



INSIDE LYNNWOOD

CIVIC LIGHTS

Thursday, December 4th
5:45 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Lynnwood Civic Center
19100 44th Avenue West



- ☞ Tree lighting with Santa at Library - 5:45 p.m.
- ☞ FREE Photos with Santa
- ☞ Polar Bear Swim - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- ☞ Musical entertainment by local students
- ☞ Children's Stories
- ☞ Costumed characters and strolling carolers
- ☞ Holiday arts workshop
- ☞ Refreshments and candy canes
- ☞ Non-perishable food donations accepted at the Fire Station, proceeds benefit Lynnwood Food Bank

Thanks to our Sponsors:



For more information or to volunteer:
Lynnwood Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts
www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us
(425) 771-4030

Holiday Shopping Made Easy

Every year hundreds of Canadians head to Lynnwood for one purpose - to shop. Why? Because Lynnwood has the best selection of stores and restaurants in all of Snohomish County.

From custom jewelry stores to imports, clothing boutiques to electronics, Lynnwood has it all. Free parking and fun places to eat make a shopping spree in Lynnwood a great way to kick off the holidays.

The improved Alderwood Mall with the new Nordstrom is a wonderful place to start. But beyond the Mall, Lynnwood merchants offer hundreds of unique, fun and interesting gift ideas, all here, right in our own back yard!

Remember to shop in your City. These tax dollars help support essential City services.

Get Great Deals on Lynnwood Hotels

Are family and friends coming to visit over the holidays?

Lynnwood hotels, in conjunction with the Snohomish County Tourism Bureau, are offering Lynnwood residents' friends and family discounted hotel rooms this holiday season.

Your visitors will enjoy a relaxing free breakfast, take advantage of the exercise rooms and swimming pools and get a good night's sleep in a quality hotel room. Call 1-888-557-2889 to book a room now. Lynnwood hotels ... the best guest rooms in town.

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New Neighborhood Parks Planned

Public meetings are under way for the design of two new neighborhood parks in Lynnwood. The new park sites are located at 33rd Place W at about 175th Street and 60th Avenue W at about 184th Street. The public meetings give neighbors the opportunity to participate in the planning of these new parks.

The design consultant for the parks is The Berger Partnership, a Seattle landscape architectural firm. Three separate neighborhood meetings are planned for each park. The first meeting for each park has been held and identified what neighbors would like to see developed at the parks. From this information, the consultant will present three alternative designs at the second meetings, which are scheduled for:

■ 33rd Place W Park - Tuesday, December 2, at Spruce Primary School Library, 17405 Spruce Way, 6:00-8:00 pm.

■ 60th Ave W Park - Tuesday, December 9, at the Crossroad Assembly of God Church in the Fellowship Hall, 18527 60th Ave W, 6:00-8:00 pm.

Lynnwood's neighborhood parks often provide play equipment, picnic areas, sports courts and trails, while protecting existing significant trees. The parks will be developed when funding becomes available.

If you are interested in attending future meetings for either park, please call Laurie Cowan at (425) 744-6478 for meeting dates and times.



Recreation Opportunities for Home-Schooled Children

In partnership with the Edmonds School District, the Lynnwood Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department is offering classes and field trips for children who are home schooled.

Home-schooled children in the program, called Ed-Venture Club, participate in educational outings in the greater Seattle area. Destinations have included Northwest Trek, the Burke Museum and Odyssey Maritime Discovery Center. On each outing, several children have recorded and photographed their observations for future home school assignments. The field trips for Team X-treme are more physical, and are designed to meet P.E. requirements. Activities include hikes, rock climbing, gymnastics

and other sports.

In addition, the Lynnwood Recreation Center now offers special open swim, racquetball and wallyball for home-schooled children on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 1:00-2:30 p.m. The fee is \$2.00 per student.

These programs were designed to provide children with opportunities to develop smart minds and healthy bodies, and to socialize with other children in small groups.

For more information about home school recreation, or to register for Ed-Venture Club and Team X-treme, please contact the Lynnwood Recreation Center at (425) 771-4030.

Construction of new Convention Center is formally under way

In a City Hall ceremony on October 21, the Snohomish County Public Facilities District (PFD) gave a \$2,307,647 check to the Lynnwood PFD. The check represents the beginning of what will be monthly sales tax and hotel/motel tax income to the Lynnwood Convention Center. Lynnwood Mayor McKinnon said, "The Lynnwood Convention Center will provide an exceptional new amenity for our citizens, and bring new business into the community."

The new Lynnwood Convention Center will be located at the City's main gateway - the intersection of 196th and 37th, right off I-5. This magnificent and contemporary facility will be 55,000 square feet in total, with 23,000 square feet dedicated specifically toward meeting and exhibition space.

Scheduled to open in spring of 2005, the Lynnwood Convention Center will be a cornerstone of Lynnwood's revitalization and a catalyst for Snohomish County's economic development. The Convention Center will stimulate business in the retail and hotel/restaurant sectors, and advance the overall financial strength of the area. A study by Columbia Hospitality states that the Convention Center will generate a total economic impact of \$13.7 million.

Phase One (of the two-phase construction project) has already begun with demolition and site preparation. This phase is expected to be complete by the end of the year. Phase Two will



This is an artist's drawing of how the new convention center will look when completed.

include building site work and construction. The construction contract will be awarded in December 2003. Construction will start the first quarter of 2004 and be complete by spring 2005.

Funding comes from sales tax revenue that would otherwise go to the state of Washington, and from hotel/motel taxes. No new taxes will be needed to build the Convention Center.

The Lynnwood Convention Center is a key component of the Lynnwood City Center Project. The City Center project's vision is to transform the commercial area between Alderwood Mall and 44th Avenue West into a vibrant and attractive "Downtown" district.

Convention Center Public Art

The Lynnwood Arts Commission is working with the Lynnwood Public Facilities District (PFD) to add public art to the future Convention Center. A Public Art Selection Panel includes PFD Board member Liz Wilson, Arts Commission members Ken Smith, Pat Condon and Kristen Dill, Lynnwood Citizen Michelle McGraw, Arts Professional Susan DiPietro, and Arts Professional Melissa Newell.

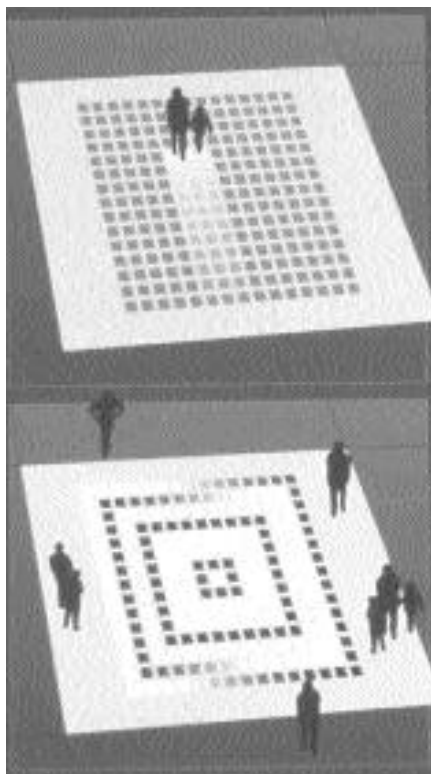
In a public meeting in September, the Public Art Selection Panel chose four finalists from 78 applicants. The four finalists presented their written and visual proposals, including drawings and models, at a second public meeting in October.

The Panel recommended that artists Doug Hansen and Rick Mullarky split the art budget of approximately \$100,000.

Hansen works with glass and light such as fiber optics and LED, integrated architecturally.

Mullarky works in design and highly interactive computer-driven installations. Each of them proposed a significant art piece that celebrates technology. The artists now await the PFD Board's approval to begin their projects.

For more information, call the PFD office at (425) 778-7155 or the Arts Commission Office at (425) 744-6459 or check out the PFD web site at www.lynnwoodpfd.com.



Rick Mullarky's proposed "Reactive Spaces: LED Pixel Boxes That Interact With Visitors"



Doug Hansen's proposed water sculpture

A New Housing Option for Lynnwood

Lynnwood is a relatively young community, the product of a wave of suburban growth in south Snohomish County a few short decades ago. Two of every three dwellings in Lynnwood today were built before 1980. Our neighborhoods are comfortable and pleasant, but they lack variety.

Housing in Lynnwood consists of four basic types: rental apartments, condominiums, mobile/manufactured homes and single-family detached homes. About one-half of all dwellings in Lynnwood are single-family detached homes and most are on large lots of 8,000 sq. ft. or more. City policy favors large lots and our codes require them. If you already own a home, you're lucky. But if you hope to purchase a Lynnwood home for your young family or for retirement, don't expect to find an older existing home for under \$200,000. A new one will cost 300,000 or more.

A new housing option is coming our way. On October 13, the Lynnwood City Council gave final approval to a form of housing that Lynnwood hasn't seen before.

Carriage Gardens is a unique project of 36 single-family homes now under construction on 68th Avenue near Edmonds Community College. These homes will be tightly clustered around pockets of landscaped open space and served by a private street. Most parking will be in garages under the homes and all lawn areas and streets will be professionally maintained common areas.



Artist's drawing of Carriage Gardens homes.

This project could not be built in any of Lynnwood's single-family zones. Instead, it was approved through the Planned Unit Development (PUD) process in a multiple-family zone. The designer was able to use the allowed multi-family density while separating the units into free-standing single-family homes for individual ownership.

Unlike most Lynnwood neighborhoods, Carriage Gardens homes will be clustered on small lots with direct access to common yard areas. They will appeal primarily to working professional couples, retired seniors and small families starting out. This form of housing has proved to be very popular in other cities where the homes have sold very quickly.

If you would like more information about this development or type of housing, contact Ron Hough at (425) 670-6655.

First Business Advisory Group Meeting a Success

The inaugural meeting of the Lynnwood Business Advisory Group was held on September 23 at Old Country Buffet Restaurant. Representatives from over 30 businesses, the Mayor, City Council, the Chamber of Commerce and City staff attended.

Business people in the community had an opportunity to present issues they face while doing business in the City of Lynnwood, which included the permit processes, tenant improvements and signage.

Please join us on the Business Advisory Group. Call (425) 670-6677 or email thebag@ci.lynnwood.wa.us for more information.

Economic Development in Lynnwood

An Economic Development and Action Plan is being prepared to identify economic development resources and trends, and to encourage jobs and healthy businesses. The success of the Action Plan depends on your involvement. As a resident or business owner, you are a stakeholder.

Please contact the Economic Development Office at (425) 670-6677 and let us know your thoughts and suggestions about Lynnwood's economic future.

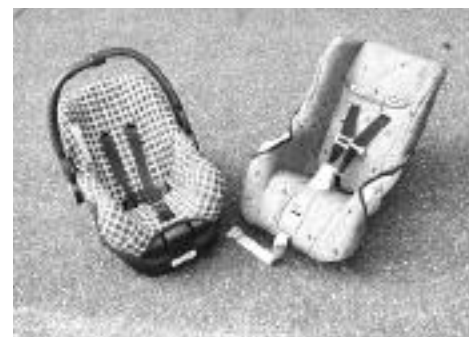
City Wants to Destroy Your Used Car Seat

Lynnwood is collecting used child car seats for a destruction marathon! Used car seats can be dangerous!

- A car seat bought at a garage sale may have already been in an accident.
- Car seat safety standards may have changed since the seat was manufactured.
- Car seat harnesses may be worn and ineffective.

It's important to get old car seats out of circulation. Take your old car seats to any City of Lynnwood building for storage – then come watch a BIG machine crush them in the spring!

Law requires children up to 6 years old or 60 pounds to be in appropriate child passenger restraints. Be sure your little ones aren't using a seat that is either too old, or with a history you don't know.



Used car seats can be dangerous and should be destroyed.

Staying Safe at Home and Out-and-About During the Holidays

Not everyone has the spirit of giving during the holidays. Crooks find it a great time to steal money, credit cards and packages. They can also capitalize on your being tired, stressed-out and distracted.

Follow the common-sense tips below to minimize the chances that a grinch spoils your season:

- ▶ Carry little cash. Use checks or credit/debit cards instead.
- ▶ Photocopy the contents of your wallet. Take out all the cards, ID, and information you carry and put them on the copier. Make a copy, then turn them all over for the information on the back and make another copy. Keep the copies at home. If your wallet is stolen, you will immediately be able to cancel accounts and notify agencies that need to protect your information.
- ▶ Be aware of pickpockets, especially those who work in pairs. One person may bump or distract you; the other may grab something from your purse or pocket.
- ▶ If your car is parked by valet, leave only your car key with the attendant.
- ▶ Do not keep packages and purchases visible in your vehicle. Keep them in your trunk or hatchback.

▶ Be sure to keep your car locked and windows up, even if you're sitting in it making a list and checking it twice!

▶ Requests from charities are common during the holidays. Unless you are certain you know the organization calling, ask for information in writing that gives the exact name of the group, its purpose, and what percentage of your donation will go to the charity and what percentage to the fund raiser.

When you're away from home:

- ▶ Leave a radio playing so it sounds like someone is home.
- ▶ Keep all packages away from windows and close drapes during the evening hours while you are away from home.
- ▶ Keep some lights on, or on timers, so the home appears occupied.
- ▶ Stop mail and newspaper delivery.
- ▶ Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your home if you're traveling. If you don't know your neighbors, go meet them! That is the best crime prevention tip of all!

Take reasonable steps to protect yourself and your property, then take a deep breath and enjoy the season!

Lynnwood Police Offer Free 16-Week Citizens Academy

The Lynnwood Police Department is offering a 16-week Citizens Academy for those who live or work in Lynnwood. This hands-on course will give those who attend a better understanding of day-to-day police operations.

Classes will be held at the Criminal Justice Center every Thursday evening from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. from February 19 to June 3, 2004.

Topics include:

- ▶ The Work of Patrol/Traffic Officers
- ▶ How Detectives Solve Crimes & Fingerprinting Demonstrations
- ▶ Homicide Investigation and the Work of the Medical Examiner
- ▶ Gangs and Graffiti
- ▶ Tour of the Lynnwood Jail
- ▶ Visit to SNOCOM 911 Dispatch Agency
- ▶ Canine Procedure, and Building Searches
- ▶ Lynnwood Municipal Court
- ▶ SWAT and ALERT Team Demonstrations
- ▶ Narcotics and Undercover Officers
- ▶ Ride-Along With a Patrol Officer

For more information or to request an application for this program, please call Trudy Dana, Lynnwood Police Crime Prevention, at (425) 744-6939. Class size is limited.

Winter Fire Safety for Your Home

Keep your home and family safe this season! Here are some tips to remember:

Space Heaters: Locate any space heaters well away from combustible materials. Space heaters are responsible for two out of three home heating fires and three out of four related deaths in the United States.



Holiday Safety: The Fire Department responds to many house fires on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. A common cause of fire during the holidays is the use of candles on the dinner table. Tall taper candles are safer than low votive candles, because it is easier to accidentally place a napkin or placemat over a lower open flame.

Christmas Lights: Although Christmas lights are an annual tradition, some older lights and fixtures may need to be replaced. Cracked, frayed and damaged Christmas lighting should be discarded. Don't try to save money using unreliable electrical cords. Be sure to look for a label indicating the product is approved by an independent testing laboratory such as UL or ETL.

Emergency Preparedness: Be sure to stock your home with batteries, water, food and first-aid supplies to last at least 72 hours. During the New Year's Eve storm of 1996, the snow pack and accompanying rains collapsed roofs, flooded many area homes, and challenged the resources of the Lynnwood Fire Department. Although the Fire Department is typically able to respond immediately to emergencies, major storms can slow our response times. It's always a good idea to be prepared for the unexpected.

LYNNWOOD LIBRARY GALLERY

19200 44th Ave West, Lynnwood

There is more to check out at the library than great books!

Each month, the Lynnwood Arts Commission features an artist or group of artists in the library's meeting room. A whole new year of exhibits starts in January. Pick up a brochure at the library or Recreation Center.

Nov 21 - December
Mona Smiley-Fairbanks
monotype prints

For more information, please call
(425) 744-6459.

Community Center and Recreation Center Feasibility Study

The City of Lynnwood is conducting a feasibility study to evaluate the existing Recreation Center and Senior Center and begin planning for new and renovated facilities.

Citizen input is needed to develop recommendations for improvements to the existing Recreation Center and begin planning for a new Community Center.

Please visit www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us or call Katie Anderson at (425) 744-6445 to learn more.

Library Offers Workshop on Online Shopping

November 25
8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m.

Learn how to shop safely on the Internet just in time for the holiday season. Must have previous experience using the World Wide Web.

Don't Forget About Christmas Tree-cycling

Local Boy Scout Troop 304 will be collecting and recycling Christmas trees in the Lynnwood this year on the following three days:



Sunday December 28, 2003
Saturday, January 3, 2004
Sunday, January 4, 2004

In mid-December troop members will distribute flyers to Lynnwood neighborhoods with the details of this service. Preparing a Christmas tree for recycling is important!

Please remove all:

- Decorations
- Stands
- Tinsel
- Nails

FLOCKED TREES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Multi-family property managers are encouraged to call (425) 787-2446 to participate and to make arrangements with the scouts for collection.

Troop 304 thanks Lynnwood citizens for their continual support in this activity, which is the scouts' main fundraiser for the coming year.



New Transfer Station Opens Near Paine Field

The Airport Road Recycling and Transfer Station (ARTS), located at 10700 Minuteman Drive off Airport Road, near the entrance to Paine Field in Everett, is now open. The facility is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ARTS includes a separate area for free recycling drop-off, for households only, for items such as: vehicle batteries, antifreeze, used motor oil, oil filters, barbecue propane tanks, fluorescent bulbs, newspaper, mixed paper, cardboard, tin and aluminum cans, and glass bottles and jars.

Unwanted electronics such as computers, computer monitors, and televisions can also be dropped off for a fee, as these items cannot be disposed of in regular garbage pick-up.

For more information call (425) 388-3425 or visit www.co.snohomish.wa.us/publicwk/solidwaste/information/swfacilities.htm.

Did you know? All Lynnwood residents can now add empty paper milk cartons and juice boxes to their curbside recycling? Also, any shredded paper from home office shredders should be put in paper bags before recycling (no confetti please).



If you have questions about recycling, composting, household hazardous waste, etc., call the City's Recycling Coordinator at (425) 670-8302, or visit www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us.

Heritage Park Holiday Giving

Honor your loved ones with a holiday gift that will last forever. This is a wonderful opportunity to support Lynnwood's new Heritage Park with a gift that will become a permanent part of Lynnwood history. Phase I construction of Heritage Park is nearly complete, but the park still needs those finishing touches that only your support can provide. All contributions will be recognized on a permanent donors' plaque within the park.



PERSONALIZED BRICK PAVERS

Distinguish yourself, your family, friends, or business in the Heritage Park plaza. Help pave the way with the purchase of an inscribed brick.

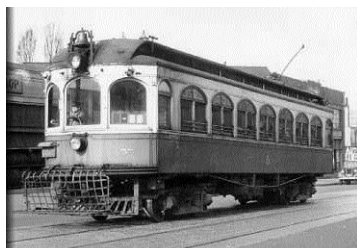


SCULPTURE

Contribute a rooster, chicken or baby chick sculpture for placement within the park's landscape.

TROLLEY ACCESSORIES

Help restore Interurban Trolley #55 with a donation toward headlights, a whistle, cow catcher or leather interior seats.



The Heritage Park site is located at the southeast corner of Poplar Way and Alderwood Mall Parkway in Lynnwood. For order forms, pricing information and more information on contributions, please call Laurie Cowan, Lynnwood Parks Planner, at (425) 744-6478.



Lynnwood seniors enjoy cross country skiing.

Winter Outdoor Recreation for Seniors

The Lynnwood Senior Center offers cross-country skiing and snowshoeing for those 50 and older - and we do the driving! To learn more about our day and overnight trips, and to sign up for January trips, join us at our annual Winter Recreation Meeting on Thursday, December 11 at 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

We will discuss everything you need to know to get started and answer your questions about cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Bernie Sigler, a member of the Mountaineers, will demonstrate different types of skis and discuss rental rates, clothing and how to prepare for a day of outdoor recreation. Bernie will also offer cross-country skiing instructions.

If you are interested but can't make the meeting, pick up a winter recreation brochure at the Senior Center - 5800 198th Street SW or call (425) 744-6464 for more information.

NEW RECREATION PROGRAMS!	
Preschool Music Makers March 6	Wood Sculpture April 19 - May 17
Youth Camp Pyramid February 17 - 20	Adult Sewing For Dummies March 10
Camp Wilber April 12 - 16	Natural Skin & Body Care February 7
Cake Decorating April 3	Inside Italy January 31
Crochet Basics January 22 or March 24	
<i>For more information on all of our Recreation programs, call (425) 771-4030 or visit our web page at www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us.</i>	

Fantastic Fridays

Free performances for families
Friday evenings at 7:30 pm
Edmonds Community College-2nd Floor
Triton Union Building
20200 68th Ave W, Lynnwood

November 21

Ohop Valley Boys

Bluegrass music with stamina! Fast instrumentals. High and lonesome vocals with a spark of individuality

December 12

The Mary Wiles Show

A little bit of country, a little bit of rock 'n' roll and she'll sing a couple of holiday tunes, too!

January 16

Brad Richter

Classical guitar, original compositions and choreographed images of the Arizona desert by famed photographer Darris Lee.

Saturday Matinee

Free performances for children
Saturdays at 2:30 pm
Meadowdale High School-
Black Box Theater
6002 168th St SW, Lynnwood

December 6

Major Conrad Flapps

The World's Only Human Airplane

Take off on a comedy adventure with this *plane* silly man who tries to get off the ground!

February 28

Brothers From Different Mothers

Juggling duo

High-energy, interactive wackiness! These guys juggle with *unusual* body parts, heavy yoga balls, and turn the audience into a musical instrument.

FREE

Suggested Donation: Adults: \$3 Children \$2

Tickets available one hour before show. For more information, please call (425) 771-4030.

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