

LAKWOOD
MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS
AND MUNICIPAL COURT



2026 State of the City

The City of Lakewood
Mayor Meghan F. George

April 30th, 2026
4:00pm

In Remembrance

Nancy Feighan

March 3, 1966 – December 13, 2025

&

Jim Trela

March 29, 1949 - February 9, 2025





Residents

Small
Businesses

Community
Partners

Nonprofits

Dedicated
Staff

State of Our City



- Our Community
- Housing & Development
- Parks & Public Spaces
- Infrastructure & Public Works
- Safety & Services
- Responsible Government

Housing Investments & Improvements



The City of Beautiful Homes

2025 Beautiful Home Award Winners

Strategic Development



500 NEW
HOUSING
UNITS



MOST IN OVER
50 YEARS



\$150M+
INVESTMENT

- Partnering with Developers
- Respecting Neighborhood Character
- Expanding Housing Options
- Supporting a Strong Future



Downtown Development



300 HOUSING
UNITS



25,000 SQ/FT
RETAIL



20% AFFORDABLE
HOUSING



500+ PARKING
SPACES



17,000 SQ/FT
PUBLIC PLAZA

The Westline



- 120+ Units
- 3 Acres Revitalized
- Dozens of Affordable Units

Expanded Housing Options

Thoreau Place



Lakewood Center West



Cleveland Restoration Society's Heritage Home Program



350+ Site Visits



100+ Homeowners Assisted



\$2.5M Loans Issued



\$21M+ Project Value

HERITAGE

HOME

PROGRAM

SINCE 1992



Building & Housing Oversight

- Rental Registration Program
- Annual Landlord Training
- Large Structure Evaluations
- Commercial Building Surveys
- Community Safety



Parks & Facilities



Lakewood Skate Park Expansion



Winterhurst



Neighborhood Parks

Merl Bunts



Niagara



Major Park Improvements

Madison Park:

- Pedestrian Entrance
- Loop Path
- Master Plan Completed

Becks Pool Upgrades:

- Public Outreach
- Planning
- Preliminary Design



Public Works & Planning and Development

A detailed street map of Lakewood, Ohio, showing a dense network of roads and green spaces. The map is overlaid with four large, dark blue callout boxes with white text, each pointing to a different area of the city. The boxes contain the following statistics: 50,000+ residents, 200+ streets, 180+ miles of sidewalks, and 75 acres of parkland. The map shows major roads like Lakewood Blvd, Detroit Rd, and various residential streets. Green areas represent parks and greenways.

50,000+
residents

200+
streets

180+
miles of
sidewalks

75 acres
of
parkland

Tree City USA



48 Consecutive
Years



400+ Trees
Planted



Annual Tree
Giveaway



Forestry
Maintenance &
Care

Sewer Interceptor Project



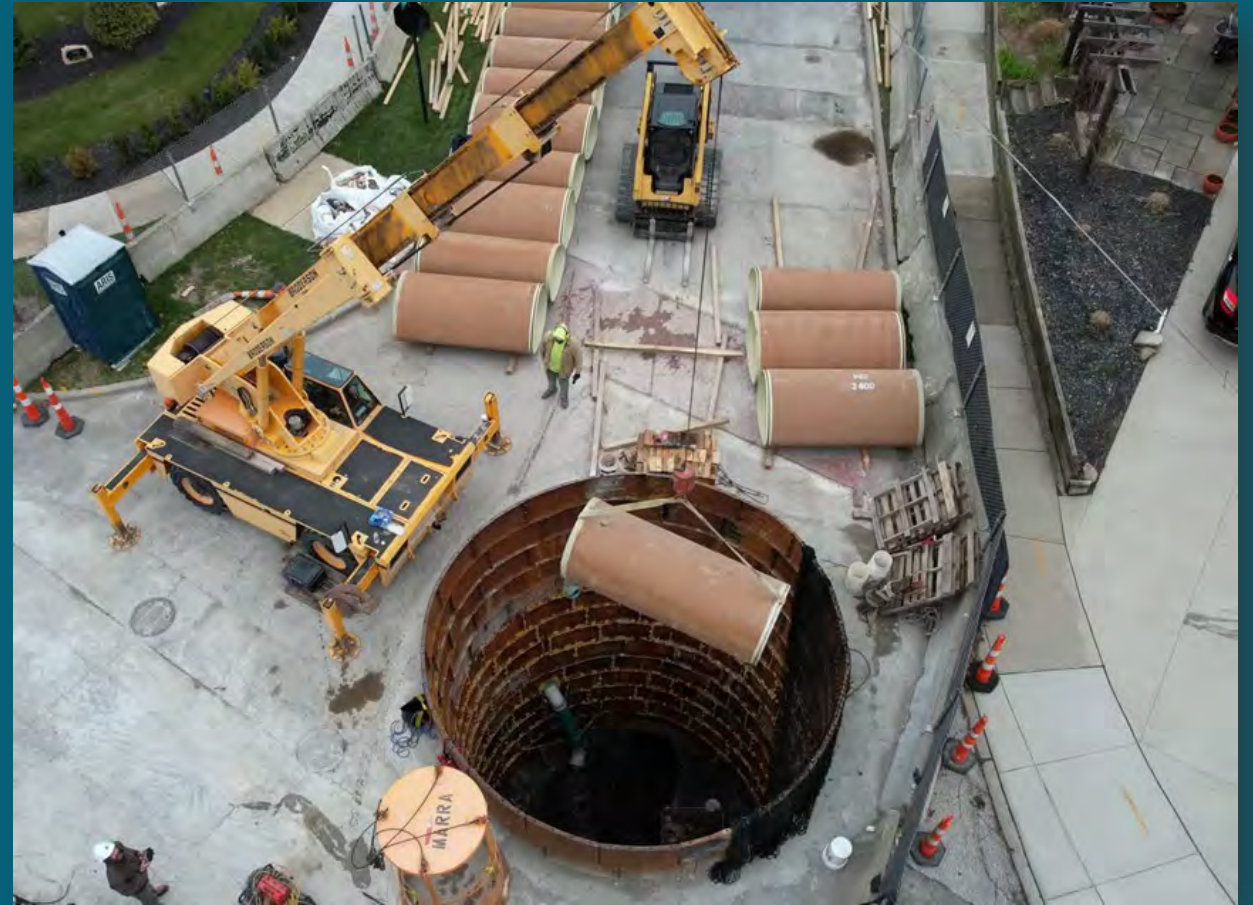
Clean Water Act
Compliance



3-Year Construction
Timeline



Entire Length of
Lakewood



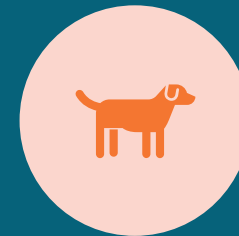
New Animal Shelter



4,000 SQ/FT
FACILITY



MODERNIZED
OPERATIONS



IMPROVED ANIMAL
CARE EXPERIENCE

Lake-Clifton Connector Project



Traffic Calming



Shared-Use Path



Scenic Lake &
River Views



Roundabout

Bunts Road



New Utilities & Infrastructure



Safer, Repaved Roadway



Multi-Modal Upgrades



Improved Streetscape & Design



Bringing Investment to Lakewood

Tree
Plantings:
\$50,000

Animal
Shelter:
\$1,500,000

Lake-Clifton:
\$10,000,000

Bunts Road:
\$10,000,000+

Interceptor
Project:
\$25,000,000

Human Services

Caring for Our Community



- 1,000+ Program Participants
- 118 Daily Cove Attendees
- 35,000 Meals Provided
- 5,000 Transportation Check-Ins
- 100+ Volunteers Gave 6,000 Hours

Direct Relief



1,000+
Households

Emergency
Food
Support

Community
Partnerships

Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Safety Services

Modern Community Policing



Crisis
Intervention

Citizens
Police
Academy

Safe Place
Initiative

Blue
Envelope
Program

Proactive Fire Services



Car Seat Fit
Stop

CPR & Stop
the Bleed

Home
Assessments

Law Department



Holding Utilities Accountable

- Frequent Power Outages
- State-Level Action
- Advocating for Residents



Standing Up for Lakewood



- FirstEnergy Found at Fault
- Service Improvements Underway
- Continuing to Push for Reliability

Information Technology



Building a Modern, Secure City



Modernizing Public
Safety



Enhancing
Cybersecurity



Investing in
Workplace Readiness



Upgrading
Technology
Infrastructure

Human Resources



Human Resources



- New HR System
- 2025 Best-in-Class Employer
- Policy management

Investing in Our People



Finance

Trusted Fiscal Stewardship



Financial Accountability



Transparent Government



6th Consecutive State Audit Distinction



National Award for Financial Reporting



Protecting Taxpayer Dollars



An aerial photograph of a park at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow and reflecting on the water. A large crowd of people is gathered on the grassy area, which is surrounded by trees. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds. The text "Thank You!" is overlaid in white on the right side of the image, with a thin teal line underneath it.

Thank You!