



INSIDE LYNNWOOD

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Spring 2016



Global Peace Foundation hosted a 2016 MLK Day of Service project and worked on trail restoration at the Lynnwood Golf Course. The group logged a combined 200 hours spreading 100 tons of gravel over 15,000 square feet and were the first group to utilize the City's Volunteer Project Trailer.

Volunteers Make A Difference

The City of Lynnwood maintains over 388 acres of parks and open space - which includes 17 developed parks, 14 miles of trails, over 100 acres of natural open space, and 20 acres of undeveloped park land. We have a wonderful Parks Maintenance crew that work hard to keep things in top condition, but we can't do it alone. In fact, each year teams of dedicated volunteers contribute many hours to help maintain and improve our parks and trails system. In 2015, our volunteer groups logged 1,280 volunteer hours in our parks. Some of the larger group project included:

- Trevor Kinman of Boy Scout Troop 312 completed a restoration project on the Mesika trail as his Eagle Scout Service Project. Trevor and his group graveled the entire trail and constructed new railings for one of the bridges crossing

the creek with lumber donated from Home Depot. Troop 312 contributed more than 130 hours working over 2 days.

- LifePoint Church hosted a 2-day landscape clean-up event at Stadler Ridge Park where volunteers weeded and spread beauty bark throughout the whole park. This project logged over 300 service hours.
- The Lynnwood Senior Center Hiking Club worked to make improvements to Scriber Lake last fall by placing wood chips on the trails.
- Snohomish County Campfire Club participated in a spring floral bed planting at Wilcox Park.

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Message from Mayor Nicola Smith

The Future Is Now!



Over the past two years we've fixed and refreshed our way of doing business which now sets us up to grow in 2016 and beyond. Our City departments have been working closely with the City Council and community stakeholders to develop business process

improvements, fix outdated regulations, conduct sustainability studies, and help launch community-based programs and initiatives.

Now that 2016 is in full swing, we have begun the process of developing Lynnwood's 2017-18 biennial budget. While development in the City of Lynnwood is booming, we are still faced with ever-growing demands, increased costs, and meager growth in resources. The old way of creating a budget is no longer sustainable as we know that revenues will not keep pace with cost increases.

Starting this spring, our departments will utilize a new budgeting process that is priority-based, and is often referred to as Budgeting for Outcomes or Priority-Based Budgeting. Our City leaders have made a commitment to creating a budget that supports the priorities outlined in *Lynnwood Moving Forward—Our Community Vision*. We are developing a strategic budget with the community vision in mind that creates measurable and achievable results. Lynnwood is growing and changing and we need to make sure our infrastructure and the way we do business adapts to meet changing demands. We are committed to making Lynnwood a vibrant and sustainable community through purposeful actions and a budget that is focused on our desired outcomes. This is an exciting time—the future is now.

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

Volunteers Make A Difference, continued

- Jaden Yackley of Boy Scout Troop 312 installed 2 benches and mulched landscape beds at Lynndale Park for his Eagle Scout Service Project.
- Brighton School - Destination Imagination Third Rock Team volunteered at South Lynnwood Neighborhood Park removing invasive plants and general clean-up.

If you are interested in getting involved, the Park Volunteer Program offers a variety of ways you can help Lynnwood's parks. Volunteers can: remove invasive plants, clear debris from trails, add surfacing such as crushed rock, mulch or bark, cut back vegetation from encroaching on trails, maintain flower beds, clean graffiti, pick up litter, repaint benches, picnic tables and wood signs, and much more!

You can join an upcoming work party, identify your own group work party, or Adopt-a-Trail. Tools, gloves and equipment are provided. All ages are welcome to participate.

Upcoming Work Parties

- Heritage Park Spring Clean, Wednesday, April 6 from 9am-3pm, potluck lunch provided. Please RSVP to mharrington@ci.lynnwood.wa.us or 425-670-5532.
- Earth Day Clean Up Project at Daleway Park, Saturday April 23 from 9am-1pm. Includes general park clean-up, invasive plant removal, and placement of woodchips in playground. Tools will be provided. Please RSVP to epeterson@ci.lynnwood.wa.us or 425-670-5595.

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Please contact Eric Peterson at epeterson@ci.lynnwood.wa.us or 425-670-5595 for more information on park service projects.



Save the Date

Mayor Smith's 2016
State of the City

Thursday,
June 16,
8-9:30am

Lynnwood
Convention Center

The graphic features a photograph of Mayor Nicola Smith speaking at a podium. The podium has a sign that reads "LYNNWOOD CONVENTION CENTER". The background is dark, and the text is white and yellow.

Achieving Our Community Vision Through Priorities and Sustainability Efforts

Our Community Vision calls for Lynnwood to be “a regional model for a sustainable, vibrant community with engaged citizens and an accountable government.” In order to achieve the priorities outlined in our community vision, we must create a sustainable city budget that succinctly addresses those priorities. Historically, our City has developed its biennial budget using line-item details from previous budgets. For the 2017-18 budget, we will utilize a new budgeting method based on community priorities and program results. This method is called Budgeting for Outcomes, or Priority-Based Budgeting.

To help prioritize budget proposals, Budgeting for Outcomes will use a three-tiered approach. We will evaluate all City services based on 1. Alignment to the Community Vision, 2. If it is mandatory or optional, and 3. If it is fiscally sustainable.

The Mayor and City Council will develop priority areas based on the community vision, and we will soon be seeking community engagement

to identify and rank funding priorities. As a starting point, the City’s financial forecast for 2017-18 will be reviewed closely to determine the amount of revenue that will be available to fund City services.

With the arrival of Sound Transit’s light rail system, several large development projects that are underway, and projected population and employment growth, it is possible that Lynnwood’s population may grow by 20,000 over the next twenty years. The City of Lynnwood is preparing now to accommodate current and future demands in ways that provide services while enhancing the character and livability of the community.

In order to create a balanced and sustainable budget, provide City services, and prepare for projected growth, it is essential that we examine and evaluate our current way of doing business. Some citizens argue for lower taxes while others ask for new or expanded City services; City leaders work hard to balance these diverse perspectives with fiscal realities.



We must take a thorough and fair look at our City services to ensure that we are spending every tax dollar wisely to achieve maximum results. This thoughtful examination of our city services will help create a financially resilient community that achieves our community vision as “a regional model for a sustainable, vibrant community with engaged citizens and an accountable government.”

STAY ENGAGED

Citizen engagement is a key factor in budgeting for outcomes. Please stay informed and engaged in this process. Learn more at www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/BiennialBudget or contact Corbitt Loch, Strategic Planner, cloch@ci.lynnwood.wa.us, 425-670-5406.



Honoring Dedicated Service

The Lynnwood Police Department hosted their annual Employee Recognition Award Ceremony during the January 25, 2016 City Council Business Meeting. Seven deserving officers and staff were recognized for their outstanding contributions in 2015. Thank you for your dedicated service to the Citizens of Lynnwood!

Left to Right: Staff Person of the Year, Cadet Alec Dyngen; Clerk of the Year, Vicki Gears; Custody Officer of the Year, Officer Sam Escudero; Chief Steven Jensen; Rookie of the Year, Officer Zachary Yates; Officer of the Year, Blake Iverson; and Commander Wes Deppa. Not pictured: Reserve Officer of the Year, Officer Aggie Barnwell; Supervisor of the Year, Sergeant Jerome Riener.

Community Disaster Preparedness

Creating a Resilient Community

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

The City of Lynnwood is taking steps to ensure that our City workers are prepared so that we can quickly and safely respond to a variety of emergencies. The City of Lynnwood has a robust Emergency Operations Center (EOC) that can be activated in times of emergency. Lynnwood's EOC is modeled off of the National Incident Management System for Incident Command, this is the same system used by FEMA and the Washington Department of Emergency Management. City staff members assigned to the EOC come from our Police and Fire personnel, Public Works, Executive, Parks & Recreation, and Finance departments. These individuals receive on-going training and practice table-top exercises so that in the event of an emergency, we can quickly and efficiently manage our response in terms of mitigation and recovery.

The City of Lynnwood works closely with the Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) to ensure a comprehensive emergency management program for the protection of human life, property, the environment, and our region's economic health.

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Want to get prepared but don't know where to start? Join us for a Community Disaster Preparedness Town Hall on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 from 6:30-8:30pm at Edmonds Community College. Hear from world-renowned USGS geologist, earthquake expert, and UW Professor, Brian Atwater, Ph.D.



Community Disaster Preparedness Town Hall

Tuesday, March 15 • 6:30-8:30pm
Edmonds Community College, Woodway Hall

Are You Prepared?

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

- 1. Get a kit of emergency supplies.**
Gather food, water, and supplies for you and your family for at least three days.
- 2. Make a plan for what you will do in an emergency.**
Develop a family communications plan, create a plan in case you need to shelter-in-place, create a plan in case you need to get away, and know emergency plans at school and work.
- 3. Be informed about what might happen.**
Familiarize yourself with the different types of natural disasters our region could experience.
- 4. Get involved in preparing your community.**
After preparing yourself and your family for an emergency, get involved in helping your neighbors, friends, and coworkers. You can also sign up for Community Emergency Response Team training (CERT) through the Department of Emergency Management.

Help Keep Our Sidewalks Clear and Safe

The City would like to remind homeowners and business owners that it is the responsibility of the property owner to keep vegetation trimmed back from sidewalks, driveways and corners to help increase visibility and keep pedestrians and motorists safe. Staff from the Lynnwood Code Enforcement Office will be traveling through our neighborhoods and commercial areas to identify potential problems and will first contact owners to identify issues and ask for voluntary compliance. Please help us to keep our neighborhoods safe and attractive.

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Contact our Code Enforcement line at 425-670-5420 for more information.



Pictured L-R: Council President M. Christopher Boyer, Council Vice President Benjamin Goodwin, Ian Cotton, George Hurst, Ruth Ross, Shannon Sessions, and Shirley Sutton. City Council Work Sessions are held the 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays of the month and the third Wednesdays from 7-10pm. Council Business Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 7-10pm at the City Hall Council Chambers, 19100 - 44th Avenue West, Lynnwood. Council Business Meetings are broadcast on Comcast Channel 21 and FIOS/Frontier Channel 38, on Wednesdays at 7:30pm and Sundays at 7:00am and 2:00pm. Contact Beth Morris, Council Executive Assistant at 425-670-5011 or bmorris@ci.lynnwood.wa.us for more information.

Newly Elected Council Members

George Hurst

Councilmember George Hurst was elected to Position #6. Prior to the election, Councilmember Hurst served as a Lynnwood Planning Commissioner and also served on the Transportation and Traffic Task Force. Councilmember Hurst is currently the Council Liaison to the Planning Commission, serves on the City LEOFF 1 Disability Board, SnoCom Board, and Community Transit Board. Councilmember Hurst has lived in Lynnwood since 1992 with his wife and four children. He looks forward to helping Lynnwood thrive as it grows and becomes a hub for south Snohomish County.

Shannon Sessions

Councilmember Shannon Sessions was elected to Position #7. Councilmember Sessions is a small business owner, and a former Crime Prevention Specialist and Public Information Officer for the Lynnwood Police Department. Councilmember Sessions currently serves as the Council Liaison to the Lynnwood Tourism Advisory Board, Sno-Isle Library Board, and she also serves on the City's Audit and Insurance/Finance Committee. Councilmember Sessions and her husband have been married for 22 years and their five children all attend and/or graduated from Edmonds School District schools. Councilmember Sessions looks forward to working closely with the Mayor, City Department Directors, Councilmembers and other regional leaders in continuing to make Lynnwood a better place to live, work and play.

Shirley Sutton

Councilmember Shirley Sutton was elected to Position #4. Prior to the election, Councilmember Sutton served as a Neighborhoods & Demographic Diversity Commissioner and she has served on several City and community task forces and advisory groups. Councilmember Sutton retired in 2013 after a 20 year career in education. Councilmember Sutton is currently serving as the Council Liaison to the Alliance for Housing Affordability, the History & Heritage Board and the Lynnwood Public Facilities District Commission. Councilmember Sutton believes that in order to make our City stronger that all voices need to be heard and she looks forward to meeting you.

Returning Council Members

Benjamin Goodwin

Councilmember Goodwin, initially elected to City Council in 2012, was reelected to Position #5. Councilmember Goodwin is currently serving as the Council Vice President.

M. Christopher Boyer

Councilmember Boyer was elected by the Council to serve as the 2016 Council President. He is also the Council Liaison to the Arts Commission and the Diversity Commission and serves as chair of both the Finance Committee and the Homelessness Task Group.

Ruth Ross

Councilmember Ruth Ross is currently the Council Liaison to the Parks Board, as well as the Alternate Liaison to the Planning Commission, Snohomish County Tomorrow, and the Public Facilities District.

Ian Cotton

Councilmember Ian Cotton is currently serving on the SnoCom Board, the Council Audit & Insurance/Finance Committee, the Disability Board and is the Council Liaison to the Lynnwood VIPS volunteers.

Construction Season 2016

The City of Lynnwood has several major projects coming up in 2016. For more detailed information, visit our City website or sign up for Lynnwood eNews Project Updates.

Lift Station #16 Forcemain & Facility

The new force main will convey sewage from the new Lift Station #16 to an existing flow control structure just west of 68th Ave W and 204th St SW intersection.

Citywide Safety (Flashing Yellow Arrows)

This project is to implement various safety improvements throughout the city.

184th Street SW Overlay

This project will be a pavement rehabilitation project on the three corridors: 184th St SW (from 33rd Ave W to Alderwood Mall Parkway), Alderwood Mall Parkway (from 184th St SW to Maple Road), and 182nd St SW (from Alderwood Mall Parkway to the new Lynnwood Place Development).

SR99/SR524 Corridor Safety (Striping)

This project will improve safety on SR99 from 212th St SW to 164th St SW and 524 (196th St SW) from 76th Ave W to 24th Ave W.

Bike2Health

The project will: 1) complete various missing links of the community's bicycle network; 2) install bicycle warning and guide signs; 3) install bicycle parking at key destinations; and 4) conduct public education and outreach about bicycle safety, benefits, maps and routes.

Lift Station #4 Forcemain

Project is located northeast of Alderwood Mall near State Highway 525. Project will relocate existing lift station 250 feet north to the southeast corner of Ash Way and 26th Ave W.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Air Pollution Controls

The project will modernize and improve the efficiency of the existing WWTP sludge incinerator control system. Additionally, the project improvements will improve the incinerator's air emissions in order to bring the incinerator into compliance with more stringent upcoming EPA air quality regulations.

212th Emergency Waterline Repair Project

On Sunday November 1, 2015, the City of Lynnwood water main located on 212th St SW, approximately 400 feet east of the 60th Ave W, had a pipe failure. Temporary repairs were completed and design for permanent repair of the failed portion of the watermain is underway and expected to be completed by June 2016.

60th Avenue W Utility Relocation

This project will replace a sewer line on 60th Ave W between 204th St SW and 207th Pl SW.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Roof Replacement & Scrubber

The project will evaluate two existing buildings and recommend needed repairs and renovation to prolong the life of the structures.



Lift Station #4 Forcemain project

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More information can be found on our website, under City Services, Public Projects & Programs, 2016 Capital Projects. Or to receive updates on individual projects, sign up for Lynnwood eNews at www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/eNews

Regional Growth Center/City Center Projects

Lynnwood experienced a record year for new development projects and saw the construction of its first two tower cranes in City Center. The community driven vision of City Center is coming to life with over 650 new apartments being constructed, a 150-room Hilton Garden Inn on the way, and more new proposals being explored by the private sector. The City has taken a lead in helping grow City Center by securing funding for upgrades to 196th St SW including the addition of transit lanes, a center median, street trees, and expanded sidewalks. The project scheduled to start construction in 2017 is intended to improve multi-modal access to City Center while relieving traffic congestion on the heavily traveled street. Progress is being made on Sound Transit's Lynnwood Link Extension, which will provide a 30 minute light rail route between Lynnwood and downtown Seattle. Funding has been approved to move the project into final design, with opening of the station planned for 2023.

City Center's two tower cranes signify a new era in Lynnwood. CityCenter Apartments, at the corner of 196th St SW and the southbound I-5 on ramp, is a seven-story, 347-unit urban housing development with income restrictions for working class individuals and families. The project will meet LEED Silver certification and includes a new gateway plaza and public art. City Center Senior Living Apartments, just northeast of the intersection of 40th Ave W and 196th St SW, brings 308 new apartments for seniors in an eight story urban housing development. The units will have exceptional views of the mountains, along with landscaped courtyards and plazas. Both of these projects are well underway with CityCenter Apartments pouring concrete for the underground parking foundation and structural piers, while City Center Senior Living Apartments has already completed decking for the second floor of underground parking. As these projects move further out of the ground, the vision of City Center continues to be realized.



*CityCenter Apartments;
image courtesy of Exxel Pacific*

CityCenter Senior Apartments



What's Happening *Sign up for e-news at www.ci.lynnwood.us/eneews*

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

Major Projects Open House The City of Lynnwood will be hosting a City-wide Open House. Please join us to learn about major happenings in the Lynnwood community and provide your input. Many topics will be discussed including City Center, Sound Transit Light Rail, Highway 99 development, 196th St SW improvements, the new Parks Comprehensive Plan, Budgeting for Outcomes and much more. Save the date— evening of Wednesday, May 11, Lynnwood Convention Center. More info coming soon!

SuperMom and Sidekicks Spend time with your little man for an evening filled with superhero themed crafts and activities! Photo opportunities, refreshments and adventure are all part of this action-packed evening. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. Adult and child register separately. April 30th. \$10/person.

Visit www.playlynnwood.com for more information

Memorial Day Ceremony Join the Veterans of Foreign War Post 1040, the Northwest Junior Pipe Band, and the City of Lynnwood as we pay tribute to the soldiers who have given their lives serving in the United States Armed Forces. May 30, 2016, 11:00am at Veterans Park.

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Spring Green Art Fest Treat yourself and your garden friends to a day of garden delights. Enjoy free garden seminars with renowned speakers. Free entry to shop from over 40 unique, handmade, nature inspired artists and local specialty plant nurseries. Friday May 6th and Saturday May 7th at the Lynnwood Convention Center.

For more info visit springgreenartfest.com



How will you get to the future light rail station? Ideally, the Lynnwood Transit Center and future Link Light Rail Station will help build a vibrant City Center for Lynnwood. Residents, employees, visitors, and customers should have safe and convenient ways to walk, bike, ride transit, and drive between the transit center and their destinations.

To help make this vision a reality, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is working with the City, Sound Transit, Community Transit, and other organizations to develop a multimodal (i.e., pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and vehicular) accessibility plan.

We want your input! Be on the lookout for:

- A Walk & Talk and reception this spring to help the team understand your unique challenges & priorities for getting to the station,
- The Lynnwood Major Projects Open House at the Convention Center on the evening of May 11, to check in on priority actions to include in the multimodal accessibility plan, and
- Other events to capture your knowledge of the area, unique needs, and ideas!

Please sign up for the project email list to receive updates and event announcements here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AccessLynnwoodEmail>