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Diversity Potluck

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Lakewood is amazingly diverse! Over the years, the Community Relations Advisory Commission of the City of Lakewood has sponsored many DIVERSITY POTLUCKS. These have been a wonderful way to meet and greet people from around the world right here at home!

The next DIVERSITY POTLUCK will be held on Friday, August 13, from 6 p.m. to dusk at the pavillion at Madison Park. Since the outdoor movie for the evening there is "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs", the Commission members have decided to suggest spaghetti and meatballs as the main dish. The public is asked to each bring an ethnic dish as a side or to accompany the spaghetti and meatballs. Salads, breads, other main dishes, and desserts are welcome from among a family's heritage. Please bring vegetarian options, too! Cups, beverages, plasticware, and tableware will be provided.

At the last DIVERSITY POTLUCK in the spring, about 100 people attended and had a great time at the Women's Pavillion in Lakewood Park. Yummy food was brought and there was enough for all.

Please make your recipe one that will serve 6-8 people and bring it in a reusable container with your name or phone number on it or a disposable container.

Another past and future program of the Commission is the "Community Conversations" series. The next one will be in mid-October and will focus on "Where do Youth have to go in Lakewood?" with an emphasis on teens and young adults and hospitality concerns. Time and place for the conversation will be announced on August 13 at the potluck in Madison Park.

The Community Relations Advisory Commission is looking for new members. See the City's website, www.onelakewood.com and fill out a nomination form.