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Pierce County Library System Board-Lakewood City Council joint meeting *To hear recommendations for Lakewood Libraries*

PIERCE COUNTY, Washington – The Pierce County Library System Board of Trustees and Lakewood City Council will hold a joint meeting **Thursday, Nov. 17, from 6-7 p.m., at Lakewood City Hall in Council Chambers, 6000 Main St. SW.**

At the joint meeting, the [Lakewood Library Building Community Advisory Committee](#) will share its recommendations for quality library services for a downtown Lakewood building and a Tillicum neighborhood building. For the past five months, the 12-member volunteer committee has been reviewing and analyzing information about the libraries from Library System administrators, city building officials, engineers, architects and other professionals.

Attend the meeting in person or join via Zoom (dial 253-215-8782 and enter meeting ID: 868 7263 2373). The meeting will also stream live on the city's YouTube channel.

In creating the recommendations, committee members discussed their values for quality library services. This included location and accessibility, right-sized for services important to the community, the ability to offer contemporary library services, and flexibility to adapt space for future services. Members also reviewed input from more than 2,000 people who responded to a survey this summer about library services. Resident feedback was collected at public events such as the Lakewood Farmers Market, interviews with community leaders, and comments in emails and at meetings. The committee also reviewed input the Library System gathered from the community in 2019.

Two representatives from the committee will present the Community Advisory Committee's recommendations at the joint meeting. The Board of Trustees will determine next step.

About the Library System

The nationally acclaimed [Pierce County Library System](#) serves 634,000 people throughout Pierce County with 19 libraries and online services. The system is the fourth largest in the state and property taxes are the main funding source. People may choose from more than one million books, e-books, audiobooks, movies and other materials. Pierce County Library is committed to directing services in three primary areas: learning, enjoyment and community connection. Its services and programs spark success for Pierce County residents. More than 2 million people visit Pierce County Libraries each year. The Library provides services and programs directly to people in adult care facilities, people who are homebound, and to children in childcare centers and schools. [Pierce County Libraries are located](#) at Anderson Island, Bonney Lake, Buckley, DuPont, Eatonville, Fife, Gig Harbor, Graham, Key Center, Lakewood, Milton/Edgewood, Orting, Parkland/Spanaway, South Hill, Steilacoom, Summit, Sumner, Tillicum and University Place. Pierce County Library is an independent municipal corporation and operates as a junior taxing district.

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About the City

The [City of Lakewood](#) is home to nearly 64,000 residents and has one of the most culturally diverse populations in Washington. With lush parks, lakes, thriving businesses, and plenty of opportunities, Lakewood is a great place to call home.

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