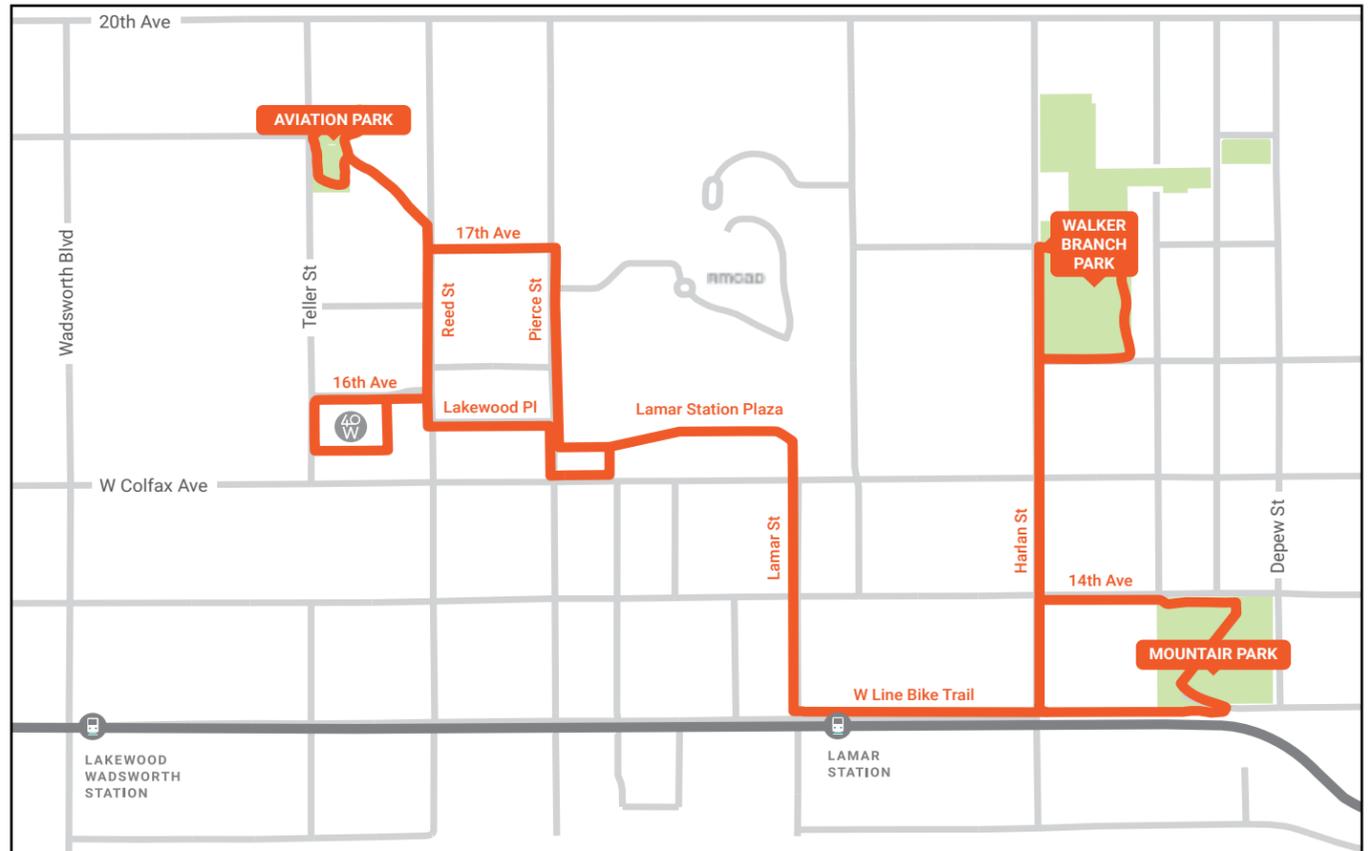


40 West ARTline arrives

When it comes to art, the shortest distance between two points shouldn't be a straight line. At least that's the thought behind the ARTline, the new name of the arts route for the 40 West Arts District in northeast Lakewood.

The ARTline is designed for anything but getting from point to point. It's four miles of meandering, and it's intended to get the mind, the body and the community flowing. Pedestrians can stroll and bicyclists can roam from art gem to art installation, from park to park and from art gallery to local eatery. The mind will feel like it's on a treasure hunt, the body will feel invigorated and visitors will discover creative businesses they didn't know about in the 40 West Arts District along West Colfax Avenue between Teller and Harlan streets.

"I can't imagine a better combination," said Mayor Adam Paul. "ARTline visitors will see some great art, get some exercise and finish off the experience with a



fresh cup of coffee, a locally made beer or dinner at nearby restaurants."

ARTline is the realization of the community's idea for creating a distinctive way to connect three main parks in the area and to provide a visual walking and bicycling tour in 40 West, one of the state's 18 certified creative districts.

Watch a brief video about the art line and get other details at Lakewood.org/40WestARTline.

The project is in the process of hiring artists to create playful visual cues to mark the ARTline route to guide people along it and to create art "treasures" to find along the way. Iconic, interactive art will also be installed at Walker Branch, Mountair and Aviation parks that will reflect the unique context, voice and culture of the neighborhoods along historic West Colfax and the W light rail line. The route will be along existing sidewalks, bike lanes, bike paths and park trails.



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Mayor's Inspiration Awards



In its inaugural year, the Mayor's Inspiration Awards were given to remarkable people in our community to recognize their inspiring contributions to community engagement, collaboration, inclusiveness, diversity, innovation and community impact.

Watch short videos about the winners at Lakewood.org/MayorsAwards and check out the list below.

Clements Center Sewing Group

This group of more than 30 women spent over 15,000 hours creating more than 7,500 items in 2016 that were donated to 19 agencies in the metro area. The group sews, quilts, knits and crochets a variety of items such as baby blankets, draw string laundry bags, walker bags or specialty items to help a low-vision developmentally disabled client.

Colorado Taekwondo Institute

This martial arts group focuses well beyond physical techniques by developing leadership and service skills in its students through food drives, adopting families during Christmas, hosting summer camps and participating in community volunteer projects. The institute also fosters students of all abilities including those with disabilities.

Judy Davis

Judy is the "glue" in the community, a "natural recruiter and leader," and "her actions inspire people to get out into their community," nominators said about her. She helped establish the Belmar Community Connection, leads the Belmar neighborhood's one-of-kind National Night Out, volunteers with the Lakewood Police Department and works on Belmar Sustainable Neighborhood programs and in the schools.

Troy Jackson

This Lakewood High School student started a tennis program for low-income students at Eiber Elementary School to help diversify students who compete later for Lakewood's tennis team. He secured a sizable grant to pay for equipment for the program and successfully recruited Lakewood tennis players to coach the children. He's also a top-notch student, debater, business club member and peer mentor.

Lakewood Elks Lodge 1777

This is the largest and most active lodge in the state, supporting youth, the disadvantaged, military veterans and their families. The projects the lodge works on range from providing dictionaries to students and funding a disabled children's facility with \$4 million to numerous donations, events and help for veterans.

Mile Hi Church

This church has expanded its community work in Lakewood through several food and other donation drives for schools, support services to help seniors in their homes, revival of the Lakewood Farmer's Market, appreciation efforts for law enforcement and creation of interfaith events.

Palani Palaniappan

Palani has come from humble beginnings in India to become a leader in health care innovation and a high-profile ambassador for Lakewood. As a business executive,

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Letter from the mayor



Hearing from the children and planning for the year

I recently had the great opportunity to share with the community the State of the City, which involved my speech and a luncheon that raised over \$11,000 for charities that support Lakewood's kids. You can see and read the whole speech at Lakewood.org/SOC. But I cover the speech's most important points below.

As you know this year I want to hear directly from our children and what they think about Lakewood. I want to see Lakewood through the lens of our children's eyes.

This has led me to ask the community, what can we do to build our children's future today?

Working on the day to day keeps the city running smoothly but when we ask each other what

will keep our children here in 30 years, that's a forward-looking question. I ask that because we want to make sure that Lakewood stays great. We want to make sure that we are creating a city that people will want to call home now and for decades to come.

Spending the year listening to our children and how they see Lakewood is so important. I believe the voices we will hear will move us with a spirit of generosity and fill us with a mission that is larger than ourselves.

In this coming year, let's look at every new policy, every new initiative, every challenge and every opportunity with an eye to the future. Let's do it through the lens of our children's eyes.

After all, what we can do to make Lakewood better for our kids is what we can do to make Lakewood better for everyone. Lakewood is a strong, resilient and smart community with foresight and compassion. We want to keep it that way.

I have also been spending some time meeting with the great service groups in Lakewood. Did you know we have numerous Kiwanis, Optimist, Rotary and an Elks club?

I have learned that these groups all share something in common: They are committed to helping the children in our community. This is a great way to get involved and make a difference. Please consider joining.

Council recently had its 2017 planning session. This was a worthwhile event where council learned about the changing demographics in our community. We learned about the challenges for our growing population of those age 65 and older and for the youngest in our community.

We also discussed and prioritized the goals for 2017. The areas of focus will be related to growth, congestion and infrastructure. As the metro area and Lakewood have grown, we have all felt different pressures. We want to make sure we are continuing to address needs and adjust for change as necessary. There will be more to come in the following months. Please stay active and involved. We welcome and need your thoughts and feedback.

Here is some of the feedback I've received from our kids (see more at Lakewood.org/YouthView).

"I like the parks and playgrounds. Although, I think that the pools are too crowded and that we should have more outdoor pools. I love

doing summer camps. I hope to become a camp councilor. I like the summer concert series, the cider days, the tree lighting ceremony, the Earth day festival, and the first Fridays. I do not like the bathrooms at the O'Kane park, but I'm glad that there are bathrooms."

-- Sofia, 11

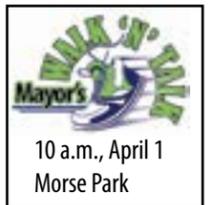
"Dear Mayor Paul, I would do lots of things if I were mayor. First, I would build a diner and all the food is free for all of the homeless people in Lakewood..."

-- Lynae, 9

"There are a few challenges that I go through in Lakewood. First, there is traffic sometimes. When there is traffic it takes a while for us to get home. Second, there are lots of kids at these schools. Maybe you could try and build a new school? Third, I think this city could use another park. Then kids could have more fun. Those are some things I think you could change."

-- Elliot, 8

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Council Corner

Ward 5



Dana Gutwein



Karen Harrison

Ward 5 neighborhoods serving needs of all ages

The Green Gables community garden is quickly turning from dreams into reality at Green Gables Elementary School, with the garden scheduled to celebrate a grand opening next month.

The garden includes plots for the community and for the elementary school as well as an outdoor classroom, helping kids grow and eat healthy food and building community for years to come! The community garden represents so much more than just a healthy and long-lasting gift for the gardeners and surrounding community. It is also a great example of what can happen when a community comes together to accomplish something good, how we can offer many different ways to be sustainable, and how we can incorporate the concept of involving and serving "all ages."

This garden was a partnership among the local church,

Westwoods Community Church, Sustainable Southern Gables, Southern Gables Homeowners Association, Denver Urban Gardens, and the City of Lakewood through the Neighborhood Participation Program grants. It also involved numerous neighbors who pitched in over the years in many different ways from offering support on the NPP application to spending Saturdays using shovels and wheelbarrows to create the garden.

There are examples like this all over the city. Make 2017 your year to get involved locally! Apply with your neighbors for an NPP grant, join a board or commission, and attend a council or ward meeting.

Another great way to get involved is through the expansion of the Sustainable Neighborhoods Program. This award-winning program fosters projects just like the community garden above. It is empowering, it builds community, friendships and quality of life by working together, and of course, it enhances community sustainability. The program is 100 percent voluntary, and neighbors come up with their own ideas and projects that enhance sustainability. Projects include chicken-keeping classes, water-wise landscaping, social lunches, bee safe neighborhoods, Car2Go, recycling, eco-friendly

markets and more. If you are interested in sustainability, make sure to attend upcoming events like Lakewood's Earth Day Celebration on April 22 (details at Lakewood.org/EarthDay) and watch the update on the sustainability program at City Council's April 3 study session at Lakewood.org/CouncilVideos.

The community garden is a great example of building Lakewood for all ages. This is very important to us as we work to represent our ward. Lakewood has a great mix of neighbors who have lived here for a long time and those who are younger and have families building a life here. While some of our community's needs, of course, are very different, the fascinating thing is there are many needs that overlap. An example of this is the improvements to Carmody Park (scheduled to open this summer) that include a universal playground for children of all ages and abilities and walking paths to be enjoyed

by multiple generations. Safe places to ride your bike from age 8 to 80 and a desire for walkability are other examples of overlapping needs. We are learning from neighbors and our initial work on the housing study that patio homes have new appeal for both seniors and millennials. It seems that when we can really serve multiple generations with one project, and we bring people together, the sum is greater than its parts.

Finally, we have a new Ward 5 meeting date and time: the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. at Bear Valley Church, 10001 W. Jewell Ave. These are casual and open to everyone. Please call or email us any time with questions. We are here to serve you!

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Economic Development

Uniquely Lakewood

When out-of-state developers and business owners want to invest in a community, they often look to the businesses and places that make a community unique. Sure, these investors look at traffic counts, real estate costs, utilities, infrastructure and permit fees, but they also want to know what is uniquely Lakewood. We've come up with a starter list, and no doubt there are many more — perhaps this will inspire you to add to our list.



Lakewood Heritage Center 801 S. Yarrow St.

This 15-acre indoor/outdoor museum celebrates the 20th century history of Lakewood with more than 10 historic structures, 30,000 artifacts, a festival area and an outdoor amphitheater in Belmar Park. It's home to a summer concert series, Cider Days, the retro 20th Century Emporium and a wide range of events, classes and exhibits.

40 West Arts District West Colfax Avenue corridor

More than 120 galleries, theaters and creative businesses are part of 40 West, which also has Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design at its core along with breweries, restaurants and shops to round it out. This state-certified creative district is home to painters, sculptors, glassblowers,

woodworkers, metalworkers, musicians and artists of all kinds who connect, collaborate and celebrate creativity.



Bear Creek Lake Park 15600 W. Morrison Road

This 2,600-acre natural wonderland is right in our backyard, making it a regional gem that top employers show to recruits to demonstrate how easy it is to get outdoors here. The park has everything from water sports, biking and hiking to unique adventures for each season.

Federal Center West Sixth Avenue and Kipling Street

With 26 different federal agencies and more than 8,000 employees, the Federal Center has the largest concentration of federal agencies outside of Washington, D.C., on its 623-acre campus. Its estimated local economic impact is more than \$2 billion a year.

National Ski Patrol Headquarters 133 S. Van Gordon St.

It only makes sense that the nonprofit National Ski Patrol makes its home here in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. This is the largest winter education and safety organization in the world

with more than 26,000 members serving in over 600 patrols.

Unique businesses

Lakewood has numerous small and family-owned businesses that are one-of-a-kind, something large companies also look for when considering locating or opening in a city. A few of them are listed below.

Sweet Bloom Coffee Roasters 1619 N. Reed St.

Andy Sprenger, owner and competitive coffee brewer (yes, he has won championships), returned to his hometown to open this shop, catering to retail and wholesale buyers wanting to connect firsthand with farmers of the coffee they buy.



Davies' Chuck Wagon Diner 9495 W. Colfax Ave.

Between the giant cowboy on the sign and the horse statue on the roof, this diner is a Colfax hallmark that is now on the National Register of Historic Places. It was shipped by rail in 1957 fully equipped for service, and it still has a classic American menu.



Casa Bonita 6715 W. Colfax Ave.

When you see the gleaming 85-foot pink tower on Colfax, you know you're close to this unique Lakewood family attraction. This replica of a Mexican village is complete with waterfalls, cliff divers, mysterious caves and tableside performances.

Rockley Music Education Center 8555 W. Colfax Ave.

One of Lakewood's oldest businesses, Rockley has been family owned since the 1940s, offering everything from lessons and performances to a well-stocked instrument showroom.

White Fence Farm 6263 W. Jewell Ave.

When it opened in July 1973, White Fence Farm was thought of as "out in the country" in recently incorporated City of Lakewood. After more than 40 years and five million chicken dinners later, the restaurant has become a tourist attraction with a gift shop, petting farm, indoor kid's slide, duck pond and entertainment stage.

Do you agree with our uniquely Lakewood list? We'd love to hear from you at ed@lakewood.org about the places, history and people that make Lakewood what it is.



Lakewood's Economic Development Team 303-987-7730 ED@Lakewood.org

Welcome to LAKWOOD Grand Openings

Listed below are openings of new businesses.

Buck's BBQ Buck Truck
303-763-5012
BucksBBQandGrill.com

Caboose
10800 W. Alameda Ave.
303-777-6766
MyCaboose.com

Denver Musicians Association
10395 W. Colfax Ave., Suite 210
303-573-1717
DenverMusicians.org

Good Year
7201 W. Alameda Ave.
303-238-7658
GoodYearAutoService.com

International Rescue Committee
405 Urban St., Suite 400
Rescue.org

Lechuga's Italian Restaurant
7475 W. Colfax Ave.
303-238-1037
LechugasItalian.com

Linked! Center
651 Garrison St., Suite 130
303-598-0300
LinkedCenter.com

Miracle Street Gallery
7001 W. Colfax Ave.
303-815-4914
Facebook.com/MiracleStreetGallery

Office Evolution
355 S. Teller St., Suite 200
303-235-0989
OfficeEvolution.com/locations/Lakewood

Plank & Pearl
8800 W. 14th Ave.
303-921-0863
PlankAndPearl.com

Realm Chiropractic
98 Wadsworth Blvd., Suite 124
720-722-3357
RealmLakewood.com

Vital Hearing
200 Union Blvd., Suite 200
303-947-9887
VitalHearing.com

Milestones

Teammates Commercial Interiors
20 year celebration
320 S. Teller St., Suite 250
303-639-5885
Team-Mates.com

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

GET Involved

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday, April 22

Commemorated worldwide, Earth Day demonstrates support for protecting the environment, but at Lakewood's celebration you also have a chance to get in a workout, enjoy some music and have a beer while you learn about solar installations, eco-shopping, composting and so much more.

The City's Earth Day Celebration will be 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on April 22 at Lakewood Heritage Center, 801 S. Yarrow St. Sponsored by the Alameda Gateway Community Association and Ace Hardware, the event will have more than 50 vendors providing resources to help you make more sustainable choices. Details about this free and family-friendly, zero-waste event are at Lakewood.org/EarthDay.

Earth Day Celebration lineup

Vendors: More than 50 vendors to learn about climate change impacts, home solar installation,

bicycle safety, vermicomposting, healthy living, protecting wildlife, eco-shopping, green home cleaners, recycled art, local food and more.

Fitness classes: Zumba, yoga, Boot Camp, rhythmic drumming

Demonstrations: Composting, beekeeping, seed starting

Music: Local artists Rob Drabkin, A Mac DZ, Avenhart

Food: Three food trucks

Beer garden: Choose from Odell, Avery, and Crazy Mountain breweries or Colorado Vodka Co. All proceeds will go to Jovial Concepts, a local nonprofit committed to community and stewardship.

Art: live painting, youth poetry

Other activities: Climbing wall, kids' crafts, bike valet

Miranda Samon, a recent Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design graduate, won the contest to design the artwork for the Earth Day Celebration, which you see above.

Earth Day Electronics Recycling



11-3 p.m., Saturday, April 22
777 S. Yarrow St.

- \$30 for one computer and one 15-inch or smaller flat screen monitor
- \$2 per diagonal inch for flat screen and cathode ray tube TVs/monitors.
- TVs/monitors 55 inches and greater not accepted
- 50 cents per pound for miscellaneous electronics
- \$3 per pound for alkaline and rechargeable batteries

Cash or check only. Hard drives are shredded, and the material does not make its way to a Third World country.

For more information: 303-987-7190

See Lakewood.org/Recycling for "Where to Recycle Other Materials"

YARD WASTE CLEANUP!

organic, green waste only

8:30-Noon, Saturday
April 29 & May 6

Location:
Jefferson County Public Schools Building
Parking Lot
809 Quail St.

FREE

*Bring proof of Lakewood residency.
No businesses or private contractors.*

Accepted Items

(Green waste only – no plastic)

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

Not Accepted Items

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

For more information, please contact 303-987-7193 or CleanUp@Lakewood.org



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he is known as one of the most inclusive, encouraging leaders who exemplifies carefully listening to others without bias and truly seeking to walk in other's shoes.

Sofia Titarenko

This 9 year old who is a first-generation American has spent each month volunteering for projects ranging from raking leaves for elderly residents and helping at a homeless shelter to cleaning a city park through Volunteers of America. She has ignited the volunteering spirit in her parents and friends.

George Valuck

George established the Alameda Gateway Community Association in the late 1990s, which united businesses, nonprofits, neighbors and many others in solving

economic and other challenges facing the West Alameda Avenue corridor from Sheridan Boulevard to the west. His work helped support the creation of Belmar, and he was a prime organizer for establishing the first Boys & Girls Club in Jefferson County. These and many other accomplishments show that he is a "doer."

Sandie Weathers

Sandie passionately pursues her interests in cultural appreciation and recycling through numerous projects. She created the fun and educational Intercultural Fair for two elementary schools as well as organized monthly events for autism awareness, black history and indigenous and other cultures. She created a nonprofit for zero waste services and is involved in several recycling initiatives.

FYA: Why do some turn arrows come on before the green and others after?

You may have noticed that traffic signals in Lakewood have different sequences for the left-turn arrow, and the display might include a flashing yellow arrow (FYA). Different sequences and the flashing arrow are used throughout Lakewood to improve safety and move traffic more efficiently.

At some intersections, the green left-turn arrow now comes on after the through traffic has been allowed through the intersection. This sequence is known as a “lagging” turn arrow because it lags behind the green light for through traffic instead of coming on before the through traffic is allowed to proceed.

This sequence addresses safety by helping to reduce the number of dangerous, high-speed crashes involving a left-turning vehicle being hit by oncoming traffic or pedestrians being hit in the crosswalk by left-turning vehicles.

The lagging signal reduces the pressure motorists feel to shoot a gap in traffic that might not be safe for turning. Now, turning motorists have time during the flashing yellow arrow to find a safe gap in traffic to turn. If

they can't find a safe gap during this time, the green arrow displays at the end of the cycle for turning. Additionally, the green turn arrow comes on after pedestrians have cleared the crosswalk because the pedestrian signal time has expired by this time.

Preliminary crash data is encouraging. The initial phase of a study on the lagging signals of four side streets turning onto Wadsworth Boulevard shows that crashes involving left-turning vehicles has dropped from five crashes to one in comparing five months of the previous signal sequence to five months of the lagging left turns. The City will continue to monitor accident reports in 2017 to determine what longer term data shows.

The lagging left-turn signal also gives priority to the heavier volume of traffic, which is typically in the through lanes, not the turn lanes. This sequence makes it easier for traffic engineers to predict the flow of traffic and time traffic signals from intersection to intersection to allow through traffic to have fewer

stops at traffic lights. The sequence also allows more turning vehicles to clear the intersection during the same cycle, and it reduces the number of times that through traffic blocks access to the turn lane.

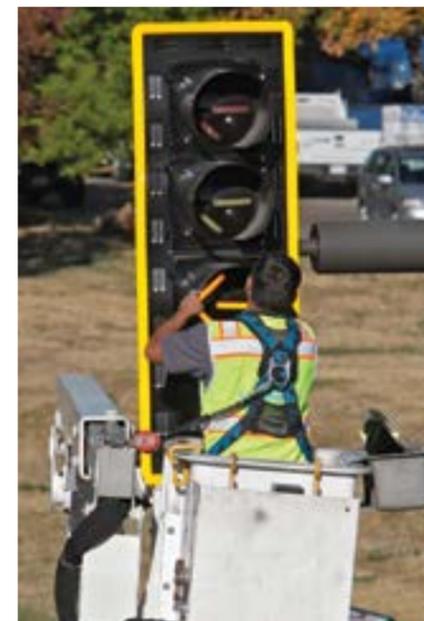
Flashing yellow arrows come on when the oncoming through traffic has a green light, so motorists must use caution and need to yield to oncoming traffic and anyone in the crosswalks. The flashing arrow also tends to heighten drivers' focus at intersections, which is where most crashes occur.

For traffic engineers, the FYA and lagging turn signals provide more options to manage traffic. For example, during rush hour when crashes occur more frequently, the left-turn signal might only allow turning on a green arrow. But when traffic isn't as heavy, the traffic signal can be programmed to turn on the flashing yellow arrow to allow turning.

Because of the safety benefits, most flashing yellow arrow signals in Lakewood also are lagging

signals. But each traffic signal location is individually evaluated to assess whether a lagging arrow can be expected to provide benefits. Flashing yellow arrow signals continue to replace the traditional left-turn arrows across the country.

To watch a video about FYAs and learn more, visit Lakewood.org/YellowArrows.



Do you live in a flood hazard area?



Some Lakewood properties lie in flood hazard areas even though they don't normally appear to be in danger. Heavy thunderstorms in the spring, summer or fall can quickly reveal flooding problems for homeowners, and flooding can happen in high, medium or low-risk flood areas. To understand your property's risk for flooding, visit or write Lakewood's Public Works Department, 480 S. Allison Parkway, 80226. You can also call 303-987-7500 or submit an online request for this free service at Lakewood.org/DrainageAndFloodplain.

You can also find flood plain information that the City has put in the reference section at the Lakewood Public Library, 10200 W. 20th Ave.

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 delineation study maps, flood depth data, elevation certificates, landslide hazards, historic flood events and location of designated wetlands in the National Wetlands Inventory. Public Works staff

members also are available to visit your property to discuss potential flood hazards.

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 losses from floods. Property owners can insure their buildings and contents, and renters can insure just their contents. There is a 30-day waiting period before policies become effective, so plan ahead.

- The City has entered into a federal program that provides

discounted flood insurance premiums for any property owner in Lakewood 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 888-435-6637 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 flood waters. Do not dump or throw debris such as branches, grass clippings, garbage, dirt and concrete into gulches, ditches or streams because it is illegal under the City's laws. Debris can accumulate and block drainageways, which increases flooding hazards.

- 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 (outdoor warning sirens, television, radio, websites and social media). Evacuate if directed to do so.

- Plan evacuation routes to move to higher ground if necessary.

- Avoid walking or driving through flood waters. Just six inches of moving water can knock you down, and two feet of water can sweep your vehicle away.

- Prepare, plan, 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

- Keep in mind, 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.

News & Information

ARTLine arrives from page 1

ARTLine will help enhance the area's recreational and cultural assets, develop opportunities for community connections and support the local economy by leading people to area businesses and creating an attractive location for new businesses. Exciting things are indeed happening in northeast Lakewood.

The name also is a succinct and modern way to make it easy to figure out how to get to the ARTLine, as in, "Take the C line to the W line to the ARTLine." No Google Maps needed.

The community's idea for the arts line first came up several years ago during Lakewood's 40 West Arts District Urban Design and Mobility Concepts Plan, which involved participation from hundreds of residents, businesses and community members. City Council adopted the plan in 2012, and it focused on creating new sidewalks, trees and landscaping, pedestrian lighting and more to connect people to the walk-up Lamar Station on the W line in the heart of 40 West. Many of the recommendations in the plan have been installed or are in the process of being installed.

Last year, the City, in partnership with 40 West and other community organizations, received a \$100,000 Our Town Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. This is the largest amount that can be awarded under this highly competitive program designed to transform communities into lively and resilient places with art at their cores, and it will help bring the ARTLine vision to life.

"This grant says a lot about how far we've come as an arts community," Mayor Paul said.

A steering committee of more than 30 members consisting of neighborhood representatives and other community members are guiding the ARTLine effort. A survey

distributed last fall in English and Spanish also provided guidance through more than 350 responses that helped identify the types of art people want to see and the experiences people want to have along the line. Mayor Paul also had his walk 'n' talks along the proposed route in 2016 to get residents' comments, and additional public feedback was gathered during an ice cream social at Aviation Park, the West Colfax MuralFest, the Mountair Park Community Farm Haunted Harvest festival and two open houses.

Community members have overwhelmingly indicated they are excited about the ARTLine and said they want the art to create a

memorable, engaging and evolving experience with murals, functional art (benches, bike racks, etc.), kinetic art (movable) and interactive art. Walking, attending festivals or events, visiting parks to see the art and shopping and dining were the top activities people said they want along the line.

An art selection panel of about a dozen community representatives and Lakewood's Public Art Commission will narrow artists from more than 50 proposals for the project to semifinalists in April and make decisions shortly after that. Installation of the artwork could begin as early as the summer. The ARTLine logo will also be unveiled later in the spring.

Also look for details on an ARTLine "art in the park event" with Mayor Paul on June 3 in conjunction with Lakewood's annual INSPIRE Arts Week celebration of art in the city.

For questions or more information, please contact Principal Planner Alexis Moore at 303-987-7503 or alemoo@lakewood.org.



City Briefs

Tax help

Red Rocks Community College is a partner with the Piton Foundation to help hard-working families become more financially secure by providing free tax preparation services through the Tax Help Colorado program. College students will prepare and e-file tax returns free of charge for individuals with household incomes of less than about \$54,000 a year and help families get tax credits they might be missing. More information is available by dialing 2-1-1 (it's a free call), visiting Piton.org/tax-help or [Facebook.com/TaxHelpColorado](https://www.facebook.com/TaxHelpColorado).

Start a new career

Lakewood Police agents make a positive difference in the lives of residents and the safety of the community, and the Police Department is hiring. It has a national reputation for excellence, and it has built relationships throughout the community through its community policing efforts. Apply through May 22 at JoinLakewoodBlue.com.

Free emergency training

Community Emergency Response Training provides residents a way to gain basic disaster response skills, which will prepare them to help themselves and neighbors when first responders aren't immediately available during large-scale events. A free CERT class will occur April 1, 8 and 15 at Lakewood City Hall. To register, contact Program Manager Declan Costelloe at 303-886-9133 or dcostelloe.cert@gmail.com.

Community college events

Registration for the summer and fall semesters at Red Rocks Community College in Lakewood begins on April 3. The college also will bring history to life with World War I Day, a free community event on April 6, and it will host the 9 Health Fair on April 22. The college closes out April with performances of "Charlie Brown." For more information, visit RRCC.edu.

Fact or fiction?

In the age of social media, misinformation is bound to be available on just about any topic including the City of Lakewood. Social media can work somewhat like the old "telephone" game that children play, where something is whispered from friend to friend, and what comes out at the end of the game is far different than what was said at the beginning.

As information is spread throughout networks, people can forget what they heard or the information is not completely accurate to begin with.

Whether it's on Facebook, Nextdoor.com, Twitter or other social media, it's always better to check out information when it seems misleading or incorrect. If the information is about City Council decisions or Lakewood programs, services or meetings, please visit the City's social media

pages at Lakewood.org/SocialMedia or Lakewood.org.

Please call the City at 303-987-7000 or use Lakewood.org/RequestLakewood, our 24-hour online customer service tool, to let us know if you are concerned about misinformation about the City and to receive complete information if you think what has been posted or shared is incorrect.

You can also chime into those social media conversations by encouraging residents to contact the City to ensure they receive complete and accurate information. You also have the option to report content you think is inappropriate to the social media network, or to neighborhood leaders in the case of Nextdoor.com, to have the network address the situation.

Go in-depth

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



Watch it live and on-demand | Lakewood.org/Lakewood8 | Cable channels 8 and 880

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ARTS & PARKS

APRIL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	POWER DRUMS 4:15-5:15 pm, CWRC (every Monday) Lakewood.org/Whitlock	3	4	COYOTES OF THE FRONT RANGE 6-8 pm, LHC Lakewood.org/LHCPrograms	6	INDOOR CYCLING 7:05-7:55 am, GMRC (every Saturday) Lakewood.org/GreenMountain
9	HELLO, DOLLY! 2 pm, LCC Closing Night Lakewood.org/LCCPresents	10	11	12	13	14
		CHE MALAMBO 7:30 pm, LCC HISTORICAL LUNCHEON: <i>Buffalo Bill and the Big Screen</i> Noon-2 pm, LHC Lakewood.org/Exhibits		FREE ADMISSION CHARLES WHITLOCK RECREATION CENTER 5 am-9 pm, CWRC Lakewood.org/Whitlock		SOAPMAKING 3-5 pm, LHC RUG HOOKING DROP-IN 12-4 pm, LHC Lakewood.org/LHCPrograms
16	BILINGUAL ZUMBA 5:30-6:30 pm, LINK (every Monday) Lakewood.org/Link	17	18	19	20	21
			SENIOR NATURALISTS: <i>Daytime raptors of Bear Creek Lake Park</i> 9-11 am, BCLP Lakewood.org/BCLPEvents		 UKULELE FRIDAY 6-8:30 pm, WH Lakewood.org/Workshops	FREE! EARTH DAY PROJECT 8 am-noon, BCLP Lakewood.org/EarthDay FREE EARTH DAY CELEBRATION 11 am-4 pm, Sat., LHC
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		PASSPORT TO THE PARKS Registration is open! Lakewood.org/PassportParks		JEFFCO TEACHERS/ MIDDLE SCHOOL ART EXHIBIT Opening reception 5-7 pm, LCC Lakewood.org/Exhibits		FREE YARD WASTE CLEANUP 8:30 am-noon Lakewood.org/Cleanup MOTHER'S DAY TEA Noon-2 pm, LHC Lakewood.org/LHCPrograms
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KEY	BCLP	Bear Creek Lake Park	15600 W. Morrison Road	LINK	Link Recreation Center	1295 S. Reed St.
	CARM	Carmody Recreation Center	2200 S. Kipling St.	LCC	Lakewood Cultural Center	470 S. Allison Pkwy.
	CWRC	Charles Whitlock Recreation Center	1555 Dover St.	LHC	Lakewood Heritage Center	801 S. Yarrow St.
	GMRC	Green Mountain Recreation Center	13198 Green Mtn. Dr.	WH	Washington Heights Arts Center	6375 W. First Ave.

RECREATION (Blue square)

ARTS (Red square)

PARKS (Green square)

EVENTS (Orange square)

HAPPENING IN MAY....

LAS CAFETERAS
7:30 p.m., Friday, May 5
Lakewood Cultural Center
Lakewood.org/LCCPresents

A remix of traditional Son Jarocho sounds, Las Cafeteras add Afro-Caribbean marimbol and cajón, poetry in English and Spanglish, and instruments like jarana, requinto, a donkey jawbone and a wooden platform called the tarima into one energetic, fun and uplifting performance! The dance floor will be available for this performance.

FLOWER FULL MOON HIKE
7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 10
Stone House
Lakewood.org/BCLPEvents

The darkness of night provides a unique backdrop for a hiking adventure! These hikes are guided and average about 1-1.5 miles, making them perfect for the whole family. Please dress appropriately for Colorado's changing weather. No dogs please.

FREE! WILDFLOWER HIKE
10 a.m., Saturday, May 13
William Hayden Park at Green Mountain
Lakewood.org/BCLPEvents

Join the park naturalist and members of the Bureau of Land Management as we explore the spring floral display on William Frederick Hayden Park on Green Mountain. Bring comfortable hiking shoes and appropriate clothing for the weather conditions. No dogs please. Meet at the Florida parking lot.

FREE! OLDER ADULT WELLNESS FAIR
9 a.m.-noon., Friday, May 19
Charles Whitlock Recreation Center
Lakewood.org/Whitlock

- Activities & free demo classes
- Balance/strength fitness tests by personal trainers
- Health assessments & blood pressure checks
- Over 70 local resources & vendors including: Veteran Affairs, adaptive devices, supportive home services
- FREE massages, prizes, giveaways & more!

WEED 'EM OUT
8 a.m.-noon., Saturday, May 20
Lakewood Heritage Center
Lakewood.org/BCLPEvents

Noxious weeds damage our resources! Join us for this volunteer event focusing on invasive weed education and removal. Light breakfast and lunch will be served.

GET YOUR SUMMER FUN PASS TODAY!
Valid May 26-September 4
Youth/Student/Senior: \$79 | Adult: \$99
Household (of 2): \$149 (\$20 addl)
Pass includes: unlimited general admission to all outdoor pools and spray parks (Carmody, Glennon Heights, Morse Park and Surfside) AND unlimited access to all four recreation centers (Carmody, Charles Whitlock, Green Mountain and Lakewood Link).



This is an exciting year for lovers of Lakewood's parks, recreational, arts and cultural facilities and programs! An update to the Community Resources Department's 2008 master plan is now underway.

Imagine Lakewood! will help set the course for how the city can support community access to parks and play over the next five to eight years.

Get involved and share your stories at Lakewood.org/Imagine



Lakewood
Full of Possibilities.



Join us for **THE GRAND RE-OPENING** of the **Lakewood Link POOL!**

Saturday, May 13
11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Free pool admission starting at 11 a.m.
Food, games and prizes 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Lakewood Link Recreation Center
1295 S. Reed St. | 303.987.5400

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

Stay Informed

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Save the 'Zone launches in Lakewood

Bicycle Colorado and the City of Lakewood are working together to Save the 'Zone, an initiative to educate and encourage residents and employees to help improve Lakewood's air quality by reducing trips involving only one person in a car.

Did you know that more than 17 percent of the Denver region's daily drive-alone trips are two miles or less? Car emissions are a major contributor to ground-level pollution, making these 1 million daily short trips a factor in the city's air quality over time.

Bicycle Colorado wants to reach 1,200 Lakewood residents and employees through a series of programs designed to shift 250 daily drive-alone trips to walking, bicycling or transit. This lifestyle change could save participants money, make their neighborhoods more pleasant to live in and improve their health and outlook.

Save the 'Zone programs will kick off in April and will include workshops, workplace trainings, transportation challenges,

school-based education, group bike rides and community events. Save the 'Zone will have a team at Lakewood's annual Earth Day Celebration (see page 4) to enroll participants and answer questions about the initiative.

To enroll, participants must live or work in Lakewood and complete an introductory survey evaluating current travel behaviors. They will then pledge to replace

a self-selected number of weekly drive-alone trips with more sustainable modes. Throughout the initiative, participants will track their trips through the Denver Regional Council of Governments' My Way to Go program or report them in a monthly mini-survey.

The Save the 'Zone initiative is a partnership among Bicycle Colorado, Lakewood and the

Regional Air Quality Council. The initiative will run through 2018.

Want more information? Learn more at Save the 'Zone on Facebook and become a participant at BicycleColorado.org/initiatives/save-the-zone.



Save the 'Zone