

Parks & Recreation 20-year Plan Progress...

The Lacey Planning Commission recently held a public hearing on Lacey's draft update of the **20-year Comprehensive Plan for Outdoor Recreation**, culminating a series of public workshops hosted by the Lacey Parks Board to obtain citizen input. The Commission has forwarded a recommendation to the Lacey City Council supporting adoption of the document, with the Council scheduled to take formal action on April 22, 2004.

The City updates the Outdoor Recreation Plan every 6 years. The plan provides goals, objectives, and guidelines for meeting the parks, recreation, and open space needs of current and future residents within the city as well as Lacey's Urban Growth Area (UGA). The City and UGA are divided into 10 distinct "planning areas," each with a detailed assessment of existing parks and recreation facilities. The facilities are then compared to current user demand and future needs resulting from population growth over the next 20 years.

Residents who would like to review a full copy of the draft plan can visit the city's website at www.ci.lacey.wa.us and click on the "Parks and Recreation Services" or "Building, Planning, and Zoning" buttons. Or stop by the Planning Department at Lacey City Hall. For further information please contact Chrissy Bailey, Assistant Planner, at (360) 491-5642. We invite your comments!

W.I.N. Applications...

Work Involvement Now youth program applications will be available April 12. Your Lacey-area youth group can earn up to \$250 by performing community service projects. Call City Hall at (360) 491-3214 for more information.
Applications are due April 23.

Celebrate ARBOR DAY

The City's **annual seedling giveaway** will be held **Saturday, April 17**, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. (or until supplies run out) on the grounds of the Lacey Library. Species available this year include Amur Red Maple, Chinese Kousa Dogwood, Red Flowering Crab, Noble Fir, Western Red Cedar, and Weeping Forsythia. The seedlings, up to three feet in height, are limited to one per person, so bring the family! For more information, contact the Lacey Public Affairs Office at (360) 491-3214.



For the thirteenth consecutive year, the City of Lacey has received the **Tree City USA** award from the National Arbor Day Foundation. Mayor Virgil Clarkson will proclaim the month of April to be "Arbor Month" during the April 22 City Council meeting and present an Arbor Tree to the City of Yelm.



Lacey's Annual Easter Egg Hunt...

Don't miss our famous (and free!) Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 10**, at 10:00 a.m. in beautiful Woodland Creek Community Park. Children will be divided into groups, ages 4 to 6 and 3 and under. Bring your own baskets for gathering candy-filled eggs. Meet the Easter Bunny and his funny furry friends...they'll help you locate those especially hard to find eggs! Call Lacey Parks at (360) 491-0857 for information.



Kids' Klassic Fish-in...

Don't let this one get away! Join us **Saturday, April 17**, between dawn and 4:00 p.m. at Long's Pond in Woodland Creek Community Park for lots of family fun and a great catch for kids ages 14 and under. Local fishing clubs will provide free instruction on casting and other fishing skills, and tips on locating the big ones. Bring your own gear, or pay an optional \$5 registration fee and get a rod, reel, and Kids' Klassic T-shirt! **Pre-registration is required** as space is limited. Please call (360) 491-0857.

A look at Property Tax Revenues and Public Safety Costs...

The City of Lacey's total estimated Regular Levy Property Tax collections for 2004, at \$5.9 million, will fall approximately \$3.4 million short of funding even our most basic public safety needs—including police, jail, court, fire and emergency services. If the City of Lacey had to rely solely on property taxes, these critical services could not be adequately provided to the residents of our community.

