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## Community Meeting Notes Wednesday, June 3, 2026

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### Public Safety Reports

- **West Metro Fire / Emergency Management (Gary Armstrong)**
  - **Drone Program:** The department secured a grant for an automated drone program stationed on top of Station 4 on Green Mountain. Drones are automated to fly directly to GPS addresses to provide situational overviews for incidents like C-470 crashes, grass fires, and backcountry rescues.
  - **Advanced Resource Medic (ARM) Car:** The ARM car program operates with a nurse practitioner or physician advisor on board to treat low-acuity medical issues at home and lower emergency system strain. Evaluation numbers showed 90% of calls happen between 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM, resulting in a transition on May 31st to an active daytime-only model. Standard emergency calls after hours continue to be handled by the 14 available life-support ambulances.
  - **Whole Blood Program:** Starting in July, emergency vehicles will begin carrying whole blood to treat cases of trauma directly in the field.
- **Lakewood Police Department & Community Action Team (Quinn):**
  - **Department Leadership Changes:** The department is experiencing unprecedented administrative restructuring, with two out of three division chiefs newly appointed; a new Division Chief over Support Services, and a Division Chief over Patrol. Five out of eleven commanders are also brand new.
  - **Homeless Outreach & Shelter Enforcement:** The local navigation shelter on Ammons Street and 14th is open, taking referrals, and has open beds. Because shelter beds are actively available, the Community Action Team (CAT) is shifting its balance to step up legal enforcement on resource-resistant individuals violating laws against littering, storage on public property, and blocking public sidewalks.
  - **Community Court:** Low-end warrants are processed through a community court setup with the Lakewood Municipal Prosecutor's Office to bypass standard jail routing and connect individuals directly to necessary mental health resources, medication assistance, and vital document recovery.

### Keynote Presentation: "Colorado Legislature Update 2026"

Presented by Ed Sealover, VP of Strategic Initiatives & Editor at the Colorado Chamber of Commerce / *The Sum & Substance*.

- **Political Landscape:** The Colorado House and Senate both sit exactly one vote short of a veto-proof supermajority. Governor Polis has maintained an independent-minded approach, issuing his 8th and 9th vetoes of the session just prior to the meeting.
- **State Economic Pressures:** Colorado currently ranks near the bottom nationwide for cost of living and business affordability (47th/48th) and is the 6th most regulated state. Consequently, Colorado's CNBC business ranking dropped to 16th in 2024 before rebounding to 11th in 2025. A persistent \$1.5 billion budget shortfall heavily restricted any bills requiring state funding this session.
- **Legislative Wins & Passed Bills:**



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- **SB 26-137 (Regulatory Reform):** A major chamber-backed bipartisan bill requiring all state agencies to audit and review their rules at least once every five years to eliminate duplicative, excessive, or outdated regulations.
- **SB 182 (Utility Emissions Compromise):** Extended the deadline by two years for municipal utilities and co-ops to meet strict 2030 emissions goals without forcing a massive, immediate spike in consumer utility bills.
- **SB 20 (Childcare Streamlining):** Focuses on streamlining licensing processes to help solve the state's shortage of 70,000 childcare slots.
- **The HOME Act & Transit Housing:** Allows specific entities owning five acres or less to build up to three-story housing developments "by right". A separate bill established tax incentives for infrastructure and housing within a two-mile radius of transit hubs.
- **Property Insurance & Hail Mitigation:** A pending bill creates a statewide grant fund—funded by a fee on insurance policies that insurers cannot pass to consumers—to help homeowners install hail-resistant roofs to curb skyrocketing property insurance rates (which rose 18% last year).
- **HB 1317 (Workforce Development Consolidation):** Combines disparate workforce and higher education initiatives from 20 different agencies across 7 departments into a centralized, single-entry department for businesses.
- **HB 1036 (CPA Pathways):** A bill sponsored by Representative Stewart that allows relevant field experience to count toward CPA certification, reducing educational cost barriers.
- **Defeated, Scaled Back, or Vetoed Bills:**
  - **Vetoed Measures:** Governor Polis vetoed the **Labor Peace Act amendment** (which sought to allow unions to secure member dues with a simple 51% majority vote instead of the current 75% requirement) for the second consecutive year. He also vetoed a **Surveillance Pricing bill** yesterday because its broad language would accidentally ban standard consumer loyalty rewards and online cart discounts.
  - **Defeated Regulatory/Affordability Bills:** Workplace safety regulations mimicking federal OSHA, mandatory corporate website emissions listings, and a bill capping ride-share company fees at 20% all failed. HB 1012, which aimed to cap captive-consumer venue and airport vendor prices at 15% above county averages, also died due to concerns over vendor viability.
  - **Defeated Housing Bills:** Measures to allow lot-splitting "by right" and capping minimum lot sizes to 2,000 square feet both died late in the session due to municipal pushback and local-control fatigue.
  - **Data Center Gridlock:** Two competing bills regarding data centers failed to find a compromise. One offered a 30-year state sales tax break on construction materials to capture out-of-state tech investments, while the other sought the strictest green-energy/hourly-metering mandates in the nation.
- **Upcoming Ballot Initiatives & Elections:** Voters will face major decisions this November, highlighted by a proposed **Graduated Income Tax** initiative that would replace the flat 4.41% rate with tiered rates up to 9.5% for high earners, generating \$3.6 billion in state revenue. Additionally, all major state offices (Governor, AG, Treasurer, Sec. of State) are wide open due to term limits.

### City of Lakewood Updates (Council Member Ken Cruz)

- **Zoning Code Status:** Following the community-led reversal of the city's recently passed zoning code, council members have been executing extensive neighborhood outreach. The mayor explicitly requested to share that the city is **not** looking to reintroduce the zoning code that was previously headed to the ballot. A virtual study session on June 15th will plan out zoning next steps.
- **Inaugural Lakewood Pride Celebration:** On June 20th, the city will officially host its first-ever public Pride celebration. The city-wide activation features merchant deals in Belmar, specialized coffee drinks at Badass Coffee, open mics, live bands, and a signature Drag Brunch. More details are available at [pridelakewood.com](http://pridelakewood.com).



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- **Shop Lakewood & Open Rewards App:** The city's local economic campaign is utilizing the "Open Rewards" mobile application to support small businesses along the Colfax corridor heavily impacted by street construction, providing a 10% discount rebate incentive for shoppers.
- **Outreach Improvements:** Council members are actively visiting local churches, attending diverse events, and launching demographic-specific community groups to capture feedback from residents who do not typically attend vocal city council listening sessions.
- **Ward 3 Road Safety:** Council members are working directly with Public Works to design innovative traffic-calming solutions for the Mississippi Avenue corridor, moving away from standard vertical speed bumps which complicate West Metro Fire navigation.

#### Economic Development Update (Marcus Johnson):

- **Business Attraction Strategy:** The Economic Development team is actively compiling a targeted, strategic list of retail, commercial, and experiential businesses to recruit to vacancies along the Alameda Corridor to maximize regional economic vitality.
- **Workforce Development Initiatives:** Coordination is underway with Red Rocks Community College and the Jefferson County Business & Workforce Center to launch career workshops focusing on high-demand skilled trades, manufacturing, and technical career paths.
- **Real Estate and Infrastructure Feedback:** Following recent commercial real estate tours of Alameda, the department is analyzing community and developer feedback to implement short-term, low-barrier aesthetic and infrastructure improvements along strategic stretches of the corridor.
- **West Metro Shuttle:** a free public weekend/holiday shuttle service called *West Tracks* is running from Golden to Morrison from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, arriving every 15 minutes.

#### Organizational & Partner Updates

- **Alameda Connects / ACBID (Rachel Griffin):**
  - **June 20:** Hosting a Belmar community cruiser bicycle ride through local parks, partnering with the Pride initiative as a "Pride Ride".
  - **June 30:** Launching the 4th of July week and America 250 / Colorado 150 celebrations with an early outdoor screening of *Hamilton* in the park featuring a high-tech daylight screen.
  - **August 6:** Hosting the plaza's first-ever multi-generational Silent Disco in Belmar, featuring three dedicated audio channels following the conclusion of the Street Fest.
  - **Discover Alameda App:** Members are urged to download the newly optimized walking/biking tour app, which dynamically pings historical and public art landmarks as users pass them.
  - **Stolen History:** The community was notified that a historic, 90-year-old WPA plaque was stolen off Alameda and should be returned to the police department immediately.
- **West Metro Chamber of Commerce:**
  - **Taste of the West:** Happening tomorrow (June 4) from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Foothills Field House. Features over 80 food and beverage vendors, a VIP lounge sponsored by Casa Bonita, and complimentary chair massages. General admission is \$45, with a buy-one-get-one-free deal available to chamber members.
  - **Two Creeks Park Ribbon Cutting:** Scheduled for next Thursday, June 11, at 5:00 PM.
- **Belmar District Updates (Joyce):**
  - **June 3:** Celebrating Global Running Day this evening with a 1.5-mile run/walk event at Road Runner Sports, featuring food and drinks from Great Divide.
  - **Summer Concerts:** Belmar's music season features six outdoor concerts running from June 25 through August 6.
  - **July 3:** The annual "Big Belmar Bash" will feature a local market, kids' zone, a performance by the Wash Park Band (5:00–9:00 PM), and a headlining drone light show.



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- **New Tenant:** *Pop Rock Toys and Music* (a locally owned vintage buy/sell/trade shop dealing in retro toys, vinyl records, cassettes, and VHS tapes) is opening later this month just north of the theater.

### Individual Business & Community Announcements

- **Coldwell Banker Realty & Performance Now Theater Company (LaDawn):** Hosting a virtual home buyer seminar on June 18. Announcing the opening of *My Fair Lady* on June 12 at the Lakewood Cultural Center, alongside the release of upcoming season tickets for *Gypsy*, *Cinderella*, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, and *Young Frankenstein*.
- **Secure Attachment Initiative (Jasmine):** Promoting a charity golf tournament and travel raffle in September to benefit local mental health programs. Raffle tickets are \$25 for a trip to Cancun.
- **Local Brewery/Venue Updates:** Announcing full-sound broadcast coverage of all USA World Cup matches starting June 11. Hosting a free community crab boil with four live bands at their new Oak Street location on Sunday, June 14, followed by a pet-focused fundraiser with *Spay Today* and *Crimson Cat Studios* on Sunday, June 28

### Upcoming Community Calendar

- **June 3, 2026:** Global Running Day 1.5-Mile Run & Walk event at Road Runner Sports in Belmar, featuring food and drinks from Great Divide.
- **June 3, 2026 (7:00 PM):** Planning Commission special-use permit hearing regarding the expansion of land adjacent to the Action Center for the navigation facility.
- **June 4, 2026 (5:00 PM – 8:00 PM):** Taste of the West Culinary Festival at the Foothills Field House, featuring over 80 vendors and a VIP lounge sponsored by Casa Bonita.
- **June 11, 2026:** FIFA World Cup screenings begin at the new Oak Street location, broadcasting all USA matches with full sound.
- **June 11, 2026 (5:00 PM):** Two Creeks Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and public park dedication.
- **June 12, 2026:** Opening night of *My Fair Lady* at the Lakewood Cultural Center and the official launch of the next season's ticket sales.
- **June 14, 2026 (Sunday):** Free community crab boil and music festival featuring four live bands at the new Oak Street location.
- **June 15, 2026:** Lakewood City Council virtual study session focusing on community feedback and future steps for the zoning code.
- **June 18, 2026:** Virtual home buyer educational seminar hosted online by Ladawn Sperling.
- **June 20, 2026:** Lakewood's first-ever official Pride Celebration, featuring citywide business activations, specialized promotions in Belmar, and a Drag Brunch at the Lakewood Social House.
- **June 20, 2026:** Belmar "Pride Ride" Cruiser Bicycle Tour through local community parks, organized by Alameda Connects.
- **June 24, 2026:** Acknowledgment of the City of Lakewood's 57th birthday.
- **June 25, 2026:** Summer Concert Series kickoff in the Belmar Plaza, marking the first of six outdoor concerts running through early August.
- **June 28, 2026:** Dog pool fundraiser and pet photography event in partnership with Spay Today and Crimson Cat Studios.
- **June 30, 2026 (6:00 PM):** America 250 and Colorado 150 celebration kickoff featuring an outdoor park screening of *Hamilton* on a high-tech daylight screen.
- **July 3, 2026:** The Big Belmar Bash featuring a local market, a kids' zone, a live performance by the Wash Park Band from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM, and a headlining drone light show.
- **August 1, 2026:** Heritage Lakewood 50th Anniversary golden celebration party.



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- **August 6, 2026:** The first-ever Belmar Silent Disco on the plaza, featuring three separate audio channels immediately following the final summer concert.
- **September 2, 2026 (7:30 AM):** Resumption of the Alameda Connects community meetings at the West Metro Fire Administration Building, featuring a presentation by Dinosaur Ridge.
- **September 2026:** Charity golf tournament and Cancun travel raffle fundraiser benefiting local mental health programs, organized by the Secure Attachment Initiative.
- **November 3, 2026:** General Election featuring critical state-level votes, open legislative seat races, and the proposed Graduated Income Tax ballot initiative.