

LACEYLife

Shaping Our Community Together

WINTER | 2010-2011

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday December 2nd & 16th, 7 p.m.
Lacey City Hall Council Chambers.

HOLIDAY CONCERT

Tuesday December 7th, 7-8 p.m. Lacey Community Center.

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

Saturday January 1st, 12:00-1 p.m.
Long Lake Park.

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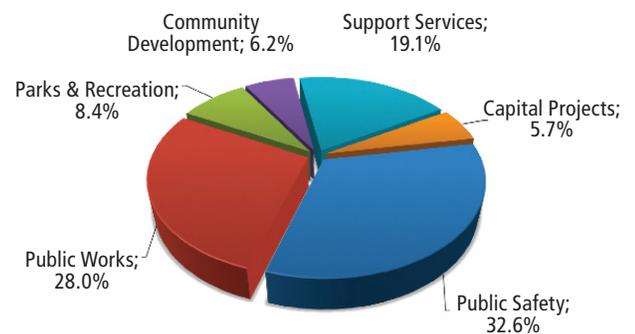
PROPOSED 2011 CITY OF LACEY BUDGET

The proposed 2011 Lacey budget focuses on current needs as well as essential priorities that will serve the long-term interests of the community. It promotes efficiency in service delivery while at the same time maintains Lacey's successful public safety programs, addresses priority transportation projects, continues environmental stewardship initiatives, enhances park and recreation facilities, promotes economic development, and invests in public infrastructure to meet the future needs of the city.

The total City of Lacey proposed budget for 2011 is \$107,432,163. Service levels are maintained, and the city continues its long-term track record of investing significantly in quality of life improvements and infrastructure maintenance and construction.

The city's budget is composed of funds for Utilities, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Internal Services and the General Fund. The General Fund provides and accounts for most traditionally recognized local government functions. These include: police services, recreation programs, financial and administrative services, community development including planning, zoning, permits, code enforcement and building inspection, maintenance of parks, streets and rights-of-way, public works administration and engineering services, administration of contracts with other agencies that provide

2011 General Fund: \$31.5 million



emergency communications, district court, jail services. For 2011 the proposed General Fund budget totals \$31,547,928.

Despite the worst economic decline in recent history, residents may feel confident that the city is managing its responsibilities and resources in a financially prudent, thoughtful, and disciplined manner. The key priorities and responsibilities of local government continue to be effectively addressed.

The Lacey City Council is scheduled to take final action to adopt the 2011 Proposed Budget for the City of Lacey at its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, December 2, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Lacey City Hall. To obtain a copy of the proposed budget, please visit the official City of Lacey website at www.ci.lacey.wa.us. For questions related to the budget, call Troy Woo, Finance Director, at (360) 491-3212.

REGISTER ONLINE FOR CLASSES AND PROGRAMS IN 2011

Soon, you can register for a Lacey Parks and Recreation class or program from the comfort of your own home. To prepare for online registration, call the Lacey Parks & Recreation business office to receive your User ID and password.



A LOOK BACK

One of the last remaining structures from Lacey's hey-day as a resort community (ca. 1910-1945) is the building on present-day Pacific Avenue, across from the Lacey Community Center. Built in 1931 by the Elva and Alva McKinney and named for their daughter, Lois McKinney, the Lake Lois Resort included a café, grocery store, gas station, and candy store in the main building, and seven cabins for weary

travelers along then-Highway 99. Although the business has been closed for many years, the building served as home to Lois McKinney, until her death in 1998. The Lacey Museum recently procured the McKinney Collection, and artifacts from the McKinney family.

For more information contact Curator, Amber Raney, at 438-0209 or araney@ci.lacey.wa.us

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL ALERTS!

The City of Lacey offers a unique subscription service called "Select Alert." Select Alert sends emails or text messages to a subscriber's assigned email account, cell phone (text message), or both.

To begin receiving alerts, an account must be created with an accompanying password. Once an account is established, subscribers to Select Alert can choose the type of

information to be sent, the device it will be sent to, and even the time of day alerts will be broadcast.

The Select Alert subscription service allows users to receive alerts for city job postings, city sponsored events, road construction projects and LaceyLife newsletter publications.

To sign up, browse to the Email Alerts page on the City of Lacey website.

SOUTH SOUND COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA HOLIDAY CONCERT

The South Sound Community Orchestra with special guests, Rose Garden Singers, will put on a show that is sure to get you into the holiday spirit! Celebrate the season

with this free concert on Tuesday, December 7 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Lacey Community Center, 6729 Pacific Avenue SE.

WATER EVERYWHERE

The rain that keeps our area so beautiful and green can play havoc on our streets when leaves, debris, and even snow block stormwater drains.

You can help prevent large puddles and minor flooding by keeping an eye on grates near your home and business. Raking a grate to clear blockage is frequently all that is needed to alleviate problems. You should only clear a grate when it is safe to do so and flooding problems are not too severe. **For more information, or to report a blocked drain, call Lacey Public Works at (360) 491-5644.**

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE



Join fellow enthusiasts in this chilling ritual of bringing in the New Year!

Enjoy campfires, music, hot cocoa and coffee beginning at 12:00 p.m. — culminating with the "plunge" at 1:00 p.m. Festivities take place at Long Lake Park, 2790 Carpenter Road SE, on Saturday, January 1, 2011. All ages are welcome!

For more information, call 491-0857 or visit www.ci.lacey.wa.us.

Preparing A "Grab & Go" Disaster Kit:

A portable, 3-day disaster kit allows you to "grab and go" in the event you need to evacuate your home or workplace in a hurry. A duffle bag or backpack is a perfect size. In a larger household, make several kits.

At a minimum, the kit should contain a 3-day supply of water, food, first aid, medications, and emergency supplies:

- 2 quarts drinking water per person. Non-perishable food. The Red Cross and many outdoor recreation stores sell water packets and food packs with a 5-year shelf life.
- First aid kit and critical medications you require.
- Battery-powered radio and flashlight. Consider purchasing a wind-up charging type.
- A whistle to call for help.
- Dust mask and gloves.
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape for sheltering-in-place.
- Quarters for pay phones.
- Personal hygiene items including tissue paper, toothpaste, soap, plastic bags with ties, and infant supplies.

The local chapter of the Red Cross sells a variety of assembled disaster kits and supplies. Browse to www.rainier-redcross.org or call (360) 352-8575.

MULLEN ROAD EXTENSION OPENS

*The New Mullen Road Extension Officially Opened
– October 22, 2010*

The \$3.8 million roadway, which provides a new, one-mile east-west connection between Ruddell Road SE and College Street SE, includes a travel lane in each direction with dedicated left-turn

For more information please contact the Lacey Public Works Department at (360) 491-5600

lanes at intersections; landscaped medians and planter strips containing more than 500 trees and 4,000 accent plantings; bike lanes; sidewalks; and energy efficient light emitting diode (LED) street lights, making it the first major installation of LED roadway lighting in Thurston County and one of the first such projects in Washington State. Work also included installation of a new city water main, a reclaimed water

distribution line, and traffic signal improvements at Ruddell Road SE and College Street SE.

Lacey began securing right-of-way for the project in the mid-1980s. Design work was undertaken in 2005, with construction beginning in February 2010. Engineering for the roadway was provided by Perteet, Inc., of Seattle, with landscaping design by Jeffrey Glander and Associates of Olympia. Active Construction, Inc. of Puyallup was the project's general contractor.

The project was financed through \$1.7 million in Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) funding, \$1.6 million in city arterial street and traffic mitigation funds, and \$500,000 in LOTT Clean Water Alliance funds.

WHERE DO GOOD CHRISTMAS TREES GO AFTER THE HOLIDAYS?

Composting is a great post-holiday tradition for disposing of Christmas trees. If you live within the City of Lacey and are unable to transport your tree to the Thurston County Compost Center, city crews

Be sure to have your tree at your curb by 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 4 in order to be picked-up

will make only one loop through the city, and trees must be out at your curb by 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 4 in order to be picked-up. Please do not place trees at the corner or within 5 feet of your garbage can. Trees that are flocked or have stands, ornaments,

tinsel, or nails will not be accepted as they cannot be composted. Apartment and mobile home residents should check with their managers for locations to place their trees. Subscribers to Pacific Disposal's yard debris pick-up service should place their tree next to

their yard waste container on their normal collection day.

In NE Lacey only, local Boy Scout Troops will pick-up trees for composting. Houses and neighborhoods receiving help from the Boy Scouts will be notified with a door hanger containing pick up information. For more information, please call Lacey Public Affairs at (360) 491-3214.





WE CARE! CITIZEN REQUEST FORM

We want your feedback in order to do a good job for our community. If you have any suggestions or comments on how we can better serve or inform you, let us know. _____

Name _____

Address _____

Drop-off or mail to: 420 College Street S.E., Lacey, WA 98503. The **We Care!** request card is now available online. You may submit a **Citizen Request Form** online through our website and your request will be reviewed by staff on the next regular business day.

LACEY CITY HALL

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Lacey City Council meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, except in November and December, when it meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month.

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REMEMBER THE FOOD BANK THIS SEASON

The Thurston County Food Bank currently assists nearly 3,700 families per month. Your donations are critical to meeting local needs. Canned soup, fruit or beans, tuna and

peanut butter are always in demand. To learn how to make a food or monetary donation, or to volunteer at the facility, browse to thurstoncountyfoodbank.org or call (360) 352-8597.



HATS OFF!

Sergeant Rick Monk was given special tribute for 30 years of service to the Lacey Police Department. Sergeant Monk received numerous local and state awards, served in multiple special assignments, and was instrumental in training other officers during his career. During his 30 years

of service, Sergeant Monk never took a sick day.

Thank you and congratulations on your retirement Sergeant Monk, and for being an outstanding public servant!