



INSIDE LYNNWOOD

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Construction Begins on 196th St SW Improvements

This project will widen 196th St SW (SR 524) between 48th Ave W and 36th Ave W, adding two vehicle lanes as well as an enhanced pedestrian environment with a boulevard appearance. As one of the busiest highways in Snohomish County, 196th St SW carries thousands of vehicles every day. This corridor is home to hundreds of businesses, a major transit center, and a future light rail station. Planned improvements are designed to reduce traffic congestion, better accommodate bus and transit travel, increase business access, and promote walkability and safety.

We are committed to providing up-to-date information for commuters, local residents and project neighbors to minimize impacts. We ask for your patience and understanding during construction. This project is critical to improving traffic flow and circulation and improving pedestrian safety. This project will be completed in late 2023.

Project Location



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To receive project updates, including information about the construction schedule and work, sign up for eNews updates by visiting www.LynnwoodWA.gov/196street. Questions? Call 425-224-2440 or email 196street@LynnwoodWA.gov.

Check out other major projects inside!



Message from Mayor Nicola Smith

Bright Horizons for 2021



Since March of 2020, you've been asked to drastically change your lives. Everyone has been asked to sacrifice, and I want to truly thank you for your efforts to help slow the spread of the coronavirus. Our City Leadership urges you to remain diligent. Please continue to wear a face mask, keep up social distancing,

limit your social gatherings, avoid large crowds—and if you are sick, please stay home.

2020 was without a doubt one for the record books. We will never forget this year. But as we look back, I hope that we can remember how Lynnwood faced these unforeseen challenges, that our dedicated employees worked hard to support our community during this time, that community members made sacrifices for the greater good, and that community organizations rallied to support our neighbors in need.

As we head into 2021, I know there will continue to be challenges, but there will also be opportunities. Vaccinations are now being administered to those at the highest risk, and soon, more and more of our community will have the opportunity to get vaccinated. Lynnwood will continue to move forward, creating positive outcomes for all.

On January 27th, I delivered my State of the City Address and outlined the many exciting things on the horizon for Lynnwood. We've got strategic priorities and a community vision which guide us in our thoughtful decision making. I am encouraged by the collaborative spirit demonstrated by our hard-working city staff, Directors, City Council Members, our volunteers, community advocates, businesses and our residents. When we work together under a shared vision, we all do better. We are 'One Lynnwood'.

Stay Healthy,



COVID-19 Vaccination Information

Vaccinations are now being administered throughout Washington State to combat COVID-19. Our state is administering the vaccine through a phased plan and it will take time before most of the public is vaccinated.

To find out if you are currently eligible to receive your vaccine, visit www.findyourphasewa.org.

If you are currently eligible, contact your primary care provider or primary pharmacy to learn about their vaccination plans. Or you can schedule an appointment at a Snohomish County Community Mass Vaccination Site by visiting www.snohd.org/covidvaccine or bit.ly/SnoCoHub.

If you don't have access to schedule online, you can call the Snohomish Health District's COVID Hotline for assistance Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm at **425-339-5278**.



Mayor Smith's 2021 State of the City Address



New additions to Lynnwood's Fish Hatchery and Environmental Education Center!

In late December we picked up a new batch of 30,000 coho salmon eggs from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's hatchery in Issaquah. They are currently being cared for at our Hatchery and Environmental Education Center on Hall Lake until they are big enough to release. In addition to our salmon eggs, we received some great new additions over the past year. We officially dedicated the new hatchery boardwalk, and through an Eagle Scout project by Eric Xia, we now have new interpretive signage for our hatchery. Now when you visit the hatchery you can learn about rain barrels, pollinator habitat, native and non-native plants, smart irrigation strategies, and the history of Hall Lake.

Learn more about our hatchery and environmental center here: www.LynnwoodWA.gov/fishhatchery



Utility Reduced Rates & Rebates



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 and rebates for low-income households.

We will not be charging late fees or turning off any water customers due to lack of payment. More convenient payment arrangements are being developed. Our Utility Billing staff can be reached at 425-670-5170 and will help 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 calling 425-670-5164.

**Please note, you must reapply each year for most discounts and rebates.*

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.





Draft Housing Action Plan Available!

After more than a year of research and community conversations, the City is excited to announce the release of the Draft Housing Action Plan for review and public comment.



What is a Housing Action Plan?

Lynnwood's Housing Action Plan promotes housing options that are safe and affordable for the community.

Why does Lynnwood need a Housing Action Plan?

In Lynnwood 2 out of 5 households struggle with housing costs. Safe and affordable housing increases educational opportunities for all children, enables older residents to live independently, and helps families avoid tradeoffs for other needs like food, medicine, and childcare.

What is in Lynnwood's Housing Action Plan?

This Housing Action Plan was created by evaluating the City's ongoing efforts, analyzing Lynnwood's current and future housing needs, and listening to the community. The Housing Action Plan is the result of hundreds of discussions, survey responses, and other methods of public feedback. The plan has four main goals. Ten strategies are also listed which, when put into effect, can help the Lynnwood reach its goals.

The Housing Action Plan has four goals:

Goal 1: PRODUCE. Produce housing that meets the needs of the community.

Goal 2: PRESERVE. Preserve existing housing that is affordable and safe so that people can stay in Lynnwood.

Goal 3: PARTNER. Partner with housing educators, providers, and other groups to find equitable housing solutions and remove systemic barriers.

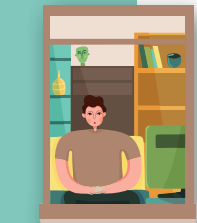
Goal 4: PREPARE. Prepare for continued growth and increase quality of life in Lynnwood.

The following 10 strategies will help the City achieve the Housing Action Plan goals:

1. Continue promoting housing in the Regional Growth Center (Alderwood and City Center) and along major transportation corridors.
2. Update regulations, design standards, and subarea plans to be more flexible and responsive to changing conditions.
3. Strategically rezone areas to increase and diversify Lynnwood's housing options (such as townhomes and duplexes).
4. Revise the Multifamily Tax Exemption (MFTE) program.
5. Partner with housing providers.
6. Support third-party purchases of existing affordable housing to keep units affordable.
7. Work with faith-based and nonprofit organizations.
8. Develop a rental registry program.
9. Encourage amenities that enhance quality of life.
10. Continue community conversations about housing.

The Draft Housing Action Plan and SEPA Environmental Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) are available for public review and comment through March 12, 2021. The Final Housing Action Plan will be reviewed by the Planning Commission before it is presented to City Council for action.

For more information or to receive project updates, visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov/HousingActionPlan or contact Kristen Holdsworth at 425-670-5409 or planning@LynnwoodWA.gov.



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. During the time of 'Stay Home, Stay Safe,' 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 George Hurst, Council Vice President Jim Smith, Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, Ian Cotton, Christine Frizzell, Ruth Ross, and Shannon Sessions.

Council Corner: The Importance of Local Government

To state the obvious, 2020 was not a great year and in 2021 we are still in the midst of a pandemic that has brought on both a health and an economic crisis. Added to this are the shocking events of January 6 in Washington D.C. and Olympia, which have made many folks question the core values of our government. It is for these reasons that local city government, a trusted city government, becomes even more important for the community members of Lynnwood.

It is local city government that has a tremendous impact on the daily lives of all of us living in Lynnwood. The everyday necessities of water, sewer, road, parks, and police protection are provided by city government. But these uncertain times have created great challenges. Financial insecurities have made your City Leaders struggle in being able to provide these everyday necessities for our residents. At the same time, we see on the horizon a potential tidal wave of rental evictions. And it is the harsh reality that some businesses in Lynnwood have closed forever and more may follow. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Black Indigenous People of Color in our community has increased the awareness of the inequality that exists not only in our nation but in Lynnwood as well.

These are the challenges the Mayor, City Staff and City Council will address in the coming year. To make wise decisions we need the input of our community members. Additionally, 2021 is an election year for the Mayor and three Council positions. What a great time to be an active participant in your local government.

You can join the City Council meetings via Zoom at www.LynnwoodWA.gov/Live and at every Council Business meeting there is opportunity for Public Comments. We want to hear your voice.

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2021 Council Elections and Appointments

Each January, the City Council elects a new President and Vice President. Additionally, Council Members are selected to serve as liaisons to our City Boards and Commissions, and to community organizations.

- Council President: George Hurst
- Council Vice President: Jim Smith
- Finance Committee: George Hurst, Christine Frizzell, and Julieta Altamirano-Crosby
- Alliance for Housing Affordability: Ian Cotton
- Community Transit: Mayor Nicola Smith
- Lynnwood Tourism Advisory Committee: Shannon Sessions
- Snohomish County 911 Board: George Hurst and Police Chief Jim Nelson
- Snohomish County Health District: Christine Frizzell
- Snohomish County Tomorrow: Julieta Altamirano-Crosby
- Arts Commission: Julieta Altamirano-Crosby
- Disability Board: Jim Smith, Shannon Sessions
- History & Heritage Board: Shannon Sessions
- Human Services Commission: Ian Cotton
- Lynnwood Public Facilities District: Ian Cotton
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission: Jim Smith
- Parks & Recreation Board: Christine Frizzell
- Planning Commission: George Hurst
- Sister City Committee: Julieta Altamirano-Crosby
- South County Fire: Jim Smith
- Veterans: Shannon Sessions



Community Justice Center

This project will rebuild and re-imagine our Community Justice Center. We are excited to be designing and building a purpose-built police department, a 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.

For more information or to sign up for project updates visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov/CJCProject



Water Tower Restoration

This spring, one of Lynnwood's oldest structures, the Water Tower at Heritage Park, will be renovated to complete its historic preservation. The renovation will restore the interior to create a classroom space as well as add a water tank façade to return the structure to its former glory when in operation in 1918 on the Alderwood Manor Demonstration Farm. The renovation will include interpretive signage and will be available for tours and visits when Heritage Park facilities reopen this summer. Funding for this project is provided by Snohomish County Preservation Program, Washington State Heritage Capital Fund, and the Lynnwood Parks & Recreation Foundation.

For more information on Heritage Park and the Water Tower, visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov/WaterTowerProject

MAJOR PROJECTS

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



Lynnwood Link Extension

The project to extend light rail service from Northgate (opening 2021) to Lynnwood (opening 2024) is well underway. Sound Transit has begun construction of the Lynnwood City Center Station Parking Garage which will contain over 1,600 parking stalls in a five-story structure built to LEED silver standards. Concrete pilings are being erected, showing the spine of the Lynnwood Link Extension.

For more information or to sign up for project updates visit www.SoundTransit.org/LLE



South Lynnwood Park Renovation

This spring, a major renovation will begin at South Lynnwood Park to replace and expand the playground, add a picnic shelter and park seating, resurface the tennis/pickleball courts, create a new basketball court, add an all-weather soccer field, improve drainage of the grass lawn area, and address all ADA barriers on site. Last fall, the restroom building ADA upgrades were completed along with a colorful new mural. Construction is anticipated to begin in April and be completed in October. This project has funding support from The Trust for Public Land, Kaiser Permanente, Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation, Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office, and a Land & Water Conservation Fund grant.

For more information and to receive construction updates, visit: www.LynnwoodWA.gov/SouthLynnwoodParkProject



2021 ADA Ramps & Sidewalks Project

The City will start construction to make sidewalk and curb ramp improvements at five sites throughout the City. These improvements will address sidewalks damaged by tree roots as well as making improvements to ramps to meet current ADA standards. This will include improved sidewalks and pedestrian lighting adjacent to Veterans' Park (along Veterans' Way). Work is scheduled to occur during late Spring and Summer 2021.

What's Happening *Sign up for e-news at www.LynnwoodWA.gov/enews*



Heritage Park Spring Clean Join us for the annual Spring Clean event at Heritage Park. Volunteers will spruce up Interurban Car No. 55 the Wickers Building grounds, the Humble House, and Superintendent's Cottage. Help us make this historic site shine!

- Wednesday, April 7, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Please bring your own gloves. All other materials provided.
- For additional information and to sign up to volunteer please visit: <https://www.lynnwoodwa.gov/Community/Community-Events-Calendar/Heritage-Park-Spring-Clean>

Natural Lawn Care Workshop Join landscape professional Lad Smith from In Harmony Sustainable Landscapes for a free Zoom webinar on natural yard care practices.

Of all our garden practices, lawn care has the biggest impact on our environment. If you want a nice lawn, do it naturally. Learn the five steps of Natural Lawn Care (NLC), based on the Natural Yard Care (NYC) Program. Proper mowing, fertilizing, and watering techniques will be discussed, plus common lawn problems like moss, moles, and thatch build-up. Seasonal tasks including aeration, seeding, and topdressing will be taught so that you can create the lawn that you desire, naturally.

Join Landscape professional Ladd Smith for a free Zoom webinar that will teach you how to have a beautiful yard while also protecting the health of your family, pets, and our environment.

- April 3, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Zoom Webinar: <https://lynnwoodwa.zoom.us/j/81949491734> (Webinar ID 819 4949 1734)
- Free
- More info: www.Lynnwoodwa.gov/nycworkshop

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Earth Day 2021: Rain Barrels, Compost & Shredding Celebrate Earth Day 2021 with the City of Lynnwood! This will be a safe drive-through event where Lynnwood residents can pick up rain barrels, shovel up some compost for your garden, and bring any paper that you need shredded and disposed of safely and securely.

- April 24, 10:00 am - 2:00pm
- City of Lynnwood Utility Maintenance Center, 20525 60th Ave W, Lynnwood, WA 98036
- Compost and shredding services are free. Rain barrels must be purchased beforehand.
- Visit www.Lynnwoodwa.gov/earthdayevent for more info and to pre-order your rain barrel

