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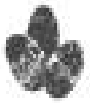
MARCH 2003

EASTER EGG HUNT & FOOD DRIVE



The Bunny arrives by Fire Truck at 10 a.m.

Saturday, April 19, 2003



10 a.m. to Noon

Lynnwood Athletic Complex

3001 184th St. SW (across from the Alderwood Mall at LHS)

Egg Hunt Times

Ages 3-4 Yrs.	10:10 a.m.
Ages 1-2 Yrs.	10:20 a.m.
Special Needs up to Age 10	10:20 a.m.
Ages 5, 6, & 7 Yrs.	10:40 a.m.
Ages 8, 9, & 10 Yrs.	10:50 a.m.

Sponsored by:



Lynnwood Officers Association
Lynnwood Kiwanis
Lynnwood Scouting

For more information call the Lynnwood Recreation Center at (425) 771-8816, or visit www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us

Big Plans For Lynnwood City Center

The Lynnwood City Center Plan is loaded with opportunities. In 1995, the Lynnwood City Council adopted a new Comprehensive Plan. This plan changed the idea of what Lynnwood could become. In 1999, planning for a new City Center got under way.

The goal for the City Center, the commercial area centered on 196th Street and 44th Avenue, is to create a compact and lively area that offers Lynnwood new opportunities for culture, jobs and homes. If the proposed plan is approved, the City Center would have taller buildings downtown (up to 25 floors), more cross streets, new lanes to accommodate traffic and new housing. Up to 7,000 new residents and 14,000 new jobs would be created here by 2020.

A task force has spent several years creating a plan with input from the public and businesses. Six open houses were conducted last month to get public input, and the plan is now before the Lynnwood City Council for the okay to begin the final phase of this project.

The final phase includes zoning regulations, design standards, a capital facilities program, and a final EIS. The final plan should be completed by summer. There will then be another public comment opportunity.

The final step will be public hearings by the Planning Commission and City Council. These hearings will lead to a final decision by the City Council this summer on whether to adopt the plan.

If you would like more information, please contact Planning Manager Kevin Garrett at (425) 670-6292.



The model drawing shows a City Center with taller buildings downtown (up to 25 floors), new housing and pedestrian plazas.

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(425) 670-6644

Senior Center

5800 198th St. S.W.

(425) 744-6464

City Council Adopts Two-Year Budget

The City adopted a budget for both 2003 and 2004. This is the first two-year budget that the city has adopted. The budget is balanced for the next two years with expenses in each year totaling about \$32 million. Our economy is stable with some concerns about retail sales, and therefore sales tax, in the short term.

The City is now discussing how to pay

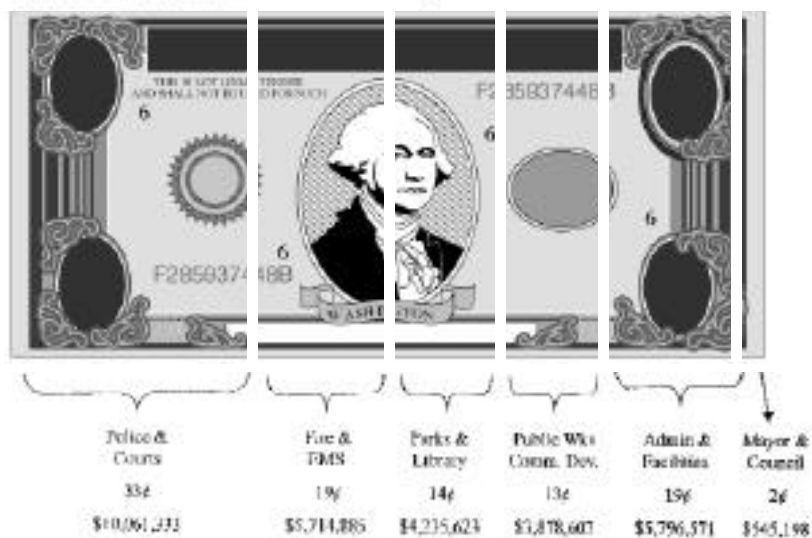
for improvements like sidewalks, a new justice center and a new community center.

Remember . . . spend your money in Lynnwood. When you do, we get to keep part of the sales tax to spend on services for you.

For more information on the city budget, check the City's website at www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us.

Where does your tax dollar go?

% of a dollar and actual expenditure for 2002



Want to Change the City's Comprehensive Plan?

In 1995, our City Council adopted a long-range vision and citywide plan to guide development in Lynnwood until 2015. That Comprehensive Plan can be changed only once each year.

You, as a Lynnwood citizen, can help determine what changes should be made. If you have an idea or a suggestion that you think would make Lynnwood a better community, now is the time to be heard.

April 1 is the deadline for formal applications to change the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission held a public informational meeting on February 13, and will ask for additional input from the public at its April 10 meeting. So, it's not too late. The April 10 Planning Commission Meeting

will be held at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

If you're not familiar with the Comprehensive Plan, it includes the City's adopted vision, goals, objectives and policies in a number of different areas. These include Land Use, Transportation, Housing, Public Facilities & Utilities, Economic Development, Cultural and Historical Resources, and Parks, Recreation and Open Space. You can find a copy at the Lynnwood Library and in most City departments.

Need more information? Contact Planning Manager Ron Hough at the Department of Community Development at (425) 670-6655 or rrough@ci.lynnwood.wa.us.

Alderwood Mall Undergoing Renovation and Expansion

So what exactly is happening at Alderwood Mall?

Alderwood Mall is being transformed into an expanded shopping, dining and entertainment center. Alderwood Mall will be a completely different place with a new look, better variety and more things to do – featuring over 200 stores and restaurants, two new parking structures with plans for a third if needed, a movie complex, fountains, furniture and fireplaces just in time for holiday shopping in 2004.

You have probably noticed several projects already under way. The biggest project currently under construction is the new Nordstrom. Nordstrom is scheduled to move into its new location in September 2003. The current Nordstrom will remain open until the new store is ready. Right next door will be a new parking structure also currently under construction.

Other projects are ongoing in and around the mall. These projects include the new Ruby's Diner next to the Food Court, interior remodeling and the addition of a new entrance into the mall between Sears and the Bon Marche.

The renovation and expansion is scheduled to continue until the end of 2004.

If you would like to sign up to receive more information from Alderwood Mall, visit their website at <http://alderwoodmall.com>. For plan review information please call Lee Michaelis, Project Planner of the Community Development Department, at (425) 670-6642.

The Dragon is Back at North Lynnwood Park

In case you hadn't noticed, the Dragon at North Lynnwood Park got a much needed rehab in January. After many years of faithful service watching over kids at the park, and summers spent spouting water, his neck had become very "sprained" and was about to collapse. Our quick thinking Park Maintenance workers whisked him away to the Park Shop where he received new neck reinforcing, and a "skin graft" of new fiberglass.

On February 10, he was put back together, and he is once again observing all who enter his domain. Stop by North Lynnwood Park and say hi! North Lynnwood Park is located on the west side of 44th Ave. W. at 185th St.



City workers install the repaired Dragon.

Keith Shaw Named Firefighter of the Year

Keith Shaw was recently recognized as the Lynnwood Fire Department's 2002 Firefighter of the Year. Keith, a five-year member of the Lynnwood Fire Department, was selected for this honor by his peers.

Keith is a valued member of Lynnwood's Haz-Mat Team and a part of our public education program, teaching fire safety to children in local schools. He goes out of his way to provide excellent customer service and to assist families during stressful times.

Congratulations, Keith!



Keith Shaw

Please Join Us!

You are invited to the second annual Multicultural Family Affair.

This free, fun-filled family event celebrates the richness of our diverse community. Booths, roving entertainers, ethnic foods, dancing, music and storytelling will serve to introduce different cultures to the citizens of Lynnwood.

The Multicultural Family Affair will take place at:

**Cedar Valley Community School, 19200 56th Ave. W.
Saturday, April 26th Noon - 4:00 p.m.**

The event is sponsored by the Family Support Center, the new Cedar Valley Community School, the Edmonds Community College Culinary Arts Department, and the Lynnwood Diversity Project.

For more details, contact the Family Support Center at (425) 670-8984.

LYNNWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Internet Safety Tips for Parents

It is imperative that parents teach their children the potential dangers associated with the Internet. Young children tend to forget that those they communicate with online are real people. Children must learn to protect their privacy and "not to talk (online) to strangers."

- Before giving out personal information, such as credit card numbers, home address, phone number, name of school, etc, make sure that a website is encrypted.
- Any web address that begins with the HTTPS protocol (Hyper Text Transfer Protocol Secure) is generally safe. Also, if a site is encrypted, a small padlock icon will appear in the browser's toolbar when personal information is required.
- Don't respond to chat messages or open emails if you don't know the sender.
- Be cautious about meeting persons you have spoken to online.
- The majority of Internet sites are safe. Remember, like the real world, some websites contain material that may not be appropriate for children. Be sure to discuss your family's boundaries for what is suitable to view online.
- Place the computer in a common place in the home (not a bedroom or remote area).
- Parents should examine websites for racial, gender, and biases that may be inappropriate for children.

Parents can learn simple steps to trace what activity has taken place on the home computer. If you want to know where your child has "been" on the computer, take the time to educate yourself on how to do that.

Some valuable resources available to you:

www.getnetwise.org/tools/
www.staysafeonline.info/
www.safekids.com/
www.fbi.gov/publications/pguide/pguide.htm



DEFINITIONS

World Wide Web or WWW is an interconnected network of computers that offers electronic communication among users. The Internet is the paved road or the HIGHWAY that can be used for just about anything you can dream of. Websites can contain pictures, text, and sounds

Usenet groups (also called newsgroups or bulletin boards) are series of comments and ongoing dialogue that are posted in a bulletin board style.

Chat Rooms are where participants "talk" (type) to each other in real time because their comments are posted the instant they are typed. Common instant messenger clients include AOL Instant Messenger, Yahoo Messenger, and MSN Messenger.

The Lynnwood Police Department is concerned for the safety of your families. If you become aware of an issue regarding Internet Safety that you feel should be shared with the citizens of Lynnwood, please contact the Crime Prevention Unit at (425) 744-6938

From The Internet and Your Child (c. 1998-1999 Leanne Shirley); and Librarian's Guide to Cyberspace, underwritten by America Online.

Support Available for Rental Property Owners/Managers

Ever feel like your rental property is taking a lot out of you? Want to get law enforcement's perspective on crime trends and prevention?

The Managers Association of South Snohomish County (MAS2C) is for you!

This group of area rental property personnel (owners, managers, maintenance, property management companies) meets the third Wednesday of each month at high noon for continuing education and mutual support. Upcoming topics include:

- CPS (Child Protective Services)
- Crime Scene Investigation Procedures
- Tour of Fire Department and Use of Fire Extinguisher
- Drugs in our Communities
- Dispatch Center Tour

Benefits for these no-cost meetings are getting to know other area rental personnel, help in day-to-day management of your property, and maintaining quality renters, thereby saving you money.

Call Lynnwood Police Crime Prevention, Janet Abbott, (425) 744-6938, for more information.

GOING ON VACATION?

Let the Lynnwood Police VIPS help keep your home safe! Volunteers will check the outside of your house once a day to make sure all is secure. To sign up for this free service, fill out a Vacation House Check Form at the front desk of the Lynnwood Police Department, open 24 hours a day.

You Can Be a Part of Heritage Park!

You are invited to become a part of Lynnwood's new Heritage Park! The park is now under construction and offers many exciting opportunities for community involvement. Commemorate your family's heritage or honor a loved one with your contribution toward the development of Heritage Park.



PERSONALIZED BRICK PAVERS

Have your name, family or business become a permanent part of Heritage Park! Now is the time to purchase an inscribed brick and help pave the plaza in front of the restored Interurban Trolley.



SCULPTURE

Contribute a rooster, chicken or baby chick sculpture for placement within the park's landscape! The bronze sculptures will be fabricated by artist Louise McDowell, who also provided the park's Public Art sculpture currently on display at City Hall.

TROLLEY ACCESSORIES

Help complete the restoration of Interurban Trolley #55 with contributions of needed accessories. These include the cow catcher, headlights, whistle and leather interior seats. Trolley seats would include bronze recognition plaques.



All donations will be recognized on a permanent plaque within the park. The Heritage Park site is located at the southeast corner of Poplar Way and Alderwood Parkway in Lynnwood. For order forms, pricing information and more information on contributions, please call Laurie Cowan, Lynnwood Parks Planner, at (425) 744-6478.

'Bike To Work Day' is May 16

Is your commute getting you down? Commute by bicycle! It will be the best part of your day. On Friday, May 16, 2003, join thousands of bicyclists for Bike to Work Day. Bicycling is a fast, healthy, fun, and pollution-free way of getting around town. Bicycle commuting is an increasingly popular option for many of us who are stressed out by the daily car commute.

What is 'Bike To Work Day'?

Bike to Work Day is a national event sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists. It is celebrated in cities throughout the United States. We invite you to join us and find out why the Puget Sound area is continually ranked as one of the Top 10 best places in the country to ride a bicycle!



Between 6 and 9 a.m. on May 16th, Commuter Stations will be in operation in 33 locations throughout King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties. Locally, we will have two stations where bicyclists can stop by. On May 16th, a station will be located at the Lynnwood Park and Ride. A station at Edmonds Community College will open Thursday, May 15th between 6 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Volunteers at these stations will encourage and cheer you on. At most stations a mechanic will be available to provide free bike maintenance, courtesy of our station sponsors.

Stop by a station, pick up free giveaway items, grab a free bicycle map, or buy merchandise, including the official event T-shirt or bicycle jersey! Sign up for the chance to win a free raffle prize, also provided by our station sponsors.

For more information please visit the Bike to Work website at www.cascade.org/btwday/, call (206) 522-3222 or call Lee Michaelis of the City of Lynnwood at (425) 670-6642.

April Pool's Day

Come celebrate the 25th Annual April Pool's Day at the Lynnwood Recreation Center on Saturday, April 12th from 1 - 5 p.m. This fun event promotes water safety for kids and includes games, food, and prizes. The program is geared for youths aged 7-12 years and costs \$2 for kids, \$2.75 for adults, and is FREE for spectators. Activities will include life jacket testing, boating safety, toy bob, float testing and much more.

April Pool's Day is a statewide event sponsored by the Drowning Prevention Coalition, Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center, the American Red Cross of King and Kitsap Counties, Public Health - Seattle & King County, WRPA, and Mustang Survival. Space is limited.

Lynnwood Library Gallery
 19200 44th Ave. W.
 Lynnwood, WA

There is more to see at the library than books! Each month, the Lynnwood Arts Commission features a different artist or group of artists in the library's meeting room.

Coming Up:

Feb 21 - March 27
Mary Anderson & Elizabeth Moga
watercolor & oil paintings

March 28 - May 1
Patricia Rogers
digitally altered prints

May 2 - June 5
Steve Naccarato
oil paintings

For more information about exhibits, please contact the Lynnwood Cultural Arts Office (425) 771-4030.

Spring Clean-up Week of April 14



The City of Lynnwood's annual Spring Clean-up event will take place during the week of April 14. Single-family residents may place extra trash and yard debris out on their regular garbage pickup day at no extra charge. Non-garbage service customers may participate by placing items at curbside on your neighborhood's regular garbage collection day.

Special rules and restrictions apply. Detailed information will be mailed prior to the Spring Clean-up (look for the large yellow postcard). You can also watch for information on the city's website at www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Your Yard Debris

Consider reusing yard debris, such as leaves, grass, brush and clippings, in your landscape through composting, mulching or other activities.

Composting and more. Information can be found in free brochures available in the lobbies at Lynnwood City Hall or at the Library, including:

- Natural lawn care
- Building healthy soil
- Salmon-friendly gardening
- How-to compost
- Mulches and mulching
- Smart watering
- Grass-cycling
- Worm-bin composting
- What to do with pet wastes
- Alternatives to pesticides
- Low-cost compost bins



If you can't find these or if you have any questions on yard debris options call the Recycling Coordinator at 425-670-8302.

Curbside collection. Many residents subscribe to regular curbside collection of yard debris. Contact your garbage company to sign up for this service. Collection containers are provided for the debris to be taken to area compost facilities. As a reminder, City law prohibits yard debris from being placed in garbage containers.

Drop-off facilities. Yard debris can also be dropped off at area facilities for a fee. Some of these facilities also accept sod, dirt, wood waste, and concrete. Look in the Yellow Pages under "Topsoil" or look for the yard debris information in the light-blue pamphlet on recycling of construction, demolition and land clearing debris.

WORK IN THE SUN AND CLOSE TO HOME THIS SUMMER



The City of Lynnwood is recruiting now for summer camp positions at \$9.44 – 13.93/hour. Check our website for more information (www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us) or call us at (425) 775-1971.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Lynnwood Athletics Program has been awarded the USSSA Award of Merit for outstanding softball program development.



Spring is in full bloom at the Lynnwood Recreation Center

There is still time to sign up for the following classes!*

Classes for Tots

- Mar 26 Travel the World with Live Paint!
- Apr 25 Music 4 Preschool

Classes For Teens

- Mar 22 Candles From Molds
- Apr 5 Herbal Soaps
- Apr 21 Pastel Fantasy
- Apr 21 Bellydancing
- Apr 24 Guitar Playing

Classes for Youth

- Mar 22 Food Art
- Mar 29 Art Sparks
- Mar 29 Fine Art Drawing & Painting
- Apr 4 Jazz Dance
- Apr 21 Ballet
- Apr 26 Super Dooper Sandwiches

Classes for Adults

- Mar 22 Candles from Molds
- Mar 26 Sumi-e Brush & Ink Painting
- Apr 2 Line & Swing Dancing
- Apr 3 Travel Photos
- Apr 4 Ballroom Dancing
- Apr 4 Infant Sign Workshop
- Apr 5 Herbal Soaps
- Apr 21 Oil Pastel Drawing
- Apr 21 Bellydancing
- Apr 24 Guitar Playing
- May 17 Wedding Dances in a Flash

**subject to space available*

For more information
or to register, please call the
Lynnwood Recreation Center
(425) 771-4030.

FANTASTIC FRIDAYS
MUSIC CONCERT SERIES



The BoZoArtZ Duo
April 4
Music & Mayhem

An evening of beautiful songs together with fast paced laugh-out-loud physical comedy. If you like Victor Borge, you will love this group. Classical music with a punch line!

Tickets available at 6:30 pm Show starts at 7:30 pm
FREE, suggested donation: Adults- \$2, Children- \$1

Edmonds Community College, Triton Union—2nd floor
20200 68th Ave W, Lynnwood

Saturday Matinee
Fun Shows For Fun Kids



The Goblin & The Poet
May 3
Thistle Theatre

In this Hans Christian Andersen story, a goblin, who loves butter, wants to know why a poor poet gives up food for an old book. The goblin peeks into the poet's room and sees the adventure and excitement of poems and stories dance before his eyes!

Tickets available at 1:30 pm Show starts at 2:30 pm
FREE, suggested donation: Adults- \$2, Children- \$1

Meadowdale High School, Black Box Theater
6002- 168th St SW, Lynnwood

These performances are supported by
Lynnwood Arts Commission, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department, Edmonds Community College Student Programs & a grant from the Washington State Arts Commission

For more information, please call (425) 771-4030.

Attention Seniors!

Meet Judge Stephen Moore and the Court Staff at Lynnwood Municipal Court on Friday May 9, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. in commemoration of Law Day. Tour the court and get a behind the scenes glimpse of your Municipal Court. Refreshments will be served.

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