

LACEY Life

FALL 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

SEP 27 Emergency Preparedness Expo

Saturday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Peter G. Schmidt Elementary School in Tumwater (*updated 2014 location*)

SEP 29 Sign Regulation Public Meeting #3

Monday, Sept. 29, 7 - 9 p.m. at Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

OCT 04 Children's Day at Huntamer Park

Saturday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Huntamer Park in Woodland Square

OCT 08 HOA & Neighborhood Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 8, 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

OCT 11 Rampage at the RAC

Saturday, Oct. 11, varying wave times beginning at 9 a.m. at the Regional Athletic complex

NOV 02 Turn Back the Clock Fun Run

Sunday, Nov. 2, beginning 8 a.m. at Rainier Vista Community Park

DEC 04 Lighting of the Christmas Trees

Thursday, Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m. at Huntamer Park in Woodland Square

DEC 05 Signing Santa

Friday, Dec. 5, 6:30 - 9 p.m. at Chambers Prairie Elementary

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Shaping our Community Together

LACEY RECOGNIZES NEW 2014 'CHIEF FOR A DAY'



Meet our newest little Police Chief

Earlier this year, Lacey City Hall and the Lacey Police Department met four-year-old Eric Bickford, who was selected to be the Lacey Police Department's 2014 Chief for a Day.

Chief for a Day is a law enforcement program designed to celebrate the lives of children who have been diagnosed with a chronic or life-threatening illness.

Thirty-two children, including our own Chief Bickford, were celebrated this year at the 2014 Chief For a Day event,

held at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission in Burien.

Eric has been diagnosed with Norrie's Disease, an inherited disorder that leads to blindness at birth or soon after. In addition, some patients may suffer from a progressive hearing loss starting mostly in their second decade of life.

Eric is blind, but can hear very well. He is very active, investigative, and brave, which are great qualities of a law enforcement officer.

Throughout the year, Eric and his family have been a part of sponsored events, culminating at the Chief for a Day event where he was sworn in by Lacey Police Chief Dusty Pierpoint.

This event offers the opportunity for children and their families to have a day of fun that they will never forget, and to help forget about their illness, if only for one day.

Eric and his family will be a part of the Lacey Police Department and the City of Lacey for a long time to come.

For more information about this program, or to learn about how to become a Lacey Chief for a Day, please contact Kalie Nichols at (360) 491-3214 or by email at knichols@ci.lacey.wa.us.

DID YOU KNOW? LACEYLIFE PROVIDES INFORMATION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS...



LaceyLife brings even more information with just a click! Links are clickable throughout the publication. Check out the [Lacey Parks and Rec Fall brochure](#) to the left. *Internet connection required.*

**Expired event links may be disabled*

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LACEY SENIOR CENTER DEDICATES DONATED FLAGPOLE

Patriotism is running high at the Lacey Senior Center, which recently dedicated a flagpole and commemorative plaque outside of its front doors. The flagpole was originally awarded from the Woodmen of the World to the Lacey Sunrise Lions Club, who in turn donated it to the Lacey Senior Center. Funds for the installation of the flagpole, lighting, and commemorative plaque were also donated by an individual member of the Lacey Sunrise Lions Club.

Woodmen of the World, one of the largest distributors of U.S. flags, is a non-profit group that has donated and presented more than two million American flags to worthy non-profit and community organizations. The group celebrates patriotism and honors the American flag throughout the year.

The Lacey Senior Center is owned by the City of Lacey and managed by Senior Services for South Sound. Many senior citizens who utilize the center for programs, fitness classes, and meals have served in the military, and asked for a flagpole. Citizens in our community rallied to provide one.

For additional information on this event, please contact Lori Flemm, Lacey Parks and Recreation Director, at (360) 491-0857 or by email at lflemm@ci.lacey.wa.us.



There's a new addition to the Lacey City Hall that is sure to get the attention of anyone entering the lobby. It's an eleven foot totem pole, intricately carved from a single cedar tree and set in a base of rocks from the Nisqually River.

The totem pole was a gift given to the Lacey City Council from the Nisqually Tribal Council. The totem was unveiled and dedicated at a special ceremony in July, which featured sacred ceremonies and performances by the Nisqually Indian Tribe. The gift was given earlier this year at the signing of a historic accord between the two councils to symbolize mutual goals and a collaborative partnership.



WORK CONTINUES ON CHAMBERS LAKE FACILITY



Work will continue throughout the fall and winter months on the Chambers Lake Stormwater Treatment Facility, a facility aimed to provide water quality treatment of stormwater runoff and enhance surrounding wetland habitats.

Excavation and hauling for the wetlands is nearly complete and two planting

windows are coming up for this area. Fall planting will take place from mid-September through the end of October, and winter planting will take place from December through the month of February. Irrigation is also scheduled to be installed during the fall planting window.

Paving of the pedestrian pathway through the site is slated to begin as early as possible in 2015, as weather permits.

The Chambers Lake Stormwater Treatment Facility was identified as one of the highest priority capital improvement projects in the city's 2013 Stormwater Comprehensive Plan and is also the highest priority stormwater treatment retrofit project in the city.

For more information, please contact Water Resources by email at emahugh@ci.lacey.wa.us or by phone at (360) 491-5600.

UPCOMING BUDGET DATES



The public is welcome to learn about and weigh in on Lacey's proposed budget for

2015. Public meeting dates are below and will be held at Lacey City Hall, 420 College Street SE, in the Council Chambers. Any changes to dates will be updated on the city's website at www.ci.lacey.wa.us.

KEY BUDGET DATES

Thursdays, 7 p.m.

Oct. 23: Council Budget Briefing

Nov. 6: Public Hearing, Revenue Sources

Nov. 13: Public Hearing #1

Dec. 4: Public Hearing #2

Dec. 18: Budget Adoption

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Martin Way & College Street Sewer Main Project

A sewer main installation project has begun on Martin Way between College Street and I-5, and in an easement behind the LaQuinta Inn in Lacey. No interruptions to sewer service are anticipated during the estimated five-week work period.

The project was awarded to Northwest Cascade Inc. of Puyallup, and includes the installation of approximately 565 feet of sewer main across Martin Way. It also includes connections to existing sewer systems, sewer main abandonments, and pavement and lawn restorations.

Pavement repair to the area across Martin Way is anticipated to start on or around October 1, and will last approximately two days. Pavement repair work is weather-dependent. Work will take place between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., with traffic limited to one lane in each direction during these time periods.

Updated traffic advisories will be posted on Lacey's official website at www.ci.lacey.wa.us.



RAKE-A-DRAIN TO HELP KEEP STORM DRAINS FREE OF DEBRIS

Storm drains play a crucial part in moving stormwater out of neighborhoods. When leaves, needles, branches and other debris fall into the road they can get swept up by rain or melting snow and clog these drains, which can lead to localized flooding.

Road crews work hard to keep the streets clean and clear, however individuals can play a huge part in keeping them clear by simply grabbing a rake, sturdy broom, or shovel to remove the debris when it is safe to do so. Discarded leaves and organic matter can be composted and non-organic debris can be put in the garbage.

If a neighborhood road is already flooded, look for "Dump No Waste – Drains to Waterways" markers that are attached to most curbs. These markers are intended to remind people that only rain should go down the drain, but are also a good way to locate a submerged grate that needs to be unclogged.

Keeping local storm drains clear of leaves and other debris is the best way to protect property and nearby stormwater retention ponds.

For more information about stormwater, please visit www.ci.lacey.wa.us/stormwater-education.

LACEY'S RAMPAGE AT THE RAC RETURNS IN OCTOBER

Lacey's 5k obstacle run for people who know how to have fun is coming up! This year's Rampage will be on Saturday, October 11, with a fee of \$35 per person.

At Rampage at the RAC (Regional Athletic Complex), participants can expect to crawl through a mud pit, scale a cargo net, run up a hill of sand, careen down a giant slip and slide, high step through a field of tires, crawl through a giant tunnel, weave through a web of ropes, jump over fire, and more.

To register for this event, call Lacey Parks and Recreation at (360) 491-0857. More information can also be found online at www.ci.lacey.wa.us/rampage. The RAC is located at 8345 Steilacoom Road SE in Lacey.



2014 SUMMER'S END CAR SHOW WINNERS!

Congratulations to Wally Belt for winning Favorite in Show at the 2014 Summer's End at Lacey Car Show. There were nearly 300 entries, with 50 Favorite in Class Awards given out this year. Next year's show is already scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2015 at Huntamer Park.



SIGN REGULATION UPDATES

The City of Lacey is hosting the third and final public forum and workshop on proposed changes to the city's sign regulations on Monday, September 29, 2014 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Lacey City Hall, 420 College Street SE.

The sign committee, with representation from throughout the community, has taken public feedback into consideration and has developed a final draft recommendation of the sign ordinance. This forum will be an opportunity to review the draft and provide feedback. The Planning Commission will review the final draft in late October, with final approval by Lacey City Council to follow soon afterwards.

The purpose of the proposed sign regulation changes is to enhance business identification, community character, and aesthetics in the community — particularly along highly traveled streets and commercial shopping areas. Makers Architecture has assisted in the development of the updated signage regulations.

A current version of the draft recommendation can be found at www.ci.lacey.wa.us/signs. For more information, please contact Ryan Andrews, Planning Manager, by email at randrews@ci.lacey.wa.us or by phone at (360) 491-5642.

LACEY TAKES BUSINESS-FRIENDLY APPROACH WITH RECENT PARTNERSHIPS AND TAX EXEMPTIONS

In a business-friendly move, Lacey has partnered with the Washington State Department of Revenue's Business Licensing Service (BLS) to help streamline and provide better benefits to local businesses. It 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 to open, reopen, renew, change ownership and/or locations, along with a myriad of other options for businesses.

Anticipated BLS implementation is expected to occur during the first quarter of 2015. In addition to the local city business licensing fee, businesses can expect an initial BLS application fee of \$19 with an \$11 BLS renewal fee. BLS charges a one-time charge for all partner city applications. Those businesses that currently license in Tumwater and Olympia will not be charged any additional BLS application fees, as each partner city charges its own licensing fee in which the BLS fees are added.

Tax exemptions and fee adjustments

In addition to this partnership, Lacey has taken steps to help promote economic development and provide some level of tax relief through a business and occupation (B&O) tax exemption. New small businesses will be exempted from B&O tax for the first three years of operation, effective January 1, 2015. Those businesses considered to be a small business is defined as having less than \$500,000 gross business activity per year. *Note: The exemption is no longer applicable once the business exceeds \$500,000 in any year, and the exemption will not be retroactive.*

Also effective at the beginning of 2015, the city will be making adjustments to business license fees. Fees will be the same for businesses located inside and outside of the city (currently those located outside of Lacey city limits pay a smaller application fee). Initial application fees will be \$25 with a newly implemented renewal fee of \$10.

For more information, please contact Troy Woo, Lacey Director of Finance, at twoo@ci.lacey.wa.us or (360) 491-3212.

LACEY UPDATES MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PAWNBROKERS AND SECONDHAND DEALERS

Lacey City Council recently amended an existing ordinance that relates to how pawnbrokers and secondhand dealers report items of value to the Lacey Police Department. As the ordinance was written before the accepted change, these businesses were required to provide daily written notification of all items they purchased over \$25.

Considering efficiency and taking a business-friendly approach, Lacey

PD proposed that pawnbrokers and secondhand dealers only report items that are more commonly associated with theft. Now, only certain items are required to be reported, including firearms, power equipment, electronics, jewelry, precious metals, and items identified through a serial number, all over the purchased value of \$25.

By adopting the amended ordinance, the burden of reporting unnecessary items will be eased. Less time will be required of the businesses to

report items and less staff time will be required of the police.

Written notification can be made through an online database or can be made in person to the Lacey Police Department. For more information on the adopted ordinance or about how to report items, please contact the Lacey Police Department at (360) 459-4333.



LACEY DEPARTMENTS: PHONE DIRECTORY

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- CITY COUNCIL** (360) 491-3214
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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



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SAT., OCTOBER 4
10 am - 1 pm

ON STAGE

10:30 am Fantasia Twirling Corps
11:00 am Leapin' Louie
11:50 am DancerZone 360
12:15 pm High Impact
12:45 pm .. Square Dancing Performance

Huntamer Park
7th & Woodland Sq Lp SE

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