Emergency Cold Weather Shelter Opens at City Hall

On October 17, 2011, the Lynnwood City Council unanimously approved the use of City Hall's Council Chambers for overnight sheltering of homeless individuals when the overnight temperature is anticipated to reach 33°F or below for four or more hours. The shelter is run by the South Snohomish County Emergency Shelter Network, which is a group of volunteers from several area churches.

For the past three winters, the Emergency Shelter Network has been providing overnight sheltering for homeless individuals in area churches. However, those churches do not meet fire and life safety codes for overnight sheltering, and at this time, renovations to the churches would be very costly. Until a permanent solution can be realized, the City has decided to open its doors to the Shelter Network.

The shelter is open to men, women and families. Evening and morning meals are provided by volunteers. When the Shelter has been activated, a press release is sent to the local media, and updates are posted to the City's website.

On November 17, we experienced this winter's first cold snap and the shelter was activated for three days. Three people were sheltered overnight on the first night, 10 the second and 20 on the third night.

For more information, please contact the Community Outreach Specialist at 425-670-5023 or by email at jmoore@ci.lynnwood.wa.us.

Winter Weather: What to Expect & How to Help

As we begin the cold and wet season, the City of Lynnwood is making every effort to prepare for storms, and you can too. Here are a few examples of what you can do to help:

- Remove debris such as leaves and packed snow from storm drains to help drainage problems along roadways and help prevent melted snow from refreezing.
- Move vehicles from the side of the road for snow plows to get by. When vehicles are off the road, snow plows have an easier time clearing the streets for your safety. It also prevents the possibility of your vehicle getting trapped behind or high centering on a snow bank.
- Cover and wrap hose bibs in the front and back of your house to prevent freezing pipes.
- Be safe and drive carefully! Use extreme caution while driving in inclement weather of any kind. Allow plenty of time to get to your destination and always yield to service vehicles such as plows, sanders, and transit buses. Stay at least 50 feet back when following sanding or deicing trucks.

Above all, remember that the City of Lynnwood values the safety of our residents. If you have any questions, or have suggestions on how the City can help improve community safety, please call the Public Works Department at 425-670-5200.

You can view Snow Plow Priority Maps by visiting www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/inclement-weather or you can get updates during storm events on the Inclement Weather Hotline 425-670-5299.

Van Jones is a globally recognized, award-winning pioneer in human rights and the clean-energy economy, a best selling author and past green jobs advisor for the Obama Administration.

Visit www.ready.gov/america/getakit/ for more info and ideas.

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Don’t Wait For the New Year to Bust Those Holiday Calories

Have you put off exercising over the busy holidays? Or maybe working-out has been on your back burner for quite a while. Either way, moving forward into the New Year, the Lynnwood Recreation Center is here to help you achieve your fitness goals.

Let Water Ease You In -
Water is an ideal exercise medium for any level of fitness. Exercising in the water provides many health benefits: increased joint mobility, improved cardiovascular function, increased overall muscle tone, and better balance, all with minimal stress on your body. Water provides the support and resistance needed for you to exercise without pain and with a larger range of motion than can be achieved on land.

We offer 10 different types of water aerobics classes, an adult swim club, as well as room for individualized fitness and lap swim. Not able to swim laps? No problem, we offer swim lessons for all ages.

Are you trying to get your kids to be more active? Bring them to an open swim or rec swim, or sign them up for swim lessons or youth fitness program. So go ahead, get your feet wet by trying out a new class, then dive into a new year of health and fitness!

Come With a Buddy -
Group exercise classes feature an energetic and engaging atmosphere. The Rec Center offers a variety of cardio, strength, mind/body, aquatic and martial art classes daily. These classes are taught by certified and highly skilled group exercise instructors who are also local community residents.

Each quarter, the Rec Center welcomes new classes to fit the needs of our community. The latest addition to the group exercise schedule is Turbokick - an entertaining combination of kickboxing, dance and martial art choreographed to today’s hottest music. From fencing to yoga to Mommy & Me, the Recreation Center offers classes for all fitness levels and ages.

Shed the Pounds With Personal Training -
Struggling to fight the bulge? Consider the benefits of personal training. Individual or partnered personal training sessions allow you to change your lifestyle habits all while breaking a sweat in the gym. Your trainer will create a specialized program based upon your short and long term goals. People of all fitness levels, knowledge and experience can use personal trainers for weight loss, sport-specific training, muscle toning, stress release, improved balance, proper body mechanics, nutrition advice and defeating bad habits.

In addition, personal training provides the motivation to get through a workout that some find is challenging to complete. Recent statistics show that only 11% of Americans do not require motivation to workout at the gym. Personal trainers inspire the other 89% through goal-orientated programs and creating lifestyle habits.

With a trainer’s diet and fitness education, many people find large results with small changes. Blood pressure, cholesterol and medication reduction are common results from personal training.

For more information on water exercise, personal training and group class schedule, descriptions and prices please visit, www.PlayLynnwood.com or call 425-670-5732. Let’s work together to achieve your new fitness goals!

City of Lynnwood Launches Online Payment System for Utility Bills

In an effort to make utility bill payment easier and more convenient for our utility customers, the City of Lynnwood now offers online utility bill payments. The online payment system is a web version of the software that the City uses to take utility payments over the counter. The system does not require a username or password. All you need to know is your customer account number and the service address number. You can pay your utility bill online by visiting, www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/onslineservices.

CITY CENTER

Planning Commission Recommends Development Regulation Amendments

On September 8, 2011 the Lynnwood Planning Commission recommended adoption of the amendments to the City Center Development Regulations. The Development Regulations were originally adopted in 2006 to implement the City Center Sub-Area Plan. The amendments improve flexibility, permitting, and clarity to implement the City Center and attract development. The City Council will consider these amendments and conduct a public hearing in early 2012.

Please check the City Center webpage for more information or to view past presentation materials. www.LynnwoodEconomicDevelopment.org/CityCenterashx

Sound Transit: Extending Light Rail From Northgate to Lynnwood

In September 2011, Sound Transit completed the Alternatives Analysis for the North Corridor Transit Project. This analysis is part of the transit funding process required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The North Corridor Transit Project is part of the Sound Transit 2 Plan approved by voters in 2008 to extend transit from Northgate to Lynnwood.

Light rail was found to be the most effective means of high capacity transit to serve our area. The two general alignments from Northgate that are being carried forward for further analysis include Interstate 5, and along Highway 99 from Seattle to Shoreline at SR 104, then cutting over to Interstate 5 and the Lynnwood Transit Center. The cost and commute time is considerably more efficient along the Interstate 5 alignment.

In October, City Council passed a Resolution supporting the Interstate 5 alignment as the best option to support Lynnwood’s needs. Lynnwood also formally signed on to be a Cooperating Agency with Sound Transit to work on planning for Light Rail Transit that meets our community’s objectives. Following completion of the Alternatives Analysis, Sound Transit along with the FTA began the environmental analysis with scoping for the North Corridor Transit Project.

On October 13, 2011 Sound Transit held a Public Scoping meeting at the Lynnwood Embassy Suites. Scoping provides an opportunity for the public to learn about and provide comments on the project as environmental review begins.

This winter, the Sound Transit Board will take the scoping comments into consideration as they commence work on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), including possibly identifying a Locally Preferred Alternative. The completion of the EIS is a multi-year process anticipated to be completed in 2014. If approved, final design and engineering should begin in 2015, followed by the start of construction in 2017. If we stay on track, Light Rail Transit is anticipated to reach Lynnwood by 2023.

If you have questions or comments or would like to be added to the email list for more City Center information, contact Janiene Lambert, City Center Program Manager at 425-670-5045.
Lynnwood Police Recruiting for 2012 Citizens’ Police Academy

Registration is now open and space is limited, so sign up soon for this no-cost opportunity! The Lynnwood Police Department’s 21st Annual CITIZENS’ ACADEMY.

The Lynnwood Police Department will be offering a 12-week Citizens’ Academy this coming January, which is a unique learning experience conducted by the police department and designed to give citizens a better understanding of the mission and operations of the Police Department. During the course, participants will be introduced to the basic information that all police officers must know to perform their jobs, including such topics as patrol tactics, criminal and narcotics investigations, use of force, communications, DUI procedures, and domestic violence, to name a few.

The 12-week course is from 7 - 10 pm every Thursday starting January 12, at the Lynnwood Police Department, 19321 44th Ave W, Lynnwood.

CLASS HIGHLIGHTS MAY INCLUDE:
- Investigate a mock homicide scene,
- Lift and examine fingerprints,
- Work with a crime scene technician to study blood spatter patterns, DNA, and weapon marks,
- Experience a jailhouse dinner and tour of the jail facility,
- Visit the 911 communications center and see how emergency calls are dispatched,
- Ride-along with a patrol officer on an actual shift,
- See a SWAT demonstration and K-9 searches,
- Learn practical information on the use of force and personal safety, and
- Learn how you can volunteer with the police department.

There is no charge for this class and light refreshments are served each evening. Space is limited, so early enrollment is strongly encouraged. You can sign up online by visiting www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/police/LPDCContent/Education/CAForm.asp, or you can pick up a flyer at the front desk of the Lynnwood Police Department; open from 8 am - 5 pm daily.

If you have questions or want an application sent to your home, call the Lynnwood Police Crime Prevention Office at 425-670-5635.

Edmonds School District News

Winter Weather Reminder to Families

All families with students in our schools are encouraged to visit www.edmonds.wednet.edu, www.schoolreport.org, tune in to local TV and radio reports, or call 425-431-7000 for information about emergency school closures and delays due to inclement weather. Everyone is encouraged to drive cautiously and be aware of students traveling on foot or waiting at bus stops. Thank you for doing your best to keep our students safe!

Learn About Our Schools and Programs: F.A.C.E. (Families And Communities Engaged!)

Join us, 9 am - noon on Saturday, January 28 at the new Meadowdale Middle School, 6500 168th St SW, Lynnwood, for an opportunity to learn about our schools, programs, and community groups. This is also an opportunity to see the new Meadowdale Middle School building, constructed using funds from the voter-approved 2006 Capital Construction Bond. Kindergarten registration begins February 13 at each neighborhood elementary school, and this event is a great chance to learn about kindergarten in our schools!

Happenings

What’s Happening...

“Drop Spot” Teen Center Now Open! Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 3 pm - 6 pm. Teens are invited to hang out at the Drop Spot Teen Center after school and meet up with other teens. Activities include video games, board games, homework help, movies, arts and crafts, snacks, DIY projects, workshops, service learning, leadership development, guest speakers, trips and special events. The Drop Spot is free for middle and high school teens.

*Must show current school ID to enter.*

Organic Gardening for Winter. You’ve prepared your soil for the next growing season. You’re tending your cold frames and looking at seed catalogues. Now is the time to plan and to get ready for the spring cycle that’s nearly here. Explore traditional organic methods tailored to the Pacific Northwest climate with Jim Guay. Plenty of time is planned for discussion, so bring your questions. Three sessions offered from 10 am - noon on Thursdays, January 5-26, February 2-23, March 1-29. Registration $30 ($25 for Senior Center Members). Register at the Lynnwood Senior Center, 19000 44th Ave W, Lynnwood or call 425-670-5050.

New Hours for Lynnwood Police Department Front Desk. The front desk is now open daily from 8 am - 5 pm. As always, 911 should be used for emergency calls or if an officer is needed. Fingerprinting hours have changed too. Fingerprinting can now be done on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 – 4 pm.

Volunteers Needed! The Library Board, Historical Commission and the Neighborhoods & Demographic Diversity Advisory Commission are all seeking volunteers to fill vacancies. For more information call 425-670-5023 or visit the City’s website at www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us.

Highway 99 Revitalization. On September 12, 2011, Lynnwood City Council approved the Sub-Area Plan, zoning amendments, and design guidelines for Highway 99. This action helps implement the Economic Revitalization Strategies for the Highway 99 corridor. A key initiative of the strategies was to review and update the land use plan/concept and implement zoning for the corridor. For more information on this project, visit www.lynnwoodeconomicdevelopment.org/projects/Hw99.

Police K9 “Sandor” Retires. Lynnwood Police K9 Officer “Sandor” has retired from the force after 9 years of service to the Lynnwood community. “Sandor” continues to live a full life with his handler, Lynnwood Police Sergeant Jason Valentine and his family. Thank you Officer “Sandor” for your loyal and pro-active service!

What’s New...

Lynnwood continues to attract a variety of new businesses. These new businesses indicate that there is a great deal more available in our community:

- New universities have opened in Lynnwood offering a variety of degree programs. DeVry University opened in July 2011 and will be holding their opening ribbon cutting ceremony on December 15.
- University of Phoenix Learning Center held their opening ribbon cutting ceremony in October 2011.
- Anthony’s Seafood Grill chose Alderwood mall as the location for their newest restaurant and the first not located on a waterfront. The new restaurant opened in October 2011 at The Terraces at Alderwood.
- Hobby Lobby opened for business in October 2011, located in James Village at Highway 99 and 196th St SW.
BOND RETIREMENT
Celebration
Join us to celebrate the retirement of the 20-year construction bonds.

Visit us December 1-7:
- Green Fees rolled-back to 1991 rates
- Daily drawings for great prizes
- 20-50% off Merchandise Sale

Lynnwood Golf Course
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Lynnwood Library Events

Issues that Matter: “Not in Our Town” Documentary and Discussion
Thursday Dec 15, 3 pm
A showing of the documentary “Not in Our Town: Light in the Darkness” which is part of a series highlighting communities working together to stop hate. It covers a 2008 incident in Patchogue, New York, where the community is devastated when anti-immigrant violence claims a life. Supported by the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation.

Teen Gifts and Games
Tuesday Dec 20, 3:30 pm
Are you broke this holiday season? Join us to create awesome Do-It-Yourself gifts that will WOW recipients. We’ll make a book page wreath, hex nut bracelets, window clings, and magnetic bookmarks. Play video and board games while the glue dries. All supplies free and generously provided by the Lynnwood Friends of the Library.

Star Tales
Tuesday Dec 27, 2 pm
Discover the magic and wonder of the night sky through stories and activities. For children ages 5 and up.

Self-Publishing on a Shoe-String: Strategies for Publishing and Marketing Your Book in a Difficult Economy
Saturday Jan 7, 2 pm
Self-publishing is a large investment of time as well as finances—or is it? In these difficult economic times it’s still possible to achieve your dreams of writing and publishing your books without having to deplete all your savings. This class aims to reveal tips and tricks to minimize costs when producing and marketing your work. Vladimir Verano has been in the book industry for 20 years, as a bookseller and freelance graphic designer & illustrator, recently providing artwork for “The Prince, the Demon King, and the Monkey Warrior” from ThingsAsian Press. He currently runs Third Place Press, where he produces books on the revolutionary Espresso Book Machine.

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

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Elected Officials
Mayor
Don Gough
City Council
Mark Smith, Council President
Kerri Lomerger-Dreke, Council Vice President
Kimberly Cole
Ted Hikel
Ed dos Remedios
Loren Simmonds
Jim Smith

City Council Meetings
Business Meetings: 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:00 - 10:00 pm
City Council Chambers, 19100 44th Ave W, Lynnwood
City Council Office: 425-670-5011
Business Meetings can be seen on Comcast Channel 21 and Frontier Channel 30 on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 7:00 am and 2:00 pm.

Locations
Lynnwood City Hall
19100 44th Ave W, Lynnwood WA 98036
425-670-5000
Hours: M-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Lynnwood Recreation Center
18900 44th Ave W, Lynnwood WA 98036
425-670-5732
Hours: M-F 5:30 am - 9:30 pm, Sat 7 am - 9 pm, Sun noon - 6 pm

Lynnwood Permit Center
4114 198th St SW, Ste 7, Lynnwood WA 98036
425-670-5400
Hours: M-Th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, F 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Civic Justice Center (Municipal Court & Police)
19321 44th Ave W, Lynnwood WA 98036
Court: 425-670-5100
Hours: M-F 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Police (non-emergency): 425-670-5420
Hours: Daily 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Fire Station
Station 15: 18800 44th Ave W, Lynnwood WA 98036
Station 14: 18800 68th Ave W, Lynnwood WA 98036
425-670-5300 (non-emergency)
Hours: M-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Golf Course
20200 68th Ave W, Lynnwood WA 98036
425-672-4653
Hours: Daily 7:30 am - Dusk

Lynnwood Senior Center
19000 44th Ave W, Lynnwood WA 98036
425-670-5050
Hours: M-F 8:30 am - 3:00 pm
(extended hours Tuesdays until 8:00 pm)

Other Important Phone Numbers
Animal Control 425-670-5660
Code Enforcement 425-670-5420
Community Development 425-670-5400
Community Outreach 425-670-5023
Economic Development 425-670-5249
Finance 425-670-5000
Human Resources Job Line 425-670-5627
Inclement Weather Hotline 425-670-5299
Mayor’s Office / Executive Office 425-670-5003
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts 425-670-5732
Public Works 425-670-5200
Utility Billing 425-670-5170
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