

LACEY Life

Shaping our Community Together

New Lacey Depot Building Opening Soon!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lacey Parks & Recreation has a variety of virtual events and programs. To view options, visit ci.lacey.wa.us/RecGuide and ci.lacey.wa.us/Events.

Jan 1 **Polar Bear Plunge!**
 Friday, January 1, 12 p.m., Plunge at 1 p.m.
 Long Lake Park

Jan 2 **Christmas Tree Round-Up**
 Saturday, January 2, 8 a.m.
 City of Lacey addresses only

FREE! HISTORY TALKS!

with the Lacey Museum

To register for History Talks! events, visit LaceyMuseum.org and click on "Events" in the left column to find the list of dates and topics.

Jan 18 **History Talks! Using DNA to Trace Your Ancestry**
 Monday, January 18, 6 p.m.
 Online: Zoom

Feb 22 **History Talks! A People's History of the Seven Inlets of the Southern Salish Sea**
 Monday, February 22, 6 p.m.
 Online: Zoom

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 Deputy Mayor Cynthia Pratt
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The City of Lacey wishes you and yours the best in 2021. We appreciate our community's support over the past year and and look forward to new beginnings in 2021. [#LaceyUnited](https://www.instagram.com/laceyunited)



BOY SCOUT TROOP 222 PROVIDES COMMUNITY SERVICE: CHRISTMAS TREE ROUND-UP — SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

Local Boy Scout Troop 222, with support from LeMay/Pacific Disposal and Thurston County Waste & Recovery Center, will collect Christmas trees on **Saturday, January 2**, 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 your address is in the Lacey city limits?** You can check your address on our online interactive zoning map at: ci.lacey.wa.us/LaceyCityLimits.

The Boy Scouts accept donations for this great community service:

- 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.

If you live outside the Lacey city limits* or missed 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 10 (closed January 1). Open Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday, 8 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

COMMUNITY WORKGROUP ON HOMELESSNESS UPDATE: VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE FEBRUARY 15 – MARCH 1

In July, the City Council appointed a diverse group of Lacey community members to serve on the Community Workgroup on Homelessness. The 30-member workgroup's 12-month, community-driven process will explore the experience of people facing homelessness in the community, examine current approaches, discuss issues, gauge community understanding and support for potential goals and strategies, and develop recommendations to the City Council.



Due to the scope and complexity, creating strategies and programs to address homelessness will require input and resources from a variety of sources. Over the past few months, the Workgroup has connected with residents, business owners, homeless community members, social service providers, law enforcement representatives, City officials, and other groups to listen and learn about the issues surrounding homelessness in Lacey. The information gathered will help shape the future recommendations the Workgroup provides to the City Council.

Attend Virtual Open House

As part of the data and information gathering process, community members are invited to take part in a virtual open house, February 15 – March 1. Participants can learn more about a variety of topics related to homelessness and provide input. Watch for more details in the February newsletter or the webpage listed below.

Learn More

To get more information on the Lacey Community Workgroup on Homelessness, visit ci.lacey.wa.us/CWH.



NEW PLAYGROUND OPEN JANUARY 1: HISTORIC LACEY DEPOT REPLICA SCHEDULED TO OPEN THIS SPRING

We have exciting news! The new train-themed playground, located on Lacey Boulevard across from Saint Martin's University, will open on Friday, January 1 for use from 7 a.m. – dark, daily. The Lacey Depot building is set to open on May 1, if COVID-19 guidelines allow.



Site Amenities

When the full site opens, the public will have access to two restrooms (accessible from the outside), a drinking fountain, and the playground, from 7 a.m. – dark, daily. The Depot building and its indoor picnic tables will be open for public use from May – September, annually, during the same hours. When COVID-19 guidelines allow, the site will also be available for private rentals and City events.

Visitors can learn more about the history of the Lacey Depot and the Lacey Plywood Plant, both formerly located on this site, thanks to two historic markers installed along the Karen Fraser Woodland Trail near the building. The City appreciates the BNSF Railway Foundation and the PARC Foundation of Thurston County for providing a \$5,000 grant for the markers. The Lacey Rotary Club will fund a third marker that explores the Club's history and highlights significant events in Lacey's history. When completed, it will be installed near the playground.



Lacey Depot Building Background

The Lacey Depot building, City of Lacey's 50th Anniversary Landmark Project, is a near replica of the original depot, which opened in 1891 in the same area. It will serve as the focal point of Lacey's new Depot District and:

- Complement future museum project and provide a lunch location for school field trips
- Acknowledge the rail industry's role in Lacey history and evolution as a City

- Connect the past (historic train depot) to the future (new museum/cultural center/Depot District)
- Provide trail amenities (listed above) for Karen Fraser Woodland Trail users

Lacey Rotary Club Helps Fund Play Structure

In celebration of their 50th Anniversary, the Lacey Rotary Club generously donated \$50,000 for the playground and helped during construction of the train-themed play structure. As a token of appreciation, their logo will be permanently placed on the train.

Get More Information

To learn more about the new museum project, in development for nearly ten years, visit ci.lacey.wa.us/NewMuseumProject.

LACEY PARKS NEWS

To better reflect their programs and services, Lacey Parks changed their name to Lacey Parks, Culture, and Recreation and updated their look!

Throughout this challenging year, they have worked hard to give our community opportunities to stay connected. Check out the options at: ci.lacey.wa.us/RecGuide.

and ... **PUT US ON YOUR PLAYLIST!**



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CULTURE & RECREATION
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2021 PIT COUNT

On January 29, the City of Lacey will, once again, take part in the annual "Point in Time Count of Homeless Persons" (PIT). The PIT is a one-day count, required by the State Homeless Housing and Assistance Act, as well as the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, that helps discover who is homeless and why.

Due to the COVID pandemic, rather than doing in-depth surveys, an observational approach will be used to take the 2021 count. While volunteer opportunities are limited, there are ways to engage and participate. For questions or to learn more about volunteering and needed survival gear, email:

PITCensusTeam@co.thurston.wa.us.

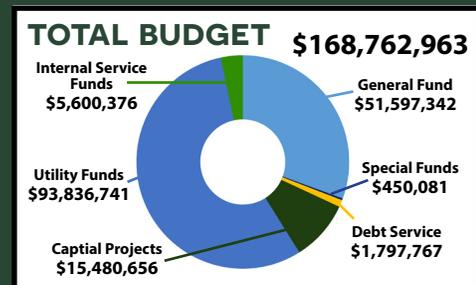
CITY OF LACEY 2021 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Lacey's 2021 Budget serves as the City's guiding document to provide the quality of life residents expect, and provides the capacity for the community priorities established by the City Council.

Due to the uncertain economic future as a result of the COVID-19 public health crisis, the 2021 Budget focuses on sustaining service levels. The budget assumes continued revenue impacts from the restrictions related to the pandemic. However, past planning and policy has enabled the City to balance the budget with reserves. Strategic use of reserves are critical reasons the budget is able to provide stability and sustainability of City services during these challenging economic times. Despite the economic uncertainty of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the 2021 budget continues to invest in quality of life improvements, infrastructure maintenance and construction, and planning for the community's future.

The 2021 budget totals \$168,762,963 - an approximate 2.2 percent decrease compared to the 2020 amended budget.

The 2021 General Fund budget totals \$51,597,342, a 14.7 percent decrease from the 2020 amended budget. The decrease is mainly attributed to one-time CARES Act distributions for financial support for residents and the business community, and lower transfers to other funds for one-time capital purchases and projects.



2021 BUDGET PROJECT & PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Police Facility and Equipment Enhancements
- Capitol City Golf Club Estates Septic-to-Sewer Conversion Project
- Terry Cargil Reservoir (337 Zone)
- Belair Dr & Impala Dr Area Stormwater Improvements
- Ruddell Rd – Retaining Wall, Sidewalk, & Lighting Project
- Street Overlay Projects (TBD Funds): Carpenter Rd (26th Ct to Mullen Rd); Franz St SE (Pacific Ave to Lacey Blvd); Marvin Rd (Britton Pkwy to Main St); Willamette Dr (Britton Pkwy to Hogum Bay Rd); Orion Dr (Roundabout to Willamette Dr)
- RAC Parking Lot Expansion Design
- Hawks Prairie Sister Standpipe
- Golf Club Rd Wastewater Improvements
- Hawks Prairie Rd & Marvin Rd Roundabout Project

You can view the 2021 budget document online at ci.lacey.wa.us/budget. If you have questions or comments, contact Troy Woo, Finance Director, at TWoo@ci.lacey.wa.us or (360) 491-3212.



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