

LACEY *Life*

Shaping our Community Together

A stunning Lacey sunrise!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE:

Event status may change due to COVID-19 guidance at the time of event. Please check our website or Facebook page for updates.

To see the complete list of events and get registration details, visit ci.lacey.wa.us/Events or scan:



Jan 8 Christmas Tree Round-Up

Saturday, January 8, 8 a.m.
Residents in City Limits

Jan 11 History Talks! History of Blacks in Thurston County: 1950-75

Presented by Dr. Thelma Jackson
Tuesday, January 11, 6:30 p.m.
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers & Online via Zoom

Feb 9 History Talks! Lavender Farm on Chamber's Prairie

Wednesday, February 9, 6:30 p.m.
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers & Online via Zoom

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT!

Community engagement is very important to us and a critical part of gathering diverse perspectives that help us make the best decisions for our community as a whole. Over the past several months, we've asked for your participation in several surveys and open houses, covering a variety of topics. We appreciate your participation and look forward to more opportunities to engage with you.

2022 LACEY CITY COUNCIL

- Mayor Andy Ryder
- Councilmember Lenny Greenstein
- Councilmember Michael Steadman
- Councilmember Carolyn Cox
- Councilmember Ed Kunkel
- Councilmember Malcolm Miller
- Councilmember Robin Vazquez

CONNECT:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The City of Lacey wishes you and yours the best in the coming year. We appreciate our community's continued support and look forward to new beginnings in 2022. **#LaceyUnited**



BOY SCOUT TROOP 222 PROVIDES COMMUNITY SERVICE: CHRISTMAS TREE ROUND-UP, SATURDAY, JAN. 8

Local Boy Scout Troop 222, with support from Asplundh, LeMay/Pacific Disposal, and Thurston County Waste & Recovery Center, will collect Christmas trees on **Saturday, January 8**, 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.

The Boy Scouts accept donations for this great community service:

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

• scan
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 Assistant Scout Master, 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 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 16 (closed January 1). Open Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday, 8 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

***Not sure if your address is in the Lacey city limits?** You can check your address on our online interactive zoning map by visiting ci.lacey.wa.us/LaceyCityLimits or scanning the QR code.



WATCH FOR INFORMATION AND UPDATES ON LACEY'S HOMELESS RESPONSE

The City actively engages in a number of initiatives addressing the complex issues of poverty, affordable housing, and homelessness. This includes a variety of actions ranging from direct social service outreach to coordinated efforts with our regional and community partners, and more. Watch for an article in next month's newsletter detailing the City's initiatives.

ONLINE OPTION MAKES PET LICENSING EASY



Did you know licensing your dog and/or cat is required in Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater? And, Thurston County requires only dogs to be licensed? **Licensing your pet is the first step in getting them home if they ever get lost.** With Joint Animal Services' online portal you can license your pet, renew a pet license, and update your contact information — 24/7! To access the portal, view instructions, and learn about more pet-licensing options, visit JointAnimalServices.org/licensing/.



Pet licensing fees help fund the shelter and services that keep animals and people safe in our community. For more information, visit JointAnimalServices.org, call **(360) 352-2510**, or scan the QR code.



RE-OPENING EVENT CELEBRATES LACEY VETERANS SERVICES HUB EXPANSION



Mayor Andy Ryder and several event dignitaries take part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The Lacey Veterans Services Hub continues to make a difference in the lives of many Veterans due to its dedicated group of creative and supportive community partners and volunteers.

The Lacey Veterans Services Hub (Hub) held a grand re-opening event in November 2021 to celebrate the recent completion of the 8,000-square-foot facility update and expansion.

The Hub is a “one-stop” facility for Veterans to access benefits, employment, education, housing, counseling, healthcare, and more. Since its opening in 2016, there has been an overwhelming demand for services. The Hub, which started with 18 service providers, now includes over 80+ community partners. Hub service providers held over 7,000 client appointments in 2019 alone! To help meet the growing demand and need for additional space, the City was able to use local money, and secure state and federal dollars, to fund the much-needed facility expansion.

Expanded Facility Highlights

The building's exterior received many improvements, including new siding, windows, and roof. In addition, a number of exterior and interior energy-efficiency features were added that will keep the Hub operating for many years to come.

The Hub, located on the building's first floor, now has over 4,000 square feet of space that includes:

- A renovated lobby.
- 16 office and meeting spaces, including 4 telehealth offices.
- A large conference room.
- A break room for staff and volunteers.
- A food pantry, in partnership with the Lacey Food Bank, that is open to the community.



The Lacey Veterans Services Hub, located at 4232 6th Ave. SE, Suite 101, Lacey, provides vital resources and services to Thurston County Veterans and their families.

Get More Information

Nearly 32,000 Veterans live in Thurston County — of which 7% are living below the poverty line, 24% have a service-related disability, and nearly 50% have never accessed the benefits they've earned. The Hub truly fills a tremendous need in our community. To learn more about the Lacey Veterans Service Hub, call (360) 456-3850, visit LaceyVeteransHub.org, or scan the QR code.



HELP AVAILABLE FOR CITY WATER CUSTOMERS WITH PAST-DUE BILLS

Utility disconnections are resuming, but there is help available to prevent disruption of services for past-due balances.



Please note: If you have or plan to apply for financial assistance, you are encouraged to set up a payment plan while waiting for funds to be distributed to avoid disconnection processes.

City Payment Plans

City of Lacey Utility Billing Payment Plans on past-due accounts (not including penalties) can be set up by completing, signing, and submitting a Payment Plan form.

Financial Assistance

Assistance Programs administered through the Community Action Council (CAC) are now available.

Learn More

You can get more details, including contact information for the various programs, by visiting ci.lacey.wa.us/UtilityPayments or scanning the QR code.



CITY OF LACEY 2022 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The 2022 Budget serves as the City's guiding policy document outlining City priorities and how finite public resources are spent to provide essential services to our community.

The 2022 Budget was adopted with a sense of optimism of a return to normal with the inclusion of near pre-pandemic Parks, Culture, and Recreation program levels, and lodging-tax-funded community and tourism-related events. At the same time, a continued careful approach was taken with revenue projections and growth to ongoing expenditures. Due, in large part, to the strength of past planning and fiscal policies, the 2022 Budget continues to invest in quality of life improvements, maintain infrastructure maintenance and repair levels, provide for necessary construction, and plan for the community's future.

2022 BUDGET PROJECT & PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Regional Athletic Complex Parking Lot Expansion
- Police Body-Worn Cameras
- Community Resource Unit, Mobile Outreach Team, and Rapid-Response Clean-up Team
- Property Acquisition, Site Planning, and Plan Development for a Future Public Safety Facility
- Climate Action Plan Initiatives
- Capitol City Golf Club Estates Septic-to-Sewer Conversion Project Completion
- Liftstation Replacements: Willamette Drive, Aldea Glen Drive, and Golf Club Road
- Terry Cargill Reservoir
- Woodland Creek Oil/Water Separator
- Street Overlay Projects (Transportation Benefit District Funds), include sections of: 8th Avenue, Selma Street, Nelson Road, Sleater-Kinney Road, Lakecrest Street, Carpenter Road, Mullen Road, Marvin Road, Galaxy Drive, Quinault Drive, 7th Avenue, and Huntamer Park

You can view the 2022 Budget document online at ci.lacey.wa.us/budget or by scanning the QR code. If you have questions or comments, contact our Finance Department at Finance@ci.lacey.wa.us or (360) 491-3212.

