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City Newsletter

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Learn All About Your City

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For Classes*



City Gets Another Clean Audit - and a Big Compliment!

*Ever wondered...What do they really do at City Hall?
What services do they provide?
How can I be involved?
How can I get a job at the city?*

Well, these questions and many more will be answered at Lynnwood University!

Course Description

Lynnwood University is a nine-week course that we promise will be interesting and informative. Lynnwood University will meet Thursday nights, generally from 7 to 9pm. Topics will include:

- ▶ Transportation (are they ever going to finish 196th St.?)
- ▶ Public involvement (how to make sure the City hears your opinion)
- ▶ Employment (how many people work at the City and how do I get a job?)
- ▶ Parks (how much land does the City own and where is it?)
- ▶ Police and public safety (what is the crime rate and what are we doing about it?), and
- ▶ Growth in the City (what about that City Center project, where is it and what will it mean to me?)

Here is the best part...it's free!

Space is limited so sign up now! For an application or to learn more, contact Elena Victorine at (425) 744-6475 or evictorine@ci.lynnwood.wa.us

Thanks!

The City of Lynnwood received another good report from the Washington State Auditor. The unusual thing this time was the letter of commendation from the State Auditor himself. After 10 years of audits where the City did not have any "findings" (or serious concerns), Auditor Sonntag commended the City on its "exemplary record".

Auditor Sonntag went on to say the State Auditor's Office "views its relationship with the City (Lynnwood) as a model for other entities in the state." City Finance Director, Mike Bailey said he had not seen a nice compliment such as this in his 23 years in local government.

Congratulations to all the dedicated City staff who make our good record possible. The City's financial reports and budgets can all be found on the website under the "City Hall" menu.

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(425) 771-4030

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Senior Center

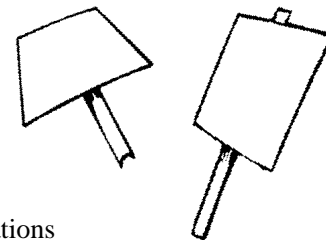
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Signs OK with Limitations in Public Right of Way

In 2000, the Lynnwood City Council approved a number of changes to the City's sign regulations that included allowing the following signs in public street right-of-way subject to limitations on size and placement in the right-of-way:

- ▶ Civic banners
- ▶ Political campaign signs
- ▶ Portable real estate open house and directional signs
- ▶ Yard and garage sale signs



However, in January 2002, sunset clauses in the regulations eliminated the provisions allowing placement of these signs in street right-of-way.

On April 24 of this year, the Lynnwood City Council decided to allow these signs in public street right-of-way subject to the same limitations that were in place prior to January 2002.

If you have any questions about Lynnwood's sign regulations, please contact Senior Planner Darryl Eastin at 425-670-6652 or email deastin@ci.lynnwood.wa.us.

Lynnwood Business Advisory Group

The Lynnwood Business Advisory Group is being formed to:

- Learn more about what is happening in Lynnwood
- Identify issues facing Lynnwood businesses
- Give the City your business perspective
- Provide input on the City's economic development
- Meet with the Mayor to discuss Lynnwood business issues

**Meet with
the Mayor**

We want to hear from you.

Your comments and suggestions are important.

Our first meeting is:

Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2003

Time: 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Place: Old Country Buffet Restaurant
4601 200th Street SW
Lynnwood Square Shopping Center
Continental Breakfast

Mike McKinnon
Mayor

David Kleitsch
Economic Development Director

Phone: 425-670-6677
Fax: 425-771-6585

Please RSVP by September 16
Call 425-670-6677
Email: TheBAG@ci.lynnwood.wa.us

3 New Firefighters Join Fire Department

The Lynnwood Fire Department is pleased to introduce three new firefighters recently hired to fill openings created by retirements.



Scott Russell

Scott Russell comes to us from the Marysville Fire Department where he was a Reserve Firefighter/EMT for 5 years.



Keith Sessions

Keith Sessions worked for Boeing Fire Department in Renton as a firefighter/EMT for six years and as a firefighter and rescue crew chief in the U.S. Air Force for ten years.



Julian Aceto

Julian Aceto was with Eastside Fire & Rescue for 2 years as a volunteer firefighter/EMT and has a strong medical background.

Each of these firefighters has completed Fire Academy training and an additional two-week introduction to the Lynnwood Fire Department.

Firefighter's Association Breakfast a Success

On July 12th the Lynnwood Fire Fighter's Association hosted the Eighth Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Civic Center Fire Station. Once again it was a tremendous success with more than 500 people being served.

At the same time, the Puget Sound Blood Center was at the station to accept donations of life giving blood.

Donations of food and supplies for the breakfast came from Kafe Neo Restaurant, the Aldercrest Health & Rehabilitation Center, and McDonald's on 44th Ave W. Entertainment by the Lynnwood Trolley Days Band was excellent and a welcome addition to the event.

The Lynnwood Fire Fighters would like to thank everyone who gave of their time and energy to help make this year's event successful. Your donations allow us to support local agencies and programs such as the Clothes For Kids, the Lynnwood Food Bank, Adopt-a-Highway, the Lynnwood Smoke Detector Program, and provide college scholarships.

Hope to see you next year!

City applying measures to reduce mosquitoes to prevent West Nile Virus

This year four deaths from the mosquito borne West Nile Virus (WNV) have been reported in the United States. No human cases of WNV have been reported in Washington State.

The Center for Disease Control has reported that 288 people (out of a total population of 281,000,000) have died from the WNV (approximately 1 in 1,000,000). In comparison, statistically your chance of getting hit by lightning is estimated to be 1 in 500,000. According to the National Center for Disease Control-"Human illness from WNV is rare, even in areas where the virus has been reported. The chance that any one person is going to become ill from a mosquito bite is low."

The City is applying the same measures you are to reduce

mosquitoes, such as eliminating sources of stagnant water when possible. The City does not intend to indiscriminately use pesticides, since this will not stop the spread of the virus and poses some risks to humans and the environment.

Widespread chemical controls are ineffective since it is impossible to treat or eliminate all habitats for mosquitoes. The City along with the State and County agencies are actively researching control options and are in the process of developing management guidelines for mosquitoes. Do not put pesticides or toxic chemicals into detention ponds, ditches, creeks, streams or wetlands. Unless you are properly trained and licensed, such actions are illegal and violate city, state and federal laws.

Lynnwood Facts....Did You Know?

According to the most recent Lynnwood citizen's survey,

- 61% consider job growth in Lynnwood too slow
- 68% consider job opportunities in Lynnwood to be only fair to poor
- 75% of the tax revenue that supports your city government comes from business activity

Lynnwood to Prepare Economic Development Action Plan

Quality jobs and healthy businesses are priorities for the Mayor and City Council: The City of Lynnwood is proposing an Economic Development Action Plan to identify:

- ▶ Economic characteristics, resources and trends.
- ▶ The types of new jobs that would benefit our community, and
- ▶ How to attract quality jobs and create a healthy businesses climate

Beginning this fall a community economic profile will be prepared. The Action Plan will then be developed to guide the City's future economic development activities.

We Want to Hear From You!

You will have the opportunity to participate in this process over the coming months. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, we would like to hear from you. Please contact the Office of Economic Development at (425) 670-6677. Your comments will be an important part of this process.

Information about local land use projects available on the web

For month-to-month information about land use projects and their status, building permits being issued and their valuations and other activities affecting the City, go to the community development Monthly Report on the web at: www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/Content/CityHall.aspx?id+93

Get Prepared

Disasters disrupt hundreds of thousands of lives every year. If a disaster - natural or man-made - occurs, local government and disaster-relief organizations will try to help you. But you need to be ready as well. Local responders may not be able to reach you immediately, or they may need to focus their efforts elsewhere. Being prepared and understanding what to do can reduce fear, anxiety and losses that accompany disasters.

Here are some great resources on emergency preparedness:

www.ready.gov

<http://access.wa.gov/emergency>

www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared

<http://emd.wa.gov>

www.fema.gov/areyouready

1-800-480-2520 (FEMA)

1-800-BE-READY

LYNNWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Lynnwood Police Teach Motorcycle Escort Class

The Lynnwood Police Department sponsored an all-day class in June to teach motorcycle officers from Puget Sound law enforcement agencies how to conduct motorcycle escort operations. The class covered dignitary escort, security escort, official funeral escort, building moves, etc.

The morning was spent in classroom instruction and the afternoon included practical escorting exercises around the area. "Motorcycle escorting is a dangerous endeavor and the purpose of the training was to establish consistency in the procedure and to increase officer safety aspects," said Lynnwood Traffic Sergeant Jon Grabinski.



Motorcycle officers line up in formation at City Hall. Lynnwood Police sponsored a class on motorcycle escorts for Puget Sound law enforcement agencies.

Tips to Avoid Vehicle Prowls and Thefts

- ▶ Washington state ranks **THIRD** in the country for vehicle thefts.
- ▶ In 2002, nearly 115 vehicles were stolen every day statewide.
- ▶ These crimes are on the increase in Snohomish County, particularly to support drug use.

What Can I Do?

Take steps to avoid being a victim! Most break-ins and thefts are crimes of opportunity, and not professional "jobs." Taking a few precautions, although they are inconveniences to you at the time, may cause the thief to think he has a better chance of not getting caught if he goes to another vehicle.

- 1.** Leave nothing in your car. They are prowling for anything they can trade (not necessarily sell) in exchange for what they want. If you must leave packages or goods in the vehicle, stop a few blocks away from where you will park and put your things in the trunk, out of view.
- 2.** Do not leave electronics in your car. Thieves look for cell phones, laptops, expensive stereo equipment and CDs. Remove the stereo face plate (if it is detachable) and take it with you.
- 3.** Lock your vehicle and close the windows. Never leave your vacant car running with keys in the ignition.

4. Use physical deterrents:

- ▶ Locking bar on your steering wheel
- ▶ Simple alarm system. Products include blinking LED lights, starter disablers (around \$50 installed), audible alarms, and remote starts and pagers. A good basic audible alarm with starter kill is in the \$220 range. Check with your insurance company; discounts equal to the cost of an alarm system may be available. Newer alarms are less sensitive to vibration, and impact or movement is required to set them off.
- ▶ Extra hood or trunk/hatch pins are available for around \$35.
- ▶ Brake lock

5. Park in well-lit areas.

6. Encourage your lawmakers to invoke stiffer penalties for vehicle theft.

7. Report thefts or prowls to 9-1-1 to document the crime. This helps police know the extent of the problem and track patterns.



LYNNWOOD LIBRARY GALLERY

19200 44th Ave West
Lynnwood, WA

There is more to check out at the library than great books! Each month, the Lynnwood Arts Commission features a different artist or group of artists in the library's meeting room. Stop by and check out our latest exhibit!

Aug. 15 - Sept. 11

Eric Madsen – oil paintings

Sept. 12 - Oct. 16

Doug Remy – mixed media assemblages

Oct. 17 - Nov. 20

Tom Kirkendall – photography
Arriba Stature – mixed media paintings

Nov. 21 - December

Mona Smiley-Fairbanks – monotype prints

For more information, please call the
Lynnwood Cultural Arts Office
(425) 744-6459.

Heritage Park sculpture needs your imagination

The girl, boy, rooster, chicken, and little chick all need names.

For each dollar you donate, you can enter a name for one of the figures in the drawing. All the money collected will be used for projects at Heritage Park.

Winning names will be drawn randomly from the entries. We will invite the winners to the opening of Heritage Park, and announce the winning names.

Name the figures, try your chances, and help the park at the same time. Fill out the name drawing form, and enclose cash or a check to the City of Lynnwood.

Please use familiar first names, boy names for the boy, and girl names for the girl. We will also disqualify names that cannot found on the website www.baby-names.com/

Stop by City Hall to check out the sculpture and find out how to enter the drawing at City Hall. You can also contact



The bronze sculpture by artist Louise McDowell is on display at City Hall.

Fred Wong at 425-744-6459 or fwong@ci.lynnwood.wa.us

The entry deadline is September 30, 2003.

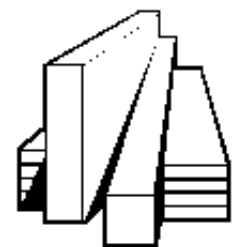
WASTE PREVENTION AND RECYCLING NEWS

Recycled Wood is Good!

Homeowners doing remodeling projects like to save money. Recycling and practicing waste prevention at your home job-site is one way to cut costs. By properly separating construction and demolition materials, and transporting them to facilities that recycle them, the cost is usually less than disposing of them as garbage. There are facilities in this region that accept clean wood (no painted, stained or treated wood), wood pallets, new drywall cutoffs, concrete, asphalt, brick, scrap metal, cardboard, and some roofing materials.

Many building materials can be reused or offered for reuse at reusable building material outlets and drop-off is usually free. They accept many types of products and specialize in providing homeowners with a place to shop for quality used materials at reasonable prices. They also offer services to help "deconstruct" buildings and help salvage usable material.

For a list of construction material recycling facilities and locations of reusable building material outlets, call the Recycling Coordinator at (425) 670-8302.



Senior Center Craft and Bake Sale



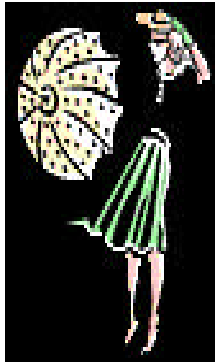
TWO DAYS THIS YEAR!

Friday, October 17
4:00-8:00 pm

Saturday, October 18
9:00 am-4:00 pm

Lynnwood Senior Center
5800 198th Street Southwest
(425) 744-6464

Support the senior crafters, bakers and the senior center and buy your holiday gifts.



Hold on to your hat! Fall classes are blowing in to the Lynnwood Recreation Center.

(425) 771-4030 18900 44th Ave W, Lynnwood

Date listed is the day class begins. Class times and prices vary. All classes are subject to space available.

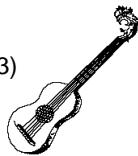
Tots & Preschool

- 9/24 Tiny Tot Theater (3-5)
- 10/31 Ghouls & Goblins Party (3-5)



Youth

- 9/18 Clay Creations (8-12)
- 9/27 Autumn Treats & Goodies (8-13)
- 9/13 Art sparks (8-12)
- 10/1 Guitar Playing (11-14)
- 10/25 Fine Art Drawing & Painting (8-12)



Teens – Adult (15+)

- 9/25 Good Writing for Everyone
- 9/27 Natural Nutrition for Dogs & Cats
- 9/30 History of God
- 10/1 Knitting Basics
- 10/2 Think Like A Decorator
- 10/4 Wedding Dances in a Flash
- 10/9 One Day Decorating
- 10/11 Anyone Can Write Fiction
- 10/15 Hat knitting
- 10/16 Newsletters From Start to Finish
- 10/23 Madhatter's Tea Party

Holiday Classes



- 10/30 Clay Gingerbread Houses (ages 8-12)
- 11/25 Magical Holiday Gifts (ages 5-7)
- 12/7 Gingerbread Village (ages 6 – adult)
- 12/7 Holiday Arts for Tots & Family (2 yrs old and an adult)
- 12/11 Tot Holiday Workshop (ages 3-4)
- 12/13 North Pole Workshop (ages 6-12)



Taking Care of YOU! TOOLS FOR CAREGIVING

A free, supportive class to help you thrive as a Caregiver

Taking Care of You: Powerful Tools for Caregiving is a six-week series to help family caregivers care for themselves while caring for an older relative or friend. The classes are beneficial whether caregivers are helping a parent, spouse, friend, someone who lives at home, in a nursing home, or in another part of the country.

Classes do not discuss how to provide physical care for a family member but rather how the caregiver can thrive while

managing their caregiving responsibilities. The Powerful Tools for Caregiving classes are research-based & proven to reduce caregiver guilt, anger and depression.

Date: Thursdays, Oct. 2-Nov. 6

Time: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Lynnwood Senior Center
5800 198th St. SW Lynnwood, WA

To Register: 425-744-6464

Free Computer Classes offered at Lynnwood Library

The Lynnwood Library provides free training on how to locate jobs online, shop safely on the web, and sign up for free email. Classes are also available for absolute beginners on how to get started with the Internet, and on how to search the Library's catalog and conduct research with the Library's special databases.

For more information please call
(425) 778-2148.

Fantastic Fridays Performances

Free performances for families

Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

Edmonds Community College - Triton Union Building,
2nd Floor,
20200- 68th Ave West, Lynnwood

November 21

Freylakh Klezmer Band

Traditional and original klezmer tunes, Hasidic and Yiddish songs Jewish folk and wedding music of Eastern Europe and America



December 12

Mary Wiles
Country Music

Saturday Matinee Performances

Free performances for children and families

Saturdays at 2:30 p.m.

Meadowdale High School - Black Box Theater,

6002- 168th St SW, Lynnwood

FREE, with suggested donation: Adults-\$2, children-\$1

Tickets available one hour before show. Show start 2:30 pm.

October 11

Professor Hieronymus Payne

Magic from Wizards Schools International

December 6

Major Conrad Flapps

World's only "human airplane"

acrobatic comedy, musical parody and zany wit

For information, please call 425-771-4030 or visit EVENTS at www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us

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