

CITY HALL

LACEY *Life*

Shaping our Community Together

Spring is in the air!

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2 **Lacey S.T.E.M. Fair**
 Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
 Huntamer Park

May 13 **History Talks! In Search of the Treaty Tree**
 Wednesday, May 13, 5:30 p.m.
 Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

May 16/17 **Lacey Spring Fun Fair**
 Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
 Sunday, May 17, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.
 Saint Martin's University

Jun 6 **National Trails Day**
 Saturday, June 6, 9–11 a.m.
 Woodland Creek Community Park

Jun 27 **Pioneer Cemetery Walking Tour**
 Saturday, June 27, 11 a.m.–Noon
 Ruddell Pioneer Cemetery
 4178 Ruddell Road SE, Lacey

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to the ever-changing nature of events (related to COVID-19), please check our website for event updates.

FIND COVID-19 RESOURCES & CITY UPDATES AT:
ci.lacey.wa.us/COVID19

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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SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY DURING COVID-19

The Lacey City Council is working hard to support our community during these challenging times. The City has joined forces with our Community Partners and continue to work diligently to find local, state, and federal resources to mitigate the financial impact of this crisis. The City Council implemented the following initiatives to help our community endure and respond during this critical time.

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Utility Billing Fee Suspensions

The following exceptions will be made for delinquent utility bill accounts during this crisis:

- No interest or late fees.
- No disconnection of services.

United Way COVID-19 Funding

Council approved \$50,000 to United Way-Thurston County to provide relief to unemployed and impacted individuals and households as a result of COVID-19. The funding supports:

- Senior Services for South Sound Meals on Wheels
- Nurse Family Partnership Program
- Community Action Council
- Catholic Community Services
- Interfaith Works

Lacey Small Business Stabilization Fund Emergency Grants

Council approved \$1 million to provide relief and/or assistance to qualifying small businesses in Lacey that have experienced a loss of income due to COVID-19. The Thurston EDC's Center for Business & Innovation is accepting applications for the emergency grant program. Grants can be awarded for up to \$10,000. More information is available at bit.ly/EDCCOVID19.

B&O Tax Payment Deferral

Council also approved the deferral of business and occupation tax payments until July 31.

Temporary Sign Regulation Revisions

This temporary revision allows businesses to use commercial banners and sandwich boards to let the community know they are open. It also authorizes the Community & Economic Development Director additional flexibility regarding signage, if needed.

LOCAL BUSINESSES OPEN FOR YOU



To help you stay informed about local businesses that are open and ready to serve our community, we reached out to restaurants and other essential businesses and created a handy list with their current hours and service information.

You can find the lists and a map of the restaurant locations at ci.lacey.wa.us/COVID19 on the right side of the page, under the heading "Support Local Businesses."

PARKS & RECREATION UPDATES

Our Parks & Recreation Department has been busy adapting to the changes created by COVID-19. Please see important updates below.

Summer 2020 Program Guide Online Only

In order to easily change program status (as it changes due to COVID-19), we will only have the Summer 2020 Program Guide available online, not printed. This will allow us to provide you with the most accurate information, as circumstances change. Visit ci.lacey.wa.us/RecGuide to view the guide and register for classes and programs.

"Play at Home" Resources Available Online

Since we are not able to offer our regular, in-person programs, our creative Parks & Rec staff have compiled a list of fun resources for you to browse through online. Whether you want a new fitness routine, a craft activity for the kids, or to listen to some of our past summer concerts in the park, we hope these resources will help you! Check it out at ci.lacey.wa.us/PlayAtHome!



Staying active during the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order is good for your health!



PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET

With the weather getting nicer during the Governor's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order, taking your dog on a walk can be a much-needed break from the indoors. But, with more people walking their dogs, it's even more important to pick up after your pet.

Did you know ... on any given day, the amount of waste produced by dogs in Thurston County weighs as much as a full-grown elephant! If dog waste is left on the ground, it can lead to bacterial pollution in our local streams, lakes, and Puget Sound. Dog waste also poses a health risk to people. Children can pick up illnesses while playing outside from disease-causing bacteria and parasites found in dog waste left on the ground.

Stream Team makes it easy to dispose of your dog's waste with two free giveaways: On-leash, pet-waste bag dispensers and Neighborhood pet waste pick-up stations.



"Bag it and trash it" is the only safe way to dispose of your dog's waste.

DID YOU KNOW?

Dog Waste:

- Contains disease-causing bacteria & microorganisms that make people sick (10 billion bacteria in one pound!).
- Can survive for months on the ground.
- Pollutes our waterways.
- Does not go in your compost bin.

ON-LEASH, PET-WASTE BAG DISPENSER

Lacey residents can pick-up a free on-leash, pet-waste bag dispenser at Lacey City Hall (when it re-opens). Thurston County residents, call **(360) 754-3355 x6857** or email **StormwaterUtility@co.thurston.wa.us** for pick-up location information.

PET WASTE PICK-UP STATIONS

Eligible HOAs, multifamily housing complexes, and pet-related businesses can get a free pet waste station. For details, contact Lacey Water Resources at **WaterResources@ci.lacey.wa.us** or **(360) 491-5600**.

REMINDER! STUDENTS, TAKE PART IN YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

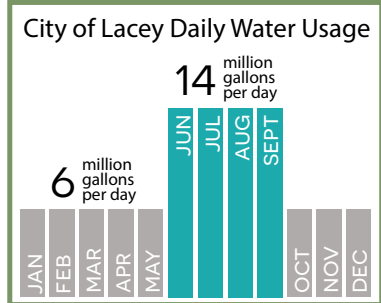
Each year, the Lacey City Council invites high school students to take part in local government.

Lacey Youth Council Conducts community-based projects and provides a youth perspective on current issues to the City Council. For more information, visit **ci.lacey.wa.us/LaceyYouthCouncil**.

Board & Commission Youth Representatives Students serve as youth members on the Library Board, Board of Park Commissioners, and Historical Commission. For details, including eligibility requirements, visit **ci.lacey.wa.us/YouthRep**.

Interested? Contact Kelly Adams at **KAdams@ci.lacey.wa.us** or **(360) 438-2620**.

ODD-EVEN WATERING SCHEDULE BEGINS JUNE 1



From June – September, Lacey water customers' daily water usage more than doubles - from about 6 million (in the winter) to 14 million gallons (in the summer) per day. Rather than add costly infrastructure to meet the big increase in demand for only 4 months a year, in 2006, the City of Lacey adopted the odd-even watering practice to reduce peak water demand during the summer. This actually helps manage demand and keeps costs down.

Prior to starting the odd-even watering practice, Lacey's summer peak water demand was 17 million gallons a day. In 2019, this was reduced to only 14 million gallons a day - a significant decrease even though the number of Lacey water customers increased over 20%!

You can apply for a temporary exemption or variance if you planted a new lawn (sod or seed) or landscape area, or have an irrigation system that waters areas on both sides of the street at the same time. To apply, contact Water Resources at **(360) 486-8707** or **WaterResources@ci.lacey.wa.us**.

The City does not limit the amount of water you can use. However, if we all take turns, we can deliver enough water with our existing system and our community can avoid building additional water infrastructure needed for only 1/3 of the year.

If we had to drill a new well at a cost of \$2 million – we would have to increase rates.

MANDATORY OUTDOOR WATERING SCHEDULE Effective June 1 - September 30

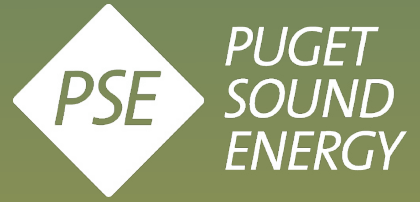
| If your address ends in an: | ODD NUMBER (1-3-5-7-9) | EVEN NUMBER (0-2-4-6-8) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Water on: | Monday Wednesday Saturday | Tuesday Thursday Sunday |

For more information about the mandatory summer watering schedule, effective June 1 to Sept. 30, visit **ci.lacey.wa.us/Odd-Even** or call Public Works at **(360) 491-5600**.

thank you!

The City of Lacey sincerely thanks all essential workers who are helping our community respond to and endure the COVID-19 public health crisis. We are forever grateful!

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PSE PROVIDES HELP WITH YOUR ENERGY BILL

Puget Sound Energy has a variety of programs to help you pay your electric or natural gas bills during the COVID crisis, including:

- Payment plans
- Late-fee waivers
- No disconnections for non-payment
- Crisis-Affected Customer Assistance Program (CACAP)
- ... and more.

For details, visit **pse.com/covid19**.

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL UPDATES ON ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS



Construction season is here! Stay informed about what's happening during a road construction project by signing up for email updates on specific projects at: **ci.lacey.wa.us/ProjectUpdates**.

STAY ALERT IN WORK ZONES!

When driving in a work zone, please slow down and pay attention to keep construction crews and drivers safe.



Thank you!



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