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CURRENT CITY PROJECTS

Transportation Benefit District

The Lake Stevens City Council unanimously approved a resolution to place a 0.2% (two-tenths of one percent) sales tax increase to fund a Transportation Benefit District (TBD) on the November 8, 2022 General Election ballot. If approved by voters, the TBD would help the City access funds for safe walkways and sidewalks connections to schools, street maintenance, and grant funds for larger transportation projects designed to relieve traffic congestion.

Earlier this year more than 900 people participated in a city survey that asked community members to prioritize transportation improvement projects, such as sidewalks, streets and pathways.

“The TBD will fund local projects to improve safety for residents. It also is the way forward to provide matching funds for millions of dollars from the state and federal governments to fund larger traffic congestion relief projects,” Mayor Brett Gailey said. “Ultimately, the voters decide if this is what they want and that’s how it should be.”

The City estimates it would collect approximately \$1.5 million per year through its TBD if approved by voters. Transportation projects are expensive, and current costs of materials and construction mean that municipal governments must think creatively and proactively. That’s why TBDs can be used by cities to provide matching funds for grants from state and federal governments.

Visit the City's TBD page for the most up-to-date information:

<https://www.lakestevenswa.gov/472/Transportation-Benefit-District>

Sunset Beach Park Redevelopment

The City held a design open house to hear from the community on the redevelopment of Sunset Park on July 21, 2022. During this exploratory phase, a survey was conducted that closed on August 3; the results will help ensure that design and amenity preferences reflect community priorities for the park’s redevelopment. Staff will then compile responses and work with consultants to develop a preferred design. The design will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Planning Board and City Council.

Visit the City's park redevelopment page for more information:

<https://www.lakestevenswa.gov/557/Sunset-Beach-Park-Redevelopment>



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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Davies Beach Boat Launch Closure

The Davies Beach boat launch will be closed through August 28th to replace the aged floating docks. Under the approved Hydraulics Permit, as issued by the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the City can only work in the lake between July 16 and September 15 to minimize impacts to fish. Visit the City's post for more information:

<https://www.lakestevenswa.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=597>



Lake Stevens Farmers' Market 2022

Visit the 2022 Lake Stevens Farmers Market at North Cove Park, Wednesdays 3 - 7 pm through August 31.

Did you know the market now offers EBT tokens for the 2022 season? They're so excited to offer this new service to our market shoppers using EBT and can match up to \$40 of your EBT funds with SNAP Market Match - so you can increase your purchasing power AND help our farmers and growers.

Visit the market's table inside The Mill when you visit, and check out their website for more information:

<https://www.lakestevensfarmersmarket.org/>

Citizens' Academy

Interested in learning more about law enforcement? Come and learn what the Lake Stevens Police Department does to help make Lake Stevens a great place to live and work. The 2022 Citizens' Academy is an 8-week course; deadline to apply is August 31. Pick up your application at the Police Department or visit the City's Citizens' Academy to download it: <https://www.lakestevenswa.gov/CitizensAcademy> and call 425-622-9401 for more information.

Theater in the Park

Theater in the Park returns for the 2022 season; performances begin at 4 pm and are staged behind the Lake Stevens Senior Center at Eagle Ridge Park. <https://www.lakestevenswa.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=599>

- Sunday, August 7, Shakespeare in the Park – "A Midsummer's Night Dream"
- Sunday, August 14, children's theater "Who Stole The Queen of Hearts' Tarts?"

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

Meet Up With The Mayor

On Thursday, August 18, 8—10 am and Monday, August 22, 5—7 pm, community members are invited to bring their questions and comments and join Mayor Brett Gailey at the Starbucks (next to MOD Pizza) at Frontier Village.

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS — 6:00 PM AUGUST 23 (council in recess until this meeting)

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

