

# Latest on The Lake

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## COMMUNITY HAPPENING

The city had the honor of hosting a Legislative Reception on August 9th. At the event, Mayor Gailey showcased the city's significant accomplishments and milestones met in past years and shared a vision of what is yet to come for the city of Lake Stevens. We invited valued members from our State and Federal legislators' offices as well as our local elected leaders from the Snohomish County council and Lake Stevens City council. Legislative staff gave positive feedback and informed city staff about grant opportunities to fund city projects. The city looks forward to continuing its strong relationships and engage in legislative advocacy, ensuring Lake Stevens continues to thrive.



## Volunteer at a park this summer

Visit the city's Volunteer Opportunities page for more information about Volunteer Days at Lake Stevens Parks. Volunteers must complete a volunteer waiver prior to or at the event.

<https://lakestevenswa.gov/volunteer>

Upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- Restoration Day - September 16, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Davies Beach
- Beautification Day - September 17, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Catherine Creek Park

## Other upcoming events:

- City Hall closures - September 4 | November 10 | November 23 & 24 | December 25 & 29
- Meet up with the Mayor - September 5, 8:00 - 10:00 am & September 20, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, at the Starbucks (next to MOD Pizza) at Frontier Village
- Sam Quinones: Fentanyl, Meth, and the Opioid Crisis - September 28
- Harvest Market - October 21, North Cove Park, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
- HarvestFest - October 31, North Cove Park, 4:00 - 7:00 pm
- WinterFest - December 2, North Cove Park, 4:00 - 7:00 pm



## Sam Quinones: Fentanyl, Meth, and the Opioid Crisis

The Mayors and Business Leaders for Public Safety will host the Sam Quinones: Fentanyl, Meth, and the Opioid Crisis on Thursday, September 28, 6:30 pm, in the Commons at Cavelero Mid-High. Sam Quinones is a former LA Times journalist and author. He will discuss fentanyl, meth and opioid use and its impact on our communities. Mayor Brett Gailey will moderate. This event is free and open to the public. For more information and to register for this important event, visit the city's Overdose Awareness page. <https://lakestevenswa.gov/611/overdose-awareness> You can also find information on overdose prevention and local community resources available at the link above.



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Another Lake Stevens Farmers' Market season is in the books! Thank you to Sarah Dylan Jensen, Market Manager, for putting on this wonderful family-friendly event each week throughout the summer. Also, thank you to all who support the market week after week, we could not continue to do this without you!



Over the past six years, WSDOT has worked on improving SR 9 and SR 204 by adding four roundabouts and widening SR 9 to four lanes. These improvements help manage congestion, improve mobility, and provide better access to area businesses. The city would like to thank WSDOT for all their hard work to make Lake Stevens a safe place to live and travel.

## Updating the City of Lake Stevens Comprehensive Plan

We are excited to receive your feedback as the city updates its Comprehensive Plan with you. Since the update will help shape city planning and support community growth for the next 20 years, it requires a community-led effort! City Council and the Planning Commission will review and approve the final plan, but it's your vision that helps guide us.

The plan will respond to the significant changes Lake Stevens has gone through over the past decade and look to set new goals and policies for land use, housing, environmental protection and infrastructure needs. Comprehensive plans are critical to define the community's priorities to regional and local governments, agencies, and economic partners.

Throughout the next year, Lake Stevens will tackle the next comprehensive plan, revise its transportation plan, start the next phase of planning for the Lake Stevens Industrial Center, and develop real solutions for our community. Stayed tuned for webinars and public events to learn more information and share your thoughts.

To learn more about proposed updates to the current plans and this year's changes, please go to: [www.lakestevenswa.gov/68/Planning-Community-Development](http://www.lakestevenswa.gov/68/Planning-Community-Development). Check out the Planning & Community Development webpage for updates and join us as we shape Lake Stevens' future together.

Have you noticed the new art piece at North Cove Park? The Lake Stevens Water Tower was sculpted by local artist, Joe Powers, and honors the original water tower built in 1907 at the Rucker Brothers Mill. The water tower art piece is located in North Cove Park near the skate ramps.



## CITY COUNCIL

### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETINGS AT 6 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 12 & 26 | OCTOBER 10 & 24 | NOVEMBER 14 & 28 | DECEMBER 12

### CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS AT 6 P.M. AS NEEDED

SEPTEMBER 5 & 19 (tentative) | OCTOBER 3 & 17 | NOVEMBER 7 & 21 | DECEMBER 5

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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