

# LACEY Life

Shaping our Community Together

Lacey's July 3rd Fireworks Spectacular — a Community Favorite!

## 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 [CityofLacey.org/News/Community-Events](http://CityofLacey.org/News/Community-Events) or scan:



### Jul 3 Fireworks Spectacular

Sunday, July 3, 4 – 11 p.m.  
Rainier Vista Community Park

### Jul 5 Children's Entertainment

Tuesdays, July 5 – Aug. 9, 6:30 p.m.  
Huntamer Park

### Jul 6 Summer Concerts in the Park

Wednesdays, July 6 – Aug. 10, Noon  
Huntamer Park

### Jul 15 Concerts & Movies in the Park

Fridays, July 15 – Aug. 5, 7 p.m.  
Huntamer Park

### Jul 30 Cops, Cars, N' Kids

Saturday, July 30, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Lacey Police Department

## FRIENDLY REMINDER:



Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater do not allow residents or visitors to buy, sell, or discharge fireworks.

HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY!

## 2022 LACEY CITY COUNCIL

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## JOIN US SUNDAY, JULY 3!

Don't miss the **Lacey Fireworks Spectacular on Sunday, July 3 at Rainier Vista Community Park**, 5475 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. Come and enjoy the free, community event — sponsored by TwinStar Credit Union, Capital Development Company, and Interstate Batteries — featuring live music, community booths, kids activities, and we'll end the night with a fireworks display set to music! You can also purchase food from vendors at the park.

**Please note:** On-site parking is limited. Consider walking, biking, or parking at area schools and taking the free shuttle bus to and from the event.



For more details, including the entertainment schedule, site map, and school parking information, visit [LaceyParks.org/Events/3rd-of-July-Celebration](http://LaceyParks.org/Events/3rd-of-July-Celebration) or scan the QR code. **Gather your family and friends, and join us!**



## PARKSPLOURATION: RAINIER VISTA COMMUNITY PARK



PICKLEBALL



SKATE PARK



PLAYGROUND

AND SO MUCH MORE!

Did you know Lacey's Park System includes over 1,200 acres of park land and open space, miles of walking/biking trails, a premier regional athletic complex, several community buildings, and is one of the best municipal park systems in the state? And, we're lucky to have access to it in our own back yard!

If you're looking for a place to get outside and be active, Rainier Vista Community Park is THE place! This 46.4-acre, active park provides users so many options! From tennis to sand volleyball, basketball to nearly 2 miles of paved, ADA-compliant walking/running paths, various sports fields to picnic areas — and everything in between. This park truly has something for everyone.

Summer is the perfect time to explore Lacey's parks. To get park details, including locations, amenities, and more, visit [LaceyParks.org/Parks-Trails/Parks](http://LaceyParks.org/Parks-Trails/Parks) or scan the QR code.



**LACEY PARKS**  
CULTURE & RECREATION



### AT A GLANCE

Address: 5475 45th Ave. SE

Hours: 7 am - dusk

Size: 46.4 acres

## COPS, CARS, N' KIDS IS BACK: SATURDAY, JULY 30 POLICE CARS, BOUNCE HOUSES, SNO CONES, AND MORE!!

Kids of all ages — adults, too! — are invited to **Cops, Cars, N' Kids** on

**Saturday, July 30** from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Lacey City Hall parking lot (420 College St SE). The Lacey Police Department hosts this FREE, interactive event as a way to give back to our great community.

Stop by and chat with Lacey Police Officers, check out the car show, try on police gear, learn how our public-safety professionals keep our community safe, and so much more! You can even get your child a free ID card.

For more details visit [CityofLacey.org/News/Community-Events](http://CityofLacey.org/News/Community-Events) or scan the QR code. We hope to see you there!



LACEYLIFE NEWSLETTER

CITY OF LACEY



# HELP SHAPE LACEY PARKS FUTURE PRIORITIES: TAKE AN ONLINE SURVEY, NOW THROUGH THE END OF AUGUST

Based on community input received in 2021, Lacey Parks, Culture & Recreation (Lacey Parks) created a solid framework for future strategic planning. **Now, they need your help setting priorities** with the goal of creating a shared vision for the future of Lacey's park and recreation assets and opportunities. The priorities will help guide the 2023 update to the 6-year Parks Comprehensive Plan.



Throughout the year, Lacey Parks will offer several in-person opportunities for you to provide input. In addition, you can take a short, online survey to let us know what's important to you.

To find out more about the project, including a link to the online survey and a schedule of future in-person events, visit [LaceyParks.org/About/Park-Planning-Projects/Energize-Lacey](https://LaceyParks.org/About/Park-Planning-Projects/Energize-Lacey) or scan the QR code below.

We look forward to connecting with you to learn why you believe parks, culture, and recreation are important to our community!



## REMINDER: OUTDOOR WATERING SCHEDULE JUNE 1 - SEPTEMBER 30

Since 2006, our mandatory watering schedule has helped reduce peak water demand during the summer and keep costs down.

Temporary exemptions are available to water customers with new lawns and landscapes. Learn more at [CityofLacey.org/Odd-Even-Outdoor-Watering-Schedules](https://CityofLacey.org/Odd-Even-Outdoor-Watering-Schedules).

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
No watering on Friday!	

## FREE SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM

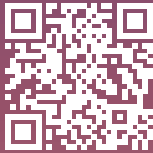
Just as the need for learning doesn't end when school lets out, neither does the need for good nutrition. **North Thurston Public Schools** invites kids, 18 and under, to their **FREE Summer Meals** (breakfast and lunch) Program. **No registration is required.** Just show up!

To see the list of schools and meal times, visit [ntps.news/SummerMeals](https://ntps.news/SummerMeals) or scan:



## JOIN OUR TEAM!

To see the current list of temporary, full- and part-time jobs, and apply online, visit [CityofLacey.org/Jobs](https://CityofLacey.org/Jobs) or scan:



## HOME SHARE PROGRAM SUPPORTS AFFORDABLE HOUSING



Affordable housing is a complex issue many cities continue to face. The City of Lacey (City) supports and helps create programs that assist our community members in finding and maintaining affordable places to live. In 2022 as part of the City's affordable-housing program, the City provided \$95,000 to the **Senior Services for South Sound** to pilot the **Home Share Program**.

### What is Home Share?

The Home Share Program creates a living arrangement where a Home Provider offers accommodations to a Home Seeker in exchange for an agreed-upon level of support. Each situation is different, based on the support needs of the Home Provider, and may include monetary contributions, assistance with household tasks, transportation, companionship, or a combination of these items.

A University of Washington School of Public Health study found that home sharing is an effective strategy to address housing affordability with more formal, reliable, and relationship-based solutions. In fact, home sharing tackles two problems at once — helping community members keep their homes, while offering vacant bedrooms to other community members looking for affordable-housing options.



*Inge (left) and Patty (right) — a match that was made before the Home Share program paused in 2020 due to the pandemic. Today, they still home share and both benefit from the program.*

### What Are the Benefits of Home Sharing?

Home sharing has many positive benefits. One of the main benefits is to lower the cost of living. Many people who apply for the Home Share Program live on a fixed income. Sharing household expenses helps make housing more affordable for both parties. Other benefits can include social support, a greater sense of security, help with household chores and caretaking needs, and more.

### How Do Home Providers Get Connected With Home Seekers?

Home Share Program Managers interview and screen all applicants for lifestyle compatibility, check references, and perform thorough criminal background checks. Program Managers match Home Providers with Home Seekers who then spend time getting to know each other to verify their compatibility.

*"Home Share is a wonderful way to address the housing crisis in Thurston County on an individual level," states Rebecca Hutchinson, Home Share Program Manager. "We (Senior Services for South Sound) are in a unique position to help people keep their homes by filling their empty bedrooms with people in our community who desperately need access to affordable housing."*

### Learn More

Get more details about the **Senior Services for South Sound's Home Share Program** by visiting [SouthSoundSeniors.org/Home-Share](https://SouthSoundSeniors.org/Home-Share) or scanning the **blue QR code** on the right.

To learn about the **City of Lacey Affordable Housing Strategy**, visit [CityofLacey.org/Affordable-Housing](https://CityofLacey.org/Affordable-Housing) or scan the **mauve QR code** on the left.

