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INSIDE LYNNWOOD

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#WeGotThisLynnwood

Lynnwood—our many thanks to everyone who has been doing their part to Stay Home and Stay Healthy. Our efforts are helping to slow the spread of the coronavirus. While many of us are able to stay home, there are many essential workers who continue to serve our community. We want to send our many thanks to our City workers from the Lynnwood Police Department, Public Works Maintenance, Parks Maintenance, Waste Water Treatment Plant and others who continue to serve our community during this difficult time, providing for the health and safety of our City!

Additionally, we would like to thank all public health and medical professionals, public safety officers and first responders, grocery and pharmacy workers, delivery and transportation drivers, and educators who are also doing their part to serve our community through this public health crisis!



Message from Mayor Nicola Smith

We're In This Together



I want to truly thank you for all for your efforts to stay home and stay healthy, helping slow the spread of the coronavirus. Our efforts are working but we can't give them up now. Sadly, Lynnwood residents have been greatly impacted by this pandemic. Our City is among the top five cities in

our state for the number of positive cases. At the time of publication, Lynnwood had surpassed 600 positive cases of COVID-19, with 19 deaths. That's a jolting number and a tremendous loss, especially for a city our size. We can and must do better.

It is important that our next steps honor and remember all those in our community that have been gravely impacted, and help safeguard our community by continuing to stay healthy now, and re-open our City and State in a carefully phased way.

Governor Jay Inslee has outlined a four phase approach called Safe Start Washington. Each new phase rolls back certain industries and services. The slow return to public life is necessary to lessen the potential for exposure to this terrible virus and so that our public health officials can track and monitor trends with each new phase.

Our City's leadership team has developed plans for the safe re-opening of City services and buildings. Our top priority has been, and will continue to be, the safety of our employees and the community members that we serve.

As we phase into re-opening our City services, I ask that you help us in practicing good physical distancing, and kindly wearing a face covering when coming to our City buildings, for your safety and ours. Thank you for your continued vigilance and patience as we navigate through these new challenges.

And remember, our staff is available to assist you over the phone, through the mail, and through our many online services.

Warmly,

Financial Challenges of COVID-19

Lynnwood's staff and elected officials are carefully monitoring the City's finances during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each day brings new challenges, facts, and forecasts for consideration as we work hard to fully understand our economy. Although we won't know the full impacts the coronavirus is having on our City's revenues, we know that sales tax, permit fees, recreation center admissions, business licensing fees and admissions taxes are down.

Finance Director Sonja Springer estimates that for 2020 alone, there will be a \$6.7 million revenue shortfall to the City's General Fund. City staff have identified and implemented many cost-saving measures that will trim expenditures by \$4.9 million, resulting in a remaining shortfall of \$1.8 million. The City Council is currently deliberating ways in which to cover the remaining shortfall, potentially having to tap into the City's emergency reserve funds.

What are your suggestions for reducing expenses or increasing revenues in response to COVID-19?

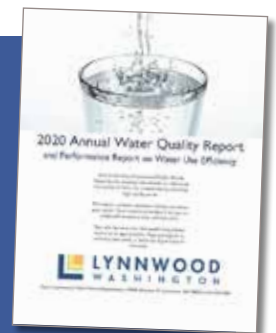
While protecting the public's safety is our first priority, City employees and elected officials recognize that cost cutting in all service areas is necessary. You are invited to share your thoughts by emailing strategic planner Corbitt Loch at cloch@LynnwoodWA.gov.

Meanwhile, work is underway to develop the biennial Budget for 2021 and 2022. It is likely that the economic impacts of COVID-19 will extend beyond 2020. Mayor Nicola Smith will issue a preliminary budget for 2021-2022 in October. Public hearings on the draft budget are scheduled for September 28 and November 9. Your input is invited!

Water Quality Report

The City of Lynnwood's Consumer Confidence Report (Water Quality Report) is now available to customers online. The Annual Water Quality Report is a performance measure of the quality of water supplied by the City of Lynnwood. The report describes local drinking water sources, testing conducted on the water, allowable limits of substances, substances detected, and the levels of those substances.

Visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov/AnnualWaterReport to view and download the report. Printed copies will be made available to customers by calling the Public Works Department at 425-670-5200.



RECREATE RESPONSIBLY.

Please maintain physical distancing, avoid gathering in groups and limit restroom use to one person at a time.

The City's priority is protecting the health and safety of our visitors. Always follow public health guidelines when visiting Lynnwood parks. Snohomish Health District: www.snohd.org/ncov2019

Stay up to date: www.PlayLynnwood.com

#RecreateResponsibly

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2020 Summer Events

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Healthy Lynnwood

LYNNWOOD WALKS

6pm Thursdays
June 25–September 24
Lynnwood Recreation Center

MEET ME AT THE PARK

July & August at a park near you
www.HealthyLynnwood.com

SANDLOT CINEMAS

Dusk on Thursdays
August 6, 13, 20
Lynndale Park Ballfields

...AND MORE!

- June 4–14: EGGS-plore Virtual Auction
- July 11: History & Heritage Day
- July 18: Afro Latino Festival
- August 8: History & Heritage Day
- August 15: Ubuntu Exposé
- Sept. 21: International Peace Day

Events may be rescheduled or canceled. Visit www.HealthyLynnwood.com for up-to-date event information.
#recreateresponsibly

Recreate Responsibly

With more beautiful weather in our future, we want to give you an update on our parks, trails and open space. Governor Jay Inslee has outlined a four phase approach in the Safe Start Washington Plan. During phase 3, we plan to reopen many outdoor recreation amenities including the Meadowdale Playfields, Lynndale Skate Park and Dog Park, and sport courts at every park.

Please keep in mind, as these park facilities reopen, restrictions and guidelines will remain. We are asking that all Lynnwoodians continue to **#RecreateResponsibly**, follow posted rules, and practice good hygiene so that we can keep our facilities open.

At this time, we don't have an exact date set for when playgrounds will reopen, but our goal is to do so when it is safe and we can provide increased sanitation.

Even though our large events and programs have been cancelled, it's more important than ever that our neighborhoods remain connected and **#ComeTogether**. This summer we will continue to host our weekly Lynnwood Walks, Meet Me At the Park events, and we'll enjoy outdoor movies at Sandlot Cinemas in August. Check out Summer Events flyer above.

We are also working towards being able to reopen the Recreation Center and Senior Center in Phase 3. However, when you return to our facilities, you will see many changes intended to ensure your safety including markings for lines, barriers, staff wearing face coverings, and limitations on the number of people we are able to serve at one time. But we are so looking forward to seeing you all again very soon!

LEARN MORE

For more information on our parks and how to #RecreateResponsibly, visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov/COVID-19Parks.

Buy Me

EGGS-plore Lynnwood

LYNNWOOD WASHINGTON

EGG Auction to help Lynnwood Food Bank

June 4 - 14

www.LynnwoodArts.org



Housing For All—Lynnwood’s Housing Action Plan

The City is developing a Housing Action Plan to implement housing policies, programs, and strategies. Lynnwood’s Housing Action Plan will be:

- An actionable policy document that outlines how to meet Lynnwood’s diverse housing needs.
- Based on data and analysis vetted and informed through an inclusive and robust public process.
- A comprehensive approach to leverage resources and implement cohesive, effective, and feasible housing policies, programs, and strategies.
- Tailored to the housing needs of the Lynnwood community to ensure decent, safe, and affordable housing for all.

Share your Housing Story

We want to hear from you! Help kick off the project by telling us about your experience living or working in Lynnwood. Your input will help us develop a plan grounded in first-hand stories from the community it will serve. Visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov/HousingActionPlan to share your story, learn about the project, and stay informed of future events and engagement opportunities.

South Lynnwood Neighborhood Plan Updates

South Lynnwood is a diverse residential and commercial neighborhood bound by 196th St. SW to the north, Highway 99 to the west, and I-5 and the shared boundary with Mountlake Terrace on the east and south. The South Lynnwood Neighborhood Plan will establish a vision for the neighborhood. The planning process launched June 2019 and is estimated to be completed in early 2021.

The final plan will identify projects and polices to address the following visionary themes identified through public surveys, one-on-one interviews, and conversations among stakeholders:

- Residents, businesses, and community partners work together to create a vibrant community which celebrates diversity.
- Households, families, community partners, and businesses are preserved and stable.
- The neighborhood is home to safe walking networks, parks, open spaces, and gathering places.
- Economic development progresses through employment opportunities and access to social services.

STAY INFORMED

Visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov/SouthLynnwood to learn about the project, and stay informed of future events and engagement opportunities.

Support Lynnwood Business

During this difficult and stressful time of uncertainty for many businesses, the City of Lynnwood is dedicated to working with you, connecting you to valuable local, state and federal resources, and helping to sustain your business through this public health crisis.

We have developed a listing of business resources available on www.LynnwoodWA.gov/COVID-19, click on the ‘Resources for Local Businesses’ section for more information.

There are many local businesses that have altered their operations and continue to serve our community, and you can help support them during this time!

Visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov/OpenForBusiness and see which Lynnwood businesses are open and could use your support!



www.LynnwoodWA.gov/OpenForBusiness

Lynnwood City Council



City Council Work Sessions are held the 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays of the month and the third Wednesdays from 7-10pm. Council Business Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 7-10pm at the City Hall Council Chambers, 19100 - 44th Avenue West, Lynnwood. Council Meetings are streamed live at www.LynnwoodWA.gov/Live or can be viewed on Comcast Channel 21 and FIOS/ Frontier Channel 38, on Wednesdays at 7:30pm and Sundays at 7:00am and 2:00pm.

Pictured L-R: Council President Christine Frizzell, Council Vice President Shannon Sessions, Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, Ian Cotton, George Hurst, Ruth Ross, and Jim Smith.

Council Corner: We're In This Together

Dearest Lynnwood, we miss you and want you to know that during this "Stay Home Stay Healthy" season you all have been heavy on our minds, hearts and on our City Council agendas.

Each Councilmember, in their own way, has continued to serve our community members, businesses and essential non-profit organizations during this unprecedented time. Whether it's advocating passionately at our meetings or distributing groceries to those in-need at our Lynnwood Food Bank each week, or translating Covid-19 materials, we're in this together. Whether it's providing community showers and food to our homeless population or serenading our local elderly population through their windows, councilmembers want you to know we care.

As a Council, we continue to meet virtually every Monday evening, streaming each meeting live online at www.LynnwoodWA.gov/live, please tune in. We've also added two extra special meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays to be able to focus on our budget and finances. We are working closely with the Mayor and staff to guide the Covid-19 impacts, discuss and research policy modifications, collaborating with nearby cities, making difficult program cuts and changes to tend to this significant economic slump.

We too are sensitive to the losses and heartbreak of this time and some council members haven't escaped the negative financial impacts, like many of you. We have council members caring for elderly and disabled loved ones, trying to balance their day jobs with city responsibilities, home life and homeschooling children. Council members who have lost or lowered income levels and some who are high risk and having to be extremely cautious with potential exposures, we're in this together.



L-R: Council Member Jim Smith serenading residents of a Lynnwood senior living facility; Council Member Julieta Altamirano-Crosby and Council Vice President Shannon Sessions and their families volunteering at the Lynnwood Food Bank; Council President Christine Frizzell volunteering at the Lynnwood hygiene facility.


We all miss our friends and extended family and are enjoying any new technology that can bring them even a little bit closer to us. We also long for the moments we can reunite and celebrate life together again in person, especially those momentous events like the hard work of a graduate, a precious baby born, a group toast to a new married couple or sadly, mourning and coming together over a death of a loved one. Like you, we all have sacrificed special moments and postponed significant milestones—we're in this together.

In this time of so much pain and heartbreak, we also have found blessings, seen great creativity, moments of pure joy and multiple acts of kindness in our local community. For example, when we put out the word that we wanted to gather donated, home-made face coverings to be able to give to our Lynnwood residents and small businesses for free, so many of you didn't waste any time and responded to the call immediately—yearning to be able to help in this unprecedented time, thank you for showing us, we're all in this together.

So far we have collected more than 1,000 face coverings to be donated to our Lynnwood community members and small businesses. If you or your loved one needs a face covering they can now be picked up at the Lynnwood Food bank, 5320 176th St. SW in Lynnwood. You can pick up your free "mask" 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays, 5 -5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, 1-2 p.m. on Fridays or by appointment at 425-745-1635.

Council Highlights

Throughout the Stay Home Stay Healthy Order, the Lynnwood City Council has been holding its meetings electronically. The Washington State Attorney General has provided guidance concerning electronic meetings and the Open Public Meetings Act. Due to this guidance, the City Council has only been discussing items that are related to the City's coronavirus response and the financial implications related to the coronavirus. Watch City Council Meetings live at www.LynnwoodWA.gov/Live.



MAJOR PROJECTS

There are several major construction projects in and around Lynnwood that may impact your daily commute. These major infrastructure projects will greatly improve road conditions and prepare our City for future growth.

2020 Paving Program

This is the third year of a multi-year commitment to complete annual paving projects. This year's project will focus on repairing pavement and sidewalks along 68th Ave W, with construction occurring from 196th St. SW to approximately 300 feet south of 202nd St. SW, and making repairs to various cul-de-sacs.

Lynnwood Link Extension

The project to extend light rail service from Northgate (opening 2021) to Lynnwood (opening 2024) is well underway. Sound Transit has relocated utilities and started constructing columns for the guideway. Temporary parking lots will be established to allow for construction of the new parking garage. For more information or to sign up for project updates visit www.SoundTransit.org/LLE.

196th St SW Improvement Project Moving Forward

This project will add two more lanes (one in each direction) to 196th St SW from approximately 37th Ave W to 48th Ave W. It will also include median barriers, wider sidewalks and landscape features. These improvements will enhance safety in the area and accommodate the growth of City Center by improving traffic flow and increasing capacity. The improvements will also create an enhanced pedestrian environment with a boulevard appearance.

The City received a grant for \$1,730,000 to complete the design of this project. We also received grants for \$19,980,000 from Regional sources for Right of Way and Construction.

This project is now fully funded and will go out for bids this summer with construction to begin this fall. This project is anticipated to be completed in March 2023.

36th Ave W Improvement Project

Road opening anticipated for the week of June 8, with the activation of the signal at 179th and opening of the roundabout at 172nd. At this time the project will be substantially completed, and the public will have full use of the road. Thank you to everyone for your patience throughout this project!

Lift Stations 4 & 8

Lift Station 4 and 8, both located near Alderwood Mall, will have significant improvements to allow for increased capacity, as well as additional sewer mains connecting them to Lift Station 10. The sewer line upgrade work is nearing completion, and work continues on the force main and lift stations.

STAY INFORMED

During construction we'll be posting regular project updates on our City website, Lynnwood eNews and Twitter. Sign up for Lynnwood eNews at www.LynnwoodWA.gov/eNews, follow us on Twitter @LynnwoodStreets and @Lynnwood, and visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov/MajorProjects



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Local Resources *Sign up for e-news at www.LynnwoodWA.gov/enews*

Lynnwood Connects

The Lynnwood Connects Check-In program is a FREE weekly phone call to see how residents are doing and share a friendly conversation. Check-In calls are intended to provide an opportunity to connect to those who may be feeling socially isolated by linking individuals with a friendly, caring City of Lynnwood staff member. Check-In calls can be provided in Arabic, Chinese, German, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Ukrainian.

Ready to sign up? Sign up online by visiting www.LynnwoodWA.gov/COVID-19 or call 425-670-5035 and be sure to leave your name, phone number and best time to reach you. We will contact you to register you over the phone.

Lynnwood Utility Reduced Rates and Rebate Options

During these difficult times, we want to remind our Lynnwood residents and utility customers that the City offers a variety of reduced rates, rebates, and payment plans. We will not be turning off any water customers due to lack of payment. Our Utility Billing staff are available to work with you to find a solution that works best for your current situation.

Learn more about our available Utility Reduced Rates and Rebates by visiting www.LynnwoodWA.gov/UB or call 425-670-5000 and press 0 to speak to our Utility Billing Staff.

Call 211 to Reach Washington State Coronavirus Call Center

2-1-1 helps connect you to local community resources. The state Department of Health is partnering with Washington 211 to answer your questions about coronavirus related

to your health, jobs, and day-to-day living to better provide the information you need, the way you want it.

Call 1-800-525-0127 and press # or you can also text the word "Coronavirus" to 211-211 for help.

Food Support

We have several community partners that are providing meals and pantry items for community members in need!

Lynnwood Food Bank: food distribution
www.LynnwoodFoodBank.org
425-745-1635

Edmonds School District: free grab-and-go breakfast and lunch for any child age 1-18
www.Edmonds.Wednet.edu
425-431-7000

Foundation for Edmonds School District: free grab-and-go breakfast and lunch, weekend meals, pantry boxes and evening meals for families.
www.foundationesd.org/programs/nourishing-network
425-431-7092

Homage Senior Services: Meals on Wheels for seniors.
www.Homage.org
1-800-442-2024

Support for Mental & Emotional Well-Being

This can be a stressful time. It is normal that you or your loved ones might feel anxious, sad, scared or angry. You are not alone. It is okay to seek out and ask for help.

Visit coronavirus.wa.gov and click on 'You and Your Family' to find a listing of helpful resources for yourself, kids & teens, families, service members, LGBTQ+ and

their families, healthcare workers, suicide prevention and crisis intervention, substance abuse, and more.

Multilingual Resources

Lynnwood is an incredibly diverse community and many of our community members speak a primary language other than English. There are more and more resources available to our multilingual community members! Please help us share these resources!

Snohomish Health District Information

www.snohd.org/484/Novel-Coronavirus-2019

Messaging is available in the following languages:

- Español - Spanish
- 한국어 - Korean
- Tiếng Việt - Vietnamese
- العربية - Arabic
- Русский - Russian
- 中文 - Chinese

Washington State Department of Health Information

www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus

Messaging is available in the following languages:

- Español - Spanish
- 한국어 - Korean
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Find more information on the City's Coronavirus Response by visiting www.LynnwoodWA.gov/COVID-19

