



# PARTNERS FOR PARKS PUBLICATION

A collaboration of Lakewood service clubs, community groups, educational institutions, military, businesses and public entities working to provide improvement of Lakewood area parks

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## Partners For Parks Visit Lakewood Ford – Site of the Black Tie and Blue Jeans Ball

Thirteen PFP members toured Lakewood Ford on January 8 to determine the layout of the May 3 event.

Guests will enter through the side door where plenty of room for coat check in and registration will await them.

The band(s) will be positioned upstairs on the landing with the dance floor centrally located on the main level.

Nineteen dinner tables will be distributed on the main floor with two bars conveniently located nearby.

The large kitchen facility downstairs will be perfect for the caterer to prepare the Black Tie Blue Jeans special food entrees.

Items for the dessert auction will be displayed safe and sound in glass encased rooms and watched over by Lakewood's finest!

If you missed the tour, site plans are available. Each chairperson should have one as they begin their planning.

### Reminder to Committee Chairs –

Be sure to bring your proposed budget to the next meeting.



## News from Committees

**Food:** Sally S. reports that 3 to 4 caterers are being contacted for bids and creative menu ideas. A decision should be made by February.

**Decorations:** Sue B. and Terry O. states the decor will feature black table clothes with blue napkins, sparkling-lit trees. Centerpieces will include blue water with lots of silver and crystal.

**Crowning Ceremony:** Duncan S. and Denise Y. suggest naming a male and female who have contributed to the improvement of Lakewood parks as the King and Queen of the Ball.

**Dessert Auction:** The police and fire are contacting local restaurants to participate in this fun piece of the event.

**Sponsors:** Charlie M. reported that in addition to Lakewood Ford, Puget Sound Energy, Clover Park Kiwanis and Harborstone Credit Union have signed on as sponsors. The committee has divided up a list and will connect with additional businesses and organizations in the coming weeks.

**Entertainment:** Mike A. suggests that the Pierce College jazz band might play background music as guests arrive. The sassy CPTC band would begin playing after dinner.

**Fund an Item:** Dick M. is developing a list of items that can be "sold" at the event.

**Promotions:** Mary D. circulated preliminary ideas for promotional materials to include flyer/poster, Save-the-date card, program, vertical banners.

**Miscellaneous:** If your committee will need volunteer help at the Ball, a sign up sheet will be circulated at the next meeting.

A report detailing costs for the website and the use of PayPal will be presented at the next meeting. Do we want to accept payment over our website?

**Next meeting – Friday,  
January 25 at 7:00AM in room  
1E. Breakfast will be  
provided.**

### American Lake Park Facts

Did you know that the land where American Lake is located was purchased and developed with IAC funds over 30 years ago? Situated on 5 acres located on the north shore of American Lake, it offers restrooms, picnic shelter, picnic tables, a swimming beach and children's playground equipment. The park also offers a public boat launch which is currently closed for renovations. The park is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year from dawn to sunset (or 9:00p.m. whichever comes first).