

LACEY & Life

Shaping our Community Together

Christmas Tree Round-Up, January 4

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 1 **Polar Bear Plunge**
 Wednesday, January 1
 Noon - Music & Fun; 1 p.m. - Plunge!
 Long Lake Park

Jan 4 **Christmas Tree Round-Up**
 Saturday, January 4, 8 a.m.
 City of Lacey addresses only

Jan 20 **MLK Day of Service Restoration Event**
 Monday, January 20, 10 a.m. - Noon
 Woodland Creek Community Park

Jan 29 **History Talks! Lacey's Role in Radio History**
 Wednesday, January 29, 5:30 p.m.
 Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

Feb 7 **Mom & Son Dance**
 Friday, February 7, 6:30 - 9 p.m.
 Lacey Community Center
 (pre-register by 5 p.m., January 31)

Feb 8 **Daddy Daughter Princess Ball**
 Designed for (but, not limited to) ages 6 and under.
 Saturday, February 8, 3 - 5 p.m.
 Lacey Community Center
 (pre-register by 5 p.m., January 31)

Feb 8 **Daddy Daughter Winter Ball**
 Saturday, February 8, 6:30 - 9 p.m.
 Lacey Community Center
 (pre-register by 5 p.m., January 31)

Feb 12 **History Talks! African American Legacy in Washington State**
 Wednesday, February 12, 5:30 p.m.
 Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

2020 LACEY CITY COUNCIL

- Mayor Andy Ryder
- Deputy Mayor Cynthia Pratt
- Councilmember Lenny Greenstein
- Councilmember Michael Steadman
- Councilmember Carolyn Cox
- Councilmember Ed Kunkel
- Councilmember Malcolm Miller

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HAPPY NEW YEAR: FROM THE CITY OF LACEY

The City of Lacey wishes you and yours the best in 2020. We appreciate our community's support and look forward to a fantastic year!



BOY SCOUTS PROVIDE A GREAT COMMUNITY SERVICE: CHRISTMAS TREE ROUND-UP, SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

Local Boy Scout Troops 222 and 101, with support from LeMay/Pacific Disposal, Thurston County Waste & Recovery Center, and Asplundh, will collect Christmas trees on **Saturday, January 4**, for residents who live in the Lacey city limits*. **Please remove all ornaments, lights, tinsel, stands, and other debris and place your tree on the curb by 8 a.m.** If you live in an apartment or mobile home, check with your manager for the location to place your tree for pick-up.



Please note: Flocked trees are accepted. However, trees with any of the items listed above left on them cannot be composted and will not get picked up.

*Not sure if you live in the Lacey city limits? You can check your address on our online interactive zoning map at [ci.lacey.wa.us/LaceyCityLimits](https://www.ci.lacey.wa.us/LaceyCityLimits).

The Boy Scouts accept donations for this great community service. You can make a donation:

- online/paypal troop222wa.org
- by mail make check payable to: **BSA Troop 222 P.O. Box 5379 Lacey, WA 98509**

For the security of your contribution, **please do not leave donations on tree.**

For more information on the Christmas Tree Round-Up, call John, Troop 222, at **(360) 888-5215**.

Other Ways to Recycle Your Tree

If you use Pacific Disposal's yard debris pick-up service, cut your tree into 3-foot sections and place it in, or next to, your yard-waste container on your normal collection day.

Live outside the Lacey city limits* or miss the pick-up day? You can take your tree, free of charge, to the Thurston County Waste & Recovery Center (2420 Hogum Bay Road NE, Lacey) December 26 - January 12 (closed New Year's day).

NEW ONLINE UTILITY BILL PAYMENT SYSTEM COMING SOON

We are working hard to provide our utility customers a new online bill payment system. The new system will be more secure and give you access to set up automatic payments and even view your bill in the same format you would get in the printed version.

Watch for more information in the February newsletter. We appreciate your patience.

MEET COUNCILMEMBER ED KUNKEL

Following the November 5 election, Councilmember Ed Kunkel joined the Lacey City Council, replacing appointed Councilmember Lynda Zeman in council position #3. He was officially sworn in on November 26, 2019.

Councilmember Kunkel is a local Realtor® and Managing Broker for RE/MAX Northwest. He is also an Army Veteran.

Councilmember Kunkel assumed Zeman's committee assignments, which will be re-assigned in January 2020. Currently, he serves on the Community Relations and the Utilities Council Committees. He also represents the Lacey City Council on the Economic Development Council.

Kunkel's areas of interest include small business growth, supporting Veterans, and fiscal accountability.

In his spare time, Ed enjoys spending time with his family and lives for football season!

For more information on Lacey City Council, visit [ci.lacey.wa.us/CityCouncil](https://www.ci.lacey.wa.us/CityCouncil).



Lacey Councilmember Ed Kunkel Position #3



LACEY MUSEUM'S HISTORY TALKS! SERIES CONTINUES IN 2020

The Lacey Museum's "History Talks!" series, which began last year, continues this winter and spring. The monthly presentations focus on topics of local interest and provide some insight into Lacey's past.



Lacey's Role in Radio History: Wednesday, January 29, 5:30 p.m., Lacey City Hall Council Chambers

Dick Pust, longtime broadcaster and community activist, will discuss how KGY, one of the first radio stations in the nation, got its start in Lacey. He will also share how radio helped shape the lives of local residents. The presentation will include many historic images that will help make the story come to life!

For details on History Talks!, including the full schedule, visit LaceyMuseum.org.

ADU WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

The City invites interested community members to an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) workshop on Saturday, February 8 from 10 a.m.–noon in the Lacey City Hall Council Chambers. The workshop will include short presentations on permitting, building, financing, and renting ADUs. Attendees will also have time to talk with subject matter experts following the presentations.



Lacey's pre-approved ADU plans allow you to customize the roof style, siding, color, windows, and doors.

Background

The City developed ADU plans to encourage and promote building of ADUs in our community. (ADUs are a second small dwelling on the same property as a standard single-family home.) The City's ADU plans are pre-approved for a quicker permit processing time.

Watch for details about the ADU Workshop in the February edition of LaceyLife. To get more information about the ADU program, visit ci.lacey.wa.us/ADU.

VOLUNTEER FOR 2020 ANNUAL POINT IN TIME HOMELESS CENSUS: THURSDAY, JANUARY 23



The City of Lacey is leading a team to help with the 15th annual statewide "Point in Time Count of Homeless Persons" (PIT). The count will take place all day, Thursday, January 23, 2020. Volunteers are needed to help ensure we get the most accurate count possible. Volunteers will receive training prior to the count and will conduct census work in teams.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, email PitCensusTeam@co.thurston.wa.us.

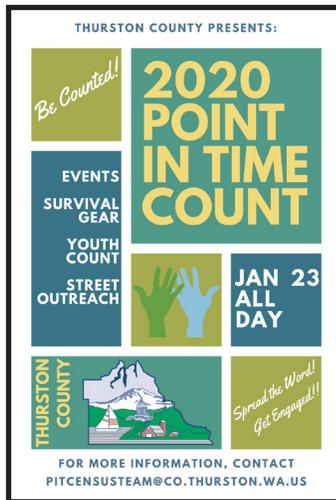
What is the PIT?

The annual PIT helps us discover who is homeless and why. The "point in time"—one-day count—is required by the State Homeless Housing and Assistance Act, as well as the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It provides a means to attempt to accurately count people who are without permanent housing. The results help governments ensure a proportionate level of public funding for local shelters, transitional housing, and related supportive services. These numbers also help create the most accurate picture of homelessness throughout our state and across the nation.

Each year in late January, service providers and volunteers use a confidential questionnaire to gather data, which is entered into a Statewide database called the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). This allows the information to be tracked, analyzed, and reported on. The total PIT Homeless Census number includes people who are:

- **Unsheltered** — Living outside, in vehicles, in sub-standard buildings not fit for human habitation
- **Living in Emergency Shelters** — Short-term, 90-day accommodations, either dormitory style or in apartments
- **Living in Transitional Housing** — Short-term housing offering 18 months or less

To learn more visit thurstonthives.org/community-resources/homeless-census/.



COMING SOON! 2020 LACEY NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT PROGRAM DETAILS



The City of Lacey will begin accepting applications for the 2020 Lacey Neighborhood Grant Program (LNGP) in mid-January. The program awards up to \$2,500 for projects that foster community pride, expand citizen involvement, and beautify the city.

Watch for details in the February edition of LaceyLife. To get more information about the LNGP, visit ci.lacey.wa.us/HOA.

JOIN STREAM TEAM ON JANUARY 20 TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. THROUGH SERVICE



Taking inspiration from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., thousands of people each year celebrate MLK Day by giving back to their communities. Join Stream Team for a day of camaraderie and celebration by volunteering to plant native trees and shrubs and remove invasive plants to help restore Woodland Creek Community Park's natural areas.

Monday, January 20
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Woodland Creek Community Park
 6729 Pacific Ave SE, Lacey

Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes that you don't mind getting muddy. Stream Team will provide tools, gloves, and snacks.

Visit streamteam.info to sign-up and click on "register." For more information, contact Emily at EWatts@ci.lacey.wa.us.

