

August 2019 Block Club Newsletter

August Calendar of Events

Friday, Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Front Porch Concerts – Main Library Front Porch

- 8. 2.19: [The George Martins](#) (genre: Beatles cover band)
Presenting Sponsor: [Bentley Wealth Management of Raymond James](#)
- 8. 9.19: [Cats on Holiday](#) (genres: blues, rock and Swamp Pop)
presenting Sponsor: [Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council \(NOPEC\)](#)
- 8. 16.19: [LMC Student Ensembles](#) (genres: rock, funk, pop and punk)
Presenting Sponsor: [The Exchange](#)
- 8. 23.19: [Drumplay](#) (genres: percussion, jazz and folk)
Presenting Sponsor: [Lion and Blue](#)
- 8. 30.19: [Rey Citron Latin Jazz](#) (genres: jazz, Cuban, rhythmic dance)
Presenting Sponsor: [Cleveland Clinic Lakewood Family Health Center](#)

Saturday, Aug 3rd - **Lakewood Arts Festival** – 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Detroit Ave between Arthur & Marlowe. More Information at: www.lakewoodartsfest.org

Saturday, Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – Lakewood Farmers Market

City Center Park/Marc's Plaza 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sunday, Aug 4 and 11 – Lakewood Park Bandstand

August 4 – [Carlos Jones & the PLUS Band](#)

August 11 – Lakewood Hometown Band

Tuesday, Aug 6, 13, 20 and 27 – Sunset Yoga at Lkwd Solstice Steps – 8:00 p.m.

Free programming brought to the community by the YMCA at Lakewood Park

Friday August 9 – Friday Night Flick at Madison Park

Movie: Ralph Breaks the Internet

Tuesday, August 13 – Listening to Lakewood w/Mayor Summers

Brewella's, 16806 Madison Avenue - 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 15 – Cone with a Cop at McDonalds - 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Join various Neighborhood Police Officers for conversation – no agendas or speeches, just a chance for conversation and questions as you get to know the neighborhood police officers. – kids who visit get a coupon for an ice cream cone courtesy of McDonald's

Friday, August 30 – Deadline to Order a Tree for Fall Planting under the City's ["Plant a Shade Tree" Program](#) (See more information below)

City News

How do you deal with Shocks & Stresses in your Life? The Citizen-led Resiliency Task Force would like your input by responses to a short survey.

Resiliency is the ability of a system to absorb internal and external shocks – environmental, social and economic shocks. The Resiliency Task Force, made up of a group of citizens that are experts in their fields, has worked for over a year to analyze and create a resiliency strategy for the City. Topics considered under the umbrella of resiliency include: Energy, Food Systems, Smart Cities, Water, Waster, Smart Building, Inclusive Design to name a few.

The citizen-led panel has sought to fill in gaps in the presentation made to the Planning Commission in late 2017 by looking to find alignment between existing city plans from all departments, collect public input and develop strategies and priorities to make Lakewood the most resilient city in Ohio. This information will build upon the City's Community Vision.

Find the short Resiliency Survey at this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2CCMG2V>

The 2020 Census is Coming! Interested in helping?

The city is looking for volunteers for the "Complete Count Committee" because experience indicates very few households will respond upon simply receiving the forms. Follow-up efforts are necessary to educate and encourage our neighbors to complete the census forms. Census data is used to determine how congressional seats are apportioned, how state and federal funding is allocated and influences decisions by the private sector on where to locate their businesses. Complete Count Committee needs representation from the education, medical, business, real estate, landlord, nonprofit and citizen leadership communities.

If interested contact the Mayor's Office c/o katie.meehano@lakewoodoh.net or by calling 216-529-6600 to add your name to the volunteer list.

Lead Safety

Most of the homes in Lakewood are entering their second century. Many, if not all Lakewood homes may have had some or all of their homes painted at one time with lead paint. There are some **simple steps we can all take to protect those that live or visit our homes from lead hazards:**

- Don't try to remove lead-based paint yourself
- Always keep painted surfaces in good condition to minimize deterioration
- Get your home checked for lead hazards. Find a certified inspector or risk assessor at epa.gov/lead
- Talk to your landlord about fixing surfaces with peeling or chipping paint
- Regularly clean floors, window sills and other surfaces
- Take precautions to avoid exposure to lead dust when remodeling
- When renovating, repairing or painting, hire only EPA – or state-approved Lead Safe Certified renovation firms
- Before buying, renting or renovating your home, have it checked for lead-based paint
- Consult your health care provider about testing your children for lead. Your pediatrician can check for lead with a simple blood test
- Wash children's hands, bottles, pacifiers and toys often
- Make sure children eat healthy, low-fat foods high in iron, calcium and vitamin C
- Remove shoes or wipe soil off shoes before entering your house

The City website has lots of information about Lead Safety and Prevention. You may find it at: <http://www.onelakewood.com/lead-safety-prevention/>

If you have questions or concerns some local contacts are:

- Mary Leigh, City Community Development Office – 216-529-7681
- Allison Urbanek, LakewoodAlive – 216-521-0655
- Jessica Parker, City Early Childhood Division – 216-529-5018

Cuyahoga County Board of Health oversees the Lead Safety Program for Cuyahoga County and are always available:

- John Sobolewski, Deputy Director 216-201-2000 Ext 1515 jsobo@cchb.net
- Stephanie McConoughey Program Mgr. 216-201-2000 Ext 1244 smcconoughey@cchb.net

Crossing Guards Needed for the 2019-2020 School Year

The City of Lakewood is seeking applicants for the part-time position of School Crossing Guard. Crossing Guards work approximately 2 hours per day and earn \$13.53 an hour.

Applicants need to be able to work in inclement weather conditions, be able to move freely and capably during their work period and possess a valid driver's license and reliable mode of transportation.

This is a great opportunity to interact with Lakewood's young families and young people.

To apply you must be 18 years of age, have a high school diploma or GED, be physically able to meet the requirements of the job and be able to pass a drug screen analysis and police background check.

Apply on the city's website at the following link: <http://www.onelakewood.com/human-resources/application-for-employment/> or contact Lt. Roger Warner at: 216-529-6781

Refuse & Recycling

Did you know? Items such as mattresses and box springs must be wrapped in plastic to ensure safe collection from your home or when dropped off at the City Division of Refuse. The city makes this convenient by offering plastic mattress bags for \$3.00 each at the City Division of Refuse at 12920 Berea Road. Please contact the Division of Refuse and Recycling at 216-252-4322 if you need to purchase bags for wrapping.

Once these items are wrapped, please call the Refuse and Recycling Division to schedule a pick-up of the items. Call: 216-252-4322

Do you still have Questions about Recycling? Lakewood follows the Cuyahoga County Recycling program. Find all the Cuyahoga County Recycles information at www.cuyahogarecycles.org. It's easy - on this website you may search for items to determine "if" and "how" to recycle them.

The next holiday to affect collection is Labor Day, Monday, September 2nd. Monday collection will be on Tuesday. The Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday collections will be on their regular day, but collections will begin by 6:30 a.m. so have your refuse out the night before. The Holiday Collection Schedule is always available on the city website at: <http://www.onelakewood.com/accordions/holiday-collection-schedules/>

Tree Canopy, Trees & Tree Care

Did you know that the City of Lakewood currently has FOUR certified Arborists and has a [20 Year Tree Action Plan](http://www.onelakewood.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2016-Tree-Action-Plan-For-ODNR-talks-Updated-with-Dec-2018-numbers.pdf) that is continually reviewed. <http://www.onelakewood.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2016-Tree-Action-Plan-For-ODNR-talks-Updated-with-Dec-2018-numbers.pdf>

How you can help protect our tree lawn trees, sidewalks and curbs?

- Don't lean bulk items up against trees for refuse collection – especially new trees. A young tree was recently broken by a box spring set up against it that snapped the trunk.
- Don't weed whip tree trunks – it can kill younger trees over time by damaging the inner layer of trunk tissue that delivers water/minerals to the upper tree canopy.
- Don't allow any moving vans to pull up and over any tree lawns and sidewalks and park in front yards – can damage curbs, sidewalks, trees, storm/sewer laterals, shut-off valves, etc.

Help grow our Urban Canopy: Fall Order Deadline is August 30th

1. Plant a Shade Tree Program on Your Private Property

<http://www.onelakewood.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Private-Property-Plantings-2019.pdf>

Purchase a Shade Tree at a reduced price for your private property!

Fall 2019 Deadline to order is August 30th. Contact The Greenleaf Group, Inc. at 330-441-6326 or by email at greenleafgroup@hotmail.com to select a tree, place an order and sign-up. **Mention you are part of the 2019 City of Lakewood Shade Tree Purchase Program!**

*** Trees come with a 1 year warranty and are professionally planted under ODNR Division of Forestry and Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association approved methods.*

- #### 2. Tree Lawn Shade Tree Program
- The City also has a Shade Tree Program to have a tree planted on your tree lawn at the City's cost. <http://www.onelakewood.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/2016-Flyer-City-Tree-Lawn-Request-a-Planting.pdf> Contact Chris Perry at: 216-529-6813 or chris.perry@lakewoodoh.net

If you prefer to get your information through video – try this comedic communication about this worldwide problem and learn new terminology like “Fatberg” **Click this link:** <https://hahnpublic.com/blog/unclogging-wastewater-sewage-systems/>

What not to put down the kitchen sink:

Certain foods can cause major problems with your drains by clogging them up. Keep your drains and your kitchen in tip top shape by remembering not to pour these things down the drain (even if you have a garbage disposal!):

1. Cooking Oils (this includes mayo and salad dressings that have a high oil content!)
2. Butter and Margarine
3. Grease and other Fats
4. Egg Shells (look into composting these!)
5. Coffee Grounds
6. Pasta
7. Rice
8. Flour
9. Produce Stickers

Massive Fatberg found in British Sewer System →

