

LACEY Life

Shaping our Community Together

Celebrate spring!

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:



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

Apr 23 Earth Day Volunteer Event & Student Challenge

Saturday, April 23, 9 a.m. – Noon
Wonderwood Park

May 10 History Talks! Mt. St. Helens at 42: Anatomy of a Disaster

Tuesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.
Online via Zoom

May 21/22 Lacey Spring Fun Fair

Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, May 22, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saint Martin's University

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FUTURE LACEY MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER SITE?

Are you wondering what's happening to the old warehouse building between Pacific Ave. and Lacey Blvd. near Lebanon St.? It's coming down as part of Phase 3 of the new Lacey Museum & Cultural Center project! This phase of the project, funded by the City's second Heritage Capital Projects Grant from the Washington State Historical Society, is scheduled to finish in late spring.



What's the New Lacey Museum & Cultural Center Project?



The new Lacey Museum & Cultural Center has been in development for over 10 years.

This project is one of the City's long-term goals and has been in the works for more than a decade. The new Lacey Museum & Cultural Center is anticipated to be about 15,000 square feet, allowing for significantly larger exhibit, storage, and lobby areas than the current Lacey Museum. It will also include a community wing that will attract private rentals such as weddings and fundraisers, and accommodate theatre, art, dance, language, music, and other classes and programs. Visitors will experience diverse cultural arts, dance, and food at the Center, in addition to wellness programs such as yoga, Pilates, and meditation. The facility will also be used for summer camps, educational programs, and community farming classes.

The new Lacey Museum & Cultural Center will be an east anchor of the City's Depot District, which is in close proximity to some of Lacey's oldest residences and adjacent to the iconic Saint Martin's University. The Depot District is envisioned to be an inviting, walkable area of Lacey, with indoor and outdoor spaces for the community to gather. Projects like this, and others currently in development in the Depot District, help accomplish this vision.

What's Currently at the Site?

The Lacey Depot, the City's 50th Anniversary Landmark Project, is a near replica of the original depot, which opened in 1891 in the same area. The building serves as a free, public trail amenity with two restrooms (accessible from the outside) and a drinking fountain, open year-round from 7 a.m. – dark, daily. The Depot's indoor picnic tables are open for public use from May – September. The Depot is also available for private rentals (rental fees apply).



The Lacey Depot connects the past (historic train depot) to the future (new Museum & Cultural Center and the Depot District).

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 site also features a train-themed play structure, partially funded by the Lacey Rotary Club in celebration of their 50th anniversary. It's a big hit with families!

What's Next?

Later this spring/summer the site will host the City's Food Trucks @ the Depot, Pop-up Markets, and free entertainment. This year, the City will add some site improvements including additional covered outdoor seating, a stage, and an educational kiosk about the new Lacey Museum & Cultural Center project.

Phase 4 of this project is scheduled to take place by 2026, depending on available funding.

Learn More

To find out more, visit ci.lacey.wa.us/NewMuseumProject or scan the QR code.



BRUSH UP ON LACEY'S HISTORY: VISIT OUR MUSEUM!



Located at 829 Lacey St. SE.

Learn more at:
LaceyMuseum.org

No need to wait for the new museum to learn about Lacey's history! Located in the charming 1928 Russell House — once a residence, fire station, and Lacey's first City Hall — in the heart of Lacey's historic neighborhood, the museum includes exhibits about the City's surprising and fascinating past. You can visit the museum:

Thursdays & Fridays from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.



LACEYLIFE NEWSLETTER

CITY OF **LACEY**

GET YOUR FREE SEEDLING: SATURDAY, APRIL 9

The City's annual Arbor Day seedling giveaway is back! This year we have six types of bare-root trees to pick from: **White Dogwood, Black Hills Spruce, White Spruce, Red Maple, Red-bud, and Tulip trees**, up to three feet tall — while supplies last.

Don't miss out on your favorite — the giveaway starts promptly at 10 a.m. Limit one per person, so bring your family along!

For more information, call Lacey Parks, Culture, and Recreation at **(360) 491-0857**.



SEEDLING GIVEAWAY

Saturday, April 9

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

or while supplies last

Huntamer Park • Lacey

APPLY FOR A FREE THEATER RENTAL AT THE WASHINGTON CENTER

The City is accepting applications from non-profits for use of a theatrical space (Main Stage or Blackbox) at the Washington Center for a day with no theater rental fee. Applicants are responsible for all labor and planning associated with the event. Applications are due by Friday, July 15.

Every year, the City has two theater rental days at the Washington Center. In 2023, the City is allocating one of these rental days to a local, non-profit with a general community interest.

Eligible organizations can download an application or get more information by visiting ci.lacey.wa.us/WashingtonCenter or scanning the QR code. Applying for use of this facility does not guarantee selection.



CELEBRATE EARTH DAY!

This Earth Day hundreds of students & volunteers — including individuals, families, and groups — will work to restore the parks and trails in Thurston County.

Join us **Saturday, April 23 at Wonderwood Park** (5304 32nd Ave. SE, Lacey) **from 9 a.m. to noon** to help remove weeds and invasive plants. Participants will receive a free t-shirt (*supplies are limited and will be handed out on a first come, first serve basis*).

Bonus: In partnership with the Lions Club, the school with the most student volunteers will be awarded \$500! So invite your friends to join you!

Volunteers should wear clothing that is appropriate for working outdoors such as work gloves, sturdy shoes or boots, and rain gear, if needed. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring their own drinking water. The City's Parks, Culture & Recreation Department will provide all necessary tools.

Get More Information and Register

To learn more or register for the Earth Day event, scan the QR code, visit ci.lacey.wa.us/EarthDay, or contact Linsey Fields at LFields@ci.lacey.wa.us or **(360) 486-8707**. We encourage you to register by noon on Friday, April 22.



SAVE THE DATE! LACEY SPRING FUN FAIR RETURNS: MAY 21 & 22



Since 1988, Lacey Spring Fun Fair (LSFF) has provided FREE activities and entertainment for thousands of people. With rides and games, live performances, vendors, and food concessions — LSFF is truly a community celebration!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22 and join us at Saint Martin's University for a great time!



To get more information, visit LaceySpringFunFair.com or scan the QR code.



WELCOME, TRIP!

Trip is a 4-month-old Bernedoodle and as cute as ever! His owner, Lindsay, works for the Lacey Police Department (LPD) and he's an honorary staff, as well! Trip will eventually complete therapy dog training to help people stay calm and feel better. In the meantime, he will attend community events and spend time at the LPD to get socialized. If you see him, make sure to say hi!

Welcome Back ... in person!

The City is pleased to offer an in-person option to attend most of our public meetings, including Council meetings!

As we transition to a hybrid model, we encourage you to check our website to confirm the meeting you plan to attend has an in-person option. Visit ci.lacey.wa.us or scan the QR code below.

We appreciate your continued support and involvement over the past two years.



#LaceyUnited

NEW WEBSITES COMING SOON!

To better serve our community and improve access to City information, we are updating our website and adding a new Parks, Culture, and Recreation website. We anticipate having the new sites available by early April.

Watch for more information on our current website, Facebook page, and in May's newsletter.



REGISTER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY ALERTS



Thurston County Emergency Management, the City of Lacey, and other participating cities have a system to help you stay informed of potential hazards and threats in our area. Residents can register for the **Thurston Community Alert** system to receive emergency and non-emergency alerts via text, voice, and email. In addition, you can create a profile that includes information about you to help first responders better assist you in an emergency.

Get more information or register at bit.ly/TCountyAlerts or scan the QR code.

