Message From Mayor Don Gough

Our “New” 2013-14 City Budget

We have a new budget for 2013-14. What we don’t have is a new economy, or a national political decision-making system in Washington, D.C. that can stop creating uncertainty, fear, and ultimately reluctance by both consumers and businesses in continuing to invest in our economy.

Our state and local economy has shown signs of real recovery. In the last month, consumer and business confidence had reached their highest levels in years, but once again it’s been shaken and fallen back down. Unresolved national budget and fiscal policy stalemates have taken their toll on our residents and local businesses.

In light of these economic and fiscal challenges, our new City budget will have to be put into effect through a cautious, gradually phased implementation within current and achievable revenue trends. All City departments will need to continue their constant and successful vigil on budget expenditures, and use innovation and creativity in how they go about their work on behalf of our city.

Our new budget was developed with our adopted City vision clearly in mind, with more information, and done in an open process. There was extended time available since mid-September for both public and council review of decisions balancing the budget.

As with the 2011-12 budget, this one will receive my focus and strong attention on how to do a cautious, gradually phased implementation.

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and businesses to pause and hold back from investing in our nation-
al, state, and local economies.

3. On the heel of these serious national budget and tax fights, in April 2013 our state legislature will decide a new 2013-15 state budget.

• Our Governor and key legislators have said the state’s budget for 2013-15 begins with a shortage of about $1-1.3 billion.

• Then it’s having to grapple with the State Supreme Court’s K-12 constitutional funding decision which is estimated to cost $3-4 billion over the next 6 years.

• The current Governor’s budget proposes a $117 million cut in the city and county portion of state shared revenues. We are now calculating the direct impact that may have on Lynnwood if it is passed by the legislature.

What economic and revenue consequences this will actually cause our city remains to be seen. It will likely not be good.

Locally, we have recently seen some stability and mild improvement in trends of some key taxes, like sales and utility taxes. Sales taxes have stabilized and improved somewhat. However in comparison, our latest sales tax re-
ports show that going into the holiday season in 2012, we were still below actual 2008 sales taxes by about $814,000 – and that’s compared to four years ago!

We finally have one full regular year of data from the across the board increases in utility taxes passed by the council and in effect since mid-
2011. We are now in a better position to forecast utility revenues with real data and not just assumptions.

We have also kept budgeted expenditures down. Due to reduced rev-
enues in 2011-12, I directed departments to cut $5.3 million (5.5%) for 2011-12. Our City departments successfully met that goal and went beyond it, and curtailed expenditures by another $3-4 million. We are awaiting a closing of the books on 2012 which includes December taxes, fees and other revenues, plus final bills and expenses, all of which nor-
mally arrive each January. By mid-February we’ll have a good preliminary 2012 year-end report.

Restoring Prior Cuts of Essential Public Services

Our new City budget plans for the restoration of a number of positions, especially in public safety. It assumes, of course, that our conservative rev-
eneus forecast, together with the mild recovery, is not substan-
tially disrupted from the challenges above.

About 74% of the positions (15) would be restored in fire, police and our court. Also, we need to: restore a ½ position of a financial analyst to help do financial reports, and ½ position for budget monitoring and control; continue one purchasing control person; and for the Recreation Center add a ¼ position to help out at our Recreation Center front desk and restore 10 hours to the existing public outreach/marketing person; and continue our commitment to economic development by restoring one program position and restoring one position to directly help residents and businesses get building permits and related services.

Our City’s Latest 2011 Audit & Our Golf Course

The State Auditor is completing our 2011 audit. We appreciate their comments that Lynnwood has “taken steps to improve [its] financial position,” and that we have “adopted a comprehensive financial plan” on May 9, 2011, for the long-term benefit of the city.

The auditors are concerned that our city golf course, like many other municipal courses, has had several years of financial distress due to very serious effects from unmerciful and unforgiving weather, and from the “Great Recession” which hit in 2008. Total golf games have decreased in the last several years by over 17%. Over 2009, 2010, and 2011 it has developed a debt of about $1.3 million. Its 20 year construction mortgage was paid off in 2011. Over a year ago, I brought the golf course loan issue and a revision to its business plan to pay off the recent debt to the City Council’s attention. By March 31, 2013, we’ll review and resolve the golf course financial issues.

The auditor also recommended that the city create a policy and agree-
ment that clearly sets forth how the Lynnwood Parks & Recreation Foundation, and other people, coordinate and work with the City golf course. The issues were about clarifying the working relationships amongst all groups.

“Thank You”

There never seems to be enough time to say “THANK YOU” to all the City staff who have really poured out the work, and made tough decisions to create a good 2013-14 City budget. They will be key to making some more tough timing decisions to help put into effect a cautiously, gradually phased implementation of our City budget within current and achievable revenue trends.

This is necessary to ensure that we continue our improvements in financial condition and keep on our good financial path. That path will be guided by direction from our Long-Term Financial Plan.

I believe we have a great city that will overcome our most recent eco-
nomic and budgetary challenges. Our city will be stronger for it.

The following information is a brief recap of each department’s budget outlook for 2013-2014. For more detailed budget information, please visit our website at www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us.

Administrative Services

Mission: The Administrative Services Department is committed to our customers by providing responsible leadership in financial, purchasing and technological services.

Business Lines: Administrative Services provides:

• Financial Operations: Managing and safeguarding our City’s finan-
cial and physical assets while ensuring effective and efficient applica-
tion of those resources to support the City’s mission and its depart-
ments.

• Decision Support: Supporting informed financial and business-relat-
ed decisions by providing up-to-date and accurate fiscal information and analysis to City departments and elected policy officials.

• Information Services: Supporting the mission of our City and its departments and their services though comprehensive and reliable technology and information services.

• Central Services: Ensuring competitive purchasing and contracting to ensure cost control and meeting the needs of City departments, and ensuring accurate maintenance, retention and access to all city records by the public and City officials.

• Business licensing and event permit services.

What’s New: The department was provided on-going funding for a purchasing position in Central Services, restored ½ position in Financial Operations and a new ½ position for budget assistance and control, and provided additional funding for needed city-wide computer replacement.

Outlook: As many of the functions of the Administrative Services Department are internal city hall functions, most residents may not directly experience the services provided by this department. However, the department will continue to strive to meet the needs of our City departments to allow those departments to better address the needs of our residents and businesses.

Community Development

Mission: The Community Development Department is committed to enriching the quality of life in our community. It focuses on Lynnwood’s Core Values of Communication, Accessibility, Commitment and Innovation. The Department supports building partnerships within our community and we strive for responsible, responsive, and creative solu-
tions to meet the needs of our customers.

Business Lines: We provide a number of vital services, many of which are required by state law, including:

• Operations of our one-stop City’s Permit Center

• Long Range Planning for the Highway 99 Corridor, City Center development and extension of Sound Transit’s Light Rail line to Lynnwood

• Administration of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

• Representing the City before county, regional and state agencies and other elected officials.

• Inspection of buildings to ensure that health, safety, construction and energy codes are met.

• Code Enforcement dealing with problems like homes that have accumulations of trash, serious lack of maintenance, illegal signage and numerous other issues that detract from quality of life and neighborhood property values.
Economic Development

Mission: The Office of Economic Development (OED) serves as a catalyst for economic development in Lynnwood by fostering healthy businesses, quality jobs, and sustainable city revenues, and achieving economic development goals and strategies by implementing various programs and projects.

Business Lines: OED accomplishes its mission through four primary business functions: 1) Economic Development Planning and Strategies to evaluate Lynnwood’s economy and identify economic growth opportunities; 2) Project and Program Management to facilitate business and job development and private investment; 3) Public Relations and Marketing to encourage investment in Lynnwood and promote Lynnwood for business development; and 4) Tourism Management to develop and manage tourism programs that generate visitor spending and lodging tax revenues.

What’s New: We will pursue fundamental activities in fiscal years 2013-2014 that are important to our city and OED’s mission and which were curtailed during the economic recession. These include: new private developments that support economic development in the City Center, and along Highway 99, and in other key areas of the City. We will do an update to the city-wide Economic Development Action Plan and city profile, and preparation of project prioritization and revitalization strategies to implement the City Center. We will identify for City Council consideration, a possible funding mechanism for infrastructure projects that support economic development; update our City’s tourism website and promotion materials. And, we will be able to add one staff position to support implementation of OED’s work program.

Outlook: The economic outlook for Lynnwood is positive. Our efforts during the past several years have increased awareness that a strong economy and a vibrant business sector provide jobs and revenues that support our City services and our community’s quality of life. There is increased interest in the economic opportunities available in Lynnwood. OED will continue to pursue its mission to attract new business, jobs, and revenues that are so important to our community’s vitality.

Human Resources

Mission: The Human Resources Department partners with other departments to attract, recruit, sustain and inspire a thriving city workforce.

Business Lines: Human Resources is responsible for employee relations, civil service administration, new employee orientation, safety committee, staff training, commute trip reduction, employment verifications, performance management reviews, salary surveys, wellness committee, and many employment policy issues. Our staff is dedicated to providing these professional, technical and administrative services to the public who apply for positions, and current and past employees as may arise, such as benefits administration, classification and compensation administration, labor relations, training and development, compliance, matters concerning unemployment and state workers compensation administration.

What’s New: Our new budget includes a few basic improvements such as continuing mandatory employee training activities, supervisor training, and our employee recognition program for service.

Outlook: Many of the functions of the Human Resources Department occur inside city hall. Most residents may not directly experience Human Resources services. However, the department does actively work with all departments to ensure that staff training is done to allow them in turn to better serve our residents, businesses and visitors to Lynnwood.

Municipal Court

Mission: Contribute to the quality of life in our community by fairly and impartially administering justice in such a manner that preserves both the dignity and rights of the defendant as well as the citizens of Lynnwood.

Business Lines: We have two business lines: court operations and probation services. Court operations files and processes all infraction and misdemeanor crimes occurring in our city in violation of city laws. Judge Stephen E. Moore is the presiding judge. It is the court’s responsibility to maintain a record for each case filed and insure that hearings are scheduled, held, recorded and maintained according to Washington State Court Rules. The court’s purpose is to ensure all people receive a fair and impartial resolution to their case. All hearings are open to the public. An audio recording of all court proceedings is kept for five years. The electronic record in the Judicial Information System (JIS) is kept in perpetuity. Probation services assists and monitors high risk defendants to stay in compliance with the conditions of their sentence. Probation officers meet individually with their clients to insure that the court orders are understood and followed.

What’s New: During 2011-2012, our staff was reduced by two positions (a probation assistant and a legal specialist). The new 2013-2014 budget restores a ¾ time position whose assignments will include both probation assistance and legal specialist assignments.

Beginning January 2013 the court will directly file all red light and speed photo enforcement citations into the Judicial Information System. The court will handle all photo enforcement questions, payments and scheduling.
Healthy Communities Update

Getting Healthy and Fit: Parks are the Answer

One of the most effective and low-cost prescriptions for a variety of physical and mental conditions can be found just a few steps from your front door: your public park.

Those who love the outdoors have long known about health benefits of parks and open space such as improved well-being, greater immunities to disease, and healthier lifestyle choices. But only recently have studies confirmed such common sense beliefs.

The stakes for your health are immense. Nearly half of Americans are overweight while a third qualifies as obese, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Each year, 300,000 deaths are attributed to unhealthy weight gains due to poor diet and lack of exercise in the United States, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Obesity-related conditions include a greater chance of heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, and certain types of cancer. If all inactive Americans were to become physically active, close to $76.7 billion would be saved annually in the treatment of such chronic conditions, HHS predicts.

In fact, our community should take positive action to fight these and many other accompanying chronic health conditions. In 2005, 31 percent of Lynnwood residents were overweight, and an additional 26 percent were obese. Only 37 percent of Lynnwood residents meet national recommendations for moderate physical activity. Eighty-one percent of Lynnwood adults consume fewer than five servings of fruits and vegetables daily.

Your local parks, such as Lynnwood’s new Stadler Ridge Park (pictured right), however, provide close-to-home, low-cost, and accessible ways to help you get fit and stay healthy. Consider just some of the ways you and your family can get active through the City of Lynnwood: walking trails, hiking, biking or running, playing on playgrounds, playing baseball, basketball, tennis, or golf; taking fitness classes, swimming, and using the Recreation Center cardio/ weight room facilities, and more.

Stadler Ridge Park, which will open in Spring 2013, is an active park designed to promote healthy physical activity with climbing, sliding, balancing, walking and running. At-grade slides connect hillside play terraces that feature a tree house play structure and a basketball key; walking trails encircle a large lawn for informal play opportunities; and nature trails wind through the forest. In addition to conventional play equipment, natural elements such as stone outcroppings, stumps and logs have been retained in the park as natural play features, encouraging adventure and exploration. Stadler Ridge Park is located in northeast Lynnwood at 17428 33rd Place W.

Parks do make for fit and healthy communities. Their diversity of offerings, both active and passive, and the accompanying range of physical and mental benefits extend to people of all age groups. Research confirms that the number and area of parks and playgrounds in a community are positively related to physical activity levels. Studies also show that time spent outdoors is the strongest correlation of children’s physical activity, while numerous studies indicated that adults using parks become increasingly more physically active. There’s ample evidence of improved cognitive functioning, impulse control, resilience to stressful life events, and overall mental health, according to a series of literature review papers developed for the National Recreation and Park Association.

In order to ensure that people can continue to use parks as a means to get healthy, communities everywhere need to support parks and recreation. America’s Backyard—Make Parks Yours, a park awareness campaign from the National Recreation and Park Association, encourages all people in Lynnwood to, not only experience the healthy benefits of parks but to stand together and support parks. To learn more about how Lynnwood Parks and Recreation is working to help you get healthy and fit and to stand up for your parks visit www.playlynnwood.com. For more information on the benefits of parks and recreation, visit www.americasbackyard.org.

Sound Transit Link Light Rail Work Continues

Sound Transit continues to work with Lynnwood on extending Link Light Rail service to the Lynnwood Transit Center by 2023. Funding for the project was approved by voters in 2008. Construction is currently underway to extend the LRT line from downtown Seattle to the University of Washington after which it will be extended to Northgate Mall.

The Lynnwood Link project covers the extension between Northgate and Lynnwood. Extensions to Bellevue and south of Seattle are also underway. If approved by voters, a future extension will run north through Lynnwood with stops at Alderwood, the Boeing-Paine Field area and downtown Everett. When LRT opens to Lynnwood, residents will be able to rapidly travel to Seattle, the airport and the east side regardless of the weather or traffic on I-5. Similarly, people throughout the region will be able to travel to Lynnwood making our community a more attractive place to live, work and invest in.

Currently three different potential routes into the Lynnwood Transit Center are being studied in an Environmental Impact Analysis and available for public comment later in 2013. To view the possible routes visit http://projects.soundtransit.org.

Sound Transit has recently announced a related project to build an Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMSF) at one of several sites in Bellevue and a site in Lynnwood. A second OMSF is required to supplement the one located south of Safeco Field as a system is built out. The Lynnwood site is located on 52nd Ave adjacent to the Interurban Trail and I-5. It is owned by the Edmonds School District and Lynnwood has already approved their plans to build a complex containing their administrative offices, warehousing and a bus maintenance facility. The City of Lynnwood has informed Sound Transit’s Board of our opposition to this site. The District’s plans were approved by voters and represent a considerable investment in public funds. The OMSF facility has a great potential to impact hundreds of single family homes, condominiums and apartments. Significant impacts would also result to a major wetland, Scriber Creek Park and plans to develop Lynnwood’s City Center.

By comparison, the Bellevue sites are located in an industrial area next to a rail line. Final selection of a site is not likely to occur until late in 2013 after an environmental analysis has been completed. For further information please contact Paul Krauss, Community Development Director at 425-670-5401.

Lynnwood Arts Commission

Now Accepting Applications

Lynnwood Arts Commissioners advise city leadership on arts issues and play an active role in advocating for the cultural arts including the performing, visual and literary arts.

For more information call 425-670-5023 or email jmoore@ci.lynnwood.wa.us

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Fire Department Receives Grant

Verdant Grant Enhances Care of Heart Attack Patients

The Verdant Health Commission awarded the Lynnwood Fire Department, in partnership with Snohomish County Fire District #1, the Mukilteo Fire Department, and Swedish Edmonds Emergency Department, a grant to enhance two critical components of the Emergency Cardiac Care System for the residents of South Snohomish County.

Lynnwood will administer the grant which will provide all regional paramedic units with advanced electrocardiogram (ECG) transmission devices and local communities with “heat attack awareness” education. The intent of this combined program is to shorten the time from the onset of heart attack symptoms to life saving treatment at the hospital. Heart attack studies have demonstrated a correlation between early treatment and heart attack survival.

Today, the Washington State Department of Health’s Cardiac and Stroke Care Technical Advisory Committee recommends that paramedics quickly acquire an ECG, transmit and interpret the reading, and transport within 15 minutes. With new transmitting technology, paramedics can rapidly obtain a diagnostic quality ECG and forward it to multiple members of the cardiac care team within minutes of arriving at the patient’s side. A combination of ‘single button’ technology and teamwork will allow paramedics and firefighters in South Snohomish County to meet the recommended on-scene time objectives and shorten time to treatment.

However, the best emergency cardiac care system starts on the phone with early activation of the emergency medical system (EMS). Surprisingly, only 40% of heart attack patients call 911. Even with evidence that supports calling 911 early, many patients drive themselves to the hospital or delay seeking treatment because they do not recognize the symptoms. In recent years, many deadly accidents have occurred as a result of heart attack patients attempting to drive to the hospital. Statistically, many heart attack patients never reach the hospital alive.

To help people recognize the symptoms of a heart attack and to understand the importance of calling 911, firefighters, paramedics and public educators will provide a series of heart attack awareness classes in 2013.

City Council Appoints New Councilmember to Fill Vacancy

M. Christopher Boyer Appointed to Position #1

On December 12, 2012, the Lynnwood City Council appointed Reverend M. Christopher Boyer to fill Council position #1 which has been vacant since September. Mr. Boyer was selected from a pool of fifteen applicants and will serve the remaining term, which expires December 31, 2013.

Rev. M. Christopher Boyer currently serves as Pastor of Good Shepherd Baptist Church in Lynnwood where he has been since 2005. Prior to that, he enjoyed a 27-year career in professional and academic theatre as an actor, director, technician, administrator and educator. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Church Council of Greater Seattle, where he is currently President.

Councilmember Boyer has also served on many arts, social service and other community boards, including: Chairman of the Lynnwood Arts Commission, President of the Washington State Arts Alliance Foundation and Treasurer of Christians in Theatre Arts, an international networking and educational organization for believers expressing their faith through theatre. He has also acted as convener for the South Snohomish County Ministerial Association and has been an official mentor/appendix for students at Fuller Seminary Northwest and Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry. For four years, Rev. Boyer was a regular contributor to The Enterprise/Weekly Herald of Snohomish County, writing a monthly column on faith issues. He continues to act as a consultant for theatres and non-profits across the country. A native of St. Louis, he counts as his most profound blessings his marriage of 29 years to Connie, and their children: Kit, Colleen & Sean.

Shop With A Cop

Lynnwood Police Department’s Annual Event Was Another Success

Lynnwood Police Commander Jim Nelson and his fellow “shopper” Jua Velle, 2, with his mom, Jamica and baby sister J’Moni (pictured right) posed for a picture before heading out to eat some dinner and do some holiday shopping during the 8th Annual Lynnwood Police Department “Shop With A Cop” event held December 6, at the Lynnwood Fred Meyer.

The 2012 Lynnwood Police Department event benefited 28 mothers and 41 children from Pathways for Women YWCA and Lynnwood Kiwanis House from Volunteers of America. Lynnwood Police Officers and the families ate dinner, shopped and visited with Santa and his elves.

Funding and support for this annual event was made possible by Lynnwood Fred Meyer, Kuni Westside Infiniti of Lynnwood and Yellow Umbrella Coffee in Lynnwood.
What does this mean to you: If you are on active probation with Lynnwood Municipal Court you will have quicker access and attention either by phone or in person, regarding your probation questions during specific office hours. This is also true if you are a treatment agency, prosecutor, or anyone that has business with the probation department. For direct contact with a probation officer, Probation Officer Mack is assigned all defendants with the last name beginning with A-L. She can be reached by calling 425-670-5133, or email ramack@ci.lynnwood.wa.us. Probation Officer Jackson is assigned all defendants with the last names beginning with M-Z. She can be reached by calling 425-670-5132, or email cjackson@ci.lynnwood.wa.us.

Customer service on photo enforcement filings should significantly improve.

Changes that affect court operations: The staffing level of police patrol and their emphasis on public safety along with legislation and initiative rulings determine court filings. The recent decriminalization of marijuana will reduce court, prosecution and jail costs.

Outlook: Our Engineering Division will be better equipped to handle proper sewage, and a protected environment. We continue to find efficiencies even with shrinking resources. Current levels of service will be kept. You will see more repaving of streets over the next two summers. With continued tight funding, we will continue to do their best maintain streets with limited staffing and we are committed to active involvement and participation with the community resulting in a partnership that directly and significantly impacts the quality of life in our city.

What's New: Two Police Officers and one Custody Officer in 2013, and four Police Officers in 2014.

Outlook: In 2013-2014 The Lynnwood Police Department will strive to begin incrementally rebuild the organization reaching a sworn authorized staff of 71 as compared to a pre-recession level of 80. Operational enhancements will be made through the hiring of additional personnel as authorized above and by retaining current experienced employees. Service levels will be examined to determine if they can be enhanced. Specifically, LPD will:

- Rebuild local patrol strength to reduce police response times.
- Rebuild investigative staffing to provide for aggressive investigation of felony and misdemeanor crimes.
- Rebuild special operations staffing in order to proactively handle prostitution, gang-related crime, burglary and other serious felonies.
- Recruit and fully utilize citizen volunteers to enhance safety efforts.
- Continue efforts at implementing a county-wide records management system.

Police Department

Mission: The Mission of the Lynnwood Police Department is to provide competent, effective public safety services to all persons, with the highest regard for human dignity through efficient and professional law enforcement and crime prevention practices.

Business Lines: The Lynnwood Police Department is a full service law enforcement agency serving the citizens of Lynnwood and our business population. Core services include administration, patrol, special operations, traffic enforcement, animal control, special weapons and tactics (SWAT) team, records, detention, evidence, planning and training, community services, narcotics and criminal investigations. The Department is committed to active involvement and participation with the community resulting in a partnership that directly and significantly impacts the quality of life in our city.

What’s New: The Department has received Council authorization to fill the following positions that were previously frozen: Two Police Officers and one Custody Officer in 2013, and four Police Officers in 2014.

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Public Works

Mission: To effectively and efficiently develop, manage and operate the physical infrastructure that is the foundation of our city’s health, safety and welfare while enhancing our community’s quality of life.

Lynnwood has invested over $1 billion in our city’s infrastructure, including streets, utilities, and municipal buildings. We ensure you have clean water to drink, safe roads to drive, well-maintained City buildings, properly handled sewage, and a protected environment.

2013-2014 Adopted Budgets: Our department’s total budget includes five (5) different funds totaling $11,286,355. Our Water/Sewer/Storm Utility Funds total $32,556,383 which includes capital construction projects.

What’s New: We continue to find efficiencies even with shrinking budgets. We will be able to retain and/or add back some key functions in 2013-2014:

- Continue Neighborhood Traffic Calming Experiments
- Update the City’s traffic planning model
- Add two staff to help permit and manage Lynnwood’s robust list of utility construction and key development projects
- Assess our new Recreation Center to ensure that it is well maintained over the long term
- Reallocate gas tax, real estate excise taxes, and other capital revenues to provide a steady funding stream for repaving our streets

Outlook: Our Engineering Division will be better equipped to handle the many projects and programs underway and to issue development permits quicker. You should see more evidence in our city’s infrastructure being upgraded and new businesses opening or remodeling. Our crews will continue to do their best maintain streets with limited staffing and resources. Current levels of service will be kept. You will see more repaving of streets over the next two summers. With continued tight funding, our challenge is to keep up with and prevent the degradation of our city infrastructure, and we will continue to do so to the best of our abilities.
**Pick It Up**

Stop by City Hall to Get Your Free Pet Waste Dispensers and Refill Bags

Dog poop is not only unsightly and smelly, but is also hazardous to the health of our communities. By not picking up your pet’s waste, you are allowing dangerous bacteria to wash into storm drains where it ends up polluting our streams and lakes. This polluted water can cause serious illness to humans (especially children) who work and play in it, as it contains pathogens such as E.coli.

You can help keep the waterways and your neighborhood healthy by picking up after your K-9 friends. Not only does the City offer FREE Bags on Board Refill bags, but we’re also giving away FREE Fire Hydrant dispensers that attach to your pet’s leash! Get yours today at City Hall.

**Public Art Exhibits**

Free Art Exhibits at the Lynnwood Convention Center

Did you know you have access to amazing public art exhibitions right in your own neighborhood?

That’s right. The Lynnwood Public Facilities District Art Committee has partnered with the Lynnwood Convention Center to bring public art exhibitions to the Center for the past six years. These exhibitions are on display at the Lynnwood Convention Center and are FREE to the public!

The exhibitions are rotated twice a year and with each installation there is an Artist Reception where the artists themselves can talk about their work and answer questions from the public.

The mediums vary from painting, photography, and mixed media to contemporary quilting.

“I love the art program; it gives character to our space. I also think it’s a fabulous way to get the local community into the facility,” commented Angie Mykel, Lynnwood Convention Center General Manager.

The public are welcome to come and view the current art exhibitions during Convention Center regular business hours, Monday–Friday 8am–5pm. For more information about the art program or to submit art for an exhibition please contact the Lynnwood Convention Center at Info@lynnwoodcc.com or visit us at www.lynnwoodcc.com.

**Lynnwood Library News**

**E-Readers:** This January is an E-Reader month at Sno-Isle Libraries. Did you get an e-reader for a gift this holiday season? Monday afternoons from 2-3pm, a librarian will be available to show you how to use your device and how to download free library eBooks. No appointments are necessary. Class is held in the Lynnwood Library Small Group Study Room. January 14 and 28 at 2pm.

**Dr. Doyle & Mr. Holmes:** The Cultural Staying Power of Sherlock Holmes - Join Tom Keogh, arts journalist and critic for The Seattle Times, for a conversation about Sherlock Holmes, his creation by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and why we, as a culture, remain so attached to a character invented in 1886. Saturday, January 19, 2pm

**Teen Do-it-Yourself:** Origami - The middle of dark, rainy winter is the ideal time to perfect your folding skills. We’ll provide awesome origami paper and all of the instructions. FREE! Tuesday, January 22, 4pm.

**Hanji Korean Paper Art Class:** Learn the ancient Korean paper art form Hanji. Master artisans Young Ok and Sebastian Kim will teach participants how to make beautiful art objects. Class is limited to 25 participants; please preregister online or call 425-778-2148. Saturday, January 26, 1pm.

**AARP Tax Aide Assistance:** Free federal tax return preparation for low income and senior citizens, Mondays 1-5pm and Saturdays 10am–4pm, beginning February 2. Please register in person for an appointment at the Lynnwood Library Information Desk.

All programs funded by the Friends of the Lynnwood Library. For more information on any of the above, contact the Lynnwood Library at 425-778-2148 or visit our website at www.sno-isle.org and click on Classes & Events.

**What’s Happening**

**Spring & Summer Recreation Programs**

Registration for Spring & Summer Recreation Programs begins Friday, March 1.

**Medical Series**

Get smart while getting healthy! Listen and learn about various health topics from local physical therapists, doctors, and orthopedics. Bring your questions and a notebook:

- **Common Shoulder Problems** Tuesday, January 22 | 6:30-8pm | $5
- **Fibromyalgia and Arthritis** Tuesday, February 19 | 6:30-8pm | $5
- **Pain Relief & Getting Back on Your Feet: How Physiatry Can Help** Tuesday, March 19 | 6:30-8pm | $5

**Do Something Reel Movie Screening**

Whole Foods Market’s Do Something Reel™ Film Festival is a collection of proactive, character-driven films that focus on food, environmental issues and everyday people with a vision of making a world of difference. The Lynnwood Recreation Center is pleased to partner with Whole Foods to offer some of these screenings at our facility.

**Betting the Farm** - Faced with losing their small farms, rural Maine dairy farmers launch their own milk company - a gamble that will either ruin or save them.

Wednesday, January 23

**The Greenhorns** - Explores the lives of America’s young farming community - its spirit, practices, and needs.

Doors Open at 6:30pm | Movie Starts at 7:00pm

Lynnwood Recreation Center

**2nd Annual Health and Beauty Fair - Empowering Women of Color to Make Health a Priority**

Saturday, March 9, 2013 | 10am - 3pm

Edmonds Community College, Woodway Bldg

South Entrance - 204th St SW & 68th Ave W, Lynnwood

Beauty Services - Health Screenings - Nutrition and Exercise Resources, Demonstrations, Door Prizes and Giveaways!

For more information, visit www.snohd.org/HorTopic or email jbut@snohd.org.

**Changes to Utility Rates**

Effective January 1, 2013, Lynnwood Utility customers will experience an increase in rates. Our water, sewer and storm rates remain among the lowest in the region and Lynnwood will continue to work to control costs while providing necessary service to its citizens. The City of Lynnwood adopted a six-year rate schedule in 2011 which assists customers to anticipate their future rates. This ensures that operational and capital infrastructure needs are met and that citizens receive critical services now and in the future. For more information, visit www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/utilities or call 425-670-5170.

**Coming Soon**

What’s happening on the southwest corner of 196th St SW and Highway 99? Sterling Reality Organization (SRO) has begun site preparations for a two phase project. Phase one includes three separate buildings with over 63,000 square feet of retail space. SRO expects to complete phase one in 2013. Phase two will occur as market conditions allow. This is the first development project in the Highway 99 node since the adoption of the Highway 99 Revised Development Regulations that encourage pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use development at key intersections.
Contact Us

www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us

Elected Officials

Mayor
Don Gough

City Council
Loren Simmonds, Council President
Kerri Loneragan-Dreke, Council Vice President
Van Aubuchon
M. Christopher Boyer
Sid Roberts
Mark Smith

City Council Meetings
Business Meetings: 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:00 - 10:00pm
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 7:30pm and Sundays at 7:00am and 2:00pm.

Locations

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

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

Lynnwood Permit Center
4114 198th St SW, Ste 7, Lynnwood WA 98036
425-670-5400
Hours: M-Th 8:00am - 12:00pm and 1:30 - 4:00pm, Closed Fridays and Holidays

Civic Justice Center (Municipal Court & Police)
19321 44th Ave W, Lynnwood WA 98036
Court: 425-670-5100
Police (non-emergency): 425-670-5600
Hours: Daily 7:00am - 7:00pm

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 8:30am - 5:00pm

Golf Course
20200 68th Ave W, Lynnwood WA 98036
425-672-4653
Hours: Daily 7:00am - Dusk

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

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
Water Pollution Hotline 425-670-KRUD
Sno-Isle Lynnwood Library 425-778-2148
Snohomish County 425-388-3411

For Emergency Dial 911