



**Lakewood History.** The Lakewood Farm Dairy creamery opened in 1940 on the north side of West Colfax Avenue just west of Wadsworth Boulevard. Owner Arthur C. Peterson is on the left in this 1942 photograph. The creamery was built in 1939 on leased land and had a customer area in the front and milk vats and refrigeration in the back, along with 80 milk cows, dairy processing and two to three milk routes. Read more Lakewood history on page 6.

## Become part of Lakewood's Sustainable Neighborhoods

Join the ranks of Lakewood neighborhoods that have started a healthy food movement with their residents, ramped up energy conservation in their homes, adopted water-wise and pollinator friendly landscaping and gathered over potlucks and leaf composting to make their neighborhoods more sustainable.

Apply to become part of Lakewood's Sustainable Neighborhoods Program, which will add one to three new neighborhoods during this application process. Criteria for the program include showing a high level of support in the neighborhood, the potential for the program to serve as a catalyst for engagement and participation in the neighborhood and projects and goals that are well thought out. Applications are due no later than March 6 and are available at [SustainableNeighborhoodNetwork.org/Lakewood](http://SustainableNeighborhoodNetwork.org/Lakewood).

Attend an informational open house to learn more at 6 p.m. on Feb. 7 at the Lakewood Cultural Center Community Room, 470 S. Allison Parkway.

The Sustainable Neighborhoods Program is a grassroots effort bringing new ideas, enriching programs and community cohesion to residents. It provides residents the opportunity to become active partners in enhancing the livability of their neighborhoods and reducing residents' ecological footprint.

"The Sustainable Neighborhoods Program has helped neighbors to connect, created community and empowered us to be active on local issues that we are concerned about," said Eiber Sustainable Neighborhood leader Carrie Sonneborn. "It's a simple, powerful and cost-effective model."

Examples of successful projects include the following items:

- offering home energy workshops
- building community gardens
- hosting gatherings at local parks, restaurants and community gardens

See **Sustainable Neighborhoods** page 7

## Imagine Lakewood!

### *Building a healthy community through parks and play*

Imagine how you would like to play in our parks, participate in the arts, use our programs or exercise at our recreation centers, then tell us your ideas as the Community Resources Department launches into updating its master plan in 2017.

[Imagine Lakewood!](#), because we need big ideas, honest feedback and resident participation at every level, will help set the course for how the department can support community access to parks and play over the next five to eight years. Your participation is essential to developing the master plan.

Some questions to start considering are: What kinds of activities or amenities are missing from our current offerings? What hinders you or your family members from participating in our programs and at our facilities? How should the City be communicating to residents about parks, programs and facilities? What ideas do you have to help the City build a healthy community through parks and play?

During the City's 2016 Citizen Survey, Lakewood residents overwhelmingly responded that they love and use the City's diverse offerings of parks and recreation facilities. This shows that quality

of life — and the services that support it — continue to be important to residents. To provide a healthy community with lots of options for playing, the City has designated 25 percent of Lakewood's 44 square miles to park space, and the City boasts a diverse array of facilities: four recreation centers, an older adult center, 101 parks, 56 sports fields, seven pools, two splash pads, two golf courses, a performing arts center, an arts classes center, a museum and preschool facilities. The City's parks, recreation, arts, cultural performances and events, specialized transportation services and educational facilities and programs are all managed by the Community Resources Department.

In the coming weeks, 3,000 randomly selected Lakewood households will receive a survey in the mail from the National Research Center. If you do not receive a survey by Jan. 31 but

would like to participate, you can access the same survey at [Lakewood.org/Imagine](http://Lakewood.org/Imagine). We hope that the participation in the online survey reaches significant levels, so please feel free to share this article or the Imagine website with friends, family members, neighborhood organizations and anyone else you feel would enjoy participating in this community-driven process.

The results of the survey will help guide a series of community meetings, events and online discussions during the spring and summer. If you would like to stay up to date on the plan's progress and learn about meetings, online forums and other ways to get involved, sign up for the [Imagine Lakewood!](#) e-newsletter by clicking the sign-up link at the end of the online survey.

Now is the perfect time to get involved with [Imagine Lakewood!](#) and make your voice heard to help shape the future of Lakewood's parks and play. We can't wait to dream big with you!

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# Letter from the mayor



## Lakewood through the eyes of our children

Happy New Year Lakewood! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are enjoying the first month of winter. We are very fortunate to live in such a wonderful place where the thermometer may read below freezing yet the sky is bright blue and the sun is shining!

As a child growing up in Lakewood, I always enjoyed the winter months, whether sledding at Beech Park, swimming at the rec center or roaming Villa Italia and Westland Mall, there was always something to do, always something to keep my brother and me busy and hopefully out of trouble. As times have changed and Lakewood has changed, we still have great amenities and

opportunities to get out and enjoy. Bear Creek Lake Park is a grand place to recreate in the winter, and the Lakewood Cultural Center offers wonderful exhibits and performances. Belmar is dazzling and full of family friendly things to do. It was really cool standing out on the Belmar Plaza recently watching ice skaters under the beautifully lit lights and thinking about what used to be there and what it is now. I feel lucky to live in such a wonderful community.

In many ways the things we enjoyed in our youth translate into what we seek in adulthood. As kids we want to play and meet new people, go to events and feel safe. These are the core services that local government provides. For me growing up in Lakewood I had excellent access to many amenities and opportunities. Throughout the years our community members and leaders have continued to make sure Lakewood remains livable, vibrant and safe. With the recent growth of the metro area, it is more important than ever for us to ask what does the future hold

and what will our community look like for our children in 30 years? It is critically important to leave future generations a great city that they can be proud of.

Last year my focus was community health and the many different aspects of it. One of the topics I want to explore this year is a look at Lakewood through the lens of a child. I want us to better understand as a community the challenges our youth face and the opportunities that exist to foster success — after all they will be our residents, workers and leaders. Quality of life is not limited to any certain age group, and often times we can learn a lot from our youth. I would like to encourage you to ask the children in your life what they think about Lakewood and what they would do if they were mayor. Please have them email me at [apaul@lakewood.org](mailto:apaul@lakewood.org), and over the next year I will share their thoughts with you.

I would also like to encourage you to tune into “Spotlight on Lakewood,” which you can watch on cable channel 8 or 880 or on

our website at [Lakewood.org/Spotlight](http://Lakewood.org/Spotlight). Throughout the year I will be visiting different departments in the City to let the viewers know what local government does day in and day out. The “Spotlight” show also includes interviews with your council members from each ward as well as community partners.

I am excited for what’s to come in 2017. We will be looking at a wide range of issues from housing to transportation, so sign up to receive the Friday Report at [Lakewood.org/Newsletters](http://Lakewood.org/Newsletters) to stay up to date. I encourage you to get involved, get in touch with us if you have any concerns or questions and continue to be a partner with your local government because together we will do great things!

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## Council Corner

## Ward 1



Ramey Johnson



Charley Able

### A playground, PTA and our past are all part of new projects

Happy New Year!

A grassroots effort by South Lakewood Elementary School parents won unanimous City Council support of a Great Outdoors Colorado grant application on Dec. 12 to replace the school’s aging playground to better suit the needs of its diverse student population. The centerpiece of the ongoing fundraising campaign is the “Dream Your Own Playground” project in which many of South Lakewood’s 600 students offered their ideas of the ideal recreation space. The current playground equipment, some of which dates back to the 1950s, does not comply with federal guidelines on accessibility and safety.

The school PTA’s Playground Committee is also raising funds, public and private, to provide

an up-to-date playground with accessible equipment and has launched a YouTube video that makes an emphatic and persuasive appeal for support. To view the video, google “South Lakewood Elementary PTA Playground Committee YouTube” and see what you can do to help.

The PTA’s vision also includes community use of the playground space, offering a more inviting place for neighbors to enjoy — a place for “the big kids to play,” as one PTA member told City Council.

In Eiberhood, which spans large parts of Ward 1 and Ward 2, an inventory of historic structures is under way, enabled by a grant from the Colorado State Historical Fund. The study, conducted by HistoryMatters will examine Eiber homes built before 1946 to identify possible candidates for historic designation.

At a meeting to kick off the survey in November, Mary Therese Anstey of HistoryMatters said the inventory will focus on structures of historical importance that retain the integrity of their original architectural features.

The city applied for the grant in “a continuing effort to celebrate the history of Lakewood,” according to Travis Parker, Lakewood’s Planning Department director.

“The purpose of the survey is to tell the story of the neighborhood’s growth, development and changes from settlement until 1946, or just after WWII. The survey will also gather specific information about all structures that were built prior to 1946,” Parker said.

The inventory, the first stage of the project, is expected to be completed by summer.

Council soon will take up the issue of short-term rentals, which are residential properties that are rented to lodgers for less than 30 days. The concept, which now is regulated in Lakewood in much the same as bed and breakfast lodging, has sparked concern in cities across the nation as enterprises such as Airbnb and VRBO become more popular.

The Colorado Municipal League estimates that more than 22,000 Colorado residences are listed with Airbnb, and more than 16,000 are listed with VRBO. As the

numbers increase, concerns over neighborhood impacts involving neighborhood character and safety also arise, prompting local governments to address the still-evolving community issues and concerns about registration of short-term rental properties and collection of lodging taxes.

CLARIFICATION: In the last edition of Looking@Lakewood, an article on city sidewalk projects included several projects in which city resources were used in the development of the sidewalk such as the newly installed sidewalk on the West Sixth Avenue north frontage road, but the Colorado Department of Transportation paid for the construction of that sidewalk.

Your Ward 1 Council members Ramey Johnson and Charley Able wish each of you the best in 2017.

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#### City Manager Kathy Hodgson

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## Great year for economic development

Economic development activity in Lakewood moved forward at a record pace in 2016. Construction projects put new buildings, jobs and investment into our community. New restaurants, businesses and housing opportunities opened to serve our growing population. Driving around town, it's easy to see how Lakewood's success has made us the envy of the Front Range. Here's the breakdown of what occurred.

### **Alameda corridor**

A new Student Center at Colorado Christian University is under construction and expected to open by mid-2017. It will join two other campus buildings built in 2015.

### **Downtown Lakewood**

In March, the six story, 135 room Hyatt House Belmar hotel opened to rave reviews, and T-Street Roadhouse opened with an eclectic menu and a standing-room-only crowd. Throughout the year, David Weekley Homes completed a total of 37 low-maintenance urban townhomes in Belmar.

The 156 senior residences at the Village at Belmar are expected to be finished in the first quarter of 2017, and an expansion of the King Soopers in City Commons is under construction and will welcome shoppers by spring.

### **Wadsworth north of downtown**

A Sprouts Farmers Market opened last January, greatly increasing the value of and shopping options in the Fairfield Commons Shopping Center. If

Relocated and expanded Rite Aid at Wadsworth and Jewell Avenue.



Sprouts in Fairfield Commons on Wadsworth Boulevard.



Landscaping, parking lot and facade improvements at Lamar Station Plaza.

any pairing of restaurants makes perfect sense, it's combining a Caribou Coffee and an Einstein Bagels at 120 Wadsworth Blvd. to the applause of morning commuters starting in October.

### **South Lakewood**

Wow, what a difference there is at the intersection of Wadsworth and Jewell Avenue! A new Starbucks, complete with a drive-thru, opened on the north-west corner and immediately set an opening day sales record for the region. Nearby, Rite Aid relocated and expanded with a contemporary look. On the northeast corner, construction is transforming a

building into a multifaceted restaurant, entertainment and tavern concept called Hangar 101.

A few blocks to the west at 8201 W. Jewell Ave., Lakewood Memory Care, a 48 unit facility finished construction and opened in July.

Farther south, business is booming with a nearly \$1 million facade upgrade and Vitamin Cottage expansion in the 3333 Retail Center. In the Westgate Center at Wadsworth and Eastman Place, the Café Ole coffee shop and Landlocked Ales brewpub are the latest additions.

Near Hampden Avenue, new construction includes a 10 room urgent/emergency care Centura Health facility. A sleek, new Red Robin restaurant at 3244 S. Wadsworth Blvd. will be the place for family fun dining.

In October, Rocky Mountain Assisted Living built and opened a 32 unit residential facility at 7985 W. Quincy Ave. Alta Pinehurst Apartments, a 350 unit apartment complex developed by Wood Partners on 19.2 acres near the Pinehurst Country Club, is under construction. And Solterra, a chic master planned community created by Brookfield Residential, continues to develop with a variety of housing options.

Also in the area, Denver Christian School has impressive new athletic fields, and Colorado Academy added a striking addition to the Stevens Visual Arts Center.

### **West side**

Life is a banquet on the west side of Lakewood with the openings of Racca's Pizzeria, Rubio's, Moe's Original Barbecue, Qdoba and Motomaki sushi

fusion, all in 2016. This is great news for the residents and employees in the area working up an appetite with the construction of the four-story St. Anthony Medical Office Building #3 and the 85 South Union Apartments.

In early 2017, Abrusci's Italian restaurant will move to a Lakewood location in the Applewood neighborhood and join the recently constructed 9,200-square-foot office/warehouse building at 11485 W. Eighth Ave. and the modern Union West Apartments at 35 Van Gordon St.

### **West Colfax corridor**

The corridor is transforming with each passing month. The improvements are driving increased sales and attracting even more capital investment. Landscaping, parking lot and facade improvements at Lamar Station Plaza greet people as they head to the new WestFax Brewing Company and the Lakewood Arts Council next to world famous Casa Bonita.

Several new residences have opened in Lakewood over the last 18 months, bringing housing options for workers and new shoppers to the commercial areas along Colfax. Recently completed and under construction residences near Colfax include Westlink at Oak Station, Zephyr Line Apartments, West Line Flats and 40W Residences.

On the east side of Colfax, Bucky's Car Wash is under construction at Fenton Street. On the west side, Empire Nissan is building a state-of-the-art facility close to the FirstBank Headquarters expansion completed in May. In between, two mixed-use commercial facilities with self-storage, StorQuest near Kipling and Banner Storage at Holland Street, are under construction.

Want to know more about development projects as they happen? Check out our Development Highlights Map at [Lakewood.org/Development-Highlights-Map](http://Lakewood.org/Development-Highlights-Map).



## Welcome to



Listed below are openings of new businesses.

**Beef Jerky Experience**  
14500 W. Colfax Ave., Suite 542  
303-590-1981  
[BeefJerkyDenver.com](http://BeefJerkyDenver.com)

**Brodo Italian Scratch Kitchen**  
7167 W. Alaska Drive  
303-953-1121  
[BrodoScratchKitchen.com](http://BrodoScratchKitchen.com)

**Colorado Faring Company**  
720-300-0957  
[COFaringCo.com](http://COFaringCo.com)

**Green Mountain Beer Company**  
2585 S. Lewis Way, Suite 110  
303-986-2990  
[GreenMountainBeerCompany.com](http://GreenMountainBeerCompany.com)

**Howard W. Masini CPA**  
12211 W. Alameda Parkway  
Suite 210  
303-378-5400  
[Hwmcpa.com](http://Hwmcpa.com)

**Mint & Serif Coffee House**  
11500 W. Colfax Ave.  
720-509-9908  
[MintandSerif.com](http://MintandSerif.com)

**Motomaki**  
14650 W. Colfax Ave.  
720-262-9400  
[Motomaki.com](http://Motomaki.com)

**Rocky Mountain Soap Market**  
424 S. Teller St.  
303-993-3526  
[RockyMountainSoapMarket.com](http://RockyMountainSoapMarket.com)

To submit a listing, visit [Lakewood.org/GrandOpenings](http://Lakewood.org/GrandOpenings).



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# GET Involved



## More recycling bins in the parks

Lakewood's Parks Division has renewed its commitment to sustainability with the purchase of new recycling containers for some of the City's 101 parks.

Based on community feedback and recommendations from Lakewood's Advisory Commission for an Inclusive Community, Lakewood Parks added to its existing fleet of single-stream receptacles, bringing the total number of recycling bins in the parks to 26. You can find — and use! — recycling bins in Belmar, Addenbrooke, Lakewood, O'Kane, Morse, Daniels, Ray Ross and Surfside parks, among others.

These new additions are part of a plan to add bins to the 18 most visited parks in Lakewood throughout 2017. Look for the next rollout of new recycling containers this spring. For more information on Lakewood parks, including location and amenities, visit [Lakewood.org/Parks](http://Lakewood.org/Parks).



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## WHO INSPIRED YOU? TELL US ABOUT IT!

There are remarkable people and organizations in our community, and it's time to recognize their inspiring work and commitment with the Mayor's Inspiration Award. The award will recognize any youth, individual, neighborhood, business, civic association and organization that has made a significant impact in our community.



**Nominations will be accepted from Jan. 3 to Feb. 10.**  
**Find out more at [Lakewood.org/MayorsAwards](http://Lakewood.org/MayorsAwards) or by calling 303.987.7098.**

Winners will be selected in March, and an awards ceremony and presentation will take place in the spring.

## Board and commission openings

### We need you!

We're looking for several good men and women to serve on the City's boards and commissions, and the deadline to apply for all the openings is Feb. 10. Check the openings below and apply at [Lakewood.org/GetOnBoard](http://Lakewood.org/GetOnBoard), which provides a full description of the qualifications for each position. For more information, contact Ethen Westbrook at 303-987-7661 or [ethwes@lakewood.org](mailto:ethwes@lakewood.org).

#### Advisory Commission for an Inclusive Community

ACIC members serve in an advisory role to the Lakewood City Council, and they research

specific issues or topics of interest to Lakewood residents and make recommendations on potential actions to City Council. Members should plan to attend a minimum of two meetings a month, which will include a full commission meeting and a committee meeting. Applicants must attend both a full commission meeting and an individual committee meeting before submitting an application. Visit [Lakewood.org/ACIC](http://Lakewood.org/ACIC) for more information.

#### Historic Preservation Commission

The openings are for new four-year terms. Applicants are not required to be Lakewood residents,

but they must have a demonstrated competence in or knowledge of historic preservation. Members should also be a professional in a preservation-related discipline such as architecture, history, urban planning or related fields. Among its duties, the commission conducts public hearings on applications for landmark designation and makes recommendations to the City Council. The commission meets a minimum of four times a year.

#### Board of Appeals

The openings are for a three-year term that will begin April 1 and for unexpired terms. The board is a quasi-judicial body, and it hears and decides appeals from any order,

requirement, decision or determination made by the codes administrator. Members must be qualified by experience and training in building construction. Meetings typically occur four to five times a year.

#### Planning Commission

The openings are for a Ward 5 resident and two Lakewood residents from any ward. The terms will begin April 1 and expire on March 31, 2021. The commission conducts public hearings on rezoning and subdivision applications, approves certain special use permits and reviews site plans. Members also serve on the Board of Adjustment. The commission typically meets four times a month on Wednesday nights.

# ARTS & PARKS



## BRUBECK BROTHERS QUARTET

7:30 p.m., Saturday, February 4  
Lakewood Cultural Center  
[Lakewood.org/LCCPresents](http://Lakewood.org/LCCPresents)

The Brubeck Brothers Quartet returns to Lakewood after a sold-out performance in 2014. This exciting jazz group features two members of one of America's most accomplished musical families, Dan and Chris Brubeck. [Lakewood.org/Tickets](http://Lakewood.org/Tickets)

Sign up to receive the latest arts, parks and recreation news at [Lakewood.org/Publications](http://Lakewood.org/Publications).

## SNOW FULL MOON HIKE

5 p.m., Friday, February 10  
Bear Creek Lake Park

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.

[Lakewood.org/BCLPEvents](http://Lakewood.org/BCLPEvents)

## HISTORICAL LUNCHEON: HARD TIMES, GREAT QUILTS

Noon-2 p.m., Tuesday, February 14  
Lakewood Heritage Center

Join the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum for a visual showcase! The hardships and triumphant stories of the Great Depression will be told through 25 different quilts. Luncheons sell out, please register early. [Lakewood.org/Luncheons](http://Lakewood.org/Luncheons)

## PROJECT TRIO

7:30 p.m. Friday, February 17  
Lakewood Cultural Center  
[Lakewood.org/LCCPresents](http://Lakewood.org/LCCPresents)

Blending its classical training with an eclectic taste in musical styles, and a collective desire to perform high energy, top quality music, PROJECT Trio has made an impact on audiences of all ages.

[Lakewood.org/Tickets](http://Lakewood.org/Tickets)

## THIRD COAST PERCUSSION

7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 2  
Lakewood Cultural Center  
[Lakewood.org/LCCPresents](http://Lakewood.org/LCCPresents)

Hailed by The New Yorker as "vibrant" and "superb," Third Coast Percussion explores and expands the extraordinary sonic possibilities of the percussion repertoire. Formed in 2005, the group has developed an international reputation for concerts of inspiring energy and subtle nuance.

[Lakewood.org/Tickets](http://Lakewood.org/Tickets)

## VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE

5-7 p.m., Tuesday, March 7  
Bear Creek Lake Park

Love the outdoors? Want to get involved in the community and make new friends? Stop by to learn about a variety of volunteer opportunities available at Bear Creek Lake Park!

[Lakewood.org/BCLP](http://Lakewood.org/BCLP)

## COYOTES OF THE FRONT RANGE

6 p.m., Wednesday, April 5  
Lakewood Heritage Center

Join park naturalists and Animal Control agents for a talk about coyote behavior. Program will meet in the Orchard Room at Lakewood Heritage Center and then go on a short walk around Kountze Lake to discover why coyotes call this habitat home.

[Lakewood.org/LHCPrograms](http://Lakewood.org/LHCPrograms)

## HISTORICAL LUNCHEON: BUFFALO BILL AND THE BIG SCREEN

Noon-2 p.m., Tuesday, April 11  
Lakewood Heritage Center

Join the director of Golden's Buffalo Bill Museum for a talk on Buffalo Bill Cody's impact on the Western movie genre during the 100th anniversary of his death. Luncheons sell out, please register early.

[Lakewood.org/Luncheons](http://Lakewood.org/Luncheons)

## EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

11 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, April 22  
Lakewood Heritage Center

Enjoy demonstrations, browse vendors and more at this annual celebration of all things sustainable!

[Lakewood.org/EarthDayCelebration](http://Lakewood.org/EarthDayCelebration)

## Lakewood history: The first woman on City Council



Betty Miller, who served on Lakewood's first City Council, became a woman involved in politics during

a time when "politics" and "women" weren't often spoken in the same sentence.

In one of the first pictures taken of the council for the newly formed city in 1969, Miller is the only woman on the 11-member council, where she spent six years representing Ward 5 covering southwest Lakewood.

"Council met in schools, and we all sat in children's school chairs," Miller once recalled of the early days of Lakewood when it didn't yet have a city hall for council meetings.

Jim Richey, Lakewood's first mayor, and Miller are known for their push to create a new kind of police department that relied on nontraditional community policing and required applicants to have a college degree to be hired as a police

agent, according to the book, "Lakewood-Colorado, An Illustrated Biography." That legacy continues in the nationally recognized Police Department.

Miller was born in Bluefield, West Virginia, and as a mother with young children moved to Lakewood in 1959. She got involved in her new community by volunteering with the local chapter of the League of Women Voters and the PTA. She focused on resolving school finance issues and addressing zoning concerns in Jefferson County at the time. That background gave her the foundation for winning a seat in the Colorado Legislature in 1964.

Miller's career in public service is noteworthy for the heights it reached. It also was grounded in the traits and character that people remember the most, and some that probably came from raising her family as a single mother.

"Betty helped to weave the fabric of our neighborhoods into the county as we know it. She was a fine leader, and we all owe her a debt for her humor, patience and

wisdom," former Sen. Tim Wirth said of Miller last year when she was inducted posthumously into the Jefferson County Hall of Fame.

Others added fairness, honesty and intelligence as traits that were the hallmark of her work and life. She died in 2012.

"Betty Miller leaves a legacy that we can all honor by living up to our best democratic ideals and not falling into the trap of bitter partisanship and character assassination," said Linda Rockwell, a longtime colleague.

In 1974, Gov. Richard Lamm appointed her as the executive director of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. In 1977, she began a four-year tenure as the regional administrator of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. She followed that by serving as the district and then state director for Wirth, both when he was a U.S. representative and a U.S. senator.

At a time in life when most people retire, she was elected as a Jefferson County commissioner, promoting Jeffco Open Space, a

countywide planning effort known as Future Jeffco and an open, service-oriented county government.

She received numerous awards: Outstanding Woman of 1972 from the Lakewood Sentinel, 1977 Citizen of the Year from the Lakewood Board of Realtors, the Leo Riethmayer Outstanding Public Administrator in 1980, Lakewood's Historical Belmar Village 1994 Woman Who Made A Difference and a 2016 inductee into the Jefferson County Hall of Fame. In 2006, a statue of a woman reading a book was installed at the Belmar Library to honor her as a community leader.



Betty Miller, on the left, enjoys some corn on the cob at an event in the 1970s with U.S. Rep. Roy McVicker of Wheat Ridge, in the middle, and Darryl Skelton, also of Wheat Ridge.

## PARTNER VIEWS

News from our partners in government

### Choice Enrollment Round One begins for Jeffco Public Schools

The first round of choice enrollment began on Jan. 9 and ends Jan. 31. Below are recommended steps to help you find the information you need to determine the best fit for your student as Jeffco Public Schools begins the enrollment process for the 2017-18 school year.

Know your designated neighborhood school. Use the school locator at [JeffcoPublicSchools.org/schools/locator](http://JeffcoPublicSchools.org/schools/locator) to find out the designated neighborhood school for your student.

Look at the school profile page at [JeffcoPublicSchools.org/schools](http://JeffcoPublicSchools.org/schools) to learn about a specific school. The profile page also has a link to each school's website.

Discuss what type of school would be a good fit for your student and your family. Jeffco Public Schools has a proud tradition of offering high-quality neighborhood schools and programs along with a variety of option, special and charter schools. Here are a few questions to help you determine your child's needs:

- What special interests and programs that align with your child's needs are available at your designated school?

- Does your student have a special interest offered by another school or program?
- Is a certain learning style preferred?
- Does your family need before- and after-school care?
- Is full-day kindergarten a must?
- Are there special activities or elective course options such as dual language, STEM, athletics or art and music you want for your child?

If your assigned neighborhood school doesn't seem to meet your needs, you may want to consider other Jeffco Public Schools through the choice enrollment process.

Visit your designated neighborhood school and others. Whether you attend an information

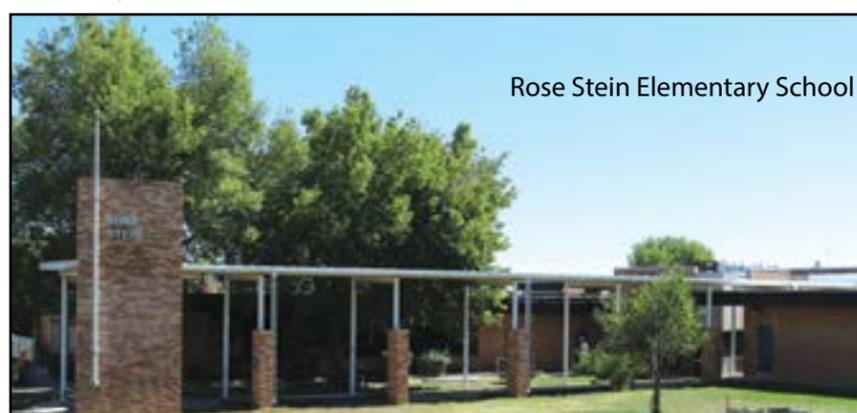
night or schedule a visit by calling the school, the best way to get a feel for the school is seeing a school in person and talking to staff members. Please contact the school you are interested in visiting for more information about the times tours are available.

Decide if you will participate in choice enrollment. If your student plans to attend his or her designated neighborhood school, you can enroll in August unless you have a new kindergarten student. The school district suggests you check with the school for early enrollment dates, especially middle and high school registration dates and course selection timelines.

If your student would like to attend a Jeffco Public School that is not your designated neighborhood school, you must use choice enrollment. See the choice enrollment portion of the enrollment page at [JeffcoPublicSchools.org/enrollment](http://JeffcoPublicSchools.org/enrollment) for details and forms. Students are accepted through a lottery process based on space availability during Choice Enrollment Round One.

Other stuff to know: Kindergarten registration is Jan. 9-31. Jeffco Public Schools has a number of preschool options. If you have a high school student interested in athletics and his or her desired sport is not offered at his or her school, the student may participate in the sport at another school.

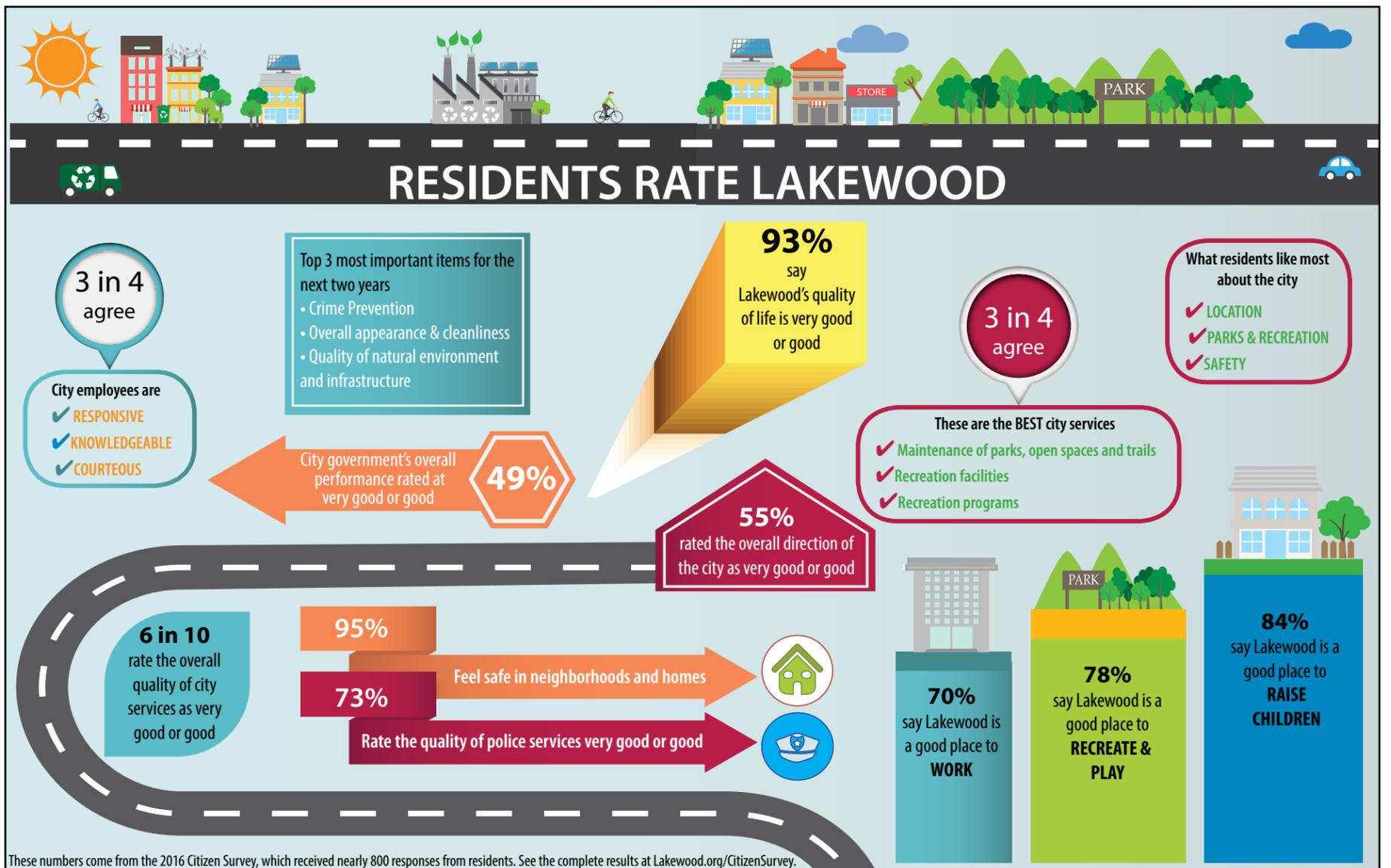
We are lucky. Jeffco has great schools and many choices. No matter where your student lands, he or she will receive a quality education. Jeffco Public Schools encourages you to take the time to learn about your designated neighborhood school and other options to meet the needs of your student and family. All the information on schools, choice enrollment forms and school locator information is available at [JeffcoPublicSchools.org](http://JeffcoPublicSchools.org).



Rose Stein Elementary School



# City Happenings



## Sustainable Neighborhoods from page 1

- cleaning up alleyways, parks and school yards
- coordinating efforts to protect bees and other pollinators
- hosting backyard chicken-keeping classes
- encouraging neighbors to reduce water use with xeriscaping or water-wise landscaping

At the heart of the program are volunteer leadership teams in each neighborhood. These volunteers meet to brainstorm ideas that will resonate with and make a difference to their neighborhoods. They then coordinate initiatives and events for their residents. The City provides support in the form of printing, publications, finding community partners and staff time to assist with outreach and project development.

Participating neighborhoods can earn unique certification based on the workshops, projects, activities and events they design for their residents. Participating neighborhoods earn credits each year toward receiving designation from the City

as either a Participating Sustainable Neighborhood or an Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhood. The certification also culminates in the neighborhood receiving customized signs that show that they are sustainable neighborhoods.

The current certified neighborhoods are Belmar, Eiber, Lake Lochwood, Southern Gables and South of 6th.

"We are really proud of these neighborhoods, and I want to encourage residents to submit an application for this important and inspirational program," Mayor Adam Paul said.

The program started five years ago, and it has grown to become a nationally recognized success that has been replicated in Denver, resulting in the creation of the Sustainable Neighborhood Network.

For more information, please contact the Sustainability Division at 303-987-7515 or [SustainableNeighborhoods@Lakewood.org](mailto:SustainableNeighborhoods@Lakewood.org).

### Lakewood Sustainable Neighborhoods

#### Now Accepting Applications!

The Sustainable Neighborhoods Program gives residents the opportunity to become active partners in building vibrant and sustainable communities.

*Is your neighborhood ready to become a certified sustainable neighborhood?*

#### Informational Open House

6-8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 7  
Lakewood Cultural Center Community Room  
470 S. Allison Parkway

**Your ideas. Your neighborhood. Your home.**

### Lakewood's sustainability ratings

Lakewood has helped launch a new data reporting initiative that annually reports on 21 measurements of sustainability that are important or obtainable, allowing the city to compare itself with other communities and to track Lakewood's progress over the years.

The STAR Community Rating system provides participating communities a benchmark of their performance and compares progress with other participating communities through an online dashboard that is available to the public. See Lakewood's profile at [Reporting.StarCommunities.org/indicators](http://Reporting.StarCommunities.org/indicators).

**Go in-depth**  
Look for links in bold and go online to [Lakewood.org](http://Lakewood.org) to watch videos, see photos and read more.

# Stay Informed

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## Snowplowing by the numbers

Keeping the major streets in Lakewood drivable during winter storms involves a lot of numbers — miles of road to cover, number of hours crews work, size of the budget and even the amount of snow.

Providing this service to residents is a top priority for the City, and the numbers in the City's long-standing snowstorm plan including the following items.

- \$1.2 million annual budget for snow removal, amounting to a cost of about \$8 per resident.
- 25 snowplows in City's fleet.
- 12-hour shifts for snowplow crews until the storm and aftermath are handled.
- 5 contractor snowplows available for an additional cost to the City.
- 126 miles of Priority 1 streets plowed first to ensure that emergency vehicles can respond to calls and to keep traffic moving. These roads include West Jewell and West Alameda avenues, Bear Creek Boulevard and other major arterials. In major storms with a high rate of snowfall and windy conditions, snowplows must plow, replot and maintain traveling conditions on Priority 1 streets before moving on to plow lower priority streets.
- 121 miles of Priority 2 or 3 streets. These include business areas, school zones and minor collector streets such as West Exposition Drive or South Arbutus Street in Green Mountain neighborhoods.
- 7 major roads in Lakewood are state highways, and the Colorado Department of Transportation plows those roads, which include West Sixth Avenue, West Colfax Avenue, Morrison Road, Hampden Avenue, Kipling Parkway and Wadsworth and Sheridan boulevards.
- 240 miles of residential streets that are not part of the priority routes. These streets are plowed only when snow depths are seriously impeding vehicle mobility and melting is not expected to occur quickly.
- \$75,000 at a minimum is the cost of plowing residential streets for each snowstorm. Given the cost, the City considers the conditions and weather forecast before deciding whether to spend the additional money to plow residential streets.
- 80 miles of bicycling and walking paths cleared of snow.
- 24 hours after the end of the storm is the amount of time businesses and homeowners have to clear sidewalks and driveway entrances. Residents can report sidewalks that remain unshoveled at 303-987-7975 or online at [Lakewood.org/RequestLakewood](http://Lakewood.org/RequestLakewood).



Help make Lakewood safe by clearing snow and ice from the sidewalks and driveways around your property. This removes hazards for pedestrians, customers, children walking to school and those in wheelchairs. Business owners and residents should remove snow, ice and slush on sidewalks and driveways adjacent to their property within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling. Besides being neighborly, it's also the law.

### SHOVELING TIPS

- Shovel early and often. To prevent accumulation and to avoid dealing with packed, heavy snow, clear your walks as early as the weather permits and continue to keep an eye on them when it snows on consecutive days.
- Pile snow on your property, not in the street or on the sidewalk.
- Be a good neighbor. Offer a helping hand to neighbors who are physically unable to clean their own sidewalks.

To report locations with unshoveled sidewalks after storms, visit [Lakewood.org/RequestLakewood](http://Lakewood.org/RequestLakewood) or call 303-987-7975. For additional information on Lakewood's snow policies and plan, visit [Lakewood.org/SnowPlan](http://Lakewood.org/SnowPlan).

