

LACEY *Life*

Shaping our Community Together

Fall is in the air!

UPCOMING EVENTS

To see the complete list of events visit CityofLacey.org/Events or scan:



Please check our website or Facebook page for updates.

Sep 1 First Fridays @ the Depot

Fridays: Sept 1 & Oct. 6, 5 – 9 p.m.
Lacey Depot Park

Sep 13 History Talks! History of the Lacey Fire Department

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m.
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers & Online

Sep 23 Preparedness Expo

Saturday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Peter G. Schmidt Elementary
237 Dennis Street, Tumwater

Sep 24 Sundays in the Park

Sundays: Sept. 24 & Oct. 22
12 – 4 p.m., Lacey Depot Park

Oct 7 Children's Day

Saturday, Oct. 7, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Huntamer Park

Oct 10 History Talks! 40 Years of Wolf Rescue, Recovery, and Advocacy

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

Oct 20 Mayor's Gala

Friday, Oct. 20, 6 – 9 p.m.
SPSCC Lacey Campus

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:

CHILDREN'S DAY: MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND DON'T MISS OUT! SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 • 11 AM – 2 PM • HUNTAMER PARK



Children's Day is the perfect way to kick off fall. It's a Saturday afternoon of family fun featuring a variety of free activities, arts and crafts, and entertainment for children of all ages! Bring your friends AND your appetite. There will be on-site food vendors with a variety of eats and treats for purchase.

If you're into creepy crawlers, this year's theme — **Bugs and Insects** — is sure to be a hit!

Children's Day, a partnership between the City of Lacey and North Thurston Public Schools, takes place rain or shine!



For more details, visit LaceyParks.org/ChildrensDay2023 or scan the QR code. *We hope to see you there!*

MAYOR'S Gala FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 and fundraiser for the Lacey Veterans Services Hub

The City invites you to the **2023 Mayor's Gala**, a biennial fundraiser for the Lacey Veterans Services Hub (Hub). The event takes place on **Friday, October 20** from 6–9 p.m. at the South Puget Sound Community College Lacey Campus.



The event includes a social hour, buffet dinner, short program, and opportunities to support the Hub. Individual tickets cost \$80 or you can purchase a table of 8 for \$600. To buy tickets and view available event sponsorships, scan the QR code or visit CityofLacey.org/2023-Mayors-Gala.

For more information, contact Jenny Bauersfeld at **(360) 438-2621** or JBauersf@ci.lacey.wa.us.

PREPARE to PROTECT

THURSTON COUNTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

PREPAREDNESS EXPO

Saturday, September 23
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Peter G. Schmidt Elementary
237 Dennis Street, Tumwater

Thurston County Emergency Management Council invites the community to their annual Emergency Preparedness Expo. Stop by and learn:

- How to prepare to protect yourself and your loved ones from emergencies.
- How the Community Emergency Response Team, Law Enforcement, and Fire Department protects you.



Enjoy free activities at the Expo for the whole family! Scan the QR code to learn more.

SAVE MORE MONEY WITH OUR NEW ENERGY EFFICIENCY REBATES!

The City has teamed up with Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to save Lacey residents even more money on your energy efficiency upgrades. How does it work? The City will match the PSE rebate for qualifying equipment upgrades completed after August 4, 2023. And, to make it super easy — you only have to apply once with PSE. Get double the rebate with no extra paperwork!

This matching rebate program is funded by a City initiative as part of our Climate Action Plan and applies to most PSE rebates.



To learn more about how you can save money and energy, visit CityofLacey.org/EnergyRebate or scan the QR code.



CITY BUDGET PROCESS: FUNDING, EXPENSES, AND HOW TO PROVIDE INPUT



The annual budget is one of the most important documents the City produces. It provides information on **revenues** (how the City collects funds from a variety of sources) and **expenditures** (how the City plans to use funds during the current year).

Every year, the budget process begins in July and continues into the fall. **As we prepare the City's annual budget, we invite and encourage public involvement at the public hearings*** listed in the 2024 Key Budget Process Dates below. To learn more about public hearings at Council meetings, visit CityofLacey.org/Lacey-City-Council or scan the QR code on the right.



How Does the City Get Funding?

Most City services (police, parks and recreation, finance, planning, administration, etc.) are funded through the "general fund." The General Fund collects funds from a variety of sources — primarily taxes, like sales and property taxes (see General Fund Revenues table).

The City also has other funds, such as Transportation and Utilities, to name a few.

Sales Tax - Where Does it Go?

Lacey's current sales tax rate is 9.5% and it is applied to goods, personal and business property, and some services, such as repairs and construction. Once collected by the State, sales tax gets distributed to several governmental entities, including the City. The City's portion is 0.85% of the total. This sales tax goes to the General Fund and makes up about 25% of all General Fund revenues.

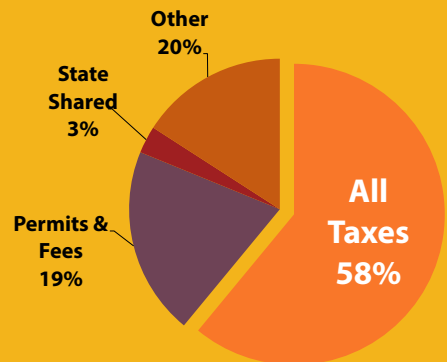
The City also has a voter approved 0.20% Transportation Benefit District. These funds pay for some of the City's transportation programs to improve roads and multi-modal transportation options such as sidewalks, bike lanes, etc.

In the example below, for a \$100 purchase, the City gets 0.85¢ for the General Fund and 0.20¢ for the Transportation Benefit District of the total \$9.50 sales tax collected. The remaining \$8.45 goes to the State, Intercity Transit, TCOMM/911, the County, and others.

2024 KEY BUDGET PROCESS DATES

- **Tuesday, Sept. 26**
- **Finance Committee Review**
- **Thursday, Oct. 5**
- **City Council Budget Workshop**
- **Thursday, Oct. 19**
- **Budget Presentation**
- **Thursday, Nov. 2**
- **Revenue Sources Public Hearing***
- **Thursday, Nov. 16**
- **Total Budget Overview Public Hearing***
- **Thursday, Dec. 7**
- **Final Budget Public Hearing***
- **Thursday, Dec. 21**
- **Budget Adoption**

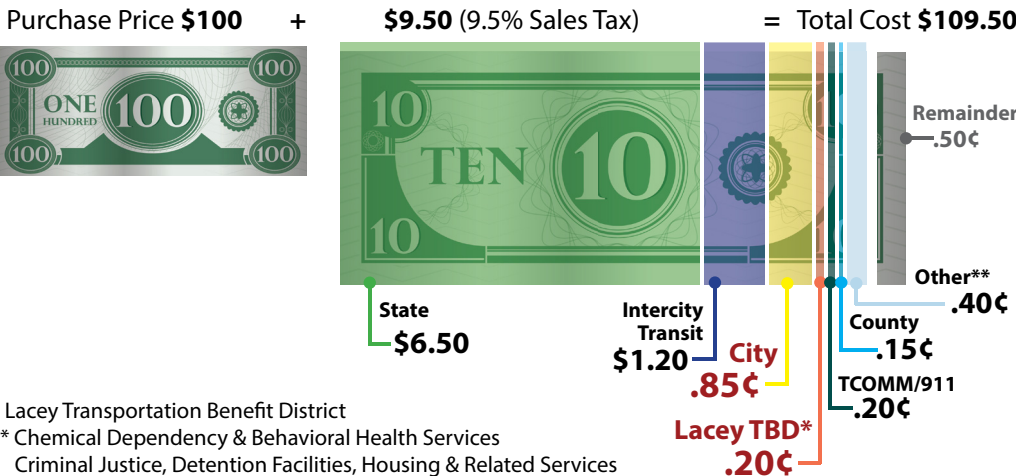
GENERAL FUND REVENUES



Type of Tax	% of General Fund
Sales	~ 25%
Property	~ 13%
Utility	~ 14%
Other*	~ 6%

*B & O, Admission, Gambling

SALES TAX DISTRIBUTION EXAMPLE



* Lacey Transportation Benefit District

** Chemical Dependency & Behavioral Health Services Criminal Justice, Detention Facilities, Housing & Related Services

How Does My Property Tax Get Distributed?

Every year, the property tax levy in Lacey is determined by calculating the 1% allowable limitation and adjusting for the value of new construction, annexations, and refunds.

In 2023, the total property tax rate in Lacey was \$9.47 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Of this, only 7.7% (or 0.73¢ per \$1,000 of assessed property value) goes to the City.

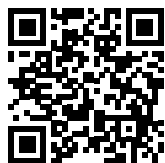
The remaining 92% of property tax is distributed between the State, North Thurston Public Schools, Lacey Fire District #3, Medic One, Timberland Library, the County, Port of Olympia, and others.

If a property (home and land) was assessed for \$500,000* in 2023, the property taxes would be \$4,735.94. Of this total, the City receives \$366.13 (see example on right). This funding goes into the General Fund to support operations and public services.

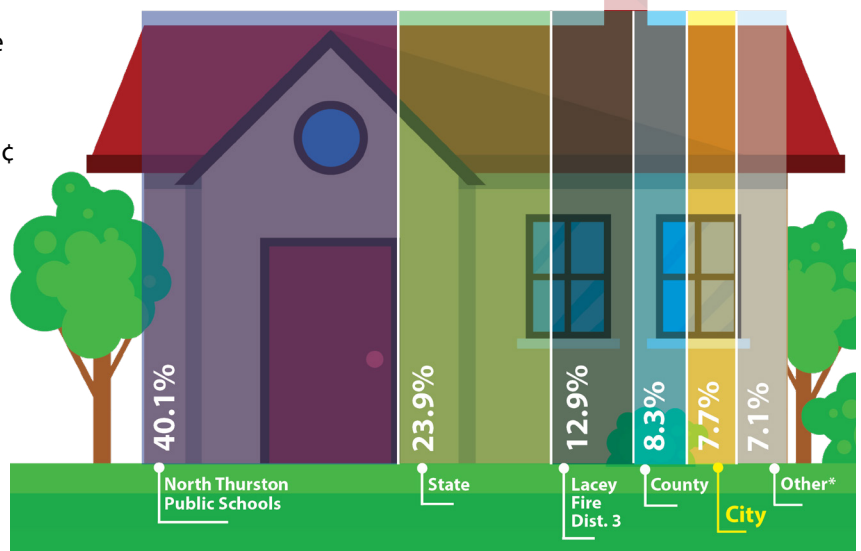
*The market value can be higher than assessed value. See webpage listed below for link to detailed property tax information.

Learn More

You can find several budget and tax resources by visiting CityofLacey.org/Budget or by scanning the QR code. The Proposed 2024 Budget will also be available on this webpage by Friday, October 20.



PROPERTY TAX DISTRIBUTION EXAMPLE



Based on assessed home value of \$500,000:

North Thurston Public Schools	\$ 1,897.07
State	\$ 1,130.93
Lacey Fire District #3	\$ 613.06
County	\$ 394.42
City	\$ 366.13
Other*	\$ 334.33

*Library Medic One Port of Olympia Public Utility District (PUD) #1

