LYNNWOOD’S 50TH BIRTHDAY BASH
BIRTHDAY TRADITIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD
Free • Wednesday, April 21st • 4pm-8pm
Lynnwood Convention Center
• Birthday Cake
• Ethnic Food Samples
• Music & Dance Entertainment
• Crafts & Games
• Cultural Suitcases
• Seahawks Mascot Blitz Appearance
• Former Miss Washington Tina Marie Mares

Spring Clean-Up Coming this May!
Did you know that during the week of May 3 if you live in a single-family house within the Lynnwood city limits you can participate in the city’s Spring Clean-Up?
During the week of May 3, on their regular garbage day, single-family residents can place unwanted household clutter and yard waste on their curb for no extra charge*. Unwanted major appliances can also be picked up if pre-payment is arranged at City Hall.
Details will be mailed to homes in Lynnwood prior to the event. Look for the bright yellow flyer.
Spring Clean-Up Drop-Off Event Saturday, May 8
All residents, including those living in apartments and condominiums, can bring and drop-off their household clutter, yard waste and scrap metal at no cost*. Major appliances will be accepted for a fee.
*Limits and restriction on the amounts and types of materials.
Questions about Spring Clean-Up? Call 425-670-5244 or look for Spring Clean-Up 2010 on the city’s website.
Your Elected Officials

**Don Gough**  
**Mayor**  
dgough@ci.lynnwood.wa.us  
Mayor Gough served for 10 years (1995-2005) on the City Council, including a term as Council President. Mayor Gough was elected to serve as Mayor in 2005 and re-elected in 2009. Mayor Gough serves on the Snohomish County Tomorrow Board as Vice Chair. Mayor Gough and his wife JoAnn bought their home in Lynnwood in 1983. They celebrated their 30th anniversary in February of this year. They have two children, DeAnn and Justin, both attended Lynnwood High School. DeAnn graduated from Central Washington University with a teaching degree and now teaches for the Edmonds School District, she currently teaches at the elementary school she attended. Justin graduated from the University of Washington and works for a major medical courier company in marketing and sales. Justin also owns his own silk screening business.

**Stephanie Wright**  
**Council Vice President**  
swright@ci.lynnwood.wa.us  
Council Member Wright was elected to the City Council in 2008, and she is currently serving her second term as Council Vice President. Council Member Wright chairs the Audit and Insurance Committee, is an alternate for the Snohomish County Tomorrow Board, Serves on the Lynnwood Public Facilities Board and is a Representative of the Housing Consortium. Council Member Wright lives in Lynnwood with her husband Richard and son Quincy. She is a fourteen year resident of Lynnwood and a life-long resident of Snohomish County.

**Kimberly Cole**  
**Council Member**  
kcole@ci.lynnwood.wa.us  
Council Member Cole was elected to City Council in November of 2009. She currently serves on the Library Board, the SnoCom Board, and Lynnwood’s alternate to the Community Transit Board. Council Member Cole also sits on the board of Stevens Hospital, chairing the 2010 Quality Committee. Council Member Cole grew up locally and is an independent parent to her son Aiden.

**Ted Hikel**  
**Council President**  
thikel@ci.lynnwood.wa.us  
Currently serving his fifth term on the City Council, Council President Hikel was first elected in 1969. After a 20-year absence, Council President Hikel was again elected to the council in 1999 and re-elected in 2003 and 2007. Ted currently serves as Council President, liaison to the Planning Commission, Board Member of SnoCom (911 Emergency Telephone System), Board Member of Community Transit and Lynnwood representative to the South County Cities Alliance. Council President Hikel’s wife Beverly moved to Lynnwood in 1970 after they were married.

**Kerri Lonergan**  
**Council Member**  
klonergan@ci.lynnwood.wa.us  
Council Member Lonergan was elected to the Lynnwood City Council in November of 2009. A native of the Northwest (not counting the two years she lived in the Chicago area after her birth), she is a twenty-year resident of Lynnwood. Council Member Lonergan joined her family’s restaurant business, and has been a co-owner of Lombardi’s Italian Restaurants.
Your Mayor and City Council

since 1998, serving as Vice President/Corporate Controller. Council Member Lonergan currently serves on the Audit committee and the Parks and Recreation Board. Kerri has one son Tyler, and lives with her fiancee Mark.

**Loren Simmonds**
**Council Member**
lisimmonds@ci.lynnwood.wa.us
Council Member Simmonds was elected to the City Council in 1999. He is currently serving in his 11th consecutive year - mid way through his 3rd term. His peers on the Council elected him Council President from 2005-2008. Loren currently chairs the Lynnwood Tourism Advisory Commission, serves as the Council liaison to the Neighborhood and Demographic Diversity Advisory Commission and the Disability Board plus being a founding member of the Lynnwood Parks Foundation Board. He is a strong advocate for citizen participation in local government. He truly believes that Lynnwood is OUR community and we must ALL share in the responsibility for its well being. He invites you to call, write, or e-mail him with your positive suggestions and legitimate concerns. Our community is his passion.

**Mark Smith**
**Council Member**
marksmith@ci.lynnwood.wa.us
Mark grew up in Lynnwood and graduated from Lynnwood High School (’79) and the University of Washington (’86). Since then, his love of travel and adventure, first developed as a Rotary Club high school exchange student to Japan, has taken him to over 50 countries in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe. He settled in Japan in 1994 where he was a university lecturer in English and American Studies until his return to Lynnwood in early 2004. Having lived in two of the richest countries in the world and traveled in some of the poorest, Mark is dedicated to making a positive difference in people’s lives. Mark was elected to the Council in 2005 and served four years on the city’s Audit & Insurance Committee, and as liaison to the Public Facilities District. He currently serves as liaison to the Arts Commission. Mark and his wife Miho live with their children, Raymond age 8 and Hannah age 9, near Meadowdale High School.

**Jim Smith**
**Council Member**
jimsmithcfi@msn.com
Council Member Smith is the senior member of the City Council, currently serving his 22nd year. He has been a Lynnwood business owner for over thirty-five years. Currently Council Member Smith is a mortgage/financial manager and owns Pacific Aero Aviation LLC. In addition to brokering aircraft and giving flight instruction to Commercial, Private and Student Pilots as an FAA Certified Flight Instructor, he is a Single and Multi-engine Commercial Pilot, Instrument rated. Council Member Smith has four daughters (Becky, Jennifer, Jamie and Ashley) and is married to Sherry. He and Sherry live in the Lynndale area of Lynnwood with Bear, the family dog
Why does it matter if I'm counted?
Community planners and governments rely on census data to make the case for providing critical social services and funding for community programs that affect your quality of life. Census data also helps determine the distribution of federal funds for community services.

Is it safe to participate in the census?
Yes! By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with anyone, including the Internal Revenue Service, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Central Intelligence Agency or any other government agency.

What kind of assistance is available to help people complete the form?
Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QAC) will be available to support those unable to read or understand the form. Language Assistance Guides will be available at all QAC locations in 59 languages.

The Lynnwood Library has been designated as a QAC site.
If you do not receive a questionnaire in the mail, you can pick one up at any Be Counted Site, and also drop off your completed questionnaire. Lynnwood City Hall, Fire Station 15 and the Lynnwood Senior Center are designated as Be Counted Sites.

For more information visit www.2010.census.gov.

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Public Artist Reception at the Lynnwood Convention Center

Did you know you can walk into the Lynnwood Convention Center and see amazing artwork by local and regional artists? We invite you to visit the center and view the artwork anytime during business hours. An artist reception is planned for Wednesday, April 14 from 6-8 PM. Refreshments will be served and a tour of the artwork will begin at 6:30 PM. For more details visit www.LynnwoodArts.org

Artists on exhibit are:
Damon Conklin – oil paintings
Ann Maki – fiber art
Stan Raucher – photography
Fran Holt – oil paintings
Dina Potter – acrylic paintings

Art Exhibit by Lynnwood High School Students

The Lynnwood Arts Commission is hosting an art exhibit at the Lynnwood Library Gallery featuring artwork by Lynnwood High School Students. The exhibit will run from March 19 – April 22 and will feature a variety of mediums from paintings to pottery.

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Ride the bus, carpool, vanpool, bike or walk on 164th Street, 128th Street or 20th Street and you could win $1,000!

Learn more and sign up at www.communitytransit.org/CurbIt.
CurbIt@commtrans.org • (425) 438-6136

Curb the Congestion!}

Curb the Congestion is funded by Snohomish County through development mitigation fees and federal grants.
Matching Grants At Work in Your Neighborhood!

As Spring approaches, it’s the perfect time to get together with family, friends, and neighbors to brainstorm and plan a project in your neighborhood — and the city could potentially match your volunteer labor up to $2,500! Now in its second year, the Neighborhood Matching Grant Program supports projects and activities that residents organize to bring people together to enhance and beautify neighborhoods, or projects that promote the general interest, health and well-being of our neighborhood.

Lynnwood Community. Heidi Phillips from the Halls Lake Neighborhood wanted to improve her local park. After working with her neighbors, and with the City’s Parks & Recreation staff, Heidi requested a matching grant from the Office of Neighborhoods and Community Affairs to add some finishing touches to the park. Through a simple application process, Heidi asked the city for a small grant. “I thought it would be a great touch to add something unique to our neighborhood park and to have something that our kids could grow up and learn to appreciate what hard work can do for a community by seeing their creations in their park.” Heidi organized a date for her neighbors to meet at Kids N Clay to create tiles that would be placed on display in the park. Heidi said she “was thrilled that Lynnwood offered a community grant program that could help us put our ideas of what we wanted into our community happen a little easier. Our park is now finished and has all our beautiful tiles that really make this a special place in our community. I’m looking forward to utilizing the Grant project funding for other projects that can make our neighborhood a better place.”

Spring 2010 Grants Now Available • Grant Applications Due Monday, April 5
Want to know more? Call the Office of Neighborhoods & Community Affairs at 425-670-5023 or visit www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/Grants

City Center Project Moving Forward

The City Center Plan, adopted in 2005, is a 20-year plan that envisions an urban center of 9.1 million square feet with office, retail, and housing. The City Center Plan encompasses the area generally bounded on the north by 194th St, the east and south by I-5, and the west by 48th Ave W.

Technical studies have been completed and the city is moving forward to set the foundation to achieve the goals in the plan and position itself for future redevelopment. City Council will be receiving briefings over the next several months regarding the status of the plan.

The goal for development in the city center is to attract and accommodate higher wage employment, enhanced retail opportunities, and quality urban housing in a pedestrian-friendly environment that will be well served by transit and transportation. Mixed-use buildings, plazas, parks, pedestrian amenities and streetscape will make the Lynnwood City Center a gathering spot for residents and visitors.

The City Center Plan came together through a partnership between the community, property owners, businesses, the South Snohomish Chamber of Commerce, and the public sector. Extensive input was received over five years through community outreach, public hearings, and recommendations from the City Center Oversight Committee, the Lynnwood Planning Commission, and the Lynnwood Parks Board.
A recent letter to the Editor of Inside Lynnwood shows the distress of Lynnwood residents who see trees being taken down in the City of Lynnwood. Trees serve a variety of important functions in our urban and natural environment, and our community felt it was necessary to preserve existing trees for future generations, as well as provide a mechanism to ensure that new trees were planted when trees were removed. The environmental and aesthetic benefits to the city and its residents are immeasurable.

So, after a long public process, the city’s tree regulations were updated and became effective March 1, 2004. The tree regulations include a program to designate and protect Heritage Trees, and it created a tree fund that allows citizens to receive grants for tree vouchers to purchase and plant trees. Additionally, we now require removal permits prior to tree removal on all property; including single-family lots. The complete tree ordinance is available on the city’s web site. You will also find information such as tree types, cost of removals, recommended tree planting list, how to designate heritage trees, how to trim trees, and more.

Please note that tree removal requires a permit, even on private property. To learn more about the tree removal process call 425-670-5222 or visit the Permit Center at 4114 198th St SW. If you are interested in learning more about the tree voucher program, call 425-670-5213 or visit City Hall at 19100 44th Ave W.

The City of Lynnwood is a Tree City USA, and greatly appreciates your interest in making Lynnwood a greener environment.

The Lynnwood Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department is looking for playful and energetic team members to work at summer camp. Morning and afternoon shifts available. Apply now for summer position openings. Job announcements and applications are available at http://www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us

Hourly Pay Rate: $10.58 - $11.66
Are You Planning Spring Home Improvements?

Do You Need a Building Permit?

In spring many people plan to start work on home improvement projects, but many are also unaware that they need a building permit for construction activity on their homes, including everything from the installation of electrical circuits to a remodel or new garage.

Why does the City require permits? Permits are a way to ensure that all construction within the city is safe, meets energy standards, and protects property values. The city applies codes that have been adopted by the State of Washington.

There are five main reasons to get a permit:

1. Permits Help to Protect Your Property Value
   Your home or business is an investment. If your construction project does not comply with the adopted codes, the value of your investment could be reduced.

2. Permits Can Save You Time and Money
   Property insurers may not cover damages caused by work done without permits. Permits also help to ensure that the construction is completed correctly the first time, saving time as well as money. You can apply for a permit any time during normal business hours. The Permit Center also offers many permits “over-the-counter” on Tuesday mornings from 9-11 AM. The cost of the permit is based on the value of the work (labor and materials).

3. Permits Make Selling Property Easier
   Many financial institutions will not finance a purchase without proof of a final inspection by the city. If you choose to sell a property that has had modifications without a permit, you may be required to demolish the additions or complete costly repairs.

4. Permitted Projects Improve the Safety of Your Property
   Applying for a permit allows city officials to reduce potential hazards of unsafe construction. By following adopted codes, your completed project will meet minimum safety standards and will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, or to future owners.

5. It’s The Law!
   Construction without a permit is subject to fines and penalties. If you have completed work on your property without realizing you needed a permit, the staff at the Permit Center is here to help. We would rather see a building meet safety standards than fine a property owner who was unaware of the requirements.

If you have questions or concerns about the permitting process call 425-670-5400 or visit the Permit Center at 4114 198th St SW, Suite 7.

Lynnwood Seniors Send Valentine’s to Soldiers with Help of the Crafty Card Club

Staff Sergeant Krish Lalu talks with Crafty Card Club Member Chris Riveland during Lynnwood Senior Center’s Valentine’s Celebration and Service Event where local seniors assembled Valentine’s Cards to be sent to soldiers serving overseas. A total of 218 cards were mailed to two companies from Fort Lewis stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan through contacts found on the website www.AnySoldier.com.

For more information on the Lynnwood Senior Center’s Programs, visit www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/Seniors
North-East-South (NES) Annexation Update

On January 25, 2010, Superior Court Judge Larry McKee-man affirmed the decision by the Boundary Review Board (BRB) for Snohomish County supporting Lynnwood's NES Annexation proposal. The BRB approved Lynnwood's proposal to annex the unincorporated areas north, east and south of the existing city limits in May 2009. The City of Mill Creek appealed the BRB's decision to Superior Court, putting the annexation process "on-hold" and delaying the annexation election. Both Lynnwood and Mill Creek have overlapping annexation plans for a portion of the NES proposal located east of I-5.

The lawsuit claimed that the BRB should have required Lynnwood to stop the annexation at I-5, keeping the Larch Way area out of the annexation and under County jurisdiction. Mill Creek asserted that interstates must be used as annexation boundaries. The judge ruled that Mill Creek's claims had no basis in state law and that Lynnwood had shown that the NES Annexation met the state's objectives for annexations.

The legal process is moving forward, with documents for the Superior Court decision to be filed in early March. After the decision is filed, Mill Creek will have 30 days to appeal. At their February 2, 2010 City Council meeting, the Mill Creek City Council voted to appeal. If that appeal is filed, the annexation process will remain "on-hold" until that appeal is resolved. If no appeal is filed, then the matter will come back to the Lynnwood City Council for a new decision on an election date.

Lynnwood's original plan was to submit the annexation proposal to the voters in April 2010. Due to the delays resulting from Mill Creek's appeal, this is no longer realistic. The Lynnwood City Council will set a new election date when the appeal is resolved.

If you have questions regarding annexation plans, please contact city staff by email at annexation@ci.lynnwood.wa.us or on the Annexation Hotline at 425-670-5449.

City Council Adopts New Ordinance on Code Enforcement

On February 8, 2010, the Lynnwood City Council adopted an ordinance related to vegetation and yard maintenance. This ordinance responds to public comments and concerns regarding this issue.

The vegetation and yard maintenance ordinance declares certain types of uncut and/or unkempt vegetation as a public nuisance. This includes, for instance, uncut and/or unkempt vegetation that creates safety or fire hazards, endangers the health or safety of others, creates pests harborage and/or obstructs sidewalks or streets, including impairing vehicle sight lines. Under the ordinance, unkempt and/or uncut vegetation that results in the degrading of, or which causes a decline in, the character of neighborhoods is also declared to be a public nuisance.

A specific standard for the maintenance of grasses (lawn) on residential properties is adopted under the ordinance. Residential properties with grasses (lawn) not maintained at a height of 8 inches or less constitutes a public nuisance. This provision is intended to provide guidance and support for code enforcement activities in cases where there has clearly been an egregious lack of yard maintenance.

For additional information regarding the vegetation/yard maintenance ordinance, please contact the City of Lynnwood Code Enforcement staff at 425-670-5420.
City Council Changes Rules for Mother-in-Law Apartments

On February 8, 2010, City Council passed an ordinance amending regulations for accessory dwelling units (ADUs), also commonly known as “mother-in-law apartments.” The new rules provide additional flexibility to homeowners who may wish to provide a home for aging relatives, house caretakers, or rent to others to earn extra income.

What is an ADU?
An ADU is a dwelling unit attached to or within the main residence which contains its own sleeping, cooking, living, and bathroom facilities, and is significantly smaller than the main home. ADUs are permitted only on some single-family residential properties in the city. To protect the character of neighborhoods, there are restrictions on size, location and appearance, and property owners are required to live on-site.

Highlights of the New Rules:
• Minimum lot size of 8,400 sq. ft.
• The ADU can be no larger than 800 sq. ft. or 40% of the primary home, whichever is less
• One additional parking space per bedroom required
• One home occupation is allowed per property
• Grandfathering provisions for existing illegal units

Permits for Illegal Units
If you have an ADU that was built without permits, the new rules allow you to bring the unit into compliance for a limited 12-month period without penalty. Homeowners who apply for an ADU permit before mid-February 2011 and who can meet minimum size and life-safety requirements may be granted the right to keep the ADU. To pursue this option, you need to submit an ADU application, request a Minimum Housing Inspection and make corrections as needed to make the unit safe.

Homeowners who do not get a permit for their ADU within the 12-month window will be required to meet all of the requirements for a new ADU or remove the unit and may be subject to fines.

Getting an ADU Permit
If you are interested in building an ADU on your property, getting proper permits for an existing ADU, or would like more information about the new regulations, please contact the Planning Hotline at 425-670-5410 or visit the Permit Center at 4114 198th St SW, Suite 7.

Thank You Parks & Recreation Sponsors and Donors!
Without the generous support of local businesses, many city programs might not exist. Among these are Flashlight Egg Hunt and Bunny Blast (see page 6), WonderStage, Lynnwood Lights and continuing enhancements to city parks, programs for children and the Senior Center.

Thank you to all of our donors!

Alderwood • EvergreenBank
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Leisure Care Brighton Court • Starbucks
Lynnwood Police Officers Association
PEMCO Mutual Insurance • UniBank
PCC Natural Market, Edmonds

New Holiday Inn Express Hotel Opens
The Holiday Inn Express, located at 2515 196th St SW, held their “soft” opening in mid-February. The 80 room hotel is the first addition to Lynnwood’s lodging room inventory in ten years. They will be celebrating their Grand Opening event in March. We welcome the addition of the Holiday Inn Express, which brings the total number of hotel rooms in Lynnwood to 1,375.
City Hall and Traffic Management Center Ribbon Cutting

Grand Opening

Wednesday, March 10 • 3:00 PM
City Hall Lobby

• Tour of the New Facilities
• Presentations by City Staff on New Technologies
• Refreshments

Open to the Public

This Project has a goal of achieving a Silver LEED rating. Features that will contribute to achieving that are: Recycled Demolition Materials, Rain Garden Surface Water Management Feature, Sustainable Forest Products, Energy Efficient HVAC and Electrical Systems, Low-Emitting Interior Finish Materials.

The Traffic Management Center is the state-of-the-art high-tech "nerve center" of Lynnwood's Intelligent Transportation System, which is connected by fibre-optic cable to all 58 traffic light controlled intersections within the City of Lynnwood.

EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

The School District Appreciates Voter Support! Edmonds School District Levy a Success

The Edmonds School District School Programs and Operation Levy was passing at 65 percent in the days following Feb. 9. A simple majority, 50% plus 1 vote, is required for approval on school levies. The District appreciates the community support for this levy, which provides 20% of its general operational budget. “The extent to which the ballot measure was supported is wonderful at any time, and remarkable in this economy,” said Superintendent Nick Brossoit.

Community Budget Meetings Scheduled

The public is welcome to participate in the school district’s community budget meetings. During these meetings, staff will discuss the fiscal impacts to the district’s operational budget for the 2010-11 school year and seek feedback. The meetings will take place:

• Wed, April 7 at 7 PM Meadowdale High School theater
• Wed, April 14 at 4 PM Lynnwood High School theater
• Wed, April 21 at 7 PM Mountlake Terrace High School theater
• Wed, April 28 at 4 PM Edmonds-Woodway High School theater

Spring Break Begins March 29: Edmonds School District schools will be on Spring Break March 29 - April 2.
**Project Highway 99 Moving Forward**

Project Highway 99 is still moving forward. Last year the City began work on a new sub-area plan for the Highway 99 corridor, including the creation of new zoning and design guidelines. Since holding a series of public meetings last spring, the City has been working closely with the consultant, MAKERS, to compile and verify data needed to continue.

Recently, staff has been working closely with MAKERS on preliminary allocations of population and housing units in the planned mixed-use “nodes” along the corridor (216th St SW to 168th St SW). Within a 20-year period, preliminary data projects approximately 3,300 new residential units adjacent to Highway 99 within the present city limits. Approximately two-thirds of the units would occur near the intersections of Highway 99 and 196th St SW. The remainder of the residential relocation would occur in nodes located within walking distance of the SWIFT bus stations.

Tasks have now been assigned to the subconsultants for preparation of the background materials, including estimates for utility improvements, transportation improvements, and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). MAKERS has begun preparation of draft development guidelines and design review guidelines for the corridor.

Following release of a draft EIS in April, a public meeting will be held to receive input regarding the impacts of the development along the corridor. Notices will be sent to the property owners along the corridor and all documents will be available for review on the website, www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/projecthwy99. Final adoption of the Highway 99 development guidelines and regulations is projected to occur this fall following presentations and public hearings by the Planning Commission and City Council. If you have any questions or comments regarding Project Highway 99, please contact Gloria Rivera, Senior Planner at 425-670-5409 or by email at grivera@ci.lynnwood.wa.us.

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**Animal Control Education - ACE**

Officer Bernie Federmeyer asks questions of Ms. O'Loughlin's class during their Animal Control Education (ACE) courses taught to second graders in Lynnwood schools.

The program teaches kids to be responsible pet owners and shows them what it takes to keep their pets happy and healthy. The program includes games, activities, a video and a pet adoption assignment with a pretend furry friend that they have to care for over the course of the three week class. The students named their adopted “pets” and were allowed to keep them at the end of the program. The ACE program will be offered in additional elementary schools in Lynnwood this spring. For more information contact the Lynnwood Police Department at 425-670-5635.

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**Lynnwood Library Events**

- **Beyond the Resume: Social Networking Sites and the Job Search**
  Thu. March 11, 7 PM
- **Lego Mania!**
  Mon. March 29, 2:30-3:30 PM
- **Gardening Fun for Kids**
  Tue. March 30, 2:30-3:30 PM
- **Let’s Build**
  Wed. March 31, 2:30-3:30 PM
- **Flying Toys**
  Thur. April 1, 2:30-3:30 PM
- **Tools for Tough Times: Building Interview Skills**
  Thur. April 8, 7 PM

For more information visit www.sno-isle.org or call 425-778-2148
Volunteer

We Need You!

The City has several Boards & Commissions. Most require that you be a resident of Lynnwood and generally meet once a month.

Here are our current Board & Commission vacancies:

- **Arts Commission**
  Advocate for the arts in our community.
  Meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 PM

- **Historical Commission**
  Recognize and preserve the historical and cultural resources of the City of Lynnwood.
  Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM

- **Library Board**
  Monitor issues that relate to the Lynnwood Library.
  Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1 PM - six times per year

- **Neighborhoods & Demographic Diversity Advisory Commission**
  Monitor demographics, support events and encourage mutual understanding among Lynnwood residents.
  Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 PM

- **Parks & Recreation Board**
  Support recreation facilities, affordable programs, and parks and open spaces within the City of Lynnwood.
  Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 PM

If you are interested in learning more about these great opportunities call 425-670-5023 or email jmoore@ci.lynnwood.wa.us

ACHIEVE Helping to Make Lynnwood a Healthier Community

Lynnwood's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department is doing its best to help fight obesity through a combination of federal grant monies and some strong community based support. Last year, the city received a $30,000 ACHIEVE (Action Communities for Health, Innovation and Environmental Change) grant from the Center for Disease Control and National Recreation and Parks Association. The grant will help to develop policies which can be used to fight the obesity epidemic. According to a recent Snohomish Health District study, Lynnwood has the third highest obesity rating in Snohomish County.

The community is involved in the process through the creation of an action team called CHART. To date, there have been two committees formed; one studying the feasibility of creating a Farmers Market within the city, and another involved in creating a Safe Route to Schools Program which is a direct result of the recent busing policy shift by the Edmonds School District which no longer transports children to school if they live less than one mile from their school.

Both committees are actively pursuing ideas to advance policies which can also be used to secure additional funding. If you are interested in becoming a member of the CHART team, please call the Lynnwood Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department at 425-670-5501.