

Latest on The Lake

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CURRENT CITY PROJECTS

Annexation

In May 2021, the City of Lake Stevens signed an interlocal agreement (ILA) with Snohomish County and the Lake Stevens Sewer District to annex approximately 500 acres of land in its urban growth area (UGA) as well as the entirety of the 1,000-acre lake through the ILA annexation method identified in RCW 35A.14.296. This followed a nearly yearlong process which included two public meetings in late 2020, several mailings to area property owners, and a joint public hearing of the City Council, County Council, and Sewer District Board. The annexation area is bisected by the 2019 Rhodora annexation, with the north portion covering the portion of the UGA west of 123rd Ave SE and north of 7th Pl SE, while the south area is located west of 123rd Ave SE between Machias Cutoff Road and 20th St SE.

Following approval of the ILA, the City submitted Notices of Intention (NOI) for the north and south portions to the Snohomish County Boundary Review Board (BRB). The NOI's were deemed effective (complete) on June 24, 2021, and the 45-day BRB review period ends on August 9, 2021. Comments provided by the BRB will also require minor amendments to the ILA, with updated ordinances to approve a revised ILA scheduled to be considered by the City Council (July 13) and County Council (July 21). Per the ILA, the annexation will become effective 15 days after the completion of the BRB review process, which is currently estimated for late August 2021. Upon completion of the annexation, property owners will receive a welcome letter and census materials (required by state law).

For more information, including public meeting materials and a Question and Answer document, visit the Annexation website <https://www.lakestevenswa.gov/491/Annexation> or contact David Levitan, Planning Manager, 425-622-9425 dlevitan@lakestevenswa.gov



North Cove Park—Phase III

North Cove Phase III is underway, including the construction of the new festival street called Mill Spur. This project brings much needed public parking, public art and community open space. Last week, the Museum and Library were taken down and this week, the Grimm House was relocated to its new location at the corner of 123rd Drive and future Mill Spur facing North Cove Park.



Seeing these changes marks another point in Lake Stevens history. We look forward to the exciting changes ahead including the construction of the future museum and a multi-story mixed use building to be located at the SW corner of Main and Mill Spur. Big thanks to the Historical Society members, Sno-Isle Library staff, city staff and numerous volunteers for their help in relocating the museum, library, and salvaging materials within the museum for future use.

The museum's contents are in their temporary residence at the 'old fire station' until the new facility is built. The library is providing limited services at Lundein Park, Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., during renovations to their temporary building at 2211 Grade Road. <https://www.sno-isle.org/FutureLakeStevensLibrary>



Costco Development

It is official, the signing of the purchase and sale agreement between the City of Lake Stevens and Costco. Present in the photo are Mayor Gailey and City Attorney Greg Rubstello. Planning and collaboration for this project began in mid-2017. Big thanks to Costco, city staff and WSDOT staff for their partnership.

Lake Stevens Farmers' Market 2021

Join us for the 2021 Lake Stevens Farmers Market season at North Cove Park, Wednesdays 3 - 7 pm through September 29.

- To alleviate parking stress on market days due to the North Cove Park Expansion's Phase III construction of the festival street, from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., a portion of Main Street, from the north corner of 18th St. NE (the Lake Stevens post office) to near the south corner of N. Lakeshore Drive, will be closed.
- From 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. the City Hall parking lot is closed for public parking (those with City Hall business are allowed) to allow for market vendors to unload quickly and safely.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

Cooling Stations

As temperatures rise and a record heatwave moves through our area, there are safe places for public use to cool off in Snohomish County. Starting in July, the Lake Stevens Senior Center will open as one of the cooling station locations listed. Visit the Snohomish Health District's page for a full list of other cooling station locations, including Arlington, Marysville, and Everett. <https://www.lakestevenswa.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=494>

Vandalism Issues

Over the past few months, several of our parks and public facilities have been vandalized. Damages are running into the tens of thousands, and, in some cases, require park closures until repair work can be done to make them safe again. Mayor Gailey has issued a message addressing these issues on the City's website: <https://www.lakestevenswa.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=490>



Cascade Award Nominations

The 4th annual Cascade Award nominations are open! The Cascade Award honors those who have a beautiful, sustainable, lake-friendly garden or landscape. If you're proud of your own lake-friendly yard or know someone who is, please submit their names for the 2021 Cascade Award; nomination deadline is July 6. <https://www.snohomishcd.org/city-of-lake-stevens>

Light Up Lake Stevens

The Lake Stevens Arts & Parks Foundation is hosting the Light Up Lake Stevens, a day of community lakeside activities on Saturday, July 24th. Please be aware that there are various lake, road and park activities, including fireworks, scheduled throughout the day. Visit their website

<https://www.lakestevensartsandparks.org/light-up-lake-stevens> for more details.

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

CITY HALL CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY—MONDAY, JULY 5

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS — 6:00 PM JULY 13 and 27

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETINGS — 6:00 PM JULY 6 and 20 (as needed)

Please visit the City's website <https://www.lakestevenswa.gov/319/City-Council> for current agendas.



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