



LAKEWOOD LIFE

Summer 2024

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A Note From Mayor George

Summer in Lakewood promises a vibrant array of activities. Lakewood Park will play host to its usual summer events, with the parking lot project scheduled to wrap up in time for the summer rush. Along with increased parking capacity, the lot will feature improved stormwater management, new efficient lighting, and buried power lines.

The season begins on June 1 with the annual Meet the Trucks event at Lakewood Park, sponsored by the Lakewood Early Childhood PTA. This event offers families the opportunity to interact with police, fire, construction, and maintenance vehicles, along with enjoying food vendors and local activities.

Concerts in the Park and Friday Night Flicks return again this year throughout the season, and the Summer Solstice Celebration will take place on June 21.

Lakewood's two outdoor pools, Becks at Madison Park and Foster at Lakewood Park, will reopen June 4 and June 11 respectively to help residents stay cool. Foster Pool in particular saw a surge in resident use last year following its upgrades.

The highlight of the summer will be the Fourth of July festivities, featuring the parade and fireworks display.

The Department of Human Services is organizing activities at Cove Community Center for seniors, youth, and families, including weekly bocce ball games from June through August. Interested participants can call (216) 529-5061 for details.

Additional outdoor events include the Front Porch Concert Series hosted by LakewoodAlive, held weekly outside Lakewood Public Library, with the last two concerts at Madison Park Pavilion. The Lakewood Summer Meltdown will take place downtown on July 20 starting at 4 PM, and the 47th annual Lakewood Arts Festival is scheduled for August 3.

There's no better place to be than Lakewood during the summer months, and I look forward to seeing each of you out enjoying all that our City has to offer.



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Events Calendar

Meet The Trucks

Saturday, June 1
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
9:30 AM: Sensory Friendly

Lakewood Park

Fourth of July Events

Thursday, July 4
Parade: 10:00 AM
Concert: 7:00 PM
Fireworks: 9:45 PM

Parade located on Lake Ave. between Kenneth and Lakewood Park; concert and fireworks at Lakewood Park

Lakewood Arts Festival

Saturday, August 3
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Located on Detroit Ave. between Arthur Ave. and Belle Ave.

Summer Solstice Celebration

Friday, June 21
6:00 PM to 10:30 PM

Lakewood Park

Lakewood Summer Meltdown

Saturday, July 20
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Detroit Ave. between Marlowe Ave. and Arthur Ave.

Lakewood Community Festival

Saturday, September 7
11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Madison Park

Recurring Events

Summer Safety Days

Wednesday, June 26
Tuesday, July 23
Tuesday, August 13

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: 3 to 7 year-olds
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: 8 to 12 year-olds

Madison Park

Friday Night Flicks

June 14
Migration (PG)

June 28
Wish (PG)

July 12
Trolls Band Together (PG)

July 26
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG)

August 9
(Madison Park)
Wonka (PG)

All movies (except 8/9) start at dusk at the Lakewood Park Bandstand.

The August 9 movie will be shown at Madison Park.

Cleveland Shakespeare Festival

Saturday, June 29
Friday, August 2
7:00 PM

Lakewood Park Bandstand

Concerts In The Park

Concerts begin at 7:00 PM at the Lakewood Park Bandstand

June 30
The Diamond Project Band (Neil Diamond Tribute Band)

July 4
The Lakewood Project

July 7
Liverpool Lads (Beatles Tribute Band)

July 14
FireSide

July 21
Men of Independence

July 28
Ernie Krivda and the Fat Tuesday Big Band

August 4
Cats on Holiday

August 11
The Lakewood Hometown Band



Enhancing Street Safety For All

Over the last few years, the City of Lakewood has heard calls for innovative safety measures for travelers of all modes. As a dense city with a wide range of travel needs, preferences, and abilities, Lakewood is working to reduce traffic crashes, promote healthy lifestyles, and enhance safety and morale for residents and visitors.

Planning For Lakewood's Future

Safe Streets for Lakewood, our Active Transportation Plan, was approved by City Council on April 15. At its core, the plan promotes active transportation as a safe, convenient, and sustainable mode of travel. Community engagement has been key, with residents providing valuable input throughout the process. Your voices have shaped the plan's recommendations to ensure they meet the needs of our diverse community.

Highlights include increasing the number of on-street and buffered bike lanes, shared use paths, crossing improvements, and traffic calming measures.

Additionally, the plan prioritizes creating barrier-free and inclusive streets, ensuring accessibility for residents of all ages and ability levels.

A number of elementary schools participated in "Hike

& Bike" programs during the week of May 13 to May 17 that aimed to encourage students and parents to commute to school using active transportation methods and simultaneously build community connections between nearby classmates and families.

Lake Avenue Speed Limit Change

One change that is taking place immediately is the speed limit reduction on Lake Avenue. After the 2020 road repavement and reconfiguration with bike lanes, the City heard resident calls for a reduction in speed limit along this primarily residential route. Following an extensive study process, the results were sent to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), who then recommended the speed limit reduction from 35 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour. The new speed limit will officially go into effect on June 3, 2024.

Staying Involved and Engaged

The Safe Streets for Lakewood Active Transportation Plan represents our shared vision for a sustainable and equitable transportation system. Thank you for your support as we work towards a healthier, safer, and more connected Lakewood.



Summer Safety Days

Lakewood's Police and Fire Departments are teaming up again this year to present Summer Safety Days, a series of events designed for kids to learn about safety through activities, crafts, and games with our first responders.

Sessions will take place June 26, July 23, and August 13 at Madison Park.

The day will be split into two sessions: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM targeted for children aged 3 to 7, and 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM for children aged 8 to 12. Food trucks will be available between sessions.

Registration is required. Stay tuned to city social media channels for information on how to register.

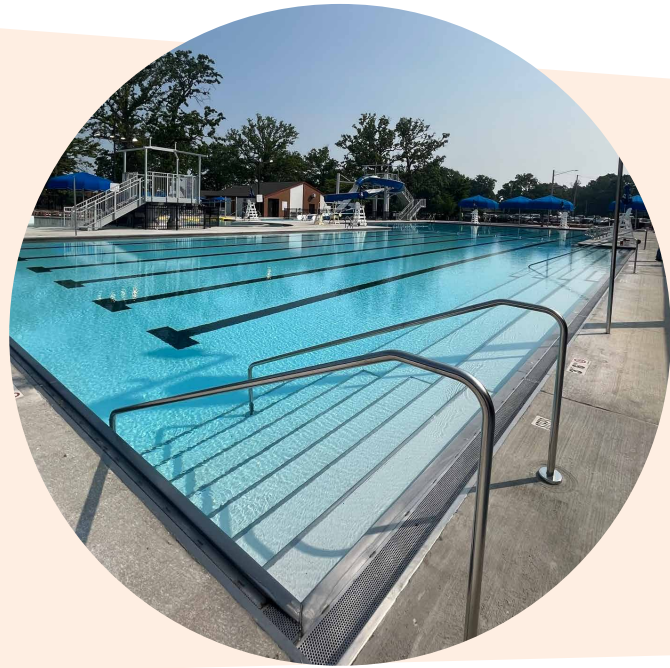
Pool Season Returns

Break out your suits and towels! Becks Pool is scheduled to open June 4, while Foster Pool is scheduled for a June 11 opening date.

Please be aware that outside food is not permitted inside the pool premises, with the exception of children's-sized snack portions and non-alcoholic liquids in plastic bottles or containers.

For information on hours, dates, admission, and season passes, please visit:

recreation.lakewoodcityschools.org/locations/pools-page.



Park Ambassadors Back in 2024

After a successful first year, Lakewood's Park Ambassadors have returned for 2024. These safety specialists travel throughout the city's five largest parks (Lakewood, Madison, Cove, Wagar, and Kaufmann) to serve as a welcoming presence, answer questions, and stay in touch with the City's Public Works team and safety forces.

Be sure to say hello to the folks in the purple attire this year as you enjoy your favorite park!



Heritage Home Program In Full Swing

In March, the City of Lakewood resumed participation in the Heritage Home Program, which provides Lakewood homeowners access to free, impartial, and independent assistance and advice for home repair and maintenance projects.

Since the relaunch on March 1, 359 homeowners contacted the Cleveland Restoration Society, and the group conducted 53 site visits. They provided technical assistance (without a site visit) to an additional 18 residents.

In connection with this program, Lakewood

homeowners have begun or completed over \$3 million in renovations and updates to their homes – an impressive figure for a program that only recently went into effect.

It is exciting to see that the Heritage Home Program is having such an immediate impact in updating and maintaining the community's housing stock.

To start your Heritage Home Program restoration or remodeling project, call **(216) 426-3116** or visit www.heritagehomeprogram.org.



We're Hiring!

Come work for the City of Lakewood! Our current job openings include:

- Assistant Director of Public Works
- Animal Control Officer
- Corrections Officer (Part-Time)
- Lateral Patrol Officer

Visit lakewoodoh.gov/human-resources for more information and to apply.



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Who do I contact...

If I need to reach the Police Department, but it's not an emergency?

Police Department
(216) 529-6773

If I have a question about a court date/case?

Lakewood Municipal Court
(216) 529-6700

If I want to start a home renovation project?

Housing & Building Department
(216) 529-6270

If I notice a problem at a park?

Parks Department
(216) 529-6815

If I have questions about my water bill?

Water Billing
(216) 529-6820

If my garbage and/or recycling were not picked up on my collection day?

Refuse Department
(216) 252-4322

If I am interested in Senior Services, Youth Services, H2O, or Early Childhood/Family Room?

Human Services (Cove Community Center)
(216) 529-6685

If I want to report a pothole, sidewalk issue, or traffic signal problem?

Streets and Forestry
(216) 529-6810

If I have a question about a current road, sewer, or water construction project?

Engineering Department
(216) 529-6692