



# INSIDE LYNNWOOD

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Fall 2015

## Lynnwood Kid's Fire Camp

The Lynnwood Fire Department hosted 32 local middle school-aged kids during the first Kid's Fire Camp September 1-4. Campers learned what it's like to be a Lynnwood firefighter through exercises such as the bucket brigade, fire ladder climb, fire hose make and break, hands-only CPR drills, and fire extinguisher training. Campers also learned about healthy food preparation and the importance of exercise through daily dynamic warm-up sessions.

Throughout the four days, campers developed leadership skills and learned the importance of teamwork. The camp ended with a family BBQ and a Kid's Fire Muster Competition.

Special thanks to our sponsors the Verdant Health Commission, Hazel Miller Foundation, Whole Foods Market, International Association of Fire Fighters, Lynnwood Recreation Center, Mukilteo Fire Department, and Best Auto. Fire Camp was a great success and we look forward to next year's group of future leaders!

*Clockwise from top left: Kid's Muster Competition winners—Strike Team 2; 100ft Fire Ladder Climb, Campers working together to enter the 'hot house'; Teamwork on the fire hose during the water hockey competition.*



## Message from Mayor Nicola Smith

### Accountable Government



Our Community Vision, which was created in 2009 by our residents and reaffirmed by City Council this past April, calls for Lynnwood to be “a regional model for a sustainable, vibrant community with engaged citizens and an accountable government.”

Since early this year, our city’s leadership team has been embarking on a strategic, long-range planning endeavor. With the arrival of Sound Transit in 2023 and construction beginning in 2018, we know that Lynnwood will change. In order to be an ‘accountable government’, we must manage the inevitable change so that we have the best possible outcomes for our city. We must create a smart, achievable and sustainable plan that poises our city to greatly benefit from these new and exciting changes. We are using the Community Vision to create planned, measurable, and tangible action items. To help guide this process, we have appointed an existing staff member as the new Strategic Planner to help us reach success.

I am confident that we can achieve our stated vision, but we can’t do it alone. We need our residents, community partners and trusted messengers to be “engaged citizens.” Our city staff constantly strives to provide accurate, timely and helpful information through this newsletter, our Lynnwood eNews, on our city website, through public outreach and social media. I ask that you get informed, you participate, give your thoughts, ideas, suggestions and encouragement.

Together we will create a vibrant and welcoming community we will create a Lynnwood that is...a great deal more!

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

## New Construction Underway in City Center



Construction site of the City Center Senior Living Apartments



Future City Center Senior Living Apartments (View from 40th Ave W)

Construction of the City Center Senior Living Apartments is underway at 19501 40th Ave W. This eight story 308-unit senior housing project is the first of three major City Center projects beginning this year. Construction of the Hilton Garden Inn and CityCenter Apartments across from the Lynnwood Convention Center are also anticipated to begin this year.

## Zeeks Pizza is Now Open!



Zeeks Pizza opened in the Lynnwood City Center this past July. This is the 13th location for the Seattle-based restaurant, the second in Snohomish County and brings about 40-50 new jobs to Lynnwood. The new Zeeks Pizza is located in the Lynnwood City Center at 4309 196th St SW.



## August Windstorm

On Saturday, August 29, South Snohomish County was hit with an unusual summer windstorm. Many Lynnwood residents and businesses lost power due to downed trees and power lines. SNOCOM 911 received a huge spike in calls for service and our first responders went to work. Firefighters, Police Officers and volunteers, and our Public Works crews worked diligently to clear blocked roads, manage traffic at darkened intersections and address fire emergencies related to the power outage. Kudos to our crews who worked diligently to mitigate the effects of the storm to keep our community safe.

### LEARN MORE

*Be sure that you and your family are prepared for the next emergency and visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) for helpful information on developing an emergency plan and creating an emergency kit.*



## A Good Year for Lynnwood Golf Course

In early 2014 the city enlisted the services of Premier Golf to oversee the management of the city's golf course. The shift to Premier Golf has been beneficial as they have held down costs while improving marketing and customer service. Financially the golf course produced a profit of just under \$120,000 and saw a 2% increase in total rounds. This is quite an accomplishment given the fact that golf rounds in the metro Seattle area were down near 5% in 2014. Premier and the City of Lynnwood will continue to explore ways to improve course conditions and the long-standing parking issues in an effort to improve the customer experience at the Lynnwood Golf Course.

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*For more information visit [www.lynnwoodgc.com](http://www.lynnwoodgc.com)*

## Get Prepared for Winter!

The City of Lynnwood is preparing for the cold and wet season. Here's what you can do to prepare:

- 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.
- 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).
- The City's Traffic Engineers are constantly looking at signal timing and making adjustments to help the flow of traffic. Check out our live traffic cameras and plan your route before you leave so that you can avoid traffic back-ups: [www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/City-Services/Streets--Traffic-and-Transportation/Traffic-Cameras.htm](http://www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/City-Services/Streets--Traffic-and-Transportation/Traffic-Cameras.htm)
- Use extreme caution while driving in inclement weather of any kind. Allow plenty of time to get to your destination and always yield to service vehicles such as plows, sanders, and transit buses. 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.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/Public-Safety/City-of-Lynnwood-Inclement-Weather-Update.htm](http://www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/Public-Safety/City-of-Lynnwood-Inclement-Weather-Update.htm).

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## National Night Out



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Steven Sumera-Decoret of Lynnwood donned his police SWAT uniform for the National Night Out event on August 4 in the Alder Ridge neighborhood, pictured here with Sergeant David Harris. In total, 31 block-parties represented more than 1,500 Lynnwood residents and joined millions of people across the nation in turning their porch lights on, locking their doors and going out to meet their neighbors all in the name of crime prevention.

## Legislative Engagement

Lynnwood has made a concerted effort to build strong relationships with elected officials in state and federal government who serve our community. We have informed them about Lynnwood's important role in the region, and the needs and priorities to achieve our community vision. Lynnwood has also partnered with Snohomish County Cities and Economic Alliance Snohomish County on shared legislative priorities. These efforts resulted in many successes. One of the most important priorities was to pass a statewide, multimodal transportation investment package. We are happy to report that with the passing of the state's transportation package, Lynnwood will receive \$15 million for improvements to 196th Street SW between 48th Ave W and 36th Ave W in Lynnwood's City Center. This project includes adding additional lanes for transit; and providing features that improve traffic flow and pedestrian connectivity. After hearing about our community assets, major projects, and 10-year strategic planning efforts, Senator Murray remarked that Lynnwood was a "family-friendly community." A special thank you to the City of Lynnwood's 21st and 32nd legislators, Senators Marko Liias and Maralyn Chase, and Representatives Lillian Ortiz-Self, Strom Peterson, Cindy Ryu, and Ruth Kagi, for all their hard work in the 2015 Legislative Session!



*L R: Intergovernmental Liaison Gina Israel, Senator Patty Murray and Mayor Nicola Smith*

# Lynnwood City Council



*Pictured L R: Council President Loren Simmonds, Council Vice President Ian Cotton, Van AuBuchon, M. Christopher Boyer, Benjamin Goodwin, Sid Roberts, and Ruth Ross. 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 Assistant at 425 670 5011 or bmmorris@ci.lynnwood.wa.us for more information.*

## Message from the Council

### September was National Disaster Preparedness Month—are you and your family ready?

Eastern Washington is experiencing the worst wildfires in state history. Homes have been destroyed, residents evacuated, and thousands are still without power. In Oso, there was a devastating landslide. In Lynnwood several years ago, we experienced a tanker truck that erupted in flames on the 44th Ave overpass. And in August, a violent windstorm knocked out power for thousands in our area.

A recent New Yorker article titled, "The Really Big One" is resonating with residents in the Pacific Northwest. The article weaves the science, damage estimates, Native American oral histories and emergency planning into a comprehensive call to preparedness action.

Disasters can't be avoided. Having a plan and being prepared for disasters, big and small, gives us the confidence to know that our loved ones are going to be okay. Including your family in preparedness efforts helps alleviate fear and confusion when faced with an emergency.

There are a variety of ways to prepare and some of the basics include:

- Make a plan
- Establish an out of area contact
- Plan to keep your family and pets safe
- Locate safe places to "drop, cover, and hold" both at home and at work
- Build a kit
- Keep an emergency kit at home, in your car, and in your workspace
- Include water, non perishable food, and prescription medicines
- Have a comfortable pair of walking shoes in your workspace for evacuation
- Get informed
- Register for emergency alerts at your county's emergency management website
- Take a First Aid/CPR class
- Learn about natural and man made hazards in your area

It is highly recommended to have at least a 72 hour supply of food and water for each member of your family. In the event of a major disaster, local and regional agencies may not be able to restore power or water for at least that long.

Knowledge and planning, not fear, will serve you well regardless of what type of emergency you face.

## Council Highlights

### July

- License and Use Agreement Edmonds Community College AND Professional Services contract for land value determination Valbridge Property Advisors/Macaulay & Associates: Sewer Line for LS #16 Forcemain
- Professional Services Contract with Valbridge Property Advisors/Macaulay & Associates Gravity Sewer Easements through Edmonds Community College
- Bid Rejection - SR 99/SR 524 Safety Improvement Project

### Ordinances:

- Poplar Way Extension Bridge
- Amend LMC 6.02; Dangerous Animals
- Utility System Revenue Bonds, 2015
- Zoning Code Corrections - Omnibus Amendments (Title 21 LMC)
- Comprehensive Plan and Official Zoning Map
- Approval of Agreement for Commute Trip Reduction

### Public Hearing:

- Zoning code corrections - Omnibus Amendments (Title 21 LMC).
- Resolution: Authorizing Grant Application to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for Meadowdale Playfields Renovation

### August

#### Presentations & Proclamations:

- Frontier Communications \$5,000 America's Best Community Grant presentation to the Lynnwood Parks Foundation

#### Ordinances:

- Code Amendment: Budget Process
- Code Amendment: Boards and Commissions
- Code Amendment: Basic Pay Plan
- Code Amendment: Unlicensed Practice of Massage/Reflexology Therapy

*City Council was on summer recess from August 10 - September 14, 2015*

# Alternative Fire Service Delivery Opportunities

The City of Lynnwood's Fire Department (LFD) provides a wide variety of emergency and non-emergency services to the citizens and visitors of Lynnwood. These services include fire prevention, fire suppression, public education, emergency medical, hazardous materials and specialized rescue responses. The department consists of 50 full-time career Firefighters/EMTs, Paramedics and Fire Inspectors, staffing two full-time stations and responding to an average of over 7,000 alarms annually, approximately 75% of which are emergency medical calls. The Department consistently provides exemplary emergency services and is among the top rated city fire departments in Washington State. Currently, the Lynnwood Fire Department has a two-year operating budget of \$19.1 million.

The LFD maximizes the resources they have available however, there are insufficient resources to fund the required level of service. Service levels will continue to increase as the City embarks upon its vision for a City Center; and accommodates projected growth in population and employment. The annual cost of the current level of service is expected to increase by \$6.2 million by 2020.

The City of Lynnwood is preparing now to fund current fire service levels and accommodate future growth. The City Council is exploring options for alternative fire service delivery. Several options have been identified which will be discussed with the community

and deliberated by City Council over the next several months. The four options currently under consideration are: 1) City Provides Services, 2) Contract with Fire District #1, 3) Annex into Fire District #1 or 4) Create a Regional Fire Authority. A summary of these options is provided below:

## 1. City Provides Services

The City continues to provide Fire Services independently. With the increased cost of fire service delivery, a voter approved property tax levy lift, (an increase in property taxes levied) would be required in order to cover the anticipated \$6.2 million funding gap.

## 2. City Contracts with Fire District #1

Through a City Council approved inter-local agreement, Fire District #1 would provide fire service to the City. The contract amount would reflect the cost of service and would be funded through the City's general fund. This option would also require a voter approved tax levy lift to cover the increased cost of service. The Lynnwood fire department staff would be employed by Fire District #1.

## 3. Annexing into Fire District #1

The City would annex into Fire District #1 with voter approval. Fire service would be provided by Fire District #1, and paid for by a property

tax assessment. The Lynnwood fire department staff would be employed by Fire District #1.

## 4. Create a Regional Fire Authority

A Regional Fire Authority (RFA) is a municipality created by a vote of the people to consolidate and regionalize fire and emergency services while retaining local control. Fire District #1 and the City of Lynnwood are reviewing this option.

Creation of an RFA would combine regional resources into a single regional fire department to enhance service delivery, remove duplication, provide economic efficiencies, and provide borderless fire and emergency medical response. The services would be paid for through a property tax assessment.

Consolidation of the fire service is not a new idea in Lynnwood. Since 1972, there have been nine separate discussions focused on the creation of a regionalized fire service in Snohomish County. The RFA option has been embraced by 9 other communities in Washington State.

The City Council will continue to research these various options in order to provide the best possible solution for citizens of Lynnwood.

### LEARN MORE

For more information on Fire Service Delivery Opportunities, visit our city website at [www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/FireServiceOpportunities](http://www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/FireServiceOpportunities)

*The Lynnwood City Council will be hosting an informational community meeting on **Wednesday, October 14, 6:00pm** at the Lynnwood Senior Center. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the various options. Learn more at [www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/FireServiceOpportunities](http://www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/FireServiceOpportunities).*

# Construction and Major Projects Update

## 33rd Ave W “Ring Road”

This project completed a new roadway through the Lynnwood Place development, which is the site of the new Lynnwood Costco. A new intersection was constructed on 184th Street SW just east of the existing 33rd Avenue W. The new roadway extended north from the newly constructed intersection to the existing intersection at Alderwood Mall Parkway and Maple Road. Construction was completed on time and under budget. This project provides a great example of public-private partnerships to improve Lynnwood's infrastructure to help achieve our city vision of building a healthy and sustainable environment, with balanced commercial development mindful of traffic management.



*Making connections through the new Lynnwood Place*

## 204th Street Extension and Improvement Project

This project built a new road connection from 68th Avenue W and SR-99. A new roundabout was constructed at 204th and 68th as well as a new traffic signal at 204th and SR-99. This project also included upgrades to the off-set intersection on 208th Ave W near the Post Office. This project was a great collaboration between the Edmonds School District, Edmonds Community College and the City of Lynnwood which resulted in improved traffic flow, decreased congestion, and increased safety for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. Construction on this project was completed in mid-September 2015.



*Increasing traffic flow and safety at 204th and 68th*

## 53rd Avenue West Project

This project was intended to reduce stormwater pollutant loading into the Hall Lake watershed and for roadway modifications along 53rd Ave West between 208th Street SW and 206th Street SW. This was a pilot project which included the installation of permeable sidewalk and a neighborhood-wide bioinfiltration stormwater retrofit. The project also included provisions to enhance the roadway as well as the retention of on-street parking. Construction on this project was completed mid-August 2015.

## Lift Station 16 and Force Main 16 Project

This project is expanding the City of Lynnwood's current sewer line capacity to meet future population growth expectations and relieve pressure to the current wastewater system. It will be adding a new lift station, Lift Station 16, which will be located at 19400 56th Ave W. Traffic flow will be carefully managed throughout the project to minimize any impact to motorists. Construction on this project is currently in progress and scheduled to be completed by May 2016.

### **LEARN MORE**

To learn more and sign up to receive regular updates on specific construction projects, visit [www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/enews](http://www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/enews).





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**Spook & Splash** Delight in a night of spooktakular fun on Saturday, October 24 at the Lynnwood Recreation Center! Bring the family in their Halloween costumes to our family-friendly event for goblins big and small who seek a not-so-scary but oh-so-fun activity for Halloween. Activities will include carnival games, crafts, food, trick or treating in the Candyland Forest and a splash in the pool! Event is from 7-10pm, swim is scheduled from 8-10pm, cost is \$6/per person.

*For more information visit [www.PlayLynnwood.com](http://www.PlayLynnwood.com)*

**Lynnwood Safety Fair** Join us on Saturday, October 17 from 10am-2pm at Fire Station 15 to learn more about emergency preparedness, see fire extinguisher and cooking fire demonstrations, bike safety & rodeo, crime prevention, tour police and fire vehicles, and much more.

*For more information visit [www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/PublicSafety/FireDepartment](http://www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/PublicSafety/FireDepartment)*

**Celebrate Schools 5K** The Foundation for Edmonds School District is hosting the 7th annual Celebrate Schools 5K Run / Walk on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at Alderwood.

*Sign up now at [www.foundationesd.org/celebrate-schools-5k](http://www.foundationesd.org/celebrate-schools-5k) and help shape students' futures.*

**Coffee with a Cop** Come and chat with a Lynnwood Police Officer over a cup of coffee on Saturday, October 3 from 10am-noon at the Aloha Café. Coffee with a cop is a national program that aims to build trust and encourage communication between community members and our police officers, one cup of coffee at a time. This is a chance for Lynnwood officers and community members to come together in an informal setting to discuss community issues, build relationships and drink coffee.

**Veterans Day Ceremony** Join us on Wednesday, November 11, 11am at Veterans Park as we honor our nation's heroes for the annual Veterans Day Ceremony, hosted by the Veterans of Foreign War Post 1040, with performances by the Northwest Junior Pipe Band.

**Cookies with Santa** Join the Alderwood Manor Heritage Association for the Annual Open House and Cookies with Santa on Sunday, December 6 from 1-4pm at Heritage Park 19903 Poplar Way

**Lynnwood Christmas Tree Lighting** Join us on Saturday, December 5 from 5-6:30pm at the Silver Creek Community Church for the 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.

*For more information visit [www.LynnwoodChristmas.com](http://www.LynnwoodChristmas.com)*

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