



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:



Mar 8 History Talks! Incarceration without Trial

Tuesday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.
Online via Zoom

Mar 12 "Hybrid" Cultural Celebration

Live Event: Saturday, March 12
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saint Martin's University
Online Event: March 12 – April 11

Apr 9 Family Fish In

Saturday, April 9, various time slots
Longs Pond at Woodland Creek
Community Park
Event is free; pre-registration required

Apr 9 Arbor Day Tree Giveaway

Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Huntamer Park

Apr 13 History Talks! Destination Gwinwood

Wednesday, April 13, 6:30 p.m.
Online via Zoom

2022 LACEY CITY COUNCIL

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Councilmember Ed Kunkel
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EXPLORE THE WORLD AT OUR HYBRID CULTURAL CELEBRATION: LIVE SAT., MARCH 12; ONLINE MARCH 12–APRIL 11



Join us for a FREE, family-friendly event honoring the diverse cultures of the world! The Lacey Cultural Celebration, presented by TwinStar Credit Union, takes place live on **Saturday, March 12** from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at Saint Martin's University's Worthington Center and Pavilion. You can also access the event online from March 12 to April 11.

Throughout the day, visit the live event to experience the sights, sounds, smells, and traditions of various cultures. You can watch dance performances, listen to music, see amazing attire, take in a cooking demonstration, and more. The event also provides the opportunity for you to shop with vendors selling a variety of merchandise, purchase delicious foods, visit with members of cultural clubs and organizations, and kids can play interactive games — fun and educational!

If you are unable to attend the live event, the online platform allows you to take part from wherever you are — using your phone, computer, or other mobile device. You can even visit multiple times. And, with access to the event through April 11, you can come back and re-watch your favorite experiences or check out something you missed — at your convenience!

For more details, including performance schedule, and to get the link to the online event, visit ci.lacey.wa.us/CulturalCelebration or scan the QR code.

Please note: The live celebration will adhere to the public health requirements (face coverings and social distancing) at the time of the event. Watch for updates.



Watch live demonstrations!



Have you checked out **Latest in Lacey**, our newest way to keep you informed? It's a short video of what's coming up in Lacey, in less than 2 minutes!

Check it out every two weeks on our Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube accounts.

MEET COUNCILMEMBER ROBIN VAZQUEZ

Councilmember Robin Vazquez was officially sworn in on January 6, 2022, following her election to Lacey City Council, position #4, in the November 2, 2021, election.

Vazquez is a Pacific Northwest native. She grew up in Bremerton on the Kitsap Peninsula, attended Western Washington University for her undergraduate education, and completed her Master's in Public Administration with a Public Policy focus at the Evergreen State College.

Vazquez and her family moved to Lacey in 2014. She, her partner Sean, their two children (an eight-year-old daughter and a five-year-old son), two cats, and a small dog live in the Brentwood neighborhood. They enjoy frequent visits to Wonderwood Park.

In her spare time, Vazquez likes to play roller hockey and roller derby, sing karaoke (outside of the public health emergency), and explore state and local parks and trails with her kids.

Prior to her election to the Council, Vazquez served on the Lacey Planning Commission for two years. She also served on the Lacey Parks Outreach Team in 2021.

Vazquez's areas of interest include government efficiency and effectiveness, language access and cultural inclusion, walkable neighborhoods and commute trip reduction, and emergency preparedness.

For Council committees, Vazquez serves on Land Use and Environment and Transportation. She also represents the Lacey City Council on the Intercity Transit Authority, Olympic Region Clean Air Agency, and Thurston Regional Planning Council.



City Councilmember
Robin Vazquez
Position #4



To learn more information about the Lacey City Council, visit ci.lacey.wa.us/CityCouncil or scan the QR code.





SIGN UP FOR EMAIL NEWS & UPDATES!

Sign up to receive email news and updates in your inbox on topics such as Parks, Culture, and Recreation; the Lacey Museum; Community & Economic Development; and more. You can even get this newsletter!



To register and select the topics that interest you, visit ci.lacey.wa.us/EmailUpdates or scan the QR code.

LACEY PARKS, CULTURE AND RECREATION COMMUNITY-INPUT FINDINGS NOW AVAILABLE



In 2021, the City launched Lacey Cares, a community-engagement initiative to find out what our community members want Lacey to look, feel, and be in the future.

As part of this initiative, we wanted to learn what matters most to you, and how you think we can become an even better place to live, work, learn, and play. The initial Lacey Cares survey data included 6,000 Parks, Culture and Recreation responses. To gather more information, we created a Parks Outreach Team. The Team engaged with 200 people who provided 800 additional responses through in-person surveys conducted at various events. Finally, the Team conducted a follow-up survey, specifically related to Lacey Parks, to help set priorities. The City will use this information to ensure priorities are balanced when we update the Parks, Culture and Recreation Comprehensive Plan — the plan that guides future investments and partnerships in the Lacey Parks system.

Survey Background

- Long-time and new community members often cite Lacey Parks' offerings as the #1 reason they choose to live here.
- There is room for increased access and amenities at nearly two-thirds (which includes nearly 800 acres!) of Lacey's existing parklands.
- Lacey Parks must balance future development with expenses related to parks build-out, maintenance, and safety.
- Every dollar spent on outdoor recreation stimulates \$1.52 in economic activity. In other words, parks and sports fields have a great return on investment. They generate spending that benefits our businesses and workers while also adding visitor dollars to our local tax base.



You can review the Lacey Parks, Culture, and Recreation Community-Input Findings and Future Outreach Recommendations by visiting ci.lacey.wa.us/ParksFindings or scanning the QR code.



GREG CUOIO PARK & GREENWAYS MASTER PLAN AVAILABLE ONLINE



Following a comprehensive, community-focused process, the City Council approved the Greg Cuoio Park & Greenways Master Plan (GCPGMP) at their February 3, 2022, meeting following the recommendation of the Lacey Board of Park Commissioners.

The GCPGMP provides a long-term vision for the pristine area located in north Lacey. To view the Master Plan, visit ci.lacey.wa.us/GCPGMP or scan:



Did you know

Vibrant parks and green spaces are at the center of resilient and equitable cities.

Did you know, Lacey has nearly 1,200 acres of park land and open spaces? And, our parks are free and open to ALL!

Find YOUR favorite park to explore by visiting ci.lacey.wa.us/VisitParks or scan the QR code.



SAVE THE DATE!



Our annual Arbor Day tree/seedling giveaway is back!

Mark your calendar for
Saturday, April 9
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Huntamer Park

Choose from 6 different types of bare-root trees. This year's selection includes:

White Dogwood, Black Hills Spruce, White Spruce, Red Maple, Redbud, and Tulip trees — while supplies last.

Watch for more details in the April newsletter.

REMINDER!

2022 LACEY
NEIGHBORHOOD
GRANT PROGRAM
APPLICATIONS
DUE APRIL 1



Neighborhood Associations in the Lacey city limits, and recognized by the City, can submit grant applications in the following categories: Safe Neighborhoods, Compassion, Environmental Sustainability, Neighborhood Beautification, and Board Education & Organization Development.

The City's matching-grant program awards up to \$2,500 for projects that foster community pride, beautify the city, and expand community member involvement.

Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m., Friday, April 1 to be considered.

To get details or download an application, visit ci.lacey.wa.us/HOA or scan the QR code below. You can also contact Jenny Bauersfeld, Community Relations Specialist, at (360) 438-2621 or JBauersf@ci.lacey.wa.us.



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PUBLIC MEETINGS
ONLINE: LIVE OR
ON REPLAY

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Visit ci.lacey.wa.us/YouTube or scan the QR code to get started.

