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## City Invests in Youth With Verdant

In July 2011 the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department was awarded three grants totaling \$893,194 from the Verdant Health Commission. These grants are to support recreational programs that encourage participation in activities that promote health and wellness. The three programs are 3rd Grade Swim Lessons, Move 60 Teens! After school Program, and Get Movin' Referral Program.

Verdant Health Commission invests in a wide range of programs that empower people in South Snohomish County to make healthy decisions and get the care they need to stay well. For nearly half a century, they served the health needs of our community by managing the local community hospital. As the new program of Public

Hospital District No. 2, Snohomish County, Verdant Health Commission is now focused on investing in innovative programs that will make a lasting impact on the health and well-being of South Snohomish County residents.

The City of Lynnwood offers programs and services which are a great fit to the Verdant Health Commission's four priority areas. The programs funded by grants all encourage physical activity, which is a critical component of leading a healthy lifestyle. These programs also target an important segment of the population – children and families.

"We want all families and children in our community to have the tools they need to live a healthy lifestyle today and forever," said Verdant Health Com-



Middle school teens Hazel Cramer, left and Jamie Quach, right perform a strength test as part of the afterschool program *Move 60 Teens!*

mission Superintendent Carl Zapora. "If we can educate kids now, we can make a difference in their health for years to come."

### Grant Awards

*3rd Grade Swim Lessons* is a program to teach water safety to all 3rd grade students in the Edmonds School District. Each 3rd grader in the district will receive a voucher for three swim sessions (each session is 8-12 weeks long) redeemable at either the Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace or Edmonds swimming pools. The goal is for all the students in the district to be water safe within 10 years. Verdant approved \$168,000 per year for three years for a total of \$504,000. So far, 112 students have participated at the Lynnwood Recreation Center. Please note: vouchers are available to home school and private school students within the district.

*Move 60 Teens!* Is an after school teen activity program for students of College Place and Alderwood Middle Schools. The program offers nutrition and fitness activities that enables teens to participate, regardless

of their ability level, and learn skills to promote a lifetime of physical fitness. The program is a combination of sports, exercise, and nutrition to promote overall health and fitness. Verdant awarded \$77,468 per year for three years for a total of \$232,404. The first session began in late January and all 90 spots filled. The next session begins in April.

*Get Movin'* is an existing free summer activity program aimed at motivating families to improve their health by adopting active lifestyles through physical and recreational activities. Verdant awarded \$52,250 per year for three years for a total of \$156,750 for program development aimed at assisting participants to achieve the Get Movin' goal to be active 60 minutes per day, all summer long.

The City of Lynnwood is thrilled to make these programs available to our community. We look forward to creating more healthy options for our residents and building a foundation for a healthy and vibrant community.



## Lynnwood's Elected Officials



**From Left to Right: Mayor Don Gough, newly elected Councilmember Van AuBuchon, Councilmember Kimberly Cole, Council Vice President Kerri Lonergan-Dreke, Council President Loren Simmonds, newly elected Councilmember Sid Roberts, newly elected Councilmember Benjamin Goodwin, and Councilmember Mark Smith.**

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# Mayor's Message

## City Financial & Budget Update

First, a sincere *Welcome* to our three new city council members elected last November 2011: Van AuBuchon, Sid Roberts and Benjamin Goodwin. I believe their stated intentions to cooperate in doing the people's business will be refreshing and productive for our city. Please read the article about the January 28 Joint Workshop of all elected officials and department directors here on page 2.

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This article is organized as follows:

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- "Thank You"

### Good Financial News

Tough and decisive actions which were taken at the very beginning of 2011 to control costs for our two year (2011-12) city budget, have paid off. 2011 started with a council budget out of balance by over \$300,000. I took action on January 4, 2011 to reduce and control costs.

Our 2011 year-end financial report contains the following key facts: City revenues (meaning property, sales and utility taxes, plus grants, interest, and fees) sunk by \$1.3 million. We controlled and cut expenditures of \$4.5 million. Adjusting for the out of balance council budget, we ended up reducing the 2011-12 budget by \$2.9 million.

### A Brief History of Budget Cuts

Leading up to 2011, here is a brief listing of the budget cuts from 2009-2010.

- **2008:** The national, state and local "Great Recession" began.
- **2009:** City revenues dropped causing two budget cuts totaling \$4.55 million.
- **2010:** City revenues continued to drop about \$4.1 million. The budget was cut \$3.36 million. The council raised utility taxes by \$1.4 million. We ended 2010 \$1.95 million ahead.
- **2010:** The budget process for the **new** 2011-12 budget started with a \$20+ million gap between projected taxes, grants, fees, interest, etc. **and** program/service costs to maintain the same level of services to residents and businesses.
- **2010:** The City Council passed the new 2011-12 budget by reducing department requests by about \$10 million, and closed the gap to about \$300,000 using several million in increased property taxes, utility taxes, increased business licenses and other fees.

### Actions Taken in 2011

Although 2009, 2010, and the new 2011-12 budget were reduced, I placed more expenditure controls into effect just three days into the new year on January 4, 2011. My initial reduction target was \$500,000.

Our interim Finance Director Pat Dugan developed a Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP). Mr. Dugan and I carefully reviewed the plan. We made many changes. I finally approved it for presentation to the City Council. The council reviewed it during seven meetings, made a few changes, and unanimously adopted it on May 9, 2011. Please see the graph on page 4. The LTFP called for immediately planning more level of service cuts.

On June 4, 2011, our new city Finance Director Lorenzo Hines and I, informed all city departments to prepare level of service and budget cuts of 6%, 8% and 10% which were necessary due to both the May 9 Long-Term Financial Plan and early estimates of the continued drop in city revenues.

Unfortunately, the economy still did not recover in 2011. City revenues continued to fall. The Finance Director estimated on July 11, 2011, a drop of \$1.5 million more for each of 2011 and 2012. This \$3.0 million, plus layoff and unemployment related costs, and the need for a small budget buffer against more revenue losses, meant budget reductions using the 6% level. Those detailed reductions were given to the City Council on July 26, 2011.

On August 31, 2011, I directed more budget reductions and cost controls of 5.5% through the end of 2012, totaling \$5.25 million.

### How Did 2011 End Financially?

Standard and Poor's, the international business and government rating agency began an analysis of city finances in January 2012. This was a re-

quirement to be done before we could sell the 25-year bonds necessary to pay for the new renovations and expansion of our Recreation Center.

Standard and Poor's February 2, 2012, report increased our city credit rating by upgrading our city's financial outlook to "stable."

- Why? Standard and Poor's analysis and report on page 2 says, "[t]he stable outlook reflects what we view as Lynnwood's proactive budget adjustments in fiscal [year] 2011 to align revenues with expenditures as well as one-time transfers and proceeds from asset sales that have replenished the city's general fund reserves to strong levels." Our city's general fund December 31, 2012, balance is now \$11.8 million.
- Standard and Poor's future outlook for Lynnwood stated, "should officials continue to maintain structural budget balance over the next two years, particularly as revenue trends stabilize, we could raise the rating."

This is good news for the tough and unpopular budget decisions and cuts we've all had to make. But, we must continue and do more. We're not out of the "revenue and budget" woods, yet.

### 2012 Concerns & Financial Reality

In the next few months more challenges are coming. All cities were clearly told in late January in a meeting in Olympia, by both political parties' legislative leadership, that state revenues which are shared with cities will be cut. The only question is: How much?

Our State Economist estimated state revenue projections on February 16 for the period now through June 30, 2013. For the first time in several years, state taxes, fees and other actual revenues met projections, and thus were basically flat. At least they didn't go down! To re-balance the current state budget, the state legislature must cut a total of about \$2 billion out of \$6 billion in available expenditures in the current 2011-13 state biennial budget. The legislature is scheduled to adjourn March 8, 2012. If so, we will know then what the final cuts will be to "state-to-city" shared revenues. In Lynnwood this means about \$700,000 is at stake!

As I said, we're not out of the woods yet, either economically nor budget-wise. But, as Standard and Poor's points out – we have, and we will, most assuredly continue to take actions to keep our city budget structurally balanced.

### Thank You

I wish to "THANK YOU" for allowing me to be your Mayor and to serve you. We do have a great city. I accept that again, very tough and sometimes unpopular decisions will continue to need to be made. I will continue working hard to make the best decisions possible which are, overall, in the best interests of our city and community.

*See page 4 for more resources*

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## City Leaders Hold Retreat For Fresh Start

There's a buzz around City Hall that change, on many levels, is beginning to occur. Our daily working relationships are impacted by our ability to effectively communicate, including communicating concepts, ideas, opinions, positions, feelings, and disagreements. Communication is the leading cause of misunderstandings. Communication is also the only cure. It requires continuing efforts to improve, and it needs to start with our leadership team of elected officials and city directors. On January 12, 2012, Lynnwood Mayor Don Gough and City Council President Loren Simmonds jointly prepared a letter calling upon the leadership team to "commit" and asking for their "participation" in a joint workshop to "cooperatively start and continue working together going forward."

On January 28, 2012, the City Council, Mayor, and Department Directors met for a half-day retreat and workshop at the Lynnwood Senior Center entitled, "*A Fresh Start Together*." It began by starting to cooperatively identify where our city should be going and what our expectations might be. The group began to articulate the challenges the city faces, and began the dialogue about how to better share information. Listing ways to improve working relationships at all levels. And, establishing a basic set of "civility guidelines and principles" in how staff and leadership interact together. Assistant Fire Chief Gregg Sieloff and Public Works Deputy Director Jeff Elekes, as trained city facilitators, lead the joint workshop.

The objectives of the workshop were to:

- Define expectations concerning the future vision and direction of the city;
- Define expectations concerning developing cooperative working relationships;



Left to right: Directors David Kleitsch and Bill Franz, Council President Loren Simmonds, and Council Member Sid Roberts during the Joint Retreat on Saturday, January 28, 2012.

- Identify what City Council Members can do to assist departments and staff in working with the council;
- Identify what staff can do to assist the City Council in gathering and developing information in order to achieve a high level of quality decision making;
- Develop a working set of civility guidelines.

The workshop was divided into three sessions. First, the group conducted a large group brainstorming session. It resulted in a specific list of items to continue working on in the future. Second, participants were divided into three sub groups to discuss ways to improve information sharing. Third, the whole group developed a working set of “civility guidelines and principles.” The group also agreed to meet again in May and September to continue working on and refining the process of improving communications and on all of the workshop objectives.

When you come to City Hall, City Council Chambers or any city building you will be able to see our “civility guidelines and principles” posted. Improvement is a never-ending process which must be active and on-going. These guiding principles help each of us in our continued efforts to improve. Taking the first steps with “*A Fresh Start Together*” will hopefully demonstrate to residents, businesses, and other stakeholders that the city is committed to moving towards positive change.

## A Working Set of Civility Norms for Positive Relationships

- Together we, the members of the City Council, the Mayor, and the Directors, and all of the Administration, are committed to “Moving Toward a Positive Change” for the great benefit of our community.
- Accountability – Subject to the obligation to report, explain, or justify something; responsible; explainable.
- Civility requires that we express ourselves and receive others communication in ways that demonstrate our respect for others.
- Civility requires that we listen to others with knowledge of the possibility that they are right and we are wrong.
- Our duty to be civil toward others does not depend on whether we agree with them, or whether we like them or not.
- Civility creates not merely a negative duty not to do harm but an affirmative duty to do good.
- Civility assumes that we will disagree; it requires us not to mask our differences but to resolve them respectfully.
- Maintain open communication and collaboration.
- Allow/Foster a safe environment for innovation and creativity while viewing failure as a path to learning.
- The Lynnwood Moving Forward Values of C.A.P.R.I. (Communication, Accountability, Professionalism, Respect, & Integrity) are integral and interwoven into all of these Norms.

## What’s Happening

### New Permit Center Hours

Due to recent budget cutbacks, the Permit Center has adjusted its hours. New hours of operation are Mon-Thur 8am - 12pm and 1:30pm-4pm, closed on Fridays and Holidays. If you wish to meet to an Inspector, Public Works staff member or a Planning staff member, it is highly recommended that you call and make an appointment, Permit Center 425-670-5400.

### Healthier Choices

Swedish|Edmonds and Edmonds School District are teaming up for Healthier Choices, a free family event featuring cooking demos with hospital dietitian and a video demonstration from former Galloping Gourmet, Graham Kerr. Upcoming Events: *How does physical exercise change your nutrition needs? How does food affect behavior?* Thursday, March 15, 6:30-7:30pm at Mountlake Terrace Elementary, and *What is this? Fun ways to try foods you have probably never tasted.* Saturday, April 28, 9am-noon at Meadowdale Middle School.

### Shop With a Cop

Lynnwood Police Commander Wes Deppa and his fellow “shopper” Shanija Nesbitt, 9, at the 7th Annual Lynnwood Police Department “Shop With A Cop” event last Dec. 8, at the Lynnwood Target. The annual event benefited 20 mothers and 27 children from Pathways for Women YWCA. Lynnwood Police Officers and the families ate dinner, shopped and visited with Santa. Funding and support for this annual event was made possible by Target and Kuni Westside Infiniti of Lynnwood.



### Whole Foods Market

The Grand Opening of the Whole Foods Market is scheduled for March 15, and a *Whole Family Celebration* is scheduled for Saturday, March 17 from 10am - 2pm. The celebration will include live music, treasure hunt and kids activities. The store is located at 2808 SW 196th St.

### Lynnwood Auto Dealerships

Lynnwood is fortunate to have auto dealerships providing jobs and economic activity in our community. Two auto dealerships on Highway 99 are currently investing in their facilities. **Harris Ford Lincoln** is expanding and upgrading their showroom to accommodate the location of Lincoln into Lynnwood; and **Seaview Buick GMC** is expanding and upgrading their facility to showcase the Buick brand. Both dealerships are open during construction.

### Get Movin’

Mark your calendars for the 2012 Get Movin’ program. Summer kick-off will be held at Alderwood Mall from 10am-1pm on Saturday, June 2. Join us for this free event and great program to help your family stay active this summer.

### Congressman Larsen

Congressman Rick Larsen (left) tours the Lynnwood Recreation Center with Mayor Don Gough (center) and Council President Loren Simmonds (right). Due to re-districting, Lynnwood is now part of the 2nd Congressional District, which is represented by Congressman Rick Larsen.



**Plan Ahead.**

# Kamp Kookamunga

Registration begins **March 23rd!**

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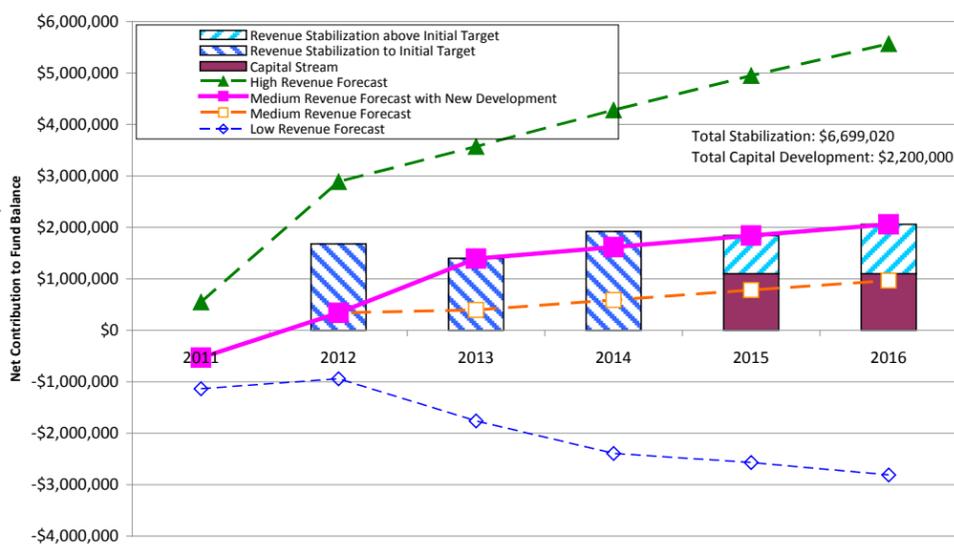
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For more information on city finances and budget, visit the city's website at [www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us](http://www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us) on the right hand navigation panel, click on City Finances for the following information:

- 2011 Preliminary Year End Statements (memo with attachments), by Finance Director Hines, February 15, 2011.
- Mid-Year Financial Review by Finance Director, July 26, 2011.
- Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP), May 9, 2011, see city Resolution 2011-06.
- Mayor's 2011 Report to the State Auditor's Office, September 2011.
- City of Lynnwood 2011-12 Biennium Budget.

See also the Washington State Economist forecasts at the Economic & Revenue Forecast Council at [www.ercf.wa.gov](http://www.ercf.wa.gov).

**Net Contribution to Fund Balance by Year Compared to Potential Reserve Needs with Planning Forecast with Economic Development**



This graph is Figure #5 from the May 9, 2011, Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) located on page 18 of 22.

## Waste Prevention & Recycling News

**Attention All Recyclers:** Make a resolution to increase the quality (and quantity) of the materials you recycle at your residence and business.

Here are a few simple reminders and guidelines to help you continue the great habit of diverting useful materials to recycle instead of sending them on a final and more costly trip to the landfill.

**Plastics:** The following plastic containers are the only\* ones accepted into your recycling container; any plastic bottle, jug, or jar, plus any round tub typically found in a grocer's dairy case. NO other plastics such as takeout containers and plastic bags are allowed. Please ignore any numbers or arrow symbols – just remember the shape!

\*For Waste Management customers a new addition to their list is plastic cups, but please add them only if empty and with no lids, etc.

**Cardboard boxes:** Everyone know these boxes are highly recyclable. But all the various packing materials that come in a box are not, and should be removed first to be reused or put in the garbage – foam sheets, air pillows, blocks of Styrofoam\* and peanuts\*. All cardboard boxes should then be flattened.

\*Packing peanuts can be dropped off to local private mailing outlets for free, if clean. Styrofoam blocks can be dropped off for free to V&G Styro Recycling, located next to Ikea in Renton.

**Pizza boxes:** Yes, they are cardboard, but mainly they are a contaminant in the recycling due to the grease, oil, and cheese still stuck to the bottom, along with those crusts not eaten. It is better to add it to the yard waste bin if you have that service, or put it in the garbage. The lid of the pizza box often stays clean and since it's perforated, it's easy to detach for recycling.

**Common Contaminants in the Recycle:** Form the habit of NOT putting paper towels, paper napkins, tissues, paper plates, any cap or lid, or plastic bags into the recycle. When not reused, plastic bags can be collected and brought to any major grocer and put into their designated plastic bag recycling bin.

Check out the city's website for a list of acceptable recyclables, [www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/WasteServices](http://www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/WasteServices). Customers of private hauling companies, Allied Waste Services and Waste Management NW, can also visit those company websites by clicking links located on the city's page.

Questions about recycling or disposing of anything? Call the city's Recycling Coordinator at 425-670-5244 or email [sfisher@ci.lynnwood.wa.us](mailto:sfisher@ci.lynnwood.wa.us).



## Volunteers in Action!

Lynnwood Police Volunteers Cheryl Tenney, left, who was part of Citizens Patrol and Elaine Solvang who is part of both Citizens Patrol and Volunteers in Public Safety (VIPS) both earned the GOLD Presidential Volunteer Service Award for serving more than 500 hours in 2010 for the Lynnwood Police Department.

Lynnwood Police Chief Steve Jensen handed out 60 Presidential Volunteer Service Awards total: 42 Bronze Awards for 100-249 hours of service, 16 Silver Awards for 250-499 hours of service, and two Gold Awards for 500+ hours of service.

The Police Department has approximately 75 volunteers who served more than 21,000 hours in 2010!

A big thank you to Cheryl and Elaine, and all of our volunteers - the City appreciates everything you do for this community! If you are interested in volunteering, contact 425-670-5023.

## Lynnwood Recreation Center Awarded Prestigious LEED® Green Building Certification

The Lynnwood Recreation Center announces that it has been awarded LEED® Silver certification as established by the U.S. Green Building Council and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI). LEED is the nation's preeminent program for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings.

The Recreation Center is the first City of Lynnwood capital project to be awarded LEED certification.

"The Recreation Center provides opportunities for wellness and enjoyment in our community with an emphasis on environmental sustainability; this is a proud moment for the City," says Lynn Sordel, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department Director.

By using less energy, LEED-certified buildings save money for families, businesses and taxpayers; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, workers and the larger community.

For more information on the award or the Lynnwood Recreation Center visit [www.playlynnwood.com](http://www.playlynnwood.com).



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## Tips For Healthy Living

The USDA has introduced the new ChooseMyPlate, a visual guide that provides a blueprint for eating a healthy meal. It's simple and easy. MyPlate illustrates the five food groups that are the building blocks for a healthy diet using a familiar image - a place setting for a meal. Before you eat, think about what goes on your plate. Foods like vegetables, fruits, whole grains, low-fat dairy, and lean protein foods contain the nutrients needed to build a better plate, meal, or snack. What does YOUR MyPlate look like? To learn more visit [ChooseMyPlate.gov](http://ChooseMyPlate.gov)

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## Heritage Park Museum Opens

The 2nd floor of the Wickers Building at Heritage Park now features museum development that tells the history of the Wickers Building and early Alderwood Manor.

The 1919 Wickers Building was Alderwood Manor's first general store and post office. The 2nd floor served as a 5-room apartment for the storekeepers and their families.

The first two rooms at the top of the stairs feature histories of the Wickers Building, the superintendent's cottage and the water tower from the 1917 Demonstration Farm, with scale models of the structures. Vintage grocery store items are displayed in plexiglass cases. Three rooms are recreated to provide glimpses into the storekeepers' life above the store. The parlor features a 1920's piano, musical instruments and a vintage clock. The dining room features Anita Wickers' tea cart and paintings by Lynn O'Beirn, from whom the name "Lynnwood" was originally derived. Betty Wickers' bedroom is recreated with vintage toys, books and a dollhouse.

This phase of development was made possible with a grant from the Snohomish County Community Heritage Program. The display cases were built by Alderwood Manor Heritage Association member Rod Neff, and Dan Irving, member of the Sno-Isle Genealogical Society. Historical artifacts are in the permanent collections of the Alderwood Manor Heritage Association.

The museum is located at 19921 Poplar Way and is open 9am - 5pm, (until 3pm on Wed, Sat and Sun). For more information, please call Laurie Cowan at 425-670-5502.



## Buy-A-Brick!

Honor that special person with an inscribed brick to be installed in the plaza at Heritage Park where over 400 bricks honor Lynnwood's residents, families and pioneers!

Bricks are \$50 for an individual or non-profit and \$100 for a business.

Donations are tax deductible and help support museum development at Heritage Park.

More Info at  
[www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/Parks](http://www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/Parks) or  
425-670-5502

# CITY CENTER

## City Center Zoning Code and Design Guidelines

In early 2012, the City Council is considering amendments to the City Center zoning code and design guidelines. The amendments improve flexibility, permitting, and clarity to implement the City Center and attract development.

The City Center zoning code and design guidelines were originally adopted in 2005 to help implement the City Center Sub-Area Plan. Amendments were reviewed and approved by the Lynnwood Planning Commission in September 2011. Please check the City Center webpage for more information on these amendments: [www.LynnwoodEconomicDevelopment.org/CityCenter.ashx](http://www.LynnwoodEconomicDevelopment.org/CityCenter.ashx)

## Sound Transit North Corridor Transit Project Update

Sound Transit has completed their environmental scoping process and has determined that the light rail alignment along I-5 is the most effective route for high capacity transit to serve our area. This decision is consistent with the Sound Transit 2 Plan approved by voters in 2008 to extend transit from Northgate to Lynnwood. Lynnwood is a cooperating agency with Sound Transit to plan light rail transit that meets our community's needs.

In 2012, Sound Transit will start work on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which is planned to be completed in 2014. Upon approval of the EIS, final design and engineering should begin in 2015, followed by the start of construction in 2017. Light Rail Transit is anticipated to reach Lynnwood by 2023.

## Alderwood-City Center Transition Area Zoning

Zoning for the Alderwood-City Center Transition Area is being reviewed by the Planning Commission in early 2012. This commercial area is located between Alderwood Mall and the City Center, and was originally proposed as the North End District of City Center Plan. Transition Area zoning will determine how best to guide development between the Alderwood shopping area and the City Center. The preliminary plans call for increasing densities, allowing housing, and providing for pedestrian connections and amenities.

If you have questions or comments or would like to be added to the email list for more information on the City Center or Transition Area, contact Janiene Lambert, City Center Program Manager at 425-670-5045.

## Edmonds School District News



### Kindergarten Registration is Open - Enroll Now

Families with a child who will be five years old by August 31, 2012 are eligible to enroll in kindergarten for the 2012-13 school year. Kindergarten registration packets are available at neighborhood elementary schools. Enrolling early is important, and helps determine whether a school can offer an every day kindergarten option based on the number of parent tuition-paid slots filled. Visit [www.edmonds.wednet.edu/enrollment](http://www.edmonds.wednet.edu/enrollment) for more information.

### Winter Closures Change the School Calendar

Instructional days lost due to inclement weather must be made up and are already rescheduled. There is still some winter left, but as of the printing of this newsletter, three days have been added to the calendar. Please plan to have students attend all make-up days and update your calendar with the following dates: *Tuesday, June 19* is now a full day of school; *Wednesday, June 20* is now a full day of school; *Thursday, June 21* is now a full day of school; *Friday, June 22* is now an early release; *Monday, June 25* is now an early release and the last day of school.

### Come to a Superintendent's Roundtable

Join us for exciting discussions, and get your questions answered by Superintendent, Nick Brossoit. All meetings are from noon to 1:00 pm at the Educational Service Center, 20420 68th Ave W, Lynnwood 98036. Upcoming Meetings:

- April 11, 2012 – Gangs. Is it a problem? What is our level of awareness? Are we proactive or reactive? What can be done?
- May 2, 2012 – Annual Guest Speaker: Legislative Overview

### Save the Date: "Recipe for Success" at the Edmonds Public Schools Foundation Breakfast

The Edmonds Public Schools Foundation will host a fundraising breakfast to support Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (S.T.E.M.) education in District schools. Please join us on March 23 at 7 am at the new Meadowdale Middle School.

Sponsors are Boeing, Soundmark Wealth Management and HomeStreet Bank.

For tickets or more information, please call 425-531-7260, email [edmondspsf@edmonds.wednet.edu](mailto:edmondspsf@edmonds.wednet.edu), or visit [www.edmondspdf.org](http://www.edmondspdf.org).



## Do You Need A Building Permit?

With the arrival of spring, a lot of homeowners start thinking about home improvement projects. State Building Codes have been adopted to protect your safety and your investment. Lynnwood's inspection staff is ready to advise you if a permit is required, insure that construction plans meet code requirements and provide inspections at significant points along the way. Our staff is fully certified to help you handle the full range of building, mechanical, plumbing and electrical projects. You can call us at 425-640-5400 or visit the Permit Center at 4114 198th St SW, Suite 7.

## By the Numbers: Community Development

The Community Development Department is responsible for current and long-range planning, permitting of land use and building projects, code enforcement, and the orderly growth and development of the City. Here is a closer look at the department by the numbers:

### Permits

- 3,969 Permits Issued in 2011
- \$1,047,606 in Fees collected in 2011

**Permit Issuance Times:** It currently takes an average of:

- 2 weeks to issue a Building Permit
- 1 week to issue an Electrical Permit
- 2 1/2 weeks to issue a Building Permit for Tenant Improvements

### Code Enforcement

- 506 Code Enforcement cases opened in 2011
- 476 Code Enforcement cases closed in 2011
- 19.81 Average Number of Days Code Enforcement Cases Were Open in 2011

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## Your Elected Officials

### **Don Gough, Mayor**

[dgough@ci.lynnwood.wa.us](mailto:dgough@ci.lynnwood.wa.us)

Before being elected Mayor in 2005, Mayor Gough served on the City Council for 10 years from 1995–2005, including a term as Council President. Mayor Gough was re-elected Mayor in 2009. Mayor Gough serves on the Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee and the Finance Sub-Committee.

### *Returning Council Members*

#### **Kimberly Cole, Council Member, Council Position 1**

[kcole@ci.lynnwood.wa.us](mailto:kcole@ci.lynnwood.wa.us)

Council Member Kimberly Cole was elected to City Council in November of 2009. Council Appointments: liaison to the Historical Commission.

#### **Kerri Lonergan-Dreke, Council Vice President, Council Position 3**

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Council Member Kerri Lonergan-Dreke was elected to the Lynnwood City Council in November of 2009. Kerri currently serves on the board of Providence Hospice and Home Care of Snohomish County. Council Appointments: Finance Committee, Priority of Government committee, and board member of the Snohomish County Health District.

#### **Loren Simmonds, Council President, Council Position 4**

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Council President Loren Simmonds was elected to the City Council in 1999, served as Council President from 2005–2008 and is currently serving again in 2012. In addition to his responsibilities on the Council, he serves as president of the Lynnwood Transportation Benefit District, board member on the Lynnwood Parks & Recreation Foundation; volunteers for the Cold Weather Shelter for the Homeless; serves as a judge for the middle-school American Ideals Oratory Contest and conducts leadership classes for the C-U's Lead Middle-School Students. Council Appointments: liaison to the Disability Board, Sno-Isle Library Board, Public Facilities District, and Representative to the Regional Fire Authority Committee.

#### **Mark Smith, Council Member, Council Position 2**

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Council Member Mark Smith was elected to the City Council in 2005. He served as the Council President in 2010 and 2011. Council Appointments: Chair of the Finance Committee, liaison to the Neighborhoods & Demographic Diversity Advisory Commission, and the Lynnwood Tourism Advisory Committee.

### *Newly Elected Council Members*

#### **Van AuBuchon, Council Member, Council Position 7**

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Newly elected Council Member Van AuBuchon and his wife Bonnie have lived in Lynnwood for 28 years raising a family of three boys. Being a small business owner and actively involved in the community, he has spent over 20 years volunteering with various community organizations and civic commissions, working with both private citizens and city officials. Before being elected to the City Council, Van was a member of the Lynnwood Visioning Task Force and the Lynnwood Planning Commission. Council Appointments: liaison to the Planning Commission, Finance Committee, and the SNOCOM(911) Board.

#### **Benjamin Goodwin, Council Member, Council Position 5**

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Newly elected Council Member Benjamin Goodwin is a twenty-two year resident of Snohomish County, living in Lynnwood the last 7 ½ years. Since his days of earning his Eagle Scout award, Benjamin has been involved with the YMCA coaching and refereeing youth sports, participating in numerous service opportunities with church and community support, and raising his two children with the help of his wife of over 10 years. Council Appointments: Liaison to the Regional Fire Authority Board, Board of Snohomish County Tomorrow, Arts Commission and the Parks & Recreation Board.

#### **Sid Roberts, Council Member, Council Position 6**

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Newly elected Council Member Sid Roberts is a newcomer to politics but brings a fresh vision and collaborative spirit to the City Council. Sid has been married to Susan, a native of Stanwood, since 1983. The Roberts' have four children in young adulthood, three of which have embraced higher education and the fourth is a student at Lynnwood High School. Council Appointments: council representative to the Citizen's Patrol and VIPs, the Disability Board, and to Community Transit.

### *Contact Them*

Your elected officials welcome your ideas, comments and suggestions, so please feel free to call, write or email them. Please send mail to PO Box 5008, Lynnwood WA 98046-5008. To reach Council Members by phone, please call 425-670-5010.

To read your councilmembers full biographies, please visit the City of Lynnwood website at [www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us](http://www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us).

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## Changes to Animal Control & License Fees

As of January 1, with exception to those already with "permanent/lifetime" animal licenses, there will no longer be "lifetime/permanent" licenses available for purchase. Each year, from the date of purchase, an animal owner will need to renew their pet license for both altered and unaltered animals.

The new license fees are as follows: Altered animals \$20/year, Unaltered animals \$40/year, Altered and micro chipped animals \$10/year, Replacement of a lost license \$10. A late fee of \$10 may also be imposed if it is more than 30 days past expiration of a license.

In addition, with the increase in local shelter fees being placed on the city, an animal owner could also expect to pay other fees associated with the work of the city's Animal Control Officer. If an animal is transported a \$25 fee could be imposed, as well as an apprehension fee, if applicable, which would vary from \$50 to \$100 depending on the severity and/or recurrence of problem animals. Animal owners would also be responsible for the sheltering of their pet, which currently is \$111 at the Lynnwood area PAWS shelter.

Moreover, if the Lynnwood Police Department's single Animal Control Unit is not on duty and a 911 animal complaint call comes in, an officer will only respond if it is a true "dangerous animal" emergency.

Best case scenario: Be sure your pets are not only licensed each year but also micro chipped. Also, do your due diligence when protecting your animal friend from the dangers of the outdoors. If they go missing, first contact your local police department to see if they have the animal before calling the local shelter.

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## Officer Kelsey Appointed to State Board

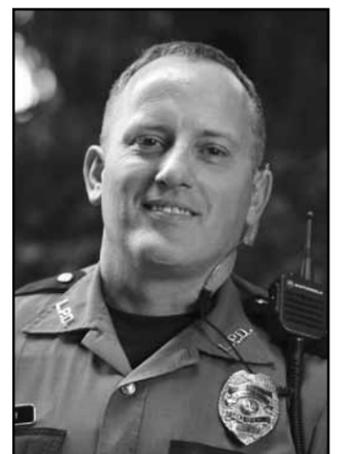
Lynnwood Police Officer Josh Kelsey has been appointed by Governor Christine Gregoire to the 14-member Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission.

Kelsey, who started with the Lynnwood Police Department in 1998, said he is grateful of his appointment to help establish rules and policies for law enforcement at a state level.

"I'm honored to be a voice for city line officers all across our state as to what training they would like to see for new recruits coming out of the academy, as well as what ongoing advanced training opportunities are provided to keep all commissioned personnel abreast of current issues, and safe in their daily duties," Kelsey said.

Lynnwood Police Chief Steve Jensen is proud of Kelsey's achievements locally and his efforts statewide. "Officer Kelsey's appointment to the Criminal Justice Training Commission is an honor and recognition of his significant involvement with not only training in Lynnwood but his interest and involvement in police training issues on a state wide basis," Jensen said.

The State Criminal Justice Training Commission which started in 1976, has 14 members all appointed by the Governor. Each stakeholder represents the distinct disciplines that encompass law enforcement from around the state of Washington.



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## Elected Officials

### Mayor

Don Gough

### City Council

Loren Simmonds, Council President  
Kerri Lonergan-Dreke, Council Vice President  
Van AuBuchon  
Kimberly Cole  
Benjamin Goodwin  
Sid Roberts  
Mark Smith

## City Council Meetings

Business Meetings: 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:00 - 10:00 pm  
City Council Chambers, 19100 44th Ave W, Lynnwood  
City Council Office: 425-670-5011  
Business Meetings can be seen on Comcast Channel 21 and  
Frontier Channel 30 on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at  
7:00 am and 2:00 pm.

## Locations

### Lynnwood City Hall

19100 44th Ave W, Lynnwood WA 98036  
425-670-5000  
Hours: M-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

### Lynnwood Recreation Center

18900 44th Ave W, Lynnwood WA 98036  
425-670-5732  
Hours: M-F 5:30 am - 9:30 pm, Sat 7 am - 9 pm, Sun noon - 6 pm

### Lynnwood Permit Center

4114 198th St SW, Ste 7, Lynnwood WA 98036  
425-670-5400  
Hours: M-Th 8:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:30 - 4:00 pm, \* New Hours  
Closed Fridays and Holidays

### Civic Justice Center (Municipal Court & Police)

19321 44th Ave W, Lynnwood WA 98036  
Court: 425-670-5100  
Hours: M-F 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Police (non-emergency): 425-670-5600  
Hours: Daily 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

### Fire Station

Station 15: 18800 44th Ave W, Lynnwood WA 98036  
Station 14: 18800 68th Ave W, Lynnwood WA 98036  
425-670-5300 (non-emergency)  
Hours: M-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

### Golf Course

20200 68th Ave W, Lynnwood WA 98036  
425-672-4653  
Hours: Daily 7:30 am - Dusk

### Lynnwood Senior Center

19000 44th Ave W, Lynnwood WA 98036  
425-670-5050  
Hours: M-F 8:30 am - 3:00 pm  
(extended hours Tuesdays until 8:00 pm)

## Other Important Phone Numbers

Animal Control 425-670-5660  
Code Enforcement 425-670-5420  
Community Development 425-670-5400  
Community Outreach 425-670-5023  
Economic Development 425-670-5249  
Finance 425-670-5000  
Human Resources Job Line 425-670-5627  
Inclement Weather Hotline 425-670-5299  
Mayor's Office / Executive Office 425-670-5003  
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts 425-670-5732  
Public Works 425-670-5200  
Utility Billing 425-670-5170

Sno-Isle Lynnwood Library 425-778-2148  
Snohomish County 425-388-3411

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**APRIL POOL'S DAY**  
Water safety that's free & fun  
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**SAFETY SCHOOL\***  
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Boating & Rescues | April 2 & 4 | \$15  
Water Sports & Safety | April 3 & 5 | \$15  
5 - 5:50pm or 6 - 6:50pm

**CAMP SPLASH\***  
Water safety and fun all week long for ages 7 - 12  
8am - 3pm | Monday - Friday | April 2 - 6 | \$170

\*Participants qualify for priority registration for April swim lessons, see [www.PlayLynnwood.com](http://www.PlayLynnwood.com) for lesson information

Get your family ready for Summer FUN!

Lynnwood Recreation Center | [www.PlayLynnwood.com](http://www.PlayLynnwood.com) | 425-670-5732

## Make your health a priority, register now for '6 Weeks to a Healthier You'

Is your goal to improve your eating and cooking habits, reduce stress, lose weight or exercise smarter? Register online for *6 Weeks to a Healthier You* and nationally acclaimed speaker, health expert and best-selling author Joe Piscatella will be there to guide you toward achieving these goals. This program begins April 17 at the Lynnwood Convention Center and runs six consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8 pm, ending on May 22. Biometric health screenings will help participants better gauge their overall health at the beginning of the program and again at the end. The program fee is \$49 per person, however, the value of the biometric screenings alone is \$100. Scholarships are available, and groups of 10 or more can receive a discounted rate. To register or learn more about the program, visit [www.verdanthealth.org](http://www.verdanthealth.org).



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