DECEMBER 2024

LACEY Life

Shaping our Community Together

Winter magic in Lacey!

UPCOMING EVENTS

To see the complete list of events and check for updates, visit **CityofLacey.org/Events** or scan:

Dec 2 — **Lacey Holiday Lights**
Monday, Dec. 2, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Huntamer Park

Dec 6 — **Signing Santa**
Friday, Dec. 6, 6:30 – 8 p.m.
Chambers Prairie Elementary, Lacey

Dec 12 — **History Talks! First Comes Love**
Thursday, Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Council Chambers & Online

Dec 13 — **Teen Late Night**
Friday, Dec. 13, 7 – 10 p.m.
Chinook Middle School

Dec 20 — **Holiday Market**
Friday, Dec. 20, 3 – 9 p.m.
Community Center

Jan 9 — **History Talks! The Evergreen Ballroom**
Thursday, Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Council Chambers & Online

Jan 24 — **Teen Late Night**
Friday, Jan. 24, 7 – 10 p.m.
Nisqually Middle School

2024 LACEY CITY COUNCIL

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

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LACEY HOLIDAY LIGHTS WILL MAKE YOUR SEASON SHINY AND BRIGHT!

Kick off the holiday season in a very bright way! Join us **Monday, December 2 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Huntamer Park** for our new event: **Lacey Holiday Lights**, sponsored by Interstate Batteries and OBEE Credit Union.

You can enjoy the spectacular lights at Huntamer Park throughout December!

This year, instead of the Lighted Parade, the park will be surrounded with festively decorated vehicles so you can experience the magic up close! You can stroll around the park, enjoy the beautiful displays, and interact with the people, organizations, and businesses. Then, at 6 p.m. the whole park will shine bright when we flip the switch for the **annual lighting of Huntamer Park and trees** — a dazzling sight you don't want to miss!

The excitement doesn't stop there. Throughout December, visit Huntamer Park to enjoy the spectacular, animated lights, listen to holiday music, and snap a selfie or group photo to capture the moment!

For more details, visit **LaceyParks.org/HolidayLights** or scan the QR code.

LACEY MUSEUM'S ON THE MOVE!

The historic Russell House, the Lacey Museum's previous home, will become a dedicated research center where you can explore the museum library, archives, subject files, genealogy collections, and more!

Have you heard the exciting news? The Lacey Museum is moving to a new location and will reopen early next year! (The current site closed in early November.)

Space has always been a challenge for the museum, limiting the exhibits and activities it can host. The new location at the Bell Center on 6th Avenue provides over 1,100 square feet for exhibits, programs, interactive exhibits, events, and other uses. This expanded facility will allow the museum to showcase items that could not be previously displayed.

"Lacey has a rich history we haven't been able to fully show off," said Erin Quinn Valcho, museum curator. "This move will open up a lot of possibilities for the museum. We have a number of fascinating exhibits we can't wait to share with the community."

While the move to a new location is much needed, it is only temporary. The City's efforts to establish a Lacey Museum & Cultural Center next to the Lacey Depot in the Lacey Depot District continue.

To learn more about the Lacey Museum, visit **LaceyMuseum.org** or scan:

LaceyWeekly A NEW WAY TO CONNECT WITH YOUR CITY!

To give you more ways to stay informed about what's happening in Lacey, we've launched LaceyWeekly. It's a weekly email newsletter with updates on City-related topics, including City Council news, community events, jobs, open RFPs/RFQs, community partner news, and more! The email provides a brief overview of various topics with links that take you to more details.

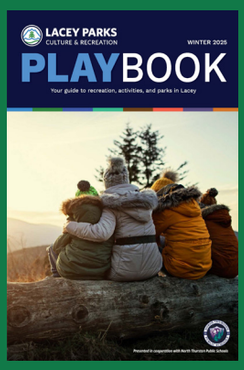
How to Sign up

It's easy to register for LaceyWeekly. We also have a variety of other emails lists you can join, including:

- Various City Newsletters (LaceyLife; Parks, Culture & Recreation; Economic Development, etc.)
- Public Works Projects
- Development Application Notices & Updates
- Road Construction News

... and more!

Visit **CityofLacey.org/Email-Updates** or scan the QR code, select the topics that interest you, provide your name and email, and you're all set!



Winter PLAYbook available online Monday, November 25.

WINTER REGISTRATION OPENS: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 9 AM

Get ready for a great season of programs and activities! Check out the winter offerings in the new Parks, Culture & Recreation (PCR) PLAYbook, available online November 25 at **LaceyParks.org/Playbook** or by scanning the QR code. Then mark your calendar and get ready to register on December 4.

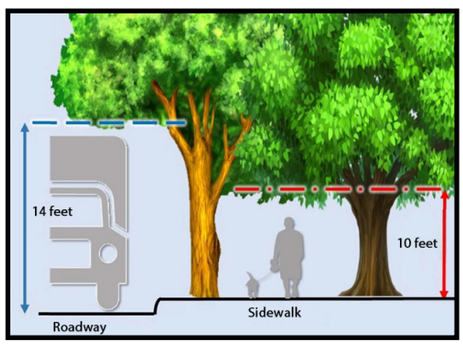
Financial Assistance Available

The PCR financial assistance program awards qualified participants with up to $200 per trimester to be used on any of our available programs for any member of your household. For more details, visit **LaceyParks.org/FA** or call **(360) 491-0857**.

NOW'S THE PERFECT TIME TO TRIM YOUR TREES

Fall and winter are the perfect seasons to prune your trees. If you own property, it's your responsibility to maintain any trees on your land, including those along the strip between the sidewalk and the road, to keep pedestrians and traffic safe. This means trimming branches to at least 10 feet above sidewalks and 14 feet above streets.

As a reminder, with storms and falling leaves, please do not blow leaves into the street. This helps prevent local flooding by keeping storm drains clear of leaves and debris.



Property owners are responsible for the maintainence of the trees on their property.

Learn more about tree standards in the Lacey Municipal Code, Chapter 12.20 by scanning the QR code. You can also get information about tree protection and removal at **CityofLacey.org/Trees**.

Thank you for helping keep the City of Lacey beautiful and a Tree City USA for over 30 years!

SAVE THE DATE!

CHRISTMAS TREE ROUND-UP: SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

The annual Christmas Tree Round-up will take place on **Saturday, January 4** for community members who live in the Lacey city limits. Watch for details in the January newsletter.

LACEY CULTURAL CELEBRATION: APPLY NOW!

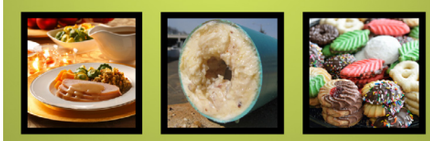
The Lacey Cultural Celebration provides community members an opportunity to experience the diverse sights, sounds, and traditions of various cultures throughout the world. We invite organizations, groups, and businesses to take part in this annual event through performances, interactive activities, and vendor or resource booths. It's a great way to share your heritage and connect with your community.

This year's event takes place on **Saturday, February 1 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Saint Martin's University.**

To learn more and apply, visit **LaceyParks.org/Cultural-Celebration** or scan the QR code.

Don't let FATS, OILS and GREASE ruin your holiday!

Scrape excess food, grease, and sauces into the trash to avoid a plumbing disaster!



LaceyCelebrates!

We take pride in leveraging limited public resources to improve our community. This column highlights projects we've recently completed and other initiatives of community interest.

NEED HELP NAVIGATING HOUSING CONFLICTS? THE CITY'S HERE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT

When it comes to housing issues, sometimes tenants and landlords don't see eye to eye. In these situations, the City's here to help find solutions that keep people in their homes and respect property owners' rights, when necessary. The goal is to balance both party's interests using a voluntary, confidential conflict-resolution process through the **Dispute Resolution Center** (DRC).

For years, the City's partnered with the DRC to help tenants and landlords resolve issues. This year, we expanded this support to HOAs and their members. The City covers all costs for these services.

If you're a tenant, landlord, HOA, or HOA member dealing with conflict, contact the Dispute Resolution Center at **Info@MediateThurston.org** or **(360) 956-1155** to explore your options.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

The national 988 Lifeline is a network of local crisis centers that provides free, confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. **The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling or texting 988.**

Thanks to support from the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs, we plan to add 988 decals to the license plates of all our fleet vehicles to help raise awareness about this life-saving program, especially for Service Members, Veterans, and their families.