

LACEYLife

Shaping Our Community Together

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ALTERNATIVE ENERGY FAIR

Don't miss the Alternative Energy Fair, spotlighting solar and wind technologies for your home, energy-saving construction techniques, and vehicles powered by electricity and natural gas. The event also features the Lacey Grand Prix electric vehicle endurance race, and great entertainment. Saturday, May 5, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Huntamer Park. Browse to www.ci.lacey.wa.us/events for more information.

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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The City of Lacey offers a variety of wonderful volunteer opportunities to individuals and groups that want to make a difference in the community — and each year our extraordinary residents contribute more than 10,000 hours of volunteer service to local municipal programs and projects. Consider joining in and helping to foster an even better place to live, work, and play. Here's a look at some of the current opportunities:

The Adopt-a-Roadway Program provides citizens and businesses with an opportunity to create a more beautiful environment along city streets. Individuals, families, organizations, or businesses can participate, and your section of roadway will feature a sign with your group's name.

Stream Team members help protect local streams, rivers, lakes, and Puget Sound through water quality monitoring, bank re-vegetation and fish habitat projects, litter and debris removal, storm drain marking, and wildlife improvement activities.



Lacey Senior Patrol members assist the Lacey Police Department in a variety of community service functions, including public safety education, speed watch and parking monitoring, vacation house checks, and traffic control.

Historical Commission members provide leadership in preservation of local historic resources, guide creation of public education and interpretive programs, encourage conservation of items and properties that are of historic significance, and review nominations to the Lacey Register of Historic Places.

Lacey Activities Coalition for Teens (A.C.T.) chaperones help provide 7th and 8th grade students in the North Thurston Public School district safe and fun activities on two Friday evenings per month. About 600 students attend each event.

Community Service Project participants undertake a variety of community service activities, including environmental restoration at the Lake Lois Habitat Reserve, as well as trail construction and maintenance at local parks and open spaces.

Animal Services volunteers assist with animal care at the shelter, provide short-term foster homes for young or injured animals, and create public education materials.

For more information on these and other City of Lacey volunteer programs, visit www.ci.lacey.wa.us/volunteer, or call City Hall at (360) 491-3214.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR CITY BOARDS

The Lacey City Council is seeking applicants for a youth representative on the Parks Board, Historical Commission, and Library Board. This is a great opportunity for high school juniors and seniors to serve in local government. For more information, contact Peri Edmonds at pedmonds@ci.lacey.wa.us or (360) 438-2620.



A LOOK BACK

In the early-1900s, much of what is now central Lacey was interlaced by a network of railroad spurs that transported old growth timber to Union Lumber Mill operations on the northern end of Long Lake. Saint Martin's College alone harvested more than 600 acres, with proceeds funding construction of several buildings —

including the historic structure now known as “Old Main.” The Cady Logging Company engine shown here is working on Saint Martin's campus in 1916. The tracks were abandoned and removed when local timber supplies became exhausted. *Photo courtesy Saint Martin's University archives.*

LACEY SPRING FUN FAIR CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

Lacey Spring Fun Fair, one of the largest 2-day festivals in Western Washington, is set to celebrate 25 successful seasons the third weekend in May on the grounds of Saint Martin's University.

A kaleidoscope of family fun and entertainment, the fair features arts, crafts, food, clowns, parades, music, and entertainment. The sparkling centerpiece — Kids' World — will showcase more than 40 free activities for the younger set, including face painting, games, and pony rides. In addition, a colorful circus train will provide complimentary rides to all ages around the perimeter of the grounds.

In honor of the milestone anniversary, a grand parade will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 19,

going by the university campus along Pacific Avenue, then following College Street and Woodland Square Loop to Huntamer Park.

Two stages featuring local and regional performers, dozens of artisan and culinary booths, and a popular car show round out the weekend's offerings. For more information, or to participate in a fair event or parade, browse to LaceySpringFunFair.com or call (360) 481-4393.



Fair Hours
Saturday, May 19,
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 20,
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
St. Martin's University

Grand Parade
Saturday, May 19,
6:00 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

Identity Theft Awareness Shred Event

Event Saturday, April 21, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Saint Martin's University Grand Staircase. Need to safely dispose of old paperwork? Have it shredded free of charge. Limit of two grocery bags or banker boxes. Sponsored by Thurston County Crime Stoppers.

Dixieland Jazz Festival

June 28, 29, 30 & July 1, 2012, Saint Martin's University. The Dixieland Jazz Society's "America's Jazz Festival" has made its home in Lacey and will present 3 stages of world-class jazz on the campus of Saint Martin's University. Jazz musicians from across the United States and Canada will provide fans with some of the best jazz available anywhere! **Visit www.ci.lacey.wa.us/events for information.**

Thurston County through the Decades

Saturday, May 12, 2012, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Huntamer Park in Woodland Square. Celebrate life in Thurston County between the years 1900 and 1925. Stroll through a 1920's town, enjoy live music of the era, and vintage cars and clothing from the early-1900s! Kids' events, food and fun! **Visit www.ci.lacey.wa.us/events for information.**

Spring Clean Up

Household Items

Too good to throw away? Consider posting them on the reusable goods and building materials website operated by the state Department of Ecology. For information, browse to www.2good2toss.com and click on "Thurston County."

Hazardous Materials

For products with labels that say "poison" or "hazardous," HAZO HOUSE at the Thurston County Waste and Recovery Center provides environmentally safe and convenient disposal free of charge. Browse to www.co.thurston.wa.us/solidwaste/hazardous/haz-home.htm, or call (360) 867-2491, for hours and more information.

Junk Vehicles

Storage of an unlicensed or inoperable vehicle is prohibited unless the vehicle is completely enclosed or screened from view from the street as well as all neighboring properties. To report a junk vehicle, please call (360) 491-5642.

Graffiti

The Lacey Municipal Code requires property owners to remove any graffiti in a timely manner. If you need help with graffiti removal, volunteers are available to assist you. Call the Lacey Police Department at (360) 459-4333 for more information.

LICENSING SAVES PETS

This time of year, even well-behaved pets may get the urge to wander, and the Animal Shelter will fill with unlicensed pets that have no way of getting home. Licensing dogs and cats is not only the responsible thing pet owners should do — it's required by law within the city and urban areas of the county. Browse to www.olywa.net/shelter, or call (360) 352-2510, to learn how easy it is

to license or microchip.

Thinking about adopting a new addition to your family? Come visit the shelter and get acquainted.



LENDING A HAND

The Lacey Utility Assistance Fund assists qualified low-income families with their municipal utility bill. The donation-supported fund is offered in partnership with the Community Action Council of Lewis, Mason, and Thurston Counties (CAC), which oversees the program.

No donated funds are utilized for program administration.

You can help neighbors in need by making a tax deductible donation to the program. To learn more, browse to www.ci.lacey.wa.us/utility-fund, or contact the Community Action Council at (360) 438-1100.

ATHLETIC COMPLEX SHINES

Lacey's 100-acre Regional Athletic Complex has established itself as one of Washington's top sites for athletic tournaments. In 2011 alone, 50 weekends were booked for tournament play, including the United States Softball Association's Northwest Championships; the Masters Cup National Soccer Championships;

the U.S. Youth Soccer State Championships; and the Washington Senior Games soccer competition. In all, more than 200,000 athletes and spectators attended tournaments last year. For more information, visit www.ci.lacey.wa.us/the-rac, or call the Lacey Parks and Recreation Department 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.

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

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Carpenter Road has reopened to through traffic and is temporarily striped with two lanes. Remaining work includes completion of sidewalks and landscaping, traffic signal modifications at Martin Way and Pacific Avenue, and installation of the final layer of asphalt. Dedication of the \$12 million

roadway is expected in the Spring. For additional information, or to subscribe to project alerts, point your browser to www.ci.lacey.wa.us/project-updates. Your support of businesses in the work area is appreciated.



WATER CONSERVATION CHALLENGE

Lacey residents are invited to participate in a national water conservation challenge by making a simple pledge online. The city will be competing against other cities in the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation to gain the most "Water

Wise" pledges. The challenge ends on April 30, 2012. Visit www.ci.lacey.wa.us/water-conservation and take steps today to decrease water use, energy consumption, and pollution in your home and around your community.