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Visitors on rise and public interest growing for visitor center and park

by Jennifer Bravo

Last year was an exciting time at the Visitor Information Center and Heritage Park. Visitor numbers increased with public interest about the historical aspects of the park gaining more momentum.

With new projects at the park that include renovation of the upstairs of the Wickers Building and the water tower, we expect that this trend will continue in years to come. New visitor signage provided by the city and by the Washington State Department of Transportation has also made a difference in making this community treasure easier to find.

In 2007, the visitor center assisted 5,338 visitors, up from 4,265 in 2006. Visitors from all over the world and neighbors from our own backyard were assisted with recommendations and referrals to local restaurants,

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Flashlight Egg Hunt

Thursday, March 13th
6:30 - 8:30pm
Hunt begins at 7:45pm
Wilcox Park - Rain or Shine
Grades 3 - 8

Bunny Blast

Saturday, March 22nd
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Lynnwood officer and fire fighter best in state

Lynnwood Police Officer Mark Brinkman and Firefighter Dennis “Doug” Douglas have been chosen as the recipients of the Washington State Veterans of Foreign Wars Gold Medal award winners for their consistent, and outstanding work in public safety.

Douglas has been a member of the Fire Department since 1979. He was originally nominated by his colleagues who have described him as a truly integral member of the team and one of the hardest working and most respected firefighters in



Douglas

Southwest Snohomish County.

Brinkman, who has been with the Police Department since 1996, is known statewide for his remarkable sixth-sense in detecting impaired drivers and has the reputation as a hero to the victims of DUI.

Among other awards, Brinkman has received the coveted Norma Thompson Award six times.

This award is presented annually to the law enforcement officer who was able to remove the highest number of impaired drivers from the roadways of Snohomish County.



Brinkman

Six new officers added to ranks of Lynnwood’s finest



Lynnwood welcomes six new officers to its 76-member police force - Officers pose for photo with police officials and Mayor Don Gough at the academy graduation on Jan. 16. Front row from left: Officers Jackie Hudson, Brian Moss, Ryan Hoiup, Mike Galvin, Daniel Yagi and Jayce Gutzler. Back row from left: Commander Chuck Steichen, Deputy Chief Karen Manser, Chief of Police Steve Jensen, Mayor Gough, Sgt. Pat Fagan, Commander Bryan Stanifer and Sgt. Wes Deppa.

Looking for art opportunities?

The Lynnwood Arts Commission has several exhibition opportunities for local and regional visual artists. For an application or more information call Marianne Johnson at 425-744-6459 or visit www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/parks

Library Gallery Exhibits

The Arts Commission is accepting applications for monthly exhibits in 2009 at the Lynnwood Library Gallery. Application Deadline is September 26.

Annual Themed Juried Art Exhibit

This year's themed art exhibit is titled "Mellow Yellow". Artists are invited to submit artwork incorporating the color yellow as an important element. The exhibit is from September 26 – November 13, 2008 at the Lynnwood Library Gallery. Application deadline is August 1.

Convention Center Art

The Convention Center and the Arts Commission partner to exhibit artwork throughout the facility. Exhibits rotate every six months. Application deadline is March 31.



The Library can help!

Sno-Isle Libraries offer services to help students with their school assignments. Librarians are ready to assist with thousands of print and computer resources. The library also offers Live Homework Help, which provides real-time, online tutoring in math, science, and English. Live Homework Help connects students in fourth through twelfth grades with trained tutors seven days a week from 3 to 10 p.m. Homework help en Español is available Sunday through Thursday, 3 to 7 p.m.

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accommodations, activities and events, parks and trails, driving directions and much more. Not surprisingly, our busiest months are May through August, although we remain open year-round, seven days a week Staffing the center were nearly 40 volunteer travel counselors who gave 3,937 hours of service.

We maintain an extensive inventory of brochures, maps and promotional materials from Lynnwood, Snohomish County and the Pacific Northwest region. Included are promotional materials and maps from the City of Lynnwood, the South County Chamber of Commerce, Alderwood mall and other tourism businesses. We also stock the Visitors Guide for Snohomish County, the bi-annual Snohomish County Calendar of Events, Snohomish County Farm Trail Guide and the Snohomish County Hiking Guide.

At Heritage Park, we naturally focus on the Lynnwood area and



Visitor Information Center

promote the many restaurants, accommodations, parks and trails, arts and culture, shopping and much more available in the community.

The center is managed by the Snohomish

County Tourism Bureau and is joined in promotional efforts by sister visitor centers in Snohomish and Arlington. At the end of 2007, the bureau was awarded the contract for tourism promotion for the City of Everett through a competitive bid process and the visitor center in the Comcast Arena at Everett Events Center joined our visitor center family.

We look forward to another year of making a difference in the tourism economy of Lynnwood in 2008. If you or someone you know would like to contribute to our efforts as a volunteer, we are currently accepting applications for travel counselors. Please contact Jennifer Bravo at the bureau at 425-348-5802, ext. 13 or jennifer@snohomish.org for more information.



Employment

Opportunities

The Lynnwood Recreation Center 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://ci.lynnwood.wa.us>

Hourly Pay Rate: \$9.99 - \$11.01





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For your viewing pleasure, art at the Lynnwood Convention Center



Step out of the cold and take in some art at the Lynnwood Convention Center. A new exhibit featuring artwork from six local and regional artists is on display until May 2008.

Visitors are welcome to the center to view the artwork anytime during business hours.

Artists on exhibit are:

- Sirke Salminen - charcoal drawings
- Sharon Birzer - wood block prints and etchings
- Naoko Morisawa - wood collage
- Susan Russell - sumi-e ink and gouache
- Katherine Holzknecht - 3D wall sculpture
- Karen Guzak - acrylic paintings

Elks Name Public Safety Heroes

Lynnwood Police Officer Clarke Savell and Firefighter Dennis “Doug” Douglas were recently named the Lynnwood Elk’s Lodge #2171 Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year.



Officer Savell

In addition, Vince Schweitzer was honored by his peers as the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) of the year.

Officer Savell has served as a patrol officer for the Lynnwood Police Department for more than nine years. During this time he has also become a highly trained and experienced Crime Scene Technician (CST) and field training officer.

Firefighter Douglas was nominated for the Elks award by his colleagues who have described him as “a truly integral member of the team and one of the hardest working and best respected firefighters in Southwest Snohomish County.” He has served with the Lynnwood Fire Department since 1979, is recognized as a firefighter who always gives 110 percent, and one who sets a very high bar for outstanding work ethic in

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Edmonds School District news

Superintendent’s Roundtable

The next monthly Superintendent’s Roundtable in the Edmonds School District will focus on “Annual State School Funding Update” with Dr. Barbara Mertens from the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) leading the discussion.

The roundtable takes place from noon to 1 p.m., Wednesday, April 9 at the Educational Service Center, 20420 68th Ave W, in Lynnwood.

Everyone is welcome to attend and encouraged to bring a lunch. Water, coffee, and cookies will be provided.

The Edmonds School District serves the communities of Brier, Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, Woodway, and portions of unincorporated Snohomish County.

Alumni Association Seeking New Board Members

The Edmonds School District Alumni Association works to “promote our high schools by fostering a spirit of loyalty and commitment from their alumni and their communities and contribute to the ongoing academic growth of our graduates through scholarships.”

At the end of the 2006-07 school year, 22 scholarships totaling \$21,850 were awarded to members of the class of 2007. Since 1996, more than \$160,000 in scholarships has been given to nearly 250 graduates from all of the district’s high schools.

The Alumni Association is urgently seeking board members to carry out its mission. Please contact Debbie Jakala at 425-431-7044 or email jakalad@edmonds.wednet.edu for more information or to get involved.

Senior Center celebrates grand re-opening

The Lynnwood Senior Center celebrated a grand re-opening in December. The City Council and Mayor Don Gough cut the ribbon for the recently expanded Center. The Senior Advisory Committee and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Director Lynn Sordel welcomed almost four hundred guests to the event that included a reception and tours of the newly remodeled facility.

The Center has been at its current leased location at 5800 198th Street Southwest Suite #11 in the Scriber Square Shopping Center for eleven years. The facility was closed to the public for renovation last September and re-opened in November.

The Center was expanded by 2,300 sq. ft. for a total of 6,480 sq. ft. The expansion and renovation included a new fitness and dance space, new computer lab, new flooring and paint throughout, new kitchen cabinets, counters and appliances, new restrooms, new offices and additional storage, new furnishings, window coverings

and equipment.

The City Council appropriated funding of \$219,896 for the project during the mid-biennium budget amendment process. This amount included costs for construction and furnishings. Additional funding for the project was provided by other organizations: a \$7,500 grant from Snohomish County Office of

Committee for the purchase of new computer lab equipment; and a \$1,800 grant from Lynnwood Kiwanis for the new arts and crafts center. Architects on the project were Connell Design Group in Mountlake Terrace. The general contractor was Hallco in Lynnwood.

Community sponsorship for the celebration was provided by Senior Advisory Committee, Community Transit, Aegis of Lynnwood and Sunrise of Lynnwood. The Senior Center annual membership drive for 2008 has begun.

For individuals age 55 and over, a \$12 membership provides a subscription to the bimonthly Senior Messenger newsletter, and discounts for many classes, trips, and events offered through the Center.

Sign up today! For more information about the Senior Center and its many programs and activities, call the center at 425-744-6464,

or go online to www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/Seniors



Ribbon cutter, Mayor Don Gough, officially marks the re-opening of the Lynnwood Senior Center. To the mayor's right are City Council President Loren Simmonds and Council Member Lisa Utter. To his left are Council Members Ted Hikel, Mark Smith and Ruth Ross.

Aging for new tables and chairs; \$7,000 from the Senior Advisory



The city's oldest park, Wilcox, now features a new picnic shelter courtesy of the site's original owners. The Wilcox family donated the picnic shelter to the Lynnwood Parks and Recreation Foundation in honor of the family patriarch, Al Wilcox.

Kids Klub Preschool

Early Bird Registration

Are you looking for a quality preschool program?
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 Registration for Fall 2008 begins March 20th. Children should be between 3 and 5 years old. Call today for more information! 425-771-4030



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BAG envisions Lynnwood future and hears updates on city projects

As part of the January 23, 2008 meeting, Business Advisory Group members participated in Phase I of Mayor Don Gough's *Visioning Lynnwood: Building Our City's Future with Your Ideas* process.

Phase I consists of Listening to citizens' ideas about what they value most about Lynnwood today; what they'd like to change; what they'd like for the city's future; and what steps can be taken to build that future. Additionally, Economic Development Director David Kleitsch updated the group on the status of city projects.

The Business Advisory Group is made up of Lynnwood business community stakeholders, and meets quarterly with the Mayor and Department heads to discuss issues facing Lynnwood and their companies. There is no charge to

join or attend, and the group is open to all Lynnwood businesses. For a detailed summary of the topics discussed, and to get more information about the Business Advisory Group and how you can get involved, please visit our website at <http://www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/Content/CityHall.aspx?id=258>.

The next BAG meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 30, 2008 in City Council Chambers from 7:30-9:00 a.m.

Tourism to Lynnwood Remains Strong

In 2007, Lynnwood continued the positive tourism growth experienced since 2003, and the local Lynnwood economy reaped the benefits: 74.3% of the hotel/motel rooms were occupied, giving Lynnwood the highest occupancy rate in Snohomish County.

Lynnwood also received \$563,653 in hotel/motel tax in 2007, a 17% increase from 2006, making it the highest revenue-producing destination in the county. Visitor spending is an important part of the local economy and we welcome the continued strong visitor interest in Lynnwood and Snohomish County.

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Douglas

Firefighter/ Paramedic Schweitzer is credited with being one of the first paramedics in Snohomish County, starting service in 1979. Schweitzer has responded to thousands of emergencies

in his career after receiving his original paramedic training in California. In addition to his medical skills, Vince has contributed to the community by training many new paramedics.



The Elk's also honored Washington State Patrol Trooper Scott Cooley as Trooper of The Year and the Family Support Center's Pam Graham, as Citizen of The Year.



Cooley

Graham



April Pools Day

Lynnwood Recreation Center
Saturday, April 21st
1-5pm

- Games, Boating & Safety 1-3:30pm
- Open Swim 3:30-5pm Prizes! Prizes!
- Boating Snorkeling Lifejackets Diving

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Additional photo red light enforcement now in place

Five more photo red light cameras have been added to Lynnwood street intersections. The five were added to an existing five intersections, making a total of 10.

This equipment takes video and high-resolution photos of red-light violators who then are sent fines

ensuring that offenders are held accountable for their actions.

Nine months ago five intersections were equipped with the photo technology and are still on a trial basis for some months to come. They are located at the following intersections, all of which

are going westbound:

- 196th Street SW and Hwy 99
- 196th and 36th Avenue West
- Alderwood mall Boulevard at 200th Street SW and 44th Avenue West
- 176th Stree SW and Hwy 99
- 44th Avenue W and 196th

The new cameras are located:

- Westbound Maple Road at Alderwood Mall Parkway
- Eastbound 184th St. SW and Alderwood Mall Parkway
- Eastbound 200th St. SW and 44th Ave. W
- Southbound Alderwood Mall Parkway at 184th St. SW
- Westbound 196th St. SW at Alderwood Mall Parkway

At all the intersections there are signs warning drivers that the intersections are "Photo Enforced."

The cameras are triggered by sensors installed in the roadway. When a vehicle runs a red light, cameras take two digital photographs, as well as video, which document the violation.

The program operates 24 hours-a-day, seven days a week, and works in all weather conditions. The system is only activated when a vehicle runs a red light.

The cameras determine time, distance and speed as proof that the vehicle entered the intersection after the light turned red.

The cameras will also pick up drivers who don't stop before taking a right-hand turn on a red light. This particular violation is the cause of many injuries to pedestrians in crosswalks.

Heads Up on Spring Clean-up

If you live in a single-family residence within the city limits of Lynnwood, you may participate in the city's Spring Clean-up during the week of April 14. There will be a curbside event on your neighborhood's regular garbage day that week, with limits on the amounts and types of additional garbage and yard debris that you prepare for curb collection.

There will be no extra cost for these additional items. Unwanted major appliances also will be collected curbside, with resident pre-payment. A central drop-off event will be held on Saturday, April 19, when residents, including those residing in apartments and condominiums, can bring:

- Household clutter, yard debris and scrap metal at no cost:
- Major appliances for recycling, with payment at the event:

Limits and restrictions on amounts and types of materials apply. Details will be mailed to all single-family residents prior to the event (look for the bright yellow flyer). For questions call 425-670-8302 or look for Spring Clean-up on our website.

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RIP Tanner 2000~2007

Lynnwood Police Canine Officer Tanner passed away recently after a good life of tracking bad guys and recovering evidence. He was seven and half years-old.



Tanner spent his last years, after he retired in March 2005, living with his handler, Lynnwood Police Officer Cole Langdon and his wife Kim.

“Tanner had 95 captures and put a lot of bad guys in jail,” said Langdon.” He was a great partner... my first love in law enforcement.”

Tanner was forced to retire in 2005 after he sustained a serious in-the-line-of-duty leg injury.

Shop With a Cop Again a Success

Wal-Mart is one of many local businesses supporting the Police Department’s annual December Shop With A Cop program. The 2007 event was conducted at the Lynnwood Target store. Police officers worked closely with Pathways for Women YWCA and adopted 22 local families for the holidays. Funding and support was made possible by donations from Albertsons, Wal-Mart,



From left: Lynnwood Police Detective Josh Kelsey, Officer Scott Dilworth, Deidra Holm and her twin 9-month-old sons Charles and William, Police Records Manager Angelea Madsen and Pamela Baltzey with her 9-month-old daughter Harmony pose for a photo during Lynnwood Police Department’s annual Shop With A Cop event last December at Target.



Lynnwood Police Crime Prevention Specialist Shannon Sessions receives a \$500 donation from Wal-Mart “Good Works” employee Charlotte Keeton.

citizens who supported the huge Shop with a Cop garage sale last summer staged by Lynnwood citizen Sue Emme and friends.

Shop with a Cop is an opportunity for law enforcement officers to foster positive relationships within the community. Lynnwood Officers and staff look forward to being a part of this annual project.

Target, Fred Meyer, Alderwood Community Church, The Keg restaurant and the many



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