

# LACEY Life

SPRING 2013

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

### **MAY 04** Lacey Alternative Energy Fair

Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
at Huntamer Park in Woodland Square | [more inside >>](#)

### **MAY 11** Mother Daughter Tea Party

Saturday, May 11, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
at Jacob Smith House

### **MAY 18/19** Lacey Spring Fun Fair

Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. &  
Sunday, May 19, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
at St. Martin's University grounds

### **JUN 01** National Trails Day

Saturday, June 1, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
at Woodland Creek Community Park

### **JUN 01** Mom & Son Pirate Palooza

Saturday, June 1, 1 - 4 p.m.  
at Woodland Creek Community Park

### **JUN THROUGH AUG** Children's Entertainment Series

Tuesdays, June 25 - Aug. 6, 6:30 p.m.  
at Huntamer Park in Woodland Square

### **JUN THROUGH AUG** Lacey in Tune Summer Concerts

Wednesdays, June 26 - Aug. 7, 12 p.m.  
Saturdays, July 13 - Aug. 10, 7 p.m.  
at Huntamer Park in Woodland Square

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*Shaping our Community Together*

## SENIOR CENTER DEDICATES RECENTLY EXPANDED BUILDING

*Additional building space, increased capacity for seniors*



City officials and supporters gather to cut the ceremonial ribbon at the Lacey Senior Center Dedication Ceremony. Pictured left to right: Kate Greene, Jim Pitchford, Greg Cuoio, Ron Lawson, Andy Ryder, Lori Flemm, Mayor Virgil Clarkson, Jeff Gadman, Roel van der Lugt, Lenny Greenstein, Cynthia Pratt, Scott Spence, Eileen McKenzie Sullivan, Karen Larkin, and Ron Harpel.

Hundreds of area residents eagerly attended the recent Dedication Ceremony for the newly expanded Lacey Senior Center. The expansion doubled the size of the original center and includes increased capacity in the kitchen, dining, and multi-purpose rooms. In addition, the center now holds additional space for senior health, education, and other services.

The ceremony featured lively entertainment, friendly faces, passionate speakers, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The Lacey Senior Center has had a dramatic increase in patrons since opening in 2003, increasing from 267 now to nearly 1,700.

The project received \$1 million in support from the federal Community Development Block Grant program, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and



Lacey Senior Center recently expanded its building to help meet growing needs.

administered by the Washington State Department of Commerce.

Additional funding was provided by the city, Senior Services for South Sound, the Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging, the Forest Foundation, local businesses, and several hundred individual donors.

For more information about the Lacey Senior Center, please call (360) 407-3967.

## DID YOU KNOW? LACEYLIFE NOW PROVIDES EVEN MORE INFORMATION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS...



LaceyLife is now bringing even more information with just a click! Look for cursor icons and underlines to find out where to click for more information. Check out the [Lacey Parks and Rec Spring brochure](#) to the left. *Internet connection required.*

*\*Expired event links may be disabled*

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## EMPLOYMENT PROCESS GOES GREEN

The employment process for the City of Lacey has just gone a little 'greener.' Actually, with NEOGOV, the City's new online recruitment tool, paper usage for the application process has been dramatically decreased.

Applicants and candidates can now digitize resumes and save for later use with this new secured online system. Internally, the hiring team can view resumes and other documents digitally.

Since 2007, all of Lacey's municipal buildings as well as all city utility systems, parks and recreation facilities, and more than 3,000 street lights are powered by "100 percent green" electrical energy.

For more information about Lacey's sustainability efforts, or to view the new application process, visit our website at [www.ci.lacey.wa.us](http://www.ci.lacey.wa.us).

## LACEY RECEIVES WELLCITY AWARD FROM AWC

*City committed to employee health, well-being*

Lacey has recently been named as a recipient of the WellCity Award from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Employee Benefit Trust. This marks the twelfth consecutive year of attaining the coveted award.

Lacey established its Wellness Program in 1991 in an effort to achieve the highest possible level of employee well-being, both physically and mentally. The program has since partnered with AWC to enhance

program offerings and promote a culture of health within the city.

The AWC WellCity Award is an external standard to measure the success of Lacey's Wellness Program. Lacey met the criteria set forth at the 'excellent' level.

For more information about Lacey's Wellness Program or the AWC WellCity Awards, please contact Robin Quinn-Dowling, Lacey Human Resources, at (360) 456-7787 or [rquinndo@ci.lacey.wa.us](mailto:rquinndo@ci.lacey.wa.us).

## LACEY'S 16TH ANNUAL ALTERNATIVE ENERGY FAIR

*Featuring Grand Prix electric car races and MPG Rally*

The Lacey Alternative Energy Fair is celebrating 16 years showcasing "green" energy—alternative fuels, renewable energy, conservation and efficiency—on Saturday, May 4, 2013, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Huntamer Park in Lacey. The 2013 Alternative Energy Fair features the Lacey Grand Prix electric car races, MPG Rally, entertainment, and innovative alternative energy ideas.

The day's highlight—the Lacey Grand Prix—is an electric car rally where high school teams and hobbyists attempt to drive the most times around the course in one hour with their custom electric cars. Teams from the Northwest region, including River Ridge High School's Electric Vehicle Club, compete in the high school and open divisions. Races begin at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. with an awards ceremony at 3 p.m.

The Lacey MPG Rally features participants driving a preselected ninety mile course in an

attempt receive a better miles per gallon (MPG) rating than the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rating for their vehicle. Registrations will be accepted for the MGP Rally from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m. on the day of the event.

Information and vehicle displays will showcase hybrids, electric, propane, biodiesel, and other energy efficient fuel types and vehicles. Plus, renewable energy ideas such as solar electric and hot water generation will be featured.

The event also includes a visit from Captain Recycle. The captain, piloting his amazing recycle boat, will engage fair attendees with interactive games and activities themed around recycling and conservation.

Visit the city's website at [www.ci.lacey.wa.us/events](http://www.ci.lacey.wa.us/events) or call Lacey Parks and Recreation Department at (360) 491-0857 for more information.

## LACEY NAMED TREE CITY USA

Lacey has once again received the Tree City USA award from the National Arbor Day Foundation — marking the twenty-second consecutive year of attaining the distinction.

Since first earning the honor in 1992, our community has invested over \$3 million on tree planting and care, and provided nearly 25,000 free tree seedlings to residents (many of those seedlings are now over 30 feet tall).

The city is proclaiming the month of April as Arbor Month, and is encouraging residents and businesses to plant and properly care for trees.



## DON'T DRIP AND DRIVE!

The City of Lacey has joined forces with over 80 Puget Sound jurisdictions and the Automotive Service Association (ASA) to offer Lacey and other Puget Sound area residents free vehicle leak checks, valued at up to \$80, during the month of April.

If a leak is found, drivers will receive up to 10 percent off service (up to \$50) to fix the problem, for a total savings of up to \$130 on inspection and repair.

To take advantage of the free inspection for vehicle leaks, make an appointment with one of the local participating ASA automobile repair shops. For a complete list of participating Puget Sound auto shops and additional information about the program, please visit [www.fixcarleaks.org](http://www.fixcarleaks.org).

## POLICE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS

Do you know someone who is interested in a future in law enforcement or looking to help serve the community? The Lacey City Police Department offers volunteer opportunities to various ages and skill sets.

Volunteer positions include the Explorer Post, Reserve Officers, and Senior Patrol. Police Explorers consist of volunteers between the ages of 15 and a half and 21 and offers training and invaluable experience while assisting the Police Department. Reserve Officers must be at least 21 years old and pass certain rigorous tests. They help support the patrol division and may represent the department at events throughout the year. Lacey's Senior Patrol unit consists of varied ages, who are retired or semi-retired and provide crime prevention services.

For those interested, browse to [www.ci.lacey.wa.us](http://www.ci.lacey.wa.us) and click on "[Volunteer Positions](#)," under the Police Department or call (360) 459-4333.



## SPRING CLEAN UP

With the gloom of winter in the past and summer on the horizon, spring is the perfect time to go assess your household needs. There are a variety of ways to clean up, recycle items, and get ready for the coming season.

### Community Garage Sale

Secondhand Safari, Thurston County Fair's Spring community garage sale and refuse sale event, will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Thurston County Fair Grounds. The event features garage sale and informational booths, book and magazine exchanges, music, and more. Browse to [www.co.thurston.wa.us/fair](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/fair) for more information.

### Household Items

Too good to throw away? Consider posting them on the reusable household goods and building materials website offered by the state Department of Ecology. For information, browse to [www.2good2toss.com](http://www.2good2toss.com) and click on "Thurston County."

### Hazardous Materials

For products with labels that say "poison" or "hazardous," HAZO HOUSE at the Thurston County Waste and Recovery Center provides environmentally safe and convenient disposal free of charge. Browse to [www.co.thurston.wa.us/solidwaste/hazardous/haz-home.htm](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/solidwaste/hazardous/haz-home.htm), or call (360) 867-2491, for hours and information.

### Junk Vehicles

Within the City of Lacey, storage of an unlicensed or inoperable vehicle is prohibited unless the vehicle is completely enclosed or screened from view from the street as well as all neighboring properties. To report a junk vehicle, call (360) 491-5642. Most local junk yards can assist owners in making low-cost disposal arrangements.

### Graffiti

Lacey Municipal Code requires property owners to remove any graffiti in a timely manner. If you need help with graffiti removal, volunteers are available to assist. Call the Lacey Police Department at (360) 459-4333 for more information.

## YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES SOUGHT FOR CITY BOARD

The Lacey City Council is seeking volunteers 16 to 18 years of age to serve as youth representatives on the Lacey Parks Board, Historical Commission, and Library Board. The youth representatives, appointed by the Mayor with confirmation by Council, are full voting members.

Eligible candidates must be enrolled as a junior or senior in a public, private, or home school within the North Thurston

Public Schools District, and reside within Lacey or the Lacey Urban Growth Area. Terms of office are September to September.

Application materials are available at high school career centers and online at [www.ci.lacey.wa.us](http://www.ci.lacey.wa.us) under "[Boards and Commissions](#)." For information, please contact Peri Edmonds, (360) 438-2620.

## DID YOU KNOW? ENERGY AND MONEY SAVING KITS ARE AVAILABLE FOR FREE

Did you know that Lacey's Public Works Department offers special kits and rebates to save you money? Commercial and residential indoor and outdoor valves are available! View offers online at [www.ci.lacey.wa.us/water-conservation](http://www.ci.lacey.wa.us/water-conservation).



## LACEY DEPARTMENTS: PHONE DIRECTORY

### LACEY CITY HALL

420 College Street S.E. Lacey, WA 98503

### CITY COUNCIL (360) 491-3214

Virgil Clarkson, Mayor  
Jason Hearn, Deputy Mayor  
Jeff Gadman, Lenny Greenstein,  
Ron Lawson, Cynthia Pratt, Andy Ryder

### CITY MANAGER (360) 491-3214

Scott Spence

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (360) 491-5642

Rick Walk, Director

### FINANCE (360) 491-3212

Troy Woo, Director

### PARKS AND RECREATION (360) 491-0857

Lori Flemm, Director

### POLICE DEPARTMENT (360) 459-4333

Dusty Pierpoint, Chief

### PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RESOURCES (360) 491-3214

Liz Gotelli, Director

### PUBLIC WORKS (360) 491-5600

Scott Egger, Director

Lacey City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, except in November and December, when it meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month.

## LACEY SERVICES: PHONE DIRECTORY

### ANIMAL SERVICES (360) 352-2510

### COMMUNITY CENTER (360) 412-3191

### INTERCITY TRANSIT (360) 786-8585

### LACEY JOB LINE (360) 491-3213

### LACEY LIBRARY (360) 491-3860

### LACEY MUSEUM (360) 438-0209

### SENIOR CENTER (360) 407-3967

## LACEY EMERGENCIES: PHONE DIRECTORY

### CRIMESTOPPERS (360) 493-2222

### EMERGENCY 911

### LACEY FIRE DISTRICT (360) 491-2410

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## THE CITY OF LACEY CARES!

We want to hear from you. Please send us any comments or suggestions on how we can better serve you and our community.

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## RED CROSS OFFERS PREPAREDNESS TRAININGS

The American Red Cross Western Washington Chapters are now offering online preparedness trainings for both individuals and groups in our community. Various sessions are offered through live webinars and recorded trainings throughout the year, each focussing on different preparedness topics.

All webinars begin at 10:30 a.m. and are free. Other upcoming trainings include pet preparedness, summer safety, fireworks safety, flood safety, and travel safety.

For more information or to register for

### *Upcoming Trainings*

*May 15..... Pet Preparedness*

*June 12..... Summer Safety*

*July 2..... Fireworks Safety*

*Aug. 14..... Workplace Hazards*

trainings, visit [www.safeinthesound.org/get-trained/e-learning](http://www.safeinthesound.org/get-trained/e-learning).

## DID YOU KNOW? LACEY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE TELEVISED AND ARCHIVED

Did you know that the Lacey City Council meeting are televised live? Thurston County TV (TCTV) films and broadcasts the meetings; they can be viewed live on TCTV's channel or from our website. Past meetings are also archived on our website. Visit the [City Council Meetings](#) portion of our website for information.