



INSIDE LYNNWOOD

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New Art Coming to Lynnwood

South Lynnwood Park's \$2.6 million renovation has begun with the first phase including ADA updates to the restroom, and an installation of a beautiful mural.

Muralist Gabrielle Abbott (pictured on the right at South Lynnwood Park) provided nature-themed art instruction to 5th graders at College Place Elementary collecting drawings and ideas from students for the mural design last spring. She also talked with students from Edmonds College and the Snohomish Tribe. Her mural design, titled

Grateful Steward, takes inspiration from First Nations cultures who see themselves as stewards of the land, not owners of it. As our modern society grapples with the effects of climate change and globalization, we can take guidance from the wisdom of the indigenous cultures whose territory we share. This mural will remind us that caring for the earth is a privilege and honor. The design features animals and plants that were part of the daily lives of the First Nations people. The illustration shown above is a detail of the design.



"Social Dis(dance)" Interurban Tunnel Project, by Eva Villavencio

Dancing silhouettes wearing colorful masks and music symbols adorn both sides of the Interurban Trail tunnel. Villavencio, a member of Troop 42215, painted the mural to receive her Girl Scout Gold Star Award.



"All Are Welcome" Signal Box public art at 184th and Alderwood Mall Parkway

The "All Are Welcome" design is a colorful and tangible representation of the City of Lynnwood's commitment to being a safe, welcoming and equitable city for all people. Thanks to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Commission's efforts beginning in 2017, we have this beautiful imagery and language, letting our diverse community members know that they are welcome, valued and appreciated, and that they belong.

This art project is a proud collaboration between the Lynnwood Arts Commission and the DEI Commission. The art wraps across the city tell unique stories and a collective story about Lynnwood, through art and history. You can find more information about the art wraps and even do a self-guided tour at www.DiscoverLynnwood.com.

Message from Mayor Nicola Smith

Budgeting Through Crisis



The year 2020 has been a challenge to say the least. We have all been impacted by the global pandemic and the threats to our health, our economy, and our normal way of life.

Throughout all this turmoil, the City of Lynnwood remains strong, strategic, and resilient, and we have many attributes and advantages that are helping to keep our city moving forward to best serve our

community, and support economic growth and development.

Like so many households and small businesses, our City has also been negatively impacted financially by COVID-19, and we have had to make major adjustments in order to keep up our City services.

City Staff has been working hard over the past several years to transform, realign, and reimagine the way that we provide services to our community members. We are focusing on customer services, simplifying processes, and looking at everything we do with an equity lens. These efforts began before COVID-19, but now more than ever it is critical that we be flexible, responsive, and nimble in order to best serve our community.

On October 12, 2020, I presented my preliminary budget for 2021 and 2022 to the City Council. This budget assumes that we will not see an immediate economic recovery once the COVID-19 pandemic begins to subside, and it includes reductions to all of our City Departments.

Over the next coming weeks our Departments Directors will present their budgets and review with Council their services and programs, discussing changes that are proposed for the upcoming years due to budget constraints. After that, Council and City Administration will have an opportunity to discuss and deliberate if there are any needed changes to my proposed budget before Council's adoption, anticipated for November 23, 2020.

Without a doubt, the next few years will present many challenges and opportunities. I am confident that Lynnwood will continue to strategically, and purposefully move forward, creating positive outcomes for all.

Warmly,

2021-2022 Budget

Meetings are underway to develop the City's budget for the years 2021-2022. We want to hear your thoughts.

- *What are your highest priorities for funding?*
- *What reductions should be considered?*
- *Should any new revenues be considered?*

Written comments are welcomed—
email to cloth@LynnwoodWA.gov.

November 2, 2020

6:00 pm

Budget presentations and discussion as needed

November 9, 2020

6:00 pm

Public hearings: Preliminary Budget and 2021 Property Tax levy

November 16, 2020

6:00 pm

Budget discussion

November 23, 2020

6:00 pm

Anticipated adoption of budget and 2021 Property Tax levy

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For more information regarding written materials, how to participate, and accessibility, visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov and search for City Council Meetings-->Budget or email cloth@LynnwoodWA.gov

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In Lynnwood, All Are Welcome!
Visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov/DEI to learn more

Lynnwood Announces New Chief of Police

Mayor Nicola Smith has appointed Jim Nelson to serve as Lynnwood's new Chief of Police, after the retirement of Chief Tom Davis.

Chief Jim Nelson has spent his entire law enforcement career with the Lynnwood Police Department, beginning as a Patrol Officer on August 1st, 1993. Exactly 28 years later to the day, on August 1st, 2020, he assumed the role of Chief of Police.

Between then and now he's held many ranks and had many assignments with the LPD, including Detective Sergeant, Sergeant with the South Snohomish County Narcotics Task Force, Commander of Investigations, Commander of the Detention Division/Municipal Jail, and he has been serving as one of the department's two Deputy Police Chiefs since 2016.

Chief Nelson has successfully led both operations and administrative sides of the department throughout his tenure,



and he has a great understanding of the diverse LPD units. "He is respected and trusted by the employees of LPD and other City Departments and he is committed to our City and our community members," stated Mayor Nicola Smith.

"We are fortunate to have someone who is ready, willing, and qualified to take over the helm and move us closer to our goal of being a safe, welcoming and inclusive City."

Chief Nelson is a Washington State University alum and holds a Master's

of Public Administration Degree from the University of Nebraska. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, holds a Certificate in Forensics from the University of Washington, and is a proud former US Marine.

"I am excited to continue serving my community, the City, and the excellent men and women of the Lynnwood Police Department as the next Chief of Police," Nelson says. "Over nearly three decades I have had the opportunity to help build strong relationships with our diverse community, and I look forward to continuing to find innovative ways to develop trust between our officers and the people who depend on us so that we may provide them with the best public safety service possible."

We invite you to learn more about your Lynnwood Police Department by visiting www.LynnwoodWA.gov/Police.

The Police Department's 2019-2023 Strategic Plan and our 2019 Annual Report are both linked in the "About Us" section of the website. Please follow Lynnwood Police on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for the most current and up-to-date information about your police department.

Community Justice Center

The City of Lynnwood is moving forward on a project to rebuild and reimagine our Community Justice Center. We are excited to be designing and building a purpose-built police department, re-imagined misdemeanor jail, and a remodeled court, which will allow us the necessary space and function to bring the best justice services to our community.

This unique collaboration continues and strengthens our partnership with the Community Health Center of Snohomish County. It brings rehabilitative services and options to address and reduce the underlying causes of recidivism. By providing this additional support, the goal is to provide a path out of the criminal justice system. This project is specifically programmed around



increased community access and involvement, and alternatives to the traditional criminal justice system, while maintaining effective levels of community safety in our growing city. The funding for this project is based upon re-allocation of existing criminal justice expenses with no new taxes or other new cost burden being asked of our community. Additionally, there are no impacts to other department service levels. This is



an opportunity to reduce costs moving forward, while improving the provision of professional and compassionate services to our entire community, with the ultimate goal of making Lynnwood safe and welcoming for all.

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For more information on this project, please visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov/CJCProject



Lynnwood City Council Member Julieta Altamirano-Crosby (far right), a native of Chilpancingo, is joined by Guerrero Governor Hector Astudillo Flores (center), and Chilpancingo Council Member Ana Lilia Leyva Sotelo.

Lynnwood Confirms New Friendship City Relationship with Chilpancingo, Mexico

On Monday, September 14, 2020, Mayor Nicola Smith and Council Member Julieta Altamirano-Crosby participated in a virtual Friendship City Ceremony with the city of Chilpancingo, Guerrero, Mexico.

It was a great honor to be joined by the Governor of Guerrero, Hector Astudillo Flores, and Chilpancingo Council Member Ana Lilia Leyva Sotelo for this ceremony and the beginning of our Friendship City relationship. With this Friendship City Relationship we hope to create an open exchange of information, economics, arts, tourism, and more with Chilpancingo.

Council Member Altamirano-Crosby is originally from Chilpancingo and was in attendance alongside Governor Astudillo Flores for the ceremony. During the ceremony, Council Member Altamirano-Crosby said, "this Friendship City relationship promotes cooperation between both cities, and also builds and makes known our multicultural legacy. This relationship will be a first approach to share, learn and value our cultural differences."

During the virtual ceremony, Mayor Nicola Smith said, "Lynnwood is a diverse city. We have residents from all corners of the world: Asia, Africa, Europe, South America, and Australia. In Lynnwood, Latinx community members account for approximately 15% of our population, and we are so glad that they have chosen to call Lynnwood home!"

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View the ceremony online and learn more about Lynnwood's Friendship City and Sister City Program by visiting www.LynnwoodWA.gov/SisterCity.

CARES Act Funding Used to Support Lynnwood Community Members and Small Businesses

The City of Lynnwood has reinvested \$800,000 of federal CARES Act Funding back into our local small businesses. Through a Small Business Grant program, we have provided 80 Lynnwood businesses with \$10,000 grants, providing economic relief from COVID-19 impacts. These funds will go towards our local businesses being able to retain employees and payroll, support business rent or mortgage payments, address temporary COVID-19 related restrictions on business activity, and adding technology to provide an alternate service delivery.

"Supporting our local small businesses will be key to our community's economic resiliency throughout the coronavirus pandemic," stated Council President Christine Frizzell. "These grants will help retain jobs, help our businesses follow appropriate COVID-19 requirements, and help put them on a course for financial stability through these difficult times."

Businesses were required to be located inside City Limits and have a current City of Lynnwood business license, have 10 or less employees, and demonstrate at least a 25% decrease in revenues due to COVID-19.

Additionally, the City of Lynnwood has provided \$250,000 of federal CARES Act Funding to local non-profit organization, Communities of Color Coalition, to administer Rent / Mortgage Relief Grants to Lynnwood community members who are struggling to stay on top of their monthly rent payments.

"Housing has been an ongoing area of focus for the City Council and our City Administration," stated Mayor Nicola Smith. "We wanted our relief efforts to be focused on keeping individuals and families in their homes during these difficult times."



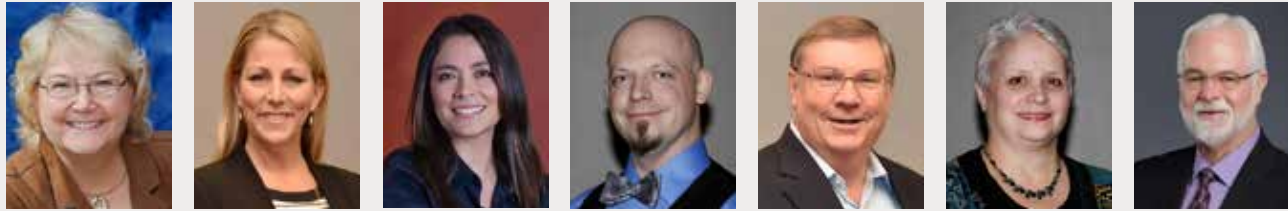
The City of Lynnwood is committed to supporting our small business community during these difficult times. We value the important role small businesses will play in the recovery of our local economy.

– Mayor Nicola Smith

Lynnwood City Council



City Council Work Sessions are held the 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays of the month and the third Wednesdays from 6-9pm. Council Business Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 6-9pm 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: City Council Needs Your Budget Input

From October through the end of the year will be a busy time for your seven City Council Members. Our thoughts are turned to our biennial budget for 2021-2022. In the wake of Covid-19 and the financial impact of that, we are looking at serious revenue reductions. With those revenue reductions come appropriate expense reductions. Budget conversations will continue to have center stage at every council meeting into the month of December.

Since May, Mayor Smith, Finance Director Springer and all other Directors have reduced expenditures and revised projections for their departments. This is a time for deep conversations about what is important to our community. We want and need to hear from people who live, work and play in Lynnwood.

Council Members have received numerous emails from individuals and organizations outside of our city, county and

state. While these often reflect the fear and dissatisfaction of people across our nation, the majority of the emails and comments from people who live in Lynnwood have been thoughtfully composed and serve to lead council in making the difficult decisions in front of us. We appreciate that and say *Thank You*.

Covid-19 has consumed our lives and we take this time to thank our Lynnwood Community Members for showing respect to leaders, police, emergency workers and each other by abiding by the mask and social distancing guidelines. Through the CARES Act Funds, we have been able to help many businesses and individuals to weather the financial storm that has been created by the virus. We are in this together and will get through it together.

Council Notice

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. All City Council meetings can be watched live by visiting www.LynnwoodWA.gov/Live. Members of the public can still provide a public comment during Business Meetings, visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov/Government/City-Council for instructions.

Lynnwood's Housing Action Plan—Upcoming Open House!



Housing costs in the Puget Sound Region are a problem. The City is developing a Housing Action Plan to address housing affordability.

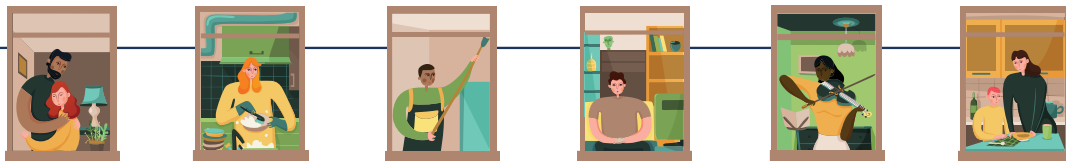
Did You Know?

- Since 2010, housing costs in Lynnwood have increased 40% while wages have decreased 2%.
- 2 in 5 households spend more than 30% of their income on housing.

We Want to Hear from You!

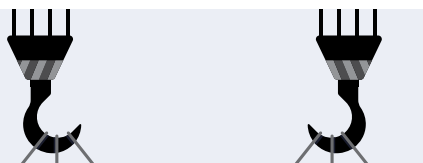
Beginning October 26 the City will be hosting a second Housing Action Plan Online Open House to hear feedback from the community on potential housing strategies. The Online Open House will include a survey and presentations in English, Korean, and Spanish. Check out the project website for more information.

When community members provide input we create a plan that better reflects everyone's values, interests, needs, and wants!



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Visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov/HousingActionPlan to attend the Online Open House and share your ideas.



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.

STAY INFORMED

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

36th Ave West Improvement Project Completed

This mile-long improvement project included new sidewalks, improved drainage, bike lanes, landscape, a new roundabout and a new signalized intersection. Our many thanks to our community members for their patience during the construction process. This new and improved stretch of road will serve our community very well for many years to come!

196th St SW Improvement Project Moving Forward

Construction will begin in the spring of 2021, and last for approximately 2 years. 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 both pedestrian and driver 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.

As construction begins on the 196th St SW project, please expect longer travel times through the construction zone. We encourage travelers to plan ahead and allow for additional time to reach your destination or find an alternate route of travel. All businesses along 196th will remain open throughout the construction phase.

We highly encourage community members to sign up to receive project updates on the 196th St SW Improvement Project by visiting www.LynnwoodWA.gov/eNews.

Water Meter Replacement

Over the next four months, the City of Lynnwood will be replacing all water meters. This new system is called Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) and will provide better leak detection, increased billing accuracy and improved customer service. The older mechanical meters will be replaced with modern magnetic read meters and will use state-of-the-art technology to wirelessly communicate usage data directly to the city.

Customers will be able to access an online customer portal where you can view your usage, set up alerts and be smart with your water usage. During installation, crews will need to temporarily interrupt your water service for 30 minutes. You will be notified by a door hanger at least 48 hours before work is to be done on your meter.

For more information contact our Public Works Department at 425-670-5200 or visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov/AMI.



36th

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Get Ready for Winter

The City of Lynnwood is preparing for the cold and wet season, and here's what you can do to prepare too:

- Cover and wrap hose bibs in the front and back of your house to prevent freezing pipes.
- Remove debris such as leaves and packed snow from storm drains. This will help alleviate drainage problems along roadways and prevent flooding or melted snow from refreezing.
- After a heavy rainfall our storm drains can be overloaded, avoid driving through water on the roadways and in parking lots. The average automobile can be swept off the road in 12 inches of moving water, and attempting to drive through water may also damage your engine.
- Prepare a 3-day emergency kit. Now is the time to gather emergency items such as enough food and water for your family for three days, flashlights and batteries, first-aid supplies, pet food, and other essential comfort items. For useful tips visit www.ready.gov.
- Use extreme caution while driving in inclement weather of any kind. Allow plenty of time to get to your destination, always yield to service vehicles such as plows, sanders, and transit buses, and avoid driving through large amounts of water. And, if you don't have to go out when the roads are dangerous, please don't!

View the Snow Plow Priority Maps at www.LynnwoodWA.gov/StreetMaintenance.



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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 425-670-5170 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: 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/541/COVID-19-Language-Resources

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:

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