

## December 2018 Block Club Newsletter

### Calendar of Events for December:



**December 1, 2018 – 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. - Light Up Lakewood by LakewoodAlive**

**Location: Downtown Lakewood (Belle to Arthur)**

Schedule of events may be found at this link: <https://www.lakewoodalive.org/event/light-up-lakewood-2018/>

**December 4, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. - Clean Water Lakewood Community Conversation**

**Location: Lakewood High School Cafeteria**

Clean Water Lakewood Community Conversation about water & sewers, a topic first introduced in the October 2018 Lakewood Life Newsletter. <https://bit.ly/2CO0Rie> The format for this event will be professionally facilitated round table discussions. Data will be collected from the community through the use of an electronic audience voting system. The Clean Water Act compliance work facing the city of Lakewood (and every community across the country) is complicated and expensive. As a community we all should strive to have a basic understanding of what is ahead and how it will affect us. Flyer attached and Facebook Event at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/186529115631138/>



**December 11, 2018 – 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. - Listen2Lakewood with Mayor Summers**

Location: Griffin Cider House, 12401 Madison Avenue  
Opportunity to meet the Mayor and share your thoughts and ideas.

**December 14, 2018 – 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. - Coffee with a Cop**

Location: Nature's Oasis, 15613 Detroit Avenue  
Drop by, ask questions and just get to know your Neighborhood Police Officers. The officers will not provide coffee but will have some tokens to give away to those who stop by.

**Lakewood Senior Center/Office on Aging Calendar of Events may be found at this link:** [http://www.onelakewood.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/OOACalendar\\_Dec2018.pdf](http://www.onelakewood.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/OOACalendar_Dec2018.pdf)

**Westshore Seniors** - Did you know that the Senior Center Directors for the west side communities of Avon, Bay Village, Fairview Park, **Lakewood**, North Olmsted, North Ridgeville, Rocky River and Westlake have formed a collaborative where they share ideas and support each other. A joint project which evolved from this collaboration is [www.westshoreseniors.org](http://www.westshoreseniors.org) a website which combines all senior center activities for all of the communities in one location. Check it out and feel free to sign up for activities in any community.

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**Citizens Police Academy** is taking applications.

The Lakewood Division of Police is offering a unique opportunity to get an inside look into the workings of, and role of Lakewood's Police Department. The Lakewood Police Citizens' Academy is a 12 week program starting on Thursday, January 10, 2019. The Academy will be held from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Lakewood Police Department on each Thursday. A number of speakers will speak on variety of policing issues. Applicants must be 21 years of age or older. There is no fee to attend. The Application may be found at this link: <http://www.onelakewood.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/2019CitizensAcademyApp.pdf> Questions may be sent to P.O. Angela Ortiz at [angela.ortiz@lakewoodoh.net](mailto:angela.ortiz@lakewoodoh.net) Applications are accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

### **Holiday Refuse Collection**

**Christmas falls on a Tuesday this year.** When a holiday is observed on a Tuesday the adjusted refuse collection schedule is:

Monday collection will be on Monday. Tuesday collection will be on Wednesday. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday collections are on the regular day HOWEVER all collections should be ready and at the curb by 6:30 a.m. on the regular day to accommodate early pick up to meet the schedule.

**New Year's Day 2019 falls on a Monday.** When a holiday is observed on a Monday the adjusted refuse collection schedule is:

Monday collection will be on Tuesday. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday collections are on the regular day HOWEVER all collections should be ready and at the curb by 6:30 a.m. on the regular day to accommodate early pick up to meet the schedule.

**A special note about Holiday Cardboard Recycling:** This holiday season is sure to involve lots of cardboard packaging! Be sure your cardboard doesn't end up in a landfill by following @RecycleCuyahoga tips! Visit [bit.ly/2Q1TkEw](http://bit.ly/2Q1TkEw) to learn more. #recycle

### **Snow & Ice Removal**

Reminder to property owners of Lakewood codified ordinance §521.06. Property owners are required to remove snow and ice from sidewalks. In business districts, sidewalks must be cleared by 9:00 a.m. each day. In all other areas of the City, sidewalks must be cleared the same day as the cessation of any fall of snow, sleet or freezing rain or NOT LATER than 8:00 p.m. whichever period is longer. Failure to do so may result in the City clearing the ice or snow from the sidewalk and charging the expense to the property owner. Lakewood school children rely on the use of our sidewalks to travel to and from school each day, please keep the sidewalks clear.

[Ice and Snow FAQs](#) for further information about street plowing and snow removal.

**Tis the Season – Be on the Lookout:**

The police encourage all residents to keep watch over their neighborhood. Block Clubs should use your Block Club network and watch over your neighborhood and your neighbors' homes this season. It may not be summer weather, but we need to be mindful of:

**Package Theft** – in this era of on-line shopping and the current holiday season keep on the lookout for package theft. Watch over your neighbors' porches when you are around and they aren't.

**Locking your Cars** – It may not be summer, but there is always someone willing to seize an opportunity if there is a car unlocked with valuables inside. Be safe, lock your cars and remove any valuables from your car at night. Never leave anything of value in view.

**If something seems suspicious or out of place don't hesitate to contact the police.** Call 9-1-1 or the Police Non-emergency #216-521-6773

### **2019 Dog License Registration – December 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019**

Registering your dog with the county in which you live is required by the State of Ohio. The City of Lakewood adopted an ordinance reflecting this requirement in furtherance of public safety in the Lakewood community. Registering your dog is part of being a [Responsible Dog Owner](#).

The Cuyahoga County Office of the Fiscal Officer offers several options for the purchase of your new or renewal dog licenses: (1) purchase online, (2) visit a Neighborhood Location such as Discount Drug Mart (2 locations in Lakewood), or (3) complete the interactive application located on the Cuyahoga County web page to mail your check or money order made payable to Cuyahoga County Treasurer. <https://fiscalofficer.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/Dog-License.aspx>

### **Text to 9-1-1 went Live in Lakewood!**

Lakewood residents may now text 9-1-1 from their cell phones. Hosted by the 9-1-1- Association and Cuyahoga County, this program was put in place to give residents another tool to contact emergency services. Residents are still encouraged to CALL 9-1-1 whenever possible first, but this provides residents with another tool to get in touch with emergency services.



### **Ready Notify – County Emergency Notification System**

Cuyahoga County Ready Notify run by the Office of Emergency Management offers tips for safety as well as providing an emergency notification system to the county during emergencies. The city has partnered with the county and in emergencies is able to push out notifications through this system as well. If you are interested in receiving notifications from the County or the City of Lakewood you may sign up at the following link: <https://cuyahogacountyoh.my.gov-i.com/signup> You will be able to select how you receive your notifications (email, text, phone or all) and which type of notifications you want to receive.

### **Seasonal tips: [Winter Storms & Extreme Cold Guide – Cuyahoga County Ready Notify](#)**

If you want to know more about how you and your family might be better prepared for an emergency take a look at these two Emergency Preparedness Guides:

[City of Lakewood – Emergency Preparedness Guide](#)  
[Cuyahoga County – Emergency Preparedness Guide](#)

**City Information – City of Lakewood Website, City Facebook and Twitter**

Regular city updates are provided through media releases on the [HomePage](#) of the city website and through city social media.

We continually work to improve the city website content and the ease of navigating it. Recently we have improved the search function of the website and added easy [FAQ](#) access at the top of the HomePage. Access to the [City Calendar](#) is also at the top of the HomePage.

**NEW:** Stay tuned, in early 2019 we will roll out an additional website organizational structure that may be more intuitive to some individuals and make it easier to find information.

Please know that the city always welcomes resident suggestions on: ways to improve the city website; additional information to be added to the website or notifying us that a link isn't working. If you would like to reach out please send any ideas or constructive feedback to: [commrel@lakewoodoh.net](mailto:commrel@lakewoodoh.net)



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