

# Latest on The Lake

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## Proposed 2022 City Budget

City Council will hold two hybrid public hearings on Tuesdays, November 9th and November 23rd, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sawyers Room, at The Mill, 1808 Main Street, and via Zoom to receive public comment regarding the Proposed 2022 Budget. Visit the City Council page for the agenda with the Zoom login information. <https://www.lakestevenswa.gov/319/CITY-COUNCIL>

City Council will also be taking public testimony during the November 9th budget hearing on proposed 2022 revenue sources for the General Fund including property taxes. Any person desiring to present testimony may do so at the above-described hearing or may submit comments in writing to the City Clerk prior to the hearing by sending them via email at [deputyclerk@lakestevenswa.gov](mailto:deputyclerk@lakestevenswa.gov) or by mail: City Hall Attn: City Clerk P.O. Box 257 Lake Stevens, WA 98258

The 2022 Budget process began this summer with budget instructions going out to City Department Heads on September 3rd. Notification emails were sent to the head of each department that included budget instructions, a draft budget schedule, and the initial base budget created by the Finance Department.

The initial base budget starts with a forecast of future revenues from all sources based on current trends, new initiatives, and resources provided by the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) and the Municipal Research Service Center (MRSC). Initial expenditure budgets generally start as a baseline equal to, or slightly above, the prior year's budget with the exception of one-time requests that are removed from the total. This initial base budget includes current staffing levels, current programs, and current levels of service only. Any additional positions, personnel, or program expenditures are included as requests to the budget.

Departments have the opportunity to submit requests for additional staffing, equipment, and projects based on the needs of their department and the city as a whole.

The Mayor and City Administrator meets with each department regarding the requests in an attempt to prioritize the budget based on the City Council priorities and available future funding. The Mayor's recommended budget, which often includes multiple alternatives, is presented to City Council during a workshop meeting in early October. The remaining workshop study sessions are for Council to discuss recommendations and give feedback based on citizen communication and city needs.

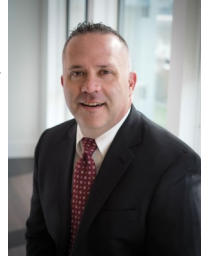
Visit the City's post for the link to the documents related to the 2022 budget process and the agenda link for the Zoom login information. <https://www.lakestevenswa.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=538>

## Winterfest 2021

Winterfest will return, in a modified form, to North Cove Park, Saturday, December 4; more details will be shared on the City's website and social media outlets as plans become final.

## Starbucks with the Mayor

On Wednesday, November 10th, 8 – 10 am, and Monday, November 29th, 6 - 8 pm, community members are invited to join Mayor Brett Gailey at the Starbucks (freestanding location) at Frontier Village in Lake Stevens. Bring your questions or comments and chat over your favorite beverage with the Mayor. It's a casual setting that provides the perfect opportunity to get to know your Mayor while discussing City-related topics that are important to you.



## Community Cleanup Event

In partnership with Waste Management, the free Community Cleanup Event is happening Saturday, November 6, 2021 9 am - 1 pm at Cavelero Mid-High School. Visit the City's post for more details:

<https://www.lakestevenswa.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=536>

## Smart Communities Awards

The Governor's Office announced its winners for its Smart Communities Awards earlier this month, and Lake Stevens is on the list! The city, one of just 11 recipients, was honored for the Downtown Subarea Plan to create a city center and gathering place for residents and visitors.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Falling leaves are here, please help keep the storm drains clear! The City needs your help to keep the storm drains clear to prevent localized flooding.

- Leaves and other debris cover the storm drain and prevent rainwater from flowing into the drain.
- Please take a moment to locate the drain closest to your house and move the leaves away from the drain.
- Please dispose of the leaves in a green waste bin to prevent them from moving back over the drain.

## UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

**CITY HALL CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY —THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS — 6:00 PM NOVEMBER 9 and 23**

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETINGS — 6:00 PM NOVEMBER 16 (as needed)**

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

