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COMMUNITY HAPPENING



City receives VUEWorks Implementation of the Year Award

The Public Works Department received the Implementation of the Year Award from software company VUEWorks for deploying their maintenance tracking tool. This award recognizes the dedication of the Public Works Department to proactively maintain the city's infrastructure and respond to citizen's service requests. Congratulations to the Public Works Department for this team effort. VUEWorks allows citizens to submit requests using the CitizenVue app. Visit <https://lakestevenswa.gov/84/Public-Works> for more information. Pictured left is Aaron Halverson, Public Works Director and Brett Gailey, Mayor.

City Council selects new President and Vice President

The City Council selected Council member Gary Petershagen to serve as council president and Council member Ryan Donoghue as vice president at the January 2nd meeting. Every year council selects a new president and vice president at its first meeting in January. Congratulations and thank you for your continued service to our City!

Upcoming Events

The Parks and Recreation Department is working hard to bring diverse and exciting events to the community. Keep up on the latest happenings at Lake Stevens parks on our website: www.lakestevenswa.gov/parks

- Join the Cities of Lake Stevens and Marysville at the Bayview Trail Connector Open House on Thursday, March 7th, from 6 - 7:30 pm, at The Mill on Lake Stevens. Through April 1st, participate through an online questionnaire to better understand and comment on the trail's preliminary design. For more information, visit: <https://www.lakestevenswa.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=783>
- Meet Up with the Mayor: March 19th, 10-12 pm and March 25th, 4-6 pm, at the Starbucks (next to MOD Pizza) at Frontier Village.
- Support your local park at Earth Day Park Cleanup on April 21st.
- A brand new event on May 4th, Gaming By The Lake: May the Fourth Be With You. Hop in your X-Wing and join us for cosplay, gaming, and all things sci-fi/fantasy!
- The Lake Stevens Community Garage Sale returns June 1st and 2nd, signup information coming soon.
- Back for its fifth season, the 2024 Lake Stevens Farmers Market returns to North Cove Park, Wednesdays 3- 7 pm, June 5 - August 28th. For more information or to become a vendor, visit: <https://www.lakestevensfarmersmarket.org/>



Be sure and visit the City's Community Events page <https://www.lakestevenswa.gov/CommunityEvents> as details for these and other events are added and updated.



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City leaders attended Association of Washington Cities Action Days

On February 7th, city leaders visited legislators in Olympia. Thank you to Senator Keith Wagoner, Representatives Carolyn Eslick and Sam Low for the time spent discussing issues important to our community. While there, Mayor Brett Gailey and City Administrator Gene Brazel participated in roundtables discussing transportation projects, community engagement, and promoting equity in legislative priorities. We're grateful to the AWC for bringing cities together in our state's capital!



Pictured left: Mayor Brett Gailey, City Administrator Gene Brazel, Council President Gary Petershagen, Councilmember Kim Daughtry, Councilmember Kym Shipman, Representative Sam Low, Representative Carolyn Eslick, Councilmember Steve Ewing, and Council Vice President Ryan Donoghue.

Pictured right: City Administrator Gene Brazel, Mayor Brett Gailey, Councilmember Steve Ewing, Senator Keith Wagoner, Councilmember Kym Shipman, Councilmember Kim Daughtry, Council Vice President Ryan Donoghue, and Council President Gary Petershagen.



Improving Services Through Lean Six Sigma

The City is highly dedicated to improving how things work, so much so we launched the Lean Center of Excellence in February 2021. Lean Center of Excellence is our process improvement program with an emphasis on problem solving, workplace culture, team building, and learning.

We focus on Lean in government by providing training for leaders, certification courses for practitioners and facilitators, and this year we are launching quarterly workshops and continuing education sessions. The Lean Center of Excellence allows different jurisdictions to come together to network, learn from each other, and to improve together.

The city offers Lean Six Sigma Training at the Green Belt and Black Belt levels. The next Green Belt Certification Training is scheduled to start March 26, 2024. For more information and registration, visit <https://lakestevenswa.gov/682/Lean-Six-Sigma-Training>. Save the Date! Black Belt Training will start September 17, 2024. Information and registration will be available soon.

City Hall Campus Tentative Project Schedule

Phase 1 - develop design options and architectural drawings for the Council Chambers and an infrastructure analysis.

Phase 2 - construction of the Council Chambers, projected to begin Fall 2024.

Phase 3 - design parking and infrastructure improvements, projected mid-2024, with possible construction later in the year.

Phase 4 - the City Hall design and work will begin in Winter 2024.

Phase 5 - the City Hall renovation work is projected to start mid-2025. The goal is to move in late 2025 or early 2026.

The city is working on a webpage, check back soon for all city hall campus updates!

CITY COUNCIL

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETINGS AT 6 P.M.

MARCH 12 & 26 | APRIL 9 & 23 | MAY 14 & 28 | JUNE 11 & 25

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

MARCH 5 & 19 | APRIL 2 & 16 | MAY 7 & 21 | JUNE 4 & 18

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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