's nationally recognized and accredited department has produced.

"I am extremely honored for this opportunity to lead a premier law enforcement organization and one that I have been a part of for the past 30 years," said McCasky. "I am excited to continue the tradition of community policing and provide the high level of professional service that the Lakewood Police Department has historically achieved."

McCasky and his wife, Teresa, have two daughters as well as a son who is also a police officer in the Denver metro area.

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Letter from the mayor



2017 budget puts priority on safety, parks and pavement

How time flies! It's hard to believe that 2016 is coming to an end. Over the past year I have enjoyed working with City Council and our dedicated City staff, and most of all, I have been honored to work for you!

The hallmark of local government is that the work we do touches the lives of residents daily. While some of the issues can be complex, three tenets of local governance are straightforward: police, parks and potholes. City Council adopted the 2017 budget on Oct. 24, and this council's first budget passed unanimously. The budget's public process began in early September, culminating with two public hearings in October. I am pleased to report that the City is in good financial health, and we

take seriously the allocation of your tax dollars.

The spending in the 2017 budget reflects the City Council's Core Community Values (available at Lakewood.org/CouncilMission). At the top of the list is our commitment to a safe community. To ensure that Lakewood continues to be a safe and vibrant community, money was allocated for eight new police agents, two of whom will work to protect our older population against criminals who seek to exploit them. It is also important to make sure that we provide the tools needed for our agents to perform at a high level, and this budget will replace police agent's flip phones -- yes I said flip phones. Hard to imagine these still exist, but agents will now receive smartphones and new mobile computers in their patrol cars.

A quality living environment is another value. Parks fit this category, and we are lucky to have over 100 of them in Lakewood. We take great pride in them. Parks add to a quality living environment, and it's important to invest in them to make sure they continue to serve as meaningful amenities for all to

enjoy. After a robust community process including neighbors, staff and students from CU Denver, Lasley Park will be undertaking a major overhaul including new play places, walking paths, gardens and irrigation. We will also be expanding Sunset Park through acquiring more land, and we'll be replacing the amphitheater cover for the iconic stage at the Lakewood Heritage Center where so many residents enjoy summer concerts.

Quality transportation options are another value that adds to the livability and mobility in Lakewood. Money has been allocated to continue our important asphalt replacement program and fund a traffic study to address the ever-increasing traffic in and around the Union Boulevard corridor. Another top priority of council and our community is to find a new slash/organic waste recycling facility. As you know, we lost a location available to all those in the county a few years ago when it closed, and we are diligently looking for a new location, so stay tuned.

We have many things to be grateful for in Lakewood, and our

future is bright. I am proud of the work council has done and proud of the committed work our dedicated employees put in day in and day out. I am thrilled to welcome Dan McCasky as our new police chief, just the eighth in Lakewood's history. I have learned so much over the last year, met lots of remarkable people and learned about the many different aspects of community health. I am honored to work with the great residents of Lakewood who are passionate about their community. I have been amazed at the willingness to come together, to seek solutions and to solve problems. As we move into the holiday season, please take time to reflect on the things you're thankful for, enjoy your family and friends and, if possible, seek to help those who might need a little bit of help. I look forward to 2017, and remember, together we will do great things!

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Council Corner

With Thanksgiving coming and the holidays to follow, City Council wishes you many special days with your family and friends



Know your ward

Your representation on Lakewood City Council is tied to the ward in which you live. Two members on City Council represent residents in each of Lakewood's five wards, which are geographic areas of Lakewood with about the same number of residents. Knowing which ward you live in can help you contact the City Council members who represent you if you have a question or concern, or if you just want to learn about what issues are before City Council.

To find out which ward you live in, call the City Clerk's Office at 303-987-7080 or visit Lakewood.org/WardMap to view a map of the wards.



Mayor Adam Paul
Ramey Johnson & Charley Able, Ward 1
Scott Koop & Sharon Vincent, Ward 2
Pete Roybal & Shakti, Ward 3
David Wiechman & Barb Franks, Ward 4
Karen Harrison & Dana Gutwein, Ward 5



City Manager
Kathy Hodgson

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Some economic development basics

The activities that the Lakewood Economic Development Team undertakes help move us to become a more fully developed local economy, and the three most common ways to measure the success of our efforts are capital investment, jobs and growth in the local tax base.

Capital investment

When businesses invest in our community — construct buildings, install equipment, begin operations and pay employees in Lakewood — new dollars flow into our local economy. This new money circulates and recirculates in our growing economy. The number of businesses in Lakewood increased by 4.4 percent from 2015 to 2016, according to analysis of employment and wages data for Lakewood. This healthy increase is, in part, due to the efforts of the Lakewood Economic Development Team to attract businesses and facilitate startups. Each new business is an investment in our city, and capital (wealth) brought in by these businesses helps our local economy to grow.

The Economic Development Team monitors a variety of economic activities, and one measure is reflected in our Development Highlights Map. This map includes projects in Lakewood requiring construction, substantial tenant space improvements or notable capital investment. In 2015, this list included 21 completed projects for the year. In the first 10 months of 2016, the list included 23 completed projects with 28 more under construction. So it is not your



Construction, such as on this Centura Urgent Care facility at Wadsworth Boulevard and Girton Avenue, is a clear sign of capital investment in the community.

imagination; construction really did increase in 2016. You can see which projects are included by taking a look at our map at Lakewood.org/Development-Highlights-Map.

Jobs

An analysis of Lakewood's employment and wages data shows Lakewood businesses increased their total number of jobs by 2.53 percent from 2015 to 2016. Often the increase has been due to individual businesses increasing their number of workers, but it can also result from more businesses locating in our community. When the total number of jobs in an area increases, the overall wealth of the area increases. We measure these numbers in full-time equivalent jobs, but each job — full time or part time — is important to our economy.

All jobs add to our robust economy, and an increasing number of jobs indicates the local economy is growing. Economic developers work to attract all

kinds of jobs to fulfill the needs of the growing economy. However, attracting jobs paying above average wages and primary jobs are especially desirable.

Primary jobs are ones local companies provide, and the revenue to pay these workers comes from sources outside the area. As an example, if a company in Lakewood makes widgets and sells those widgets to markets in Chicago, then money from Chicago is transferred to Lakewood. The local workers are paid in the "Chicago dollars" but spend their wages near where they work. They spend their money in local restaurants and stores. Our economy grows because these new dollars have entered our marketplace.

This concept is often referred to as a multiplier effect. One primary job has a multiplying positive impact on the local economy because new dollars flow to Lakewood. Primary jobs generally have higher multipliers

than non-primary jobs and are therefore greatly desired. Most often, jobs are considered primary based on where the employing firm sells its goods and services. This is among the reasons that economic development professionals seek to attract and expand enterprises with high numbers of primary jobs.

Growth in local tax base

Capital investment in local real estate, fixtures and equipment increases overall community value. This is good for our local tax base. While the percentage of property tax does not increase (taxes don't go up), the overall dollars do. The same tax rate is applied to rising property values, and more dollars are available to facilitate local government services in the community.

Sales tax revenue is an important component of Lakewood's local tax base, and greater numbers of sales mean more dollars are available for government services such as public safety, roads, recreation and parks. Again, the tax rate doesn't go up, but the same percentage applied to greater transaction values indicates a growing economy. Sales and sales tax revenues may fluctuate from quarter to quarter. Often the fourth quarter, which includes Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Hanukkah, sees greatly increased local sales. Generally, sales taxes are collected and tallied on an annual basis by February of the following year.

Lakewood retail sales increased by 4.85 percent between 2014 and 2015, according to the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports. While an increase is forecasted overall for 2016, the percentage increase may not be as large. We'll be keeping an eye on fourth quarter sales, and this will also be the first year the effect of local sales tax collections on purchases made through online retailer Amazon will be included in the mix.

The Lakewood Economic Development Team, local officials and area businesses will continue to engage in activities that bring jobs, capital investment and positive growth to the tax base of our community.

Welcome to



Listed below are openings of new businesses and important milestones.

AFC Urgent Care
12105 W. Alameda Pkwy., Suite 100
720-408-6189
AFCUrgentCareLakewood.com

Bonfils Blood Center
5066 S. Wadsworth Blvd., Suite 111
303-363-2300
Bonfils.org

Club Pilates Belmar
437 S. Wadsworth Blvd., Suite F
720-789-1011
ClubPilates.com/Belmar

Compassionate Senior Guidance
7830 W. Alameda Ave., Suite 288
303-981-2815
CompassionateSeniorGuidance.com

F.Y.E.
14500 W. Colfax Ave.
720-900-4825
FYE.com

Golden Puzzle Room
860 Tabor St., Suite 210
303-396-7359
GoldenPuzzleRoom.com

Jefferson Plaza Family Health Home
3595 S. Teller St.
303-432-5144
Jcmh.org

Lakewood Modern Dentistry
7650 W. Virginia Ave., Suite A
303-222-0296
LakewoodModernDentistry.com

Little Red Hen Creative Studio
1169 S. Alkire St.
720-598-2738
LittleRedHenArt.com

Mile High Visas
14142 Denver West Parkway, Suite 101
888-243-2033
MileHighVisas.Com

Minuteman Press
180 S. Union Blvd., Suite 107
720-643-5416
LakewoodUnion.MinutemanPress.com

MILESTONES

Barley Haven
Five year anniversary
1057 S. Wadsworth Blvd.
303-936-2337
BarelyHaven.com

Gold Crown Foundation
30 year anniversary
150 S. Harlan St.
GoldCrownFoundation.com

Pickering's Auto Service
40 year anniversary
90 S. Wadsworth Blvd.
720-636-9110
PickeringAuto.com

Rockley Music
70 year anniversary
8555 W. Colfax Ave.
303-233-4444
RockleyMusic.com



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

Mayor's Award



Who inspired you? Tell us about it!

There are remarkable people and organizations in our community, and it's time to recognize their inspiring work and commitment with the Mayor's Inspiration Award. In its inaugural year, the award will recognize any youth, individual, neighborhood, business, civic association and organization that has made an extraordinary contribution to the Lakewood community during 2016.

Nominations will be accepted from Jan. 3 to Feb. 10. Hate filling out nomination forms? Submit a video nomination instead. Nominations can be submitted online at Lakewood.org/MayorsAwards, 

emailed to Angela Cline at angcli@lakewood.org or mailed to her attention at City Hall, 480 S. Allison Parkway, Lakewood, 80226. Questions can be directed to her as well at 303-987-7098.

Whether it's an online, video or old-fashioned paper nomination, we look forward to hearing about the inspirational efforts in our city. Winners will be selected in March, and an awards ceremony and presentation will take place in the spring.

Lakewood's Advisory Commission for an Inclusive Community, which consists of residents who advise City Council

on issues important to Lakewood, recommended the creation of the award as a way to acknowledge those having a significant impact in the community. The awards program is also carrying forward the values of the All-America City Award that Lakewood has won in 2016 and 2011 by recognizing contributions in community engagement, collaboration, inclusiveness, diversity, innovation and community impact.

There is not a specific number of awards available, and multiple awards could be given in each category. The categories are as follows:

- Youth: any individual under age 18
- Individual: any individual age 18 or older
- Neighborhood: any neighborhood including those that do not have a designated neighborhood organization or homeowners' association
- Business: any business with a Lakewood sales tax license
- Civic association: any association or service organization including Kiwanis, Elks, Rotary and Boy and Girls Scouts
- Organization: any organization that does not fit into another category.

Recycle your leftover paint, pesticides



Household Hazardous Waste

Rooney Road Recycling Center accepts a wide range of household hazardous waste, allowing Lakewood residents to properly dispose of cleaners, pesticides, fertilizers, antifreeze, electronics and much more. Residents must make an appointment from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays to use the center at 151 S. Rooney Road.

Check out the list that follows of accepted items and the cost. For additional information or to make

an appointment, please call 303-316-6262 or visit RooneyRoadRecycling.org. 

Household chemicals and waste: Cleaners, batteries, solvents, pesticides, fertilizers and antifreeze accepted for a \$20 charge for up to 75 pounds. Fire extinguishers and propane cylinders have separate fees. Motor oil and car batteries accepted for free.

Used paint: Recycle your used paint for free as long as the paint is in the original can that's no larger

than five gallons with the label and secured lid.

Electronics: Wide range of electronics accepted for \$1.25 a pound, which includes secure erasing of hard drives.

Items not accepted: Radioactive items, smoke detectors, prescription medications, syringes and sharps, explosives and Freon-containing items.

Qualified small businesses can use the center but are charged the full cost of recycling.

2017 Annual Budget

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

Community policing is the foundation of the Lakewood Police Department, and the commitment to that approach will be strengthened in Lakewood's 2017 annual budget with the addition of eight police agents to the department.

The added staff will provide more time for agents to focus on community policing. It also will allow the department to create an elder abuse unit to investigate crimes against seniors and at-risk adults, with two of the eight agents serving in the new unit and

the other six serving in the Patrol Division.

Community policing is centered on agents getting to know residents, business owners and community members and focusing on working with them to fight crime and solve issues. It also relies on agents patrolling the same area of the city for a significant period of time to develop those relationships so that police understand the community and the community understands the police.

About one-quarter of the city is devoted to parks, open space

and trails, and next year's budget includes several improvements to the parks. Cracked and deteriorated walking paths will be replaced in several parks, and Lasley Park in southeast Lakewood will be renovated following a master plan based on the desires of the neighborhood.

The general fund budget is \$128 million, which accounts for two-thirds of the City's budget. The general fund pays for the majority of the services the City provides to residents, and sales taxes paid by shoppers generate 66 percent

of this money. The total City budget for next year is \$200 million, which includes money used for important maintenance or improvements to the City's facilities and other infrastructure and restricted funds that can only be spent for specific purposes.

The 2017 budget provides \$12 million for annual expenses including the City's street repaving and maintenance program and traffic safety. The City will revamp a troublesome intersection in south Lakewood at Grant Ranch Boulevard and Crestline Avenue, and it will study the Union Boulevard corridor for traffic improvements for the City Council to consider.

Lakewood has been successful in containing costs, which has allowed the City to keep its level of service to residents stable. The City's savings account, also known as "reserves" or the "fund balance," is expected to be \$22 million at the end of 2017. The City continually works to balance putting these savings to work for the community while ensuring that adequate reserves are available to weather economic downturns and maintain services for residents.

Review the budget at online at Lakewood.org/Budgets.

Where does the money come from?

Sales & Use	64%
Charges for Services	11%
Property Taxes	7%
Franchise Charges	6%
Intergovernmental Revenues	4%
Other Taxes	3%
Licenses & Permits	3%
Fines & Forfeits	1%
All Other Revenue	1%
	100%

Where does the money go?

Public Safety	47%
Planning & Public Works	20%
Community Resources	18%
Internal Services	11%
Governance & Civic Involvement	4%
	100%

Arts & PARKS



FREE! EXHIBIT: "DEEP CANYONS, TALES OF WONDER"

Exhibit runs through January 6, 2017
Richey Gallery, Lakewood Civic Center South
Lakewood.org/Exhibits

AQUILA THEATRE PRESENTS WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S "MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING"

7:30 p.m., Friday, November 18
Lakewood Cultural Center
Lakewood.org/LCCPresents

This exuberant, philosophical and festive romantic comedy excels in combative wit, melodrama, and potential tragedy. Don't miss Aquila Theatre's fresh take on this Shakespeare classic! Tickets at Lakewood.org/LCCPresents.

FALL BREAK CAMPS

Daily, November 21-23
Lakewood.org/Camps

School is out and fun is in! Register your kids ages 5-12 for Fall Break Camps in volleyball, gymnastics or multisport. They get to play and you get peace of mind! Preregister using activity number 350005.

55+ SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE FEATURING LOIS LANE BAND

7-10 p.m., Saturday, November 26
Clements Community Center
Lakewood.org/ClementsCenter

Enjoy three hours of dancing to a live band, plus refreshments. Meet new people and have a good time! Cost is \$7 per person; doors open at 6 p.m.

55+ WORKSHOP: CREATE AN ORIGINAL HOLIDAY CARD

9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, December 3
Clements Community Center
Lakewood.org/Register

Design a great holiday card using your personal photos. Bring photos you'd like to use, either prints or on a USB drive. You'll print the final product in class, and leave with information on how to order more. Register with activity number 880131.

2017 SHELTER RENTALS OPEN

10 a.m., Monday, December 5
Lakewood.org/ShelterRentals

Go online to reserve your favorite park shelters for all of your festive and family gatherings!

FULL MOON HIKE

4:30-6 p.m., Tuesday, December 13
Bear Creek Lake Park
Lakewood.org/BCLPEvents

Leave those flashlights at home for this unique hiking adventure. You will be guided by a park naturalist along the park's trails and surrounding green spaces. These hikes are designed for the whole family, but each will average an hour and a half of walking on uneven terrain. No dogs.

KIDS HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOPS

6-8 p.m., Wednesday, December 14 and Thursday, December 15
Lakewood Cultural Center
Lakewood.org/Workshops

Join us for some fun with a family-friendly holiday workshop! All levels welcome, no art experience needed. On Dec. 14 we'll be making a paper wreath, and on Dec. 15 we'll be making a sock snowman. Join us for one or both sessions, using activity number 379102 to register.

Sign up to receive the latest arts, parks and recreation news at Lakewood.org/Publications.

News & Information

Donations and partnerships support City programs

Lakewood offers an extensive array of services, events and programs to address the varied interests and needs of our residents, and the City works hard to find alternative funding, grants and partnerships in the community to help pay for these.

Businesses in the city, foundations and other organizations have genuinely responded with support, and their help comes in all forms from in-kind donations such as time and materials to substantial financial contributions. Contributors most frequently provide support to programs for children and youth, with donors including Lakewood-based FirstBank, a local law firm, churches and foundations.

This year, the Ultra Camp Foundation provided funds to pay for scholarships for children and young adults to attend Lakewood's Camp Paha, which is a summer program uniquely serving the disabled community by providing excellent activities, outdoor adventures and important training in life skills. Ross Stores provided gift certificates to the Lakewood Girl's Circle Probation Program, which works with girls on probation to foster ways for the girls to make good choices and decisions in their lives, build their self-esteem and create mentoring

relationships through activities and discussion. The gift cards are used as a reward for girls who graduate from the program and as a way to learn about responsible shopping behaviors.

The needs of all children in the city were at the forefront of help the City received for the universal playground coming to Carmody Park. The innovative playground will provide features designed specifically for children with special needs or physical challenges to be able to use the playground and play with able-bodied children. Half of the budget for the Carmody Park project is coming from Jefferson County Open Space and Great Outdoors Colorado, which is funded by Colorado Lottery proceeds.

The City has received grants and donations for historical and art projects including one from a resident to the tune of \$11,000 as well as others from Hamon Infrastructure, the Colorado Historical Society and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Lakewood also builds partnerships through sponsorships, which have included Foothills Credit Union, St. Anthony Hospital, Front Range Lumber and several other companies.

These sponsorships bolster City events and exhibits, strengthening their reach and appeal to the community.

If you are interested in supporting a City event, program

or facility, please contact Emily Andrews, resource development supervisor, at 303-987-7871 or emiand@lakewood.org.



Recycle your used cooking oil

7 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 26
at the Quail Street Recycling Center
1068 Quail St.

Recycle your waste cooking oil during this once-a-year event for Lakewood residents to help divert it from the landfill and municipal sewer systems.

Used cooking oil is recycled into locally produced and used biodiesel.



Sponsored by City of Lakewood's Environmental Services Division and Clear Ecos.

PARTNER NEWS

News from our partners in government

The New Rose Stein International Elementary

- Construction and renovation of over \$3.4 million, including: new windows and doors, new LED lighting throughout the building, new heating/cooling units, new playgrounds, paint, carpet, and more. Construction is scheduled to be completed by early October.
- Community open house events to tour the renovated school will be scheduled throughout the fall/winter/spring. Dates to be announced soon.
- Preschool program will now be housed inside the main building with all the other kindergarten through sixth-graders, creating an inclusive welcoming environment for all families Pre-K through sixth grade.
- The Stein Kids Clinic, which was previously housed in a temporary building, will now be moved into the main building.

IB PYP Candidate School

Rose Stein International is a candidate school for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP) and is pursuing authorization as an IB World School.

The International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme is a comprehensive, concept-based curriculum framework, which utilizes inquiry as the primary method of instruction to promote the development of higher level thinking. Check out the organization's website at <http://www.ibo.org>.

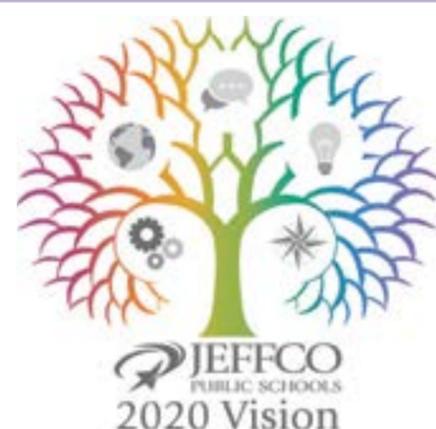
Open Enrollment Begins January 17

Rose Stein International will open to students for the 2017-18 school year.

The Jefferson County Board of Education has been provided with boundary proposals and input from the community. They are scheduled to determine boundaries in November.

For More Information

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Rose Stein International Elementary
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Lakewood, CO 80226



Police resources address domestic violence

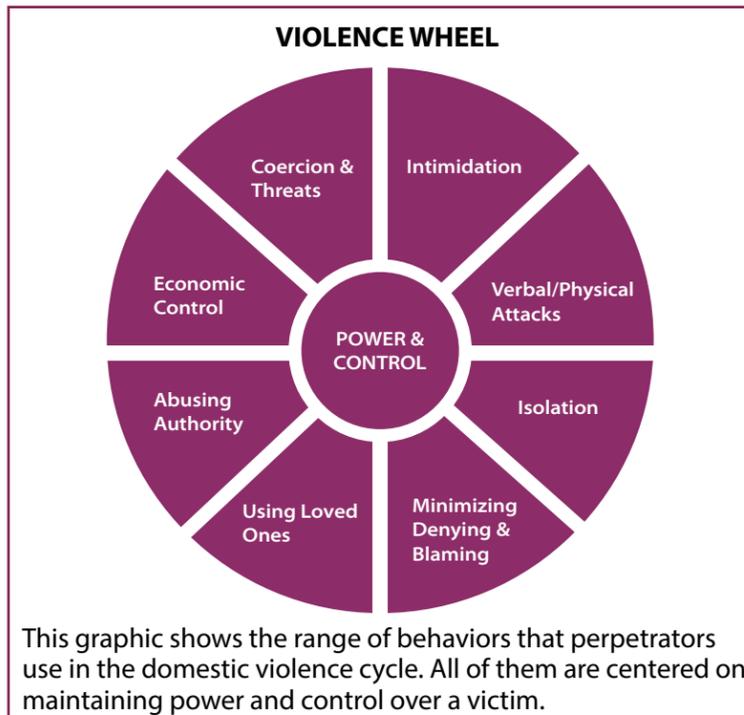
Domestic violence is a crime that is about power and control, and perpetrators use mental, emotional, financial and physical abuse to keep control of a victim. On average, it takes seven times for a victim to leave a perpetrator before the victim leaves for good.

The Lakewood Police Department devotes a wide range of resources to trying to end the cycle of this significant societal problem, and it starts with agents answering 911 calls about domestic violence.

Just as importantly, these calls for help result in the Police Department's Victim Assistance Unit responding. The unit provides crisis intervention services and advocacy for victims and survivors of domestic violence.

"The Victim Assistance Unit is critical to helping those harmed by domestic violence to get connected to the resources, services and support they need immediately," said Lindsey Bravdica, the unit's supervisor.

Members of the unit are available 24 hours a day. If needed,



victim advocates can help victims and witnesses get to a safe house in the metro area. They also can get victims and witnesses connected to counseling services and support groups to help with the trauma caused by the crime.

Advocates from the unit also

provide information on protection orders, safety plans, how the criminal justice system works, what rights victims have and how victims can access compensation available to crime victims. Advocates also attend court hearings with the victim.

"We help empower victims to make their own informed decisions," Bravdica said. "We are not there to tell them what they should do."

The unit collaborates with numerous agencies such as Victim Outreach Inc., Family Tree, Ralston House, the District Attorney's Office, Jefferson Center for Mental Health and several other agencies to provide services to victims and witnesses.

If you or someone you know is in a relationship involving domestic violence and would like help or information, please call the Victim Assistance line at 303-987-7191.

The unit helps victims of numerous other crimes ranging from criminal mischief and burglary to assaults and kidnappings. Anyone in the community can use victim advocates to find resources and information by calling the unit's phone number listed above. Information is also available at Lakewood.org by clicking on the "government" tab, then "department," followed by "police." Look for "victim services" on the menu on the left side of the page.



Sidewalks from page 1

Despite the progress, the list of sidewalks that residents want is significant. Each year, Lakewood receives numerous requests from residents for sidewalks and bicycle path improvements. These requests are documented and compete for funding. Currently, the City has about 150 locations on the list, which represents about 50 miles of sidewalks and bike paths.

An estimate of the cost to complete all of these requests is more than \$100 million. Priority is typically given to major streets where a high volume of pedestrian and bicycle traffic occurs routinely. A recent update to the list is available by clicking on "Requested Sidewalk Locations" at Lakewood.org/Budoets.

Completed projects – 2010-2016

- Pierce Street, east side, north of West Colfax Avenue.
- Wadsworth Boulevard, east and west sides, from West 10th to West 14th avenues.
- Oak Street, west side, from north of the Oak Station to West Colfax Avenue.
- Yale Avenue, south side, west of Yukon Street.
- Sheridan Boulevard, west side, from West 13th to West 14th avenues.
- 11th Avenue Head Start facility connection to a bridge over Dry Gulch to access the Lamar Station Crossing apartments.
- Independence Street, west side, from West Colfax Avenue south for

- several hundred feet.
- Garrison Street, east side, from Lakewood Village Drive to West Village Parkway.
- West Sixth Avenue Frontage Road, north side, from Independence to Garrison streets.
- Kipling Street, east side, from Lakewood Heights Drive to West 15th Place.
- Union Boulevard, east side, from the HAWK signal near 260 Union Blvd. to Federal Center Station on the W Line.
- Union Boulevard, east side, from West Second Place to the HAWK signal.
- Simms Street, east side, south of Collins Avenue.
- West Sixth Avenue Frontage Road, south side, from Arbutus Drive to Zang Avenue.
- Lamar Street, east side, from West 13th to West 14th avenues.
- Quail Street, east side, from south of West Rail Road to West Colfax Avenue.
- Mississippi Avenue, south side, from Butler Way to Brentwood Street and Ammons to Yarrow streets.
- Virginia Avenue alignment from Queen to Quail streets.
- West 14th Avenue, north side, from Pierce to Otis streets.
- West 14th Avenue, south side, from Depew Street to Sheridan Boulevard.
- Wadsworth Boulevard, west side, from West 23rd Place to West 24th Avenue.

- Wadsworth Boulevard, east side, from West 22nd to West 25th avenues.
- Sheridan Boulevard, west side, from West Ellsworth to West Fourth avenues.
- Kipling Parkway, west side, from West Exposition Avenue to Kentucky Drive.
- Kipling Street, west side, from Carmody Lane to West Iliff Avenue.

Soon-to-be completed

- Wadsworth Boulevard, east and west sides, from West 10th Avenue to Highland Drive – to be completed in 2017.
- First Avenue, north side, from Newland to Harlan streets – to be completed in 2017.
- Sheridan Boulevard, west side, from West Sixth to West 10th avenues – to be completed in 2018.

Lakewood
Full of Possibilities

City of Lakewood
Holiday Lights Recycling

Recycle your old, broken and unused strings of lights!

Friday, Nov. 25 - Sunday, Jan. 15
Collection totes will be located at the
Quail Street Recycling Center
1068 Quail St.
7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

All types of holiday string lights accepted.
No sorting necessary.

Responsible electronics recycling services provided by

MEtech
RECYCLING

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

H*oliday Happenings

The Rink at Belmar opening weekend

Community toy and canned food driver for the Action Center
11 a.m. on Nov. 18 to 9 p.m. on Nov. 20
The Plaza at Belmar
South Teller Street
BelmarColorado.com

Celebrating Santa

RSVP to celebrate Santa's arrival
8:30 a.m., Nov. 12
Colorado Mills
14500 W. Colfax Ave.
Simon.com/Mall/colorado-mills

Pet photos with Santa

6-7:30 p.m., Nov. 13
Colorado Mills
14500 W. Colfax Ave.
Simon.com/Mall/colorado-mills

Caring Santa

RSVP for this event for special needs children
9 a.m., Nov. 20
Colorado Mills
14500 W. Colfax Ave.
Simon.com/Mall/colorado-mills

Free Exhibit: Nutcracker Collection of Paul Noel Fiorino

Dec. 1-31
Corner Gallery
Lakewood Cultural Center
470 S. Allison Parkway
Lakewood.org/Exhibits

Lakewood Lights

Free event filled with family-friendly activities
5:30-8:30 p.m., Dec. 2 & Dec. 3
Lakewood Heritage Center
801 S. Yarrow St.
Lakewood.org/HolidayLights

Skate with Santa

1-3 p.m., Dec. 3, 10, 17
The Rink at Belmar
South Teller Street
BelmarColorado.com

Washington Heights Annual Art & Pottery Sale

Unique pottery, art, jewelry and gifts made by Lakewood-area artists
10 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 3
Washington Heights Arts Center
6375 W. First Ave.
Lakewood.org/WashingtonHeights

Winter Solstice Celebration

Celebrate the first day of winter with a night hike and gathering around the campfire
6-8 p.m., Dec. 21
Register by Dec. 16
Bear Creek Lake Park
15600 W. Morrison Road
Lakewood.org/BCLPEvents

Noon Year's Eve at The Rink

Mountain Edge Figure Skating Club performs
10:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Dec. 31
The Rink at Belmar
South Teller Street
BelmarColorado.com



LCC Presents Timothy P. & the Rocky Mountain Stocking Stuffers

Holiday favorites with a twist
7:30 p.m., Dec. 2
2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3
2 p.m., Dec. 4
Lakewood.org/LCCPresents

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LAKWOOD RECREATION 5-VISIT PUNCH CARD
Available for purchase at any recreation center November 25-December 24

\$15 Adult, \$10 Youth/Senior

Pass valid at any City of Lakewood recreation center

Music, free photos with Santa highlights of Lakewood Lights

Light up your holidays with Lakewood Lights, the seasonal favorite that includes free photos with Santa and an old-fashion sensibility.

This free annual celebration includes music, hay-wagon rides, holiday ornament making, and of course, strolling through the Lakewood Heritage Center decked out in its best holiday lights.

Join Lakewood Mayor Adam Paul and Green Mountain High School's Shadows of the Mountain Choir for the official tree lighting at 5:45 p.m. on Dec. 2 at the Heritage Center, 801 S. Yarrow St. The event continues 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Dec. 3 with a performance by bFlatirons a cappella. Both nights offer cocoa and cookies in the historic White Way Grill, tours of the museum and shopping opportunities at the museum's 20th Century Emporium, featuring retro and unique gifts.

For more information, call 303-987-7850 or visit Lakewood.org/HolidayLights.

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December 2 & 3

