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## ALTERNATIVE ENERGY FAIR

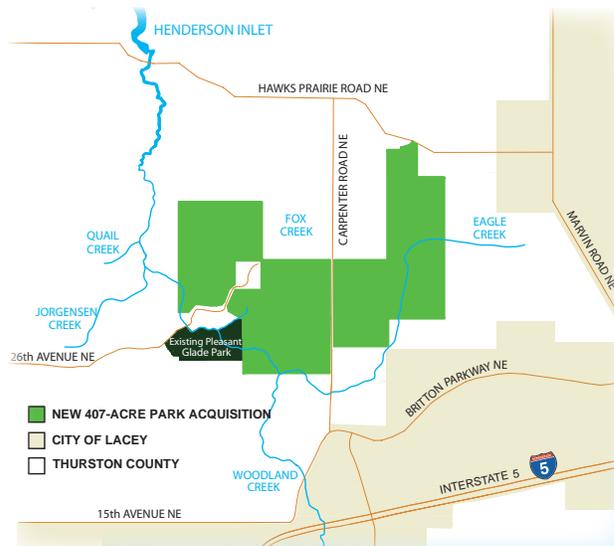
Want a look at energy's future? Don't miss the Alternative Energy Fair on Saturday, May 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Huntamer Park in Woodland Square. See residential solar and wind technologies, energy-saving construction techniques, and vehicles powered by electricity and natural gas. For more information call (360) 491-0857 or browse to "Arts and Events."

## NEW PARK A LEGACY FOR COMMUNITY

Destined to become a legacy for future generations, the City of Lacey recently completed purchase of 407 acres of extraordinary property in the Northeast Area. The acquisition, which features 2 miles of frontage on Woodland, Fox and Eagle Creeks, establishes the largest city park in Thurston County, and preserves one of the most beautiful undeveloped parcels in metropolitan South Sound.

The \$3.5 million transaction, financed through a combination of parks and open space funds, stormwater utility reserves, and water rights mitigation contributions, reflects an ongoing effort by the community to improve water quality and salmon habitat along the Woodland Creek corridor. Most of the creek through the city has been permanently protected through land purchases and zoning restrictions. The latest acquisition preserves a major segment within Lacey's Urban Growth Area, north of the city limits and south of Henderson Inlet, and helps Lacey address important water mitigation requirements.

Lacey's parks and open space system, with 29 locations encompassing 1,100 acres, is the largest municipal park network in Thurston County. In coming decades, the system is expected to expand to 44 locations totaling 1,300 acres.



## LEARN MORE ABOUT LACEY'S PARK SYSTEM

For more information about Lacey's great parks and facilities, browse to [www.ci.lacey.wa.us](http://www.ci.lacey.wa.us), or call Lacey Parks at (360) 491-0857

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## GREAT EVENTS

### A LOOK BACK

**E**arly Lacey settlers Stephen and Winifred Ruddell arrived by covered wagon in 1852, building this small cabin on their homestead in the vicinity of today's Rainier Vista Community Park. Stephen quickly became an active member of the newly-formed community of Woodland, renamed Lacey in 1891, and was a driving force in the creation of a new

Washington territory separate from Oregon. He also served as the first Thurston County Assessor, a county commissioner, and as a member of the first Washington Territorial Legislature. The couple is buried in the Pioneer Cemetery on Ruddell Road, a short distance from where their cabin once stood.  
*—Photo courtesy Lacey Museum.*

**Adult Flashlight Egg Scramble** Friday, April 22, 2011, 9:00 p.m. Regional Athletic Complex Soccer Fields, 8345 Steilacoom Road SE. For Information: Lacey Parks and Recreation, (360) 491-0857; \$5.00 per person; no pre-registration required, pay at the event. 18 years & older (ID required). Why should the kids have all the fun? Bring a flashlight, a bag for your goodies, and your friends for a very special hunt!  
**For more information, browse to [www.ci.lacey.wa.us](http://www.ci.lacey.wa.us) and click on "Arts and Events."**

**Lacey Spring Fun Fair** Saturday, May 21, 2011, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, May 22, 2011, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. St. Martin's University Grounds. One of the largest 2-day festivals in Western Washington! Join us for arts, crafts, food, clowns, parades, music, entertainment, a car show, and more! **Visit [www.laceyspringfunfair.com](http://www.laceyspringfunfair.com) for more information.**

**America's Classic Dixieland Jazz Festival** Thursday – Sunday, June 23, 24, 25 & 26, 2011, St. Martin's University. Three stages featuring jazz musicians from across the United States and Canada will provide fans with some of the best jazz available anywhere!  
**Visit [www.olyjazz.com](http://www.olyjazz.com) for a complete list of performers and events.**

### NEW E-BILL NOTIFICATION OPTION AVAILABLE!

**G**o green—eliminate printing and mailing of monthly bills! Lacey Utility Customer Service offers all water customers the opportunity to take the final step to a paperless bill. Sign up for this feature and receive an e-mail notification when your Lacey water utility billing

statement is available to view online. E-bill notification is an optional feature for all Lacey utility customers with a Lacey Utility Bill Pay Online account. Customers that do not register for this feature will continue to receive printed bills and may continue to make payments through their online account.

### A SAFE WAY TO DISPOSE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

**P**rescription drug disposal box is now located near the Police Department entry to Lacey City Hall, 420 College Street SE,

for convenient and secure disposal of unwanted or expired medicines. The box is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### FREE HIGH-EFFICIENCY TOILETS

**T**he City of Lacey and LOTT Clean Water Alliance are offering free, high-efficiency toilets to water and sewer utility customers for replacement of older, less-efficient models. Toilet fixtures that were installed prior to 1994 usually qualify for free replacement.  
The city and LOTT are also

offering \$50 rebates for the purchase of qualifying high-efficiency washing machines. Both offers are available only while supplies last.  
For more information on these and other water-saving programs, browse to [www.ci.lacey.wa.us/water-conservation](http://www.ci.lacey.wa.us/water-conservation), or call Erin Keith, Lacey Water Resources, at (360) 438-2687.

## “Flip The Switch” To Green Power

*This year, the City of Lacey, City of Olympia, Puget Sound Energy, Thurston Energy, Intercity Transit, dozens of local businesses and thousands of residents are coming together to support independent renewable energy producers in our region. By choosing green power, you can help reduce pollution, lower greenhouse gas emissions, protect the environment, and create a sustainable future for South Puget Sound.*

**When you choose 100 percent green power for your home or business, you'll:**

- Avoid an estimated 16,000 lbs. of carbon dioxide emissions,
- Create local jobs in the renewable energy industry, and
- Lessen our dependence on fossil fuels.

*Not to mention, you'll be doing something good for the environment!*

### To Sign Up

Nearly 30,000 residents and businesses in PSE's service area have already made the switch to green power. You can too, for as little as \$4 per month. Visit Flip the Switch! at [www.pse.com/flip](http://www.pse.com/flip), or call 1 (800) 562-1482, to learn more today!

## LACEY NAMED TREE CITY USA FOR TWENTIETH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

The City of Lacey has again been honored as a “Tree City USA” by the National Arbor Day Foundation—the twentieth consecutive year the community has received the award. Lacey was one of the first cities in Washington to earn the Tree City designation. Since initially receiving the title in the early 1990s, the community has invested more than \$3 million on tree planting and care, and distributed nearly 23,000 free tree seedlings to residents.

“We are extremely proud

of our urban forestry accomplishments,” noted Lacey Mayor Tom Nelson, “and are particularly pleased to have reached this 20-year milestone with the National Arbor Day Foundation Tree City USA program.”

In addition to requiring that new residential developments set aside one-half of their open space for tree preservation, Lacey maintains native forest and cultivated trees on nearly 1,100 acres of public parkland and provides ongoing care for approximately 4,000 street trees.



**TREE CITY USA®**

## LACEY—AN EPA GREEN POWER COMMUNITY

Lacey has been designated an official “Green Power Community” by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in recognition of its commitment to green power use—the twelfth such city in the nation. Nearly 6 percent of the collective electrical energy used in Lacey's homes, businesses and offices is now green power, resulting in an annual reduction of approximately 11,614 tons of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere—equivalent to the amount of carbon stored annually by 2,247 acres of native forest.

*To learn more about renewable energy and green power, call Puget Sound Energy at 1-888-225-5773, or browse to [pse.com/flip](http://pse.com/flip)*

In addition to the renewable energy utilized by Lacey's residents and businesses, the community meets all electrical needs for its municipal buildings (including city hall, the library, community

center, senior center, museum and public works operations center) as well as its water, reclaimed water, wastewater and stormwater utilities,

all parks and recreation facilities, and more than 3,000 streetlights and traffic signals through the exclusive use of green power.





The Jacob Smith House, Doug Walker Photography

## 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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

420 College Street S.E., Lacey, 98503

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## WELCOME TO A NEW COUNCILMEMBER

Welcome to Jeff Gadman, the newest member of the Lacey City Council. Councilmember Gadman was appointed to serve the remainder of the unexpired term of Mary Dean, who retired from the Council in late-2010 after 11 years of service.

A commercial appraiser for the

Thurston County Assessor's Office, Councilmember Gadman serves on the Community Relations and Public Affairs Committee, the Finance and Economic Development Committee, and the Utilities Committee, as well as the interlocal Human Services Review Council and the Thurston County Law and Justice Committee.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS ON THE WEB

Providing another opportunity for residents to stay connected, Lacey City Council meetings are now available via any browsing device through live streaming and taped video

archives on the City of Lacey website. To learn more, visit [www.ci.lacey.wa.us](http://www.ci.lacey.wa.us) and click on "City Government."

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

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