



Welcome to the 2024 City of Lake Stevens Annual Report

This is an opportunity for us to report back to residents about what the city has accomplished over the past year. The vision for the city (pop. 41,260) is “we are a thriving community that promotes a vibrant economy, preserves natural beauty, and exceptional quality of life for all.”

This year, the City of Lake Stevens purchased an office and retail complex, located at 10519 20th Street SE, to be the future home of the Municipal Service Campus. The campus will include a City Council Chambers, City Hall, and other services across three buildings, adjacent to the Police Station. The buildings will be remodeled for city uses, including additional parking, and public areas around the campus. The Municipal Service Campus project goal is to develop functional, sustainable, and affordable city offices in a central location to provide exceptional city services. We anticipate the project being completed in late-2025 or early-2026.

As part of its downtown revitalization, the properties adjacent to North Cove Park will house the historic Grimm House and a new historical museum. The city hired MJ Neal and Associates to design a three-story building to house the museum along with tenant spaces, to help stimulate the downtown economy. The city, in coordination with the Lake Stevens Historical Society, has started reviewing conceptual designs to honor the past while we look to the future. The complete design should be finalized over the winter, with construction starting in Spring 2025.

The city received APWA (American Public Works Association) accreditation with an impressive 99.7% full compliance rating, joining the elite group of 214 other cities across the country who have received the APWA accreditation. The city's achievement in receiving APWA accreditation reflects its dedication to providing high-quality public works services for our residents.

The City advanced the design of the Main Street Improvements Project for construction in 2025, with a federal grant of \$3,304,000. The Main Street Improvements Project will construct multimodal roadway, and utility improvements between North Lakeshore Drive and 16th Street NE. The construction is anticipated to begin in January and wrap up by July 2025. In addition, the 20th Street NE and Main Street Roundabout Project will advance to final design in 2025 with construction targeted for 2026. This project has a federal earmark of \$2,500,000.

The Transportation Benefit Program (TBP) is funded by a 0.2% sales tax Lake Stevens voters passed in 2022. The TBP will generate approximately \$1.5M per year for the next 10 years to improve the City's transportation system. In 2024, the City constructed two segments of the 91st Avenue SE sidewalk to complete a continuous multimodal path between Market Place and 8th Street SE. This project directly benefits Hillcrest Elementary, Skyline Elementary and Lake Stevens Middle School students, as well as Community Transit riders. To optimize the use of TBP funds, the city was awarded a \$442,564 grant from the Transportation Improvement Board. Multimodal improvements are planned to be constructed along 117th Avenue NE and a section along 99th Avenue SE in 2025.



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West Lake Park and Bayview Trail

West Lake Park, formally known as 20th Street Ballfields Park and Trailhead, located at 8629 20th Street SE, held a groundbreaking ceremony on July 30, 2024. Once the project is complete, the new park will provide residents with a beautiful green space including a scenic trail for walking, jogging, and biking. The park will also include a new parking lot, benches, and a dog park. The Bayview Trail will eventually extend to the City of Marysville. The West Lake Park and Bayview Trail is made possible through funding from the City's pandemic recovery, park mitigation, and real estate excise tax revenues. The first phase will be complete in January 2025.

2025 Mayor and City Council



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