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Through her activism and scholarship over the last decades, Angela Davis has been deeply involved in our nation's quest for social justice. Angela Davis will be signing her latest book, *Are Prisons Obsolete?*, after the event.

## City Prepares to Launch New Website

The City of Lynnwood is pleased to announce that a new website is currently under development and is anticipated to launch early February 2013.

The City of Lynnwood has contracted Active Network to redevelop the City's website which will have easier navigational tools, a more robust content management system, and incorporate the City's new brand. The City's current website is over 10 years old and since that time, technology architecture has greatly improved.

The City is pleased to offer a variety of online tools with the new website as well. Please visit us soon to see the new and improved website!



## Message From Mayor Don Gough

### Our "New" 2013-14 City Budget

We have a new budget for 2013-14. What we don't have is a new economy, or a national political decision-making system in Washington, D.C. that can stop creating uncertainty, fear, and ultimately reluctance by both consumers and businesses in continuing to invest in our economy.

Our state and local economy has shown signs of real recovery. In the last month, consumer and business confidence had reached their highest levels in years, but once again it's been shaken and fallen back down. Unresolved national budget and fiscal policy stalemates have taken their toll on our residents and local businesses.

In light of these economic and fiscal challenges, our new City budget will have to be put into effect through a cautious, gradually phased implementation within current and achievable revenue trends. All City departments will need to continue their constant and successful vigil on budget expenditures, and use innovation and creativity in how they go about their work on behalf of our city.

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.

As with the 2011-12 budget, this one will receive my focus and strong attention on how to do a cautious, gradually phased implementation.

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### The Timing of Three Major Challenges for Our City Budget

1. As of this writing, the national budget and tax fight is just hours away from the December 31, 2013, deadline. This has already taken a toll on everyone's piece of mind. Holiday spending has been suppressed. If the deadline hits, more damage to our national and local economies will happen.
2. In the next 4-6 weeks (late January, early February) another national debt limit fight looms as the maximum allowable limit will be reached. This is a re-run of August 2011 which caused consumers

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and businesses to pause and hold back from investing in our national, state, and local economies.

3. On the heel of these serious national budget and tax fights, in April 2013 our state legislature will decide a new 2013-15 state budget.

- Our Governor and key legislators have said the state's budget for 2013-15 begins with a shortage of about \$1-1.3 billion.
- Then it's having to grapple with the State Supreme Court's K-12 constitutional funding decision which is estimated to cost \$3-4 billion over the next 6 years.
- The current Governor's budget proposes a \$117 million cut in the city and county portion of state shared revenues. We are now calculating the direct impact that may have on Lynnwood if it is passed by the legislature.

What economic and revenue consequences this will actually cause our city remains to be seen. It will likely not be good.

Locally, we have recently seen some stability and mild improvement in trends of some key taxes, fees and revenues. Sales taxes have stabilized and improved somewhat. However in comparison, our latest sales tax reports show that going into the holiday season in 2012, we were still below actual 2008 sales taxes by about \$814,000 – and that's compared to four years ago!

We finally have one full regular year of data from the across the board increases in utility taxes passed by the council and in effect since mid-2011. We are now in a better position to forecast utility revenues with real data and not just assumptions.

We have also kept budgeted expenditures down. Due to reduced revenues in 2011-12, I directed departments to cut \$5.3 million (5.5%) for 2011-12. Our City departments successfully met that goal and went beyond it, and curtailed expenditures by another \$3-4 million. We are awaiting a closing of the books on 2012 which includes December taxes, fees and other revenues, plus final bills and expenses, all of which normally arrive each January. By mid-February we'll have a good preliminary 2012 year-end report.

### Restoring Prior Cuts of Essential Public Services

Our new City budget plans for the restoration of a number of positions, especially in public safety. It assumes, of course, that our conservative revenue forecast, together with a mildly recovering economy, is not substantially disrupted from the challenges above.

About 74% of the positions (15) would be restored in fire, police and our court. Also, we need to: restore a ½ position of a financial analyst to help do financial reports, and ½ position for budget monitoring and control; continue one purchasing control person; and for the Recreation Center add a ¾ position to help out at our Recreation Center front desk and restore 10 hours to the existing public outreach/marketing person; and continue our commitment to economic development by restoring one program position and restoring one position to directly help residents and businesses get building permits and related services.

### Our City's Latest 2011 Audit & Our Golf Course

The State Auditor is completing our 2011 audit. 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.

The auditors are concerned that our city golf course, like many other municipal courses, has had several years of financial distress due to very serious effects from unmerciful and unforgiving weather, and from the "Great Recession" which hit in 2008. Total golf games have decreased in the last several years by over 17%. Over 2009, 2010, and 2011 it has developed a debt of about \$1.3 million. Its 20 year construction mortgage was paid off in 2011. Over a year ago, I brought the golf course loan issue and a revision to its business plan to pay off the recent debt to the City Council's attention. By March 31, 2013, we'll review and resolve the golf course financial issues.

The auditor also recommended that the city create a policy and agreement that clearly sets forth how the Lynnwood Parks & Recreation Foundation, and other people, coordinate and work with the City golf course. The issues were about clarifying the working relationships amongst all groups.

### "Thank You"

There never seems to be enough time to say "THANK YOU" to all the City staff who have really poured out the work, and made tough decisions to create a good 2013-14 City budget. They will be key to making some more tough timing decisions to help put into effect a cautious, gradually phased implementation of our City budget within current and achievable revenue trends.

This is necessary to ensure that we continue our improvements in financial condition and keep on our good financial path. That path will be guided by direction from our Long-Term Financial Plan.

I believe we have a great city that will overcome our most recent economic and budgetary challenges. Our city will be stronger for it.

The following information is a brief recap of each department's budget outlook for 2013-2014. For more detailed budget information, please visit our website at [www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us](http://www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us).

## Administrative Services

*Mission:* The Administrative Services Department is committed to our customers by providing responsible leadership in financial, purchasing and technological services.

*Business Lines:* Administrative Services provides:

- Financial Operations: Managing and safeguarding our City's financial and physical assets while ensuring effective and efficient application of those resources to support the City's mission and its departments.
- Decision Support: Supporting informed financial and business-related decisions by providing up-to-date and accurate fiscal information and analysis to City departments and elected policy officials.
- Information Services: Supporting the mission of our City and its departments and their services through comprehensive and reliable technology and information services.
- Central Services: Ensuring competitive purchasing and contracting to ensure cost control and meeting the needs of City departments, and ensuring accurate maintenance, retention and access to all city records by the public and City officials.
- Business licensing and event permit services.

*What's New:* The department was provided on-going funding for a purchasing position in Central Services, restored ½ position in Financial Operations and a new ½ position for budget assistance and control, and provided additional funding for needed city-wide computer replacement.

*Outlook:* As many of the functions of the Administrative Services Department are internal city hall functions, most residents may not directly experience the services provided by this department. However, the department will continue to strive to meet the needs of our City departments to allow those departments to better address the needs of our residents and businesses.

## Community Development

*Mission:* The Community Development Department is committed to enriching the quality of life in our community. It focuses on Lynnwood's Core Values of Communication, Accessibility, Commitment and Innovation. The Department supports building partnerships within our community and we strive for responsible, responsive, and creative solutions to meet the needs of our customers.

*Business Lines:* We provide a number of vital services, many of which are required by state law, including:

- Operations of our 'one-stop' City's Permit Center
- Long Range Planning for the Highway 99 Corridor, City Center development and extension of Sound Transit's Light Rail line to Lynnwood.
- Administration of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)
- Representing the City before county, regional and state agencies and other elected officials.
- Inspection of buildings to ensure that health, safety, construction and energy codes are met.
- Code Enforcement dealing with problems like homes that have accumulations of trash, serious lack of maintenance, illegal signage and numerous other issues that detract from quality of life and neighborhood property values.

*What's New:*

- The new budget allows staffing to restore full service hours at our 'one-stop' Permit Center.
- A new Neighborhood Revitalization program has been funded. This effort will help begin to stabilize and revitalize our neighborhoods.
- Lynnwood Link Light Rail Transit Extension project planning will enter a critical phase where environmental review, route alignment selection and initial design will occur in 2013-2014.
- We will continue to update Lynnwood's development codes and procedures.
- We will begin work on the 2015 major Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plan update required by State law. Our citizen community, planning commission and City Council will be involved.
- Work on our community sustainability will be reinitiated.

*Outlook:* Development activity in Lynnwood has returned to pre-recession levels. Under the State's Growth Management Act all cities are required to accept their "fair share" of population and employment growth. Lynnwood will be required to add around 10,000 more people and jobs over the next 15 years.

## Economic Development

*Mission:* The Office of Economic Development (OED) serves as a catalyst for economic development in Lynnwood by fostering healthy businesses, quality jobs, and sustainable city revenues, and achieving economic development goals and strategies by implementing various programs and projects.

*Business Lines:* OED accomplishes its mission through four primary business functions: 1) Economic Development Planning and Strategies to evaluate Lynnwood's economy and identify economic growth opportunities; 2) Project and Program Management to facilitate business and job development and private investment; 3) Public Relations and Marketing to encourage investment in Lynnwood and promote Lynnwood for business development; and 4) Tourism Management to develop and manage tourism programs that generate visitor spending and lodging tax revenues.

*What's New:* We will pursue fundamental activities in fiscal years 2013-2014 that are important to our city and OED's mission and which were curtailed during the economic recession. These include: new private developments that support economic development in the City Center, and along Highway 99, and in other key areas of the City. We will do an update to the city-wide Economic Development Action Plan and city profile, and preparation of project prioritization and revitalization strategies to implement the City Center. We will identify for City Council consideration, a possible funding mechanism for infrastructure projects that support economic development; update our City's tourism website and promotion materials. And, we will be able to add one staff position to support implementation of OED's work program.

*Outlook:* The economic outlook for Lynnwood is positive. Our efforts during the past several years have increased awareness that a strong economy and a vibrant business sector provide jobs and revenues that support our City services and our community's quality of life. There is increased interest in the economic opportunities available in Lynnwood. OED will continue to pursue its mission to attract new business, jobs, and revenues that are so important to our community's vitality.

## Fire Department

*Mission:* The Lynnwood Fire Department is dedicated to protect life, property and the environment through education, prevention and emergency response to medical, fire, rescue and hazardous conditions.

*Business Lines:* The fire department is comprised of the following:

1. Administration and Support Services:
  - i. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Administration
  - ii. Training and Safety Division
  - iii. Fiscal and Data Management
2. Operations and Emergency Response
  - a. Fire Suppression and EMS Response
  - b. Special Operations to provide:
    - i. Hazardous Materials Response Team
    - ii. Technical Rescue Team
    - iii. Incident Management Team
3. Fire Prevention Services Including:

- i. Public Education

- ii. Fire Inspections

- iii. Building Plans Review and Inspection

*What's New:* Your fire department has been very active, with 2012 being the busiest emergency response year in the history of the department, with an estimated year-end run total of 7,000 emergency responses. The department has transitioned to electronic field reporting recently, which enhances our efficiency in data collection both in the department for good service and with hospital staff. Over the last several years, the department has reduced costs by keeping positions open in administration, and by obtaining a federal grant to fund four firefighters over two years. We have had to temporarily suspend or curtail some non-emergency services as a result, but will be able to add many of them back in the next year as we restore some critical positions.

*Outlook:* The fire department has been involved in regional fire services planning discussions over the past 18 months. The provision of quality fire and EMS services to the citizens, businesses, and visitors of the City of Lynnwood has been a hallmark of the Lynnwood Fire Department since its inception. We are committed to providing our services in the most cost-effective and efficient manner possible.

## Human Resources

*Mission:* The Human Resources Department partners with other departments to attract, recruit, sustain and inspire a thriving city workforce.

*Business Lines:* Human Resources is responsible for employee relations, civil service administration, new employee orientation, safety committee, staff training, commute trip reduction, employment verifications, performance management reviews, salary surveys, wellness committee, and many employment policy issues. Our staff is dedicated to providing these professional, technical and administrative services to the public who apply for positions, and current and past employees as may arise, such as benefits administration, classification and compensation administration, labor relations, training and development, compliance, matters concerning unemployment and state workers compensation administration.

*What's New:* Our new budget includes a few basic improvements such as continuing mandatory employee training activities, supervisor training, and our employee recognition program for service.

*Outlook:* Many of the functions of the Human Resources Department occur inside city hall. Most residents may not directly experience Human Resources services. However, the department does actively work with all departments to ensure that staff training is done to allow them in turn to better serve our residents, businesses and visitors to Lynnwood.

## Municipal Court

*Mission:* Contribute to the quality of life in our community by fairly and impartially administering justice in such a manner that preserves both the dignity and rights of the defendant as well as the citizens of Lynnwood.

*Business Lines:* We have two business lines: court operations and probation services. Court operations files and processes all infraction and misdemeanor crimes occurring in our city in violation of city laws. Judge Stephen E. Moore is the presiding judge. It is the court's responsibility to maintain a record for each case filed and insure that hearings are scheduled, held, recorded and maintained according to Washington State Court Rules. The court's purpose is to insure all people receive a fair and impartial resolution to their case. All hearings are open to the public. An audio recording of all court proceedings is kept for five years. The electronic record in the Judicial Information System (JIS) is kept in perpetuity. Probation services assists and monitors high risk defendants to stay in compliance with the conditions of their sentence. Probation officers meet individually with their clients to insure that the court orders are understood and followed.

*What's New:* During 2011-2012, our staff was reduced by two positions (a probation assistant and a legal specialist). The new 2013-2014 budget restores a ¾ time position whose assignments will include both probation assistance and legal specialist assignments.

Beginning January 2013 the court will directly file all red light and speed photo enforcement citations into the Judicial Information System. The court will handle all photo enforcement questions, payments and scheduling.

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# Healthy Communities Update

## Getting Healthy and Fit: Parks are the Answer

One of the most effective and low-cost prescriptions for a variety of physical and mental conditions can be found just a few steps from your front door: your public park.

Those who love the outdoors have long known about health benefits of parks and open space such as improved well-being, greater immunities to disease, and healthier lifestyle choices. But only recently have studies confirmed such common sense beliefs.

The stakes for your health are immense. Nearly half of Americans are overweight while a third qualifies as obese, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Each year, 300,000 deaths are attributed to unhealthy weight gains due to poor diet and lack of exercise in the United States, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Obesity-related conditions include a greater chance of heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, and certain types of cancer. If all inactive Americans were to become physically active, close to \$76.7 billion would be saved annually in the treatment of such chronic conditions, HHS predicts.

In fact, our community should take positive action to fight these and many other accompanying chronic health conditions. In 2005, 31 percent of Lynnwood residents

were overweight, and an additional 26 percent were obese. Only 37 percent of Lynnwood residents meet national recommendations for moderate physical activity. Eighty-one percent of Lynnwood adults consume fewer than five servings of fruits and vegetables daily.

Your local parks, such as Lynnwood's new **Stadler Ridge Park** (pictured right), however, provide close-to-home, low-cost, and accessible ways to help you get fit and stay healthy. Consider just some of the ways you and your family can get active through the City of Lynnwood: walking trails, hiking, biking or running, playing on playgrounds, playing baseball, basketball, tennis, or golf, taking fitness classes, swimming, and using the Recreation Center cardio/weight room facilities, and more.

Stadler Ridge Park, which will open in Spring 2013, is an active park designed to promote healthy physical activity with climbing, sliding, balancing, walking and running. At-grade slides connect hillside play terraces that feature a tree house play structure and a basketball key; walking trails encircle a large lawn for informal play opportunities; and nature trails wind through the forest. In addition to conventional play equipment, natural elements such as stone outcroppings, stumps and logs have been retained in the park as natural play



*Construction of Stadler Ridge Park, located in Lynnwood at 17428 33rd Place W, expected to open Spring 2013.*

features, encouraging adventure and exploration. Stadler Ridge Park is located in northeast Lynnwood at 17428 33<sup>rd</sup> Place W.

Parks do make for fit and healthy communities. Their diversity of offerings, both active and passive, and the accompanying range of physical and mental benefits extend to people of all age groups. Research confirms that the number and area of parks and playgrounds in a community are positively related to physical activity levels. Studies also show that time spent outdoors is the strongest correlation of children's physical activity, while numerous studies indicated that adults using parks become increasingly more physically active. There's ample evidence of improved cognitive functioning, impulse control, resilience to stressful life events, and overall mental health, accord-

ing to a series of literature review papers developed for the National Recreation and Park Association.

In order to ensure that people can continue to use parks as a means to get healthy, communities everywhere need to support parks and recreation. America's Backyard—Make Parks Yours, a park awareness campaign from the National Recreation and Park Association, encourages all people in Lynnwood to, not only experience the healthy benefits of parks but to stand together and support parks. To learn more about how Lynnwood Parks and Recreation is working to help you get healthy and fit and to stand up for your parks visit [www.play-lynnwood.com](http://www.play-lynnwood.com). For more information on the benefits of parks and recreation, visit [www.americasbackyard.org](http://www.americasbackyard.org).

## Lynnwood Link Light Rail Work Continues

Sound Transit continues to work with Lynnwood on extending Link Light Rail service to the Lynnwood Transit Center by 2023. Funding for the project was approved by voters in 2008. Construction is currently underway to extend the LRT line from downtown Seattle to the University of Washington after which it will be extended to Northgate Mall. The Lynnwood Link project covers the extension between Northgate and Lynnwood. Extensions to Bellevue and south of SeaTac are also underway. If approved by voters, a future extension will run north through Lynnwood with stops at Alderwood, the Boeing-Paine Field area and downtown Everett. When LRT opens to Lynnwood, residents will be able to rapidly travel to Seattle, the airport and the east side regardless of the weather or traffic on I-5. Similarly, people throughout the region will be able to travel to Lynnwood

making our community a more attractive place to live, work and invest in.

Currently three different potential routes into the Lynnwood Transit Center are being studied in an Environmental Impact Analysis and available for public comment later in 2013. To view the possible routes visit <http://projects.soundtransit.org>.

Sound Transit has recently announced a related project to build an Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMSF) at one of several sites in Bellevue and a site in Lynnwood. A second OMSF is required to supplement the one located south of Safeco Field as a system is built out. The Lynnwood site is located on 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave adjacent to the Interurban Trail and I-5. It is owned by the Edmonds School District and Lynnwood has already approved their plans to build a complex

containing their administrative offices, warehousing and a bus maintenance facility. The City of Lynnwood has informed Sound Transit's Board of our opposition to this site. The District's plans were approved by voters and represent a considerable investment in public funds. The OMSF facility has a great potential to impact hundreds of single family homes, condominiums and apartments. Significant impacts would also result to a major wetland, Scriber Creek Park and plans to develop Lynnwood's City Center. By comparison, the Bellevue sites are located in an industrial area next to a rail line. Final selection of a site is not likely to occur until late in 2013 after an environmental analysis has been completed.

For further information please contact Paul Krauss, Community Development Director at 425-670-5401.

## Arts Commission

### Now Accepting Applications

Lynnwood Arts Commissioners advise city leadership on arts issues and play an active role in advocating for the cultural arts including the performing, visual and literary arts.

For more info call 425-670-5023 or email [jmoore@ci.lynnwood.wa.us](mailto:jmoore@ci.lynnwood.wa.us)



## Fire Department Receives Grant

### Verdant Grant Enhances Care of Heart Attack Patients

The Verdant Health Commission awarded the Lynnwood Fire Department, in partnership with Snohomish County Fire District #1, the Mukilteo Fire Department, and Swedish Edmonds Emergency Department, a grant to enhance two critical components of the Emergency Cardiac Care System for the residents of South Snohomish County.

Lynnwood will administer the grant which will provide all regional paramedic units with advanced electrocardiogram (ECG) transmission devices and local communities with “heart attack awareness” education. The intent of this combined program is to shorten the time from the onset of heart attack symptoms to life saving treatment at the hospital. Heart attack studies have demonstrated a correlation between early treatment and heart attack survival.

Today, the Washington State Department of Health’s Cardiac and Stroke Care Technical Advisory Committee recommends that paramedics quickly acquire an ECG, transmit and interpret the reading, and transport within 15 minutes. With new transmitting technology, paramedics can rapidly obtain a diagnostic quality ECG

and forward it to multiple members of the cardiac care team within minutes of arriving at the patient’s side. A combination of ‘single button’ technology and teamwork will allow paramedics and firefighters in South Snohomish County to meet the recommended on-scene time objectives and shorten time to treatment.

However, the best emergency cardiac care system starts on the phone with early activation of the emergency medical system (EMS). Surprisingly, only 40% of heart attack patients call 911. Even with evidence that supports calling 911 early, many patients drive themselves to the hospital or delay seeking treatment because they do not recognize the symptoms. In recent years, many deadly accidents have occurred as a result of heart attack patients attempting to drive to the hospital. Statistically, many heart attack patients never reach the hospital alive.

To help people recognize the symptoms of a heart attack and to understand the importance of calling 911, firefighters, paramedics and public educators will provide a series of heart attack awareness classes in 2013.

## City Council Appoints New Councilmember to Fill Vacancy

### M. Christopher Boyer Appointed to Position #1

On December 12, 2012, the Lynnwood City Council appointed Reverend M. Christopher Boyer to fill Council position #1 which has been vacant since September. Mr. Boyer was selected from a pool of fifteen applicants and will serve the remaining term, which expires December 31, 2013.

Rev. M. Christopher Boyer currently serves as Pastor of Good Shepherd Baptist Church in Lynnwood where he has been since 2005. Prior to that, he enjoyed a 27-year career in professional and academic theatre as an actor, director, technician, administrator and educator. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Church Council of Greater Seattle, where he is currently President.

Councilmember Boyer has also served on many arts, social service and other community boards, including: Chairman of the Lynnwood Arts Commission, President of the Washington State Arts Alliance Foundation and Treasurer of Christians in Theatre Arts, an international networking and educational organization for believers expressing their faith through theatre. He has also



acted as convener for the South Snohomish County Ministerial Association and has been an official mentor/supervisor for students at Fuller Seminary Northwest and Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry. For four years, Rev. Boyer was a regular contributor to The Enterprise/Weekly Herald of Snohomish County, writing a monthly column on faith issues. He continues to act as a consultant for theatres and non-profits across the country. A native of St. Louis, he counts as his most profound blessings his marriage of 29 years to Connie, and their children: Kit, Colleen & Sean.

## Shop With A Cop

### Lynnwood Police Department’s Annual Event Was Another Success

Lynnwood Police Commander Jim Nelson and his fellow “shopper” Jha Velle, 2, with his mom, Jamica and baby sister J’Moni (pictured right) posed for a picture before heading out to eat some dinner and do some holiday shopping during the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Lynnwood Police Department “Shop With A Cop” event held December 6, at the Lynnwood Fred Meyer.

The 2012 Lynnwood Police Department event benefited 28 mothers and 41 children from Pathways for Women YWCA and Lynnwood Kiwanis House from Volunteers of America. Lynnwood Police Officers and the families ate dinner, shopped and visited with Santa and his elves.

Funding and support for this annual event was

made possible by Lynnwood Fred Meyer, Kuni Westside Infiniti of Lynnwood and Yellow Umbrella Coffee in Lynnwood.



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*What does this mean to you:* If you are on active probation with Lynnwood Municipal Court you will have quicker access and attention either by phone or in person, regarding your probation questions during specific office hours. This is also true if you are a treatment agency, prosecutor, or anyone that has business with the probation department. For direct contact with a probation officer, Probation Officer Mack is assigned all defendants with the last name beginning with A-L. She can be reached by calling 425-670-5133, or email [ramack@ci.lynnwood.wa.us](mailto:ramack@ci.lynnwood.wa.us). Probation Officer Jackson is assigned all defendants with the last names beginning with M-Z. She can be reached by calling 425-670-5132, or email [cjackson@ci.lynnwood.wa.us](mailto:cjackson@ci.lynnwood.wa.us).

Customer service on photo enforcement filings should significantly improve.

*Changes that effect court operations:* The staffing level of police patrol and their emphasis on public safety along with legislation and initiative rulings determine court filings. The recent decriminalization of marijuana will reduce court, prosecution and jail costs.

## Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts

*Mission:* Our mission in the Lynnwood Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts department is creating a healthy community through people, parks, programs and partnerships.

*Vision:* We are part of Lynnwood's daily life and we shape the character of the community by:

- Providing stewardship of our resources
- Providing recreation opportunities for all ages
- Contributing to the City's economic vitality
- Promoting health and wellness
- Fostering social connections
- Embracing innovation
- Supporting staff professional development and excellence
- Engaging and responding to the changing needs of our community
- Creating a connected community
- Providing premier customer service
- Leaving a legacy for future generations

*Business Lines:* Our business lines include Administration, which is responsible for: General Administration, Park Development, Park Planning, Marketing, Outreach and Healthy Communities; Recreation, which is responsible for: Aquatics, Athletics, Cultural Arts, Customer Service, Senior Center, Teen Programs and Youth Programs; Park Operations, which is responsible for: Park Maintenance and Project Management; and Golf, which is responsible for: Golf Course Maintenance and Pro Shop Operations.

*What's New:* The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department has consistently focused and refined its program menu to deliver recreation programs and activities that directly support our community and department's mission. For 2013, we are pleased to offer the following new services:

- Expanded holiday hours and customer service assistance at the Recreation Center,
- Cedar Valley Elementary School Gymnasium; expanded programming and community rentals,
- Stadler Ridge neighborhood park opening,
- Increased park maintenance during the summer months, and
- Increased community engagement and communication initiatives.

*Outlook:* Our 2013-14 budget focuses on multiple programs and services that provide the community with options to improve their individual health, opportunities and exposure to a wide variety of affordable recreational activities and programs. We also have an emphasis on mechanisms that provide scholarships and financial assistance for those in need. The budget will also allow the department to continue its focus on creating spaces and facilities that serve as "gathering places" that connect the community and improve the city's quality of life.

Our menu of programs and services provides the community with affordable recreational experiences that are designed to meet the needs of our ever expanding diverse community. We are also proud of our beautiful parks and well maintained facilities. The City of Lynnwood has a long standing tradition of providing well-maintained parks and facilities that foster community pride, improve property values and are conveniently located for easy access to people of all ages.

In our continued efforts to engage the community, we offer the following opportunities for citizen involvement:

- In 2013, we will be creating a Friends of the Farmers Market Committee that will assist us with the implementation of the market.
- In 2013, we will be creating a steering committee for the Multi-Cultural event slated to be held in 2014.

## Police Department

*Mission:* The Mission of the Lynnwood Police Department is to provide competent, effective public safety services to all persons, with the highest regard for human dignity through efficient and professional law enforcement and crime prevention practices.

*Business Lines:* The Lynnwood Police Department is a full service law enforcement agency serving the citizens of Lynnwood and our business population. Core services include administration, patrol, special operations, traffic enforcement, animal control, special weapons and tactics (SWAT) team, records, detention, evidence, planning and training, community services, narcotics and criminal investigations. The Department is committed to active involvement and participation with the community resulting in a partnership that directly and significantly impacts the quality of life in our city.

*What's New:* The Department has received Council authorization to fill the following positions that were previously frozen: Two Police Officers and one Custody Officer in 2013, and four Police Officers in 2014.

*Outlook:* In 2013-2014 The Lynnwood Police Department will strive to begin to incrementally rebuild the organization reaching a sworn authorized staff of 71 as compared to a pre-recession level of 80. Operational enhancements will be made through the hiring of additional personnel as authorized above and by retaining current experienced employees. Service levels will be examined to determine if they can be enhanced. Specifically, LPD will:

- Rebuild local patrol strength to reduce police response times.
- Rebuild investigative staffing to provide for aggressive investigation of felony and misdemeanor crimes.
- Rebuild special operations staffing in order to proactively handle prostitution, gang-related crime, burglary and other serious felonies.
- Recruit and fully utilize citizen volunteers to enhance safety efforts.
- Continue efforts at implementing a county-wide records management system.

## Public Works

*Mission:* To effectively and efficiently develop, manage and operate the physical infrastructure that is the foundation of our city's health, safety and welfare while enhancing our community's quality of life.

Lynnwood has invested over \$1 billion in our city's infrastructure, including streets, utilities, and municipal buildings. We ensure you have clean water to drink, safe roads to drive, well-maintained City buildings, properly handled sewage, and a protected environment.

*2013-2014 Adopted Budgets:* Our department's total budget includes five (5) different funds totaling \$11,286,355. Our Water/Sewer/Storm Utility Funds total \$32,556,383 which includes capital construction projects.

*What's New:* We continue to find efficiencies even with shrinking budgets. We will be able to retain and/or add back some key functions in 2013-2014:

- Continue Neighborhood Traffic Calming Experiments
- Update the City's traffic planning model
- Add two staff to help permit and manage Lynnwood's robust list of utility construction and key development projects
- Assess our new Recreation Center to ensure that it is well maintained over the long term
- Reallocate gas tax, real estate excise taxes, and other capital revenues to provide a steady funding stream for repaving our streets

*Outlook:* Our Engineering Division will be better equipped to handle the many projects and programs underway and to issue development permits quicker. You should see more evidence in our city of infrastructure being upgraded and new businesses opening or remodeling. Our crews will continue to do their best maintain streets with limited staffing and resources. Current levels of service will be kept. You will see more repaving of streets over the next two summers. With continued tight funding, our challenge is to keep up with and prevent the degradation of our city infrastructure, and we will continue to do so to the best of our abilities.

## Pick It Up

### Stop by City Hall to Get Your Free Pet Waste Dispensers and Refill Bags

Dog poop is not only unsightly and smelly, but is also hazardous to the health of our communities. By not picking up your pet's waste, you are allowing dangerous bacteria to wash into storm drains where it ends up polluting our streams and lakes. This polluted water can cause serious illness to humans (especially children) who work and play in it, as it contains pathogens such as E.coli.

You can help keep the waterways and your neighborhood healthy by picking up after your K-9 friends. Not only does the City offer FREE Bags on Board Refill bags, but we're also giving away FREE Fire Hydrant dispensers that attach to your pet's leash! Get yours today at City Hall.

## Public Art Exhibits

### Free Art Exhibits at the Lynnwood Convention Center

Did you know you have access to amazing public art exhibitions right in your own neighborhood?

That's right. The Lynnwood Public Facilities District Art Committee has partnered with the Lynnwood Convention Center to bring public art exhibitions to the Center for the past six years. These exhibitions are on display at the Lynnwood Convention Center and are FREE to the public!

The exhibitions are rotated twice a year and with each installation there is an Artist Reception where the artists themselves can talk about their work and answer questions from the public.

The mediums vary from painting, photography, and mixed media to contemporary quilting.

"I love the art program; it gives character to our space. I also think it's a fabulous way to get the local community into the facility," commented Angie Mykel, Lynnwood Convention Center General Manager.

The public are welcome to come and view the current art exhibits during Convention Center regular business hours, Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. For more information about the art program or to submit art for an exhibition please contact the Lynnwood Convention Center at [Info@lynnwoodcc.com](mailto:Info@lynnwoodcc.com) or visit us at [www.lynnwoodcc.com](http://www.lynnwoodcc.com).

## Lynnwood Library News

**E-Readers:** This January is e-Reader month at Sno-Isle Libraries. Did you get an e-reader for a gift this holiday season? Monday afternoons from 2-3pm, a librarian will be available to show you how to use your device and how to download free library eBooks. No appointments are necessary. Class is held in the Lynnwood Library Small Group Study Room. January 14 and 28 at 2pm.

**Dr. Doyle & Mr. Holmes:** The Cultural Staying Power of Sherlock Holmes - Join Tom Keogh, arts journalist and critic for The Seattle Times, for a conversation about Sherlock Holmes, his creation by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and why we, as a culture, remain so attached to a character invented in 1886. Saturday, January 19, 2pm

**Teen Do-it-Yourself:** Origami - The middle of dark, rainy winter is the ideal time to perfect your folding skills. We'll provide awesome origami paper and all of the instructions. FREE! Tuesday, January 22, 4pm.

**Hanji Korean Paper Art Class:** Learn the ancient Korean paper art form Hanji. Master artisans Young Ok and Sebastian Kim will teach participants how to make beautiful art objects. Class is limited to 25 participants; please preregister online or call 425-778-2148. Saturday, January 26, 1pm.

**AARP Tax Aide Assistance:** Free federal tax return preparation for low income and senior citizens, Mondays 1-8pm and Saturdays 10am-4pm, beginning February 2. Please register in person for an appointment at the Lynnwood Library Information Desk.

All programs funded by the Friends of the Lynnwood Library. For more information on any of the above, contact the Lynnwood Library at 425-778-2148 or visit our website at [www.sno-isle.org](http://www.sno-isle.org) and click on Classes & Events.

## What's Happening

### Spring & Summer Recreation Programs

Registration for Spring & Summer Recreation Programs begins Friday, March 1.

### Medical Series

Get smart while getting healthy! Listen and learn about various health topics from local physical therapists, doctors, and orthopedics. Bring your questions and a notebook:

*Common Shoulder Problems*

Tuesday, January 22 | 6:30-8pm | \$5

*Fibromyalgia and Arthritis*

Tuesday, February 19 | 6:30-8pm | \$5

*Pain Relief & Getting Back on Your Feet: How Physiatry Can Help*

Tuesday, March 19 | 6:30-8pm | \$5

### Do Something Reel Movie Screening

Whole Foods Market's Do Something Reel™ Film Festival is a collection of proactive, character-driven films that focus on food, environmental issues and everyday people with a vision of making a world of difference. The Lynnwood Recreation Center is pleased to partner with Whole Foods to offer some of these screenings at our facility.

*Betting the Farm* - Faced with losing their small farms, rural Maine dairy farmers launch their own milk company - a gamble that will either ruin or save them.

Wednesday, January 23

*The Greenhorns* - Explores the lives of America's young farming community - its spirit, practices, and needs.

Doors Open at 6:30pm | Movie Starts at 7:00pm

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Health and Beauty Fair - Empowering Women of Color to Make Health a Priority

Saturday, March 9, 2013 | 10am - 3pm

Edmonds Community College, Woodway Bldg

South Entrance - 204<sup>th</sup> St SW & 68<sup>th</sup> Ave W, Lynnwood

Beauty Services - Health Screenings - Nutrition and Exercise Resources, Demonstrations, Door Prizes and Giveaways!

For more information, visit [www.snohd.org/HotTopic](http://www.snohd.org/HotTopic) or email [jburt@snohd.org](mailto:jburt@snohd.org).

### Changes to Utility Rates

Effective January 1, 2013, Lynnwood Utility customers will experience an increase in rates. Our water, sewer and storm rates remain among the lowest in the region and Lynnwood will continue to work to control costs while providing necessary service to its citizens. The City of Lynnwood adopted a six-year rate schedule in 2011 which assists customers to anticipate their future rates. This ensures that operational and capital infrastructure needs are met and that citizens receive critical services now and in the future. For more information, visit [www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/utilities](http://www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/utilities) or call 425-670-5170.

### Coming Soon

What's happening on the southwest corner of 196<sup>th</sup> St SW and Highway 99? Sterling Reality Organization (SRO) has begun site preparations for a two phase project. Phase one includes three separate buildings with over 63,000 square feet of retail space. SRO expects to complete phase one in 2013. Phase two will occur as market conditions allow. This is the first development project in the Highway 99 node since the adoption of the Highway 99 Revised Development Regulations that encourage pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use development at key intersections.

# Contact Us

[www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us](http://www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us)

## Elected Officials

### Mayor

Don Gough

### City Council

Loren Simmonds, Council President  
Kerri Lonergan-Dreke, Council Vice President  
Van AuBuchon  
M. Christopher Boyer  
Benjamin Goodwin  
Sid Roberts  
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

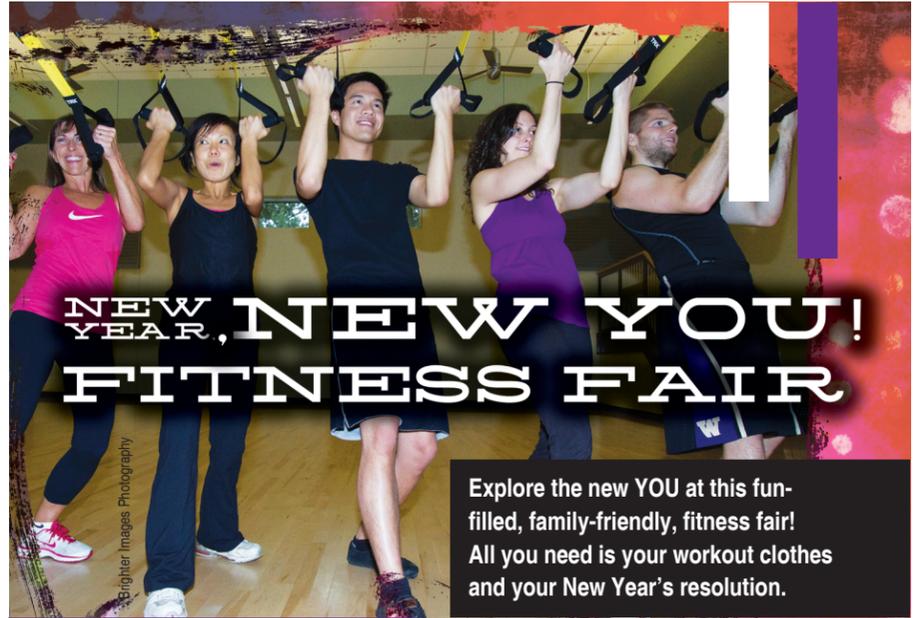
### Lynnwood Senior Center

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*



Explore the new YOU at this fun-filled, family-friendly, fitness fair! All you need is your workout clothes and your New Year's resolution.

Saturday, January 12  
9 am - 1 pm

FREE Group Fitness Classes 9 am - 1 pm

FREE Partner Personal Training Sessions  
11 am - 1 pm

FREE Q&A sessions & educational  
handouts with our yoga instructors,  
personal trainers and nutritionist

FREE Blood Pressure &  
Body Composition Readings

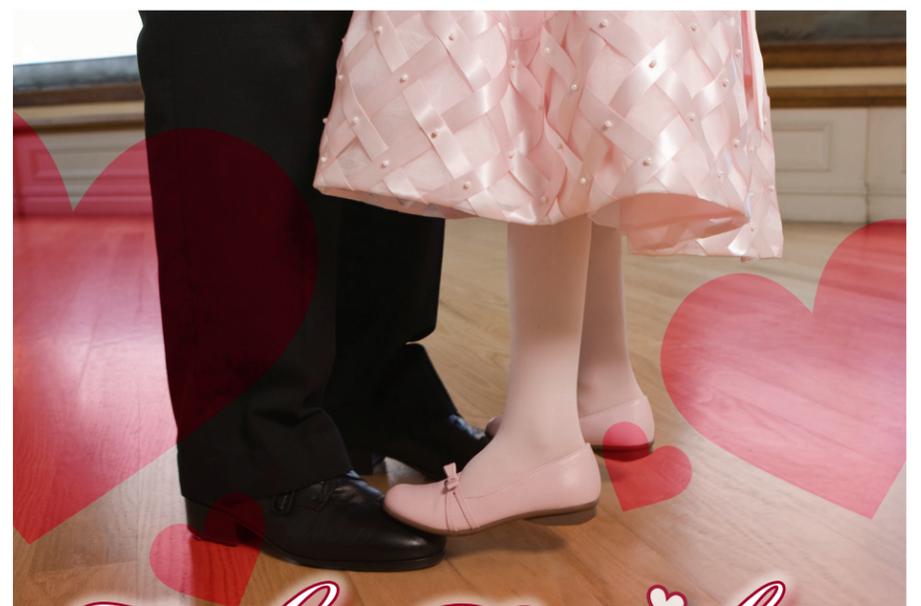
FREE Healthy Snacks

TRX Strong Fit  
Yoga Yoga Kids  
Kickboxing Fencing  
Tai Chi & More!

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



Participants will receive a free lunch ticket, one raffle ticket for an individual personal training session and a 20% discount to select group fitness classes.



*Father Daughter  
February 23rd, 2013  
Dance*  
\$10 per person

Dance the night away with your daughter and capture this magic moment for you both. Dancing, refreshments and picture opportunities are all a part of this evening of magic.

3 - 7 years • 5 - 7pm | 8 - 13 years • 7:30 - 9:30pm



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