

LACEY Life

SPRING 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

APR 11 Arbor Day Seedling Giveaway

Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Huntamer Park in Woodland Square

APR 18 Lacey Family Fish-In

Saturday, April 18 at Long's Pond, Woodland Creek Community Park (times are assigned upon registration)

APR 18 Earth Day Project at Wonderwood Park

Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Wonderwood Park (pre-register by April 17)

MAY 02 Lacey S.T.E.M. Fair & Grand Prix

Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Huntamer Park in Woodland Square

MAY 16/17 Lacey Spring Fun Fair & Grand Parade

Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday, May 17, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Saint Martin's University

The Spring Parks & Rec brochure is out & available on our website!



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Shaping our Community Together

LACEY CITY COUNCIL "HITS THE ROAD" IN APRIL



Coming to a neighborhood near you

Beginning this Spring, the City of Lacey will be hosting a number of "Council on the Road" worksessions throughout the city to provide an opportunity for the community to meet and engage with City Councilmembers. The first date that Council hits the road will be Thursday, April 16 at Chambers Prairie Elementary School, 6501 Virginia Street SE. All events will have a meet and greet session from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., with the worksession to follow from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

During the meet and greet time, attendees will be able to talk with Councilmembers personally. Afterwards,

"Council on the Road" Schedule

- Thursday, April 16: Chambers Prairie Elementary
- Thursday, July 16: Mountain View Elementary
- Thursday, October 1: River Ridge High School

all are welcome to stay and listen to the Council worksession to hear about items of interest to the community. Families are welcome to attend and light refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Lacey Public Affairs at publicaffairs@ci.lacey.wa.us or visit www.ci.lacey.wa.us/council-on-the-road.

FIRST ANNUAL HOMEOWNER'S ACADEMY TO BE HELD IN JUNE

The first annual Homeowner's Academy will be held at the Lacey Community Center on Saturday, June 13, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This conference-style event is for volunteer board members from local homeowner's associations. Guest speakers will share their expertise in a variety of sessions including:

- HOA 101
- Reserve Studies as a Management Tool
- Maintenance and Reporting for

- Stormwater Facilities
- Conflict Resolution
- Speed Bumps and other Traffic Calming Devices
- And much more!

In addition to educational sessions, the conference will feature trade show booths and a networking lunch. Pre-registration is required. Sign-up forms and more details are available at www.ci.lacey.wa.us/HOA.

THANK YOU LACEY RESIDENTS FOR YOUR INPUT!

At the end of February, the City of Lacey sent out a Retail Preference Survey with utility bills and since then have received nearly 1,200 completed surveys! We really appreciate the time and consideration that our citizens have given to share their preferences and want to give a sincere 'THANK YOU' for participating.

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WOODLAND FORM-BASED CODE



The City of Lacey is developing a new Form-Based Code for the Woodland District that will guide development in a manner consistent with the Woodland District Strategic Plan. The code will ensure high-quality public spaces defined by a variety of building types and uses including housing, retail, mixed-use, and office space.

After incorporating thoughts from the public and members of the Form-Based Code Technical Team, the draft code will go to the Planning Commission later in 2015, then before Lacey City Council for adoption.

For more information on this project please contact Ryan Andrews, Planning Manger, at (360) 491-5642 or randrews@ci.lacey.wa.us.

LACEY POLICE DONATE BICYCLES FOR EDUCATION

The Lacey Police Department comes into possession of many bicycles that are turned in as found property. The vast majority of these bikes have never been reported stolen nor are they ever claimed by their owners. This leaves the department in a position of having to dispose of hundreds of bicycles per year, many of which are in disrepair and have little to no value.

Emily Liening, Lacey PD Evidence Technician, located a charity, Bicycles

for Education, which collects bicycles, refurbishes them, and then ships them to Africa where they are given to school children in Togo. These children have to travel between five and 15 miles each way to school each day. When traveling by foot, this obviously takes a great deal of time and effort. As a result, up to 91 percent of the children who start school do not graduate. Bicycles for Education reports that when a child receives a bicycle, 98 percent of them graduate!

AUTO THEFT PREVENTION TIPS FROM LACEY POLICE

To help keep your vehicle and belongings safe and sound, here are auto theft prevention tips that anyone can put into practice:

- Park in a garage if possible;
- Remember to remove keys from your vehicle;
- Remove valuables from your vehicle so potential thieves aren't drawn to it;
- If you own a high-theft vehicle (1990s and early 2000s Honda and Acura

vehicles) and are not able to park in a garage, park another vehicle close behind it or position it in a way so that a thief cannot drive it away;

- Consider having an anti-theft system installed on your vehicle;
- If your vehicle has a keyless entry remote, check to see if the batteries in the remote need to be replaced;
- Make sure to always double check that you locked your vehicle.

REMINDER OF STATE BUSINESS LICENSING PARTNERSHIP

Beginning no later than July 1st, Lacey will begin working with the Washington State Department of Revenue's Business Licensing Service (BLS) to make it easier for customers to receive their business licenses. BLS acts as a one-stop shop for business licensing requirements and offers an online application and renewal process option, including credit card and e-payment options. BLS also offers services that can help businesses to open, reopen, renew, and change ownership

and/or locations, as well as a myriad of other options for businesses.

What this means to you

- One-stop shopping for business applications and annual renewals
 - One location to service all of your business licensing needs
 - Online processing and payment options
- For more information, visit the Business Licensing Service website at www.bls.dor.wa.gov, or contact Troy Woo at twoo@ci.lacey.wa.us.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES SOUGHT FOR CITY BOARDS

The Lacey City Council is seeking volunteers 16 to 18 years of age to serve as youth representatives on the Lacey Parks Board, Historical Commission, and Library Board. This is a great opportunity for students to participate in the government process while serving their community. The youth representatives, appointed by the Mayor with confirmation by Council, are full voting members.

Eligible candidates must be enrolled as a junior or senior in the North Thurston School District, or enrolled in a private school or homeschooled, and reside within Lacey or the Lacey Urban Growth Area. Applications will be accepted through June 1. Terms of office are September to September, with the option of serving an additional one-year term.

Application materials are available at high school career centers and online at www.ci.lacey.wa.us under "Boards and Commissions." For information, please contact Jenny Bauersfeld at (360) 413-4387, or by email at jbauersf@ci.lacey.wa.us.



CELEBRATING ARBOR DAY

Lacey has once again received the Tree City USA award from the National Arbor Day Foundation — marking the twenty-fourth consecutive year of attaining the distinction. Since first earning the honor in the early 1990's, our community has invested over \$3.25 million on tree planting and care, and provided nearly 27,000 free tree seedlings to residents (many of those seedlings are now over 30 feet tall).

This year's seedling giveaway will be held Saturday, April 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (or until supplies run out) at Huntamer Park in Woodland Square. Species available this year include Japanese Maple, Ginkgo Biloba, Golden Raintree, English Oak, and Noble Fir. The seedlings, up to three feet in height, are limited to one per person, so bring the family!

For information, contact Stephen Kirkman, Lacey Public Affairs, at (360) 456-7788 or skirkman@ci.lacey.wa.us.

LACEY FAMILY FISH-IN!

This year's Lacey Family Fish-In will be on Saturday, April 18 at Long's Pond, located at Woodland Creek Community Park.

This event, designed to encourage fishing as a family activity, is for kids ages five to 14 years old. Pre-registration is required with a completed registration form and \$5 fee. The fee includes a rod and reel to keep. Forms are available online at www.ci.lacey.wa.us/events. Please be advised that space is limited.

Please visit us online or call Lacey Parks and Recreation Department at (360) 491-0857 for more information.



S.T.E.M. FAIR & GRAND PRIX ELECTRIC CAR RACES

Showcasing school clubs & teams throughout Thurston County

Lacey's S.T.E.M. Fair is just around the corner, showcasing school clubs and teams from all over Thurston County! The event will be held on Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Huntamer Park in Lacey — and it's FREE!

S.T.E.M. stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, all of which are vital fields that shape our future. Highlights of the day will include hands-on activities for kids, demonstrations, displays, plus the Lacey Grand Prix.

The Lacey Grand Prix is an electric

car rally where high school teams and hobbyists race their custom made electric cars in an effort to drive the most times around the quarter-mile course in one hour. Teams are from the Pacific Northwest and include River Ridge High School's Electric Vehicle Club. Races begin at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Visit the city's website at www.ci.lacey.wa.us/events or call Lacey Parks and Recreation Department at (360) 491-0857 for more information.

LACEY SPRING FUN FAIR & GRAND PARADE IN MAY

Expect two days of family fun at the Spring Fun Fair, located at Saint Martin's University in Lacey! Dates this year will be Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, May 17 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fun Fair activities include rides for kids, games, and live stage entertainment. Plus, enjoy arts and crafts and food vendors. The car show is all day on Sunday. Also featured on Sunday will be the 3rd Annual Talent Show, with the top talent taking home a cash prize of \$150.

The Grand Parade, starting at 6 p.m. on Saturday in Huntamer Park, runs south down College Street SE, then turns east on Pacific Avenue in front of Saint Martin's University. It brings floats, bands, horses, and more through the streets of Lacey!

Entries for the parade are still being



considered and include a diverse assortment of floats, marching bands, community groups, and entertainers. The deadline to enter is 5 p.m. on Friday, May 1.

Information and parade entry forms are available at www.laceyspringfunfair.com. Entry forms may be submitted to the Lacey Parks and Recreation Department, 420 College Street SE, Lacey, WA 98503.

CELEBRATING THURSTON COUNTY FROM 1950 THROUGH 1975!



Thurston County Through the Decades, 1950 - 1975

- Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Huntamer Park in Lacey
- Enjoy music, displays, games, food, and fun for all!



LACEY DEPARTMENTS: PHONE DIRECTORY

LACEY CITY HALL

420 College Street SE Lacey, WA 98503

CITY COUNCIL

Andy Ryder, Mayor
Cynthia Pratt, Deputy Mayor
Virgil Clarkson, Jeff Gadman, Lenny Greenstein, Jason Hearn, Michael Steadman

CITY MANAGER

Scott Spence

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Rick Walk, Director

FINANCE

Troy Woo, Director

PARKS AND RECREATION

Lori Flemm, Director

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dusty Pierpoint, Chief

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Liz Gotelli, Director

PUBLIC WORKS

Scott Egger, Director

Lacey City Council meets at 7 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.

SERVICES IN LACEY: PHONE DIRECTORY

ANIMAL SERVICES	(360) 352-2510
COMMUNITY CENTER	(360) 412-3191
INTERCITY TRANSIT	(360) 786-8585
LACEY LIBRARY	(360) 491-3860
LACEY MUSEUM	(360) 438-0209
SENIOR CENTER	(360) 407-3967
LACEY VETERANS SERVICES OFFICE	(253) 565-7038



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THE CITY OF LACEY CARES!

We want to hear from you. Please send us any comments or suggestions on how we can better serve you and our community.

Name _____

Address _____

Drop-off or mail to City of Lacey, 420 College Street SE, Lacey, WA 98503
or email comments to publicaffairs@ci.lacey.wa.us

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WOODLAND CREEK COMMUNITY PARK HISTORY



Residents of Lacey and surrounding areas use Woodland Creek Community Park (WCCP) for a wide range of activities, however the park today looks much different than it did 20 years ago, and a part of this is thanks to the hard work of dedicated Stream Team volunteers.

The property where WCCP sits today was used for cattle grazing and as a nursery with greenhouses when the City of Lacey purchased it from the Long Family back in 1991. The park has seen many changes since then, with the addition of the Lacey Community Center in 1996, the fishing pier on Long's Pond in 2000, a replacement of the Lacey Senior Center in 2002, and the construction of picnic shelters and play equipment in 2007. Noticeable changes in the park over the years also include Stream Team's replanting of the area bordering the namesake of the park, Woodland Creek.

Stream Team's involvement at the park dates back to 1996 when groups of students from schools such as Komachin and Nisqually Middle Schools came out to plant native species. Since the project started, the critical habitat on either side of the creek has been filled in with thousands of plants. Since 2012 alone, more than 700 Stream Team volunteers have donated over 1,400 hours of their time planting native trees and shrubs, removing invasive plants, watering and weeding, all in the hopes of improving our environment and our community.

The hard work of Stream Team volunteers at Woodland Creek Community Park over the years is a testament to the dedication of our community members to protecting the water and natural areas we live, play, and work in. For more information on how you can get involved, or to register for a summer watering party to water newly planted trees and shrubs at the park, check out Streamteam.info.

NOTE: This article has been edited for space. For full article: www.ci.lacey.wa.us/Portals/0/docs/water_resources/stream-team-woodland-creek-article.pdf