

LACEY Life

SPRING 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

APR 23 Lacey Family Fish-In

Saturday, April 23 at Long's Pond, Woodland Creek Community Park (times are assigned upon registration)

APR 23 Earth Day Project at Wonderwood Park

Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Wonderwood Park (pre-register by 12:00 noon, April 22)

MAY 07 Lacey S.T.E.M. Fair

Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Huntamer Park in Woodland Square

MAY 21/22 Lacey Spring Fun Fair

Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday, May 22, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Saint Martin's University

MAY 21/22 Lacey in Tune Entertainment Series

Children's Entertainment Series:
Tuesdays, June 21 - Aug. 2, 6:30 p.m.

Summer Concerts in the Park:
Wednesdays, June 22- Aug. 3, noon
Saturdays, July 16 - Aug. 6, 7 p.m.

Movies at Dusk:
Saturdays, July 9 to Aug. 6, Dusk

The Spring Parks & Rec brochure is out & available on our website!



Connect with us www.ci.lacey.wa.us

Shaping our Community Together

LACEY CITY COUNCIL "HITS THE ROAD" IN MAY, COMING NEAR YOU!



The City of Lacey will be continuing to host a number of "Council on the Road" worksessions throughout 2016 to provide an opportunity for the community to meet and engage with city Councilmembers. The first date that Council hits the road this year will be Thursday, May 19, at the Virgil Clarkson Senior Center, 6757 Pacific Ave SE, beginning at 7 p.m.

Come meet your Councilmembers, enjoy some refreshments, and engage in a community conversation about a potential

Transportation Benefit District (TBD) in Lacey. The TBD will:

- Provide funds to maintain Lacey's 375 miles of roadway.
- Increase sales tax by 2/10 of one percent sales tax.
- Be taken to a vote of the people in 2017.

For more information, contact Lacey Public Affairs at publicaffairs@ci.lacey.wa.us or visit www.ci.lacey.wa.us/council-on-the-road.

SECOND ANNUAL HOMEOWNER'S ACADEMY TO BE HELD IN JUNE

The second annual HOA Academy will be held at the Lacey Community Center on Saturday, June 4, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This conference-style event is for board members and managers from local homeowner's associations. Guest speakers will share their expertise in a variety of sessions including:

- Congratulations You're a Board Member – Now What Do You Do?
- The Goldilocks Question – Are Our Dues

Too High, Too Low, or Just Right?

- Know When to Hire a Professional - Five Things Every Board Should Consider.
- Plus, many more presentations on finances, laws, rules, and communication!

In addition to educational sessions, the conference will feature trade show booths and a networking lunch. Pre-registration is required. Sign-up forms and more details are available at www.ci.lacey.wa.us/HOA.

JOIN OUR COMPASSION NETWORK...AND TAKE THE PLEDGE TO SHOW COMPASSION IN ACTION!



The City of Lacey has signed the International Charter for Compassion and is building a community-driven Compassion Action Network! Visit our website to learn how to be a part of the compassion movement!

www.ci.lacey.wa.us/compassion

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LACEY SPRING FUN FAIR ROLLS BACK AROUND

Join us for two days of FREE FUN for everyone!

Lacey's Spring Fun Fair is quickly approaching! This free, fun, family event is two days long, with dates this year of Saturday, May 21, and Sunday, May 22. The tradition will continue at Saint Martin's University, located in the heart of Lacey.

This year's Fun Fair includes pony rides, games, and live stage entertainment, as well as arts and crafts, and food vendors. Plus, the annual car show is all day on Sunday. Be sure to be there at 12 noon on Saturday, as the Fun Fair Parade winds through the fair with bands, costume characters, and more ... all celebrating the sights and sounds of spring!

Visit www.laceyspringfunfair.com for more details on this event!

FUN FAIR DAYS & TIMES

Saturday, May 21: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, May 22: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

2016 HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- **Exciting New Rides:** In addition to the popular Pony Rides, Pirate's Revenge, Fun Fair Circus Train, and various obstacles courses we are pleased to introduce: Ballistic Swings, Cliff Jump Jr., the Jurassic Adventure Playground, and a 3-story slide.
- **Fun Fair Family Parade:** 12 p.m., Saturday
- **Mariner's Moose:** 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Saturday
- **Rhubarb the Reindeer:** 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday
- **Car Show:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday
- **Talent Show:** 2 p.m., Sunday

The sun is finally peeking through the clouds (sometimes), and our lawns and soils are waking up. This means it's time to start thinking about lawn care. If lawns are not cared for properly, harmful pesticides, concentrated fertilizers, and grass clippings can wash off into storm drains that lead to our local waterways and Puget Sound.

Natural lawn care is easy! Here are two tips to help get you started.

1. Aerate your lawn

Let it breathe. Aerating improves root development by allowing air and water to soak more deeply into soil. If there's more water soaking in, there's less water running off.

2. Choose your fertilizer with care!

Look for slow-release, organic fertilizer. This type "releases" nutrients at a rate which your lawn can use them, that way there are no excess chemicals washing into our local waterways. Always read the instructions on fertilizer to learn how much to use on your lawn.

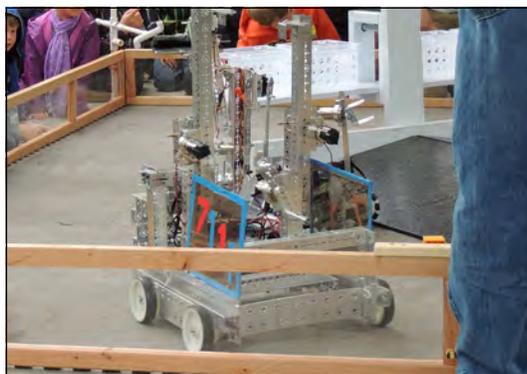
You can find more tips at www.streamteam.info/actions/lawncare.

S.T.E.M. FAIR TO FEATURE TEAMS THROUGHOUT COUNTY

Lacey's S.T.E.M. Fair is just around the corner, showcasing school clubs and teams from all over Thurston County! The event will be held on Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Huntamer Park in Lacey — and it's FREE!

What is S.T.E.M.? It stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics and it is the future! Don't miss this fun event, featuring S.T.E.M. projects, hands-on activities for kids, demonstrations, displays, and more!

Visit the city's website at www.ci.lacey.wa.us/events or call Lacey Parks and



Recreation Department at (360) 491-0857 for more information.

SEEKING YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES

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.

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. Applications will be accepted through June 30th. Terms of office are September to September.

Application materials are available at high school career centers and online at www.ci.lacey.wa.us under "[Boards and Commissions](#)." For information, please contact Jenny Bauersfeld at (360) 413-4387, or by email at jbauersf@ci.lacey.wa.us.

TEXTING 9-1-1, THURSTON 9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS



CALL IF YOU CAN, TEXT IF YOU CAN'T
TCOMM 911 now offers text to 9-1-1 service. Text to 9-1-1 is not a replacement to a voice call to 9-1-1 in an emergency situation, but rather as an enhancement

to reach 9-1-1 services in specific situations, such as:

- The caller is hearing/voice impaired.
- A medical emergency that renders the person incapable of speech.
- When speaking out loud would put the caller in danger, such as a home invasion, domestic violence situation, or an active shooter scenario.
- Any other emergency that makes it impossible to speak out loud.

Visit www.tcomm911.org for more information.



CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY AND EARTH DAY WITH LACEY!

Lacey has been designated as a Tree City USA, and is proclaiming the month of April as Arbor Month, encouraging residents and businesses to plant and properly care for trees. We recently had a seedling giveaway, and will offer a volunteer planting party in celebration of Earth Day.

Earth Day Planting Party at Wonderwood Park

Celebrate Earth Day 2016 by working alongside others pulling invasive plants in the wooded area of Wonderwood Park on Saturday, April 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers are encouraged to pre-register before noon on Friday, April 22. All volunteers should wear appropriate clothing such as work gloves, sturdy shoes or boots, and bring rain gear, if needed. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own drinking water, the parks department will provide the necessary tools.

DID YOU KNOW?

Lacey has once again received the **Tree City USA** award from the National Arbor Day Foundation — marking the twenty-fifth consecutive year of attaining the distinction. Since first earning the honor in the early 1990's, Lacey has invested over \$6 million on its tree planting and care programs, and distributed almost 30,000 free tree seedlings to residents. Lacey also features nearly 6,000 formal street trees along its roadways and boulevards.



GET READY FOR THE LACEY FAMILY FISH IN!

The fish are jumping at Longs Pond! This year's Lacey Family Fish-In will be on Saturday, April 23 at Long's Pond, located at Woodland Creek Community Park.

This event is for kids ages five to 14 years old, and is designed to encourage fishing as a family activity. Many volunteers are onsite to help teach fishing basics. Pre-registration and a \$5 fee is required; registration forms are available online at www.ci.lacey.wa.us.

The fee includes a rod and reel to

keep. Forms are available online at www.ci.lacey.wa.us/events or call Lacey Parks and Recreation Department at (360) 491-0857. Please be advised that space is limited.

Offered in cooperation with Capital City Bass Club, Go Play Outside Washington, Puget Sound Anglers, South Sound Fly Fishers, Trout Unlimited, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, Cabela's, and Zebco.



LACEY DEPARTMENTS: PHONE DIRECTORY

- LACEY CITY HALL**
420 College Street SE Lacey, WA 98503
- CITY COUNCIL** (360) 491-3214
Andy Ryder, Mayor
Cynthia Pratt, Deputy Mayor
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- CITY MANAGER** (360) 491-3214
Scott Spence
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** (360) 491-5642
Rick Walk, Director
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- PARKS AND RECREATION** (360) 491-0857
Lori Flemm, Director
- POLICE DEPARTMENT** (360) 459-4333
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- 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.

SERVICES IN LACEY: PHONE DIRECTORY

- ANIMAL SERVICES** (360) 352-2510
- COMMUNITY CENTER** (360) 412-3191
- INTERCITY TRANSIT** (360) 786-8585
- LACEY LIBRARY** (360) 491-3860
- LACEY MUSEUM** (360) 438-0209
- LACEY VETERANS SERVICES OFFICE** [WWW.CI.LACEY.WA.US/VETERANS](http://www.ci.lacey.wa.us/veterans)
- VIRGIL S. CLARKSON SENIOR CENTER** (360) 407-3967



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www.ci.lacey.wa.us

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.

Name _____

Address _____

Drop-off or mail to City of Lacey, 420 College Street SE, Lacey, WA 98503
or email comments to publicaffairs@ci.lacey.wa.us

The City of Lacey has a policy of non-discrimination based on disability for providing equal access to its services and programs. If you need to receive this newsletter in another format, please contact the City Clerk at (360) 491-3214; TDD Relay (800) 833-6388.

SPRING CLEAN UP TIPS



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

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 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,

or call (360) 867-2491, for hours and information.

Clean carpets once a year
Stream Team recommends cleaning carpets at least once per year to eliminate pollutants, prevent mold growth, and reduce allergens from dust mites. You'll want to properly dispose the dirty water: If connected to the sanitary sewer system, you can dump the water down a sink, toilet, bathtub, or shower drain. If on a septic system, do not dump down the drain because it can harm your septic system. Instead, dump the water in the lawn or flower garden.

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.