



INSIDE LYNNWOOD

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South Lynnwood Park Renovation and Revitalization Project

On May 10th, we officially kicked off construction of the South Lynnwood Park Renovation & Revitalization project with a groundbreaking ceremony. We were joined by several dignitaries and project leads to celebrate the start of construction. Over the next several months, the park will be closed for renovation which includes replacing and expanding the playground, the addition of a picnic shelter and park seating, resurfacing the tennis/pickleball courts, creating a new basketball court, adding a turf soccer field, improving drainage of the grass lawn area, and addressing all ADA barriers on site. Last fall, the restroom building ADA upgrades were completed along with a colorful new mural titled *Grateful Steward* by artist Gabrielle Abbott. Construction is anticipated to be completed this October. This project has funding support from The Trust for

Public Land, Kaiser Permanente, Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation, Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office, and a Land & Water Conservation Fund grant.



Photos by Cole Whitworth Photography

A special thank you to dignitaries that attended the groundbreaking ceremony: US Representative Rick Larsen, WA Representative Cindy Ryu, Mayor Nicola Smith, Council President George Hurst, Council Vice President Jim Smith, Council Member Christine Frizzell, Parks Board Chair Nick Coelho, David Gordon & Cary Simmons from The Trust for Public Land, Dr. Hsin-Yi Wang of Kaiser Permanente Washington, Davin Dawson of MIG and Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Lynn Sordel.

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For more information and to receive construction updates, visit: www.LynnwoodWA.gov/SouthLynnwoodParkProject

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Message from Mayor Nicola Smith

Our commitment to operational excellence



The City of Lynnwood's Strategic Plan and Priorities include a commitment to "creating an environment of operational and organizational excellence." This is a core, strategic foundation for Lynnwood and it encompasses all city employees, executive leadership and our City Council. This is a commitment that we will provide the best services and programs possible to our community. We empower an equitable and

diverse workforce to utilize efficiencies and techniques that allow Lynnwood to lead the way as a regional model.

Over the past year in particular, this commitment to excellence has proven to be of utmost importance. Our dedicated employees continue to support and provide for our community during one of the hardest periods of our recent history. And even through the uncertainty and unpredictability of the past year, our City has had many accomplishments.

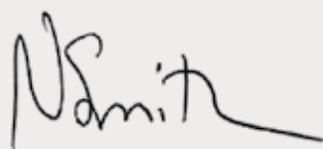
We continued our streak of being awarded financial excellence awards, confirming our commitment to transparent and sustainable budgeting processes. We received the Well City Award from the Association of Washington Cities which not only allows us to save 2% on our health insurance premiums, but it also confirms our city's commitment to employee well-being.

We remain highly engaged with our federal and state representatives, advocating for Lynnwood's needs in Olympia and Washington D.C. and we are competitive for federal, state, and local grant opportunities.

Our Lynnwood Police Department just recently passed the re-accreditation process through the Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs (WASPC). This process is done every four years and by being an accredited police agency that means we are operating under industry best practices and standards to include areas such as code of conduct, internal affairs, prisoner security, hiring, retention, training, discipline, de-escalation and use of force policies and procedures.

These are just a few examples of our commitment to excellence and providing the absolute best services to our community members.

Sincerely,



Lynnwood Welcomes New Finance Director

In March of 2021, the City of Lynnwood welcomed new Finance Director Michelle Meyer. Director Meyer has spent her career in public service with over twenty years of progressively responsible experience in local government agencies including the last ten in municipal Finance Director roles, most recently for the City of Mukilteo. She has extensive experience in debt management, economic development and operational and capital budgeting for full-service cities. Michelle holds a Master of Public Administration and a Graduate Certificate in City/County Management from Wichita State University.



"Director Meyer has already proven to be an excellent addition to our City's leadership team," stated Mayor Nicola Smith. "Her wide range of financial leadership skills and experience will keep our Finance team moving forward as we continue to strive for greater accountability and transparency, operational excellence and financial sustainability."

"I look forward to continuing to build upon the foundation of strong, sustainable financial management that Lynnwood has in place," said Finance Director Michelle Meyer. "I greatly value the City's commitment to maintaining a safe, welcoming and livable community where All Are Welcome, and I'm honored to be a part of a forward-thinking team that delivers excellent, equitable customer service during this dynamic time of growth and development."

Lynnwood Utility Billing

During the COVID-19 pandemic, some utility customers have understandably had trouble keeping up with payments for water, sewer, and stormwater. It is important that customers continue to pay what they can so account balances do not become overwhelming. As an example, customers should pay the most recent charges, plus 10% or more of older, unpaid charges.

The ongoing installation of “smart” water meters throughout the City delayed some billings and caused confusion regarding due dates for payments. New statements have corrected due dates. We apologize for the confusion.

Reduce Rates & Rebates

For qualifying low-income households, the City offers a variety of reduced utility rates and rebates. To see if your household qualifies, visit our City’s website or call our Utility Billing team. Financial assistance may also be, or become available from other public agencies or non-profit organizations.

Be sure to look for additional information on all these topics in your upcoming utility statement or special mailings.

How to contact the City’s Utility Billing Team:

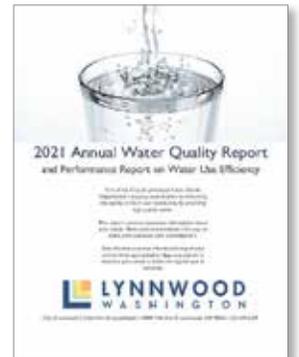
- Contact us by email: ub@LynnwoodWA.gov
- Discount/rebate telephone: 425-670-5164
- Discount/rebate email: ubdiscounts@LynnwoodWA.gov
- Pay online. www.LynnwoodWA.gov/UB
- Pay by telephone: 425-670-5000



Water Quality Report

The City of Lynnwood’s Consumer Confidence Report (Water Quality Report) is now available to customers online. The Annual Water Quality Report is a performance measure of the quality of water supplied by the City of Lynnwood. The report describes local drinking water sources, testing conducted on the water, allowable limits of substances, substances detected, and the levels of those substances.

The report is available at www.LynnwoodWA.gov/AnnualWaterReport. Printed copies of the report will be made available to customers by calling the Public Works Department at 425-670-5200.



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www.youtube.com/CityofLynnwood



www.facebook.com/LynnwoodWA
www.facebook.com/LynnwoodRecCenter
www.facebook.com/LynnwoodPolice





Lynnwood's Fish Hatchery and Environmental Education Center

For the fourth year in a row, we've raised and released 30,000 coho salmon into Hall Lake at Lynnwood's Fish Hatchery and Environmental Education Center. We weren't able to host student groups this year, but we did have some help releasing the coho fry into the lake. We wish our fish the best of luck on their journey to the Puget Sound!

Learn more about our fish hatchery and education center by visiting www.LynnwoodWA.gov/fishhatchery

Call 2-1-1 to get help with past due rent, utilities, and more

Need help with rental assistance or utilities assistance, medical care, employment, and other day-to-day living? 2-1-1 helps connect you to valuable local community resources. Call 1-800-525-0127 and press # or you can also text the word "Coronavirus" to 211-211 for help.

COVID-19 Resources

All Washingtonians 12 years and older are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Snohomish County currently operates several Community Mass Vaccination Sites. You can schedule an appointment at www.snohd.org/covidvaccine or walk-ins/drive-ups are also welcome! If you don't have access to schedule online, you can call the Snohomish Health District's COVID Hotline for assistance Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm at 425-339-5278.

Volunteers Make a Difference

The City of Lynnwood has several boards and commissions that serve as advisory bodies, and we're looking for new members. No experience necessary, just a strong desire to make a difference in your community!



Learn more by visiting www.LynnwoodWA.gov/Government/Boards-and-Commissions, call 425-670-5001, or email ljensen@LynnwoodWA.gov.

- *Arts Commission*
- *Civil Service Commission*
- *Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission*
- *Ethics Board*
- *History & Heritage Board*
- *Human Services Commission*
- *Parks & Recreation Board*
- *Planning Commission*

Plan Ahead For Any Emergency With Smart 911

Smart 911 is a smartphone app and a helpful tool Sno911 dispatchers can use to let our first responders know how best to help you when responding to your 911 call. Download the app from the Apple Store or Google Play, fill out a profile and include information about the people in your household, medical information, address and location, and anything else important for our first responders to know. Used in all 50 states, Smart 911 is saving valuable time in emergency situations and it can help us help YOU faster and more efficiently. Additionally, you can receive alerts and notifications and send special alerts to emergency managers when disaster strikes and you need assistance.

For more information visit www.smart911.com.



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Private and secure – You control your information



Saves time in an emergency – When seconds count

Lynnwood City Council



Position vacant
at time of
publication

Pictured L-R: Council President George Hurst, Council Vice President Jim Smith, Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, Christine Frizzell, Ruth Ross, and Shannon Sessions.



City Council Work Sessions are held the 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays of the month and the third Wednesdays from 6-9pm. Council Business Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 6-9pm. During the time of 'Stay Home, Stay Safe,' Council Meetings are streamed live at www.LynnwoodWA.gov/Live or can be viewed on Comcast Channel 21 and FIOS/Frontier Channel 38, on Wednesdays at 7:30pm and Sundays at 7:00am and 2:00pm.

Council Corner: What happens when there is a City Council vacancy?

On April 13, Council Member Ian Cotton resigned from the City Council as he and his family relocated to Arizona. Council Member Cotton served the city well for almost eight years and a replacement had to be found to finish the last six months of his term. At the time of publication, a new council member will have been selected and in place. Here is a summary of how that new member was selected.

By State and City code, the Council has the responsibility to fill a council vacancy. There is a Council Resolution that provides specifics for the process (Resolution 2010-13). The City posted a notice of the Council vacancy and we received 18 applications from interested City residents. The applications were evaluated by each Council Member. Based on Council discussions of the applicants' qualifications and a scoring system, the 18 applicants were

pared down to eight, and these eight were interviewed by the Council in two public meetings. After the interviews there was a Council vote, and the top three applicants were subject to background checks. After those background checks were completed, the Council met on May 24th. After receiving a majority of Council votes, a new Council Member was selected.

Due to printing deadlines some of the events described above have not occurred

as we write this article, but we assume it all went smoothly. This process involved seven Council meetings and hours of extra time for staff and the six remaining Council Members. There was a concerted effort to make sure the process was fair and open. We want you to be confident that all the Council Members serve our community with honesty and a true dedication to making our City a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

FREE! SANDLOT CINEMA

Join us for fun, physically distanced activities starting at 5pm and an outdoor movie.

Movie starts at dusk • Bring blankets & chairs

Lynndale Park Ballfield
18927 72nd Ave W, Lynnwood

Space limited. Pre-registration required.
Registration opens July 15.

Learn more at www.HealthyLynnwood.com



Meet Me at the Park

Community Health
and Resource Fair

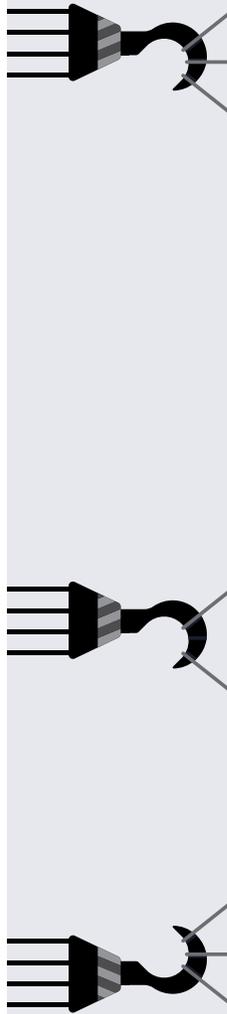
Learn about resources that are available to you in your community!

Join us for an evening at Wilcox Park where local non-profit agencies will provide information about their no-cost or low-cost services and programs for you and your family. We'll have free, fun, safe activities for kids, prizes and giveaways.

Wilcox Park • July 13, 20, 27 • 6-8pm • Free!



MAJOR PROJECTS



STAY INFORMED

We share regular project updates on our City website, Lynnwood eNews and social media. Sign up and follow us to stay up-to-date on what's going on in Lynnwood.

Sign up for Lynnwood eNews at www.LynnwoodWA.gov/eNews, follow us on Twitter @LynnwoodStreets and @Lynnwood, and visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov/MajorProjects

Public Projects

Community Justice Center

This project will rebuild and re-imagine our Community Justice Center. We are excited to be designing and building a purpose-built police department, a re-imagined misdemeanor jail, and a remodeled court, which will allow us the necessary space and function to bring the best justice services to our community. Project design is completed and we are currently out to bid for a contractor. A groundbreaking will be scheduled for late this summer. For more information or to sign up for project updates visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov/CJCProject.

Lynnwood Link Extension

The project to extend light rail service from Northgate (opening 2021) to Lynnwood (opening 2024) is well underway. Sound Transit has begun construction of the Lynnwood City Center Station Parking Garage which will contain over 1,600 parking stalls in a five-story structure built to LEED silver standards. Concrete pilings are being erected, showing the spine of the Lynnwood Link Extension. For more information or to sign up for project updates visit www.SoundTransit.org/LE.

196th Street SW Improvements

Construction continues of this project which will widen 196th St SW (SR524) between 48th Ave W and 36th Ave W. Nighttime work on water main and drainage systems installations and fire hydrant work is ongoing. Planned improvements are designed to reduce traffic congestion, better accommodate bus and transit travel, increase business access, and promote walkability and safety.

More information: www.LynnwoodWA.gov/196street. Construction Hotline at 425-224-2440 or email 196street@LynnwoodWA.gov



196th Street removal of existing curb lanes

Regional Planning

Everett Link Extension—ST3

The Everett Link Extension Project is just getting started. Sound Transit is drafting plans to conduct equitable community engagement through environmental review and development of station and track alignment alternatives. As a part of the ST3 project, Lynnwood's second light rail station will be constructed in proximity to Alderwood mall. Sound Transit and the City are working with the City of Everett, Snohomish County, and other transportation agencies to plan station locations and the guideway route.

For more information on ST3, please visit <https://www.soundtransit.org/system-expansion/everett-link-extension>



Regional Growth Center Subarea Plan

Lynnwood has begun working on a Regional Growth Center (RGC) Subarea Plan. The RGC was previously approved by City Council and includes the City Center and the Alderwood mall areas. This plan will address new development, transportation and transit facilities, recreation and infrastructure improvements. Opportunities to engage and stay informed with this planning will be announced in future editions of *Inside Lynnwood*, through Lynnwood eNews and on our social media.

South Lynnwood Neighborhood Plan

The South Lynnwood Neighborhood is a mix of residential, commercial, and industrial land uses conveniently located to transit, transportation, and the Interurban Trail. The plan will establish a community vision; identify infrastructure needs; identify projects and policies to stabilize housing for all families; preserve and improve parks and open space; provide opportunities for various land uses; create opportunities for businesses to grow; and improve access to transit.

To learn more about and get involved, please contact Planning Manager Ashley Winchell at awinchell@LynnwoodWA.gov or visit www.LynnwoodWA.gov/SouthLynnwood.

Private Development

Kinect @ Lynnwood is currently under construction and will provide 239 new housing units. The site is directly east of Sound Transit's Lynnwood City Center Station and is adjacent to the Interurban Trail.



Avalon Alderwood

Avalon Alderwood, located at the former Sears site, is under construction. The project includes ground floor retail and 328 new housing units. With this development, Alderwood mall will soon have mixed-use development with residences, retail, restaurants, and entertainment all in one location.



Lynwood Place Phase 2

Lynwood Place Phase 2 is under construction directly north of Alderwood mall, next to Costco. This project is a mixed-use development with 500 new housing units and ground floor retail and restaurants. Directly west of the mixed-use project is a new Home Depot. Both Avalon Alderwood and Lynnwood Place have great access to the Interurban Trail and Community Transit Bus Rapid Transit.

What's Happening *Sign up for e-news at www.LynnwoodWA.gov/enews*

History & Heritage Day

Car 55 of the Seattle-Everett Interurban trolley will be open to the public and tours will be available.

Plus, all buildings in Heritage Park—Lynnwood-Alderwood Manor Heritage Association, Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, NW Veterans Museum, and Wickers Building—will be open for visitors.



Other activities include a special unveiling of the new Trolley name, Lynnwood Rocks, and a visit from a fire truck.

*Saturday, July 10, 2021, 10am-2pm,
Heritage Park, 19921 Poplar Way*

Summer Meals: Grab and Go

Summer meals FREE to all school aged children! Monday-Thursday, June 21-August 26, at Spruce Park, 16834 36th Ave W.

- Fun activities from 12-1pm
- Grab and Go meals from 1-1:30pm

For additional sites visit <https://foundationesd.org/programs/summer-meal-program/>



Foundation for
**Edmonds
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Free Electronics Recycling & Reuse Event Your old electronics can change lives. Swing by to donate laptops, tablets, desktops, LCD monitors, TVs, mice, keyboards, cables, hardware components, hard drives, cell phones & accessories, printers, ink & toner cartridges. Tax deductible, secure data destruction, and no e-waste exported.

Friday, June 11, 4-7pm, 20252 60th Ave W

FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING & REUSE EVENT

Friday, June 11th 2021

4:00pm to 7:00pm

20252 60th Ave W Lynnwood, WA

WHAT TO DONATE?

Laptops
Tablets
Desktops
LCD monitors
TVs
Mice
Keyboards
Cables
Hardware Components
Hard drives
Cell phones and accessories
Printers
Ink and toner cartridges



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