



INSIDE LYNNWOOD

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New Public Art Popping Up in Lynnwood

Traffic signal boxes are like blank canvasses spread throughout our City's 60+ street intersections. We've begun to add art and color to make these boxes a little more lively and appealing. Through art we're also telling stories about Lynnwood—reflecting our neighborhoods, our history, and heritage.

For our first signal box wrap we enlisted artist Amaranta Ibarra to work with, and inspire sixth grade students at Cedar Valley Community School to create art based on nature. This wrap is located at 196th St SW and Scriber Lake Road, and the design incorporated a piece of artwork from each student!

The signal box at Alderwood Mall Blvd and 40th Ave pays tribute to the Interurban Railway. Artist Amy Pleasant's painting "Bicycle Dreams" reflects the many bicycles that travel on the trail now, and the historic photos of the trolley celebrate the railway from the past.

The design on 196th St SW and 52nd Ave, near Wilcox Park, comes from artwork of the 2017 class of sixth grade students from Cedar Valley Community School. Again, artist Amaranta Ibarra

worked with students to inspire this fun and lively "pop art" design.

Coming soon to 212th St SW and Highway 99: our latest design celebrates the history of local fire protection—from the area's first fire station to the new South Snohomish County Fire and Rescue, that combined the Lynnwood Fire Department and Fire District 1 in 2017. In the early 1930's, Seattle Heights Fire Station was located along Highway 99 at 212th St SW, and in 1938 they bought their first fire engine for \$300, a used 1925 Reo Speedwagon from the City of Edmonds.

We want to bring more fun and colorful storytelling wraps to our community, and we're looking for businesses and community groups that would like to sponsor a wrap!



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To sponsor an upcoming wrap or for more information, contact Fred Wong, Community Programs Coordinator, 425-670-5502, or FWong@lynnwoodwa.gov

Message from Mayor Nicola Smith

Sustainable and Accountable Government



Financial stewardship of tax payer dollars is of utmost importance to me, the City Council and our City Staff. A central focus has been to bring greater accuracy, transparency, strategy, and accountability to our City's finances for the long-term financial sustainability of Lynnwood.

Earlier this fall, the City received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation

Award, and several weeks later the City received a clean audit from the State Auditor's Office. It has been nearly ten years since we've reached either of those goals. These are both major accomplishments that reflect the highest principles and best practices in governmental budgeting, accounting, and financial reporting.

These accomplishments aren't happenstance, but are the result of several key factors. First, Lynnwood's economy is quite strong due to our large retail sector and a surge in new construction over the past few years. Another key factor combines smart financial forecasting and updated financial policies that aim for long-term fiscal health. In fact, our updated financial policies are listed on the Municipal Research and Services Center website (www.mrsc.org) as a best practice for a city our size.

We've reached our Financial Policy goal in regards to the Revenue Stabilization Fund and we have a healthy reserve balance that will help us to remain financially stable, even with slight ups and downs in the economy. City Council's adopted financial policy requires us to have 2.5 months of expenses in reserves. We are also setting aside one-time construction fees from major projects into an Economic Development Infrastructure Fund (EDIF), which we will use to fund critical infrastructure projects such as City Center streets and parks.

We've created policies and tools to ensure greater transparency and accountability. I encourage you to look through our City's Finance and Budget webpages where you can view our 2017-2018 Biennial Budget Book, the Community Budget Transparency tool, and check out Financial Reports.

Lynnwood's economy is strong, our City finances are healthy, and our bond rating is improving. I will continue to work with our City Department Directors, Councilmembers, and community members to ensure Lynnwood's prosperity now, and into the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicola Smith".

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Visit www.lynnwoodwa.gov/Government/Budget-and-Finance.htm

Advocating for Regional Transportation Priorities

In September 2017 Mayor Smith visited Washington, D.C. as part of a delegation sponsored by the Economic Alliance Snohomish County (EASC). The delegation included representatives from Community Transit, Workforce Snohomish, Aviation Technical Services, Granite Construction, and UW Bothell. While the participants came to D.C. with specific reasons and purposes, all supported the importance of the region's transit and transportation priorities; and were unanimous in their advocacy that Congress pass a transportation appropriation that helps fund the Lynnwood Link Extension. The City also advocated for federal grant support for the Poplar Way bridge, an important project to improve traffic access and circulation in Lynnwood and on I-5; and the importance of Lynnwood becoming a Veterans-Supportive and Ready City for the region.

Meetings took place with Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell; and House Representatives Rick Larsen, Susan DelBene and Pramila Jayapal. All our representatives understand the importance of Lynnwood's projects and are highly supportive, encouraging us to stay engaged. The delegation also met with leaders of the Federal Department of Transportation regarding funding for the Lynnwood Link Extension.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank our congressional delegation for their leadership and commitment to Lynnwood and our region," said Mayor Smith. "I also want to thank EASC for sponsoring this successful and worthwhile visit with our elected officials."



Snohomish County Delegation visits with Washington State Senator Maria Cantwell



Love Lynnwood Inspires BrightWalks

City employees and area residents recently volunteered their time to add a splash of color to Lynnwood's Veterans Way. The group used a \$500 Healthy Communities Love Lynnwood grant to purchase special paint—two colors for each of the five branches of the U.S. Armed Forces—to paint colorful waves on four traffic islands along Veterans Way.

This *BrightWalks* installation was an idea inspired during last fall's *For the Love of Lynnwood* workshop. "The simple addition of color makes walking more fun, and encourages

active lifestyles," explained Mayor Nicola Smith. During painting, passersby continually offered a supportive cheer or a thumbs-up. "Interesting cities are appealing in part because they contain some whimsy and delight," stated project leader Corbitt Loch. "*BrightWalks* is one way our residents can make Lynnwood unique."

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If you have a creative, innovative, or artistic idea for a Love Lynnwood grant, contact Fred Wong at 425-670-5502 or fwong@LynnwoodWA.gov.

Park Impact Fees

City staff are currently reviewing sustainable ways to provide parks and trails for our growing population, and evaluating if assessing park impact fees would be an appropriate solution for Lynnwood.

Impact fees are one-time charges paid by new development to reimburse local governments for the capital costs of public facilities that are needed to serve new development and the people who occupy the new development. A park impact fee is for all types of parks, recreational facilities and open space provided by local governments to serve new development.

Developing a Park Impact Fee Program requires in-depth review of existing levels of service and new capital project plans to develop a methodology to equitably share the cost of new parks with new development. Staff will be meeting with advisory boards and commissions, the Lynnwood Chamber, Master Builders Association, and community members to inform the development of the program. A final proposal will be presented to the City Council with a public hearing for the community tentatively scheduled for January 2018.

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For more information or to make a comment on the program, visit: www.lynnwoodwa.gov/Government/City-Departments/Parks-and-Recreation/Park-Impact-Fee-Study.htm

Planning on removing a tree? You may need a permit!

Did you know that you should notify the City of Lynnwood any time you are planning to remove a tree on your property? This is because you may need a permit before removal.

There are two different types of tree removal permits. A Class I permit applies to developed single-family residential lots that are under 16,000 sq ft and Class II permits apply to all other properties. Class I permits will be issued at no-cost to the owner if you are planning on removing up to 2 trees or 40% of trees (whichever is greater) on your property. If you would like to remove more, then you may be required to pay a fee per tree or plant new trees in their place.

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For more information, please contact Derek Fada in the Public Works Department at 425-670-5242 or dfada@LynnwoodWA.gov



Thank you to everyone that joined us on Saturday, September 9th for the second annual Fair on 44th—Lynnwood's Health & Safety Community Block Party. Over 4,000 Lynnwood neighbors filled 44th Ave and participated

in demonstrations, activities, games, enjoyed food trucks, took home freebies, and learned all about Lynnwood's city services. A special thank you to the 60+ community partners and organizations that helped to make our block party a great success!



Community Disaster Preparedness

Creating a Resilient Community

Disasters may strike at any time, usually with little or no warning. In our region, we could experience extended power outages, earthquakes, storms, volcanic activity, severe weather, hazardous material releases, and other emergencies.

The City of Lynnwood is taking steps to ensure that our first responders can quickly and safely respond to a variety of emergencies. However, in the event of a major disaster, first responders may not be able to reach you for several days...are you prepared?

Are You Prepared?

Families, businesses, and other community organizations can and should take steps to prepare for disasters too.

- Make a kit of emergency supplies: gather food, water, medications and supplies for you and your family (don't forget your pets) for 3-7 days. Visit www.ready.gov/build-a-kit.
- Make a plan for what you will do in an emergency: Develop a family communications plan, figure out what you will do in case you need to shelter-in-place, what you will do if you need to get away, and be sure to know emergency plans at school and work. Visit www.ready.gov/make-a-plan.
- Participate in a disaster training workshop hosted by South Snohomish Fire & Rescue or sign up for Community Emergency Response Team training (CERT). For more information on Ready Together, visit www.SouthSnoFire.org/education/disaster-preparedness.

Sign up for Emergency Notifications

Sign up for AlertSense to receive emergency alerts and severe weather warnings that could directly impact you and your family. This service allows fire, police and other emergency response agencies throughout Snohomish County to issue emergency alerts to warn citizens of events such as the immediate need for evacuation, crime/imminent danger, and local area emergencies.

Visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov/EmergencyPreparedness and click on AlertSense on the left hand navigation menu to register.

Follow us on Twitter to receive updates during an emergency:

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- @SouthSnoFire

Lynnwood City Council



Pictured L-R: Council President Benjamin Goodwin, Council Vice President Ruth Ross, M. Christopher Boyer, Ian Cotton, George Hurst, Shannon Sessions, and Shirley Sutton.

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.

Council Corner

Your Fire & Emergency Medical Service

Please join us in thanking and honoring our Lynnwood Firefighters and Paramedics as they are transitioning into their first month as a new agency, now known as the "South Snohomish County Fire & Rescue Regional Fire Authority." Make no mistake, YOUR favorite firefighters and paramedics are still serving you. These capable, compassionate, and experienced, professional, and at times entertaining, men and women are still here for you, now they're just about 250 stronger than they were before by joining forces with our neighboring Fire District 1.

Lynnwood Firefighters and Paramedics are certainly beloved by many in our community. Since its inception in 1970, LFD has had five fire chiefs and has expanded from nine firefighters to 59 firefighters, paramedics and staff just before the regionalization. Looking through an old record book, LFD went from responding to 10 calls in 14 days in the early 1970's to now an average of 27 calls per day! Things have certainly changed, and so must we. The safety, security and wellbeing of our Lynnwood residents and visitors are at the top of this Council's priority list, and we're confident in this transition.

There have been talks about regionalizing fire service for many years, however this is the first time firefighters, Administration, City Council, City staff and a majority of the Lynnwood voters all agreed that now is the right time to make this change for our future. This regionalization will allow all our firefighters and paramedics the opportunity for better training, sharing valuable resources including fire stations, apparatus, administration and much more, including public outreach.

For emergencies, always dial 9-1-1. To reach the Administrative Offices call 425-551-1200 or visit www.SouthSnoFire.org. For community information on fire prevention, disaster preparedness, or public outreach, contact Fire & Life Safety Educator, Shawneri Guzman at 425-551-1254 or sguzman@southsnofire.org.

Council Highlights August–October

Proclamations & Presentations

National Hispanic Heritage Month, Honoring Lynnwood Public Facilities District Boardmember Robert Fuller, Parks & Recreation Foundation, PaRaKids Golf Tournament Check Presentation, Recognition of Rick Steves, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Indigenous People's Day, Friends of the Library Week

Ordinances

Amendments to Official Zoning Map, Update to 2017 Salary Schedule, Fee Schedule Update Public Records, Cambridge Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Amendments to Title 19 LMC - Approval of Final Plats, Amendments to LMC Ch 1.40 Civil Infraction Enforcement Mechanism

Public Hearing

Calvary Pre-Annexation Zoning Petition, 2017 Comprehensive Plan Amendments and Rezones

Resolutions

Supporting SnoCom/SnoPac Consolidation Plans

Interlocal Agreements (ILA) / Contracts

Wastewater Treatment Chemicals, Financial Advisory Services, Public Defender Services, Lynnwood/Edmonds Community Support Specialist ILA, Lynnwood Golf Course Parking Lot Expansion Final Acceptance, 2017-2019 Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME, City Center Parks Master Plan Contract, Ash Way and Maple Road Improvements with Snohomish County ILA, with Snohomish County for Adaptive Signal Control System

Appointments

Regional Fire Authority Board of Commissioner Appointments of Council President Benjamin Goodwin and Councilmember Christopher Boyer, Wally Webster appointed to Position 5 of the Public Facilities District Board

Have you considered becoming a volunteer?

Lynnwood has several Boards and Commissions that serve as advisory bodies to the City, the Mayor and the Council. No experience is necessary, just a strong desire to make a difference in your community!

Current Openings:

History & Heritage Board • Parks & Recreation Board • Planning Commission

Interested individuals need to complete an application and attend an upcoming Board or Commission meeting. For more info visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov/Volunteer or call 425-670-5001.





Help Avoid Fall Flooding

During the autumn months, deciduous trees begin to drop their leaves—and many of those leaves start to accumulate around storm drains on our streets. As it rains, clumps of rain-soaked leaves flow toward street drains, which can become covered or clogged by a mass of leaves and other debris. This prevents rain water from going down the drain, and may cause the street to flood.

The Lynnwood Surface Water Utility crew has a lot of work to do year-round, but when the season changes to Fall, with over 7,000 drains to maintain, you can imagine how busy they must be! The good news is that you can help in reducing the amount of flooding in your neighborhood by removing leaves and debris from drains near your home. Simply rake or shovel leaves and other debris away from drains and dispose of them by putting them in a yard waste receptacle or composting them.

If you notice that rainwater has already started backing up, try raking the leaves out of the way through the puddle. If the puddle won't drain, or it's just too deep to handle, call the Public Works Department at 425-670-5200 to report the problem.

Lynnwood Welcomes Workforce Re-Employment Center

Lynnwood's Vision is to be a regional model for a sustainable, vibrant community. Providing services that meet the needs of our residents and businesses is a core value. In this spirit, Lynnwood would like to welcome the Workforce Re-Employment Center to our City!

On September 18, WorkSource Snohomish opened the Workforce Re-Employment Center, located at 18009 Hwy 99, Suite #A. The Center will provide services to individuals specifically impacted by the downsizing of the aerospace industry, including employees, contractors, supply chain workers and displaced homemakers. The goal is to provide space and resources to help bridge the gap between layoffs and resources available.

Lynnwood congratulates WorkSource on this innovative approach to helping those in need.



For more information, visit www.snocowrc.com

Lynnwood Among Thirty Puget Sound Communities Planting Sapling Clones of Coast Redwoods

The City of Lynnwood is participating in a project called *Moving the Giants*, a regional planting of over 300 Coast Redwood saplings—the oldest, largest, most iconic trees on earth—throughout 30 Puget Sound communities. The City's Parks Department planted 5 clones at Lynddale Park this past spring, and Parks staff will continue to care for the trees through the establishment period. Under good growing conditions, it is possible for these trees to reach 5 feet in diameter within 50 years.

These 300 Coast Redwood saplings have the same genetic structure as some of the world's oldest and largest trees—trees that have survived 3,000+ years and, according to a team of researchers at Humboldt

State University and the University of Washington, have the capacity to remove and sequester airborne carbon like no other species.

The Fieldbrook tree was cut down in 1890, but if it were alive today, it would likely be over 400 feet tall and over 3,500 years old. It would be the largest tree by height and volume on the planet. One of the five saplings planted in Lynddale Park is a tree with the same genetics as this giant.

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For more information on the *Moving the Giants* project, visit www.plantagrovetrees.com or contact Parks Superintendent Eric Peterson at epeterson@LynnwoodWA.com



Parks Maintenance Staff Mike Ross planting our Coast Redwood Saplings at Lynddale Park

Below: Fieldbrook Stump, circa 1890, A.W. Ericson, Ericson Photograph Collection, Humboldt State University Library



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

Lynnwood 5K Turkey Trot and Food Drive

Lace up your walking shoes to raise awareness and help support the Lynnwood Food Bank. The 5K will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23rd, race begins at 8am at the Lynnwood Transit Center. Pre-registration is \$15; day of the race is \$20.

For more information visit
www.facebook.com/LynnwoodTurkeyTrot

Heritage Park Holiday Open House and Cookies with Santa

Join the Lynnwood-Alderwood Manor Heritage Association for the Annual Open House and Cookies with Santa. Tour the Interurban Trolley and watch for Santa who will be flying into the Cottage for his appearance by the fire!

Sunday, December 3 from 1-4pm at Heritage Park, 19903 Poplar Way, Lynnwood



Veterans Day Ceremony Join us as we honor our nation's heroes for the annual Veterans Day Ceremony, hosted by the Veterans of Foreign War Post 1040 and the City of Lynnwood, with performances by the Northwest Junior Pipe Band.

Saturday, November 11, 11am at Veterans Park

Nightwaves It's the night Middle School teens look forward to all year! Dance to a DJ, swim, play games, watch movies, eat tasty snacks, and hang out with friends. Teens in 7th & 8th grade admitted with current school ID, cost is \$5.

Saturday, November 18 from 8pm-11pm. For more information visit
www.LynnwoodWA.gov/PlayLynnwood/Activities/Nightwaves.htm

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Lynnwood Christmas Tree Lighting Silver Creek Community Church is hosting the annual Lynnwood Christmas Tree Lighting event. Come and enjoy local school choirs and bands, food vendors, train rides for kids and families, a special appearance by Santa, and then help us countdown to the tree lighting with snow and singing.

Saturday, December 2 from 5-6:30pm.
For more information visit www.LynnwoodChristmas.com

Menorah Lighting Celebration Join the Chabad Jewish Center of Snohomish County in a celebration of the first day of Chanukah. Enjoy the Grand Menorah Lighting, Chanukah doughnuts, chocolate gelt, and more!

Tuesday, December 12 at 6:00pm in front of Lynnwood City Hall