LYNNWOOD UNIVERSITY

Thursday's
Sept 9 - Nov 4
7 - 9:30 pm*

Lynnwood University is a fun and exciting 9-week course offered to Lynnwood residents free of charge.

The goal of LU is to increase awareness about how your local government works and to empower you to better access city programs and services in a fun and interactive way! Demonstrations, tours and hands-on activities are presented to you by city staff, Council Members and the Mayor.

Lynnwood University is a great program for all residents. No matter if you are new to Lynnwood or have lived here all your life, are a student, a retiree, a business owner, or anyone in between!

Sign Up Now!

To register visit
www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/LynnwoodUniversity
call 425-670-5023 or
e-mail jmoore@ci.lynnwood.wa.us

Registration deadline is
Friday, Sept 3

* Some classes have extra activities or field trips and may begin before 7 pm

LYNNWOOD Residents Benefit from Federal Stimulus Funds

This fall, hundreds of Lynnwood and Edmonds residents will get the opportunity to take advantage of Federal stimulus money to get reduced cost energy saving home improvements. This opportunity is a result of SustainableWorks, a non-profit formed by the Sound Alliance, partnering with the Cities of Lynnwood and Edmonds, and funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds and Snohomish County. From September until the end of December, Lynnwood and Edmonds residents will have the opportunity to receive a free or reduced cost energy audit and discounts on energy saving improvements like insulation, furnaces, hot water heaters and air sealing.

“The SustainableWorks project offers a great opportunity for residents to take advantage of stimulus funds to lower their energy bills, improve their homes and lower their carbon emissions,” said Darrel

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McLoughlin, energy auditor, Lynnwood resident, and volunteer with SustainableWorks. “I’m getting my home audited and I encourage all of my neighbors to participate too.”

Candidates must be owner-occupied homes, small businesses or rental property (with landlord agreement) located within Lynnwood or Edmonds. Interested people are invited to attend the SustainableWorks kick-off event taking place on: Wed, Sept 29 at 7 PM at Edmonds Community College, Woodway Building #202.

You can also sign-up by visiting www.sustainableworks.com, or by calling the SustainableWorks office at 206-575-2252. More information can also be found at www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us.

The process begins with a pre-audit to determine eligibility followed by a professional energy audit. Worth approximately $600, the cost of the audit to the home or business owner will be $95; with some residents qualifying for a free audit if they make between 60-80% of state median income. An energy consultant then maps out the best retrofits, the cost and the resulting energy savings. Contractors managed by SustainableWorks, then complete the installation/retrofit. Projects are designed to pay for themselves with energy savings. A SustainableWorks Project Manager will help you every step of the way.

About SustainableWorks

SustainableWorks is a non-profit focused on creating quality jobs and improving the environment with residential and small commercial energy retrofit projects facilitated through community engagement and participation. SustainableWorks utilizes a $4 million Community Energy Efficiency Program Grant to retrofit up to 2,000 homes and small businesses in moderate income neighborhoods in Spokane, Pierce, King, and Snohomish counties over the next 2 years. This activity should produce approximately 120 full-time jobs and $12 million in retrofit work, as well as reduce carbon emissions by 3,000 tons.
Lynnwood Meets and Greets to Help Fight Crime on National Night Out

The Lynnwood Police and Fire Departments, Public Works Department, the Mayor, Council members and many other city staff toured all 27 different registered events which included more than 33 combined neighborhoods and more than 1,500 people on Aug 3.

Residents all around Lynnwood joined the rest of America and turned their porch lights on, locked their doors and went out to meet their neighbors all in the name of crime prevention.

Members from the Family Center of South Snohomish County, SnoIsle Libraries and the event’s national sponsor, the Target store, also toured and visited with city residents. Special thanks goes to the following businesses that donated prizes and supported Lynnwood’s National Night Out: the Lynnwood Target store, Lynnwood Sharis Restaurant and 7-Eleven.

Special thanks to all the NNO neighborhoods who participated in the school supplies drive. The winners of the Back to School drive were the 190th St neighborhood (Ellen Mugrage), Second place was Blueridge (Carol Lewellen), and third place was Meadowdale High School area (Lisa Laush).

Lots of neighborhoods participated and we’re very grateful for almost $1000 in school supplies - WAY TO GO LYNNWOOD NEIGHBORS!!!

Utility Rate Study

We all use and reuse water for many things never thinking much about where it comes from, where it goes and at what cost. Your Lynnwood Public Works Department provides for our water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure needs through routine maintenance, new design and construction, constant testing and monitoring, and by meeting regulation changes passed down from the Federal, State, County and City government. All of this takes manpower, equipment, chemicals, permits and capital improvements to maintain the health and safety of the people of Lynnwood.

To evaluate the costs associated with these activities the Public Works Department recently completed an analysis of the costs to provide you with drinking water and to handle and treat our sewer and stormwater.

The final analysis showed that costs have continued to increase over the years and that utility rates will have to rise to meet the needs. The six year plan that was put before the City Council at the August 9 meeting shows increases for each of the six years 2011 - 2016. The increases will fund the needed capital updates as well as the continued maintenance associated with each. In a comparison of costs associated with surrounding agencies, the City of Lynnwood is found to be well within the lower half, if not the lowest for each type of rate. Before the end of the year, you will receive a letter regarding your new rates, and you will see the new rates reflected in your utility bills starting after the New Year.

You can view the six year adopted rate schedule at www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/utilities. If you have any questions, please contact the city’s Engineering Special Projects Manager at 425-670-5209.
With the passage of Sound Transit’s ST2 proposal in November 2008, Sound Transit will be extending light rail north from the University District reaching Lynnwood by 2023. The City has considered whether Sound Transit’s proposed ST2 station location in the Lynnwood Transit Center is ideally suited to attract the most riders, increase transit mode split, promote economic activity, and align with current land use plans for the City. The City has concluded that it is not possible to locate a single station that adequately serves both commuters at the Transit Center and also supports high density development that will be built in the City Center Core. Accordingly, Lynnwood is planning on a short extension of light rail north of the Transit Center and a second smaller station designed to support urban scale development, also under ST2.

The recently completed report titled ‘Mode Split for City Center Street Master Plan’ shows three alternatives for an additional light rail station in the City Center Core. This second station is designed to support intensive urban densities within the core and not single occupancy vehicle commuters which would be supported at the first light rail station proposed at the Lynnwood Transit Center. A fourth alternative was illustrated in the Report to relocate the Transit Center to 44th Ave W and Alderwood Mall Blvd, it was concluded that the walking distances between the Transit Center and the City Center Core are too great to effectively serve dual purposes and destinations.

The next steps include discussions with Sound Transit and Community Transit and additional studies as needed. Ongoing close coordination with the transit agencies is important as the City Center redevelops, Community Transit’s Long Range Plan is produced and Sound Transit’s light rail alignment is established. The City will continue to work closely with the transit agencies to secure funding for the City Center station under the ST2 program. The City has applied for a grant for an upcoming City Center Rail Stations Study and included this study in the 2011-2016 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

Within the four county metropolitan region, the City of Lynnwood was identified as a designated urban center by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). Based on the State’s Growth Management Act requirement to determine where additional growth is expected to be accommodated in the region, the PSRC projected a significant amount of development for Lynnwood due to its inherent attributes of geographic location, access to the transportation system and development / redevelopment opportunities.

With the intent of establishing a downtown for Lynnwood, the City Council adopted the City Center Plan in 2005. The City Center Plan encompasses the area generally bounded on the north by 194th Street, the east and south by I-5, and the west by 48th Ave West. The goal for redevelopment in the city center is to attract and accommodate higher wage employment, enhanced retail opportunities, and quality urban housing in a pedestrian-friendly environment that will be well served by transit and transportation that meets the regional growth determinations in a sustainable model and protects existing single-family neighborhoods. Attractive mixed-use buildings, plazas, parks, pedestrian amenities and streetscape will make the Lynnwood City Center a gathering spot for residents and visitors and the heart of the City.

As part of assessing the impact of implementing this plan, the environmental documents presume development of 3,000 new multi-family dwelling units for an estimated population of 5,400 people and 9,000 new jobs in the area.

To read more about the Sound Transit North Corridor HCT Project, please visit http://projects.soundtransit.org/x12953.xml. To learn more about City Center and to find the Mode Split Report for City Center Street Master Plan, please visit www.lynnwoodeconomicdevelopment.org/CityCenter.ashx

If you have questions or comments contact Janiene Lambert, City Center Program Manager at 425-670-5045.
Located between the City Center, the Alderwood Mall area, I-5 and a single family neighborhood, planning for the Alderwood – City Center Transition Area presents some unique issues and opportunities. The area is located generally south of 188th St SW and east of 36th Ave W; the single family neighborhood is located on the west side of 36th Ave. In the 1980s it was developed with a combination of mid-rise office buildings (the Alderwood Business Center) and low-rise office and light industrial buildings. These buildings are now close to or are over 30 years old and some are reaching the end of their economic life. Since then, the Alderwood Mall has grown to become a major regional mall and the area south and west of the Convention Center has been planned for redevelopment as the City Center. The proximity of these two areas creates substantial opportunities for redeveloping properties in this area and making connections to the City Center and Alderwood Mall. In 2007, the City Council adopted a new land use “vision” for the area that calls for a mix of residential and non-residential land uses in a manner that will minimize impacts on the residential area to the west (across 36th Ave W.)

Following up on that Council action, City staff and the project consultants are preparing new zoning regulations for the Transition Area. In July, project staff and consultants met with both property owners in the area and residents of the neighborhood to discuss alternative zoning approaches to managing redevelopment. Based on the comments at that meeting, in the context of the 2007 Council action, staff and consultants are working on a draft proposal for new zoning regulations for the Area. For more information, contact Community Development Department at 425-670-5405 or kgarrett@ci.lynnwood.wa.us or Economic Development Department at 425-670-5043 or mmonroe@ci.lynnwood.wa.us.

Now Open: 44th Ave W Interurban Trail Bridge and Overcrossing

On August 4, the City of Lynnwood held a Grand Opening and ribbon cutting for the 44th Ave W Interurban Trail Bridge and overcrossing. The new bridge and connecting trail improves safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, completes the Interurban Trail in Lynnwood, and provides better access to the Lynnwood Transit Center from the trail.

The bridge crosses 44th Ave West near Interstate 5. The west end of the bridge connects to the existing Interurban Trail near the Lynnwood Transit Center. The east end of the bridge has a new 1500-foot section of trail connecting the bridge to the existing Interurban Trail at 40th Avenue West. The new pedestrian bridge separates vehicle and pedestrian traffic, helping to improve safety for everyone.

As a part of the project, over 60 new signs have been added to the Interurban Trail through Lynnwood to enhance safety and way-finding for all users.

Alderwood - City Center Transition Area Planning Moves Forward

Several Interurban trail users submitted essays to be the “First to Cross the Bridge.” 32 of those participants along with many other attendees followed leaders Cheri Ryan, for the walkers (left), and Bob Rapp, for the bicyclists (right), for the first walk and the first bike ride across the new bridge.
Hazel Miller Foundation Grant Awarded

The Hazel Miller Foundation recently awarded $2,500 to the Lynnwood Parks & Recreation Foundation for improvements at Gold Park.

Gold Park is a little-known park in the south Lynnwood neighborhood that features lush forested areas, grassy clearings and a seasonal stream. In recent years however, the park has become overgrown with invasive plants, including ivy, blackberries, lamium, and holly.

The Hazel Miller Foundation grant provides funding to help restore the park’s natural environment. Under the direction of anthropology professor Thomas Murphy, students in the Learn and Serve Environmental Anthropology Field (LEAF) School at Edmonds Community College have begun to remove the invasive vegetation. To reintroduce native plants in the park, the LEAF students have designed an “ethnobotanical garden” which will showcase native plants and their uses in past cultures. Planting of the garden will begin soon and Gold Park will once again feature a rich variety of native Northwest plants, including ferns, salal, trillium, bleeding heart, and huckleberries.

This project is supported by the City of Lynnwood, Edmonds Community College, State Farm Youth Service America and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The Hazel Miller Foundation is dedicated to serving the citizens of Edmonds and South Snohomish County through programs and projects that serve the public's benefit.

The Lynnwood Parks & Recreation Foundation supports Lynnwood’s parks, recreation and cultural arts programs, and helps to provide funding for the conservation, acquisition and development of new parks. Gold Park is located at 6421 200th Street SW in Lynnwood.

Lynnwood Police and Lynnwood Acura Connect to Help Break the Cycle of Violence

Thanks to Acura of Lynnwood, the Lynnwood Police Department has added a new vehicle to its fleet, a 2010 Acura MDX.

The vehicle, which has special Domestic Violence and Crime Prevention graphics painted on it, has been sponsored by Lynnwood Acura in an effort to help avert domestic violence.

“While supporting Pathways For Women, we see the result of how domestic violence negatively impacts families and the community, so we hope this helps in the education process for the public,” said Jim Morino, Owner of Acura of Lynnwood (pictured right.)

According to Megan Sweeney, Lynnwood’s Domestic Violence Coordinator, something as simple as a vehicle is an asset in the domestic violence and crime prevention tool box.

“Due to Lynnwood Acura’s generosity this vehicle will enhance our department’s ability to proactively assist victims of domestic violence and their children,” Sweeney said. “It will be used to transport victims to court or to safe locations within the community. This will be another means for our Domestic Violence program to utilize community resources in our efforts to promote a coordinated community response to end domestic violence.”
**Freedom School**

The Tyree Scott Freedom School, which has been taking place in Seattle for 10 years, just completed its 3rd annual training for Snohomish County students June 21-25, 2010, at Edmonds Community College. Approximately 30 students participated in this special program including high school students of color from Everett, Mukilteo, and Edmonds School Districts, as well as college students. Many of these students are leaders within their own communities, school clubs or with the 2010 Latino Leadership Census Project.

In the past, Freedom Schools were an important part of the Civil Rights Movement. Today’s Freedom School teaches students about their cultural history, analyzes systemic effects of institutional racism, and develops leadership and community organizing skills. Freedom School gives young people a sense of their own empowerment to bring change and impact the world as an individual and as a community. It also brings a deeper understanding of their own day-to-day experiences living within a society still affected by institutional racism, and gives them the skills and insight to organize around social justice issues. The curriculum builds on the talents of the participants and broadens their skill base, especially in the areas of diversity, conflict management, equality, and personal empowerment.

Activities included field trips to the Northwest African American Museum where students learned the history and customs of Africans and African-Americans. Students also experienced a walking “toxic tour” of the Duwamish river and Seattle’s South Park neighborhood where they saw firsthand the impact of industries located within residential neighborhoods. Students learned about environmental justice by seeing the effects on the Duwamish river as well as on the families living among these industries.

Freedom School partnerships include American Friends Service Committee, The People’s Institute for Survival and Beyond, Edmonds Community College and the Edmonds School District.

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**Fall Classes at the Lynnwood Recreation Center**

*The fall is a perfect time to learn something new. Maybe you're looking for a special gift for someone or something fun to do with a friend?*

Even though the Lynnwood Recreation Center is closed for renovation, we haven’t stopped offering all our great classes. Come visit our temporary location next door at 19000 44th Ave W, call us at 425-670-5732 or check out our recreation brochure at [www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/parks](http://www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/parks)
Annexation Update

Annexation of the last part of the Perrinville area – at the southeast corner of 76th Ave W and Olympic View Drive – is nearing completion. Earlier this year, the owner of those parcels petitioned Lynnwood to annex his properties, and on July 12, the City Council held the first of two public hearings on proposed “Neighborhood Business” (B-3) zoning for the parcels. On September 13, 2010, the City Council is scheduled to hold the second zoning hearing and a hearing on annexing the parcels. If the Council endorses the annexation the request will be submitted to the Boundary Review Board (BRB). Final action by the Council will be scheduled following completion of the BRB process, near the end of this year.

The election on the proposed large North-East-South (NES) Annexation continues “on-hold” due to legal challenges by Mill Creek. Mill Creek is contesting the portion of the annexation area that is jointly claimed by both cities. The BRB had approved the annexation in May, 2009, but the City of Mill Creek filed an appeal of that approval in Superior Court. In May, 2010, Judge Larry McKeeman upheld the BRB’s approval of the annexation, and Mill Creek appealed that decision to the State Court of Appeals. A decision on that appeal is expected in Spring 2011. If the Court of Appeals rules in favor of the annexation, the election could be scheduled in either late 2011 or early 2012. Before proceeding the City would update and reassess fiscal and service plans and take time for another round of outreach meetings with area residents.

City staff continues to be available to answer questions and provide information about the annexation. If you would like to have a presentation at your group meeting, or if you have any questions about the annexation, please contact the Annexation Hotline at 425-670-5449 or annexation@ci.lynnwood.wa.us.

Online Plan Review a Success

Last year Lynnwood became one of the first cities in the region to offer online review of construction plans. City Council supported this effort by funding this inexpensive way to improve efficiency, reduce waste and save money.

Online plan review allows staff to quickly compare permit documents by overlaying the digital versions on top of one another, saving staff time and speeding up the permit process. It also saves significant costs associated with printing, delivering and revising large numbers of printed paper plan sets.

As of the end of July, the Permit Center has reviewed five major projects using the new online review, including plans for Meadowdale Middle School, the new Mercedes-Benz dealership, a Chevron gas station, the Recreation Center remodel, and the JC Penney parking garage at Alderwood Mall.

So far, the savings amount to around 25,000 sheets of paper and $15,000 or more in printing costs! It has also produced significant savings for developers and staff as plans can be delivered, reviewed, corrected and approved in a fraction of the time it used to take. We look forward to reviewing many more permits using the online system in the future.
Citizens Patrol: Serving the Community

Do you want to give back to your community and gain some excellent skills? Consider joining the 70-member Lynnwood Police Citizens Patrol, a volunteer group that serves the police department and the community every day. In fact, Citizens Patrol members spent about 21,000 hours last year helping in the following ways:

- Directing traffic at accident scenes
- Unlocking car doors for citizens
- Babysitting children whose parents have been arrested
- Riding police bikes on the Interurban Bike Trail, in city parks and shopping areas.
- Being extra eyes and ears in areas where crime is a concern
- Writing disabled parking citations
- Helping with weather-related emergencies
- Providing perimeter security at crime scenes

Citizens Patrol member range in age from 19 to 65 and most have full time careers, yet they still find time to volunteer during evening hours or on weekends. All members undergo extensive training, beginning with the Police Citizens Academy, which starts in January of 2011.

If you're interested in making a difference in your community by volunteering with Citizens Patrol, call the Lynnwood Police Crime Prevention Unit for more information at 425-670-5637 or e-mail tdana@ci.lynnwood.wa.us

Art Events in Lynnwood

The Lynnwood Arts Commission is hosting two art receptions this Fall. Come see some great art by over 40 artists, all right here in Lynnwood. Events are free and perfect for all ages.

Saturday, October 2, 2010
11am – 12pm
Lynnwood Library Gallery
Juried Exhibit - Artist awards and reception
19200 44th Ave W, Lynnwood

Thursday, October 14, 2010
6 - 8pm (art tour starts at 6:30pm)
Lynnwood Convention Center
3711 196th St SW, Lynnwood

The Grain Freighter by Suze Woolf
Protecting Our Drainage System

Clean, abundant water is one of our state's greatest treasures, whether it comes from the ground, a lake, a stream, a river, coastal waters, a roof, or a faucet. We can't take it for granted. As our population grows, demand for water increases. So does the potential for pollution.

Without realizing it, ordinary people can:

- waste water
- pollute it
- even increase the amount of runoff

Our everyday activities may send oil, pesticides, fertilizers, sediment, grass, leaves, and other unwanted items into nearby waterways. To keep our water clean and safe, everyone needs to help.

As we head into autumn, one way that pays big dividends is the handling of our yard waste. Properly disposing of grass and leaves will lessen pollution and decrease flooding. Do not dispose of yard waste into our drains or streams. If you notice standing water near a drain, check to see if leaves have built up around the drain. If safe, rake them away and see if that alleviates the problem.

This information is brought to you by the Lynnwood Surface Water Utility, working to keep our surface waters clean. Remember, indoor drains go to treatment plants, outdoor drains go to streams. Please report any dumping or pollution to our 24-hour pollution hotline, 425-670-KRUD.

Leaves don't belong in the stormdrain

Lynnwood Transportation Benefit District

Lynnwood has a night time population of about 36,000 residents. However, day time traffic volume approaches that of a city with a population of 80,000 -100,000 people - all within an area of a little over seven square miles.

Stated differently, the streets of Lynnwood absorb the pounding of 350,000 trips daily. This includes folks going to work, coming to shop or merely passing through. The bottom line is, our city-wide transportation infrastructure takes a beating.

Your City Council has struggled with this issue for over a decade. Increasing levels of traffic congestion, potholes, deferred street overlays, replacement of old traffic signals plus shortage of sidewalks are ongoing topics of debate and discussion. Unfortunately, rising costs and diminishing resources compound the problem.

Transportation Benefit District:

Recently the Council made the determination to form a Transportation Benefit District (TBD) in Lynnwood to serve as a tool to help fund elements of our city-wide transportation system. The District includes the entire City of Lynnwood as the boundaries currently exist or as they are expanded upon future annexation.

In short, a TBD is a quasi-municipal corporation and independent taxing district. It is created for the sole purpose of funding needed transportation improvement within the defined district. Since 2007, at least eight jurisdictions have adopted or are considering it. Some examples include the Cities of Edmonds, Lake Forest Park and Shoreline.

Eligible Projects and Programs:

Project and program criteria include improvements that preserve, maintain, and improve the transportation infrastructure. The objective is to protect our City's long term investments, to reduce the risk of facility failures and improve safety. We obviously want to avoid more expensive replacements in the future.

The selection of eligible projects and programs requires extensive public input. Also, all of the money generated by the revenue option selected is required by law to be spent entirely on the described improvements the TBD selects. In short, they are designated funds.

Revenue Options:

The revenue options available are twofold. First, is a simple Council vote. However, this is limited to a $20 annual Vehicle License Fee (VLF). The second is voter approved. It includes vehicle license fees from $21 up to $100. Another option would be for voters to approve up to a 0.2% sales tax increase with a ten year limit.

For example, the $20 VLF would generate roughly $424,000 inside Lynnwood. A 0.1% increase in sale tax would generate about $2,050,000 annually. However, the costs would be shared by all who frequent our City from the neighboring areas. The obvious benefit of the latter option is that those who use our streets daily would be sharing in the real cost of their preservation.

Citizen input is invited. Contact Councilmember Loren Simmonds at 425-750-0704 or lsimmonds@ci.lynnwood.wa.us
Lynnwood Library
Events

Disabilities and the Job Search
Thursday Sept 9, 7pm
Dawn Farmer from Edmonds Community College Project Hire division will talk about job search strategies for the disabled applicant.

Cuentame un cuento/Tell me a story (in Spanish)
Saturdays, Sept 11 – Oct 30, 3pm
Stories and songs in Spanish with Ms. Martina! This program is for children who speak Spanish and those interested in the language. For children ages 4-7, and their families.

Sing into Reading with Nancy Stewart
Friday, Sept 17, 3pm
Nancy Stewart invites children, their parents and caregivers to sing and play with words, then take home fun ways to reinforce the six early literacy skills so vital to a child's academic success.

A Celebration of Shel Silverstein
Thursday, Sept 30, 4pm
Join us to commemorate the birthday of this beloved and irreverent poet, author and artist in this celebration of his music, art and readings.

War and Sacrifice
Wednesday, Nov 10, 7pm
Janell Wood and Christina Moore, the photographer and author of the book "War and Sacrifice: Personal Stories of World War II From in and Around Snohomish County," will show video interviews of World War II veterans. Come see and hear local people who are heroes from a war that changed history.

The Lynnwood Police K9 Unit is honored to be one of the three “hero” recipients for Westgate Chapel's annual Vacation Bible Adventure (VBA) fundraiser.

Recently, hundreds of children from preschool to seventh grade involved in this annual, week long camp in Edmonds raised $8,000 with bake sales, car washes and the like to benefit local law enforcement K9 units.

Lynnwood and Edmonds Police K9 Units received $3,750 each and the Mountlake Terrace K9 Unit received $500.

Currently the Lynnwood Police Department’s K9 Unit includes “Sandor” and his handler Sgt. Jason Valentine, “Buddy” and his handler Officer Cole Langdon and “Vader” and his handler Officer Curtis Zatylny.

This generous donation to the Lynnwood Police Officer's Association will go toward a future replacement Lynnwood Police K9 as needed. Lynnwood Police Department's most veteran K9 is Sandor.

Project Highway 99

The Project Highway 99 team is issuing public review copies of the major project documents, including:

- Draft Subarea Plan for the Highway 99 corridor,
- Draft zoning regulations and design guidelines for new mixed-use nodes along the corridor, and
- Draft Supplemental Impact Statement (SEIS) for these proposals.

These documents will, if approved, help implement the adopted economic revitalization strategies for the corridor. These strategies call for development of mixed-use, high-density “nodes” at key locations along the corridor. The Subarea Plan describes these “nodes,” the zoning regulations and design guidelines will manage redevelopment of the “nodes,” and the draft SEIS assesses the potential impacts of redevelopment on traffic, utilities (sewer, water and storm water drainage) and greenhouse gas emissions. Copies of these documents and the schedule for submitting comments are available on the City’s website or by contacting Gloria Rivera at 425-670-5409 or grivera@ci.lynnwood.wa.us or Mary Monroe 425-670-5043 or mmonroe@ci.lynnwood.wa.us.
**Apartment Fire Safety for Seniors**

**When To Go and When To Stay**

Sometimes it is better for seniors to stay in their apartment when the fire alarm goes off. If you cannot make it down the stairs quickly and get safely away from the building without help – You need to Shelter-in-Place.

To shelter-in-place, stay in your apartment with your door closed. Go to a window open the blinds or curtains and turn on a light. This will notify firefighters that there is someone in your apartment. Do not open windows or balcony doors as smoke from other floors could come in. Firefighters will quickly search the building and will help to get you out safety.

If you are able to make it down the stairs on your own, check your door for heat and then peak out to see if there is smoke in the hallway. If there is anything more than a light haze of smoke, quickly close the door and shelter in place.

**Should I Use The Elevator During a Fire?**

Trying to use an elevator or waiting in the hallway for one is not safe during a fire. Elevators are made to go to the first floor when a fire alarm goes off. This is to help firefighters get to the fire floor quickly. Firefighters use a special key to override this system and use the elevator. Firefighters wear special gear and breathing apparatus to safely arrive at the fire floor even in an elevator. Do not wait in the hallway where you have little protection. Use the stairs or shelter-in-place.

**Smoke Detectors and Other Fire Protection**

Smoke detectors are required to protect the sleeping areas in your apartment. If there is a test button on your detector you should test the detectors monthly. To test your detectors – push the button on the detector, it should beep loudly. You can usually use a cane or stick to push the button without climbing up on anything. If your smoke detector uses batteries, replace them at least once a year. At the same time, vacuum your detectors to remove cobwebs and dust. If you notice that EXIT lights are not lit, notify the manager. Exitways should be kept clear of trash and other obstructions.

Self-closing doors to stairwells should never be blocked open. These doors keep flames and smoke from spreading. Practice a fire drill with your family to make sure they know what to do even if you are not there. Also practice with overnight guests.

Practice getting out of the building quickly and safely. Do you know your way in the dark? Do you know how many doors there are to the exit?

For more information, contact the Lynnwood Fire Department's Public Education Office at 425-670-5309.