

LACEY & Life

Shaping our Community Together

Reflections on Longs Pond



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 serving you in 2025.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Please check our website or Facebook page for updates.

Jan 9 History Talks! The Evergreen Ballroom

Thursday, Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Council Chambers & Online

Jan 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

Monday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Woodland Creek Community Park

Jan 24 Teen Late Night

Friday, Jan. 24, 7 – 10 p.m.
Nisqually Middle School

Feb 1 Lacey Cultural Celebration

Saturday, Feb. 1, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saint Martin's University

Feb 13 History Talks! Who was O.C. Lacey?

Thursday, Feb. 13, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Council Chambers & Online

Feb 28 Teen Late Night

Friday, Feb. 28, 7 – 10 p.m.
Salish Middle School

2025 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

CONNECT:

NEW! LACEY COMMUNITY ACADEMY: LEARN THE INS AND OUTS OF YOUR COMMUNITY

The City continually looks for new ways to engage with our community, increase transparency, and encourage open, two-way communication. To further enhance this connection, we invite you to take part in our first-ever Lacey Community Academy — an interactive, hands-on program designed to deepen your understanding of how your city operates.

Lacey Community Academy attendees will:

- Learn about the City's government, including operations, services, ways to get involved, etc.
- Interact with City Councilmembers, City leaders and staff, and other civic-minded residents
- See tax dollars invested in the community
- Enjoy behind-the-scenes tours of City facilities ... and more!

This 6-week course runs from the end of February through March, with a recognition event at an April City Council meeting. To participate, you must be 18 or older and live in the City of Lacey or its Urban Growth Area.

How to Apply

Don't miss this unique opportunity to connect with your city like never before! The application period is open January 1–31, 2025. Visit CityofLacey.org/LCA or scan the QR code to learn more and apply.



The Lacey Community Academy offers classroom style learning and hands-on experiences.

Apply today!

HELP CREATE SAFER ROADWAYS IN LACEY

The City is dedicated to making our streets safer for everyone, no matter how you travel.

We are developing a **Safety Action Plan (SAP)** to help improve transportation safety in our City and need your input. **Please take our short survey**, now through January 14, to help us understand road safety issues and find effective ways to address them.

To take the survey and learn more about the SAP and how it will help the City pursue additional federal funding for important safety improvement projects, visit CityofLacey.org/SAP or scan the QR code.

Watch for more ways to get involved as we develop the SAP.



Lacey Celebrates!

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.

CHARGE! NEW EV CHARGERS READY FOR USE

The wait is over! The public now has access to 6 DC FAST electric vehicle (EV) chargers at the Regional Athletic Complex and 4 level-2 chargers at City Hall. We plan to add 1 DC FAST charger to City Hall in the near future.

To access the chargers, you can pay with a credit card or use the Chargepoint app available for your smartphone. If you use the app, it will give you handy, up-to-date information on your charging session.

The current EV charging rates are:

- Level-2 charger, \$0.19 per kWh
- DC FAST charger, \$0.35 per kWh

EV chargers will also be added at the Lacey Timberland Library and Lacey Community Center. Watch for more information coming soon.



The new DC FAST chargers reduce your vehicle charge time to an hour or less!

WE UPDATED OUR LOGO!

We're excited to unveil our refreshed logo! This updated design honors our past, while capturing the energy and spirit that makes Lacey a wonderful place to live, work, and play. Look for the updated logo on City materials, signage, and online platforms soon.



CHRISTMAS TREE ROUND-UP: A GREAT COMMUNITY SERVICE

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 4**, 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.**



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



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.

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

For more information, including other ways to recycle your tree and how to find out if your address is in the city limits, visit **CityofLacey.org/Holiday-Tree-Roundup.**



2025 NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT PROGRAM OPENS JANUARY 6

Starting January 6, formal HOAs and informal neighborhoods located in the city limits are invited to apply for the Lacey Neighborhood Grant Program. This matching-grant program awards up to \$2,500 for projects that foster community pride, beautify the city, and expand community member involvement.

To get more details or apply, visit **CityofLacey.org/HOA** or scan:



LACEY CULTURAL CELEBRATION: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Explore the world at the **Lacey Cultural Celebration** sponsored by **TwinStar Credit Union**. This FREE, family-friendly event honoring the diverse cultures of the world takes place **Saturday, February 1** from **10 a.m. – 6 p.m.** at **Saint Martin's University**.

Throughout the day, attendees can experience the sights, sounds, and traditions of various cultures. You can watch live performances including music, dance, and more; visit with members of cultural clubs and organizations; and kids can play fun and educational interactive games. You can also shop with vendors selling a variety of merchandise and purchase delicious foods from around the world.

If you want to step away from the noise and activities of the event, visit the sensory space that allows you to regulate, reset, and return to the fun.

For more details, visit **LaceyParks.org/Cultural-Celebration** or scan:



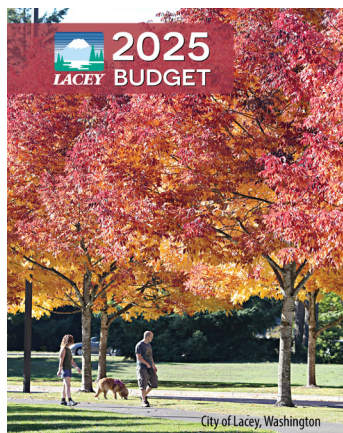
SAVE THE DATE!

LACEY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, Feb. 12 | 6 - 8 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

Stop by the drop-in style open house to learn more about the Comprehensive Plan, initial community feedback from the survey, and next steps.

Watch for more details in the next newsletter. Learn more at **CityofLacey.org/CompPlan.**



CITY OF LACEY 2025 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.

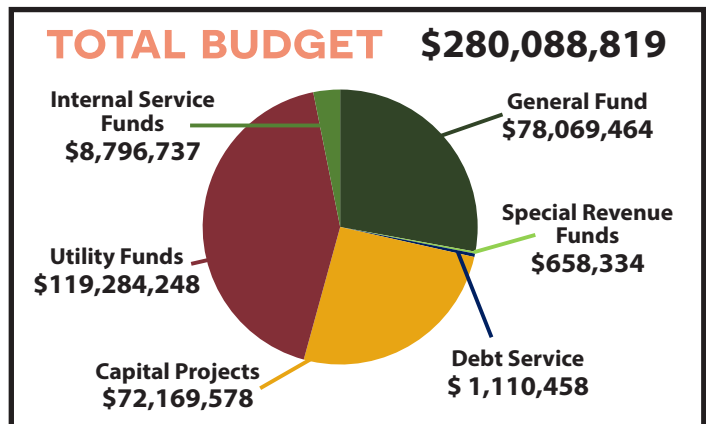
The 2025 Budget:

- Maintains existing services, focuses on community priorities, 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 and training facility, the first expansion of City facilities since 2008.
- Includes planned investments and measures to continue a sustainable and resilient organization and community.



2025 BUDGET PROJECTS & PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- New Police Station & Training Center Second Year Construction
- Cuoio Park Phase 1A Construction
- Regional Athletic Complex Phase 3 Design
- EV Chargers
- College St. NE Extension
- College St. & 16th Ave. Roundabout Design
- College St. & 29th Ave. Roundabout Design
- Street Overlay Project Design and Construction (Transportation Benefit District Funds), including sections of: 6th Ave., 8th Ave., Britton Pkwy. & Gateway Blvd. Roundabout, sidewalk repair, and crack sealing.



To view the full 2025 Budget, visit **CityofLacey.org/Budget** or scan the QR code above.

