



Alameda Corridor Business
Improvement District

Community Meeting Notes Wednesday, March 4, 2026

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Governance and Organizational Updates

- Jeanine Maxey, President of Alameda Connects, presided over a special membership meeting to address board vacancies.
- Max de La Bruyere of Alameda Crossings was renominated for a two-year term as a director.
- Kevin MazaAmador of First Bank was elected as a new board member for a two-year term.

City of Lakewood Municipal Report (Mayor Wendy Strom)

- The City Council recently conducted a planning retreat to re-evaluate goals and deepened their focus on existing work rather than creating new initiatives.
- A major priority for the council is updating the city charter, a task that has been delayed for nearly three years due to a full legislative schedule.
- Homelessness was identified as the top priority based on a city-wide community survey conducted last year.
- The council is specifically examining the Colfax Corridor to preserve its historical "vibe" while balancing new residential developments, such as the Westland project.
- Financial sustainability is a concern, as Lakewood has lower sales tax than its peers and does not currently tax groceries.
- The city will conduct polling this spring to gauge resident interest in a potential revenue-related ballot measure for the fall.
- A special municipal election is scheduled for April 7, 2026, concerning the city's zoning code.
- Voters will choose between maintaining the updated 2024 code (a "No" vote) or reverting to the 2012 code (a "Yes" vote).
- The "State of the City" event is being reinstated on April 15 at the Heritage Center, the first such public event since 2018 or 2019.
- Proceeds from the State of the City event will support local Business Improvement Districts (Alameda and Colfax) and the Action Center.
- The 6th Avenue and Wadsworth interchange project remains active but has seen some elements delayed to 2027 following a \$42 million court decision against the city.

Public Safety and Law Enforcement (Agent Mark Mizanin, LPD)

- Agent Pratt-Cordova is on paternity leave.
- A DUI arrest in late February near 20th and Wadsworth involved a driver with a blood alcohol level (BAC) of 0.636, a level described as "unfathomable" for survival. The rear passenger in that DUI incident also had a high BAC of 0.36.
- On February 24, a juvenile was apprehended at Brady Exploration School after a foot pursuit; the student was armed with a handgun.
- Police made arrests at two Walmarts (Colfax/Wadsworth and 440) involving shoplifters carrying semi-automatic handguns modified to be fully automatic.
- The Lakewood Drone program has completed 2,200 calls in nine months, clearing 900 calls without needing a patrol response.
- Drones arrive on the scene first 80% of the time, often within minutes because they bypass traffic.
- The drone program has been critical in approximately 180 arrests.



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- Agent Mizanin clarified that Lakewood PD does not partner with or assist ICE, treating such operations similarly to how they interact with private bounty hunters.

Fire Safety and Community Risk (Deputy Chief Gary Armstrong, West Metro Fire)

- West Metro Fire received a grant to station a new drone at Station 10 (Hampden and Kipling) to assist in search and rescue and infrared fire detection.
- Infrared technology on drones allows crews to locate crash victims thrown from vehicles up to 10 times faster than ground searches.
- The state has mandated "WUI" (Wildland Urban Interface) resiliency codes for high-risk areas, which cut through parts of Lakewood.
- These new codes will impact new constructions and remodels that affect more than 25% of a structure.
- The department is working with the insurance industry to align fire mitigation efforts with lower premiums for residents.
- A new development in the Willowbrook and Willow Springs area is being designed as a model for fire-resilient neighborhoods.
- The department is mourning the loss of firefighter Kyle Bartlett, who died by suicide; flags were at half-staff for three weeks in his honor. Mental health support and therapists are being deployed to all fire crews to address the tragedy.

Guest Speaker Presentation (Chris DeGruy Kennedy - President and CEO, The Bell Policy Center)

- He presented on "Colorado's Budget Crisis," focusing on a \$2 billion funding gap.
- He discussed the impact of federal tax changes on state revenue and the rising costs of healthcare and education.
- He introduced Initiative 195, a proposal for a graduated income tax for individuals earning over \$500,000 annually to fund schools, childcare, and healthcare.
- He noted that Colorado is one of only 14 states with a flat income tax and highlighted that 70% of likely 2026 voters support a fairer tax system.
- A PDF of the presentation is available on www.alamedaconnects.org

Economic Development

- Marcus Johnson announced that workforce development workshops have already reached 50 registrants since registration opened the previous Saturday.
- The Jeffco Schools Foundation is launching a career hub to support student and teacher professional development.

Belmar Update

- The Lucky Clover Market will feature vendor participation and specials from local restaurants during the March 7 Blarney event.
- "Bunny Trails" will take place on April 4.
- A Kentucky Derby celebration is planned for May 2.
- K-Pot Korean BBQ is currently building out a new tenant space in Belmar.

Action Center Update

- The Action Center officially took ownership of the Emory Elementary School property on December 31, 2025.
- The Action Center project received a \$15 million federal funding boost secured by U.S. Representative Brittany Pettersen.
- The Action Center plans to move its operations from 14th Avenue to the Emory location in early 2027.

Community Calendar

Date	Event / Milestone	Location and Details
March 7	Blarney on Belmar	11:00 AM – 4:00 PM at Belmar Plaza. Featuring The Elders, Tag and Friends, bagpipers, and Irish step dancers.
March 10	Senior Resource Fair	Held at Solera Lakewood.
March 13–29	"A Chorus Line"	Professional theater co-production at the Lakewood Cultural Center
March 18	Workforce Development Workshop	Held at the Lakewood Cultural Center. Over 50 people were registered as of early March.
March 18	Parks Volunteer Open House	Information on local trail work provided at Bear Creek Lake Park
March 24	Archwell Health Ribbon Cutting	Community ribbon-cutting ceremony.
March 28	Old 121 Public House 7th Anniversary	Celebration featuring music, beer, and trivia at 1057 S. Wadsworth Blvd.
March 31	Action Center Gala Early Bird Deadline	Final day for early bird ticket pricing for the May fundraiser.
April 4	Bunny Trails	Seasonal community event at Belmar.
April 7	Special Municipal Election Day	Vote on the city's zoning ordinance. A "no" vote keeps the updated code, while a "yes" vote returns to the 2012 code.
April 9–11	Belmar Spring Direct Mail	Outreach reaching approximately 15,000 local homes
April 10	San Jose Taiko	Traditional Japanese drumming performance at the Cultural Center
April 15	State of the City	Event begins at 4:00 PM at the Heritage Center with official comments starting around 4:30 PM.



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April 18	Community Shred Event	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Alameda and Garrison.
April 25	Earth Day Volunteer Project	Citywide parks cleanup and native plant installation
April 25	Luca Stricagnoli Performance	World-renowned acoustic guitarist performing at the Cultural Center
May 2	Kentucky Derby Celebration	Family-friendly event with a live broadcast at Belmar Plaza.
May 2	Trout Fishing Tournament	Competitive angling at Big Soda Lake
May 2 & 9	Free Mulch Pickup	Loader assistance provided at the City Greenhouse
May 5	Jeffco Bizhub Exchange	Business networking and community exchange.
May 6	Alameda Connects Meeting	Morning session at West Metro Fire Admin A state demographer is scheduled to present.
May 8	Active Adult Resource Fair	Vendor fair for residents aged 55+ at the Clements Center
May 9	Car No. 25 Open House	Historical 1911 electric trolley rides at Heritage Lakewood
May 14	The Action Center Annual Gala	"New Frontiers" fundraiser held at the Seawell Ballroom.
June 3	Annual Legislative Summary	Ed Sealover with the Colorado Chamber provides a summary of the legislative session.
June 4	Taste of the West	Regional culinary event.