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We've Launched a New and Improved City Website!

The new, service-focused website is mobile-friendly, easy to navigate, and makes accessibility a priority. It continues our efforts to improve community access to information and public services.

“The goal of our new website is to create a shift in how community members interact with our city services” stated Mayor Nicola Smith. “By reducing the amount of time and clicks it takes to get to frequently searched for information and prioritizing the public’s needs, we’ve created a tool for our community members to easily access the information and service they want and need.”

Throughout most of 2019, the City conducted several surveys and in-person testing to hear from community members what challenges they were facing with the current site, and what was important to them in a new site.

A main feature of the new website is a robust search bar, and we encourage users to start there to find almost anything on our site! Also featured on the homepage are the six top services our users are searching for:

- *Report a Problem*
- *Pay Your Utility Bill*
- *Apply For a Permit*
- *Parks, Pools, Parties & Classes*
- *City Council Meetings and Public Hearings*
- *Sign Up For eNews*



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Community members can still access our city website by visiting www.LynnwoodWA.gov. While a majority of our web content has been transferred to the new site, there is still work being done to refine the new site. If you have any city web pages bookmarked as your favorites, you may need to update those links.

If you have difficulty locating some information or would like to give your feedback, please feel free to contact the Webmaster at jmoore@LynnwoodWA.gov or 425-670-5023.

Message from Mayor Nicola Smith

Regional Representation for Our Growing City



In just a few short years, the Lynnwood City Center Station will be opening, and our city will be the transportation hub of South Snohomish County. The upcoming arrival of light rail to our city requires us to strategically and collaboratively work with our

transportation partners to improve access and flow in and around our city streets.

One of our top strategic priorities is to “Fulfill the community vision for the City Center and Lynnwood Link light rail”, which calls for Lynnwood to “invest in efficient, integrated, local and regional transportation systems.”

This year I have been selected to serve on both the Community Transit Board of Directors and the Sound Transit Board of Directors. This is a great honor, and a valuable opportunity that gives Lynnwood a strong voice in advocating for transportation improvements for South Snohomish County.

While serving on the Community Transit board, I will be one of nine elected officials from Snohomish County and the cities within the transit agency’s service district. As a Sound Transit Board Member I will be one of three members from Snohomish County, along with ten from King County, four from Pierce County and the secretary of the Washington State Department of Transportation.

I pledge to serve Lynnwood and continue our strong advocacy so that our great city seizes our opportunity to enhance transportation and works towards achieving our vision of being a regional model for a sustainable, vibrant community!



City Officials visit Lieutenant Governor’s Office: (left to right) Council President Christine Frizzell, Mayor Nicola Smith, Council Member George Hurst, Lieutenant Governor Cyrus Habib, Council Vice President Shannon Sessions, Communications Manager Julie Moore, Council Member Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, Government Relations Liaison Gina Israel, and Assistant City Administrator Art Ceniza.

Advocating for Lynnwood’s Priorities in Olympia

The City of Lynnwood is proactively engaging with our State Legislators to advocate and convey our City’s legislative priorities. Many decisions that are made in Olympia have direct or indirect impacts on our City’s ability to provide services to the people of Lynnwood. When our representatives know our City priorities, they are better equipped to represent our interests in Olympia.

In late January, Lynnwood Officials traveled to Olympia for the Association of Washington Cities - City Action Days. During their visit, our delegation met with Lieutenant Governor Cyrus Habib, Senator Jesse Salomon, and Representatives Lauren Davis, Strom Petersen, and Cindy Ryu, and Governor Jay Inslee’s Advisory staff.

The City of Lynnwood’s Federal Lobbyist, Summit Strategies Government, continues to work closely with the Washington State Congressional delegation to advance the importance of Lynnwood’s transportation and infrastructure priorities, and represent the City before U.S. Congress to advance those priorities.

LEARN MORE

To see Lynnwood’s full 2020 Legislative Agenda, or for more information on the City’s Legislative Engagement efforts, visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov/LegislativePriorities

The US Census: *Everyone Counts*

The Census determines who gets money and power. Every ten years, the population of the United States is counted in order to distribute money and political representation. For every person who is counted, about \$2,000 will go to the local community. Lynnwood is part of a fast growing region and it is important we receive our fair share of money and power. If we don't have everyone counted, places like New

York, California and Florida will get some of our share of federal resources.

In March of 2020, you will receive a

postcard inviting you to take the census online. If you have not completed the census online by April 8, you will receive a reminder letter with a paper survey. Census staff may follow up for in person interviews in May-July 2020.

Get counted and help bring those important dollars to our Lynnwood community to be put to good use! The City of Lynnwood is a proud member of the Snohomish County Complete Count Committee. For more information on the US Census and efforts happening in our County, visit www.SnohomishCountyWA.gov/5418/2020-Census.



Consider volunteering!

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!



Learn more by visiting www.LynnwoodWA.gov/Government/Boards-and-Commissions, call 425-670-5001, or email ljensen@LynnwoodWA.gov.

- Arts Commission
- Civil Service Commission
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission
- Ethics Board
- History & Heritage Board
- Human Services Commission
- Parks & Recreation Board
- Planning Commission
- Salary Commission

MAJOR PROJECTS

196th St SW Improvement Project

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.

Construction was anticipated to begin in early 2020, however at the time of this publication, due to budget implications related to the passage of State Initiative 976, Washington State has put on hold several transportation projects. This project has approximately \$10 million of State funding on hold. The City continues to advocate to our State Legislators to fully fund the \$10 million needed to complete this project.

Connect Lynnwood Plan Community Survey

The City is developing a new Active & Accessible Transportation Plan which will prioritize opportunities to improve walking and bicycling conditions, improve connections to schools, parks, and transit, and develop a safe, efficient transportation system.

We want to hear from you! Share your thoughts about walking, bicycling, and rolling by filling out our community survey. Visit bit.ly/LynnwoodAATP before March 27th to provide your feedback

For additional information visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov/ConnectLynnwoodAATP.

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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EARTH DAY NORTHWEST

The Earth needs you and Lynnwood needs you for Earth Day 2020!

Lynnwood is doing so much to help protect and restore our planet from climate change. From tree plantings to community gardens to community recycling events—check out all that Lynnwood is doing and JOIN US this spring!



EARTH DAY 2020

We are celebrating Earth Day's 50th Anniversary this year with a series of park service events at Scriber Lake Park. The City of Lynnwood in partnership with Earth Day Northwest 2020 and EarthCorps are inviting organizations and individuals to act for the environment and our community. Join the City in celebrating Earth Day at the kick-off park service event from 9am-1pm on Saturday, May 9th at Scriber Lake Park.

To learn more and sign-up for the Scriber Lake Stewardship Events, visit www.HealthyLynnwood.com.

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 8 from 9am-1pm. Potluck lunch provided. RSVP to mharrington@LynnwoodWA.gov or 425-670-5532.

RAIN GARDENS

The City of Lynnwood and Snohomish Conservation District are bringing rain gardens to Lynnwood. This partnership allows us to install rain gardens at very little cost to homeowners. Benefits of rain gardens include lowering risk of flooding, filtering water runoff, and provide habitat that protects salmon and wildlife.

If you are interested in a rain garden at your home, business, school, community center, or place of worship, contact Cameron Coronado at ccoronado@LynnwoodWA.gov or 425-670-5245.

TREE VOUCHER PROGRAM

Are you interested in free tree vouchers? The City offers an exciting opportunity to plant trees in Lynnwood at no cost to you. You can apply for tree vouchers every year. A tree voucher is a coupon that can be used to buy almost any type of tree from a participating Washington State Landscape and Nursery Association (WSLNA) nursery. To learn more visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov

and search "Tree Voucher" or contact Cameron Coronado at ccoronado@LynnwoodWA.gov or 425-670-5245.

ARBOR DAY

Did you know the City of Lynnwood is a Tree City USA? 2020 marks our 21st year of recognition for protecting the city's tree canopy and reducing the effects of urban heat islands. If you would like to be a part of making Lynnwood a great tree city, consider planting a tree at your home using our Tree Voucher Program. To learn more, visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov and search "Arbor Day".

SPRING CLEAN UP & RECYCLE EVENT

Do you have miscellaneous items at home that you don't know how to get rid of? We want to help you out! Come bring any or all the items on our recycling collection list. Stay awhile and check out some of our educational booths as well. Saturday, May 30 from 10am-1pm at Lynnwood Operations & Maintenance Center, 20525 60th Ave W. To learn more and what items we can and can not accept visit: www.LynnwoodWA.gov and search "Spring Clean Up".



Lynnwood City Council

Christine Frizzell, Council President

Christine serves on Council Position #1 and was elected in 2017.

2020 Liaison Roles Council President, Audit and Insurance Committee, Council Finance Committee, Snohomish County Health District, Citizens Patrol Volunteers.

Background Christine has spent the majority of her life in the Lynnwood area. She is a graduate of Meadowdale High School and had her first job at the Lynnwood Library. Both of her daughters are also Meadowdale graduates. Christine earned her accounting degree at Central Washington University on the Edmonds Community College campus. She has been self-employed as an accountant for the last 35+ years. She is involved in numerous volunteer opportunities throughout Lynnwood.



Shannon Sessions, Council Vice President

Shannon serves on Council Position #7 and was elected in 2015, and re-elected in 2019.

2020 Liaison Roles Council Vice President, Disability Board, History & Heritage Board, Alt. Chair for the Lynnwood Tourism Advisory Committee and is active in local Veterans affairs.

Background Shannon and her husband of 26 years have raised & schooled their five children in Lynnwood. Shannon is a graduate of Meadowdale HS then served in the US Air Force as a Firefighter and has a BA in Communications/Journalism from the UW. Shannon is the Executive Director of Support 7 and for more than eight years she served as the Lynnwood Police Department's Public Information Officer and Crime Prevention Specialist. Prior to that Shannon was an editor/writer for the Enterprise Newspapers.



Julietta Altamirano-Crosby, Council Member

Julietta serves on Council Position #5 and was elected in 2019.

2020 Liaison Roles Audit and Insurance Committee, Council Finance Committee, Snohomish County Tomorrow, Parks & Recreation Board, Sister City Committee.

Background Julieta was born and raised in Guerrero, Mexico, and moved to the state of Washington in 2009. Today she happily resides in Lynnwood with her husband and daughter. Although a newly elected member of the Lynnwood City Council, Julieta has been active in various political activities at both the county and state level. She is a member of the League of Women Voters in Snohomish County and the Advisory Board of the Center for Washington Cultural Tradition. In 2018, the Governor appointed Julieta to the Washington State Commission on Hispanic Affairs and in 2019, to the Humanities Washington Board of Trustees. Julieta is a trained researcher having earned her Ph.D. in Social Communications. She also holds a M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from Seattle Pacific University.



Ian Cotton, Council Member

Ian serves on Council Position #2 and was elected in 2013, and re-elected in 2017.

2020 Liaison Roles Alliance for Housing Affordability, Lynnwood Tourism Advisory Committee, Lynnwood Public Facilities District

Background Ian is a born and raised native to Lynnwood and the Pacific Northwest. Ian grew up in Lynnwood and has lived here for over 30 years. After earning his rank of Eagle Scout through the Boy Scouts of America and graduating from Meadowdale High School, Ian went to work for a local heavy equipment manufacturer where he built custom manufacturing equipment, implemented LEAN Manufacturing principals and performed process engineering. While working nights, he completed his BSEE from the University of Washington and is now a licensed Professional Engineer through the State of Washington. Since then Ian has also obtained his LEED AP certification and looks forward to continuing his education as needed to better serve the Residents of Lynnwood.



George Hurst, Council Member

George serves on Council Position #6 and was elected in 2015, and re-elected in 2019.

2020 Liaison Roles Snohomish County 911 Board/SERS, Audit and Insurance Committee, Council Finance Committee, Planning Commission;

Background George has lived in Lynnwood since 1992 with his wife and four children. All four are graduates of Lynnwood High School. George has a Bachelor of Arts in history/political science from the University of Washington and a Master of Arts in American History from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. George has been in the electrical/commercial lighting business for over 30 years. He also has a real estate brokers license. Prior to being elected to the City Council George served on the Lynnwood Planning Commission and the Transportation and Traffic Task Force.



Ruth Ross, Council Member

Ruth serves on Council Position #3 and was elected in 2014, and re-elected in 2018.

2020 Liaison Roles Arts Commission, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission, Planning Commission Alternate.

Background Ruth Ross has lived in Lynnwood since 1995, and her first job in Washington was working for the City of Lynnwood as a Code Compliance Officer from 1995 to 2001. In 2001, Ruth was elected to the City Council and served until 2009. Ruth returned to the council in January of 2014 for another 4-year term. Ruth is a Certified Municipal Leader through the Association of Washington Cities. She has a Master's degree in Public Administration, and a Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences. She has also written and self-published three novels. She is a proud Marine mom and grandmother to the sweetest girls in the world.

Jim Smith, Council Member

Jim serves on Council Position #4 and was elected in 2019.

2020 Liaison Roles Disability Board, Human Services Commission, Lynnwood VIPS Volunteers, Alliance for Housing Affordability Alternate, Snohomish County 911 Board/SERS Alternate

Background Jim was born in Seattle, graduated from Edmonds High School, and has two bachelor's degrees from CWU: business administration and law & justice. He is happily married to Sherry, has four adult daughters and (finally) two grandchildren. He and his wife live in the Lynnwood area of Lynnwood. Dedicated to his community, Jim has been involved in multiple civic organizations throughout the years including Board of Health, Lynnwood Chamber, Rotary, Jaycees, and South County Court Advisory Board. For nine years he has been closely involved with the homeless and has worked with senior housing facilities providing nearly 175 "music therapy" shows each year.



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 Business Meetings are broadcast on Comcast Channel 21 and FIOS/Frontier Channel 38, on Wednesdays at 7:30pm and Sundays at 7:00am and 2:00pm. Contact Beth Morris, Council Executive Assistant at 425-670-5011 or bmorris@LynnwoodWA.gov for more information.



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



EGGSplore Lynnwood Egg Hunt
March 2-May 3
find eggs...have fun...win prizes!
www.EggsLynnwood.com



Gardeners: do you need a garden? We currently have a few garden boxes available in the Intergenerational Community Garden located at the Lynnwood Senior Center, 19000 44th Ave W.

To learn more, contact Marielle Harrington, Healthy Communities Coordinator at 425-670-5532 or mharrington@LynnwoodWA.gov

Memorial Day Event Join the Lynnwood American Legion Post 37 and Lynnwood Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1040 for a ceremony that includes bagpipes, music, the laying of wreaths and a rifle salute.

The City of Lynnwood would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1040 for their vision and longstanding stewardship of Veterans Park, located at the corner of 44th Ave W and Veterans Way (194th St SW).

Monday, May 25, 2020, 11:00 AM at Veterans Park

Healthy Lynnwood Grants The City of Lynnwood Healthy Lynnwood Grants program supports community coming together to enhance and beautify neighborhoods and public spaces, encourage civic engagement, and promote the general interest and well-being of our Lynnwood Community. Projects considered for grant awards can be around neighborhood improvements, creative art projects, and funds activities and events to bring neighbors together.

To learn more visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov/HealthyLynnwood

Living Voices Living Voices is an educational theatre company that combines dynamic performance and archival film to bring life to history. This performance is sponsored by the Lynnwood-Alderwood Manor Heritage Association and is free and open to the public.

April 4 and May 9, 10:00 AM at the Wickers Building at Heritage Park

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