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Spring 2015

Celebrate Arbor Day in Lynnwood

City continues commitment to urban forestry and conservation

Did you know that you live in a Tree City USA? For the past fifteen years, the City of Lynnwood has met the standards to qualify as a Tree City set by the Arbor Day Foundation. One of these standards is to hold an annual Arbor Day Observance. This year's event will focus on urban forest restoration at Wilcox Park. On Friday, April 24, City staff will be assisted by Cedar Valley Elementary students to plant a dozen vine maple and Western Red Cedar trees to create an under story of vegetation that will help reduce erosion at one the City's most popular urban forests.

Trees are a vital and important part of the Lynnwood community. In addition to the many positive environmental benefits they provide to our urban and natural environment such as producing oxygen, reducing erosion, and moderating temperatures - trees beautify our city and enhance our community's economic vitality. The City of Lynnwood is dedicated to preserving existing trees for future generations, as well as providing a way for new trees to be planted.

In 2004, the City of Lynnwood updated our tree ordinance that includes tree regulations to designate and protect Heritage trees, implement tree removal permit fees and set up a tree grant and voucher system. We now require home owners and land developers to obtain a tree removal permit prior to tree removal on all properties in Lynnwood. Those permit fees go directly into a fund that provides tree grants and vouchers to Lynnwood residents. These vouchers enable our residents to purchase trees and soil amendments free of cost from local participating Washington State Nursery and Landscaping Association (WSNLA) affiliated nurseries for use on their property. Pick up a tree voucher application and instruction form at City Hall or online at www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/TreeProgram.



Park Superintendent Eric Peterson is joined by a Junior Ranger at a tree planting at Stadler Ridge Park in 2013

Message from Mayor Nicola Smith

Exciting opportunities for 2015



As I reflect on my first full year as the Mayor of the City of Lynnwood, I am extremely proud of the great work that our City has accomplished. There is a spirit of collaboration, teamwork, and renewed hope for the future that can be felt amongst our employees

and in our community. 2015 is shaping up to be a great year! There are many exciting opportunities coming our way, and it is our duty to make sure that we are fully prepared.

Our City has embraced the theme, "Fix It! Refresh It! Grow It!" This coming year we will work on "fixing" our foundation by updating municipal codes, city policies, and identifying areas in each of our departments and work groups that can benefit from process improvements and efficiencies. What's most exciting about this work is that we are empowering our front-line staff members, those that are most knowledgeable about our processes, to recommend the changes. This "refresh" will change the way we do business by improving efficiencies, removing barriers to our customers and providing our services and programs to the best of our abilities. I hope you enjoy this "refreshed" *Inside Lynnwood* newsletter that we hope will better share the work your public servants are doing on your behalf!

And finally, we will "grow" towards our Community Vision of being a regional model for a sustainable, vibrant community with engaged citizens and an accountable government, making Lynnwood a community with...*A Great Deal More!*

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

Lynnwood's Legislative Priorities

Mayor Nicola Smith and her city department heads have been meeting with state and federal legislators to discuss the City of Lynnwood's 2015 Legislative Agenda and Priority Projects to further advance the needs of Lynnwood and its residents in the areas of shared revenues, economic development, transportation, and public safety. These discussions have taken place with Lt. Governor Brad Owen, representatives of Senator Maria Cantwell and Congressman Rick Larsen, Senator Marko Liias, and Representatives Lillian Ortiz-Self and Cindy Ryu.



Lt. Governor Brad Owen with Mayor Smith, Fire Chief Scott Cockrum and members of the Lynnwood Fire Department

Coffee With a Cop

Join us for an opportunity to chat with a Lynnwood police officer over a cup of coffee. 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 police officers and community members to come together in an informal setting to discuss community issues, build relationships and drink coffee.



Date: March 7, 2015
Time: 9am-11am
Location: Starbucks at 6208 196th St SW

Need Help With Your Water Bill?

Did you know that the City of Lynnwood has several discount programs available to our residents that may need a little extra help with their water and sewer utility bill?

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To see if you qualify for one of our discount programs, call 425-670-5170, stop by City Hall, or email ub@ci.lynnwood.wa.us.



Volunteer with Lynnwood Fire Corps

You can make a difference in your community! Whatever your skills, there is a need for you as a support member of the Lynnwood Fire Department. Fire Corps members play a vital role in the Lynnwood Fire Department and local community. As a Fire Corps volunteer, you can expect to assist the department with non-emergency tasks. Your efforts will play a critical role in making your community safer, stronger, and better prepared for emergencies of all kinds.

The activities performed by Fire Corps members vary greatly depending on the needs of the Lynnwood Fire Department as well as your interests and skill-sets. Some of the types of opportunities that may be available include:

- Provide blood pressure checks to visitors at Fire Station 15, Lynnwood Senior Center and other locations.
- Provide administrative and clerical support
- Assist with community outreach events like Lynnwood University & National Night Out
- Assist with community programs, such as food drives, and toy collections for families in need
- Assist with preparedness efforts, including planning for quick access to stocks of emergency supplies, shelter readiness, and procedure review
- Translate materials for non-English speaking populations

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To learn more, visit www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/Volunteer, or contact Misty Burton-Burke at 425-670-5302 or mburke@ci.lynnwood.wa.us

City of Lynnwood Event Partnership

The City of Lynnwood understands the importance of community events, festivals and celebrations in building a sense of community and making Lynnwood a great place to live, work and play. That's why we want to make it easier for you to host events in our community by being your partner! Benefits of Partnering with the City of Lynnwood include:

- Use of the City's official logo
- Use of one of the City's display banners during the approved event
- Listing on the City's official website: www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us
- Promotion of the event through the City's communications channels (may include Inside Lynnwood, Lynnwood eNews, homepage spotlight banner, poster display, or social media advertising.)
- Appearances from Lynnwood's Mayor, Councilmembers or City Staff.

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If you are interested in partnering with the City of Lynnwood on your upcoming event, there is a short application form that can be found by visiting www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/EventPartnership, or you can contact Julie Moore at jmoore@ci.lynnwood.wa.us or 425-670-5023



Regional Growth Center/ City Center Projects



City Center: Hilton Garden Inn

- Location: Alderwood Mall Blvd west of 37th Avenue W
- Description: Six story, 150 room hotel with meeting rooms and public plaza along Alderwood Mall Blvd.
- Size: 2.5 acres with 93,615 sq.ft. building
- Status: State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) approved under City Center Planned Action, Project Design Review Approved, Construction start anticipated summer 2015



Lynnwood City Center Senior Living Apartments

- Location: 19501 40th Avenue West
- Description: Eight story (includes two underground parking levels), 308 unit, senior housing with public plaza along 40th Avenue West and rooftop resident amenities.
- Size: 1.8 acres with 337,949 sq.ft. building
- Status: SEPA approved under City Center Planned Action, Project Design Review Approved, Development Agreement Approved, Building Permit Approved, Construction start anticipated summer 2015

A New Look

Inside Lynnwood is a publication of the City of Lynnwood Communications & Public Affairs Office. We hope you enjoy this “refreshed” newsletter. Sign up for Lynnwood eNews for email alerts and follow us on Facebook and Twitter to receive news and information about the services and programs that matter most to you.



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 Business meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 7-10 pm at the City Council Chambers, 19100 44th Ave. W. Lynnwood. Council business meetings are broadcast Wednesdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 7 am & 2 pm on Comcast Channel 21 and Frontier Channel 30. Contact the City Council office at 425-670-5011.

Council Update: Homelessness Taskforce

According to the 2014 Snohomish County Point In Time Count, there are over 1,200 individuals in Snohomish County who are homeless—over a quarter of these are children. Whether they are “temporarily unsheltered” or “chronically homeless,” these men, women, and children need the assistance of friends, churches, non-profits, and government to find safe places to live and to address the problems that led to their plight. In an effort to protect some of our community’s most vulnerable members, the City Council formed the Homelessness Task Group comprised of three councilmembers—Christopher Boyer, Ian Cotton, and Benjamin Goodwin, with Ruth Ross as an alternate.

The Task Group has met with concerned citizens, City staff, and those already working to provide services to those experiencing homelessness in order to explore best practices in restoring these neighbors to full participation in “normal life.” In hearing from representatives of Edmonds School District, Edmonds Community College, Union Gospel Mission, Mary’s Place, REACH, the Faith & Family Homelessness Program, Interfaith Association of Northwest Washington, Snohomish County Human Services Department, and others, the Homelessness Task Group has learned a tremendous amount, and now, they hope to begin putting those lessons to work in serving some of those who are vulnerable.

As part of the 2015-2016 budget, the City Council approved the allocation of a small amount of seed money to explore the possibility of a facility in Lynnwood that will be a year-round shelter for those experiencing homelessness as well as a center for them to connect with the services they need. This work will be in collaboration with an existing non-profit that has expertise in this area to create a coalition of government and non-profit entities that can fund and staff such a center. The citizens and government of Lynnwood alone cannot solve the enormous challenge of homelessness, but the City Council is committed to do what they can to help. It is hopeful that these efforts will serve as a model for other cities our size across this great country.

Council Highlights

December

- Proclamation honoring the life of former councilmember George Janecke
- Appointed two members to the Parks & Recreation Board
- Approved Grant Agreement with Verdant Health Commission to continue providing swim lessons and classroom water safety instruction to third graders who live or go to school in Edmonds School District.
- Adopted the following ordinances:
 - » Extension of the moratorium on Medical and Recreational Marijuana sales in the City of Lynnwood.
 - » Expansion of the City Utility Discount Program.
 - » Amendment to the 2013/2014 Budget for Legal fees.
 - » Council Assistant Hourly Pay Increase.
 - » Reclassification of General Fund Cash and Transfer to Revenue Stabilization Fund.
 - » Property Tax (1%) plus banked capacity and EMS Levy.
 - » 2015-2016 Fee Ordinance (including Business License)
 - » Utility Taxes
 - » 2015-2016 Budget—Deliberations, Amendments and Adoption of Biennial Budget and related matters.

January

- Passed resolution establishing a schedule of 2015 Council Meeting dates.
- Authorized a contract amendment of Public Defender Services
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the city and Local 1984 International Association of Firefighters relating to four platoon schedule.
- Authorized contract for Executive Recruitment of a Finance Director and temporary services.
- Election of Council President, Vice President, and Council Liaisons and Alternates for internal Boards, Commissions and Committees, and external organizations.



Sound Transit Light Rail: Lynnwood Link Extension

The City is working with Sound Transit on preliminary design and engineering for the Lynnwood Link light rail extension. Major milestones planned for 2015 include:

- Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS): Expected in early spring.
- Final Project Selection: After publishing the Final EIS, the Sound Transit Board of Directors will use those findings to formally select the final project to be built.
- Record of Decision: Based on the Final EIS and Sound Transit Board decision, the Federal Transit Administration is expected to issue a Record of Decision to complete the environmental review process and approve starting final design of project to be built.
- Starting Final Design: By the end of 2015, the Lynnwood Link Extension team expects to start final design on the selected project.

Meeting these milestones is important for keeping the Lynnwood Link Extension on schedule to start construction in 2018!

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For more information on the projects above contact Janiene Lambert, City Center Program Manager at jlambert@ci.lynnwood.wa.us or 425-670-5045 or Paul Krauss, Community Development Director at 425-670-5401

Economic Development Spotlight

City Center Implementation Strategies

On July 28, 2014, City Council adopted Resolution 2014-15 to prioritize City Center projects. The next step following project prioritization is the preparation of City Center Implementation Strategies. On October 13, 2014 City Council approved the contract for consultant services with Jones Lang LaSalle to prepare City Center Implementation Strategies. This work includes: revitalization strategies to identify programs, resources and preferred approaches for implementing City Center projects; incentive analysis to review incentives offered such as Floor Area Ratio (FAR) bonuses and other incentives to attract City Center investment; and marketing strategies and outreach activities to attract investment and development to the City Center. An open house is planned for Spring 2015.

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For more information contact Janiene Lambert, City Center Program Manager at 425-670-5045 or jlambert@ci.lynnwood.wa.us

Economic Development Action Plan Update

Economic Development is a core City priority and area of policy focus. On July 5, 2013 the City contracted with consultant Community Attributes to update the City of Lynnwood Economic Profile and the Economic Development Action Plan. The updated economic profile and action plan will help guide Lynnwood's economic growth over the upcoming 5 years. The Economic Development Advisory Group is guiding comments for the plan update. The plan will be updated by summer 2015.

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For more information contact Mary Monroe, Project and Tourism Manager at 425-670-5043 or mmonroe@ci.lynnwood.wa.us



- 5 - Fruits and vegetables
- 2 - Hours or less of recreational screen time
- 1 - Hour or more of physical activity
- 0 - Sugary drinks

5210 is an educational campaign intended to help kids and families recognize healthy choices. We understand it is important to have consistent message about healthy habits where you live, learn, work and play. We are helping to spread the word and share the same recommendations of four healthy habits that everyone can practice.... everyday.

To learn more visit LetsGo.org.



Construction/Project Updates

Citywide Safety Improvements

This project is to implement various safety improvements including flashing yellow arrow traffic signal heads and permanently mounted radar speed signs.

33rd Avenue W Extension Project— 184th Street SW to Alderwood Mall Parkway

The project will complete a new roadway through the proposed Lynnwood Place development, a private development project comprised of +/-990,000 square feet of new retail and housing space, including a new Costco. Lynnwood Place is located on the old Lynnwood High School site directly north of Alderwood Mall. A new intersection will be constructed on 184th Street SW just east of the existing 33rd Avenue W intersection. The new roadway will extend north from the new intersection to the existing intersection at Alderwood Mall Parkway and Maple Road. The project consists of two travel lanes, one center turn lane, various intersection turn lanes, bicycle lanes, concrete curb/gutter, landscape planter, and concrete sidewalks on both sides. Project components also include surface water drainage system, sewer system, water system, street lighting, and traffic signal systems.

204th St SW Improvements

This project will build a new road connection from 68th Avenue W and SR-99. A roundabout will be constructed at 204th/68th and a new traffic signal at 204th/SR-99. The project will also provide access management at various intersections in the vicinity of the project.

53rd Avenue W Storm Treatment/ Roadway Modifications

This project is 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 is a pilot project which includes the installation of permeable sidewalk and a neighborhood-wide bioinfiltration stormwater retrofit. The project also includes provisions to enhance the roadway as well as the retention of on-street parking.

This project is partially funded by a grant from Washington State Department of Ecology.

SR-99 and SR-524 Safety Improvements

The SR-99 and SR-524 Safety Improvements (212th Street SW to 164th Street SW and 76th Avenue W to 24th Avenue W, respectively) consist of four safety improvement elements:

- Installation of advanced street name signs
- Installation of internally illuminated overhead street name signs
- Replacement of thermoplastic intersection pavement markings with Methyl Methacrylate (MMA) pavement markings
- Installation of “Bus Rapid Transit” type lane line markings (SR-99 only)



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Community Garden Gardeners: Do You Need a Garden? We currently have a few garden boxes available at the Intergenerational Community Garden located at the Lynnwood Senior Center, 19000 44th Ave W.

To learn more, contact Marielle Harrington, Healthy Communities Coordinator at 425-670-5532 or mharrington@ci.lynnwood.wa.us

Randy Terlicker Join us for a remembrance and celebration of Randy Terlicker, former Aquatic Supervisor who perished on January 5, 1995 in the line of duty as a Seattle Firefighter. All proceeds from this event will support the Randy Terlicker Memorial Aquatic & Life Safety Scholarship fund. The fund will award twelve low-income youth scholarships for lifeguard training in 2015. The Randy Terlicker Celebration Event will be from 7-8pm on Friday, February 27 at the Lynnwood Recreation Center.

More: www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/PlayLynnwood/RecCenter/Fees/Scholarships.htm

Celebration of Food Festival Sunday, May 17 from 11am-4pm, Lynnwood Convention Center. This is a free, family event where you can taste, explore, and experience real food. The Food Revolution Snohomish County is a movement aimed at encouraging growing, cooking, preserving, and eating real healthy food.

Learn more at www.edcc.edu/FoodFest

Kids Klub Early Bird

Are you looking for a great preschool that focuses on developing social-emotional skills in young children through play? Try Kids Klub Preschool. Early Bird Registration begins March 16. Call for a free tour at (425) 670-5386.

More info at: www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/Preschool

Park Rentals Did you know? Reservations are not necessary for general use of our parks. However, the following outdoor park facilities may be reserved for private functions from 8am-9pm: Heritage Park Plaza, Lynndale Park picnic shelters, North Lynnwood Park picnic shelters, and Wilcox Park picnic shelter and gazebo.

Call 425-670-5732 to book your reservation.

Biggest Mover Campaign Need a boost to keep your New Year's Fitness Goal alive? Join the Biggest Mover contest at the Recreation Center. Earn points & prizes for attending your favorite Group Fitness classes.

For more info, contact Amy Kirk, 425-670-5518 or akirk@ci.lynnwood.wa.us

April Pools Day Join us on Saturday, April 11 from 9am-11am to explore boating safety, CPR basics, and FREE play time with the slides and more! Families are encouraged to learn and play together. Enter the Duck Race for a chance to receive a free lifejacket or swim passes. Limited to 150 participants. Free event—for ages 6 and up.

For more info: www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/Events-and-Meetings.htm

Black History Month Please join us for "building bridges in our community with trust and inclusion", a Black History Month Celebration on Thursday, February 26 from 6:30-8:30pm at the Lynnwood Fire Station 15, 18800 44th Ave W. Keynote speaker Snohomish County Executive John Lovick with remarks from Lynnwood's Mayor Nicola Smith, the Lynnwood Fire Chief and Lynnwood Diversity Commission. Performance by the Second Baptist Choir, poetry, light refreshments, and more!

For more info, contact Julie Moore, 425-670-5023 or jmoore@ci.lynnwood.wa.us