

# LACEY Life

Shaping our Community Together

Sunrise reflection on Longs Pond

## UPCOMING EVENTS

To see the complete list of events and get registration details, visit [CityofLacey.org/Events](http://CityofLacey.org/Events) or scan:



Please check our website or Facebook page for updates.

### Apr 1 Arbor Day Tree Giveaway

Saturday, April 1, 9 – 11 a.m.  
Huntamer Park  
One per person, while supplies last

### Apr 12 History Talks! History of the Northwest Passage in Five Maps

Wednesday, April 12, 6:30 p.m.  
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers & Online via Zoom

### Apr 15 Family Fish-In

Saturday, April 15, various time slots  
Longs Pond at Woodland Creek Community Park  
Cost: \$5; pre-registration required

### May 9 History Talks! Lacey Historical Society: 1980-2023

Tuesday, May 9, 6:30 p.m.  
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers & Online via Zoom

### May 20/21 Lacey Spring Fun Fair

Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sunday, May 21, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Saint Martin's University

## 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

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## LACEY POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES 2022 RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Lacey Police Department (LPD) staff do outstanding work in our community. Each year, LPD recognizes individuals or work groups that went above and beyond to ensure the overall safety and well-being of our community. The following are some of the 2022 LPD awards presented on March 3.

- Employee of the Year: **Officer Derek Thompson**
- Chief's Award – Employees: **Officer Rich Broeker, Officer Mark Eley, Austin Newnam**
- Chief's Award – Volunteer: **Jon Cox**
- Medal of Valor: **Corporal Miguel Stansberry**

**Congratulations** to all award recipients! We appreciate your hard work and commitment to our community.

To learn more about the Lacey Police Department, visit [CityofLacey.org/Police](http://CityofLacey.org/Police) or scan the QR code.



Chief Robert Almada presents the 2022 LPD Employee of the Year Award to Officer Derek Thompson



## JOIN THE 2023 WYLAND NATIONAL MAYOR'S WATER CONSERVATION CHALLENGE AND WIN!



Mayor Andy Ryder and Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller invite the Lacey community to take part in a friendly competition between cities across the US to see who can be the most "water-wise." The challenge encourages community members to not only conserve water but energy and other natural resources as well. Actions are taken on behalf of their city through a series of online pledges. The cities with the highest percentage of community members who take the challenge, win! Participants in the winning cities are eligible to win hundreds of prizes.

To learn more and take part in the challenge, visit [MyWaterPledge.com](http://MyWaterPledge.com) or scan the QR code.



## MEET US @ THE DEPOT 5600 Pacific Ave.

Have you been to the Lacey Depot Park? It's the City's newest park, located along the Karen Fraser Woodland Trail near Saint Martin's University and serves as a focal point of the Depot District.

Over the past two years we've made site improvements, held community events at the park, and a variety of food trucks have made it their home. Each food truck is an independent, small business and operates on their own schedule.

We're thrilled to add more excitement to the park this year! We're in the process of planning a number of community events, markets, and other fun things! Watch for details on our website, social media platforms, and in future newsletters.

To learn more about the food trucks, visit their Facebook page **Lacey Food Truck Depot** or scan the blue QR code.

### Other Park Amenities

Depot Park visitors and trail users can enjoy other amenities year-round (during park hours), including:

- Restrooms (accessible from outside the building)
- Train-themed play structure, in collaboration with the Lacey Rotary Club
- Historic Markers — original Lacey Depot, Lacey Plywood Plant (both formerly located on this site), and a timeline of key events in Lacey and the Lacey Rotary Club's history



For information on other Lacey parks, events, and programs, visit [LaceyParks.org](http://LaceyParks.org) or scan the orange QR code.



## PARKSPLOURATION: LAKE LOIS PARK & LAKE LOIS HABITAT RESERVE



**BANK FISHING**

### Lake Lois Park (photos and details on the left)

Located off Carpenter Road SE, park visitors can enjoy bank fishing or a stroll on the short, natural trail along the shoreline of Lake Lois. The park also has paved parking; picnic tables, including an ADA-accessible option; and a bench to sit, relax, and take in the scenery.



**PICNIC TABLES**

### Lake Lois Habitat Reserve (photos and details on the right)

Park users can take a break from the hustle and bustle and relish in the tranquility of this natural-habitat setting. A ¼-mile, natural interpretive trail winds through the park's wooded area and along the shoreline of a small, picturesque lake fed by Woodland Creek. You can also find an overlook and benches along the trail for wildlife viewing that may include waterfowl, otter, deer, and squirrels. In fact, if you're lucky, you might even spot a bald eagle or a heron!



**SMALL LAKE**



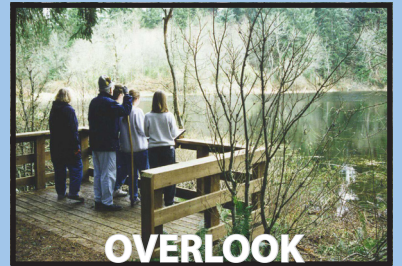
**NATURAL TRAILS**



**WOODED AREAS**

**Parking:** Habitat reserve visitors may use a few parking spaces in the NE corner of the Safeway parking lot or at Woodland Creek Community Park, crossing at the crosswalk on Pacific Avenue.

If you're looking for a peaceful place to spend the afternoon, check out these gems!



**OVERLOOK**

### 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 Lake Lois Park, Lake Lois Habitat Reserve, and discover other Lacey parks and trails, visit [LaceyParks.org/Parks-Trails](https://LaceyParks.org/Parks-Trails) or scan the QR code.

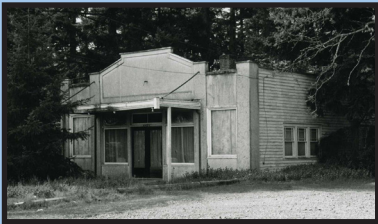


### AT A GLANCE

Address: **6020 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE**  
(Off Carpenter Road SE)  
Hours: **7 a.m. – dark**  
Size: **7 acres**

### AT A GLANCE

Address: **6<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE at Lake Lois Rd. SE**  
Hours: **7 a.m. – dark**  
Size: **28.56 acres**



**FUN FACT:** Lake Lois is named after Lois McKinney whose parents, Alva and Elva, operated a resort on the lake in the 1930s. The resort had seven cabins for rent, as well as a candy store, grocery store, and gas stations. Lois McKinney's historic home (pictured) is the only structure left standing and is among one of Lacey's historic structures dating back to 1931. The house is located within the habitat reserve, across from the Lacey Community Center on Pacific Avenue.

*Photo courtesy of the Washington State Archives, Lois McKinney House, circa 1987*

## WANTED: LACEY YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Learn about local government, work on community projects, and advise the City Council.

Lacey Youth Council meets at City Hall on the first Tuesday and third Thursday of the month at 5 p.m.



### APPLY: [CITYOFLACEY.ORG/LYC](https://CITYOFLACEY.ORG/LYC)

Accepting applications, now through June 30, from 2023-2024 sophomores, juniors, and seniors!



### Volunteer Event & Student Challenge



When: **Saturday, April 22 | 9 a.m. to Noon**  
Where: **Wonderwood Park**

To get more information, visit [CityofLacey.org/Earth-Day](https://CityofLacey.org/Earth-Day) or scan:



## Lacey Youth Council in Action!



## SIGN UP FOR E-NEWS!



Visit [CityofLacey.org/Email-Notifications](https://CityofLacey.org/Email-Notifications) or scan the QR code to sign up for email updates from the City on the topics of your choice.

