

Latest on The Lake

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Message from Mayor Brett Gailey



And just like that 2022 is in the books. For the city, 2022 was a whirlwind of activity as we worked on a few notable projects: American Public Works Accreditation, starting a new Parks Department, and welcoming Costco into our community. Seeing the city flourish and gather as a community in North Cove Park and at a reinvigorated Aquafest were bright points of the year. I hope you and your family and friends had a wonderful holiday and a happy new year!

Meet Up with the Mayor

Starbucks at Frontier Village | 511 State Road 9 NE, Lake Stevens

Thursday, January 19 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Wednesday, January 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

2023 budget includes money for parks, infrastructure and senior center

The city's 2023 budget includes funding for parks, infrastructure improvements, the senior center, and a new cost-saving program for the public works department.

The Public Works department will be implementing a leasing program for trucks, trailers and light-duty equipment that will save taxpayers about \$100,000 per year.

The city has multiple capital projects underway that will continue in 2023, including the state's SR9/204 roundabout project. The budget includes funding for improvements at Sunset Park, Frontier Heights Park, 20th Street Powerline Trail and extending the South Lake Stevens multiuse path to Highway 9. The city is also working to secure \$1.8 million in state funding to remodel the Cedarwood Community Center.

The Lake Stevens Senior Center will receive \$30,000. It is important to support a healthy community for everyone and this funding will help promote the emotional and physical well-being of the city's older community members.



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Voters approve Transportation Benefit District funding

Voters approved Transportation Benefit District (TBD) funding in the November 8 general election. The city will use TBD funding to pay for safe walkway and sidewalk connections to schools and around the lake, street maintenance for high-volume roads, and traffic congestion relief. The city will also be able to leverage TBD funding to secure millions more in grants to pay for larger transportation projects in the city.

WSDOT SR9/SR204 Update

Crews from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) finished up work on the SR9/SR204 roundabout project for the year in December. There will be no other planned extended weekend closures until spring 2023 when the project resumes.

WSDOT is building a series of roundabouts in this area to improve traffic flow and safety. Work on the project's third roundabout on State Route 9, which will connect to Vernon Road and North Davies Road, will begin sometime in March 2023 (weather permitting).

Thank you for your patience as we work to reduce traffic congestion, improve mobility, and provide better access to businesses and more travel options with improved connections for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and drivers.



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Plant Sale

The Snohomish Conservation District annual plant sale preorders opens Tuesday, January 24, 2023. Check out the shop at www.theplantsale.org.

- Preorders open at 7 a.m. on January 24
- Preorders close January 29 or when sold out
- Plants need to be picked up Saturday, March 4 or Sunday, March 5 at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe

CITY COUNCIL

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETINGS AT 6 P.M. ON JANUARY 10 AND 24

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS AT 6 P.M. ON JANUARY 3 AND 17 (AS NEEDED)

You can attend in-person or via Zoom. Please visit the City's website <https://www.lakestevenswa.gov/319/City-Council> for current agendas with Zoom meeting links.



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