JANUARY 2023

LACEY Life

Shaping our Community Together

Lacey has amazing sites, even in the winter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

To see the complete list of events and get registration details, visit **CityofLacey.org/Events** or scan:

Please check our website or Facebook page for updates.

Jan 5/6 **Lacey Community Blood Drive**

Thursday & Friday, January 5 & 6
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Lacey City Hall, Community Room

Jan 10 **History Talks! "It's the Water": A Brief History of the Olympia Brewing Co.**

Tuesday, January 10, 6:30 p.m.
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers & Online via Zoom

Jan 16 **MLK, Jr. Day of Service**

Monday, January 16, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Woodland Creek Community Park

Feb 8 **History Talks! Revealing Records in the Washington State Archives**

Wednesday, February 8, 6:30 p.m.
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers & Online via Zoom

Happy New Year!

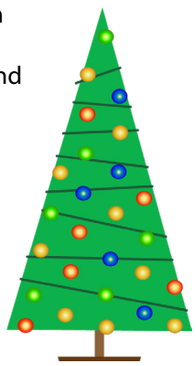
The City of Lacey wishes you and yours a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year. We appreciate our community's support and look forward to new beginnings in 2023.

2023 LACEY CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Andy Ryder
Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller
Councilmember Lenny Greenstein
Councilmember Michael Steadman
Councilmember Carolyn Cox
Councilmember Ed Kunkel
Councilmember Robin Vazquez

CONNECT:

BSA TROOP 222 PROVIDES A GREAT COMMUNITY SERVICE: CHRISTMAS TREE ROUND-UP, SATURDAY, JAN. 7



Local BSA Troop 222, with support from Asplundh, LeMay/Pacific Disposal, and Thurston County Waste & Recovery Center, will collect Christmas trees on **Saturday, January 7**, for residents who live in the Lacey city limits*. **Please remove all ornaments, lights, tinsel, stands, and other debris and place your tree on the curb by 8 a.m.** If you live in an apartment or mobile home, check with your manager for the location to place your tree for pick-up.

Please note: Flocked trees are accepted. However, trees with any of the items listed above left on them cannot be composted and will not get picked up.

***Not sure if your address is in the Lacey city limits?**

You can check your address on our online, interactive zoning map by visiting **CityofLacey.org/COLMap** or scanning:

BSA Troop 222 accepts donations for this great community service:

- online/paypal **troop222wa.org**
- mail make check payable to: **BSA Troop 222 P.O. Box 5379 Lacey, WA 98509**
- scan

Note: For the security of your contribution, ***please do not leave donations on tree.***

For more information on the Christmas Tree Round-Up, call John, BSA Troop 222 Assistant Scout Master, at **(360) 888-5215**.

Other Ways to Recycle Your Tree

If you use Pacific Disposal's yard debris pick-up service, cut your tree into 3-foot sections and place it in, or next to, your yard-waste container on your normal collection day.

If you live outside the Lacey city limits* or miss the pick-up day, you can take your tree, free of charge, to the Thurston County Waste & Recovery Center (2420 Hogum Bay Road NE, Lacey) December 26 – January 15 (closed January 1). Open Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday, 8 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

REMINDER: NEW ONLINE UTILITY PAYMENT PORTAL REQUIRES USERS TO CREATE NEW ACCOUNT

In mid-December, we launched a new online utility payment system. **If you would like to make automatic payments, you will need to set up an account in the new system.** The old portal is no longer available.

To get more details and access the new system, visit **CityofLacey/Utility-Billing** or scan the QR code. If you have questions or need assistance, contact our Utility Billing Department at **(360) 491-5616** or **UtilityBilling@ci.lacey.wa.us**.

LICENSING YOUR PET HELPS YOU GET REUNITED IF THEY GET LOST. ONLINE LICENSING OPTION MAKES IT EASY!

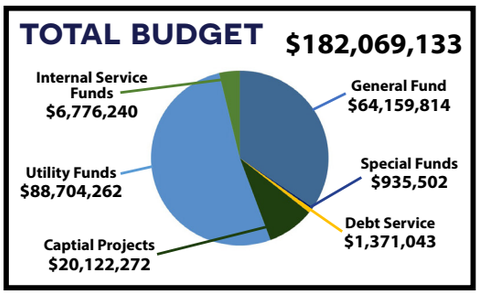
Did you know licensing your dog and/or cat is required in Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater? And, in Thurston County, dogs are required to be licensed. **Licensing your pet is the first step in getting them home if they ever get lost.** Joint Animal Services offers an online portal where you can license your pet, renew a pet license, and update your contact information — 24/7! To access the portal, view instructions, and learn about more pet-licensing options, visit **JointAnimalServices.org/licensing/**.

Pet licensing fees help fund the shelter and services that keep animals and people safe in our community. For more information, visit **JointAnimalServices.org**, call **(360) 352-2510**, or scan the QR code.

CITY OF LACEY

CITY OF LACEY 2023 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The City's Budget serves as the guiding policy document outlining City priorities, initiatives, and essential community services funded by limited public resources.



Although COVID-19 is decreasing, the 2023 Budget was designed to respond to future challenges, such as an uncertain economic outlook, labor shortages, supply chain issues, and historic inflation. With the City's continued commitment to strong fiscal and planning policies, the 2023 Budget enhances many community programs and initiatives, including additional funding for public safety, social services, equity efforts, climate resiliency, affordable housing, and parks, culture, and recreation.

The 2023 Budget continues to enhance the quality of life for Lacey community members by making community-improvement investments, maintaining infrastructure maintenance and repair levels, providing for necessary construction-improvement projects, and planning for the community's future.

2023 BUDGET PROJECT & PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Regional Athletic Complex Parking Lot Expansion & Frontage Improvements
- Police Body-Worn Cameras and Virtual Trainer
- Community Resource Unit, Mobile Outreach Team, and Rapid-Response Clean-up Team
- Property Acquisition, Site Plan, and Plan Development for a Future Public Safety Facility
- Climate Action Plan Initiatives
- Golf Club Road Watermain and Wastewater Improvements
- Source 17 (Beachcrest) Wellhouse and Water Treatment
- Liftstation Replacements: Willamette Drive, College Street, and Golf Club Road
- Ruddell Road Stormwater Facility Land Acquisition
- Street Overlay Projects (Transportation Benefit District Funds), including sections of: 66th Ave., 33rd Ave./33rd Loop, 34th Ave., 36th Ave., Carpenter Hills Loop, Emerald Hills Neighborhood, 37th Ave./Lakecrest Neighborhood, 8th Ave., Britton Parkway/Gateway Blvd. Roundabout, and Rainier Road/Balustrade Blvd. Roundabout

You can view the 2023 Budget document online at **CityofLacey.org/Budget** or by scanning the QR code. If you have questions or comments, contact our Finance Department at **Finance@ci.lacey.wa.us** or **(360) 491-3212**.

PARKSPLORATION: **WONDERWOOD PARK**

Wonderwood Park is a community gem located between College Street and Ruddell Road. The Park is a perfect mix of forested woodland spaces and a variety of recreational options. Park users can wander through the park on soft-surface trails amongst the tall trees and vegetation or take a walk along the paved pathways that wind through the woods. You can also enjoy a game of soccer, basketball, softball, tennis, or pickleball — all within the park's boundaries! Youth can play on the two, updated playgrounds with slides, an ADA-accessible swing, climbing areas, and more. And, don't forget the picnic areas, including two shelters to accommodate gatherings in all types of weather. So many options!

If you're looking for a peaceful place to spend the day or just an afternoon, you should visit Wonderwood Park!

FUN FACT: In 1971, the City purchased approximately 20 acres for what would later become the first park in Lacey with $14,500 of City funds and a $58,000 grant. Three years later, the City purchased an additional 20 acres and completed the first phase of Wonderwood Park.

Learn More

Lacey's Park System includes just under 1,200 acres of park land and open spaces, miles of ADA-accessible trails, hiking trails, a premier regional athletic complex, and several community buildings. To learn more about Wonderwood Park and discover other Lacey parks and trails, visit **LaceyParks.org/Parks-Trails** or scan:

LACEY PARKS
CULTURE & RECREATION

AT A GLANCE

Address: **5304 32nd Ave. SE** (between College St & Ruddell Rd)
Hours: **7 am - dark**
Size: **40 acres**

WANT TO REDUCE YOUR HOME ENERGY USAGE? START WITH A FREE, PSE ONLINE HOME ENERGY ASSESSMENT!

With the cold weather upon us, now is the perfect time to discover ways to reduce your energy usage and lower your costs. Puget Sound Energy (PSE) has a free, quick, and convenient online assessment that will help you understand and control the energy usage in your home in 3 easy steps:

1: Complete a 5-7 minute, online assessment to see how energy is used in your home.

2: Review your assessment results and suggested ways to save.

3: Measure and monitor the impacts of the changes you make, using the information available in your myPSEaccount.

If you do not have an online myPSEaccount set up, you can easily create one, even if you don't have your account number handy.

To learn more, visit **PSE.com/Rebates/Home-Energy-Assessment** or scan the QR code.

REGISTER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY ALERTS

Thurston Community Alert

Thurston County Emergency Management, Lacey, and other participating cities have a system to help you stay informed of potential hazards and threats in our area. Community members can register for the **Thurston Community Alert** system to receive emergency and non-emergency alerts via text, voice, and email. To get more information and register, visit **co.thurston.wa.us/em/alerts** or scan:

Community members can also create a **Smart911** profile that includes information about you to help first responders better assist you in an emergency. Visit **smart911.com** to sign up.

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