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Lakewood Police wearing body-worn cameras

Lakewood's police agents and civilian community service officers are now trained and outfitted with body-worn cameras, bringing an enhancement to the Police Department's efforts to support transparency and build trust with the community.

All patrol agents now wear the camera in plain sight on their chests or belt area. These cameras capture both audio and video recordings of police interactions with the public.

When agents respond to a call for service, they are required to turn on their cameras. In addition, agents manually activate their cameras for all officer-initiated enforcement and investigative contacts including traffic stops. If agents draw their tasers or firearms, their body camera automatically activates along with the cameras of the agents in the immediate vicinity.

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Sustainable Neighborhoods Program celebrates 10th anniversary



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The Sustainable Eiber Neighborhood celebrates Eiber School community garden.

They say aluminum is the gift for a 10-year anniversary because it symbolizes strength and resiliency, and those values fittingly represent Lakewood's Sustainable Neighborhoods Program.

The program is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, and for a decade it has successfully married residents' drive to live more sustainably with support from the city to bring strength and resiliency to neighborhoods across the city.

In 2012, Lakewood launched this innovative, one-of-a-kind program with the goal of harnessing the passion, ideas and know-how of residents to create meaningful projects that advance community sustainability. In the last 10 years, the program has garnered participation from 10 neighborhoods that have delivered more than 700 initiatives and projects while engaging more than 30,000 neighbors in the process.

"The magic of this program is that the projects and initiatives are resident-driven and resident-led," says Christy Cerrone, the program's coordinator in Lakewood's Sustainability Division. "Our office helps the volunteer neighborhood leaders gather resources and information for their events, but all of the ideas are theirs."

The programs and initiatives the neighborhoods have undertaken reflect the diversity of residents and their interests, and they cover a wide range of topics:

- Morse Park's tree planting program.
- Eiber's Bee-Safe initiative.
- Lake Lockwood Village's disaster preparedness and resiliency training.
- Green Mountain's school lunchroom recycling program.
- Three paint recycling events organized by neighborhoods, collecting 142,289 pounds of paint to divert from the landfill, with latex paint products filtered and resold under the GreenSheen Paint label.
- Multiple community gardens, seed swaps, energy workshops, street cleanups, garden tours, recycling days and community bike rides across numerous neighborhoods.



Learn more about these projects at Lakewood.org/SustainableNeighborhoods.

"Ten years as a Sustainable Neighborhood has produced so many interactions with neighbors that would likely never have happened otherwise," said Doug Wells with the Belmar Sustainable Neighborhood. "The Sustainable Neighborhoods Program and the support from the city has allowed us to draw together and work on projects of mutual interest. Whether it is a neighborhood trash pickup, a workshop or a day at our community garden, committing to the Sustainable Neighborhoods Program over the last decade has made Belmar a better place."



All of this work supports the unique city certification that is part of the program. Participating neighborhoods earn credits for their efforts completing projects in one of five categories: energy, air, water, land and people. Depending on the number of credits earned in a given year, neighborhoods receive designation as a Participating or as an Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhood annually, and the neighborhoods receive city signs to put up in neighborhoods to show their accomplishments.

In 2012, the Sustainable Neighborhoods Program began in the Belmar and Eiber neighborhoods, which became Lakewood's first two certified Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhoods. Belmar and Eiber have recertified through the program each year since at that level. They have been joined by eight additional neighborhoods: Southern Gables, Lake Lochwood

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MAYOR



Adam Paul

Spring is officially here, bringing with it the joy of renewal, hope and growth. Mother Nature’s seasons can be metaphorical for us as we continue to adjust to new norms after being in a virtual “winter” for the last two years. I encourage you to get out to enjoy the blooming flowers, greening grass and all that Lakewood has to offer!


City Council held its annual planning session in late February, and it was a great opportunity to get to know one another better and work together on priorities that will shape the direction of the city. This year’s session was the best that I have attended since becoming mayor. I learned a lot, especially from our six new members. I also want you to know that your City Council is focused and dedicated.

We recommitted to goals for public safety, sustainability, infrastructure and the city’s financial health. Two of the top issues that we will address moving forward pertain to affordable housing and homelessness. I would like to focus on the latter. We have all certainly seen the increase in residents who are unhoused. I appreciate the compassion that Lakewood has exhibited for those

residents; however, I understand the frustrations too. We are tackling this issue countywide through a coordinated effort in partnership with our neighbors in Jeffco. This will lead to the creation of navigation centers although these are still a ways out from completion. At the same time, the city is launching a more immediate response to address sanitation, trash and other prevalent issues along with designating budgeted funds for this issue, which will bring faster relief not only to those struggling with homeless but also to the surrounding community. This will complement the homeless navigators we have had in place for some time. Homelessness is a complicated issue that money alone can’t fix or the government solve on its own. We need your help, support, kindness and understanding. Most of

all, as programs are being developed, I ask for your patience and welcome your input.

Let us spring forward and embrace new growth in our everyday lives. We have been through so much, and today we should celebrate the road ahead. Great success comes when a community unites to address challenging issues. We can do this Lakewood!



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We are building an inclusive community.

WARD 1



Charley Able

A long-simmering Ward 1 zoning dispute involving Colorado Christian University was decided in the city’s favor recently, but CCU wants a do-over.

Jefferson County District Court Judge Russell Klein ruled that the City of Lakewood acted within its authority when it banned CCU’s use of neighborhood homes as *de-facto* dormitories.

The university owns several duplexes on the east side of South Cody Court and wanted to evict the current residents and instead house students in the units.

Klein’s ruling upheld Lakewood’s zoning rules controlling neighborhood density and regulating university uses, including “student living units” in those neighborhoods.

CCU, which filed the initial request for summary judgement, now has asked Klein to overturn his own ruling and send the case to trial.

The city and Ward 1 residents Lenore Herskovitz and Robert Baker, who were granted “intervenor” status in the case, have filed objections to the request to send the case to trial.

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It is important for Lakewood residents to share their vision for our community. An example of the impact community voices can have was highlighted during the process to allocate \$400,000 to West Colfax improvements from Carr to Simms streets. This funding was made available through the American Rescue Plan and other funds, providing for one-time infrastructure investments. The priorities for this

investment were drawn from the West Colfax Vision 2040 Action Plan, created in cooperation with residents in 2015 and an update started in 2021 to support the evolution of West Colfax.

This year from January to March, 125 residents responded to a survey on how the \$400k should be applied to beautification including opportunities for art, more trash bins and other items (all 2040 Plan priorities). You can keep yourself informed on city projects looking for community input at LakewoodTogether.org.

I also want to thank residents for taking the time to reach out with invites to me for tours, visits and chats on the phone. Please keep sharing!

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WARD 2



Sharon Vincent

There are many updates on new and continuing projects around Lakewood. We are also getting increasing questions and comments about homeless encampments, the price of housing in Lakewood, and related issues we are working to make progress on.

The update for Walker-Branch Park is reaching the final stages, with the



Sophia Mayott-Guerrero

draft site concept and master plan coming soon to LakewoodTogether.org/WalkerBranchPlan for review! We are delighted that so many neighbors in Lakewood and Edgewater participated in the process. The restructured playground at Morse Park is entering the final stages, a welcome update to playground features that will be enjoyed by all. The biggest park news may be that the long-awaited Two Creeks

Park plan is now underway at 12th and Wadsworth. There will be neighborhood meetings to provide input and solicit information from residents, as well as a booth for the plan at the Rockin’ Block Party on June 4 for providing feedback. These upcoming items will be posted on LakewoodTogether.org and the Two Creeks Neighborhood email.

There’s also some activity on the southwest corner of Colfax and Wadsworth. This will be a small sculpture park. A huge thank you to everyone in the city and community for making this happen. This is a great addition to a busy corridor, and a taste of what is to come.

Homelessness is an increasingly widespread, visible, and heart-breaking issue across Lakewood, and it was voted as a top priority in our City Council planning session in February. In addition to the folks

who are homeless you might see on the side of roads, there are even more people on the brink of losing their homes or who find themselves without a safe and stable place to rest. We need a crisis-level response to this emergency that cares for the people experiencing homelessness and housing instability with options across the city. This includes creating more options for short-term housing and emergency shelters, addressing public health and hygienic issues, and providing more methods to deal with trash and debris.

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WARD 3



Anita Springsteen

Democracy dies in darkness, and cruelty, and silence. I recently received a death threat over my city email. This happened right after my home was broken into and flooded while I attended the National League of Cities (NLC) Conference, resulting in \$100,000 in damage. Another councilor experienced similar damage to property, which also appears to be foul play.

NLC recently released a report, which finds that harassment, threats and violence directed at local elected officials are rising at an alarming rate. Atlanta’s mayor stated, “People are choosing emotional and mental health and well-being over public service, and that is a dangerous point for us to be in as a country.” This thug culture that was created by Lakewood city leaders to force submission and cater to greed is inexcusable. Shame on those who encourage such attacks on fellow officials or are complicit through silence. Where is compassion and humanity?

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Rebekah Stewart

One of the top priorities coming out of the City Council planning session this year was innovative solutions to housing affordability in our community and increasing opportunities for accessible homeownership in particular. At least 1 in 2 Lakewood residents are cost burdened with their housing, meaning they are paying more than 30% of their income just for rent or a mortgage.

A human working for the state minimum wage needs to work 100 hours a week to afford the median rent in Lakewood. Housing cost and availability is a significant barrier to many of our neighbor’s abilities to have a fair shot at getting ahead. Your City Council is hard at work tackling these issues, understanding that there is no single easy fix but rather a combination of policies and investments that will require us to be bold, innovative, and willing to try (maybe even fail!). It’s time we take more significant steps to do better for you and the future of our community.

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WARD 4



Barb Franks

We hope your spring is off to a great start and that you are enjoying the warmer weather and the increased opportunities to get outdoors and enjoy Lakewood’s parks and open spaces. While the Zoom platform allows more people to participate in direct engagement with us, we recognize that meeting in person is preferred



Rich Olver

by many. Therefore, in the coming months we will be alternating between a Zoom meeting and an in-person meeting. Every other month, you will continue to have an opportunity to receive community updates and ask questions via a Zoom meeting on Saturday, at 9:30-10:30 a.m.; on the alternate months those updates and questions will be

conveyed via an in-person meeting, of which the day, time and location are to be determined. That’s where you come in. We’d love to hear from you regarding the days of the week and times of the day that work best for you and your family. Send us an email or leave a voicemail to share your preference, and we’ll compile the results to determine whether we will set a status day/time or rotate the day/time to provide several opportunities to connect throughout the year. Additionally, if you know of a venue in Ward 4 that may we willing to offer a meeting space every other month, feel free to share that as well. Of course, you can always reach out to us anytime if a question or concern comes up, and we’ll do our best to answer or ensure it gets

routed to the agency/person best able to respond. And finally, the Housing Policy Commission (HPC) continues its work on policy related to short-term rentals. Keep an eye on the HPC and City Council meeting agendas at [LakewoodSpeaks.org](https://lakewoodspeaks.org) if you want to weigh in on the topic as City Council works to finalize the policy this year.

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WARD 5



Wendi Strom

Your input matters. At our March 28 City Council meeting, over 100 of our Lakewood residents and neighbors showed up in unity to demonstrate their support for Bear Creek Lake Park and in opposition to the proposed lake expansion being considered by the Army Corps of Engineers and the Colorado Water Conservation Board. The potential changes being considered on this property would change the original



Mary Janssen

intent of the dam in the park from “flood control” to potentially adding water storage of up to 20,000-acre feet of water. In comparison, the lake behind the dam holds approximately 2,000-acre feet now. The feedback we have heard from the community in that council meeting, via email, and even in our most recent Ward 5 meeting has outlined numerous negative impacts that this change would impart on

our community. Impacts include increased flood risks to downstream homes, inundating and displacing wildlife, altering the recreation and social well-being of many of our community members, to name a few. After seeing the community members show up so actively to communicate their concerns and to request help in advocating for this cherished park in our city, City Council is submitting a formal proclamation to the Army Corps of Engineers asking the agency to place heavy consideration on the less impactful alternatives that have been proposed. Alternatives can be done across the state that would impact wildlife and human social well-being significantly less than what is currently being considered. Note: You can find out more about the expansion being considered at [Lakewood.org/BCreservoir](https://lakewood.org/BCreservoir).

Whether it was about this or another matter that is important to you, thank you to those who have reached out. Your voices helped this happen. Also, we have a new Ward 5 newsletter! Email Council member Janssen to sign up if you’d like to receive our monthly updates. The recent newsletter is also available to read and subscribe to by clicking on our profiles at Lakewood.org/CityCouncil. **Wendi Strom** 303-987-7767 wstrom@lakewood.org **Mary Janssen** 303-987-7776 mjanssen@lakewood.org

Economic Development

Meet the Economic Development Team

The Lakewood Economic Development Team assists new and existing businesses and works to support the overall economic vitality of our community. But how well do you really know the team? Learn more to see what you have in common with each of our team members. Plus, hear about hidden gems in areas of Lakewood they work with the most that contribute to the uniqueness of our community.

Robert Smith, the economic development director, is a Colorado native who was born in Northglenn. He graduated from Metropolitan State College (now Metro State University), home of the Roadrunners. When he was younger, his most unusual jobs included delivering singing telegrams and working as a Jungle Cruise skipper at Walt Disney World. Robert has worked in economic development since 1992 (that's 11,000 days on the job!) for several cities including Brighton, Federal Heights, Thornton and Aurora. Which hidden gems does Robert think you should visit in south Lakewood? The fossil collection at the Best Western Dinosaur Hotel, 3440 S. Vance St., and all of the small art installations along the Wadsworth corridor (including the metal dragons off Wadsworth and the mural in the Green Gables Professional Park, 6655 W. Jewell Ave.) make Robert's list!

Senior Economic Development Specialist Laura Moody is originally from Pittsburgh (Go Steelers!) and attended Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, and the University of Colorado, Denver. Her most unusual job was as a conservator for paintings ranging from small easel paintings to large murals. Laura has been with Lakewood for just over a year. Prior to coming to the city, she worked in economic development for Commerce City for five years and became a certified economic developer during that time. This year, she is looking forward to the reopening of Casa Bonita and




working with the Lakewood Reinvestment Authority and its new board members. Some hidden gems along the West Colfax corridor are the new jukebox in Davies' Chuck Wagon Diner and the upcoming opening of the newly renovated Drumstick building at 6501 W. Colfax Ave. as the new home of 40 West Art District and the 40 West Gallery, Core New Art Space, EDGE Gallery, Kanon Collective, Lakewood Arts, Next Gallery and Red Herring Art & Supply.

Senior Economic Development Specialist Isabella Nunez was born in Miami (and never even saw snow before moving to Colorado!). Her first job was as a receptionist in a pediatrician's office. She is an alum of the University of Central Florida (Go Knights!). Isabella has been with the city for nearly three months (She never even asked to move back to Florida after experiencing the snowiest start in the Denver metro area to a calendar year on record!). Prior to coming to Lakewood, Isabella was the economic development coordinator

for the City of Largo for five years and became a certified economic developer shortly before coming to Colorado. This year she is looking forward to working with key players in the community to continue fostering Lakewood as the place to be. Isabella's favorite hidden gem in the Union Boulevard corridor is the Ballmer Peak Distillery, 12347 W. Alameda Parkway.



Economic Development Specialist Katie Faltys is originally from Florence, Colorado, and has been living in the Denver metro area for the last four years. She graduated from Western Colorado University in Gunnison (Go Mountaineers!). Her most unusual job was an "action shot" photographer for a ziplining and rafting company. She will celebrate her four-year anniversary with the city in June. Katie chose economic development because of a real desire to help people and to make a difference in the community. Katie is looking forward to organizing more in-person events in 2022. Her goal is to bring back the "Lunch and Chat" program that brings business owners together for lively discussions and learning opportunities. Her favorite hidden gem along the Alameda Avenue corridor is Telluride Truffle, 6006 W. Alameda Ave. According to Katie, these truffles are almost too pretty to eat and provide wonderful gift options.

To learn more about our staff or our initiatives for 2022, reach out to the Economic Development Team members at 303-987-7730 or ED@lakewood.org. 



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City Manager
Kathy Hodgson

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY



Free mulch pickup

May 14 and 21

Lakewood residents only; staff will be present to assist.

City Greenhouse

More information: Lakewood.org/Forestry

LCC Presents The Small Glories

May 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets starts at \$22.

Purchase: Lakewood.org/LCCPresents

Older Adult Wellness Fair

May 20, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Charles Whitlock Recreation Center

Register: Lakewood.org/WellnessFair

INSPIRE Arts Week

May 27-June 5

Multiple locations throughout Lakewood.

More information: Lakewood.org/Inspire

Outdoor pools & splash pads open

Memorial Day weekend

View schedules: Lakewood.org/Pool

JUNE



Free Fitness in the Park

Weekly on Saturdays, June-July

Locations and classes vary by the week.

View schedule: Lakewood.org/Fitness

Let's Go Fishing

June 4, 9 a.m.-noon

Location TBD

Register: Lakewood.org/LetsGoFishing

National Trails Day Volunteer Event

June 4, 8 a.m.-noon

William F. Hayden Park on Green Mountain

Register: Lakewood.org/TrailsDay

Rockin' Block Party

June 4, 5:30-11 p.m.

Heritage Lakewood Belmar Park

More information: Lakewood.org/RockinBlock

Let's Go Camping

June 11-12

\$3 per person; First-time campers only.

Bear Creek Lake Park

More information: Lakewood.org/LetsGoCamping

Family Health & Fitness Day

June 11, 9 a.m.-noon

Games, food and a Color Run.

Carmody Park

More information: Lakewood.org/RecEvents

Sounds Exciting! Summer Concerts:

June 15 at 6 p.m.: Southern Exposure

June 22 at 6 p.m.: Roka Hueka

Tickets \$8 in advance; \$12 day of; \$40 season pass

Purchase: Lakewood.org/SummerConcerts

JULY



Big Boom Bash fireworks show

July 2 at dusk

Viewing sites: BigBoomBash.com

Sounds Exciting! Summer Concerts:

July 6 at 6 p.m.: The Sweet Lillies

July 13 at 6 p.m.: Paa Kow

July 20 at 6 p.m.: Joe Samba

July 27 at 6 p.m.: Hazel Miller & The Collective

Tickets \$8 in advance; \$12 day of; \$40 season pass

Purchase: Lakewood.org/SummerConcerts

Fall Registration Opens

July 21 at 10 a.m.

Register: Lakewood.org/Register

Vintage Base Ball Bout

July 30, 1-4 p.m.

Heritage Lakewood Belmar Park

Tickets \$4 adults; \$3 youth; 6 and under free

Purchase: Lakewood.org/VintageBaseball



Saturday, July 2

Fireworks at dark,
approx. 9:15 p.m.

Details and best viewing sites:

BigBoomBash.com

Subject to change pending weather conditions.

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Help us Imagine Tomorrow!

The Community Resources Department is embarking on a yearlong planning process to create a bold vision for the future of Lakewood arts, parks and recreation.

Imagine Tomorrow!

Arts, Parks and Recreation for All will engage the community, evaluate trends and determine future priorities.

IMAGINE TOMORROW

Arts, Parks & Recreation for All



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Visit
LakewoodTogether.org/ImagineTomorrow
to join the conversation, take a survey
and subscribe for updates.

What to do when you hear outdoor sirens

Lakewood's 26 outdoor sirens are used primarily to warn residents who are outdoors of weather dangers such as a tornado, but they can be activated for chemical spills, flooding and other incidents. When outdoor sirens are activated, follow the steps below.

The sirens are electronically tested monthly, and the entire system is tested annually in May by activating both the long siren wail and a test message from the public address part of the sirens. Watch a video about the annual siren test and learn more at [Lakewood.org/Sirens](https://lakewood.org/Sirens).

FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

- For a **tornado**, seek shelter immediately if you are outside.
- For a **tornado**, if you are in a structure (residence, school, business, medical facility, etc.), go to a designated shelter area such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar or the lowest building level. If there is no basement, go to the center of an interior room on the lowest level (closet, interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck. Do not open windows.
- For a **tornado**, if you are in a vehicle, trailer or mobile home, get out immediately and go to the lowest floor of a sturdy, nearby building or a storm shelter. Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes.
- For a **tornado**, if you are outside with no shelter, lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands. Be aware of the potential for flooding. Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You are safer in a low, flat location.
- Never try to outrun a **tornado** in urban or congested areas in a car or truck. Instead, leave the vehicle immediately for safe shelter. Watch out for flying debris, which causes most fatalities and injuries in tornadoes.
- Once you have reached shelter, tune into local news media for additional information, check social media, visit Lakewood.org or tune into 850 KOA AM as the designated Emergency Broadcast Station in the Denver area for National Weather

Service information. Consider purchasing a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather radio.

- For a **chemical spill**, seek shelter immediately if you are outside or shelter in place if already in a building and try to block vents, doors and windows.
- For a **flood**, move to higher ground.
- For a **wildfire**, evacuate immediately.
- Do not telephone the police or fire departments unless you have an emergency.
- Continue listening to the radio, TV or federal weather radio for developments in the emergency and for information on when it is safe to leave your shelter. 📶

Receive Targeted Emergency and Weather Alerts



SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS

LookoutAlert is now the official emergency notification system for Jefferson County including Lakewood. This system allows emergency responders to send official, real-time alerts about potentially life-threatening situations. Now is the time to opt in to receive the alerts. Sign up at LookoutAlert.co.

As part of your profile, you can add your address to receive geo-targeted alerts and indicate if you want weather, emergency and other notifications. You can also specify if you want to receive the alerts by text, email, voicemail or all three.

The previous notification system called CodeRED will end on June 30, so get the most up-to-date information by re-registering with LookoutAlert.

Brief City Updates

Learn how to protect against wildfires

Jefferson County is ranked No. 1 in the state for property in high and extreme fire risk, and the recent wildfires in neighboring Boulder County have brought attention to the impacts of wildfires near residential areas. A recent program on Lakewood8, the city's government-access TV channel, provides information on how you can prepare and protect yourself, your family and your home and property. Visit Lakewood.org/Wildfire to watch the program on fire mitigation and pick up other resources to help you prepare for this kind of emergency.

Shot Spot Clinic

Protect your beloved pets by getting them vaccinated and licensed at the Shot Spot clinic, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. June 4 in O'Kane Park, 7101 W. First Ave. Low-cost shots for both cats and dogs will be available. Cash, Visa, Mastercard and Discover will be accepted for vaccinations. Only cash or check will be accepted for the \$20 dog license, which allows you to be contacted immediately and any time of day if your pet goes missing and is found. More details are available at Lakewood.org/PetClinic.



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VACCINATION & DOG LICENSE CLINIC

All friendly, leashed dogs and their families are welcome!



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WHO INSPIRED YOU?

After a record number of winners last year, it's once again time to recognize the inspiring work and commitment of Lakewood residents and organizations with the 2022 edition of the Mayor's Inspiration Award. This award highlights contributions in engagement, collaboration, inclusiveness, diversity, innovation and community impact.



"To inspire is to ignite passion for community."
- Mayor Adam Paul

Nominations can be submitted online at Lakewood.org/MayorsAwards and will be accepted through July 15. Learn more in this video: bit.ly/3OivsHj.

Multiple awards could be given in categories for youth, which is anyone under the age of 18; individuals, which is anyone age 18 or older; or organizations, which is any business, association, service organization, nonprofit, team or group.

Winners will be selected by a committee in August and recognized at a City Council meeting this fall.

The Lakewood Advisory Commission, which consists of residents who advise City Council on issues important to Lakewood, recommended the creation of the award as a way to recognize those having a significant impact in the community.

QUESTIONS? Contact Dan Stoutamire at 303-987-7050 or dstoutamire@lakewood.org.

Cameras from page 1

“The Lakewood Police Department welcomes the utilization of body-worn cameras as a way to increase transparency and to further our mission to serve and protect with integrity, intelligence and initiative,” said Police Chief Dan McCasky. “We are eager to share with our community what our agents face on a daily basis and the professionalism of our agents.”

For more information on the program, please review the answers to frequently asked questions below.

The department began rolling out the cameras in January 2022, more than a year before a state required deadline for agencies to use the cameras. In 2020, the Colorado Legislature passed Senate Bill 20-217, requiring all police agencies in the state to provide body-worn cameras to all officers who interact with the public by July 1, 2023.

The startup cost for this program is \$1.4 million, with an ongoing estimated cost of \$1.4 million annually. These costs include the equipment, the software, cloud storage, infrastructure and the hiring of additional employees to run the program.

Chief McCasky discussed the use of the cameras in a recent city video. Watch it on the city’s Lakewood8 YouTube channel at bit.ly/3DNU9qf or on cable channels 8 and 880.

What is a body-worn camera?

Body-worn cameras are small cameras that can be clipped onto a police agent’s uniform and turned on to record video and audio of law enforcement interactions with the public. The cameras can capture 180-degree view of what is front of an agent. The department is using Axon body cameras.

How does it help law enforcement?

Body-worn cameras provide agents with a reliable and compact tool to systematically and automatically record their field observations and encounters. They can be used for documentation purposes including interactions with victims, witnesses and others during police-public encounters, arrests and critical incidents.

How will the recordings affect the public?

In response to and in conformity with state law, body-worn cameras will facilitate collecting audiovisual evidence of criminal activity, record officers’ interactions with the public and ensure compliance with laws and department policies. In addition, these recordings may be used to assist with the prosecution of criminal offenses, enhance transparency regarding interactions with the public, maintain community confidence and assist with training.

Why didn’t the department use the cameras before?

The Lakewood Police Department has been reviewing body-worn cameras for some time to assess the needed hardware, software, data storage, policies and staff to manage this program, and as a result, has been able to launch the program earlier than the state law requires. The cost for starting and maintaining this program is significant at \$1.4 million a year, which is the equivalent of paying for about 15 patrol agents.

How will recordings be released?

Release of records is based on when a person requests the record and the type and status of the investigation. Requests for these records can be made in the same way as other police records by filing a request online through Lakewood.org or in-person at the department.

How will I know if I am being recorded?

If you are speaking to an agent, you should assume your interaction is being recorded. Under the new state law, there are very few situations in which law enforcement will not be recording an interaction with the public.

Can I ask not to be recorded?

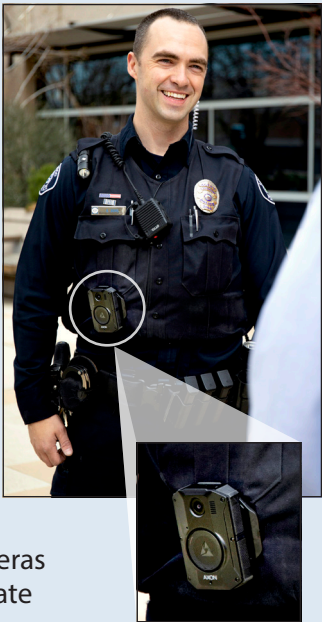
The legislation does not allow agents to turn off the camera when contacting the public even when asked. While the legislation requires the recordings, the legislation does allow in specific situations the protection of an individual’s privacy prior to releasing videos.

How does the department know it is in compliance with the law to have the cameras on?

The software for the cameras provides the ability to monitor activation status of the cameras.

Can residents submit videos they take to police?

The new system does provide an opportunity to store more digital evidence including using Axon Citizen. Agents can send an internet link to residents for them to submit their cellphone photos or videos as well as doorbell camera videos. This increases the efficiency of the department and the ease and convenience for residents. Since the start of the pilot phase of this program, the department has received 8,200 pieces of digital evidence. [A](#)



Do you know whether you live in a flood hazard area?

Heavy thunderstorms are strong reminders that some Lakewood properties lie in flood hazard areas even though they don’t normally appear to be in danger. Flooding can happen in high, medium or low risk flood areas.

To understand your property’s flooding risk, call 303-987-7500 or submit a request for this free service to Lakewood’s Public Works Department at Lakewood.org/FloodPlainRequest. You can also write to the department or visit in-person at 470 S. Allison Parkway, 80226. Public Works staff members are also available to visit your property to discuss potential flood hazards.

Public Works can provide you with detailed flood plain information including Federal Emergency Management Agency flood insurance rate maps and studies, local community flood hazard area study maps, flood depth data, elevation certificates, landslide hazards, historic flood events and the location of designated wetlands in the National Wetlands Inventory. Learn about your flood risk and other National Flood Insurance Program resources online at FloodSmart.gov.

TIPS FOR LIVING IN OR NEAR A FLOOD HAZARD AREA

Insure your property

- Check to see if you have a current flood insurance policy for your property. Flood insurance is recommended for everyone because standard homeowners’ and renters’ insurance policies do not cover flood losses. Property owners can insure their buildings and contents, and renters can insure only their contents. There is a 30-day waiting period before policies become effective, so plan ahead.
- Lakewood is part of a federal program that provides discounted flood insurance premiums for any property owner in the city whether or not the building is in a flood hazard area. For flood insurance and premium details, contact your insurance agent. To search for an agent by your ZIP code, contact the National Flood Insurance Program at 877-336-2627 or FloodSmart.gov.

Protect your property

- Analyze the slope of the ground around your foundation. Check to see that water drains away from your foundation a minimum of seven to 10 feet on all sides.

- Check your gutters and downspouts to see that they drain away from your foundation. Use splash blocks as necessary. Make sure that your downspouts do not drain toward your neighbor’s foundation. Remember, standing water in your yard can seep into a basement.
- Help keep drainageways clean so they can carry the flood flows. Do not dump or throw debris into gulches, ditches or streams, including branches, grass clippings, garbage, dirt and concrete. Debris can accumulate and block drainageways and increase flooding hazards, and it is against city law to dump debris in drainageways.
- Report dumping in gulches, ditches or streams and potential problems such as blocked culverts to the Public Works Department at 303-987-7500.

Protect yourself and others from flood hazards

- During heavy rainfall, stay alert for warning signals (sirens, television, radio, websites, and social media). Evacuate if directed.
- Plan evacuation routes to move to higher ground if necessary.
- Avoid walking or driving through flood waters. Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, and 2 feet of water can sweep away your vehicle.
- Prepare, plan and stay informed. Visit Ready.gov.

Build responsibly

- Always check with Lakewood Public Works at 303-987-7500 to ask about development requirements before you build, remodel, fence, regrade, fill or otherwise alter your property. All development within the flood plain requires a special permit from the city.

Protect natural flood plain functions

- Urban drainageways function as conveyance systems for storm runoff and flood events. Help keep Lakewood’s gulches and streams clear and clean by properly disposing of any trash, debris or motor oil. Follow directions when using fertilizers, pesticides and weed control chemicals. [A](#)

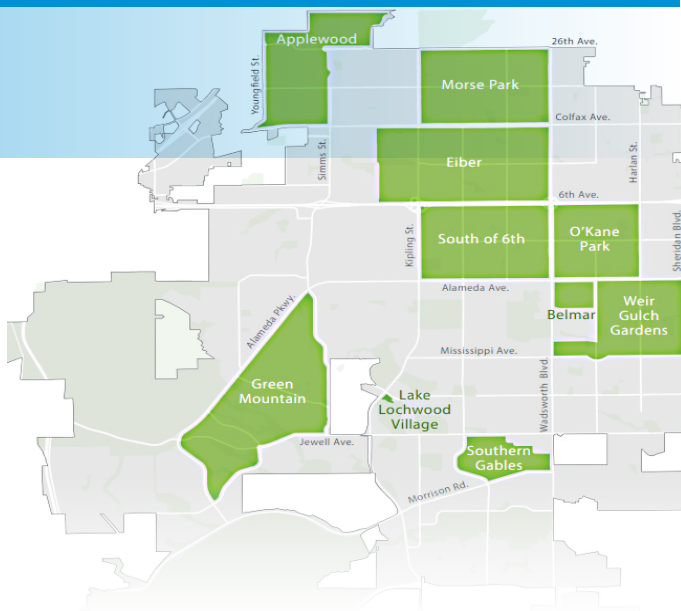


Village, South of 6th, Applewood, Green Mountain, Morse Park, and most recently Weir Gulch Gardens and O’Kane Park.

This program has become a model for other cities, and the Sustainability Division regularly receives inquiries from other municipalities interested in adopting it. After helping Denver, Fort Collins and Wheat Ridge launch their own versions of the program, staff established the Sustainable Neighborhood Network nonprofit in 2020 to support all of the cities using this program. With 30 participating neighborhoods across the four member cities, the impact of the program and its resident-driven innovations is accelerating as successful projects developed in one neighborhood provide the blueprints for successful implementation in other neighborhoods looking to achieve similar goals.

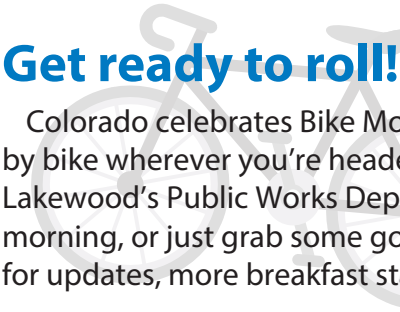
To fully support the program, the Sustainability Division has paced adding new neighborhoods to make sure the division has adequate funding and staff time to support the current neighborhoods before adding new ones. Currently, the division expects it will be a few years before new neighborhoods will be added to the program. But this doesn’t limit participation in these sustainability efforts. Residents who don’t live in one of the sustainable neighborhoods can attend sustainable neighborhood events.

Neighborhood leadership teams also welcome support, involvement and participation from others interested helping with events. In fact, some of the most active leaders live in areas outside of and surrounding some of the sustainable neighborhoods. Visit the website to learn more about the program, the ways to get involved and the schedule of upcoming events. [🔗](#)



NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMARY

Neighborhood	Approximate Population	Certification Status	1st Year of Certification
Belmar	1600	Outstanding	2013
Eiber	8000	Outstanding	2013
Southern Gables	2185	Outstanding	2014
Lake Lochwood Village	163	Participating	2015
South of 6th	4567	Outstanding	2016
Applewood	4171	Outstanding	2018
Green Mountain	8000	Outstanding	2018
Morse Park	5500	Outstanding	2018
O’Kane Park	5120	Outstanding	2021
Weir Gulch Gardens	4380	Outstanding	2021



Get ready to roll!

Colorado celebrates Bike Month every year in June, and this year, Bike to Work Day is back on track. On June 22, you are encouraged to travel by bike wherever you’re headed, be it work, school, errands or just for fun. Along the way, you can find free breakfast and coffee stations. Lakewood’s Public Works Department will also have its annual station at Addenbrooke Park. Come by to chat with other bicyclists that morning, or just grab some goodies and go. No matter your style, if you’re pedaling, you’re doing it right. Check out [BikeToWorkDay.co](#) for updates, more breakfast stations (yes, you can visit as many as you want!) and pledge to ride.

Yearly street maintenance starting

Lakewood’s street maintenance program for 2022 will roll out this spring and summer as the weather allows, and more than \$11 million will be spent to repair, repave and maintain streets owned by the city.

THE PROGRAM

- 46 lane miles of concrete repair and asphalt repaving
- 23 lane miles of asphalt repaving only
- 82 lane miles of Reclamite® sealcoating
- 20 lane miles of HA5™ sealcoating
- 27 lane miles of concrete repair only
- 226 lane miles of crack sealing
- Three city parking lots at Mountair Park and Street Maintenance Facilities

A lane mile is one mile covering one, 12-foot lane width, and Lakewood has about 1,400 lane miles of roadway.

It costs about \$140,000 a mile to repave an average two-lane street, and the city can typically accomplish about 25-30 miles of asphalt repaving annually. This yearly maintenance is part of the city’s Capital Improvement and Preservation Program, which is funded primarily by a 1/2 cent of the city’s 3 cents sales tax paid by shoppers.

The complete list of the roadways in the 2022 maintenance program is provided at [Lakewood.org/StreetRepairs](#), which also includes a map. A video on the page also explains Lakewood’s street maintenance program including pothole repair and crack sealing.



THE CATEGORIES OF MAINTENANCE

- Concrete repair, which removes and replaces badly deteriorated sections of curb, gutter, sidewalk and drainage crosspans.
- Asphalt repaving, which is performed on streets approaching failure or having poor ride quality. The roadway is rotomilled to remove the existing asphalt surface to allow for a new layer of asphalt without causing excessive build up or crowns in the roadway.
- Reclamite® sealcoating, which is preventative maintenance used to rejuvenate the top layer of existing asphalt that has few cracks. This helps recover streets that are suffering from oxidation and protects streets against the effects of weathering. This product is a semi-clear penetrating oil that is sprayed on the pavement, then covered in sand to prevent cars from picking up the oil. After 24 hours, the oil is absorbed into the pavement, and the streets are swept to collect loose sand.

- High Density Mineral Bond (HA5) sealcoating, which extends the life of asphalt by applying a thin layer that serves as a barrier to moisture, deflects ultraviolet sun rays and helps prevent cracking. This product is sprayed on roadways, which requires their closure for 24 hours after it’s applied. Prior to road closures, information is provided to each affected property.
- Some of the major projects this year include repairing concrete and repaving Union Boulevard from West Alameda to West Sixth avenues; Grant Ranch Boulevard from the city limits to Bellevue Avenue; and Mississippi Avenue from Wadsworth Boulevard to Pierce Street.
- Keeping roads in good condition is important to residents and businesses, so it’s critical to slow down while crews are working. After all, they are taking care of city streets so community members can take care of what’s important to them. [🔗](#)

