

INSIDE LYNNWOOD

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Introducing our Newly-Named Snow Plow... *Clearapathra!*

This fall, we asked the community to help us name our third snow plow, joining the ranks of “Snobi Wan Kenobi” and “Plowy McPlowface.” We received 556 name suggestions from people across the region and then asked our Public Works team to help us whittle that list down to their favorite three choices. Then, we opened it up for a vote, and we had 918 votes cast. Of those, an overwhelming amount voted for the name **Clearapathra!** A special thank you to everyone who submitted names, voted and joined in on the fun. Be on the lookout for this trio this winter season!



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Message from Mayor Christine Frizzell

Reflecting on 2023 and looking towards 2024



Hello friends,

I hope you, your family and friends are having a wonderful holiday season. I know I've certainly enjoyed this season of hope and peace.

It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone! So much has happened this year, including completing our 196th Street corridor, significant improvements

throughout our parks and trails, progress on our Sound Transit Lynnwood Light Rail Extension, and considerable growth and development throughout the city.

At the beginning of 2023, I chose the word "fresh" to be my focal point during the year. This year, I went out into the community to connect and listen with you to gain a fresh perspective on how the City of Lynnwood can help serve you better. I want to continue to foster and strengthen those relationships with you all as we continue to make Lynnwood a shining example for cities across the region and even the country.

We have some exciting projects and events on the horizon in 2024. Perhaps the most impactful will be the completion of the Lynnwood Light Rail Extension. This project has been years in the making, and I can't wait to celebrate its opening and our connection to the rest of the area with this vital means of transportation.

2024 will include the passing of a new biennial budget. Department Directors and I will work closely with our finance department and City Council to create a budget that will fund and support the needs of our community effectively. We will provide more information on that process as it's available.

It's an exciting time to live in Lynnwood, and I am proud and honored to serve as your Mayor during it. Thank you for making Lynnwood an excellent place to live, work and play.

Take care,

Christine Frizzell



Human Services Resources

We are excited to launch the City of Lynnwood's Human Services resources webpage on the City's website. This is a brand new webpage for Lynnwood residents seeking local and regional resources. This growing list includes services regarding affordable housing, healthcare, transportation, legal, crisis services, and more within Lynnwood and throughout south Snohomish County.

Visit: <https://www.lynnwoodwa.gov/Community/Play-Lynnwood/Healthy-Lynnwood/Human-Services>

Community members looking for additional information on Human Services resources can email: humanservices@lynnwoodwa.gov



Join our team and grow with us!



We're Hiring!

The City of Lynnwood has position openings varying in fields and types, including part-time and full-time. Join our team and make a difference in your community!

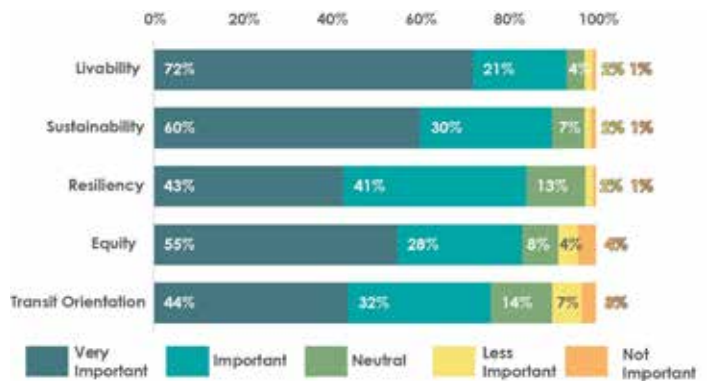
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primary focuses in the Comprehensive Plan. These are used as key themes throughout all elements of the update.

The 511 responses to the Imagine Lynnwood survey identified the Core Values in the following levels of importance:

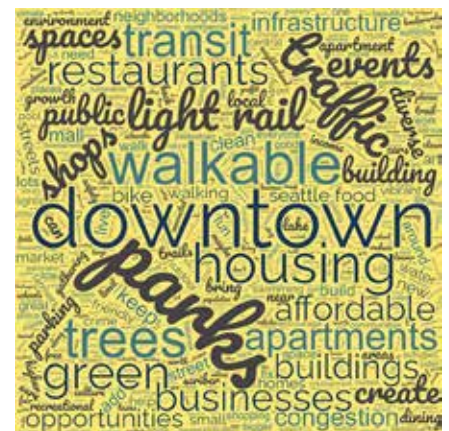
- Livability - 93% ranked as important or very important
- Sustainability - 90% ranked as important or very important
- Resiliency - 84% ranked as important or very important
- Equity - 83% ranked as important or very important
- Transit Orientation - 76% ranked as important or very important



The City Center + Alderwood Plan will establish a vision and goals for the City Center and Alderwood areas of the City. This area will be home to two light rail stations, several new residential units, and increased job growth. It is destined to become the heart of the city, requiring substantial planning efforts and preparation.

Traits of Downtown

From our Big Ideas Month and Imagine Lynnwood surveys, we heard feedback from the community about the types of traits they want to see in our downtown area. Walkability was shown in survey responses as being the most important trait of



a downtown, with parks and open space being the listed as second most important. While our surveys are now closed, we still welcome feedback on the Imagine Lynnwood page under the Discussions tab to help inform us on what the community envisions for the future of our downtown and City overall.

The Development & Business Services Department (DBS) continues to work on the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update and City Center + Alderwood (CC+A) Plan.

These two projects establish the goals and policies of the City to improve the quality of life, transportation, parks, and so much more. We want to maintain and improve the quality of life for everyone that lives, works, and plays in our City.

The 2024 Comprehensive Plan is the City's long-term strategy for growth, infrastructure, and services. This update will envision the city's future for the next 20 years. The plan was previously updated in 2015, and since then much has changed around the city. This plan will provide the City with a roadmap to guide future decisions.

Core Values

Equity, Sustainability, Resiliency, Transit Orientation, and Livability are the Core Values that have been identified to be

New Tools to Shed Light on Your Power Outage

We strive to bring you reliable power. This includes prepping all year for storm season, trimming trees, improving infrastructure and enhancing outage communications.

We hope you don't lose power, but if you do, you can now sign up for text updates when you report it. Here's how:

- Online: go to outagemap.snopud.com and click the text update box.
- Dial in: Call 425-783-1001 and opt in to text updates when prompted.

Get Ready For New Link Service in 2024

Sound Transit plans to launch light rail service to Lynnwood next fall

The four stations on Lynnwood Link are set to open in the fall of 2024, providing easy, traffic-free connections! There will be two stations in Shoreline, one in Mountlake Terrace, and one in Lynnwood. Once the system is fully operational, the 1 Line will run from Lynnwood to Federal Way, including a stop at SeaTac International Airport, and the 2 Line, from Downtown Redmond through Bellevue, across I-90, and up to Lynnwood.

Due to delays caused by construction quality issues along the I-90 portion of the 2 Line, Sound Transit had to delay plans for beginning passenger service across Lake Washington. The agency opted for a phased approach to opening the 2 Line. It will begin with service between South Bellevue and Redmond Technology stations in spring 2024. They expect to open the remaining section of the 2 Line, creating rail connections across Lake Washington, in 2025 which will complete the connection up to Lynnwood.

The good news for those awaiting the arrival of light rail in Lynnwood is that the opening on the eastside next spring won't affect the opening of Lynnwood, which is on track to be ready to open in fall 2024. When it opens, Lynnwood Link service will be less frequent than previously planned because it will initially operate as an extension of the 1 Line only. Until the I-90 segment of the 2 Line opens and trains can cross Lake Washington, service to Lynnwood will be constrained.



Given these temporary constraints, Sound Transit is proposing an initial service level on the 1 Line of trains running 20 hours per day, arriving every 10 minutes in peak hours and every 10-15 minutes off-peak.

This winter, the Sound Transit Board will discuss ways to make sure it can meet rider demand without overcrowding on the 1 Line until rail access across I-90 can open. If you want to follow the project as the project progresses, please be sure to sign up for Sound Transit project updates at www.soundtransit.org/get-to-know-us.



Hungry for our local flavor? Discover Lynnwood's Best Bites

Lynnwood has emerged as one of the top destinations in the PNW for foodies. With hundreds of international cuisine options, you'll find something for everyone. Discover the fantastic foodie's paradise and enjoy Lynnwood's Best Bites Pass. Download the free dining pass for discounts and savings at participating restaurants. Start your foodie journey at ExploreLynnwood.com/BestBites.



Find a curated list of things to do and places to dine at ExploreLynnwood.com

Made possible in part by assistance from the Snohomish County Hotel-Motel Tax Fund.



See Something? Say Something.

We want to keep Lynnwood safe and welcoming for all people. If you see graffiti or other vandalism in our City parks or rights-of-way, please report it. Visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov, click on the Report a Problem button, or call 425-670-5595 for Parks Maintenance, or 425-670-5420 for private property issues. Always dial 9-1-1 for emergencies.



Pictured L-R: Council President Shannon Sessions, Council Vice President Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, Josh Binda, Patrick Decker, George Hurst, Jim Smith, and Shirley Sutton.

City Council Work Sessions are held the 1st and 3rd 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. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 19100 44th Ave W. Council Meetings are streamed live at www.LynnwoodWA.gov/Live.

Year-End Review of Lynnwood City Council

Dear Lynnwood Community,

As we finish 2023, City Council leadership wishes you and your loved ones happy holidays and a healthy New Year. We want to thank so many of you for taking part in a variety of our new community outreach events this year, and we hope they can continue next year.

We had three Let's Talk About Safety events in three different neighborhoods of our city. Look for more of these in 2024. We enjoyed the opportunity to meet one-on-one with community members at three different "Coffee With the Council" events.

In addition, we hosted a networking event for regional council leaders; we created an opportunity for the community to be

part of a free ACT class with South County Fire (Antidote, CPR/AED, and tourniquet). It was quite a special moment in June when council leadership honored nine women who are making a significant positive difference in our community. We also led two meaningful council round tables.

If you missed our very educational round table meetings, we encourage you to check out those meetings at the following links:

- June 21: Homelessness, Mental Health and Substance use disorders in Lynnwood at this link: <https://lynnwoodwa.v3.swagit.com/videos/247880>
- Nov. 15: Safety Concerns for Lynnwood Businesses at this link: <https://lynnwoodwa.v3.swagit.com/videos/281260>

Apply To Join One Of Our City Boards and Commissions

The City of Lynnwood has several Boards and Commissions that serve in an advisory role to the City Council and City Administration. Most Boards and Commissions require that you live within the Lynnwood City limits or in Lynnwood's Municipal Urban Growth Area, and they generally meet once per month.

Visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov/Government/Boards-and-Commissions to learn more and apply.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MLK Day of Service

Make it a day on not a day off

Monday, January 15th 9:00am

Lynnwood Senior Center: 19000 44th Ave. West

Gather your family and friends to help beautify the Mesika Trail. Volunteers will pull invasive plant species, help with trail repairs and tree planting.

NO MATERIALS NECESSARY. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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Holiday Crime Prevention



As we head into the holiday season, we remind you to be aware of potential criminal activity. Please be alert while shopping, especially carrying packages to your vehicle.

We believe in a safe and fun holiday season. Detectives will

be out again on organized details, partnering with local businesses. Last year, our activity resulted in 28 arrests, the recovery of about \$15,000.00 in stolen merchandise, and the identification and prosecution of an organized retail theft group out of Michigan.

Tips: hide any merchandise inside your vehicle when shopping, or take it with you. Most vehicle prowls are a “smash and grab” where the subject takes anything in plain sight.

Please don't come to Lynnwood to steal. If you do, you will be arrested.



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Rain Gardens in our community

This fall the City of Lynnwood and the Snohomish Conservation District finished construction of five new rain gardens near Daleway Park. Homeowners, neighbors, and friends welcomed the new gardens by planting native plants. To learn more about rain gardens and get on our interest list for future projects, please visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov/raingardens



Welcome to Kindergarten Fair!

Is your child turning 5 by August 31, 2024?

If yes, please bring them and your family to the Edmonds School District's "Welcome to Kindergarten Fair!"

When: Saturday, February 3, 2024
Stop by any time between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Where: Mountlake Terrace High School, 21801 44th Avenue West

What to expect:

- Discover all our district has to offer
- Explore our different programs
- Learn about important kindergarten readiness tips
- Enroll for school on-site
- Kids can hop on a school bus!

Not sure which school your child will attend?

Find out at: bit.ly/ESDFinder



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Winter Preparation is in Full Swing

The Street Crews are busy preparing the City's snow clearing equipment for coming snow events.

The City's two snowplows, that were named last year, "Snobi Wan Kenobi," "Plowy McPlowface", and our newly named snow plow: "Clearapathra," are geared up and ready to clear city streets and apply de-icer and sand during snow events. They have their path mapped out, this can be found on the City's website www.LynnwoodWA.gov/StreetMaintenance. The city's highest priority is plowing and sanding major arterials so that emergency first responders (Police, Fire and Public Works) are able to get in and around the city to provide essential services and keep the city operational.

New to the City is a Brine tank. With this we can make our own de-icer mix. In the past the City used a solution of CCB (calcium chloride with boost). Salt brine is less toxic to the environment and is easily made.

All that is needed is rock salt, water and voilá! Salt brine! The tank has motor and a pump which mix the salt and water together to a salinity of 23.3%. Once the solution is at this ratio we fill our trucks and apply it to all of our priority routes.

At the 23.3% ratio the salt stays suspended in the water and works great for pre and post treatment of snow and ice. We will also be using this salt brine solution to prewet our aggregate materials to help prevent the bounce and scatter off of the roadway.



Please help us keep our sidewalks clear and safe this winter! Lynnwood residents and businesses are responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent and on their property. This also includes driveways, parking lots and other areas. Let's all do our part!

What can the Community do to help prepare for winter conditions?

- **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 helps 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 more 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!

City of Lynnwood Snow Response Map



The City's highest priority is plowing and sanding major roads so first responders (Police, Fire and Public Works) can provide important services. The snow response teams work in quadrants of the city, plowing in linear paths from east to west and north to south. Crews plow the roads connecting the priority routes.



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Christmas Tree Recycling

Every year our local Boy Scout Troop 304 serves the community by picking up and recycling Christmas trees. If you receive a hanger on your door, please follow the instructions for pick up. If not, please check our web page for how to drop off your tree. The Scouts take the trees to ecotreeNW, who chip the trees so they can be re-used as mulch/bark. We are very thankful for our local troop who performs this community service and keeps recycling in mind!

*Saturday, January 6 & Sunday January 7,
9am-4pm*

www.lynnwoodwa.gov/Government/Departments/Public-Works/Garbage-and-Recycling/Christmas-Tree-Recycling



E-Waste & Styrofoam Collection

Do you have Styrofoam or electronic waste you need to dispose of? Bring it out to our drive thru collection event! Please check out our website to see what is accepted.

<https://www.lynnwoodwa.gov/Government/Departments/Public-Works/Garbage-and-Recycling/Recycling-Collection-Event>

*Saturday, January 6, 2024,
10am-12pm
20525 60th Ave W Lynnwood, WA 98036*

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