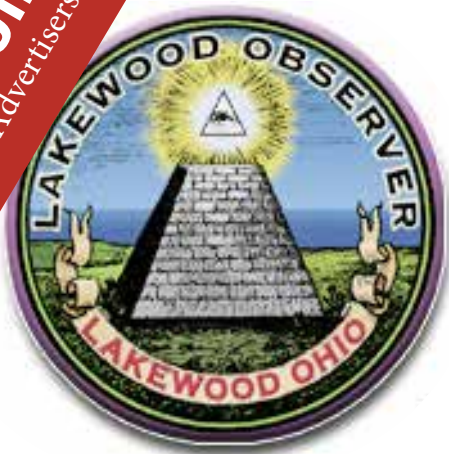


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COVID-19 Knocking On Lakewood’s Door Schools, Restaurants, Bars, Salons CLOSED

From The Desk Of Mayor Meghan George

by Mayor Meghan George

Coronavirus. COVID-19. Social Distancing. Flatten the Curve. Community Spread. These are phrases that weren’t part of everyday vocabulary a month ago. Now that these terms are our everyday reality, I want you to know that my administration is doing everything possible to save lives.

The City of Lakewood is following all directives and guidance from our partners at Cuyahoga County Board of Health, the Ohio Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Like all of them, I will tell you that we have no need to panic, but it is critical that we act decisively right now. That is the only way we will minimize the impact coronavirus will have on our neighbors and our economy. And we have to do it together.

As of my writing this in mid-March, no resident in Lakewood has reported



COVID-19 but, based on information from experts at the CDC, ODH, and CCBOH, we know we must prepare for that eventuality. To date, the City has limited public access to city facilities, canceled or postponed non-essential meetings, instituted livestream public meetings where practical and appropriate, enforced federal and state mandates for closure of bars and restaurants, and required all non-essential staff to work remotely. Still, that’s not enough.

I have to take every opportunity, including the Mayor’s

Corner, to remind everyone that we must do what we can. If you can, please stay home. “Shelter in place” is another phrase being used through this crisis. We need to limit person-to-person contact if we hope to “flatten the curve” of COVID-19’s spread. Wash your hands regularly. Behave as if you are a carrier of the virus because many will have mild to moderate symptoms that may be mistaken as the cold or flu. Keep your distance. “Social Distancing” means maintaining a separation of six feet or more from other people. The State of Ohio has implemented several emergency directives to minimize opportunities for “community spread” but these strategies are our first line of defense.

We will get through this together. I am in communication daily with my team and our partners to communicate what we are doing, learn what others are doing, and chart the path forward so we can emerge from this crisis safely and quickly.

Council President Dan O’Malley In Self Quarantine For COVID-19

by Jim O’Byran

As we were going to press, I learned that Council President O’Malley was advised to place himself into self-quarantine after a friend he was having dinner with in Washington DC tested positive for COVID-19. “I feel fine, but better safe than sorry.”

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Councilman Dan O’Malley

A Message From Lakewood City School District

Dear Families:

I would first like to offer praise and thanks for your understanding during these unprecedented times. I know how difficult it is at a time like this to have to worry about your children, spouse, and other loved ones, not to mention friends, neighbors, and colleagues. We know that what is being asked of you now in regards to your children learning from home will be stressful and challenging at times.

With daily guidelines and orders coming from our President, Governor, the CDC, and Ohio Department of Health, we will have to make many adjustments as each day brings new and often troubling developments. I know this feels uncomfortable and often uncertain. This is our “new normal” for a while. I ask that you be patient with us as we adapt and revise as we go along and realize what is working and what is not.

It is highly likely that our extended closure ordered by Gov. DeWine will go beyond April 3rd. We need to mentally prepare for this scenario. We know that this announcement would mean more sadness, tears, and disappointment for many of our families, especially those with seniors. We are sad for them as well!

However, we must realize that we are all connected and



Lakewood City Schools’ Superintendent, Dr. Michael Barnes

that, as a community, we must do what is best for the safety and health of everyone, especially for the most vulnerable among us.

As we push forward, know that your support is appreciated more than I can say. We have been overwhelmed with the generosity of parents and the greater community offering to step up and help us in any way we may need. Thank you, and stand by as our needs are changing on a daily basis and we may still call on you. The outpouring of support and the needs of your children is what keeps us going in a very trying time.

Thanks for your understanding, your patience, and your cooperation as we all navigate these uncharted waters. We are resilient and we will get through this together!

Mike
#OneHeartbeatOneLKWD

A Message From Lakewood High School

Dear Ranger Families:

This is Mr. Walter with an update for March 18, 2020.

1. LHS is closed to students and visitors during this time. We will be accessing our voicemail and our emails daily but response time may be delayed. Our goal is to return messages within 24-hours.

2. Report Cards will be delayed but parents can access Progressbook to view grades from third quarter

3. We are aware that there are many important upcoming events that are a concern to many. I can assure you that we are in discussion about contingency plans and our main

focus is on the safety of students while providing them with the best alternatives we can. As more information on school closings become available we will make decisions about events and communicate them to you.

4. Teachers are continuing to develop lessons that can be delivered online to ensure that all students continue their academics and receive the credits they earn. I am highly impressed and proud of how quickly and professionally our staff has adapted to support our students. Virtual learning will start on March 30th.

As always thank you for your patience and support.

Take care of yourself and your families,
Mark Walter

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by Meg Ostrowski

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Stuck At Home? Tell Us About It

by Betsy Voinovich

We've all been running around a lot, trying to get our lives together, and get ready for keeping to ourselves for a while. In a city like ours, it will be strange not to see as much of each other as we're all used to.

As most of you know, the Lakewood Observer is completely community-written, by Lakewoodites, for Lakewoodites. The paper was created to help us connect and communicate with one another. During these unprecedented times, we all need each other more than

ever.

If you have a story you want to tell your neighbors, or information you need to share during this time, submit it to our website, and we'll print it. If you have any tips to share-- ie, ways to make your own cleaning products, or hints for sanitizing your house, ways to stay healthy, fabulous recipes, ways to occupy the hours we will all have indoors, please send them in so that we can share them with the community.

I'll start: In our house, my

kids are keeping journals of these days, to share with their children someday about what this was like. We're including photos which we may print, and glue on the journal pages, just like back in the stone age! If anyone would like to share their impressions of "Lakewood from home," please do so. They will make all of us feel less alone.

Also, the Lakewood Observer has been looking into putting a puzzle page together. If you are good at designing puzzles, be they crosswords, Sudokus, or something

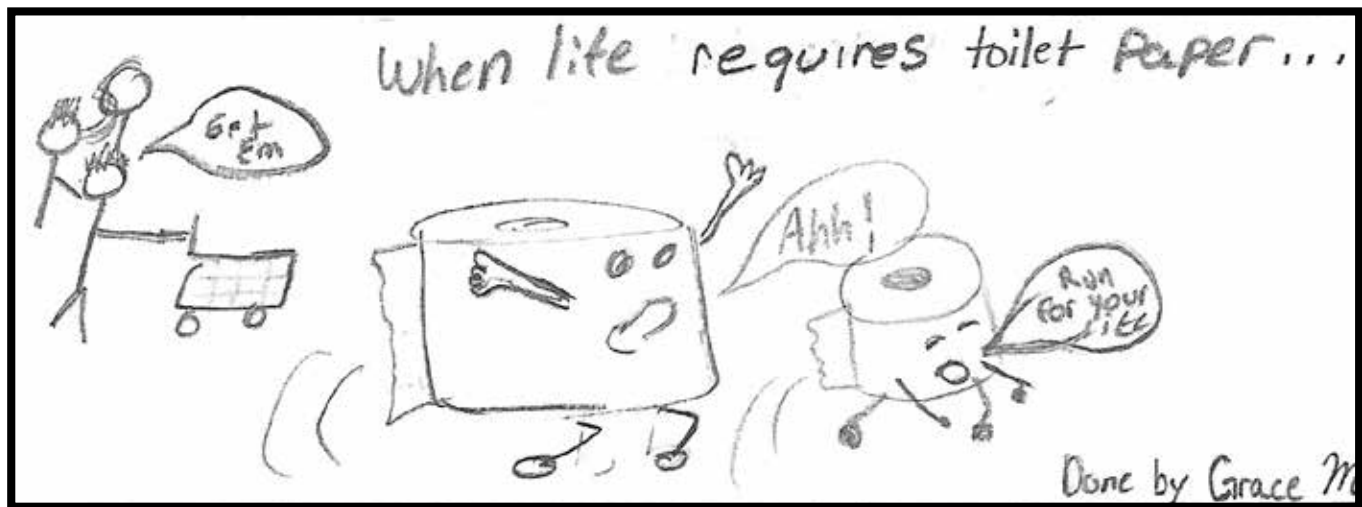
of your own design, please submit these also. You can take a photo of your creation and submit it to our Member Center. We would love to share these with the community. I hear there are crossword-making tutorials online. If you're creating a crossword, try to make it Lakewood-centric. It's okay if it's obscure, like "Lakewood, Birthplace of Punk Rock," the crossword puzzle that will probably be coming out of my household.


Photos, cartoons and drawings are also welcome! A shout out to seven-year old Grace McDermott for sending in the first reader-cartoon with her "Quartoon" this issue. I've been thinking about the scared toilet paper creatures running away from shoppers every time I've seen an empty shelf. Be like Grace and share what makes you laugh with the rest of us.

This paper you are looking at is both in print and online. In the days to come, we will make decisions regarding whether we will continue on paper during this time. As always, your submissions will appear both in print and online, or just online.

We're so fortunate to be in Lakewood where we already know how to look out for one another. Thank you!

Quaran-TOONS by Grace MacDermott, Age 11





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City of Lakewood

City Of Lakewood Response To Coronavirus/COVID-19 Crisis:

compiled by Betsy Voinovich

The City of Lakewood is monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic closely and is taking direction from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Governor’s Office and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health regarding mitigation procedures.

All COVID-19 cases are being tracked and monitored by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and the Ohio Department of Health. Cases are tracked by the patient’s home residence. As of this afternoon, there are no known Lakewood residents who have tested positive for COVID-19. However, we know community spread of the virus is happening in Ohio and there is a strong likelihood that we will see cases here in Lakewood. We are working diligently to minimize the spread of this virus. The Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals have set-up two drive-through testing facilities for COVID-19. MetroHealth has also set-up a drive through clinic. If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please contact a healthcare provider. Do not go to the emergency room.

If you have chest pain, shortness of breath, dizziness, severe headache or other potentially life-threatening problems, go to the nearest emergency department or call 911.

The following is a listing of the most-recent updates:

- All non-essential city employees have been sent home and are working remotely when possible.
- Following the Governor’s recent guidance, essential city meetings will be limited to ten people in a room. All non-essential meetings have been cancelled.
- Our Police and Fire Departments have protocols in place and are updating them based on CDC protocols.
- The Lakewood Animal Shelter is closed as of 12:00 PM on March 17, 2020. If there is an animal concern, such as a dog running at large, contact the non-emergency police number at (216) 521-6773.
- Metered parking is no longer being enforced at this time.
- All fitness centers/gyms; bowling alleys; public recreation centers; movie theaters, indoor waterparks and trampoline parks in Ohio are now closed.
- All bars and restaurants in the State of Ohio are closed to the public. Carry-out and delivery are still available.
- Division of Housing and Building will be open by appointment only. Please call (216) 529-6270 or email housing.building@lakewoodoh.net to make an appointment.
- The Department of Planning and Development will be open by appointment only. Please call (216) 529-6630 or planning@lakewoodoh.net make an appointment.
- There will be no water shut-offs for non-payment during this pandemic. If you are behind on paying your water bill, payment plans are available.
- The City Hall Annex Building is closed for in-person visits. This includes Tax, Water and Vital Statistics. Many services can be handled by phone, email and mail. This facility also has a drop box available on the east side of the building. You can call or email them with questions.

Tax: (216) 529-6620 or taxdept@lakewoodoh.net[url]
Water: (216) 529-6820 or water@lakewoodoh.net



Vital Statistics: (216) 529-7690 or vitalstats@lakewoodoh.net
Public access at city meetings may be restricted. Any meeting that in-person attendance is restricted will be live streamed on the City of Lakewood website and will be recorded. Those recordings will be available on the city’s website after the meeting. Many non-essential meetings have been cancelled.
Lakewood’s Human Services Department has cancelled senior programming and closed the Lawther Senior Center and the congregate dining at Fedor Manor, through April 3rd, at the earliest. If a senior has questions or concerns, they can call the Senior Center at 216-521-1515.
All early childhood programs offered at the Lakewood Family Room and the East End Family Room at Fedor have been cancelled until April 3rd, at the earliest.
All H20 programming, including Breakfast with the Bunny, has been cancelled.

Please visit <http://www.onelakewood.com/coronavirus> and follow us on Facebook and Twitter for further updates and alerts. In the meantime, if you would like more information, you can find it at the following resources:
Centers for Disease Control: cdc.gov
Ohio Department of Health: ohio.gov
Cuyahoga County Board of Health: ccbh.net/coronavirus The City has also set-up a phone line where we will record regular messages with local updates. This line has been set-up so that those that don’t have access to the website and our social media channels can still receive the latest updates. Please call (216) 227-3240 for the latest update.
If you have questions and wish to speak with someone directly, the Ohio Department of Health has set up a call center to answer questions regarding the Coronavirus. The call center is open seven days a week, from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm and can be reached at 1-833-427-5634. MetroHealth has also set up a support line at (440)-592-6843. This is a free service open to anyone.

As a reminder, the City asks that residents take common-sense precautions such as:
Wash your hands with soap and water every two hours, and always for at least 20 seconds each time
Practice social distancing (stay at least nine feet away from people whenever possible)
Avoid contact with people who are sick.
The City has advised all employees that they should stay home if they are experiencing symptoms of respiratory illness, including temperature over 100.4 degrees. In addition, the City has ordered hand sanitizer, cleaning wipes, and disinfectant sprays for all departments to assist with keeping surface areas clean, especially those that are public-facing.

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Lakewood Is Art

Talented Artists Shine At Barton Senior Center

by Adelaide Crnko

The Barton Senior Center's Talent Exhibit on February 23 demonstrated that there is no age limit when it comes to being gifted. Held in two locations within the Center (on the ground floor of the Westerly Senior Apartments), the event featured residents' paintings, photography, quilts and other unique pieces, one being a vinyl record that was molded into a ruffled bowl.

The Barton member who organized the show summed it up with "this is the epitome of patience and perseverance," acknowledging the amount of time and effort that went into much of what was on display.

Susan Lucas added, "I had no idea so much talent is housed in this complex." Her remark was echoed by many. Other praise included "awesome experience," "fantastic artwork from everybody," and "one of a kind." A crowd favorite was Anna Baker's portrait of her grandparents. It was so well done many thought it was a photo-

graph. Another artist did use a camera to capture images of wildlife, fall foliage and travel landscapes. Needle crafts were also greatly admired by attendees.

Following the visual arts presentations, the celebration moved into the facility's Rotunda. Janis Zemzars, a classically trained pianist, played compositions by Chopin and Debussy. Vocalists sang popular tunes ranging from "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" to "The Rose." The afternoon concluded with the audience singing along to "Joy to the World" by Three Dog Night followed by Barton member "Hippie Chatty Kathy's" interpretation of "Old Time Rock & Roll" from Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band.

The Barton Center's Talent Exhibit provided a venue where creativity could be viewed in a formal setting. Some participating artists were asked if their pieces were for sale. It was also a way for the senior community to come together for an inspiring and uplifting afternoon.

They say "beauty is in the eye of



the beholder," and on that day there was plenty to behold.

Council President Dan O'Malley In Self Quarantine For COVID-19

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From Council President O'Malley on the LO Observation Deck

Hello! Just want to clarify a few things: There is absolutely no cause for undue alarm. I am feeling fine, and since I learned I may have come in contact with someone who was diagnosed with coronavirus I made the decision myself out of an abundance of caution to self-quarantine, which public health authorities advise. Since returning home from Washington last week I have stayed home as much as I could

anyway, leaving mostly for necessary shopping and work. We should all be staying home as much as possible anyway. I have also informed my colleagues of this. Again I had/have no intentions of sounding alarms and the people who are actually suffering and have had their livelihoods disrupted should be our focus, as well as preventing the spread of COVID-19. The governor and the mayor and their administrations are doing an excellent job coordinating with public health experts to protect our citizens as best as possible. I am convinced we will get through this!

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Addicted Coffee	13743 Madison	210-8563			China Express	13621 Detroit	227-7890	X	
Aladdin's Eatery	14518 Detroit	521-4005	X		China Garden	14867 Detroit	226-3434	X	X
Aldi's	1600 Highland		X		Chipotle Mex.Grill	14881 Detroit		X	
Angelo's Pizza	13715 Madison	221-0440	X	X	Coffee Pot Rest.	12415 Madison	226-6443	X	X
Around The Corner	18616 Detroit	521-4413	X	X	Convenient Fd Mart	16811 Madison		X	
Avenue Tap House	18206 Detroit	228-1442			Corky's Place	13302 Detroit			
Baba's Kitchen	12711 Madison	226-3382			Cozumel Mexican	16512 Detroit	228-1415	X	X
Barrio	15527 Madison	226-7714	X		Dairy Queen	16803 Detroit		X	
Barroco	12906 Madison	221-8127	X		Dang Good Food	13735 Madison			
Beverage Square	13340 Madison		X		Dave's Cosmic Subs	14813 Detroit	221-1117	X	
Blackbird Bakery	1391 Sloane Ave	712.6599	X		Deagan's Kitchen	14810 Detroit	767-5775	X	
Bobby O's	16103 Detroit				Dewey's Pizza	18516 Detroit	228-2299	X	X
Borderline Cafe,	18510 Detroit	529-1949	X		Dianna's Deli	1332 Highland Ave		X	
Boston Market	14833 Detroit		X		Domino's Pizza	15315 Detroit		X	
BP AMPM	14718 Madison		X		Donatos Pizzeria	18100 Detroit	227-7200	X	X
Breadsmith	18101 Detroit	529-8443	X		Doughnut Pantry	14600 Madison		X	
Bottlehouse Brewery		13368 Madison			Drug Mart (Deli),	13213 Detroit		X	
Brown Sugar Thai			X		Dunkin Donuts	1520 Highland		X	
Buckeye Beer	15315 Madison	226-2337	X		Dunkin Donuts,	17609 Detroit		X	
Burger King	11790 Madison		X		East End Market	12500 Detroit		X	
Burmese Asian Market		13439 Detroit			Eastend Bistro	11922 Madison	521-9740		
					Edible Arrangements	14239 Detroit		X	
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					El Carnicero	16918 Detroit		CLOSED	
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					Elmwood Bakery	15204 Madison	221-4338	X	
					Farrell's Richland Cafe		14027 Madison		
					Feed Me	13611 Detroit			
					Flafel Xpress	14877 Detroit	228-7377	X	
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Hungry Howies	16210 Detroit ,		X	X
India Garden	18405 Detroit	221-0676	X	X
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Jimmy Johns	14725 Detroit		X	X
Joe's Deli & Bev.	11750 Madison	521-2477	X	
John's Diner	18260 Detroit	228-0871	X	
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Moon's Food Store	14000 Detroit		X	
Mr. Hero	16204 Detroit	228-6489	X	X
Mr. Hero	1510 Highland		X	
Mullen's	17014 Madison	226-5224		
North Coast Wine	11700 Madison		X	
Nunzio's Pizzeria	17615 Detroit	228-2900	X	X
O'Donnell's Pub	16204 Madison			
Oscar's Pizza	18206 Detroit	712-4511	X	X
Panda Wok	1512 Highland		X	
Panera Bread	14701 Detroit		X	X
Papa John's Pizza	18400 Detroit		X	X
Patio Tavern	15615 Madison			
Patton's Food	15719 Madison			
Peking Restaurant	18198 Sloane	226-7800	X	
Pepper's Rest.	12401 Detroit	226-6191	X	X
Pier W	12700 Lake		X	X
Plank Road	16719 Detroit	221-5900	X	
Proper Pig	17100 Detroit ,	440-665-3768		
Raisin Cane	14115 Detroit		X	
Riverwood Cafe,	18500 Detroit	521.9999	X	
Roman Fountain	15603 Detroit	221-6683	X	X

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Rozi's Wine House,	14900 Detroit	221-1119	X	X
Rush Inn	17800 Detroit	221-3224	X	X
Golden Gate	16009 Hilliard	228-6688	X	
Salt	17621 Detroit ,		CLOSED	
Sam's Food Mart	12100 Franklin			
Sapell's Bi-Rite	1314 Highland		X	X
Sarita	14527 Madison	226-5200	X	
Sauced	14701 Detroit	303-9213		
Shell Food Mart	11701 Clifton Blvd.			X
Shore Restaurant	12009 Detroit	221-8711	X	
Simone's Beverage	18414 Detroit		X	
Sloane Pub	18196 Sloane			
Southern Cafe	11817 Detroit	801-4535		
Speedway	Warren Rd		X	
Starbucks.			X	
Subway	15317 Detroit		X	
Subway	1628 Highland		X	
Subway	16208 Madison		X	
Sweet Designs	16100 Detroit		X	
Szechwan Garden	13800 Detroit	226-1987	X	
T.J.'s Butcher Block	14415 Detroit	521-3303	X	X
Taco Bell	15500 Detroit		X	
Taco Tontos	13321 Madison	221-4479	X	
Tarrymore Inn	13356 Madison			
Taste of Europe	15512 Madison		X	
Thai Kitchen	12210 Madison	226-4450	X	
The Place To Be	1391 Warren Rd.	226-8783	X	
The Ranger Cafe.	14100 Franklin		CLOSED	
The Red Rose Cafe	14810 Madison	228-7133		
The Souper Market	14809 Detroit	712-7292	X	
The Tea Lab	14534 Detroit		X	
The Waterbury	13333 Madison	226-9772	X	
Tommy's Pastries	14205 Madison		X	
Toni's Pizza	13619 Detroit	801-4477	X	X
United Dairy Farmers	16511 Detroit		X	
Upper Crust	15320 Detroit	226-888	X	X
Vosh Lakewood,	1414 Riverside	767-5202	X	
West End Tavern,	18514 Detroit	521-7684	X	X
Winchester Tavern	12112 Madison	226-5681		
Winking Lizard	14018 Detroit	226-6693	X	
Woodstock BBQ	13362 Madison		CLOSED	

Call first if take out or delivery is not noted, as this may be subject to change. If we've missed your favorite spot, let us know!

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LO Tours NASA's Plum Brook Station



The Super Guppy arrives with the Artemis/Orion spacecraft.

by Jim O'Bryan

LO readers will remember when we were invited down to Mansfield Airport to see NASA's Super Guppy bringing in the Artemis/Orion spacecraft for testing at Plum Brook Station.

Well since early November after moving 2,143 wires, traffic lights, etc it arrived at Plum Brook.

It was lifted up, placed on a cradle for testing, and rolled into the massive room seen below.

At that point nearly 2,000 instruments were added to the vehicle to measure the tests and results. What test you ask? First, the entire room is cooled to nearly -300 degrees with liquid nitrogen. Then they cycle that with heating the room to over 300 degrees.

While this is going on it is bombarded with sound from speakers with an equivalence of 100,000 concert speakers. This rattles and shakes every

aspect of the spacecraft. But we are not done. Because of the shape of the room and what it is made of, they can fill it with Radio Frequencies that just bounce around for a long time, to see if any of the electronics are infected.

This has been going on through Thanksgiving, through Christmas and New Years, and lasted until March 1. After successfully passing all of its tests, the Artemis/Orion spacecraft will be taking the first woman to the Moon. Then it will go on to Mars. For now it is headed back to Kennedy Space Center where it will be placed on the largest rocket fired there at the end of 2024.

Lakewood has many employees that work either directly for NASA or indirectly for companies that supply and work with NASA. Thank you for the time at NASA's Plum Brook Station.



photos by Jim O'Bryan



The Space Environments Complex (SEC) houses the world's largest and most powerful space environment simulation facilities including the Space Simulation Vacuum Chamber measuring 100 ft. in diameter by 122 ft. high. The Reverberant Acoustic Test Facility is the world's most powerful spacecraft acoustic test chamber, which can simulate the noise

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photos by Jim O'Bryan

LO Tours NASA's Plum Brook Station



Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur arrives with some elbow bumps with astronaut Doug Wheelock.



From left to right, NASA Glenn Research Center Director Dr. Marla Perez Davis, Ohio Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, NASA Orion Program Manager Mark Kirsich, and Orion Test Project Manager, Nicole Smith.



Many NASA employees live in Lakewood, Margaret Herrick is one of them. Good work Margaret!



Ohio House member Adam Holmes, speaks with Marcy Kaptur. Both are huge supporters of NASA and the NASA workers in Ohio.



This is the boom built to lift the space craft off the truck and set it up right. The photos do not do the size of the room or the equipment justice. Everything is scaled up.



LakewoodAlive



from Ian Andrews
director LakewoodAlive

Good morning from Lakewood-Alive,

I write to you from my house right now as our team is working remotely starting Monday, the same day when some of you closed temporarily and when the restaurant/bar news broke.

This situation is evolving rapidly and I want you to know that we are working to support small businesses city-wide with our partnerships at City Hall, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and private partners including financial institutions. We are working with members of City Council and the administration to communicate and emphasize how this is impacting your business based on what we have heard from many of you.

Our goals are to connect you to resources and to communicate what we know as pertinent news becomes available while also doing what we can to encourage people to continue to support local businesses. We are working on a communication strategy today and hope to have more information for you soon.

We are here for you and want to do all that we can to help.

Below are initial resources to share, with much more to come. The Chamber and LakewoodAlive are sharing this info collaboratively so if you already saw this, excuse the double-up.

We will update you with more regularity and content. In the meantime, please let us know how you and your business are faring, what you are seeing, and the questions you have that you haven't been able to get answered.

Please feel free to contact me at 216-521-0655 or iandrews@lakewoodalive.org. We have shared many of your concerns with the Mayor, council, banks, and other public officials already and will continue to do so.

Ian and the LakewoodAlive Team

Availability of Economic Injury Loans from SBA for Small Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations

The state is applying this week to the federal government for certification of economic injury in order to make assistance loans up to \$2 million at low interest with long-term repayments available to small businesses and not-for-profit organizations whose operations and finances are affected by COVID-19. We will provide more information on these resources as they become available. This certification has not yet happened, but it is in progress. Information about the difficulty you are encountering will help with this certification. Small business owners that have been impacted by the COVID-19 virus can provide information about the impact to businesshelp@development.ohio.gov. This information will be helpful for Ohio's application for support. In the interim, general information about the economic injury assistance loans can be found here: <https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/coronavirus-covid-19>. We will continue to update you as this resource becomes available.

Unemployment Benefit Eligibility Changes to Support COVID-19 Related Employment Impacts

At the state level, the Governor will be issuing an executive order to allow workers without paid-leave benefits to be able to access unemployment benefits through the State. Individuals who are quarantined will be considered unemployed and be able to apply for support. Companies who determine it is necessary to shut down operations due to the COVID-19 outbreak will also be able to apply for unemployment benefits. Additionally, the one-week delay for eligible workers to receive assistance will be waived. Please take a look at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ouio/CoronavirusAndUI.stm> for some FAQs or you may contact the state at 877-644-6562 with questions or to apply.

Ability for Bars and Restaurants to Return Unopened Liquor

For bar and restaurant owners that have stocked up on alcohol in expectation of St. Patrick's Day, NCAA or other events that drive bar and restaurant traffic, bar and restaurant owners have an opportunity to return unopened, high proof liquor products purchased in the last 30 days back to the agency of purchase. For information on this program, please contact 877-812-0013 or ohioliquorinfo@com.ohio.gov.

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Observation Deck

The following posts are excerpted from the Observation Deck, Lakewood Observer's 24-hour-a-day online forum.
Go to lakewoodobserver.com/forum to read or post.

The view from Ward 2, # 1

by Bill Call » Tue Mar 17, 2020 7:50 am
Posts: 12 Reads: 399

“The current nationwide panic attack caused by the coronavirus is going to disrupt the local economy in a big way. Since Lakewood has a bar-based economy it is particularly susceptible to the measures taken to control the spread of the virus.

he economic disruption is going to have a lasting effect on how people shop- and how people dine out and how people work.

Online shopping will increase at an increasing rate putting even more stress on brick and mortar stores. New shopping habits will become the new norm; expect more store closings and more empty store fronts.”

OneLakewood Project in Trouble

by Bridget Conant » Wed Mar 18, 2020 9:38 am
Posts: 5 Reads: 187

“This deserves its own thread.”



The Fork In The Road

by Mark Kindt » Wed Jun 12, 2019 2:06 pm
Posts: 96 Reads: 55148

This is a \$70,000,000 Project.
The City of Lakewood has already committed about 20% of that value in public land and public dollars.
Even a 10% shortfall would be another \$7,000,000.

Will Three Arches Step Up for Lakewood?

by Bridget Conant » Thu Mar 12, 2020 6:03 pm
Posts: 10 Reads: 767

“Will the Three Arches Foundation, who pledged to make Lakewood the healthiest city in America, step up and support our city during this pandemic crisis?

They have control of a significant amount of money from the hospital foundation, money that was from our city owned hospital.
What do they plan to do to help keep us safe?

Two Great Lakewood Businesses Step Up

by Jim O'Bryan » Tue Mar 17, 2020 6:46 pm
Posts: 3 Reads: 229

“Last week we were talking about the businesses getting stuck with food and corned beef if they closed the bars before St Patrick’s Day.

Today we read this from Kevin Mac at TJ Butcher Block
TJ’s Butcher Block & Deli
Last week all of our lives changed forever. Life has changed for every industry. Every employee. Every family.

Last week we walked into our bank and mentioned that we didn’t know how we’d move all this corned beef we’d bought in preparation of St. Paddy’s.

Hours later, we found out how - First Federal Lakewood Bank stepped up and bought 900+ corned beef sandwiches for every senior citizen in Lakewood’s surrounding senior centers.

First Federal of Lakewood puts Lakewood first.

Look for the people that try to help in times of crisis. Those are your people.



City of Lakewood COVID-19 UPDATE See condensed version on page 3

DeWine UpDate 03.17.2020 Canceling All Elective Surgery For People And Pets Updated Daily

Lakewood Observer During The Time Of COVID-19

by Jim O'Bryan » Mon Mar 16, 2020 10:22 am
Posts: 1 Reads: 313

For those of you who have been reading the Deck, you know besides discussions we also are very good at vetting information from many sources, even beating others to the important information one needs at times like this.

During this emergency, as we have since day 1 of this project, The Lakewood Observer will help anyone in Lakewood get their message out to the rest of Lakewood.

Restaurants and businesses that have changed hours or have special services during this crisis will get expedited help in getting their messages out.

Since 2004 the Observer has been a solid single place to find news, information, and conversations about Lakewood from real people. We remain dedicated to Lakewood through this.

Together we stand and survive as a community, well at 9’ distances!
This crisis will pass, and we are dedicated to going through it with you.
Jim O’Bryan

Lakewood Business Person Tests Positive For COVID-19
Posts: 2 Reads: 1457

“A woman that is Claims Adjuster for Roundstone Insurance in Downtown, Lakewood has tested positive for Coronavirus.”

Clouds got in the way...

Posts: 410 Reads: 168058

One of the LO’s favorite threads with hundreds of photos of the clouds over Lakewood Ohio.

The Deck always has space for good photos and art, and your opinion!



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In Sickness And In Health: Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 102

by Buzz Kompier

The Cowboy - The Cowboy - Drunken Sailor Records - 3 songs - 7", digital

The Cowboy's debut LP was three years ago, as jarring as that is. This is the long-awaited follow-up EP. Side A has two pretty good post-punk leaning punk songs, the vaguely threatening sounding "The Swimmer" and "Mr. Lamppost," which was kind of reminding me of a more aggressive version of Institute or one of those kindsa bands. I probably said something to this effect three years ago, but The Cowboy, for obvious reasons, sounds like a cleaner, more straightforward Homostupids (if the reasons aren't obvious, it's because it's 2/3 the same band). The flip side here is a different kind of thing. "Way Out" is a far more mellow, almost jammy song. It's definitely more laid back than usual for the band, and kind of just meanders its way through itself, but in a weird way, it's enjoyable. The come-down after the first side, perhaps. A strong EP here. 4/5

(drunkensailorrecords.co.uk)
Stinky Monkey Finger - The Ear-ring - DF Records - 15 songs - digital

This might be the best SMF release so far. Every time I review them, I say something like the nearest comparison is Guided By Voices or rather some more out-there Bob Pollard lo-fi project, but I say it with the caveat that it isn't quite accurate. This time it's very accurate: this sounds very much like something out of the Rockathon camp. And actually, it's the better for it, as there are a good few solid songs on here evenly distributed with the

weirder material. That's not to say, however, that they just sound like GBV now; they most certainly still have their own identity. There really is a good mix here of the "song" songs ("Call Me Up," "I've Been Drinking" (another Pollard connection), "Slow Burn," to just name three)

Lakewood Rangers Basketball--Thanks For The Memories

by Chuck Greanoff

All good things must come to an end. On March 7th, at the classic Elyria Catholic Gym, the Lakewood Rangers (16-9) Basketball season did just that in the District Final at the hands of a richly talented Lorain team. After Lakewood stormed back from an early deficit to briefly take the lead in the second quarter, the Titans found their rhythm and eventually pulled away in the 3rd quarter. Never again will we see Nate Mims dominate a game with slashing drives and stifling defense, nor the hustle plays of Matt Bohurjak and Max Budzar. Dante Wahba's 3-point bombs, Antonio Crockett's clutch plays and Chris Brown's silky drives are a thing of the past.

If you were fortunate enough to attend many of their games this season--I missed only one--you would have seen a team that got better every week, that played tenacious team defense, that always played their best in the 4th quarter. There were special moments--too many to recount here.

My favorites were going into Midview (SWC Champs) and in the Sec-

tional Final and beating them in over time, shocking state ranked Medina (GCC Champs) at home (clutch free throw by Antonio), an earlier win over Midview on a Pete Patsouras buzzer beater, also in overtime, and a come from behind (down 12 after 3 quarters) win at Elyria Catholic. Any basketball fan could appreciate these exciting games.

As a teacher, my favorite moments were watching all the starters cheer on senior Corey Canant and Finnish exchange student Konsta Karanen when these non-starters would get playing time. One Heartbeat/One Lakewood.

Some of these guys will play in college, all of them will play in men's/rec leagues, etc. For Coach Alex Cammock and his staff, who did a terrific job this year, next year's squad should be exciting, with returning stalwarts Junior Pete Patsouras and Sophomore Riley Ulitz joining a talented JV team (18-3). But never again—and you can't go back—will these seniors play with kids they grew up with, in front of their long-time friends, for the hometown team.

As time goes on, here's hoping the

instruments that sounds like it's almost gonna fall apart at any second, but never quite does). Probably the best place to start with this band/project/guy (I'm still not quite sure) if you're intrigued. 3.7/5

(dennisbaker.bandcamp.com)

sting of the final game loss will give way to the memories of being part of a wonderful season, to pulling some huge upsets (Medina), being the only team to beat Midview on their home floor, sweeping Avon, etc.

Come to think of it, some good things don't end—like the comforting memory of representing the Purple and Gold with heart and pride, or the many friendships formed in the crucible of high level competition. These will endure for a lifetime and prevail over any temporary disappointment. Despite the loss, not one student left after the game—they all stayed to watch their friends get the Runner-Up Trophy. That memory will mean a little bit more with every passing year.

The final game "loss" was more than anything a celebration of community-based high school athletics, where your neighbors and middle school pals are your teammates, with our 44107 guys emerging as champions. Long Live Lakewood

Dr. Chuck Greanoff is an LHS graduate, class of 1977. He teaches History and Psychology at LHS.

Roberts And Wendt Animal Clinic Loses Its "Heart And Soul"

by Gretchen Derethik

Roberts and Wendt Animal Clinic is a small, neighborhood animal clinic established in 1930 by Dr. Roberts and Dr. Wagner in the heart of Lakewood. It is Cleveland's oldest small animal clinic in the area. Dr. Wallace Wendt joined the clinic as a partner in 1945. The clinic doctors served as the Cleveland Metropark veterinarians from the late 1930s until 1988. The animal clinic has always been known for high quality care of one's animals. Dr. Victoria Wendt followed in her father's footsteps. She graduated from The Ohio State Veterinarian School in 1987 and began to practice at Roberts and Wendt in 1988. Dr. Victoria Wendt has been part owner and Chief of Staff since taking the practice from her dad.

Roberts and Wendt Animal Clinic has been an upstanding clinic with outstanding doctors for years. We have been clients for 30 years and been fortunate and privileged to have eight dogs treated by Doctors Roberts, Lesh, Ganno, Michalowsky and Dr. Victoria Wendt over these years. We were fortunate our dogs took especially to Dr. Wendt. Dr. Wendt is a phenomenal veterinarian. She is one of the best in the field. She is genuine, kind, caring, compassionate, patient, knowledgeable and honest. She never orders unnecessary tests or procedures. Her diagnoses were spot on. Her time was your time when she was taking care of your pet. She always made herself available to work through what issues your pet was experiencing.

No pet problem was too small or too big. Many times as we sat in the

waiting room with other dogs, cats, rabbits, Guinea pigs, hamsters, iguanas and reptiles. Each owner and pet was treated with great respect. Her compassion stood the test of time when you had to put a pet to sleep. Dr. Wendt stood with you through the whole process. Her ability to be gentle, calm and to communicate with them allowed our dogs to pass in peace. She knew what we the owners were experiencing and was just as kind to us.

A number of years ago we adopted a puppy with a broken leg. When we called Dr. Wendt she told us to bring him in with the X-rays from the APL so she could diagnose the seriousness of the break to advise us about future needs and care. She examined him, looked at all of the X-rays, and put him back on the floor where he hopped around on three legs. While she was going over things with us, he snatched the gauze and scissors from her lab coat pocket. Her response was he will be just fine but you have a devil of a puppy. Seven years later her diagnosis was spot on. He had developed a rare nasal carcinoma. She sent us to a specialist to confirm her diagnosis. She was right. Dr. Wendt saw us through the whole process. Under her care we were able to let him have a few great months. She helped us through the experience of having to let him go. We could not have asked for a more compassionate, kind, and wise veterinarian to get us through the process. She always took the time to send a handwritten note with a copy of the Rainbow Bridge poem. She understood one's loss.

We consider Dr. Wendt the Dog Whisper. She knows the fear, pain and

joy of the animals in her care. She has a way with animals and owners that is unmatched. She listens to the concerns of her people and pets, and no issue is too small. Dr. Wendt always called you back and took time to answer all of your questions. Her mission of caring for animals was shared by other doctors and staff at the clinic. Even though we preferred Dr. Wendt, we knew we could trust all of the veterinarians at Roberts and Wendt with our pet care.

Dr. Wendt is leaving the clinic. Roberts and Wendt Animal Clinic is losing the Heart and Soul of their clinic and mission. Roberts and Wendt, the small neighborhood clinic, was purchased in 2017 by VetCor, a national veterinarian corporation. As of now, none of the veterinarians who were

there prior to this purchase are still there. It remains to be seen if VetCor can continue to live out the mission of the Roberts and Wendt as many of us have known it to be over the years.

Dr. Victoria Wendt will be missed by all of us who have known her and had the privilege to work with her. Thank You, Dr. Wendt, for 33 years of veterinarian service to Northeast Ohio. Thank You for keeping Roberts and Wendt a small animal clinic in the city of Lakewood all of these years. Your contributions and care of animals and community have been exceptional. We are grateful for the opportunity to have known you.

Gretchen Derethik is a retired educator of 38 years. She lived in Lakewood for 25 years and recently moved into her family home in Rocky River.

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City of Lakewood
FY19 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER)
Public Review & Comment Period

Date of Publication: March 13, 2020

The City of Lakewood has prepared a draft of its Fiscal Year 2019 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER) for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The CAPER summarizes investments and accomplishments associated Lakewood’s federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs between January 1 and December 31, 2019. Copies will be available for public review between Friday, March 13 and Monday, March 30, 2020 via the City’s website (<http://www.onelakewood.com>) and at Lakewood’s Department of Planning & Development (City Hall, 12650 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107). Please submit comments to Dan Wyman at the address above or via email @ daniel.wyman@lakewoodoh.net. Feedback received before 12:00pm on Monday, March 30, 2020 will be included in the City’s final FY19 CAPER submission to HUD.

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