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THOMAS J. GEORGE  
MAYOR

Welcome to Lakewood and the Lakewood City School District,

I am pleased that you have chosen to make Lakewood your home and raise your family here. We are proud of our City and dedicated to providing outstanding schools, a safe environment, maintaining strong real estate values and offering the best possible services.

I would like to introduce a few of the many services and programs that are available to residents of all ages. Child care resources are plentiful and adult day care is available at Lakewood Hospital. Lakewood schools provide excellence in education and successful Pre-School PTA and PTA groups throughout the system are an indication of genuine parent involvement. We support comprehensive youth and adult recreation programs. Winterhurst Ice Skating Rink, while home to Olympic favorites and those who enjoy Olympic dreams, also provides fun and entertainment for the entire family.

Senior citizens take part in the social, educational and nutritional activities provided at the two senior centers. We support our own Division of Health and operate one of Ohio's most efficient transportation systems for seniors and disabled persons. The Community Development Corporation offers a wide range of programs such as low-interest loans for home improvements, free paint and labor for qualified homeowners and assists business owners with storefront renovation.

In addition to backyard refuse pick-up, Lakewood is acclaimed as a leader in recycling and environmental awareness. Annual community events include the Fourth of July parade and fireworks, the Lakewood Car Culture Show, the nationally recognized Lakewood Arts Festival and the Lakewood Community Festival which showcases ethnic foods and entertainment. Summers, you can enjoy Sunday evening band concerts and the Friday Night Flicks are fun for the entire family.

City Council meets the first and third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall auditorium and the public is encouraged to attend. (Council is in recess in August.)

Please visit our website at [www.ci.lakewood.oh.us](http://www.ci.lakewood.oh.us) for more information about everything Lakewood has to offer. If you have any questions about services or programs, please feel free to contact Lakewood City Hall at (216) 521-7580.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. George

