



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 7 Cultural Celebration

Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Saint Martin's University Pavilion

Mar 24 History Talks!
Wash. Suffragists:
Ahead of Their Time

Tuesday, March 24, 5:30 p.m.
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

Apr 11 Arbor Day
Seedling Giveaway

Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.*
*or, while supplies last
Huntamer Park

Apr 18 Lacey Family
Fish In

Saturday, April 18, Various times
Longs Pond at Woodland Creek Park
Register for a specific time between
8 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Apr 18 Wonderwood Park
Earth Day
Project

Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Wonderwood Park, meet at
32nd Avenue & Stikes entrance

Apr 22 History Talks!
Destination: Lacey

Wednesday, April 22, 5:30 p.m.
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

GRANTS AVAILABLE TO LACEY YOUTH GROUPS



The Lacey City Council offers Lacey-based youth groups the opportunity to earn up to \$300 through the **Work Involvement Now! (WIN!) Grant Program**. The program pays youth groups/associations up to \$300 for service projects that foster community pride by enhancing Lacey-area parks, trails, neighborhoods, and business districts.

The City begins accepting WIN! applications on Monday, March 30. To be considered, groups must submit their application **by 5 p.m. Friday**,

April 10. The City will randomly select 35 grant recipients from the pool of eligible applicants. If selected, an organization will receive up to \$300 after completing a 40-hour service project.

Grant-eligible groups (i.e. school clubs, sports teams, or youth groups) must:

- Be based in the Lacey area with most of the participants living in the City of Lacey or the North Thurston Public School's district boundaries.
- Have a minimum of 8 and maximum of 25 youth participants.
- Include youth (ages 10–18) as their primary membership.
- Contribute a minimum of 40 hours of community service to qualify for a maximum grant award of \$300 (one project per group).

For more WIN! Program information and guideline details, visit ci.lacey.wa.us/WIN or contact Public Affairs at **(360) 491-3214** or PublicAffairs@ci.lacey.wa.us.

LACEY HIRES OUTREACH COORDINATOR

As a City, we continue to work on initiatives to address homelessness. We recently hired an Outreach Coordinator to help connect people — affected by poverty or homelessness — to social services.

The Outreach Coordinator works closely with our Police Department to engage with people who need assistance with healthcare, food, housing, and other essential human services. The Coordinator goes out into our community and connects with people — where they are — to help reduce the barriers of getting assistance.

Due to the scope and complexity of the issue, we know it will take a variety of strategies and programs to make an impact on homelessness. This new position is just one of the tools the City can use to respond to this community concern.

Watch for periodic updates in future LaceyLife newsletters.



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Pictured (l-r): Officer Beltran; Community Member, Lennae Holm (dropping off a donation); Officer Ficek; and Terence "Mitch" Mitchell, Outreach Coordinator

Join our Team!

LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB?

Visit ci.lacey.wa.us/Jobs to see the list of internships, part-time, seasonal, and temporary positions.

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



Come see the Lion Dancers from the Lien Hoa Temple (Vietnamese). A crowd favorite!

EXPLORE THE WORLD AT LACEY'S CULTURAL CELEBRATION: MARCH 7

Join us for a FREE, family-friendly event celebrating the diverse cultures of the world. The **Cultural Celebration** takes place **Saturday, March 7** from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Saint Martin's University.

Throughout the day, enjoy music and dance from around the world; experience traditions from other lands through displays and demonstrations; and sample exotic flavors and artwork from our food and craft vendors.

Kids can pick up a "passport book" in the lobby, travel the "world" collecting stamps from various booths (countries), and receive a world back pack, free — while supplies last!

For event details and performance/demonstration schedules, visit ci.lacey.wa.us/Events.



LPD SELECTS 2019 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR: OFFICER DAVID MACLURG



Police Chief Ken Semko congratulates Officer David MacLurg, Lacey Police Department's 2019 Employee of the Year.

The Lacey Police Department (LPD) recently named Officer David MacLurg as the 2019 Employee of the Year. Since he joined the LPD in 2014, he has worked in the patrol unit. Officer MacLurg is also a firearms instructor and a certified Spanish-Language interpreter for the department. In addition, he is a United States Marine Corps Veteran.

Officer MacLurg is a very hard worker who doesn't hesitate to take calls in other patrol districts to help his coworkers — even when he's busy in his own area. His skills as an interpreter have been a valuable asset to him and the entire department, as well.

As a firearms instructor, he was instrumental in helping create the plans for firearms training days for all LPD officers. He also assisted in the implementation of short-barreled rifles to the department.

Officer MacLurg has a high degree of integrity and character, and is the type of person every officer wants backing them on their call. He has four sons, including a newborn, and somehow still finds time to pursue a college degree!

Congratulations Officer MacLurg and thank you for your service to our community!

VOLUNTEER TO HELP KEEP OUR PARKS BEAUTIFUL

We feel very fortunate to have over 1,200 acres of park property for our community to enjoy! However, keeping it maintained can be an overwhelming task. Volunteers play an essential role in keeping our parks beautiful. We invite you to support our efforts by volunteering in our parks. Here are a few options:



Lake Lois Habitat Reserve

Starting in late March and continuing through the fall, we will host work parties to remove the invasive ivy at this park. For specific dates and times, visit ci.lacey.wa.us/Volunteer.

Wonderwood Park Earth Day Project

Join us on Saturday, April 18 to help remove invasive plants in the wooded area of the park. Get event and registration information at StreamTeam.info/events.

Large-Group Service Project

If you have a large group interested in doing a service project, contact Jenny Wilson at jwtilson@ci.lacey.wa.us or (360) 412-3184.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

In addition to our parks, you can volunteer at Lacey A.C.T. Teen Nights, Joint Animal Services, and through our Adopt-a-Roadway and Adopt-a-Trail Programs. For more information, visit ci.lacey.wa.us/Volunteer.



Census 2020

You count.
Be counted.



10 minutes questions years

It takes just 10 minutes to answer 10 questions that will shape investments in your community for 10 years.

\$16.7 BILLION

In 2016, Washington received \$16.7 billion in federal funds or \$2,319 per person.



\$8.5 billion for health programs



\$2.4 billion for education



\$1 billion in transportation planning and construction



\$5 billion for rural assistance

www.ofm.wa.gov/2020census

REMINDER!

SIGN UP FOR OUR NEW ONLINE UTILITY BILL PAYMENT SYSTEM



We have a new payment system that makes it easy to pay your utility bill online. You can make a one-time payment, set up automatic payments, and access these new features:

- Schedule payments
- View your bill online (just like the printed version!)
- Set up payment reminders
- Pay by text

To use the new online system **you must create a new account** by visiting ci.lacey.wa.us/PayOnline (even if you had one with the old system). Please note: If you previously had an automatic payment set up using a debit or credit card, you also must create a new account.

For assistance, contact our Utility Billing Department at UtilityBilling@ci.lacey.wa.us or (360) 491-5616.



PUBLIC WORKS: WORKING HARD FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Our Public Works staff continually looks for new and innovative ways to enhance service to our community. One of their current areas of focus is improving vehicle detection at intersections that have traffic signals. This helps increase the efficiency of signal operations, which improves traffic flow.

The first type of vehicle-detection technology the City used was in-ground "loops" that are hard wired to the signal controller. The in-ground detection loops work well, but can fail when the pavement deteriorates or when the loop gets damaged or cut during construction projects.

As technology improved, the City moved to video detection. Special video cameras, that can identify vehicles in the roadway, are placed near the signal heads. Video-detection technology works well and remains operational during construction and pavement replacement. However, fog, snow, rain, and other visual impacts can hamper their effectiveness.

Public Works staff are moving toward the next generation of vehicle-detection technology: video-thermal detection. With thermal detection, the camera detects the heat coming from the vehicle, which is not affected by fog, snow, rain, or sun. Thermal detection can distinguish between cars, motorcycles, and people, which provides a more reliable detection. Currently, we have thermal-detection cameras installed at 3 Lacey intersections.



Thermal-detection cameras help traffic flow more efficiently through intersections that have traffic signals.