

# LACEYLife

*Shaping Our Community Together*

WINTER | 2012-2013

## **ETHNIC CELEBRATION**

Saturday, February 2, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., St. Martin's University Worthington Center & Marcus Pavilion

## **LACEY LOVES TO READ**

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## **A SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY**

Lacey's residents, businesses, and visitors enjoy one of the lowest crime rates in Western Washington. While there are a number of contributors to this success — nationally-recognized public schools; high rates of college education; the highest median household income in Thurston County; and one of the first police departments in the state to meet new accreditation standards — much of the credit is due to our outstanding public safety program volunteers. Last year alone, Lacey residents performed nearly 12,000 hours of community service in the following programs:

### **Police Explorers Program**

Participants are young men and women between 15 ½ and 21 years of age with an interest in law enforcement careers. The explorers gain valuable experience assisting police and reserve officers.

### **Reserve Officers**

These commissioned volunteers supplement Lacey's patrol division, and represent the department at numerous events throughout

the year. Reserve officers are at least 21 years of age, and complete a minimum of 220 hours of law enforcement training at the Reserve Police Academy.

### **Senior Patrol Program**

Dedicated senior volunteers support a wide range of community events, provide vacation house checks, supervise low-risk inmates performing roadside and graffiti clean-up, monitor city parks and trails, and issue handicap parking violations.

### **Citizens' Academy**

This free academy is held annually for residents and businesses. Participants attend law enforcement lectures and field trips, and gain enhanced perspective of public safety functions and responsibilities.

### **Students' Academy**

A free academy tailored specifically for teenagers interested in law enforcement, or desiring a greater understanding of police work. Students considering a future career in law enforcement will find academy topics insightful.



## **LEARN MORE ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS**

For more information about our community's public safety volunteer opportunities, visit [www.ci.lacey.wa.us/police](http://www.ci.lacey.wa.us/police), or call the Lacey Police Department at (360) 459-4333.

## A LOOK BACK

Constructed in 1915, the Pacific Highway not only provided the first reliable route between Seattle and Portland, it was also one of Lacey's first "modern" streets. As auto travel on the new highway grew commonplace, so did the number of motorists fretting over flat tires and other maladies related to their machines. As a result, auto repair facilities — like the Lacey Garage pictured here in 1925 — soon sprouted up along the highway. Operated by Lyman G. Fleetwood, the garage featured general auto repair, gas,

oil, and tires. A small café located at one end of the building offered weary travelers home-cooked meals. The garage, which was located between today's Bowker and Lacey streets, operated until 1940.

The Lacey Museum's exhibit on local transportation history features a number of artifacts donated by the Fleetwood family, including items from the garage. The museum, at 829 Lacey Street SE, is open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, please call (360) 438-0209.



*Fleetwood Collection photo; courtesy Lacey Museum*

## WINTER DRIVING

Now, ice, and extreme cold weather can play havoc on homes, businesses, and a city's transportation system. With a little planning before extreme weather arrives — and following safety tips once a storm hits — our community can work together to weather any storm.

- **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.
- **Use your headlights.**
- **Allow extra time** for your commute.
- **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.

A map of Lacey's snow plow routes is available at [www.ci.lacey.wa.us/winter-weather](http://www.ci.lacey.wa.us/winter-weather), or by calling City Hall at (360) 491-5600.

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.

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.

## COMING EVENTS

### Winter Adventures

Occurring most weekends throughout the winter. Get outside this season and enjoy great adventures that include tubing, skiing, and whale and eagle watching. **To learn more, browse to [www.ci.lacey.wa.us/recreation-guide](http://www.ci.lacey.wa.us/recreation-guide), or call (360) 491-0857.**

### Ethnic Celebration

Saturday, February 2, 2013, 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](http://www.ci.lacey.wa.us/events), or call Lacey Parks & Recreation, (360) 491-0857**

### Lacey Loves to Read

Thursday, February 28, 2013, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Lacey Community Center. Throughout the month of February, the community is invited to read works by award winning author Jennifer L. Holm, and attend a special "Meet the Author" reception at the Lacey Community Center on Thursday, February 28, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. **For information, visit [www.ci.lacey.wa.us/events](http://www.ci.lacey.wa.us/events), or call Lacey Parks & Recreation, (360) 491-0857**

## Southeast Area Well Treatment

The City of Lacey Water Utility has begun additional treatment of water from a well located in the Capital City Golf Club neighborhood. The new treatment process will improve quality from the utility's Well Number 4, which serves an area south of Yelm Highway including Capital City Golf Club, Beckenridge, Rainier Park, Horizon Pointe, and the Links at Indian Summer, as well as Lacey Corporate Center to the north.

The \$2.5 million dollar treatment facility is designed to raise the pH of water from the well to a level more consistent with what is found in other parts the city's water system. Currently, the well's pH averages about 6.4. The improved pH will be 7.5 to 8.0. A pH below 6.6 may be corrosive to some plumbing and fixtures.

Customers in the affected areas with home or commercial water treatment systems, or that use chemically-treated water for uses such as hot tubs and fish tanks, may need to adjust their treatment levels in response to the higher pH.

For more information, please contact Teri O'Neal, Lacey Senior Utility Engineer, at [WaterResources@ci.lacey.wa.us](mailto:WaterResources@ci.lacey.wa.us) or (360) 491-2647.

## PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON UPCOMING DEPOT DISTRICT PLAN

In early-2013, the city will begin strategic planning efforts for the Depot District, a newly-designated planning area in central Lacey. Bounded by 6th Avenue SE, Alana Drive SE, 20th Avenue SE, and Ruddell Road SE, the district includes the Old Lacey Historic Neighborhood, much of the commercial area surrounding Pacific Avenue's eastern roundabout, and residential areas south of the roundabout.

The district's centerpiece will be a replica of Lacey's 1891 Train Depot, planned for completion in 2016 to mark Lacey's 125th year as an established community. The building

will serve as the new home of the Lacey Museum.

The district's planning process will focus on creating a unique identity for the area, developing strategies for commercial revitalization, and strengthening residential zones. A number of opportunities will be provided to members of the public and business community to offer feedback and share ideas. For more information, visit [www.ci.lacey.wa.us/community-development](http://www.ci.lacey.wa.us/community-development), or contact Samra Seymour, Associate Planner, at [sseymour@ci.lacey.wa.us](mailto:sseymour@ci.lacey.wa.us) or (360) 413-3541.

## A SAFE WAY TO DISPOSE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

A prescription drug disposal drop box is 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.

## RECYCLE THE TREE AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

Wondering what to do with the Christmas tree after the holidays? Consider having it recycled. If you live within the city of Lacey, Boy Scout troops will be picking up trees on Saturday, January 5, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Homes and neighborhoods within the pickup area will receive door hangers with further information. Trees that have ornaments, lights, tinsel, stands, and nails will not be accepted as they cannot be composted. For more information, please call Marvin Johnson, (360) 701-6855.

If you miss the pick-up day or live in Thurston County, trees can be taken to the Thurston County Composting Center, 2418 Hogum Bay Road NE, free of charge through January 13 (except New Year's day). Subscribers to Pacific Disposal's yard debris pick-up service should cut their tree into 3-foot sections and place it in or 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.





Timberline High School, ©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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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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.

[www.ci.lacey.wa.us](http://www.ci.lacey.wa.us)

## MOBILE CENTER OFFERS SERVICES TO VETERANS

The City of Lacey is partnering with the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Tacoma Vet Center to provide services and resources to eligible Thurston County Veterans and their families, making trips to the nearest Vet Center in Tacoma a thing of the past.

Services are offered from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month from a state-of-the-art, mobile center parked at Lacey City Hall, 420 College Street SE. The 38-foot, \$300,000 vehicle includes confidential areas for individual and small-group counseling, as well as a business center with satellite-enabled communication. One of 50 such vehicles in the country, it's the only unit based in Washington.

Assistance at the Lacey location includes Department of Veterans Affairs benefits explanation and referral; employment referral; medical referral; Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and substance abuse assessment and referral; military sexual trauma counseling and referral; marriage and family counseling; suicide prevention referral; and support for successful transition from military to civilian life.

Appointments for Lacey visits can be made by calling the Tacoma Vet Center at (253) 565-7038 or (877) 927-8387. Drop-in visits are also accepted on a space available basis.