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Spring 2013

Volunteers Build Lynnwood's First Community Garden

This spring more Lynnwood residents will be gardening thanks to the addition of the City's first community garden! On January 21, twenty United Way Day of Service teen volunteers worked side-by-side with seventeen Lynnwood Senior Center volunteers to build the new garden. This passionate group of volunteers built thirty raised beds, 25 three-tiered raised beds and 5 single-tiered beds, for an intergenerational community garden that will pair up gardeners to learn, grow and work together.

The Community Garden, managed by the City, is open to any older adult or youth that is committed and shows an interest in gardening. The new garden adjacent to the Lynnwood Senior Center will accommodate fifty gardeners each growing season. "The long-term goal of this community garden is to increase wellness, foster intergenerational interaction between teens and older adults, increase access to fresh produce, and provide a much needed service to the community," says, Mary-Anne Grafton, project advocate and Senior Center Supervisor.

Special thanks are offered to Dunn Lumber, United Way of Snohomish County, Catholic Community Services of Snohomish County / RSVP, and City of Lynnwood Parks and Public Works Departments for their hard work and willingness to make this project a reality.

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Adults from the Lynnwood Senior Center and teens from United Way's MLK Day of Service work together to build boxes for a new intergenerational community garden adjacent to the Lynnwood Senior Center. Photo courtesy of RSVP.

Message From Mayor Don Gough

Our New City Budget: Update

My last report in January covered our new two-year 2013-14 budget. The Winter 2013 newsletter contained on pages 2, 3 & 6, articles from the nine departments about what the new budget would mean to our city, its residents, businesses and you. This article updates several critical aspects of our new budget given the effects of the on-going national and state budget problems.

Our state and local economies have continued to show signs of real recovery. But, the uncertainty caused by national decision-making on the federal budget and the federal debt limit, together with state budget problems, directly affect our local economy. Due to those economic and fiscal challenges, our city budget is being implemented in a cautious and gradually phased-in manner.

Consistent with what I've heard from citizens like you across the city, it continues to be my budget policy that the city will live within its existing means. All departments will continue keeping a keen vigil on budget expenditures with a goal to ensure at least 1% yearly budget savings. Your city staff is innovative, creative and very capable in designing more cost-effective ways of going about their work for our residents and businesses.

I wish to reiterate what I said in the last newsletter, that: "our new budget was developed with our adopted city vision clearly in mind, with more information, *and* done in an open process. There was extended time

available since mid-September for both public and council review of decisions balancing the budget."

Our two year budget projections assume, and we remain hopeful, that our quite *conservative* revenue forecast, together with a mildly recovering economy, will allow our budget to be implemented.

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Three Major Challenges Still Remain for Our City's Budget

1. **National/Federal Budget – Automatic Cuts.** On March 1, 2013, automatic cuts to the national budget went into effect. In late March Congress passed the federal budget with all the automatic cuts included. That budget is good from now through September 30, 2013, when a new 2014 federal budget is due.

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2. **National Debt Limit Vote – Early May:** Congress has rescheduled to early May (from earlier this year) another vote about the maximum allowable national debt limit. It is unclear whether this event will be a major source of conflict as in the past or not.
3. **Washington State Budget:** Our state legislature will end its regular session on April 28, 2013. A new two-year state budget for 2013-15 must be passed this spring. It will start on July 1, 2013. Currently, the new 2013-15 state budget is estimated to be about \$1.2 billion short of just maintaining the prior budget. This is after it's been cut each of the last several years. If a new state budget is not passed by April 28, 2013, then our state legislature will have to go into special session in May (extra innings) to get that job done.
 - **New State Budget Proposals.** In just the last few weeks our new Governor, the State House of Representatives and State Senate have each put forward their latest budget proposals. The final version remains to be seen.
 - **Increased K-12 Basic Education Budget.** Our Washington State Supreme Court ruled last year that the state constitution requires the legislature to increase basic K-12 education in the new state budget. That's estimated to be \$1 billion of a likely total of \$3-4 billion over the next 6 years.
 - **Cuts to Cities.** The state budget contains a number of specific types of revenues that are shared directly with counties and cities, including Lynnwood. The former Governor's budget proposed cutting city shared revenue by over \$100 million.

Our Lynnwood City Budget. By state law our balanced city budget was adopted last December 2012. Yes, we are required to estimate revenue and adopt a budget before knowing what the national or state budgets are going to be.

Our City Revenues. Sales tax revenues tell us about what you the business and resident consumers think about the economy and it helps us understand how you look at the overall situation. Sales tax trends have seemingly stabilized in the last several months and have mildly improved. In 2012 our city received 6% more in sales tax than in 2011. However, the amount of actual sales tax dollars collected in Lynnwood for the years 2012, 2011, 2010, and 2009 have - all four years in a row- been below the amount collected in 2008.

Budget Cuts in 2011-12. City budget cutting continued during the very beginning of 2011. Our Long-Term Financial Plan was adopted in May 2011. All departments were required to develop budget cuts of 6%, 8%, and 10% in June 2011. The city council was informed in early July 2011 of a multi-million dollar revenue shortfall primarily caused by the economy. Our regular annual mid-year review in late July 2011 for actual receipts and projections of various taxes, fees, charges and other revenue were updated, accordingly. Already reduced spending targets were updated and formalized shortly thereafter in August 2011. I then directed all departments to cut \$5.3 million (5.5%) for the two year budget period of 2011-12.

Preliminary 2012 End-of-Year Report. In February 2013 our city's preliminary year end reports for 2012 (which covers the 2011-12 period) confirmed that we have successfully accomplished the financial outcomes we planned back in 2010, and included in our May 2011 long term financial plan. In fact, nearly all of our city objectives were accomplished in just 12 months, i.e. 99% by the end of 2011. Our city departments successfully met the 2011-12 goal, and then went further and curtailed expenditures by another \$3-4 million.

Brief Updates

Restoring Prior Cuts of Essential Public Services. Our new city budget will restore a number of positions. About 74% of the positions in the plan restore public safety personnel in fire, police and municipal court. The few additional positions are limited to finance and budget monitoring, recreation center customer service, economic development and in the community development permit center.

Golf Course Update. A complete review of Golf Course operations has been put together on February 28, including recommendations for changing its business operations model. It's titled, *Lynnwood Municipal Golf Course - Policy Options Including: Creating a New Sustainable Business Model for Operations, Cost Savings & Debt Options*. If you wish to have a complete copy of it please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 425-670-5505. As scheduled, we resolved on March 25, 2013, the interim financing of the Golf Course. Further work continues and more decisions

will be forthcoming about current and future operations, hopefully by the end of April.

Auditor Comments. The State Auditor (SAO) is completing our 2011 audit and we've been advised again that we will receive the top rating for our financial statements. The City has consistently received opinions from the SAO that generally indicate that our financial statements fairly present the financial position of the City, in all material respects. We appreciate their comments that Lynnwood has "taken steps to improve [its] financial position," and that we have "adopted a comprehensive financial plan" on May 9, 2011, for the long-term benefit of the city.

"Thank You"

I wish to say "THANKYOU" to all of the hundreds of citizens that have volunteered, those that serve on our many boards and commissions, and those who have given ideas for our new budget.

I wish to say "THANKYOU" to all the staff throughout the city who work very hard on both reducing costs, and helping to develop our new two-year budget. They continue to make the tough decisions to cautiously and gradually phase-in implementation of that budget.

It is from all these wonderful people that the real positive energy comes to move Lynnwood forward.

For more information on our city budget, please visit our NEW city website at: www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us.

By The Numbers: Healthy Communities

Lynnwood Healthy Communities works to identify and advocate for policies, programs and environmental changes that *make it easier for us to make healthier choices in our daily lives*. The numbers below help to highlight some of the ways to be and stay active throughout the City of Lynnwood.

- 17 Parks in Lynnwood
- 20 Acres Undeveloped Park Land
- 100 Acres of Park Space
- 12 Miles of Bike Lanes
- 6.5 Miles of Trails Within Parks
- 7 Miles of Community Trails (Interurban Trail, Golf Course Trail, Scriber Creek Trail, and Mesika Trail)
- 17 Play Structures
- 9 Athletic Fields
- 8 Tennis Courts
- 8 Basketball Courts
- 2 Spray Parks

Visit www.PlayLynnwood.com for more information.

City Council Recognizes Efforts of Employees

On Monday, February 25, 2013, the Lynnwood City Council passed a proclamation honoring the six team members of the City of Lynnwood Building and Property Services. The proclamation highlights these employees as among the City's silent heroes who guarantee that essential services and infrastructure are always working. Included in their successes is the exemplary service to all departments and maintenance of 14 city buildings, construction of an impressive list of facility remodel and upgrades including interior work, implementation of a number of efficiencies in their practices, and procurement of goods and services that saved the City over \$100,000.



Pictured left to right: Public Works Director Bill Franz, Mayor Don Gough, Public Works Deputy Director Jeff Elekes, Supervisor Johnnie Dunn, Lead Custodian Ed Pratt, and Maintenance Workers Henadzi Apiatsionak and John Curran. Not pictured Maintenance Workers John Wieber and Bill Skorupa.

What's Happening at Heritage Park?

In Heritage Park's community facilities, you can gather travel information, research your family tree, discover the history of Lynnwood, and take a "ride" on the trolley! Located in the park's historic structures, the facilities are open to park visitors and tourists during the following hours:

- Visitor Information Center and Wickers Museum: M/W/Sat 10am-4pm, Tu 9am-5pm, Th/F 9am-4pm, Sun 9am-3pm.
- Heritage Resource Center: Tu/Th/Sat 11am-3pm
- Genealogy Research Library: Tu/Th/Sat 11am-3pm, Sun (May 26-Sept 1) 12pm-4pm
- Tours of Interurban Car No. 55: 1st Saturdays Jun-Sept 11am-3pm, Oct-May call for reservations 425-670-5502.

Wickers Museum located in the Wickers Building - Alderwood Manor's first general store - this new museum tells the life of early Alderwood Manor through exhibits, artifacts displayed in plexiglass cases, and rooms recreated with period furnishings. The museum is located on the 2nd floor above the Visitor Information Center, and is open every day for park visitors.

Heritage Park Docent Program Volunteers with a passion for history and an interest in Lynnwood's heritage are being recruited to become docents at Heritage Park. Docents will have the opportunity to lead tours of the park, the museum and the trolley, and participate in scheduled heritage events. If you are interested in becoming a park docent, we would like to meet you! Please call 425-670-5502 for more information.

Buy-A-Brick! Honor that special person with an inscribed brick to be installed in the plaza where over 400 bricks pay tribute to Lynnwood's residents, families and pioneers. Bricks are available for a donation of \$50 for an individual or a non-profit, and \$100 for a business. Memorial trees and benches are also available. All donations help support continued development at Heritage Park. Donation forms are available online and at the park's facilities.

Heritage Park is located at 19921 Poplar Way in Lynnwood. For more information on Heritage Park, visit www.PlayLynnwood.com.



Do You Need A Building Permit?

Spring Home Improvements May Require a Permit from the City

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.



What's Happening

Clothes For Kids Clothing Drive

The City of Lynnwood is partnering with Clothes For Kids to host a clothing drive during the month of May with a "Stuff the Bus" event on Saturday, June 1 at the Lynnwood Recreation Center. Clothes For Kids accepts new or gently used children's and teen's clothing. Clothes For Kids has enhanced the learning environment by meeting the clothing needs of low-income children in Snohomish County since 1984. During the 2011-2012 school year, Clothes For Kids provided 4,044 wardrobes to deserving students in Snohomish County.

Look for collection bins at Lynnwood City Hall, the Recreation Center, the Police Department lobby, and the Lynnwood Library. For more information, contact 425-670-5023 or jmoore@ci.lynnwood.wa.us. For more information on Clothes For Kids visit www.clothesforkids.org.

Stand Against Racism

Join the YWCA and the City of Lynnwood's Diversity Commission as we take a Stand Against Racism on Friday, April 26 at 3:30pm on the Lynnwood Civic Campus. Stand Against Racism is a national movement of the YWCA that aims to eliminate racism by raising awareness through this event. For more information visit www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/Outreach.

Historical Commission Opening

The Historical Commission is an advisory body of the City of Lynnwood that works towards historical and cultural recognition and preservation of location landmarks and histories. The Historical Commission consists of five members who are appointed to three year terms. If you are interested in volunteering your time with the Historical Commission, please contact Julie Moore at 425-670-5023 or jmoore@ci.lynnwood.wa.us.

Memorial Day Commemoration at Veterans Park

Monday, May 27, come to Veterans Park for Lynnwood's Memorial Day Commemoration. Hosted by the Veterans of Foreign War, the American Legion Post 37, and the City of Lynnwood, the event will begin at 11am. For more information contact Martin Spani at 425-774-7416.

Concours d'Elegance at the Lynnwood Golf Course

Saturday, July 13, 1-5pm come to the Lynnwood Golf Course for the 6th Annual Alderwood-Terrace Rotary Club's Concours d'Elegance Rare Classic, Sports, and Muscle Car Show. For more information visit www.concoursatthewood.com.

Monthly Lynnwood PEPS Orientation

PEPS (Program for Early Parent Support) forms neighborhood based groups, facilitated by trained volunteers to help new parents connect, grow and share information and resources. Visit www.PEPS.org for more information. PEPS classes will be held at the Playdate Cafe 4114 198th St SW, Ste 3, on the third Friday of the month from 6-7pm, April 19, May 17, and June 21.

Coming Soon

Construction at Lynnwood Crossroads has begun. Lynnwood Crossroads, an approximately 123,000 square foot retail destination, is progressing on schedule. Building construction will begin in the next few weeks on LA Fitness, and the first retail building at the southwest corner of 196th and Hwy 99. Tenants are LA Fitness, Five Guys Burgers and Fries, Qdoba Mexican Grill, Starbucks, Hop Jacks, Great Clips, Verizon and Yogurtland. For more information visit www.lynnwoodcrossroads.com.

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This Program Can Help You!
Improve your eating and cooking habits, reduce your stress, lose weight and exercise smarter

The City's commitment to the Healthy Communities Program remains strong and community gardens can play a significant role in enhancing the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being necessary to build healthy and socially sustainable communities. Parks and Recreation Director, Lynn Sordel hopes "this project will be the first of many community gardens intended to occupy green space throughout the City."

The health benefits of gardening are as abundant as the garden's yield. Studies have shown that community gardens:

- Reduce crime and beautify neighborhoods
- Foster relationships and social interaction
- Provide low-cost food for families
- Benefit psychological health
- Support healthy lifestyles, creating opportunities for exercise
- Reduce waste
- Promote neighborhood socialization

The Healthy Communities' model was developed to help communities create policies and community environments that support good nutrition and opportunities for physical activity; essentially, making the healthy choice the easy choice. We have a responsibility to select and implement programs and services that are designed to enhance the health of our community. Evidence shows that in most cases, obesity can be prevented if people move more and eat nutritiously. By making relatively small investments and changes in our programming, we can help make a lasting impact on the health of our community.

We are fortunate to have a number of community partners working together to make Lynnwood a healthier community. On this page, we feature ads to several coming programs focused on health and wellness.

The City is also committed to creating volunteer service opportunities that bring people together. On Saturday, April 13, you are invited to join us at Lynndale Park for a spring Park Service Day. For more information, check out the ad on the back page or visit www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/Volunteer.

In conclusion, as our communities are concerned about the health effects of rising obesity rates and chronic disease, we are taking action. Education and awareness alone won't result in change. Safe sidewalks, trails, and bicycle lanes make it easier for people to move about and leave their car at home. Healthy food choices in school cafeterias and restaurants, well supported food banks, and sustainable community gardens offer options for healthier food.

For more information about the Healthy Communities Program, the new community garden or other programs, visit www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/Healthy.



Adults from the Lynnwood Senior Center and teens from United Way's MLK Day of Service work together to building boxes for a new intergenerational community garden adjacent to the Lynnwood Senior Center. Photo courtesy of RSVP.

R.I.P. "Vader"

Thank You For Your Service 2007-2013

This past February, the Lynnwood Police lost a member of its family. Lynnwood Police Canine Officer "Vader" passed away recently after a sudden, major medical emergency.

Vader worked hard tracking bad guys and recovering evidence right up until the very end, he was 7 years-old. Vader leaves behind his devoted handler, Officer Curtis Zatylny and Zatylny's wife and children.

"It may sound odd, but to me, Vader was more than a dog... He was the eyes in the back of my head, my 'Spidey-sense' ... my guardian," Zatylny said.

Vader caught a lot of bad people who would have otherwise got away with their crimes. During his tenure, Vader had nearly 150 captures, together with 36 evidence finds. In addition to being a master-level tracking dog, Vader and Officer Zatylny were also a cross-trained K9 team which also located narcotics in Lynnwood and all over the Snohomish County region. Vader's stats show he traced illegal drugs 25 times out of 30 and over the years has located a total of \$63,858.00 in cash.

Lynnwood Police Chief Steve Jensen said Vader touched everyone at the Lynnwood Police Department and will be sorely missed. "Officer Zatylny and his canine partner Vader together apprehended a great many criminal suspects and enhanced the safety of the public and our officers," Jensen said.



K9 Officer "Vader" and his handler Officer Curtis Zatylny

Vader was part of the Lynnwood Police Department's four-team K9 Unit. The Unit plans to refill this integral position. The Lynnwood Police Officers Association (LPOA) has a non-profit fund set-aside for this K9 Unit. Anyone wishing to make donations to this cause may do so by making checks payable to the "LPOA" attention Lynnwood K9 Unit.

The other three team members of our K9 unit are: "Buddy" whose partner is Officer Cole Langdon, "Eli," whose partner is Officer Jake Shorthill and "Zando," whose partner is Officer Joe Dickinson.

LYNNWOOD PLACE

Land Use Approval for the Former Site of Lynnwood High School

The largest and most significant development project in Lynnwood since Alderwood mall has passed a major milestone in the approval process. Lynnwood Place is a mixed-use development project on approximately 40 acres. The project is proposed by Cypress Equities at the former location of Lynnwood High School. After many years of planning and environmental review, the City Council unanimously approved amendments to the Zoning and Comprehensive Plan for Lynnwood Place on February 25. Before the project can proceed to construction, a second round of approvals by the Lynnwood City Council is needed for the project's specific development plans, mitigation of development impacts, and required public infrastructure improvements.



Rendering of potential development at Lynnwood Place

During the next step in the process, close attention will be given to architectural details, landscaping, environmental impact mitigation, traffic, open space, pedestrian connectivity and sustainability. These details will be part of a "development agreement" between the City, Cypress Equities, Costco, and Edmonds School District. Consideration of the development agreement will require a public hearing and action by the City Council. It is anticipated that the development agreement will be brought forward for City Council action in spring 2013, possibly before the release of this publication. If City Council does not approve the development agreement, the site will revert to its formal classification as public use. For the latest news on Lynnwood Place, visit us online at www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/LynnwoodPlace.

Lynnwood Place has been in the planning process for over six years. It began when Edmonds School District embarked upon a voter-approved plan to relocate Lynnwood High School (LHS). The District then reviewed opportunities to reuse the former high school site since it was no longer needed for educational purposes. Cypress Equities was selected as the developer of the property through a competitive process. The District retains ownership of the land, and the developer provides lease revenue to the District that will be used to meet the District's capital facility needs.

Redevelopment of the property was delayed due to the economic recession. Under current plans, Lynnwood Place will ultimately contain nearly one million square feet of building area, built in three phases. The northern half of the site will contain a Costco and associated parking. The south half will be developed with a number of multi-story buildings oriented towards a 'main street'. The buildings will contain almost 200,000 square feet of ground floor retail space, up to 500 apartment units, and parking placed in garages attached to the buildings.

All development proposals in Lynnwood undergo environmental review, which in the case of Lynnwood Place required a highly detailed Environmental Impact Study (EIS). The EIS process included repeated opportunities for public review and input. Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning were also scrutinized in Public Hearings held by both the Lynnwood Planning Commission and Lynnwood City Council. Additional Public Hearings are required before the Council can act on the required Development Agreement. The City prepared an analysis of potential impacts from the project and "mitigations" that are required to address the impacts. Traffic was a major focus. A package of infrastructure improvements will be required with the most significant being the construction of a new 'bypass road' that will extend from 184th St near the entrance to the old Lynnwood High School, north to Alderwood Mall Parkway at an intersection with Maple Road. Additional mitigations involved upgrades to water, sanitary sewer, and drainage systems, project design, landscaping, and recreation amenities.

If you want more information on Lynnwood Place you can contact the Community Development Department at 425-670-5400. Project details and documents are available on the City's website at: www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/LynnwoodPlace.



Proposed site development plan for Lynnwood Place

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Waste Prevention & Recycling News

Shredding Documents for Security and Recycling

Home paper shredders are a very common office item. However, they are often not convenient enough when faced with shredding large amounts of confidential documents that need to be securely destroyed.

Parking lot “Shred-a-thon” events have also become commonplace. These free events usually take place on a Saturday and feature a commercial shredding truck which accepts a limited number of boxed or bagged paper documents. The paper gets shredded on site and is recycled as feedstock for products such as building insulation. These events are sponsored by banks, insurance companies, and sometimes local cities. Look for announcements in local papers.

A better way to find out when these events happen is to go online and search the word Shredathon. The top of the list will be our State Attorney General’s website at www.atg.wa.gov, and clicking there will open to the Identity Theft and Privacy page with a link to the 2013 Shredathon calendar. Check it out and you’ll have time to prepare and attend an event at your convenience.

Shredded Paper in Curbside Collection

Some curbside recycling hauling companies still accept shredded paper in the recycling cart, if it is bagged. Please check with your hauler’s recycling instructions for their rule on accepting a paper bag only, or clear plastic bag only, for containing shredded paper.

One large company, Waste Management, no longer allows shredded paper in the recycling, rather encouraging the shredded paper to be part of the mix in a yard waste cart, if a customer subscribes to that service. It’s not yet determined if the trend will shift toward all haulers no longer allowing shredded paper in recycle carts, but okay in the yard waste, but that could happen and for good reason.

Shredded paper itself has less value since the paper fibers are now cut and the whole point of paper recycling is fiber recovery. The office paper shredder that produces the long strands of shred are likely the least problematic, but the various types of shredders available now include many that chop paper into confetti and may also include slots for cutting up old credit cards and CDs.

Shredded plastic mixed in with the paper is considered a contaminant and becomes garbage. When shredded paper is handled at a recycling facility it can often become loose and messy and ends up not being recycled.

When it comes to recycling shredded paper, it makes more sense to add it to a yard waste container. The paper becomes a good carbon source for the composting process the yard waste materials will be going through.

Recycling questions? Contact the city’s Recycling Coordinator at 425-670-5244 or by emailing sfisher@ci.lynnwood.wa.us. Check out the new Garbage & Recycling pages on the remodeled City of Lynnwood website at www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us.

Car Washing Basics

It’s that time of year again. The sun is out (sometimes), the birds are singing, and your car looks like it’s been off-roading for the past few months without a bath. It’s time to start the car washing season in Western Washington – but before you grab your bucket and hose, you may want to consider how washing your car can affect our waterways.

While the actual act of washing your car isn’t bad, the way you wash your car can have a negative effect on the water quality of our streams, creeks, and lakes. When you wash your car on the street, the accumulated dirt, oil, and metallic residue are washed directly into storm drains – which discharge the untreated water into our waterways. The fine particulates and chemicals found in wash water from cars are known to suffocate and poison fish and their eggs, as well as other aquatic wildlife. Some car wash soaps contain phosphorus, which act as an aquatic fertilizer and can cause dangerous algal “blooms.”

If you’d like to reduce the amount of pollution entering our waterways, here are a few easy tips for environmentally friendly car washing:

1. Take your car to a commercial car wash

Most car wash water is actually recycled and re-used at the station. When it’s no longer usable, the water is piped to the sewage treatment plant and cleaned before being released back into Puget Sound (unlike street drains). Both mechanical and self-serve car washes provide this service.

2. Wash your car on your lawn

If you would rather wash your car at home, park your car on a patch of grass, gravel, or another surface which will allow the water and suds from your car to seep into the ground while you wash. The soil and plant roots will filter and absorb most of the pollutants instead of being discharged into a creek.

3. Charity car washes

Charity car washes are a wonderful way to raise funds and awareness for your cause or club. In keeping with the spirit of entrepreneurialism and a healthy environment, the City of Lynnwood Public Works Department offers a Charity Car Wash Kit that you can check out (free of charge) for your next event. The kit keeps all wash water out of our storm drains and pumps it into a nearby sanitary sewer. To reserve the Car Wash Kit, contact Darlene Little at 425-670-5222 or by email at dlittle@ci.lynnwood.wa.us.



Help Destroy Sidewalk Weeds

Weeds find a way to grow everywhere, don’t they? Not only do they look bad, but they also can destroy whatever they are growing around, including sidewalks! As part of an effort to limit the amount of herbicide used, the City is proposing to cease application in residential neighborhoods this year, and is instead asking for your help to keep them in check.

While spraying “Roundup” may be a very popular method to control weeds, there are other effective ways you may wish to also consider. These include:

- Manually removing them with a flat-head screwdriver or a dandelion digger. Pulling is especially effective for roots with taproots, such as dandelions.
- Spraying weeds with vinegar. Use undiluted vinegar (with an acidity of at least 15%) fill a spray bottle, and spray liberally. Wait for a dry, hot day to do so, as vinegar works by destroying the plants ability to retain water.
- Use a weed-torch (available at most hardware stores). Move the flame slowly over the weeds, a few inches above them. You don’t need to actually burn them, just heat them. You’ll notice a slight drooping or change in their color at first, but if the weeds were heated sufficiently, within a few hours they’ll wilt and in a day they’ll turn brown and die.

Once the weeds are gone, be sure to keep up the effort. A weed-free sidewalk is not only much nicer looking, it will also extend its life!

This information is brought to you by the Lynnwood Surface Water Utility, working to keep our surface waters clean. Remember, indoor drains go to treatment plants, outdoor drains go to streams.

Edmonds Community College News

Attend the Edmonds Community College Career Fair 10 am-2 pm on Wednesday, May 1, in Woodway Hall 202. This event is for current and alumni students and community members seeking jobs. Meet more than 30 local employers with full-time, part-time, and seasonal positions. These are jobs which will help to support you while in school, and/or career jobs you may be seeking post-graduation. Bring your resume, dress professionally, be prepared with questions to ask the employers, and follow up with the companies or positions which interest you. For more information, go to www.edcc.edu/careeractioncenter.

Edmonds Community College's Native American Student Association hosts the 28th annual powwow, "Teachings of the Wolves," May 3-5. The powwow brings together students, families, and communities to celebrate American Indian singing, drumming, dancing, and arts and crafts in the college's Seaview Gym. For more information, call 425-640-1076 or go to www.edcc.edu/powwow.

Edmonds Community College's Conversations in the Humanities series continues 7-8 pm, Tues, May 21, with pop-culture historian Jennifer K. Stuller presenting "Ink-Stained Amazons and Cinematic Warriors: Superwomen in Modern Mythology," a conversation examining the significance of the heroine in popular culture. The event, at the college's Black Box Theatre, is free and open to the public. For more information, go to www.blackboxedcc.org.

Register now! Spring quarter at Edmonds Community College starts April 1 and runs through June 14. See the complete class schedule at www.edcc.edu/schedule.

Edmonds Community College, serving Lynnwood since 1967.

Lynnwood Convention Center

Have you ever wondered what two thousand baked cookies smell like? Have you ever wanted to go behind the scenes in the event industry? Perhaps you're just curious, "What goes on in that big building on the corner of 196th?" Well, here is your chance to answer those questions and more!

The Lynnwood Convention Center is offering monthly building tours to the public. These tours will go "behind the scenes" and show you what it takes to produce 400 events a year! You'll be able to ask questions about the Center and discover how it works. You'll be able to see our latest public art exhibition and you'll learn about the function and role the Lynnwood Convention Center plays to the surrounding community.

Tours are the third Monday of each month at 3pm and begin at the Center front desk. RSVPs are required and groups larger than 10 visitors should contact the Center directly. The Lynnwood Convention Center is often home to many interesting events so tours are not guaranteed to see all spaces of the Center.

For more information or to RSVP for an upcoming tour please contact us at info@lynnwoodcc.com or 425-778-7155.

Lynnwood Library

Opera Preview: La Voix Humaine & Suor Angelica

April 14, 2013 | 2:00pm

In this exciting pair of Seattle Opera premieres two very different composers, Poulenc and Puccini, explore the fates of women who must come to grips with grave disappointment. Join Norm Hollingshead for an engaging presentation that covers the basics of history, music and stage-craft of these operas at McCaw Hall

The Healing Power of Meditation

April 18, 2013 | 7:00pm

Ajili Hodari Esq has been practicing meditation for over 30 years. He will present research on how meditation can improve our physical, mental and spiritual health. This evening you will have a chance to practice this simple technique that can reduce stress, enhance relaxation and promote inner growth.

Library Appreciation Day

April 21, 2013 | 12:00pm

The Friends of the Lynnwood Library invite you to enjoy a special musical performance by the Martha Lake Elementary School Choir. The Friends will award their annual scholarship and provide door prizes too. Light refreshments will be served.

eReader Monday

April 22, 2013 | 2:00pm

A librarian will be available to show you how to use your eReader device and how to download books to it. Help is on a first come, first serve basis. No appointments are necessary. Held in the Small Group Study Room.

Make It: Hula Hoops

April 23, 2013 | 4:00pm

Wipe off the last of the rainy season and get ready for the sun by making your own ultimate summer accessory. For teens.

Green Thumbs Book Group for the Reading Gardener

April 25, 2013 | 7:00pm

This month we continue reading "Death in the Orchid Garden: A Gardening Mystery by Ann Ripley" OR "The Orchid Shroud: A Novel of Death in the Dordogne" by Michelle Wan. We meet on the last Thursday of each month. During the first part of our meeting, we share gardening books we've discovered during the month. The second half of the meeting is devoted to discussing books we've chosen to read as a group. If it's about gardening, we want to hear it!

Growing Healthy Children: A STARS Training Series

April 29, 2013 | 6:30pm

Getting Messy with our Infants and Toddlers

Creative and sensory exploration activities are critically important for children's growth and development. Learn about the importance of play-based and sensory-rich experiences for infants and toddlers. Gain new ideas for linking creative art and sensory activities to the Washington State Early Learning and Development Guidelines.



Join the YWCA and the City of Lynnwood in taking a Stand Against Racism

Stand Against Racism is a national movement of the YWCA with the goal of bringing people together to raise awareness that racism still exists. Join us at the Lynnwood Civic Campus and Take a Stand for Peace, Justice, Freedom, and Dignity for All.

**Lynnwood Civic Campus
Friday, April 26, 2013 | 3:30 pm**

For more information contact Julie Moore, Community Outreach Specialist at 425-670-5023 or jmoore@ci.lynnwood.wa.us.

Contact Us

www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us

Elected Officials

Mayor

Don Gough

City Council

Loren Simmonds, Council President

Sid Roberts, Council Vice President

Van AuBuchon

M. Christopher Boyer

Benjamin Goodwin

Kerri Lonergan-Dreke

Mark Smith

City Council Meetings

Business Meetings: 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:00 - 10:00pm

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 7:30pm and Sundays at

7:00am and 2:00pm.

Locations

Lynnwood City Hall

19100 44th Ave W, Lynnwood WA 98036

425-670-5000

Hours: M-F 8:30am - 5:00pm

Lynnwood Recreation Center

18900 44th Ave W, Lynnwood WA 98036

425-670-5732

Hours: M-F 5:30am - 9:30pm, Sat 7am - 9pm, Sun noon - 6pm

Lynnwood Permit Center

4114 198th St SW, Ste 7, Lynnwood WA 98036

425-670-5400

Hours: M-Th 8:00am - 12:00pm and 1:30 - 4:00pm,

Closed Fridays and Holidays

Civic Justice Center (Municipal Court & Police)

19321 44th Ave W, Lynnwood WA 98036

Court: 425-670-5100

Hours: M-F 8:30am - 4:30pm

Police (non-emergency): 425-670-5600

Hours: Daily 7:00am - 7:00pm

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 8:30am - 5:00pm

Golf Course

20200 68th Ave W, Lynnwood WA 98036

425-672-4653

Hours: Daily 7:00am - Dusk

Lynnwood Senior Center

19000 44th Ave W, Lynnwood WA 98036

425-670-5050

Hours: M-F 8:30am - 3:00pm

(extended hours Tuesdays until 8:00pm)

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

Water Pollution Hotline 425-670-KRUD

Sno-Isle Lynnwood Library 425-778-2148

Snohomish County 425-388-3411

For Emergency Dial 911

Park Service Day!

Saturday, April 13th | Check-In @ 9:30am

Lynndale Park | Rain or Shine



Calling All Volunteers...

Join Lynnwood's spring park service day!

- Open to individuals, families and groups.
- Bring gloves & work boots
- Be prepared to get dirty!

RSVP to the Community Outreach Specialist at

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For more info visit

www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/volunteer



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