



Looking@Lakewood



Cyclists, hikers and horseback riders enjoy amazing beauty throughout the 2,400-acre William F. Hayden Park on Green Mountain.

Join the conversation about William F. Hayden Park

With more than 2,400 acres of open space, William Frederick Hayden Park on Green Mountain is the second largest park in Lakewood, and its challenging network of shared-use trails, with a 6,800-foot summit, has made it a regional destination popular with cyclists, hikers, wildflower lovers, equestrians and others.

Elevate your everyday at William F. Hayden Park by joining us in a community conversation to better understand the park's wildlife and natural resources while gaining valuable insight into what park visitors love and what they would like to see improved.

Managed by the City of Lakewood, the park is beginning a comprehensive planning process that will include an assessment of park visitor needs, an evaluation of park trails and infrastructure, environmental review, recreation management, and design work for future park and trail improvements.

This planning effort over the next year will be packaged into an implementable action plan to serve visitors for the next decade. An extensive public engagement process with park visitors and residents is now underway, starting with an online survey open through Aug. 4 at the project page, LakewoodTogether.org/HaydenPlan.

Whether you enjoy a morning hike on the mountain or you haven't been to the park lately, we want to hear from you. Take a quick poll or share your ideas on the project page. And you won't want to miss the first open house for this planning effort, which will

determine community priorities and support future investment. Join us 5-7 p.m. Sept. 10 at the open house to celebrate the popular park, review survey results and preliminary concepts, and share your input to ensure the park remains a destination for everyone.

The open house will be at the Jeffco Fairgrounds, 15200 W. Sixth Ave. in Exhibit Hall 3 in Golden. Can't make the meeting? Share stories about Hayden Park, sign up for plan updates or ask a question at LakewoodTogether.org/HaydenPlan.

City inducted into national Hall of Fame

Lakewood's trailblazing efforts to go "green" to make the city more vibrant and sustainable have put us into the National Civic League's All-America City Hall of Fame.

The city received this recognition for its Sustainable Neighborhoods Program, which has been the blueprint for a nationwide sustainable community network stretching to other cities including Fort Collins, Wheat Ridge, Denver and Sedona, Arizona.

Mayor Wendi Strom accepted the award in June on behalf of the city. Watch the video of the induction ceremony at lkwd.co/AACHallofFameInduction.

"We are grateful for the recognition, and this motivates us to continue striving to live up to the values of this award," she said. This vision includes a shared vision, civic engagement and collaboration.

Lakewood is the eighth Hall of Fame Award inductee. The



Mayor Wendi Strom enjoys applause and support from other cities while accepting the All-America City's Hall of Fame award for 2025.

National Civic League created the Hall of Fame Award in 1919 to celebrate the ongoing work of past All-America Cities. The award recognizes communities that have implemented a community-driven initiative that resulted

in significant local impact due to community engagement. Lakewood was named an All-America City in 2011 and 2016.

See **HALL OF FAME** page 8

MAYOR



Wendi Strom

In March, I shared that the City Council was soon to begin its portion of the work to update Lakewood’s Comprehensive Plan and zoning code. (The Comprehensive Plan is our city’s visionary document that informs decisions on housing, transportation, sustainability, parks and more for the next 15 years, and the zoning code is the regulatory tool that implements that vision.)

Because the Comprehensive Plan drives so much of the decision-making for the City Council, Planning Commission, and staff for the next 15 years, it begins with extensive community

engagement, consultant support, staff input and feedback from both the Planning Commission and City Council. This work has been going on now for almost two years.

The zoning code is something that affects every property in Lakewood (though not all properties will see changes because of proposed updates). Lakewood’s code has not seen significant changes since this last process took place in 2012. Since then, our community’s wants and needs have changed, our city laws have changed, and some of our state laws have changed. These are all items that need to be addressed to bring the new code up to date.

Getting through the updating process has been no small feat this year, and some of the biggest challenges are how we, as your City Council, bring forward updates as required by state law, but in a way that also honors the desires of our Lakewood residents. At this point, both the City Council and the Planning Commission have spent the last few months listening to our residents and other community stakeholders, while working through the new draft code to address potential changes that may better align with community needs.

We will now move into the final stages of reviewing and adopting the new changes.

So, what are some of the biggest changes?

Requiring neighborhood meetings for input on site plans next to large parks.

Requiring buildings adjacent to parks to have a “step-back” design to limit building height next to parks.

Per a new state law, removing limits on the number of people living in a dwelling.

Lowering the maximum size of dwellings to decrease the impact of a new state law and encouraging building new homes for first-time homebuyers.

Merging nine residential uses into three: residential, accessory, and temporary.

Allowing community resource facilities and accessory dwelling units in all zoning districts.

Per state law, addressing parking requirements for new residences near transit and bus corridors.

If you or someone you know would like to get involved, there’s still time, and here’s how to participate:

Check out the May edition of this newsletter at Lakewood.org/LAL to see the full-length article that details many of the draft changes

(and spells it out in an easy-to-understand way!).

Visit LakewoodTogether.org/ZoningUpdates to find the new proposed zoning code and share your thoughts.

Watch the City Council calendar at LakewoodSpeaks.org. The public hearing for the zoning code is currently set for Aug. 25, with a possible additional public hearing to follow.

Need some guidance? Don’t hesitate to reach out to your City Council members at Lakewood.org/CityCouncil.

Between reviewing all that “light” zoning code information, don’t forget to go outside to participate in the **Mayor’s Park Challenge!** Learning more about the unique traits of our parks has been so much fun, and I hope you will join me to celebrate the beautiful outdoor summer in Colorado. Submit your selfies by Sept. 1 for a chance to win one of our three prizes this year. The grand prize is a \$100 gift card to one of Lakewood’s favorite restaurants, 240 Union. Learn more at LakewoodTogether.org/2025ParkChallenge.

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WARD 2



Sophia Mayott-Guerrero

Looking back, moving forward – with gratitude to our community

In a time when the future feels uncertain and the challenges facing our community are great, we want to reflect on recent local victories that give us hope for Lakewood’s future.

We’ve pushed forward with sustainability at the heart of our planning by launching a turf replacement program to conserve water, benchmarking greenhouse gas emissions in new buildings, and enhancing the development menu to reduce water, carbon, and energy use.

While the issue of homelessness continues to be at the forefront of community concern, it has also been at the forefront of the city’s efforts and investments. In 2021, few programs existed beyond the Community Action Team (CAT), and efforts to expand services and programs were met with skepticism. Today, Lakewood is leading regionally: We created the first city-driven severe weather shelter, funded transitional shelter beds and wrap-around services at the Navigation Center, and expanded our Police Department’s team of homeless navigators and mental health co-responders to connect more people with services.

Creating a walkable, connected city remains a challenge due to

decades of car-centric design, but we’re making progress. We’ve increased investment in sidewalks, new bike lanes, and green space corridors and parks. These aren’t just infrastructure projects. They’re investments in public health, safety, and quality of life.

We’ve also taken meaningful steps toward a more inclusive and equitable city. Since 2022, we’ve proudly adopted an annual LGBTQ+ Pride Month proclamation, reaffirming our commitment to celebrating and protecting the diversity that strengthens our city.

Perhaps most inspiring is the surge in civic engagement from Ward 2 residents. From higher voter turnout to more people applying for city boards and commissions, your voices and your passion are helping shape Lakewood’s future.

These achievements were only possible through collaboration — among council members, with city staff, and alongside engaged residents. Serving as co-council members has been such a rewarding partnership, and we’re proud of what we’ve accomplished together for Ward 2 and all of Lakewood.

The work isn’t finished, and challenges remain. But we believe in Lakewood because we believe in our neighbors.

As this will be Council member Sophia Mayott-Guerrero’s final column in office, she shares these reflections:

“I’m filled with gratitude — for the people of Ward 2, my colleagues, and a community that shows up, speaks out, and works together to make our city better for all.

Serving on council has been one of the most humbling and meaningful experiences of my life. With my incredible co-Council member Isabel Cruz, fellow council members, and countless community advocates, I’m proud of what we’ve achieved — and confident the work will continue.

Even after I leave office, I remain committed to working alongside you to ensure Lakewood grows into a city where everyone can thrive.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. It has truly been the honor of a lifetime.”

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Shop local, play local: Discover Lakewood

Lakewood offers more than just mountain views and access to the great outdoors. It’s home to a vibrant community of small businesses that combine shopping, creativity, and fun experiences. Whether you’re looking for a weekend outing with the family, a place to hone in on a hobby, or a unique way to support local creatives, check out these local places to explore, unwind, and connect in Lakewood.

Colorado Bounce Company

12790 W. Alameda Parkway, Suite EF

On days when the weather isn’t cooperating and kids need to burn off energy, Colorado Bounce Company’s lively indoor space—packed with inflatable bounce houses, slides, and trampolines for kids both big and small—is just the place to be. Perfect for birthdays and neighborhood events, it also offers on-site party options for easy, energetic fun.

DaLife Golf

12105 W. Alameda Parkway, Suite 140

Golf meets technology at DaLife, where you can tee off at famous courses like Pebble Beach or the Old Course at St. Andrews indoors while using advanced tools, including full swing technology. It’s a relaxed, year-round spot for casual players and serious golfers alike, offering leagues, tee times, and games to round out your visit.

Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls & Toys

830 Kipling St.

A charming, off-the-beaten-path museum where guests can explore intricate miniatures, antique dolls, toys, and vintage craftsmanship. Kids and adults are drawn into the tiny, detailed world, offering a nostalgic and educational experience in one. Scavenger hunts are also available throughout the museum, adding an interactive twist to the experience.



Flamboyán Theater (in The Three Leaches Theater)

1560 Teller St.

Housed within The Three Leaches Theater, whose mission is to make theater affordable to everyone, Flamboyán Theater offers culturally rich performances that reflect diverse perspectives, particularly those inspired by Puerto Rican heritage. The space supports innovative storytelling and also serves as a venue for other local groups, fostering inclusion and cultural exchange through the arts.

Hawaii Fluid Art

7224 W. Alaska Dr.

This interactive art studio offers hands-on workshops in fluid painting, resin pouring, glassware, mosaic painting, and more. It’s perfect for anyone — no experience needed. Whether you’re planning a date night, family outing, or team-building event, every session ends with a one-of-a-kind masterpiece you get to take home.

Holiday Bowling & Billiards

10350 W. Colfax Ave.

Step into this classic bowling alley for an old-school night of fun. With league nights, cosmic bowling, and a friendly competition, Holiday Bowling & Billiards is a Lakewood staple for casual fun with friends and family.

Mint & Serif

1385 Carr St.

This family-owned coffee shop and event space is known for its empowering gatherings, like ladies-only dance nights. With good coffee, walls that feature local art, and a great atmosphere, it’s a place where the community comes together to work, connect, and let loose.

Roller City

6803 W. Alameda Ave.

Lace up your skates and hit the rink at Roller City, where retro charm meets modern fun. The rink

offers open skate sessions, themed events, and private parties inside the 35,000-square-foot facility, featuring vibrant neon lights and a full sound system. It’s a throwback experience that brings all ages together.

Slammers Bingo

1884 S. Wadsworth Blvd.

With frequent bingo sessions throughout the week, Slammers Bingo is a social hot spot that blends classic fun with community spirit. Big screens, affordable games, and a social environment make it a great night out for seasoned players and beginners alike.

Stone Bear Studios

897 S. Kipling Parkway

Stone Bear Studios offers hands-on pottery classes, including popular “Clay Dates,” wheel-throwing, and hand-building lessons. The studio also hosts private events and partners with venues like the Denver Botanic Gardens for Rooted in Clay workshops. With studio memberships and a friendly, supportive community, it’s a great place to get creative with clay.



The Furnace: a glassworks + gallery

8090 W. Colfax Ave.

The Furnace is a hot-glass art studio and gallery where visitors can try their hand at glassblowing, ranging from introductory to advanced work, and admire the available glass art collection. It’s a rare chance to work with raw materials and walk away with something you made by hand, and it’s bold, messy, and memorable.



The Wandering Maven

1169 S. Alkire St.

More than a boutique with houseplants and home décor, The Wandering Maven hosts creative community events that offer the opportunity to socialize, such

as bouquet-making workshops, karaoke nights, and a book club. These events include music, food trucks, performances, even a mahjong club! It’s a lively and stylish spot to express yourself, connect with others, and take home a little beauty.

What If Theater

9060 W. Sixth Ave.

Known for imaginative and authentic performances, this improv theater invites audiences to engage directly in the storytelling. From experimental shows to classes and drop-ins, this is where art pushes boundaries and creativity thrives.



Yetman Family Farms

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2995 S. Estes St.

This is a flower farm in south Lakewood. Visitors can enjoy “Pick Your Own Bouquet” mornings and family-friendly events like Storytime + Playgroup with goats, chickens, and garden crafts. The farm also offers community supported agriculture flower subscriptions and private event rentals — all centered around sustainability and community connection.

Choosing to play local doesn’t just boost the economy; it strengthens the connections between neighbors, artists, and entrepreneurs. From pouring paint to rolling strikes, these Lakewood businesses offer more than goods and services. They offer experiences that make you feel at home.

And this is just the beginning. Lakewood is home to countless other local shops, studios, eateries, and hidden gems waiting to be discovered. So the next time you’re planning a weekend adventure or a night out, check out what’s available here. Spend local, play local — and discover what makes Lakewood shine. (For more Lakewood businesses, please visit Lakewood.org/ShopLakewood, where a business can be added.)

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Lakewood

Full of Possibilities.

City Manager
Kathy Hodgson

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ARTS, PARKS & Recreation

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EXTRAORDINARY PERFORMANCES

Lakewood Cultural Center

Individual ticket sales open Aug. 1

The 2025-2026 Lakewood Cultural Center Presents season offers vibrant, multicultural programs from national and international touring artists. Save when you create your own season ticket package or purchase single tickets with prices starting at \$33.

[Lakewood.org/LCCPresents](https://lakewood.org/LCCPresents)

CIDER DAYS TIX ON SALE

Heritage Lakewood Belmar Park

Ticket sales open Thursday, Aug. 7

Taste the past, celebrate the present during Cider Days, Oct. 4-5. Offering live entertainment and music, a tractor pull, family-friendly activities, historic demonstrations, a beer garden and local vendors. It's fun for all ages. Buy in advance: \$10 adults, \$8 children.

[Lakewood.org/CiderDays](https://lakewood.org/CiderDays)

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

Heritage Lakewood Belmar Park

Saturday, Aug. 30 at 10 a.m.

Heritage Lakewood and the Belmar Vintage Baseball Association proudly present the Belmar Base Ball Bout — a vintage baseball match. This game will feature vintage rules, uniforms and snacks! Tickets at vintage pricing: \$5 adults, \$3 kids (age 3 and under are free).

[Lakewood.org/Bout](https://lakewood.org/Bout)

TAKE A HISTORIC RIDE **FREE!**

Denver Federal Center

Sept. 20, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Once a year, our volunteer conductors roll out this beautifully restored electric railcar, interurban Car No. 25, for an opportunity to step on board and go back in time. Please bring a government-issued ID to gain entry to the Federal Center.

[Lakewood.org/Car25](https://lakewood.org/Car25)

PARKS



NATIONAL WILDLIFE DAY **FREE!**

Bear Creek Lake Park Visitor Center

Thursday, Sept. 4, 3 p.m.–5 p.m.

Lakewood's park naturalists share animal artifacts, fun facts and craft projects to teach about the local wildlife.

Lakewood.org/BCLPEvents

COOL OFF AT THE BEACH

Bear Creek Lake Park

Open through Saturday, Sept. 7

We all know the best beach in the metro area is at Big Soda Lake. Pack a picnic or grab a snack at the concession stand, bring your paddleboard or rent one, but come early as the park reaches capacity quickly, especially on weekends! Annual and daily passes are available.

Lakewood.org/BCLP

RACE AT BEAR CREEK

Bear Creek Lake Park, Pelican Point

Wednesdays, Sept. 3–24, 6 p.m.

Race on the trails at Bear Creek Lake Park on Wednesdays in September. Compete at varying distances and on a new trail each of the four weeks. Build endurance, learn new trails and meet new friends.

Lakewood.org/TrailRunning

Host your next event at a
Lakewood venue!



Whether you are looking for a location to have a beautiful wedding or reception, performance, fundraiser, business meeting or family event, we have a variety of unique spaces to suit your needs.

Let us help you find the perfect venue.

Lakewood.org/Rentals



Lakewood
Community Resources

RECREATION



FITNESS IN THE PARK **FREE!**

Lakewood Parks

Saturday mornings through August, 7:30 a.m.

Escape the gym and embrace the outdoors! Join free weekly fitness programs, from yoga to cardio, in rotating park settings. Bring a friend and make it a social workout.

Lakewood.org/SummerFitness

CLEAN UP YOUR DIET

Clements Community Center–Sunflower Room

Last Thursday of each month, 12:30–1:30 p.m.

Join Registered Dietitian Kali Garrott for your choice of nutrition-focused lectures on topics such as Digestion 101, Fueling Muscle Growth or Vegan Diets. Register for just \$6.

Lakewood.org/Register

NEW! CARA GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL

Carmody Park

Aug. 18–Oct. 25

Lakewood and CARA Sports team up to offer a fun and active Girls Flag Football program where players can learn the game, build confidence and make new friends. It's a great way for girls of all skill levels to play against other recreational teams!

Lakewood.org/Register

DIVE IN!

REMINDER! As summer winds down, the outdoor pools will close. Morse Park and Glennon Heights close Aug. 17. Surfside is open weekends through Aug. 31. Carmody and Ray Ross will be determined by weather. For fall, come inside to Carmody, Green Mountain and Link indoor pools!

Lakewood.org/Pool

SUNSET HIKE: TRACKS AND TRACES

Bear Creek Lake Park

Friday, Aug. 29, 7–8:30 p.m.

Join these evening excursions with Lakewood's naturalists and see all the park has to offer before the night sets in! With a variety of wildlife to see and learn about, you are sure to have a great time!

Lakewood.org/Register

ZUMBA GOLD

Clements Community Center

Mondays, 9–10 a.m.

Zumba is a fun and high-energy choreographed workout class that incorporates dance moves to target all muscle groups. Different instructors may teach with higher or lower impact; accommodations are available for mobility assistance.

Lakewood.org/Register

Your identity theft survival guide: Protect your peace of mind



Identity theft isn't just a personal headache; it can deeply affect your peace of mind and security. Millions of us unfortunately face the stress of dealing with fraudulent accounts and stolen information each year. It's essential to take proactive steps to protect yourself before a theft happens. If your identity is compromised, here's what you need to do immediately to minimize the damage:

- **Act fast to place fraud alerts and a credit freeze on your accounts:** Contact Equifax, Experian and TransUnion to place a fraud alert on your credit report. This flags your account and requires verification. For stronger security, consider a credit freeze to make it much harder for thieves to open new accounts in your name.
- **Document everything and report the theft:** File a police report and an official

report with the Federal Trade Commission at [IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.ftc.gov). This documentation is crucial for investigations and can help you recover.

- **Secure your digital life by updating passwords and enabling verification:** Change your passwords on all your online accounts, especially any that might be compromised. Use strong, unique passwords for each and turn on multifactor authentication whenever possible for an added layer of security.
- **Stay vigilant and monitor your finances:** Keep a close eye on your bank and credit card statements for any unusual activity. Consider using a credit monitoring service for timely alerts.
- **Think before you share and limit your social media footprint:** Be cautious about the personal information you post online, such as your birthday, address and travel plans.

Take control of your security and privacy today. By implementing these steps, you can significantly reduce your risk for theft and be prepared if the unexpected happens, protecting your peace of mind.



Lakewood
Information Technology

LookoutAlert
EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

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- Jefferson County
- City of Lakewood
- Other cities in Jefferson County

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LookoutAlert.co

Building a safer, more rideable city with an updated Bicycle Plan

Lakewood's transportation staff is planning for a safer, healthier, and more connected Lakewood with the newly updated Bicycle Plan.

This effort is important because bicycling and other active modes of transportation have the potential to improve overall community health and connectivity by increasing exercise rates, decreasing greenhouse gas emissions, and providing mobility options for residents who can't drive. Safe and accessible bicycle infrastructure has been shown not only to increase rates of bicycling, but also to increase the overall safety of the roadway.

The updated plan identifies opportunities to improve and expand Lakewood's bicycle network, based largely on the experience of more than 400 residents and visitors who provided input during this planning process. More than 150 improvements are outlined including new and upgraded facilities such as bike lanes, separated bike lanes, neighborhood bikeways and paths.

City Council approved the plan this summer, and it provides a framework to inform decisions about funding bicycle projects and investing in active transportation.

Its proposed network of improvements will guide the placement and design of these bicycle facilities during the city's annual street repaving program, developments and other projects. Curious to see what bicycle

improvements may be happening in your neighborhood in the future? Check out the new Bicycle Plan at Lakewood.org/Bicycling to learn all about the different types of improvements and where they are proposed.



A cyclist uses the bicycle lane on Garrison Street, a major north-south cycling route through Lakewood that connects to other regional routes.

Substantial Volunteer Experience for Students!

Lakewood's Teen Court is looking for teen volunteers.

Teens ages 13–17 interested in volunteering can participate as a prosecuting attorney, bailiff or juror for an actual case of a juvenile offender. Teen Court will begin with the school year in the fall from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m. The dates will be posted on the website when they have been set.

No experience is necessary to volunteer for Teen Court!

Build confidence in public speaking

Explore possible career options in the justice system

Meet other students with similar interests

Teen Court is based on restorative justice principles where youth fill the courtroom roles and issue sentencing recommendations for peer-aged defendants.

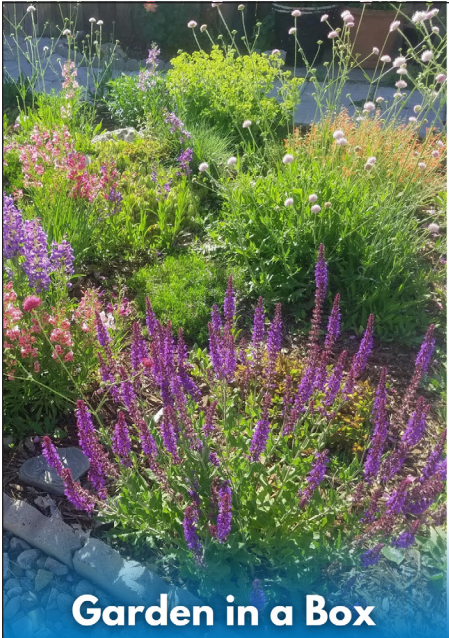
SCAN ME!

To volunteer, please contact Lakewood Probation Teen Court Coordinator Caleb Mulvin at: calmul@lakewood.org | 303-987-7424

For more information, visit Lakewood.org/TeenCourt

Lakewood Colorado

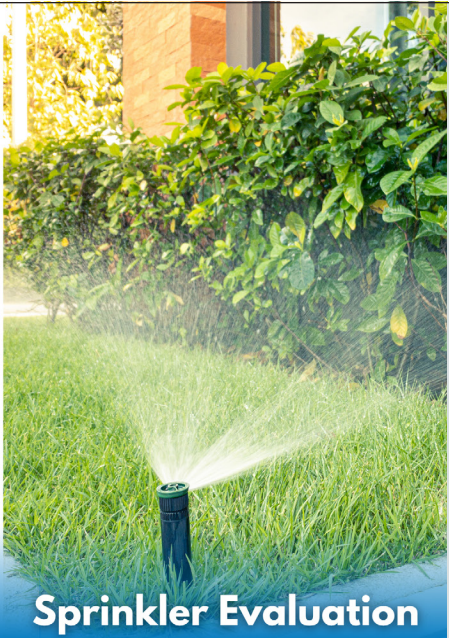
Alameda CONNECTS
Alameda Corridor Business Improvement District



Garden in a Box



Lawn Replacement



Sprinkler Evaluation

Save water and money this summer with Lakewood’s Outdoor Water Efficiency Incentive Programs in partnership with Resource Central. Don’t miss out on these limited-time offers:

- Free sprinkler evaluations: Get expert tips to reduce water waste.
- \$750 lawn replacement credit: Swap grass for water-friendly landscaping!
- Garden In A Box discounts: \$25 off or \$100 off for income-qualified residents.

Spots fill fast—sign up now!
Learn more at Lakewood.org/OutdoorWater.



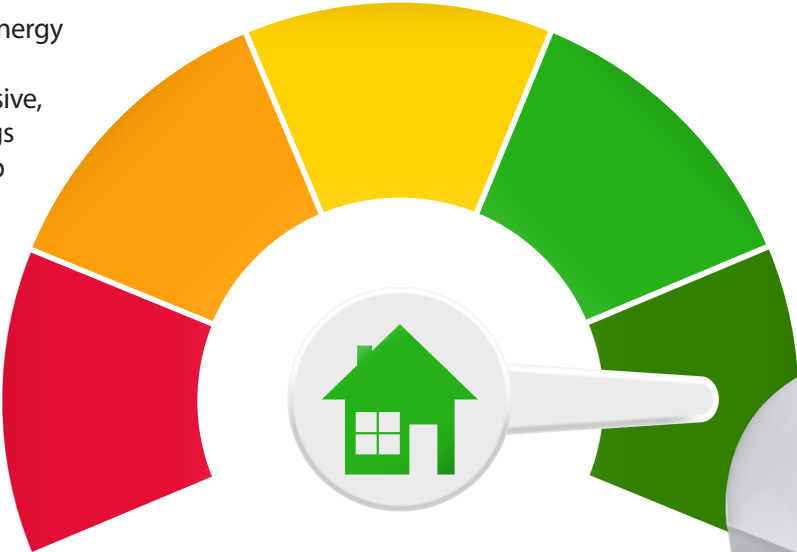
Lakewood.org/OutdoorWater



Lakewood launches free home energy assessment program

Make your home more comfortable and energy efficient with Lakewood’s free home energy assessment program, offering a comprehensive, no-cost service that delivers potential savings and long-term home comfort. In partnership with Xcel Energy, the city is offering free Home Energy Squad Plus visits to eligible homeowners and renters.

The free in-home appointment, valued at approximately \$600, includes a visit from a certified energy technician who will perform a whole-home energy audit. Enhanced services like blower door testing and infrared imaging help identify air leaks that make your home draftier and inefficient. A furnace and water heater safety check is also included. Some of the professionally installed energy-savings items include LED light bulbs, weatherstripping for a drafty door and smart thermostats.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Following the visit, you will receive a detailed summary report with recommended upgrades and be connected to an energy adviser who will walk you through the ways to maximize Xcel Energy’s rebates, taking you all the way through the steps to project completion. For Lakewood residents who paid for these assessments last year, they saved an average of \$124 annually on their utility bills.

Lakewood’s Community Sustainability, Climate, and Zero Waste Division recently launched this free program to support the goal of reducing citywide building energy emissions, which accounts for the majority of greenhouse gas emissions in the city.

“Having an energy adviser help you navigate all of Xcel’s rebates is incredibly helpful.”
— Jeff Wong, principal sustainability planner, City of Lakewood

“We’re excited to bring this new opportunity to our Lakewood residents so they can take advantage of a no-cost program that could really make their homes healthier and more sustainable,” said Principal Sustainability Planner Jeff Wong. “Having an energy adviser help you navigate all of Xcel’s rebates is incredibly helpful.”

With expert technicians, quality installations and personalized guidance, this is a valuable opportunity for eligible Lakewood residents to cut costs and support our community sustainability efforts. Quantities are limited so qualifying residents are encouraged to sign up quickly.

For more information on program eligibility and enrollment, visit Lakewood.org/HomeEnergy or contact us at sustainability@lakewood.org.

West Metro VETERANS FAIR

Thursday, Sept. 25
11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Elks Lakewood Lodge #1777
1455 Newland St., Lakewood

For more information, visit Lakewood.org/VeteransFair

COPS THAT COOK!

The Pancake Breakfast is back!
Proceeds benefit Shop with a Cop.

Friday, Sept.12, 7–10 a.m.
Clements Community Center (1580 Yarrow St.)

★ Free photos with police agents & exciting police vehicles! ★

Visit Lakewood.org/CopsThatCook or call 303-987-4820 for more information.

TICKETS Adults: \$6 | Children 12 and under: \$4

Lakewood parks get even greener and cleaner

Lakewood Parks is taking steps toward a greener, cleaner and more sustainable future by embracing technology. An exciting example of this effort is the introduction of the Turf Tank ONE Robotic Painter, an autonomous, GPS-guided robotic field painter. This state-of-the-art



The Turf Tank ONE Robotic Painter is an autonomous GPS-guided robotic field painter. This state-of-the-art technology has revolutionized how Lakewood maintains its 56 athletic fields.

technology has revolutionized how Lakewood maintains its 56 athletic fields. The Turf Tank drastically reduces staff time, saving 450 hours of labor each year. It also cuts down on the amount of paint needed, thanks to its precision technology. It runs on rechargeable, eco-friendly batteries. With just a few taps,

staff can select field dimensions on Google Maps, and the Turf Tank handles the rest, delivering sharp, consistent field lines. Watch it in action at lkwd.co/RobotFieldPainter.

Lakewood’s green momentum doesn’t stop there. A grant from the Regional Air Quality Council’s Public Entity Lawn and Garden Grant Program allowed the city to add its first ride-on electric mower in 2023, the Mean Green Evo. This electric mower reduces emissions and noise pollution while offering the power needed to keep Lakewood parks looking their best. When compared to a standard park mower, the Mean Green Evo saves over 850 gallons of diesel fuel a year, which also helps the city save money.

Small equipment is also getting recharged to meet Colorado’s Regulation 29, which restricts the use of gas-powered equipment with an engine of less than 10 horsepower from June 1 to Aug. 31. Lakewood Parks also invested in about 50 pieces of battery-operated landscaping equipment. These tools, along with their supporting batteries, allow crews to continue their work uninterrupted while helping to reduce summertime air pollution.

The city’s commitment to electrification also extends to the division’s fleet of vehicles. Parks is operating two electric Silverado pickups, with more electric vehicles

on the way as older maintenance vehicles are phased out. From quiet, zero-emission mowing to robotic line painting, Lakewood Parks is blending

innovation, experience and environmental stewardship to ensure the parks remain in tip-top shape and sustainable for generations to come.



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CITY NEWS

Lots of cone zone updates

With construction season underway, our Public Works Department is busy with several projects, which include intersection improvements, traffic signal replacements, safety projects and more. Here’s a quick list of the projects, with full details at Lakewood.org/ConeZone:

- Wadsworth Boulevard and Morrison Road intersection improvements.
- West 20th Avenue from Vance to Teller streets traffic signal replacement.
- West 14th Avenue from Teller to Newland streets sanitary sewer replacement.
- West Jewell Avenue sidewalk along Kendrick Lake Park.
- Union Boulevard and West Mississippi Avenue traffic signal replacement.
- West Alameda Parkway and South Urban Street traffic signal replacement.
- West Alameda Parkway and West Utah Avenue pedestrian crossing and sidewalk.
- Simms Street and West Eighth Avenue traffic signal replacement.

To track progress on all of the city’s improvements, visit the Capital Projects Map to find out when a project is scheduled or has been completed. Just click on the icon to learn more about each project and filter the map by year. Check out the map at lkwd.co/CapitalProjectsMap.

Police’s Vacation Check Program

While you’re enjoying some fun in the sun this summer, the Lakewood Police Department’s Vacation Check Program is here to provide peace of mind while you’re away. What is it? Our Volunteer Support Team will periodically check the exterior of your home for any suspicious activity. Find the Vacation Check Request Form online at Lakewood.org/VacationCheck or at the Lakewood Police Department at 445 S. Allison Parkway. Submit it at least five days before your departure.

Navigation Center

The city’s Navigation Center is a key part of Lakewood’s ongoing commitment to addressing homelessness in our community with long-term solutions and compassion. Located at 8000 W. Colfax Ave., the Navigation Center

is currently undergoing renovations to improve the facility. Once the renovations are complete, the center will be better equipped to provide more comprehensive, housing-focused support to help individuals transition out of homelessness. Learn more at Lakewood.org/NavigationCenter.



Citizens Police Academy

Wonder what it’s like to be a Lakewood police agent? Here’s your chance to find out! Registration is now open for our Citizens Police Academy. Register by Aug. 20 to get an inside look at police ethics, SWAT operation, traffic enforcement, drone operations, patrol procedures, crime scene investigations, the K-9 unit and more. The academy runs Aug. 27–Nov. 12. Register online at Lakewood.org/CitizensPoliceAcademy.

City named climate action leader second year in a row

Lakewood is one of a select group of cities internationally that have been recognized for its work on sustainability, climate change, resiliency and environmental transparency, demonstrating that local leadership drives climate innovation, infrastructure investment and economic opportunity. Named to the 2024 CDP A list for the fourth time overall and second year in a row, Lakewood is among 112 cities across the globe and 29 in the U.S. to achieve this ranking. To earn an A, cities must publicly disclose their efforts through the climate reporting platform CDP-ICLEI Track and meet rigorous criteria, including having a citywide emissions inventory, a climate risk and vulnerability assessment and a published climate action plan. Earning this recognition is a significant achievement that reflects the highest standard of local climate leadership. Learn more at Lakewood.org/News.



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Hall of Fame

The Sustainable Neighborhoods Program was conceived more than 10 years ago as a way for residents to establish more sustainable lifestyles and reduce their ecological footprints. From its conception onward, the program has been based on a simple principle: Having residents determine how they want to accomplish sustainability. The residents are the decision-makers, action-takers and community builders.

The city's role is merely to provide resources such as publishing newsletters, mailing event and informational postcards, providing connections to experts, arranging training events and talking over strategies.

The program has grown from one pilot project to 10 neighborhoods, with 21,939 households participating, which accounts for about one-third of all the city's households. During the last 10 years, the neighborhoods have organized more than 1,200 events, programs, workshops and activities, with more than 100,450 residents participating — an impressive number for a city with a population of about 156,000.

"Years ago, I was told that members of our community really fundamentally want to do the right thing for our environment, but not everyone knows what those steps are," Mayor Strom said. "One of my favorite things about the Sustainable Neighborhoods Program is that it helps one neighbor learn from another as we all work to address sustainability and climate resiliency."

The Sustainable Neighborhoods Program serves a wide range of residents. One-third of the residents in the neighborhoods are over age 65. More than half have lower median incomes, and nearly half are residents who didn't graduate from high school.

To learn more, visit [Lakewood.org/SustainableNeighborhoods](https://lakewood.org/SustainableNeighborhoods).

"...it helps one neighbor learn from another as we all work to address sustainability and climate resiliency."

— Mayor Wendi Strom,
City of Lakewood



Residents show up for Love Lakewood Day last year to volunteer to help make their community a better place.

Make a difference on Love Lakewood Day

Join us for Love Lakewood Day, a citywide volunteer event powered by Serve Spot Lakewood, where hundreds of neighbors come together to make a lasting impact across our city. It's a great way to give back and connect with your community.

From painting vibrant murals and beautifying neighborhood schools to packing meals and supporting local nonprofits, there's a project for every passion and skill set. Whether you're showing up solo or bringing a group, your time and energy will help uplift schools, neighborhoods, and organizations throughout Lakewood.

- **When:** Saturday morning, Sept. 20
- **Where:** Various sites across Lakewood
- **Sign up at:** ServeSpotLakewood.com

Serve Spot Lakewood is a nonprofit working to ensure everyone has a chance to flourish through opportunities, storytelling, and building and strengthening collaboration between government, education, businesses, service clubs, faith organizations, and nonprofits. It formed when three coalitions started by previous Lakewood mayors came together to leverage resources and increase collaboration. The three coalitions are the Coalition to End Hunger in Lakewood, the Lakewood Faith Coalition, and the Lakewood Service Organization Coalition. The main initiatives of Serve Spot Lakewood are Love Lakewood Day,

Community Resource Centers in Lakewood schools, and a volunteer portal for Lakewood.

Love Lakewood Day isn't just about rolling up your sleeves for a morning of volunteer work. It's about showing what's possible when a community comes together. Let's turn love into action — come lend a hand!

**Come for the music.
Stay for the community.**

Colorado Gives Foundation is throwing a concert and all of Jefferson County is on the guest list. All you need to do is bring your family, your friends and your folding chairs while we bring some of Colorado's best bands to your backyard. Join us for an evening of free live music, fun energy and a whole lot of local love.

**September 25
5:30-8:30 PM**
Grant Family Amphitheater in Clement Park

Graham Good & The Painters

Face Vocal Band

Rob Drabkin

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