

# Lynnwood Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department

## 2015/2016 Biennium Report



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*A great deal more*

## Director's Message

It is with great pleasure I present the 2015-16 Biennial Report for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department. Each year, we strive to facilitate the creation of active lifestyles, vibrant places and a vital environment for everyone. Our mission, to create a healthy community through people, parks, programs and partnerships, has guided us to connect and enrich our community. We are exceptionally proud of the fact we play a leading role in shaping the quality of living and character of our City.

Our professional team has dedicated themselves to the City's adopted community vision which states, "the City of Lynnwood will be a regional model for a sustainable, vibrant community with engaged citizens and an accountable government." Throughout the 2015-16 biennium, our organization worked hard to build upon a long-standing history of maintaining the City's parks, trails and public spaces. In addition, we worked closely with our community stakeholders and advisory board members to create four different comprehensive plans that will guide our future. The plans include strategic thinking and ideas related to the arts, our City's heritage and history and the new Healthy Communities initiatives. The centerpiece was the adoption of the 2025 Parks, Arts, Recreation and Conservation Plan (PARC) that establishes a path forward for providing high quality community driven parks, trails and recreational opportunities. The Plan reinforces the City's vision for its park and recreation system; proposes updates to service standards for our parks and trails; and addresses department goals, objectives and management considerations. We are also pleased the 2025 Plan recognizes the City's growing diversity and growing population of older adults. Through demographic analysis and mapping, the PARC Plan offers a series of Equity Maps that highlight where barriers to park and recreation services exist and where there are concentrations of underserved populations. Another highlight of the Plan is the completion of a comprehensive facility maintenance assessment of our parks and equipment. This assessment will allow us to move forward to systematically fix the long list of deferred maintenance projects in our park system and the growing list of ADA compliance issues we face.

We are proud of our long-standing practice of working collaboratively with the Mayor, City Council and our hundreds of citizen volunteers. This partnership has produced some great outcomes and ideas that enhance our City and improve our services. Throughout this report you will find examples of our efforts and we pledge to continue to work hard to provide a model park, art, recreation and conservation system that is a source of pride for all of our citizens. We are proud of all we have accomplished this past biennium and sincerely hope this report represents all of the wonderful things we do in the City.

In closing, I would sincerely like to thank the Mayor, City Council, our volunteers and dedicated team of professionals. Without their continued support, these accomplishments would not have been possible.



Respectfully submitted,

*Lynn D. Sordel*

*Director of Parks, Recreation  
and Cultural Arts*

*City of Lynnwood*

# 2015/2016 Highlights & Accomplishments

*ADMINISTRATION*

*HEALTHY COMMUNITIES*

*PARK OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE*

*RECREATION*

*GOLF*



*The Lynnwood Chamber Ribbon Cutting at Heritage Park*

## Administration

- Earned \$8.120 million in total department revenue from all sources; \$5.352 from recreation programs and services
- Adoption of the 2016-2025 Parks, Arts, Recreation and Conservation (PARC) Comprehensive Plan (Resolution 2016-04)
- Awarded \$1,050,000 in grant funding from WA State Recreation & Conservation Office, Snohomish County, and Snohomish County Tourism Promotion Area for the Meadowdale Playfields Redevelopment Project
- Partnered with the Parks & Recreation Foundation's Par 4 Kids Golf Tournament generating contributions totaling \$19,000 for the Recreation Benefit Fund
- Executed a new lease agreement with the Lynnwood Chamber for a home office in the Wickers Building at Heritage Park
- Hosted annual Arbor Day celebrations and received the City's 16th and 17th annual Tree City USA awards with 514 trees planted
- Developed 2017-2018 budget using Budgeting for Outcomes budgeting process
- Participated in citywide workgroup planning for Sound Transit Link Light Rail Station, SHRP 2 Transit Accessibility Study, Smart Growth America TOD efforts, and fire regionalization planning



*Cedar Valley Elementary students celebrate signal box wrap*

## Healthy Communities

- Adoption of the 10-year Healthy Communities Action Plan (Resolution 2016-07)
- Adoption of the Cultural Arts Plan (Resolution 2016-11)
- Adoption of the Heritage Strategic Plan (Resolution 2016-13)
- Hosted 12 Shakespeare in the Park performances viewed by more than 1,800 attendees/year
- Partnered with OYE Media to produce the first annual Afro Latino Festival (2016)
- Partnered with the NAACP Snohomish County Branch to host the first annual Ubuntu Multicultural Exposé event (2016)
- Completed Bike2Health construction of bicycle facilities and wayfinding signage in Lynnwood (2016)
- Implemented new Love Your Block neighborhood mini-grant program (2016)
- Hosted *For the Love of Lynnwood* community workshop with new urbanist Peter Kageyama (2016)
- Hosted Artist in Residence program at Cedar Valley Community School resulting in first artistic wrapping of traffic signal box at 196th and Scriber Lake Road (2016)
- Earned annual AWC WellCity Awards (2015 & 2016) saving the City more than \$230,000 in medical premiums



## Park Operations & Maintenance

- Maintained 389 acres of improved parks, athletic fields, trails, open space, buildings and equipment
- Coordinated 23 volunteer service projects with community groups such as local Boy & Girl Scout Troops including the creation of an interpretive trail at Lynndale Park, trail restoration and bridge improvements on the Mesika Trail, and the addition of several park benches
- Design and installation of the new patio and landscaping area at the Senior Center (2016)
- Seal coating and parking lot repairs at the Civic Center, Library, Police, Fire Station and several parks (2015)
- Resurfaced and lined the four basketball courts at Lynndale Park (2015)
- Maintenance and repair of the Meadowdale Athletic Field Lighting including repair or replacement of ballasts and bulbs on each pole (2016)
- Established a Volunteer Program Trailer with distinctive wrap to accommodate large group projects resulting in 2,776 volunteer service hours (2016)
- Supported City's Community Service Program in partnership with the Police Department and Court to put community service workers to work in parks in lieu of incarceration providing 2,587 labor hours
- Renovated baseball field #1 at Lynndale Park (2015)
- Designed and constructed east outlook at Scriber Lake Park (2015)
- Designed and began construction of the new off-leash dog area at Lynndale Park (2016)





## Recreation

- More than 42,000 registrations processed
- 11,206 10-Visit Passes and 1,230 Annual Passes sold
- 211,608 point-of-sale purchases including:
  - 77,648 youth visits
  - 15,569 rental locks
  - 4,080 summer camp participants
  - 2,826 pairs of goggles
- 775 3rd-Grade Swim Lesson vouchers redeemed
- 2,800 pool, room and park rentals booked
- Increased group fitness class participation by more than 3,000 visits from 2015 to 2016
- Kamp Kookamunga increased weekly participation maximum to 110 with a 99% fill rate (2016)
- 30% increase in part-time staffing
- Increased in-house aquatic custodial and maintenance services to achieve custodial cost savings
- 7,432 volunteer hours served at the Senior Center
- 4,327 miles hiked by Senior Center participants (2016)



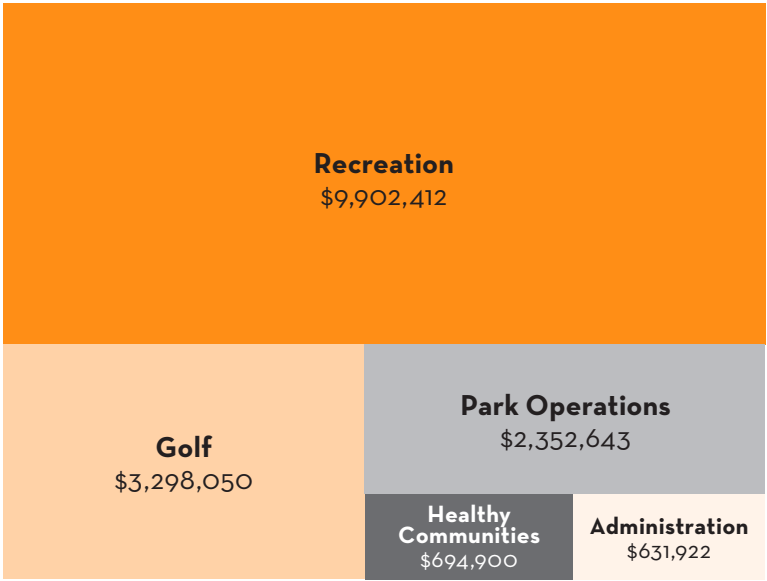


## Golf

- Managed by Premier Golf, 2015 turned out to be a very good year with nearly 46,000 rounds played. Rounds declined to 42,430 in 2016 due primarily to poor weather conditions in the winter and fall periods. Despite the uncooperative weather, the golf course's revenue performance dipped less than 5% to \$1,149,684.
- 2016 was a record-breaking year for the food and beverage operations as many improvements were added to the menu which were well received. One of the most notable improvements was the creation of a sports bar atmosphere within the pro shop space which encouraged golfers to socialize and spend more money on food and beverage items.
- The playability of the course improved dramatically in 2016. With the installation of new irrigation controls, water disbursement was more efficient during the dry summer months, and the course maintenance crew added several new bunkers throughout the course.
- Premier continued their efforts to improve the marketing of the course. Smartphone tee applications continued to be very popular and the course's website was overhauled to improve communications with customers.
- Inadequate parking continued to plague the business; however, Council approved funding for a new lot to be constructed in 2017 which will add over 50 parking spaces.

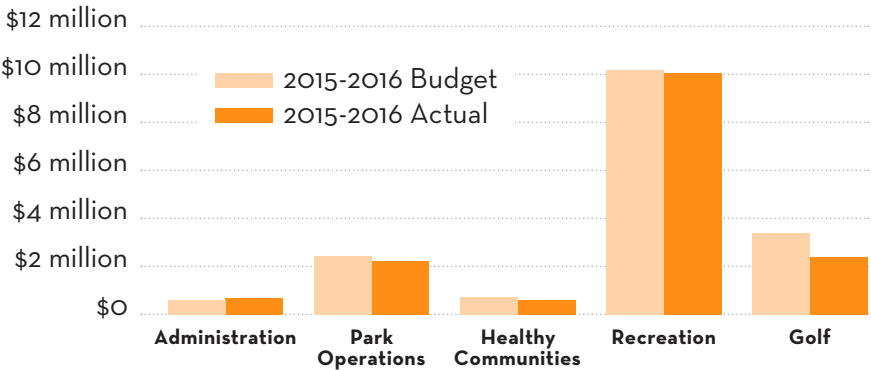
# Financial Report

## 2015/2016 Budget

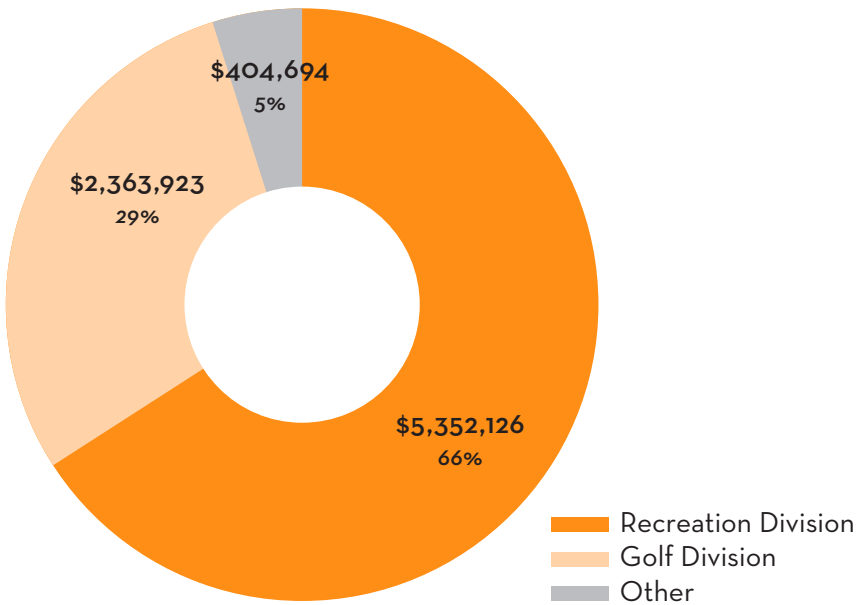


**TOTAL:** \$16,879,927

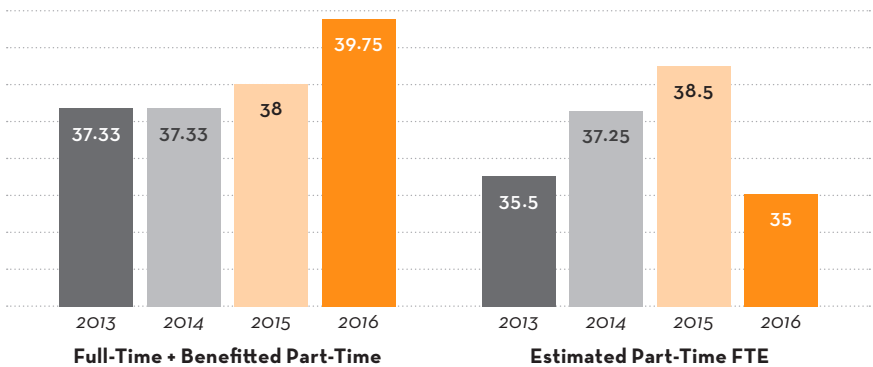
## Expense Budget vs. Actual



## 2015/2016 Revenues



## Staffing Levels 2013-2016



# PARC Plan Goals in Action

*FOSTERING A HEALTHY, ACTIVE COMMUNITY*

*CREATING GREAT PARKS & SPACES*

*ENSURING SOUND MANAGEMENT*

*PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE*

*ENCOURAGING CONNECTEDNESS*



## A Lynnwood Tradition: Kamp Kookamunga

Kamp Kookamunga is a Lynnwood tradition that dates back more than 35 years. Launching in the 1970s, this day camp continues to attract local residents growing from 81 campers per week in 2010 to 110 in 2015. Located at the 40-acre Lynndale Park, Kamp Kookamunga provides a safe outdoor environment for kids to run, explore, socialize and create in a natural setting. Offered for 10 weeks each summer, Kamp Kook complements the Edmonds School District schedule by providing continued care when children are out of school. At camp, not only is fun and silliness emphasized throughout the week, but the Kookamunga counselors also plan enrichment such as science, literature, crafts, nutrition, games, field trips and character education to promote continued learning during the summer months. “Kamp Kookamunga is a Lynnwood treasure that enables campers to focus on just being kids for the summer, be physically active, enjoy nature, make new friends and create lasting memories,” says Recreation Supervisor Kelly Schudde. Check out the Faces of Kook at <https://vimeo.com/154119216>





## Creating Community through Adaptive Aquatics

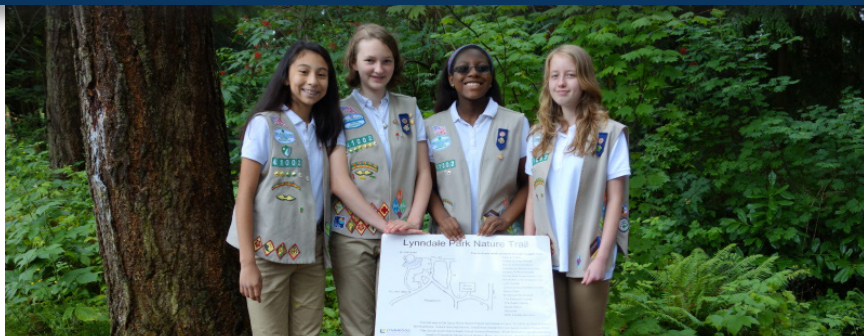
In September 2012, the City started an Adapted Aquatics program for individuals who don't fit the mold of the group swim lesson program. "We really wanted to have something to offer everyone, and setting up a program for people with special needs was one of the ways we could accomplish that," said Aquatics Supervisor Bill Haugen.

In Adapted Aquatics, each student has their own unique goals for the program. For some, their goal is to be safe in and around the water; for others, it is to increase their social and mental health; for others still, it is to transition into a community aquatics program. The instructors work with each student's abilities, changing what and how they teach to help each student to reach their goals.

One of the student's mother had this to say: "The Lynnwood Adapted Aquatics program has been such a positive experience for my daughter. As she learns new skills, I see her confidence grow in her swimming, but also in other areas of her life. Last week, she went to a friend's birthday party at one of the local pools, and I almost cried when she passed the swim test to go in the deep end. She got to play with all her friends and didn't miss a beat. Thank you so much for offering this program and for having such skilled and caring instructors."

In 2012 we started out with two students. Today we run twenty Adapted Aquatics classes every Sunday and have a waitlist of over two years for students wanting to get in. We look forward to continue offering this important program for the community.





## Volunteers help make parks great!

In 2015, the Parks Department purchased and created a dedicated Volunteer Trailer stocked with tools and supplies to support our larger and very popular volunteer park service projects. This addition allowed us to host 23 park projects last biennium with volunteers contributing over 2,776 hours working on projects within our City parks. This level of support is equivalent to a half-time employee.

These projects promote social connectedness by offering community members a chance to come together and work toward a common goal for the betterment of the City. The Department also offers Adopt-a-Trail and Adopt-a-Garden programs whose volunteers rehabilitated playground areas, restored trails and removed tons of invasive plant material from parks and trails. Youth Girl Scouts constructed an interpretive trail at Lynndale Park and a Boy Scout constructed the kiosk at the new off-leash dog area at Lynndale Park. Volunteers continue to make a difference at Lynnwood Parks!







## Lynnwood Recreation Center Celebrates 5th Anniversary

It is said that time flies when you're having fun. Well, we must be having a blast at the Recreation Center! In April 2016, the Recreation Center celebrated its 5th anniversary since its remodel and 40th year since its initial opening. And the patrons keep coming...the number of weekly visits has continued to increase to an average weekly attendance of just over 12,500.

While this volume of customers is terrific, it does mean a lot of wear and tear on the facility. Some of the issues that have been addressed due to the high volume of customers included painting the hallways a darker color with an epoxy based paint, adding a chair rail throughout the Center, replacing tables in the classrooms on a more frequent basis, replacing the carpet in the hallway leading to the locker rooms, re-tiling the shower area, replacing pool pumps and chemical controllers, and additional filter maintenance.

The City has invested a lot of money to create a beautiful Recreation Center. Routinely, we meet patrons who have driven an hour or more to come to our pool, bypassing several other municipal pools. We take great pride in the facility that we manage and we are committed to keeping the facility in great condition.





## Love Your Block

In 2016, the City launched the Love Your Block neighborhood mini-grant program. The purpose of the mini-grant program is to support projects and activities organized by residents that bring neighbors together; enhance and beautify neighborhoods; encourage civic engagement; and promote the general interest, health and well-being of our Lynnwood community. The Love Your Block Program was developed to help achieve the Healthy Communities Action Plan goal of increasing and strengthening strong social networks.

The first year was a great success with many creative and thoughtful applications. As one grant recipient put it, “The LYB program was an enabler for our block; for the first time, we collaboratively discussed and agreed on what was good for everyone...both individually and collectively. The two projects we chose will endure for many years, even generations to come.”

Some highlights from the 2016 funded projects include installing secure mailboxes to deter theft, assembling and distributing emergency preparedness kits to neighbors, neighborhood beautification improvements, installing a mini-lending library, and establishing a Neighborhood Natural Disaster Preparedness Plan. Another grant recipient shares, “this grant opportunity has been a wonderful experience for our team and meets an important neighborhood need.”

The Love Your Block mini-grant program is just one way the City of Lynnwood is supporting our community’s efforts to create connections among one another. A connected community is a healthier community for all.





*L-R: Joel Faber, Kelly Schudde, Steve Hoard, Bill Haugen, Mary-Anne Grafton*

## The Staff Engine

The programs that we run at the Recreation Center are only as good as the staff that run them. We are fortunate to have a very dedicated group of supervisors and managers that ensure we provide the highest quality programming to our community. Our recreation facilities, programs, services, and activities are recognized around the state as being some of the most innovative and highest quality. We routinely are contacted by other municipalities to provide advice and recommendations for issues they are facing.

Steve Hoard is our newest Recreation Supervisor with just a few months on the job; however, Steve has worked in our Customer Service Department for almost 30 years! Steve is responsible for our Customer Service Program. The following are some memories from Steve, “when I was first hired, the City had one Xerox machine at City Hall. On Fridays you could not use the Xerox because Judy Harper, the mayor’s secretary, needed to produce the council packets. (Fun fact, Judy is still one of our best lifetime pass users.) If we needed mass copies of handouts, we used a ditto machine, a.k.a. spirit duplication. The City had a mainframe computer that processed accounting and payroll but desktop computers were years off. What I like best about my job is the people I have been lucky enough to meet through the years here, both customers and staff. I am proud to look back at how far many of my former part-time front desk employees have gone in life after working at the Recreation Center.”

Bill Haugen is our affable Aquatics Manager. He has worked for the City for more than 17 years and oversees our aquatics facilities and programming. Bill, now known as a local expert in aquatic facilities and air handling, was an integral part of our project team that managed the near doubling of our pool facilities. Bill states, "I am given the resources and staffing to support one of the finest aquatic programs in Washington State."

Kelly Schudde is our very creative Recreation Programs Supervisor. She has been a supervisor for 6 years but has worked for the City for the past 15 years. Kelly oversees fitness, athletics, youth, teen, and preschool programs. Kelly says, "I enjoy my job because we create opportunities to bring people together, put a smile on their face, and create memories that will last a lifetime!"

Mary-Anne Grafton has been our Senior Center Supervisor for the past 10 years. She is responsible for all aspects of our Senior Center, having overseen a facility expansion and then facility move to the current location on the Civic Campus. Mary-Anne states, "I like my job because of my amazing coworkers, peers, and departmental leaders. Because we've set the collective bar so high, I've got the support and resources to fulfill Lynnwood Senior Center's mission to the best of my ability."

Collectively, this supervisory staff has over 71 years of experience. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated group of staff working here.



Joel Faber leads this incredible team as your Recreation Superintendent. Joel has managed the team from the opening days of the renovated Recreation Center. Under his leadership, the Recreation Division has sustained tremendous change and growth. Managing the many challenges of overseeing a seven day week operation, Joel has leaned on teamwork and collaboration with a

focus on improving programs and services to meet the needs of our community. Joel has twenty years of experience in youth and teen programs, special events, and customer service, which gives him insight and understanding in staff and customer needs.





## Taking Care of What We Have

Deferred maintenance has continued to pile up, but with the completion of the PARC (Parks, Arts, Recreation & Conservation) Plan we now have a comprehensive approach to addressing these needs. The PARC Plan provided an inventory of all deferred maintenance items, system-wide and by park location, which totaled are valued at over \$3.2 million. Deferred maintenance and ADA compliance are a top priority of the Department and instrumental to providing a safe, secure and sustainable park system. Investments in these improvements will help to address needed repairs associated with our legacy park systems; several of Lynnwood's parks were built prior to 1985 and do not meet today's building requirements. Due in part to the PARC Plan findings, funding was included in the City's 2017-2018 Capital Budget to address the most critical needs that will help to update our facilities to meet current ADA compliance requirements. The planned improvements will include trail restorations, playground replacements, pathway replacements, and other system wide enhancements.

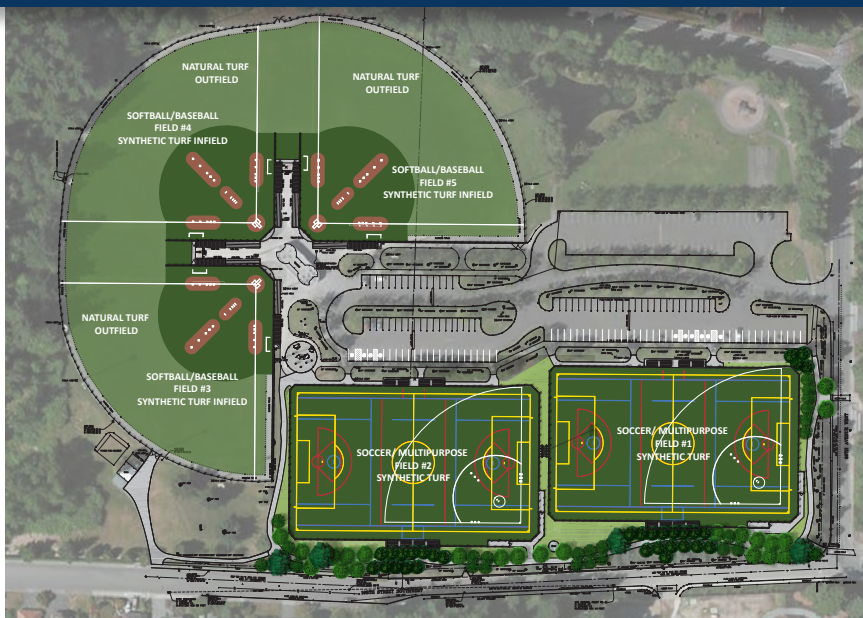




What is planning? Planning is a staff-driven effort that begins with understanding community needs in order to develop goals that can be implemented over time through strategic action. In 2016, the City Council was presented with, and adopted, four separate 10-year comprehensive plans relating to your parks, recreation, arts, heritage, and community services. Each plan was developed with significant community input and together they have become the foundation for current and future work plans. These important planning documents include:

The Healthy Communities Action Plan, Cultural Arts Plan, and Heritage Plan are specific planning documents to advance or enhance our community's health, social cohesion, cultural identity, and creative vitality. These plans are available at [www.HealthyLynnwood.com](http://www.HealthyLynnwood.com).

 [www.PlayLynnwood.com](http://www.PlayLynnwood.com)



## Meadowdale Playfields: Up to the Challenge

The Meadowdale Athletic Complex facility was developed in phases from 1985 to 1990 as a joint project between the City of Lynnwood, the City of Edmonds, Edmonds School District and Snohomish County. Meadowdale Playfields hosts youth, adult and senior leagues and tournaments in Snohomish County. In the past 20+ years, playing surfaces in the region have improved dramatically. The new community standard, especially in our rainy environment, has been to move to all-weather synthetic turf.

Currently, the sand soccer fields' utility is very low and serves approximately 3,500 participants annually. Converting these fields to all-weather surfacing and establishing lines, goals, and backstops to accommodate soccer, field hockey, lacrosse, football, and youth baseball will generate a substantial increase in use. Projected use of the renovated fields is estimated at 245,000 user visits per year. This projection is based on the expressed interest from area youth sports organizations as well as growth in usage by the School District's programs.



During this biennium funds were raised from the Edmonds School district (\$1,000,000), City of Edmonds (\$500,00), City of Lynnwood (\$2,597,155), State of Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (\$750,000), Snohomish County (\$200,000), and Snohomish County Tourism Promotion Area (\$100,000) to meet the cost of renovating this athletic complex. Renovating the softball fields to accommodate youth sports will also enhance utilization of the facility for active recreation. Local baseball organization, Pacific Little League, serves 875 local youths (boys and girls) from Edmonds and Lynnwood and is eager to expand its programs into the Meadowdale Playfields complex.

Construction of this renovation project is scheduled to begin in July and completed by December of 2017. This renovation project will significantly increase the opportunities for youth, adults, and seniors living in South Snohomish County to participate in active recreation at the only community-operated sports complex offering all-weather fields within the Edmonds School District. Additionally, the Playfields complex offers a perimeter walking path, playground, basketball court, and public art which offer opportunities for families and family-members of activity participants to be active while at the park. All residents have free and easy access to a large community park, promoting health and wellness and community connection.



*Follow along with construction updates at Lynnwood eNews:  
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## Volunteer Stewards

Janet Sigler, Lynnwood Senior Center (LSC) Program Coordinator, coordinated and held an intergenerational park service work party on September 24, 2016 in recognition of National Public Lands Day.

Janet partnered with Lynnwood's Park Operations, Healthy Communities, and a local restaurant to produce the National Public Lands Day Work Party. Participants were met at the Mesika Trail with tools and task briefing. REI, AmeriCorps, and NPLD were all interested in the event and posted information on their websites.

The volunteers picked up trash, pulled weeds, trimmed bushes, and removed blackberry vines. Thirty-five volunteers included older adults, Boy Scouts, high school students, and community members working together to clear invasive plants and litter from 1/3 mile of the trail. Together in one day they donated 100 volunteer service hours and removed 45 cubic yards of invasive plant material.

LSC volunteers said they especially liked this event as a way to take care of the environment and give back to their community. When multiple generations work together and learn from each other, it builds mutual respect and understanding. It establishes aging people as relevant and capable. National Public Lands Day connects local and national education and environmental aspects by engaging people and building respect for natural resources. Boy Scouts earned badges, high school students fulfilled community service requirements, and older adults taught younger ones how to take action and to care for outdoor spaces—all ages coming together earning, learning, and practicing stewardship.





## Getting Creative

Whether we like to cook, garden, quilt, draw, sing, dance, or write, we feel a deep sense of joy and wholeness when we create. We are launching many projects that nurture the creative needs of our community under our new LOVE Lynnwood Program.

In 2016, we brought an artist to Cedar Valley Community School to work with 56 sixth graders. Given the lack of creative education through the arts, especially for low income schools, the students eagerly participated in the art activities. The designs they created now adorn 3 traffic signal boxes close to the school on 196th St SW.

Visual arts thrived last year with the recently expanded art exhibit spaces in City Hall and the Recreation Center featuring artists as young as age 9 proudly showing their creations, delighting thousands.

Our events celebrated creativity in many beautiful forms. Shakespeare in the Park has been a highlight of Lynnwood's summer for 20 years. Shakespeare's words from 400 years ago still touch us and make us think. We celebrated the arts of diverse cultures at the Afro Latino Festival and Ubuntu Exposé. And, our history and heritage come alive at Heritage Park to show us the creative energies of the past.

We planted the seeds to launch new LOVE Lynnwood projects in 2017-18. We will be connecting with the co-creators in Lynnwood to do fun, delightful acts to bring a smile to people who see and participate. They can be art projects or games that pop up at random places to surprise and delight.

We look forward to empowering our community members to share their creativity.



## A Look Ahead

The 2017-2018 biennium will be our opportunity to begin to implement the PARC Plan Goals highlighted in this report while responding to the issues and challenges we face as a community today:

### *Park Facilities & Park Conditions*

The PARC Plan has documented nearly \$3 million in needed maintenance or accessibility improvements needed throughout our park system. With the Council's commitment of \$200,000/year to make capital improvements, we will be working to address the most critical needs in our system to ensure safe and accessible access to our parks and trails.

### *Embracing New Technology & Business Practices*

As the City continues to move forward in a budgeting for outcomes (BFO) process, we remain committed to creating data-driven analytics and cost/benefit calculations to justify operational expenditures and capital investments. This work will be presented to the City Council and community with recommendations for updates to our fee policy and practices.

### *Social Equity*

The City is experiencing dramatic shifts in its population and diversity, and the challenge will be to keep up. We must continue to find ways to provide complete and safe access to its parks and facilities and strive to be a facilitator for ensuring that all of the City's residents have equal access to its resources, services and programs.

### *Aging Population*

Providing programming for today's older adults includes not only active and passive recreation, but also the type of equipment needed to engage in certain activities. The existing physical space on the Civic Campus is too small and needs to be expanded for older adult services. We will continue to look for creative solutions to provide important services and be planning for a future facility expansion.

## *Obesity Epidemic*

The nation is facing an obesity epidemic that has prompted the U.S. Surgeon General to issue a call to action to the parks and recreation profession. This call to action is now re-emphasizing the preventative side of health where the costs are much lower. However, in Lynnwood, many barriers still exist that prevent residents from reaching these goals. The PARC Plan and the Healthy Communities Action Plan outline projects and recommendations on how the City can eliminate barriers within the City's infrastructure and reinforce the need to have safe and accessible places to walk and ride a bicycle.

## *Increased Capitalization of a Creative Class*

Lynnwood is already in the midst of attracting a creative class. Staff have witnessed a surge of new residents who are moving here because of economic conditions and a more affordable housing market. Our Love Lynnwood Program will focus on a variety of ways to connect with and activate our creative class to create an environment in which their ideas can be processed and supported as much as possible.

## *Creating A Sense of Community*

Lynnwood residents consistently have voiced their concern and dissatisfaction about the lack of gathering places and spaces to celebrate the City's heritage, arts and diversity. Work continues to identify a location and develop a plan to create a new park in Lynnwood's City Center area and staff will be leading the effort to continue offering Fair on 44th—Lynnwood's Health & Safety Block Party.



For more information on the PARC Plan or to contact staff, visit <http://www.lynnwoodwa.gov/Government/City-Departments/Parks-and-Recreation/PARCPlan.htm>

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