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PROTECTING OUR WATER RESOURCES

Wise stewardship of critical water resources is vital to nearly every aspect of life on the Puget Sound. Have you wondered how our community is doing at looking after those resources?

Lacey was one of the first cities in Washington to adopt a wetland protection ordinance, and this year became the first city in Thurston County to implement a Shoreline Master Program, which guides protection and restoration of our lake and saltwater shorelines.

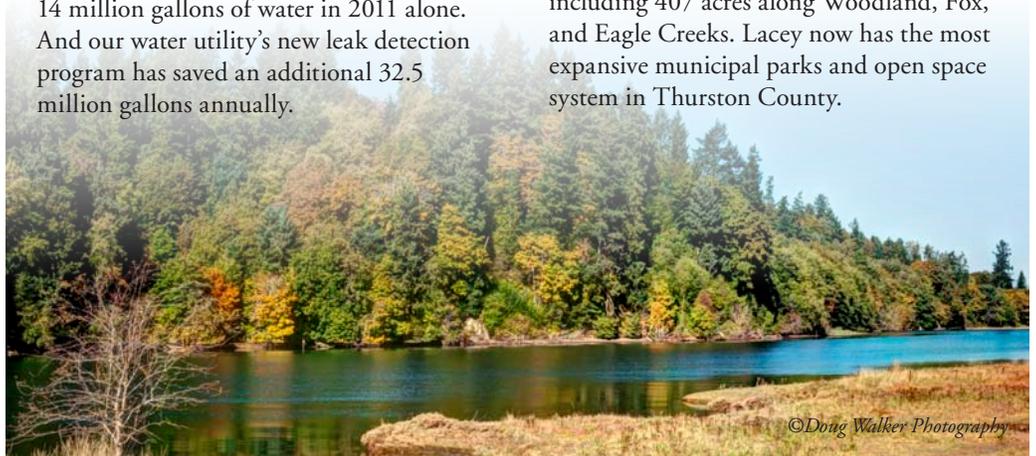
Our city's new reclaimed water utility, which receives Class A purified wastewater from LOTT's Martin Way wastewater plant, is currently installing distribution lines to Woodland Creek Community Park, where reclaimed water will be used to recharge aquifers feeding Woodland Creek.

Lacey's residents and businesses have embraced water conservation, saving nearly 14 million gallons of water in 2011 alone. And our water utility's new leak detection program has saved an additional 32.5 million gallons annually.

Our community has invested millions of dollars on stormwater treatment facilities, contributing to water quality improvements in Henderson Inlet which led to the opening of shellfish harvesting on the majority of the inlet for the first time in 25 years. This year, Lacey began work to strengthen local stormwater management practices even further.

Lacey was the first city in Washington to adopt a zero-impact drainage discharge ordinance to encourage use of low-impact development techniques within the community — such as paving materials in parking areas that allow rainwater to permeate rather than running off and becoming stormwater. And in 2011, the city initiated planning to greatly expand the use of zero impact practices.

2011 also saw acquisition and protection of sensitive habitat areas, including 407 acres along Woodland, Fox, and Eagle Creeks. Lacey now has the most expansive municipal parks and open space system in Thurston County.



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LEARN MORE ABOUT LACEY'S WATER RESOURCES

For more information about our community's water resources protection and conservation programs, visit www.ci.lacey.wa.us/water-resources, or call Lacey City Hall at (360) 438-2687.



Photo courtesy Lacey Museum, Saint Martin's College Collection.

COMING EVENTS

Lacey Loves to Read

Thursday, February 23, 2012, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., Lacey Community Center.

Throughout the month of February, the community is invited to read works by noted author and illustrator Richard Jesse Watson, and attend a special "Meet the Author" reception at the Lacey Community Center on Thursday, February 23, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. **For information, visit www.ci.lacey.wa.us/events, or call (360) 491-0857.**

Ethnic Celebration

Saturday, March 10, 2012, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.,

St. Martin's University Worthington Center & Marcus Pavilion. A free event for the whole family! Enjoy music and dance from around the world on three performance stages. Experience the traditions, exotic flavors, and artwork of other lands. Hands-on craft activities for kids, too! **For information, visit www.ci.lacey.wa.us/events, or call (360) 491-0857.**

Winter Adventures

Occurring most weekends through the winter. Get outside this season and enjoy great adventures that include sleigh rides, whale and eagle watching, river-rafting, skiing, snowboarding, and fly fishing. **To learn more, browse to www.ci.lacey.wa.us/recreation-guide, or call (360) 491-0857.**

A LOOK BACK

Early radio pioneer Father Sebastian Ruth of St. Martin's College began experimenting with wireless technology in 1914, and received call letters "KGY" in 1921 — establishing one of the first licensed radio stations in the country. Hundreds of students, faculty, and residents from the surrounding

community would gather outside the small structure on the edge of the forest to listen to musical broadcasts and sporting events, including the 1922 World Series (Yankees vs. Giants) as seen in the photo above.

The station operated at the college until 1932, when it was sold to commercial interests.

MAKE COMPOSTING THE TREE A HOLIDAY TRADITION

Wondering what to do with the Christmas tree after the holidays have passed? Consider having it composted. If you live within the city of Lacey, crews will make one collection run beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, January 9. Trees that are put out after that date may not be picked up. In Northeast Lacey only, local Boy Scout Troops will pick-up trees for composting on Saturday, January 7. Houses and neighborhoods receiving help from the scouts will be notified with a door hanger containing pick up information.

Please do not place trees on street corners, or within 5 feet of your garbage can. 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. Apartment and mobile home residents should check with their managers for locations to place trees.

If you live in Thurston County or miss the city's pick up, trees can be taken to the Thurston County Composting Center, 2418 Hogum Bay Road NE, free of charge between December 26 and January 16 (except New Year's day). For more information, call Lacey Public Affairs at (360) 491-3214.

Trees that are flocked or have stands, ornaments, tinsel, or nails will not be accepted as they cannot be composted



Carpenter Road Project Update

Extensive work will continue on this project over the next two months, with the roadway section between Pacific Avenue and Martin Way reopening to through traffic in late-January, 2012. Local access will be maintained during construction.

Completion of the \$12 million project is anticipated in mid-Spring. When finished, the new road will feature four traffic lanes with center-turn pockets, bike lanes, sidewalks with planter strips, and street lighting. Work also includes

installation of a reclaimed water main, relocation of a sanitary sewer lift station, undergrounding of overhead utilities, signal modifications at Pacific Avenue and at Martin Way, and wetland restoration at Woodland Creek Community Park. In addition, culverts at the Lake Lois crossing were replaced with a large arch-style culvert that will allow for easy passage of fish.

Construction is being funded through a \$6 million state Transportation Improvement Board grant, \$3.6 million in City of Lacey funds, \$2.2 million in Thurston County funding, and \$280,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. For more information, visit www.ci.lacey.wa.us/project-updates.

WHEN SNOW HITS THE ROADWAYS

During a snow storm, city crews work hard to clear and maintain designated priority routes to accommodate emergency services. When priority routes are clear, secondary routes are addressed to provide improved access for transit, schools, and commuters. If snowfall is continuous, priority routes may require repeated plowing and secondary route clearing may be delayed. A map of Lacey plowing routes is available at www.ci.lacey.wa.us/winter-weather, or by calling City Hall at (360) 491-3214.

Drivers should always be prepared to drive on snow and ice during the winter months:

- Use your headlights.
- Allow extra time for your commute.
- Take it slow, especially when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges, or shady spots. Accelerate, brake, and steer gradually, and leave extra room between you and the vehicle in front of you.
- Remember that four- and all-wheel drive vehicles stop and steer no better than standard drive vehicles in icy conditions.
- If traffic signals are out, treat the intersection as a four-way stop.
- To report hazardous road conditions, contact the Lacey Maintenance Center at (360) 491-5644. To report a power outage or downed power lines, please call Puget Sound Energy at 1 (888) 225-5773.

FLASHING YELLOW ARROWS

Lacey Public Works has implemented a new traffic signal indicator at selected signalized intersections to provide safer, more efficient left turns for motorists. The flashing yellow arrow means left turns are permitted, but drivers must first yield to oncoming traffic



and pedestrians, and then proceed with caution. Oncoming traffic will have a green light. Lacey was the first community in Thurston County to utilize the new display.

For more information, visit www.ci.lacey.wa.us/public-works, or call Public Works at (360) 491-5600.

PAYING CITY UTILITIES ONLINE

Did you know you can pay your Lacey utilities bill online? All you need to set up an account is a debit or credit card, a computer with an internet connection, and a valid

email address. The process is simple and secure. To learn more, browse to www.ci.lacey.wa.us/utility-bill, or call (360) 491-5616.

WINTER CLASSES AND PROGRAMS

The Winter 2012 recreation classes and programs guide features hundreds of great ways to have fun and stay healthy. Browse and register online at www.ci.lacey.wa.us/recreation-guide, or call Lacey Parks & Recreation at (360) 491-0857.



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.

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FAREWELL TO MAYOR

Mayor Tom Nelson is retiring December 31 after serving for eight years on the Lacey City Council. First elected to the Council in 2004, Tom was then selected as mayor in 2010. "Mayor Nelson exemplifies the

best qualities of the Lacey City Council — he is thoughtful, compassionate, thorough, and consistently generous in the performance of his duties," recounts Deputy Mayor Virgil Clarkson. "He is a true leader in the Lacey community."



HATS OFF!

Olympic View Elementary School recently received the Center for Educational Excellence's "School of Distinction" award for placing within the top 5 percent of Washington State schools for advancements in math and reading. Lacey Elementary School is a prior recipient of the award.

North Thurston Public Schools have an outstanding record for garnering state and national accolades for academic

excellence. Timberline High School has twice been named by Newsweek Magazine as one of the "Top 1,500 Public High Schools in America," and North Thurston High School and Evergreen Forest Elementary School have each been named as among "Washington State's Top Performing Schools" by the state Board of Education.

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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