



# INSIDE LYNNWOOD

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## A Message of Gratitude from Mayor Nicola Smith



As 2021 is quickly coming to an end, and I reflect on the past 8 years serving as the Mayor of the City of Lynnwood, I am filled with gratitude and pride. It has been an absolute honor to serve as your Mayor.

There were several things I wanted to accomplish during my time with the City, and in my opinion, we've achieved great success in several ways. Our successes have been many, some very small, and others have been large scale. Here are a few of my favorite highlights:

**Fiscal Sustainability:** We have worked diligently on our budgeting practices, increasing transparency, and improving our fiscal management. Through Budgeting for Outcomes, implementing financial best practices, and the implementation of our Strategic Priorities, we are being better stewards of City tax dollars.

**Lynnwood Open for Business:** Over the past several years we have focused on improving customer service and finding new efficiencies in our permitting and development division, which has culminated in the creation of the Development and Business Services Department. This reimagining is improving our processes, leading to better outcomes, and proving that Lynnwood is 'Open for Business'!

**All Are Welcome:** We continue to strive towards our goal of being a Safe, Welcoming, and Equitable City for all. Through efforts such as the work of our

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## "Message of Gratitude" continued

Human Services Commission, and the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission, and now with the hiring of our first Race and Social Justice Coordinator, we are committed to being a community where all are supported and all belong.

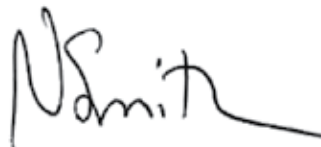
**Veteran-Supportive City:** The work of our Veterans Initiatives is especially near and dear to my heart. We remain committed to being a Veteran-Supportive City, honoring and supporting members of our armed forces, both active duty and retired.

**Regional Collaboration:** I am tremendously proud of Lynnwood's role in regional collaboration. We are now seen as a leading City in efforts such as fire service regionalization, addressing affordable housing challenges, planning for light rail and improved transportation systems, and advocating for our legislative priorities with state and federal representatives.

All these successes and more, are made possible because of the great collaboration between City Council, our professional City Staff, and our dedicated community partners.

As my time as the Mayor of Lynnwood comes to an end, I have great hope for the future of our City. I am confident that Lynnwood will continue to see great success. Through smart planning, inclusive engagement, and continued collaboration, Lynnwood will shine as a regional model for a highly livable community where all can thrive.

Your Mayor,



## Mayor Nicola Smith Receives Women in Leadership Award

On October 13, Mayor Nicola Smith was surprised by some special guests stopping by City Hall with a giant rubber duck!

Mayor Nicola Smith was presented with the Deborah Knutson Women in Leadership Award by Kathy Coffey (pictured left), Executive Director of Leadership Snohomish County, and Erin Williams (pictured right), daughter of the late Deborah Knutson. Now in its 5th year, the award is given out in conjunction with Leadership Snohomish County's Annual Leadership Day. The award is named in memory of the late longtime leader of the Snohomish County



Economic Development Council, Deborah Knutson, and it promotes women in leadership roles throughout the county who share Knutson's passion for job growth and economic development.

Why the duck? The rubber duck is a playful take on a leadership award. Ducks are resilient, things just roll off their backs. Also, duck feet work hard

under the surface keeping the duck afloat, while appearing calm on the surface. This is very fitting for what it means to be a leader! Thank you to Leadership Snohomish County for recognizing Mayor Smith's leadership in moving Lynnwood forward!



## Get Prepared for the Cold and Wet Season

The City of Lynnwood is preparing for the cold and wet season; 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](http://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](http://www.LynnwoodWA.gov/StreetMaintenance).

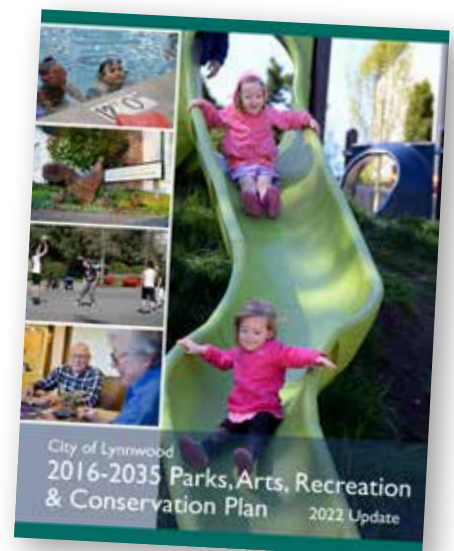
## Join us for the PARC Plan Update Online Open House—We Want Your Feedback!

The PARC Plan is a long-range planning document that works together with the City of Lynnwood Comprehensive Plan and the Capital Facilities Plan to provide goals and an action plan for providing park and recreation services for ten years. The City of Lynnwood is required to update the Parks, Arts, Recreation and Conservation (PARC) Plan every six years to ensure that programs, services, and recreation facilities are meeting the needs of our community

We have asked community members about their parks and recreation needs to update our ten-year comprehensive plan. Now, we invite you to learn more about the updates we are proposing and provide us with comments.

 **LEARN MORE**

To learn more and comment on the plan visit: [www.LynnwoodWA.gov/PARCplan](http://www.LynnwoodWA.gov/PARCplan)



## Did You Know...

### Utility Moratorium Ended September 30

Behind on your City utility payments or other utility payments? We suggest paying what you can to keep your account balances manageable. For City Utilities, payment of utility charges is required. The City of Lynnwood offers many discounts and rebates, and financial assistance may be available to qualifying low-income households. Call 425-670-5170 or visit [www.LynnwoodWA.gov/UB](http://www.LynnwoodWA.gov/UB) to find out more about our discounts and rebates, and contact 2-1-1 for financial assistance.

### Call 2-1-1 to Get Help with Past Due Rent, Utilities, More

Need help with rental assistance or utilities assistance, medical care, employment, and other day-to-day living? 2-1-1 helps connect you to valuable local community resources.

Call 1-800-525-0127 and press # or you can also text the word "Coronavirus" to 211-211 for help. Or for assistance with utilities, contact Workforce Snohomish at [utilities@workforcesnohomish.org](mailto:utilities@workforcesnohomish.org) or 425-300-6006.

### Chickens and Miniature Goats Only Livestock Allowed in City Limits

Reminder: per City Code Chapter 21.42.C Residential Single-Family Zones - Keeping Small Animals as Pets - livestock, except for chickens and miniature goats, are not permitted in the City of Lynnwood. Roosters are prohibited.

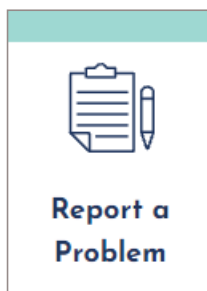
Questions? Contact our Code Enforcement Officer at [codeenforcement@LynnwoodWA.gov](mailto:codeenforcement@LynnwoodWA.gov) or 425-670-5420.

### You Can Report a Problem Online

*Have you noticed a problem in our City that needs to be addressed?*

You can visit our City website and report a problem with a city street, traffic light, or street sign, report a code violation, report a problem with an animal, or flooding on a City Street, report a crime or provide a crime tip (always call 911 for emergency), report a problem in a park or trail, or file a complaint. Whatever it is, we want to hear about it!

From our City's homepage, click on the Report a Problem button or go directly to: [www.LynnwoodWA.gov/Services/Report-a-Problem](http://www.LynnwoodWA.gov/Services/Report-a-Problem).



## Lynnwood Adds Three New Signal Box Wraps to Public Art Collection



*This design celebrates Lynnwood's Friendship City Chilpancingo, Guerrero, Mexico. It includes paintings and photographs from some of*

*the famous dances and stories from Chilpancingo.*



*Let's poke a little fun at ourselves. This design celebrates a fun slice of Lynnwood's past in the 1980s and 90s. "Big Hair and Blue Eye Shadow" was immortalized in a skit about the*

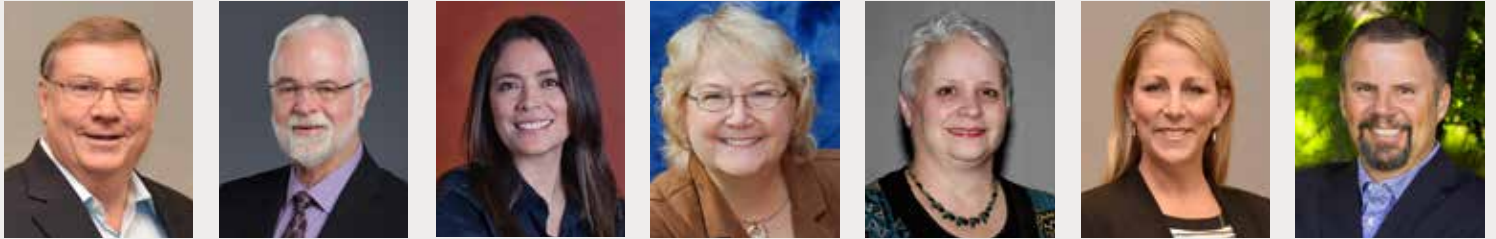
*Lynnwood Beauty Academy from the local KING-TV show Almost Live. We are especially grateful for a community grant from the Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation for this project.*



*This signal box wrap, entitled "Essential Workers," is located on the corner of 188th St SW and 44th Ave W and pays tribute to the thousands of essential workers in Lynnwood*

*who have continued to work in the field during the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic beginning in March 2020. These essential workers continue to contribute to our health and well-being, and we thank them!*

**Check out other signal box wraps, public art, and historical sites by visiting [www.DiscoverLynnwood.com](http://www.DiscoverLynnwood.com)**



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

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 this time, City Council Meetings are being held remotely. As COVID rates trend downwards, we will return to in-person meetings. Council Meetings are streamed live at [www.LynnwoodWA.gov/Live](http://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.

Please Note: City Council will take winter recess beginning on Tuesday, December 14, 2021. The first Council Meeting of 2022 will be held on Monday, December 3.

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## Council Corner: Sister City and Friendship City Relationships Bring Value to Lynnwood

In May of 2015, Mayor Nicola Smith and the Lynnwood City Council passed Resolution 2015-10, which established a Lynnwood Sister City Program. We recognize that Lynnwood is a wonderfully diverse community, with residents coming from all corners of the world to call Lynnwood their home. The purpose of the Lynnwood Sister City/Friendship City Program is to build relationships, educational opportunities, tourism, and art and cultural exchanges between the people of Lynnwood and international cities. These relationships lead to international visits, exchange programs, humanitarian acts, art exchange and community events.

Our Friendship with the City of Chilpancingo, Guerrero-Mexico, has resulted in our newest public art display in the form of a signal box wrap (see image under *Lynnwood Adds Two New Signal Box Wraps* at left). The art signifies the importance of Mexican Culture and represents the friendship between the City of Lynnwood and Chilpancingo, Guerrero, Mexico. At the same time, this

cultural exchange illustrates binational relations, the celebration of diversity, and the reconnection of migrants with their roots beyond borders. Furthermore, this represents the union of two cultures. The signal box wrap is located at the convergence of Alderwood Mall Boulevard and Parkway. We are thrilled to have artwork from Guerrero on display in the heart of Lynnwood.

The Guerrero signal box wrap is not our first to represent a Lynnwood Sister City/Friendship City. We also have a signal box wrap on Highway 99 and 174th PL SW that represents our Korean Sister City of Damyang.

The City of Lynnwood currently has one Sister City which is Damyang, South Korea. We also have two Friendship Cities; Chilpancingo, Guerrero, Mexico, and Bole Kefle Ketema, Ethiopia.

For more information on the Lynnwood Sister City Program, visit [www.LynnwoodWA.gov/SisterCity](http://www.LynnwoodWA.gov/SisterCity), or contact Leah Jensen at [ljensen@LynnwoodWA.gov](mailto:ljensen@LynnwoodWA.gov) or 425-670-5001.

## Now Accepting Applications for City Boards and Commissions

**Volunteers make a difference!** The City of Lynnwood has several boards and commissions that serve as advisory bodies, and we're looking for new members. No experience necessary, just a strong desire to make a difference in your community! Current or upcoming vacancies include:

Arts Commission • Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission • Ethics Board  
History & Heritage Board • Planning Commission • Tourism Advisory Committee

Learn more by visiting [www.LynnwoodWA.gov/Government/Boards-and-Commissions](http://www.LynnwoodWA.gov/Government/Boards-and-Commissions), call 425-670-5001, or email [ljensen@LynnwoodWA.gov](mailto:ljensen@LynnwoodWA.gov).

# MAJOR PROJECTS

## STAY INFORMED

We share regular project updates on our City website, Lynnwood eNews and social media. 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](http://www.LynnwoodWA.gov/eNews), follow us on Twitter @LynnwoodStreets and @Lynnwood, and visit [www.LynnwoodWA.gov/MajorProjects](http://www.LynnwoodWA.gov/MajorProjects)

### Community Justice Center

This project will rebuild and re-imagine our Community Justice Center. We are 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. This project is in the construction phase.

### Community Recovery Center

In August 2021, a task force was formed to evaluate the possibility of locating a Community Recovery Center on the site of the Community Justice Center. The task force objective was to review the Community Justice Center plans to see if there was a way to incorporate more medical and mental health services without changing the original design footprint. At the September 7, 2021, Council Work Session, Task Force Co-Chairs Chief Jim Nelson, and Washington State Representative Lauren Davis, presented the findings from the task force. On October 25, 2021, the Lynnwood City Council approved a contract with Mackenzie Engineering, Inc. for design services related to the Community Recovery Center.

### LEARN MORE

For more information on the Community Justice Center and Community Recovery Center, visit [www.LynnwoodWA.gov/CJCProject](http://www.LynnwoodWA.gov/CJCProject)

### Lynnwood Link Extension

Lynnwood Link Extension: The project to extend light rail service from Northgate to Lynnwood (opening 2024) is well underway. In early October, Sound Transit opened three new stations: U District, Roosevelt, and Northgate Stations. These station openings set the stage for what is to come in Lynnwood! Construction at the Lynnwood City Center Station continues to progress. Planning for ST3, which will connect the Lynnwood City Center Station to the heart of Everett, has already launched their public engagement phase, and we encourage you to participate and provide feedback. ST2 and ST3 are important pieces of Lynnwood's transportation infrastructure and the future of our City Center!

### LEARN MORE

For more information or to sign up for project updates, visit [www.SoundTransit.org/LLE](http://www.SoundTransit.org/LLE)



Drone image of the Lynnwood City Center Station construction, courtesy of Skanska Construction.

**Sound Transit wants your input. Take the online survey, available from November 30–December 21, at [www.LynnwoodTOD.com](http://www.LynnwoodTOD.com).**

## Help Sound Transit Shape the Future of Property Next to Lynnwood City Center Station

Sound Transit supports transit-oriented development near Link light rail stations to help create vibrant, sustainable neighborhoods. How can we transform our property located next to Lynnwood City Center Station to benefit Lynnwood's growing community?

### LEARN MORE

Questions about this project? Email [lynnwoodlink@soundtransit.org](mailto:lynnwoodlink@soundtransit.org) or call 206-398-5300.

In addition to several public projects, there are also many private development projects underway in the City of Lynnwood:



### Avalon Alderwood

Located at Alderwood at the former site of Sears. This is a 6-story mixed development, with 328-units of multi-family housing and 64,000 square feet of commercial space on the first floor. The South Tower is anticipated to be completed in November of 2021, and the North Tower in the Spring of 2022.



### Kinect @ Lynnwood

Located on Alderwood Mall Blvd, east of the future City Center Light Rail Station, this is a 7-story, 239-unit multi-family development. Completion is anticipated for November of 2021.

### LEARN MORE

Learn more about public and private development happening in Lynnwood by visiting the My Area Map located at <https://www.LynnwoodWA.gov/My-area>

## Thank you, Lynnwood, For Your Patience at 196th St SW!

We thank you for your patience, understanding, and adaptability as we make progress on the 196th St SW Improvement Project. We recognize and understand that construction can be disruptive and difficult, and we will continue to manage impacts as we work to complete the project as soon as possible.

Once complete, the improved 196th St SW will reduce traffic congestion, better accommodate bus and transit travel, increase business access, and promote safety.

### LEARN MORE

If you have questions or feedback about the project, please send us a message at [196stfreel@LynnwoodWA.gov](mailto:196stfreel@LynnwoodWA.gov) or give us a call at 425-224-2440.



## What's Happening *Sign up for e-news at [www.LynnwoodWA.gov/enews](http://www.LynnwoodWA.gov/enews)*

### Menorah Lighting

Join the Chabad of Snohomish County for a free giant menorah lighting and fun activities to celebrate the first night of Chanukah. Enjoy music from the Klez Katz Klezmer Band, Chocolate Gelt, Doughnuts, Balloon Twisting, Menorah Kits, Outdoor Lighting, and more.

*Sunday, November 28th, 4pm, in front of Lynnwood City Hall. Questions? Contact Rabbi Berel Paltiel at [lachluchis@gmail.com](mailto:lachluchis@gmail.com)*

### Camp Holiday

Are you ready for a week filled with fun and friends? Come down to Camp Holiday where we will explore the Great PNW with a field trip every day! Come wrap up your year with crafts, games, friends, and endless laughter. Space is limited so register early.

- Grades K-7
- Daily fee is \$55 for non-resident/\$48 for Lynnwood resident.
- Register at [www.PlayLynnwood.com](http://www.PlayLynnwood.com).

### Christmas Tree Lighting

Join in a magical night of celebrating Christmas with your family and neighbors! The Lynnwood Christmas Tree Lighting at Silver Creek Family Church is a free event featuring a live jazz band, coffee cart, food vendors, a visit from Santa and activities for all ages!

*Saturday, December 4th, 5-7pm, Silver Creek Family Church 5326 176th St SW, Lynnwood. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Volz at [elizabeth@silvercreekfamily.org](mailto:elizabeth@silvercreekfamily.org)*

### Community Equity Survey

We want to build a strong connection with YOU!

Help us better understand what our community wants and needs by taking the Community Equity Survey. The survey is anonymous, will take 15 minutes of your time, and your participation is greatly appreciated!

*Take the survey online today or request a paper copy—visit [www.LynnwoodWA.gov/EquitySurvey](http://www.LynnwoodWA.gov/EquitySurvey)*

## Connect with Lynnwood!



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