

LACEYLife

Shaping Our Community Together

FALL | 2012

SOUTH SOUND COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA HOLIDAY CONCERT

Tuesday, December 4,
7:00-8:30 p.m. Lacey
Community Center

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREES

Thursday, December 6,
6:00-6:30 p.m.,
Huntamer Park in
Woodland Square

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

Tuesday, January 1,
12:00 noon,
(plunge at 1:00 p.m.)
Long Lake Park

LACEY'S 2013 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Lacey's proposed 2013 budget successfully maintains municipal services at existing levels, and continues our community's long record of significant investment in infrastructure and quality-of-life improvements. Following public and City Council review of the \$96.6 million proposal, the final document will be adopted December 6.

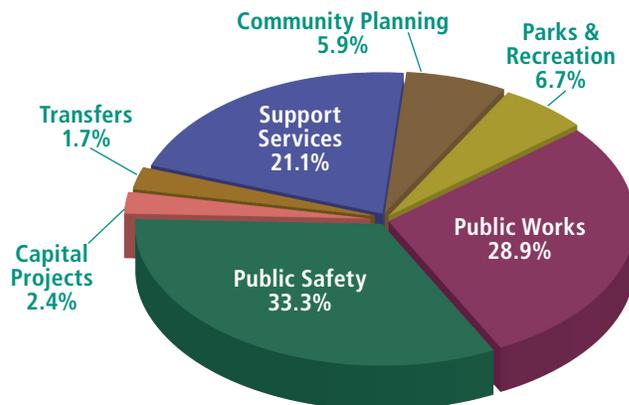
Major municipal projects proposed in the coming year include construction of a roundabout at Willamette Drive and 31st Avenue SE; extension of Golf Club Road to 3rd Avenue SE; repaving a number of residential streets; design of a roundabout at College Street and 22nd Avenue SE;

continuation of the Smart Corridors Improvement Program; continuation of design work on the Martin Way and Marvin Road interchanges; construction of the Woodland Creek regional reclaimed water infiltration facility; improvements to numerous city well and lift station facilities; completion of the Lacey Senior Center expansion project; and final design of the Lacey Depot Museum.

The General Fund, at \$33.2 million, constitutes about 34 percent of the total budget proposal. It provides and accounts for a number of local government functions, including police services, health and social services, recreation programs, financial and administrative services, community development and planning, maintenance of parks, streets, and rights-of-way, and public works administration and engineering services.

Sales and property tax revenues — the primary sources of funding for the General Fund — are expected to remain flat in 2013. City-wide, sales tax receipts are projected to decline by \$280,000, while property tax collections should rise by approximately \$190,000.

2013 General Fund: \$33.2 Million



TO VIEW THE BUDGET

The budget is available online at www.ci.lacey.wa.us/budget, and in-person at Lacey City Hall and the Lacey Library. Comments can be directed to Troy Woo, Finance Director, at 360-491-3212 (TDD 800-833-6388); twoo@ci.lacey.wa.us; or at Lacey City Hall, 420 College Street SE, Lacey, 98503.

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A LOOK BACK

In 1891, the Northern Pacific Railroad Company constructed Lacey's first train depot near what is today's intersection of Pacific Avenue and Clearbrook Drive. Local newspapers described the building as "an exceedingly handsome railroad station

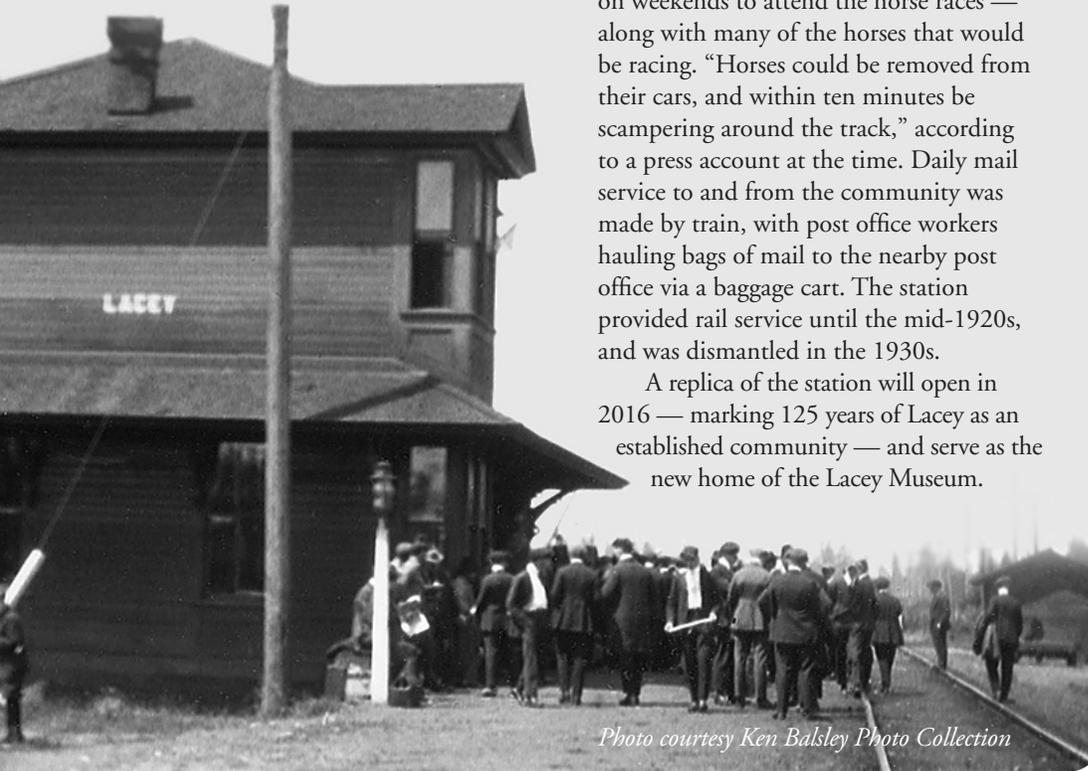


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that would do credit to any city." The structure, within a stone's throw of Lacey's famous sulky-racing track, included upstairs living quarters for the station master and his family. Hundreds of passengers from around southern Puget Sound would arrive on weekends to attend the horse races — along with many of the horses that would be racing. "Horses could be removed from their cars, and within ten minutes be scampering around the track," according to a press account at the time. Daily mail service to and from the community was made by train, with post office workers hauling bags of mail to the nearby post office via a baggage cart. The station provided rail service until the mid-1920s, and was dismantled in the 1930s.

A replica of the station will open in 2016 — marking 125 years of Lacey as an established community — and serve as the new home of the Lacey Museum.



PAY 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.

ADOPT A ROADWAY

Are you looking for a great way to make Lacey an even more beautiful place to live, work, and play — and perform a valuable community service? The Adopt-a-Roadway program provides an outstanding opportunity.

Any individual, family, organization, or business can volunteer (all participants must be at least 15 years of age). In recognition of your dedication to the community, your

adopted section will be marked with an "Adopt-a-Roadway" sign featuring your group's name. Sections are typically one-half-mile in length, but larger groups can request longer areas.

Getting started is easy. Simply contact program manager Tim Reisher at treisher@ci.lacey.wa.us or (360) 438-2674, and schedule a time to review the program and sign a participation agreement. You'll soon be on your way to making a difference!

COMING EVENTS

South Sound Community Orchestra Holiday Concert

Tuesday, December 4, 2012, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Lacey Community Center
Bring the family and enjoy this free concert performed by the South Sound Community Orchestra — sure to get you into the holiday spirit!
For more information, browse to www.ci.lacey.wa.us/events, or call (360) 491-0857.

Lighting of the Christmas Trees

Thursday, December 6, 2012, 6:00 to 6:30 p.m., Huntamer Park in Woodland Square
Join us in the annual "Lighting of the Christmas Trees." It's an old-fashioned ceremony involving caroling, hot cocoa, and a special appearance from Santa and his helpers aboard the Santa Mobile. **For information, visit www.ci.lacey.wa.us/events, or call (360) 491-0857.**

Polar Bear Plunge

Tuesday, January 1, 2013, 12:00 noon (plunge at 1:00 p.m.) All ages welcome. Join fellow enthusiasts (or stay warm and dry on shore and cheer on the swimmers) in this invigorating ritual for starting the New Year! Enjoy campfires, music, and hot cocoa or coffee.
Visit www.ci.lacey.wa.us/events, or call (360) 491-0857 to learn more.

Emergency Preparedness

The recent disaster on the East Coast is a good reminder about the importance of being prepared.

- Put together portable “grab-and-go” disaster kits for your home, car, and workplace. For simple tips on building a kit, visit www.ci.lacey.wa.us/disaster-preparedness. The local chapter of the Red Cross also sells a variety of pre-assembled kits at www.rainier-redcross.org.
- Store at least a 3-day emergency supply of non-perishable food and water in a cool, dark, and accessible place. The Red Cross and many outdoor recreation retailers sell food and water packets with a 5-year shelf life.
- Secure bookcases, entertainment centers, water heaters, and large appliances to the wall to prevent them from tipping over during an earthquake. Most home improvement stores have simple kits designed for this purpose.
- Teach each capable member of your household how to turn off gas, water, and electric utilities at the meter.
- Enroll each capable member of your household in a first aid/CPR class. Call Lacey Parks at (360) 491-0857, or visit the Red Cross at www.rainier-redcross.org, for class listings.

PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT ON TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Lacey’s draft 2030 Transportation Plan provides a long-range strategy for development of a convenient, affordable, and sustainable transportation network within the community and surrounding

*City of Lacey
Transportation
Plan Update
Public Hearing:
Tuesday,
November 20, at
5:30 p.m., Lacey
City Hall.*

Urban Growth Area (UGA). Currently under public and Planning Commission review, the draft plan incorporates local, regional, and state transportation goals and policies; emphasizes multi-modal facilities that promote pedestrian, bicycle,

and public transit uses; updates travel demand forecasting models; identifies future transportation improvement projects and corridors; and addresses improvements to the public right-of-way to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan requirements. In addition, it coordinates with the Land Use Element the city’s overall Comprehensive Plan, which encourages compact, walk-able, mixed-use development to reduce reliance on single-occupancy vehicles and provide

more transportation options.

Lacey is a pioneer of efforts in Washington to improve transportation system infrastructure efficiency and sustainability — it was one of the first cities in the state to use modern roundabouts, solar school beacons, LED traffic signals, LED street lighting, and 100-percent green power for system operations — and the draft plan continues those efforts through a coordinated, innovative approach to various modes of transportation that will efficiently maximize mobility of people and goods while minimizing fuel consumption and air pollution.

The Lacey Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the draft plan on Tuesday, November 20, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Lacey City Hall. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. If you need special accommodations to participate, please call (360) 491-5642 by 10:00 a.m. the day prior to the meeting.

Copies of the draft plan, related documents, and a comment form are available on the city’s website at www.ci.lacey.wa.us/transportation-plan, in-person at Lacey City Hall and the Lacey Library, or by calling Lacey Public Works at (360) 491-5600.

FALLING LEAVES

It’s the time of year when falling leaves and other debris periodically obstruct stormwater drains.

You can help prevent large puddles and minor flooding by keeping an eye on grates near your home and business — clearing blockage with

a rake is frequently all that’s needed to alleviate problems (you should only clear a grate when it’s safe to do so). To report a major blockage or flooding, call the Lacey Public Works Maintenance Facility at (360) 491-5644, or (360) 704-2740 after-hours.





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.

The City of Lacey has a policy of non-discrimination based on disability for providing equal access to its services and programs. If you need to receive this newsletter in alternative format, please contact the City Clerk at (360) 491-3214; TDD Relay 1-800-833-6388.

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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.

www.ci.lacey.wa.us

KEEPING CRIME RATES LOW

Lacey's residents enjoy one of the lowest rates of crime in Western Washington. You can help keep it that way. Crime Stoppers, a nonprofit organization supported by local civic groups, businesses and individuals, pays cash rewards of up to \$1,000

for information leading to arrests in connection to stolen property, wanted persons, illegal drugs, and other serious crimes. To make a tax-deductible donation to the reward fund, or anonymously report a crime, visit www.crimebusters.org or call (360) 493-2222.



HELPING ELIMINATE HUNGER

The Thurston County Food Bank relies on community support to keep up with growing local demand. Your food or monetary donation, or a few hours of volunteer assistance at the facility, will make a real difference. Baby food and

formula, peanut butter, and fresh fruits and vegetables that store well in a refrigerator are always needed. To learn more, browse to www.thurstoncountyfoodbank.org, or call (360) 352-8597.