

# LACEY *Life*

Shaping our Community Together

Stunning sunrise in Lacey!

# 2024

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 2024.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Please check our website or Facebook page for updates.

### Jan 10 History Talks! Inside the Lacey City Council of the 1970s

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 6:30 p.m.  
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers and Online

### Feb 15 Lacey Loves to Read

Thursday, Feb. 15, 6 p.m.  
James Koval Center for the Performing Arts

### Feb 15 History Talks! Find Your Family History in the Washington State Archives

Thursday, Feb. 15, 6:30 p.m.  
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers and Online

## GET NEWS & UPDATES

Sign up to receive email updates on a variety of City-related topics.

To register and select the topics that interest you, visit [CityofLacey.org/Email-Notifications](http://CityofLacey.org/Email-Notifications).

## 2024 LACEY CITY COUNCIL

- Mayor Andy Ryder
- Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller
- Councilmember Lenny Greenstein
- Councilmember Michael Steadman
- Councilmember Carolyn Cox
- Councilmember Robin Vazquez
- Councilmember Nic Dunning

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## SPECIAL THANKS TO LOCAL BSA TROOPS: CHRISTMAS TREE ROUND-UP, SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

Local BSA Troops 222 and 9207, with support from Asplundh, LeMay/Pacific Disposal, and Thurston County Waste & Recovery Center, will collect Christmas trees on **Saturday, January 6**, 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 on them cannot be composted and will not get picked up.

### BSA Troops 222 and 9207 accept donations for this great community service:

- online
- mail
- scan

#### Troop222wa.org

Make check payable to:  
**BSA Troop 222**  
**P.O. Box 5379**  
**Lacey, WA 98509**



*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 LeMay/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 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 21 (closed January 1). Open Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday, 8 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

### \*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](http://CityofLacey.org/COLMap) or scanning:



## REMINDER! CITY COUNCIL UPDATES BEGIN JANUARY 2

Starting January 2024:

- **City Council meetings** (Regular and Worksessions) **will move to Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers.**
  - **Regular meetings** will take place on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday** of the month.
  - **Worksession meetings** will take place on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday** of the month.
- **Council Committee meetings** (formerly Utilities, Transportation, Government Affairs, etc.) **will be discontinued.** Work that previously took place during Committee meetings will now happen during Regular or Worksession meetings.
- **The City will no longer broadcast public meetings on cable channel 3.** However, the City is in the process of creating a new government meeting channel, available on Comcast, in its place. Watch for more information as it becomes available.
- **The City plans to launch new apps in January** (date to be announced), **available on Amazon Fire Stick and Roku.** The apps will offer the same features as our YouTube channel and website — watching public meetings, live or on demand.

### Get More Details

To learn more about the Lacey City Council and how to watch or participate in public meetings, visit [CityofLacey.org/City-Council](http://CityofLacey.org/City-Council) or scan the QR code.





# CITY OF LACEY 2024 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

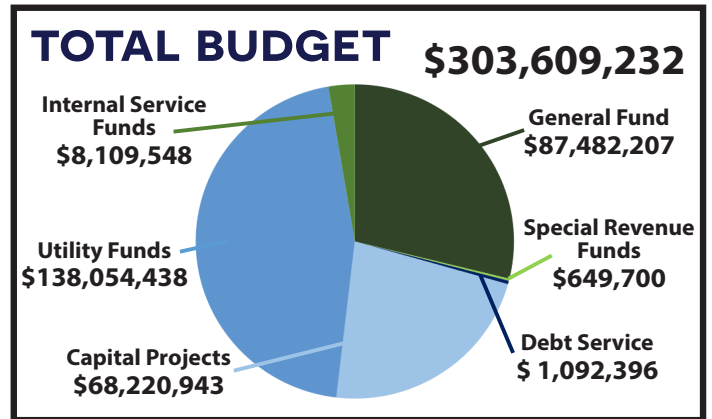
The City's Budget serves as the guiding policy document outlining City priorities, initiatives, and essential community services funded by limited public resources.

## The 2024 Budget:

- Maintains existing services, focuses on community priorities, invests in workforce, and continues fiscal stewardship to meet community needs and respond to economic or social uncertainties.
- Continues a significant investment in critical infrastructure in the community's street system, parks, and utilities, and construction of the new police station. The new police station, a \$61.5 million dollar project, is the first expansion of City facilities since 2008.
- Includes planned investments and measures to continue a sustainable and resilient organization and community.

## 2024 BUDGET PROJECTS & PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- New Police Station First Year Construction
- Cuoio Park Phase 1A Design and Beginning Construction
- Continuation of the Community Resource Unit, Mobile Outreach Team, and Rapid-Response Clean-up Team
- Economic Development Strategic Investments
- Police Records Management System Replacement (Regional)
- New Human Services Grant Program
- Golf Club Road Watermain and Wastewater Improvements
- Madrona Well and Source 17 pH Treatment Systems
- Tolmie Park Sewer Utility Local Improvement District
- College St. NE Extension
- College St. & 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. Roundabout Design and Right-of-Way Acquisition
- College St. & 29<sup>th</sup> Ave. Roundabout Design
- Street Overlay Project Design and Construction (Transportation Benefit District Funds), including sections of: 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Pacific Ave. & Homann Dr. Roundabout, Britton Pkwy. & Gateway Blvd. Roundabout, Yelm Hwy. & Compton Blvd., Willamette Dr. & 30<sup>th</sup> Ave., and sidewalk repair and crack sealing.



You can view the 2024 Budget document online at [CityofLacey.org/Budget](https://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](mailto:Finance@ci.lacey.wa.us) or (360) 491-3212.

## RAC PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY

The gravel lot in the northwest corner (Marvin Rd SE and Steilacoom Rd SE, see photo on right) of the Regional Athletic Complex (RAC) is closed for construction of a new asphalt parking lot and other site improvements. The lot will remain closed to the public until June 2024.



The project includes stormwater improvements, grading, paving, installing various site furnishings, and landscaping. When finished, the new parking lot will have more than 340 parking stalls including six electric vehicle charging stations, eight accessible parking stalls (ADA), and eight bus stalls. In addition to the parking lot, Steilacoom Rd SE frontage improvements will include a sidewalk, bike lane, associated stormwater facilities, street lights, street trees, and other landscaping.



To learn more about the project and sign up for email updates, visit [CityofLacey.org/RACImprovements](https://CityofLacey.org/RACImprovements) or scan:

## NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT PROGRAM ACCEPTING 2024 APPLICATIONS



Starting January 5 and continuing through March 31, the City is accepting 2024 Lacey Neighborhood Grant Program (LNGP) applications. The matching-grant program awards up to \$2,500 for projects that foster community pride, beautify the city, and expand community-member involvement.

Formal HOAs and informal neighborhoods located in the city limits are welcome to apply for the LNGP. Neighborhoods may submit applications in these categories:

- Safe Neighborhoods & Emergency Response
- Environmental Sustainability & Resiliency
- Neighborhood Beautification
- Board Education & Organization Development
- Compassion
- Neighborhood Art & Monument Structures
- National Night Out Community Events

### Stormwater-Dispersal Trench and Retaining Wall Project:



LACEY NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS DUE: **SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

In 2023, Lacey Neighborhood Associations accomplished some great work, helping make Lacey an even better place to live! Some completed projects include enhancing community parks, removing invasive weeds, maintaining stormwater facilities, securing community mailboxes, and lighting.

To get more information or download an application, visit [CityofLacey.org/HOA](https://CityofLacey.org/HOA) or scan the QR code. You can also contact Jenny Bauersfeld, Community Relations Specialist, at [JBauersf@ci.lacey.wa.us](mailto:JBauersf@ci.lacey.wa.us) or (360) 438-2621.

