



## Historical Commission Agenda

Refer to the bottom of the agenda for meeting information.

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Wednesday, April 16, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers and Online

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### 1. Call to Order

### 2. Roll Call

### 3. Land Acknowledgment

We, the City of Lacey, are on the ancestral land of the Tribal People of the Treaty of Medicine Creek, including the Nisqually Indian Tribe and Squaxin Island Tribe. We acknowledge and remember those Tribal People not recognized today who were absorbed or relocated into other tribes for survival. We recognize the ancestors and their descendants who are still here. We recognize and respect the Tribal People of the Treaty of Medicine Creek as the traditional stewards of this land since time immemorial and their role today in taking care of these lands in perpetuity. We recognize and have the responsibility to call attention to the histories of dispossession, forced removal, and abridged treaty rights that allowed our nation, state, and city to develop as they have today. We recommend that community members read the [Medicine Creek Treaty of 1854](#).

### 4. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- A. Approval of the Agenda\*
- B. Approval of March 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes\*

### 5. Public Comment

Refer to the bottom of the agenda for instructions on how to provide public comment.

### 6. Business Items

- A. **Historian of the Year\***  
Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator
- B. **Recent Acquisition\***  
Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator
- C. **2025 Work Plan Update**  
Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

### 7. Reports

- A. Lacey Historical Society
- B. Policy StEPs Committee
- C. Commissioners
- D. Chair
- E. Museum Curator
- F. Director

## 8. Adjourn

### **\*Vote Requested**

### **Next Meeting:**

**HistoryTalks! The Origins of Asian America:** May 8, 2025, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers and Online

**Historian of the Year at City Council:** May 20, 2025, 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers and Online

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### **Attend Remote or In-Person**

There are several ways to attend the Historical Commission Meeting:

- In-Person: Council Chambers at Lacey City Hall  
420 College Street SE, Lacey, WA 98503
- Zoom: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_b4sq5-e-QY6iVupzIMoBuA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_b4sq5-e-QY6iVupzIMoBuA)
- Website: <https://cityoflacey.org/government/public-meetings/>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZPYcyQMwso>
- Phone: (888) 788-0099 or (877) 853-5247 (Webinar ID 849 4368 7521)

### **Verbal Public Comment**

Each speaker is limited to three minutes. Comments are welcome on matters connected to City business or specific agenda items.

Prior to starting your comments, please provide your:

- a. Name
- b. City of residence or connection to the City
- c. Topic or subject matter of your comments

The opportunity for verbal public comment is available in-person or by Zoom:

- In-Person: Use the sign-up sheet in Council Chambers
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Instructions and access details will be provided once registration is complete.

**Written Public Comment**

Please submit written public comments to [PRPublicComment@cityoflacey.org](mailto:PRPublicComment@cityoflacey.org) up to two hours prior to the start time of the meeting. Public comments received by the deadline will be sent to Commissioners prior to the meeting, but will not be read at the meeting.



## Historical Commission Minutes

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Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Council Chambers and Online

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1. Call to Order

Chair Keogh called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chair Jim Keogh, Vice Chair Kevin Wyckoff, Alan Tyler, Ed Holm, Kimberly Goetz

Commissioners Absent (unexcused): Tula'i Patane, Jon Halvorson

Staff Present: Museum Curator Erin Quinn Valcho, Executive Assistant Carter Gibson

3. Land Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Wyckoff read the land acknowledgment.

4. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A. Approval of the Agenda

Vice Chair Wyckoff motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Holm seconded. Motion carried.

B. Approval of the January 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Wyckoff motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Holm seconded. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Business Items

- A. Strategic Plan Update  
Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator  
Museum Curator Quinn Valcho presented the current draft of the plan. An updated draft will be presented at a later meeting, incorporating staff and Commission feedback.
- B. Historical Register Properties Overview  
Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator  
Museum Curator Quinn Valcho presented an overview of the Lacey Register of Historic Places.
- C. Recent Acquisitions  
Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator  
Museum Curator Quinn Valcho presented the new acquisitions.
- Commissioner Goetz motioned to approve the new acquisitions. Commissioner Wyckoff seconded. Motion carried.

## 7. Reports

- A. Lacey Historical Society  
The Lacey Historical Society reported:
- The Society's 2025 priorities continue to be finding ways to honor Dr. Ehlers and revitalizing the memorial garden.
  - The Society shared the unfortunate recent passing of Jack Homann, who was instrumental to Lacey's history.
- B. Policy StEPs Committee  
The committee is on hiatus.
- C. Commissioners  
Commissioner Tyler shared appreciation for the recent HistoryTalk! events.
- D. Chair  
Chair Keogh provided updates on the ribbon cutting ceremony for the kiosk at the Regional Athletic Complex.
- E. Museum Curator  
Museum Curator Quinn Valcho reported:

- The February HistoryTalks! presentation was about O. C. Lacey's true identity. The March HistoryTalks! presentation was about the Black workers in the Civilian Conservation Corps and their work in Washington State Parks.
- The Lacey Museum move is progressing.
- The consultant for the historic preservation project submitted their first draft for staff review.
- Voting for the 2025 Historian of the Year will occur during the Commission's April meeting.
- The City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, is scheduled to include the Historian of the Year presentation and the Museum's annual report to the Council.

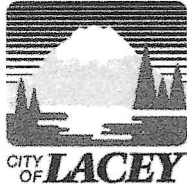
#### F. Director

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho provided the Director's report.

- The Parks, Culture & Recreation annual staff retreat was held last month.
- The City broke ground on Greg Cuoio Park two weeks ago.
- Lacey City Council approved the 2025 State and Federal Legislative Priorities in December and January and can be found online.
- The Lacey Youth Council representative to the Historical Commission will remain vacant for the remainder of this term.

#### 8. Adjourn

Chair Keogh adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.



# Ken Balsley

## Lacey Historian of the Year

### Nomination form

Name of Nominee: JOHN DZIEDZIC

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Email: JDZIEDZIC@COMCAST.NET Phone: 360-790-7393

Nominated by: PAUL WEISB - LHS TRUSTEE

Address: 6320 118<sup>TH</sup> ST CT. SW - LAKEWOOD, WA. 98499

Email: PAULWEISB38@MSD.COM Phone: 253 377 3132

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Commission    | <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Staff                    | <input type="checkbox"/> City Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lacey Historical Society |                                       |

Describe the significant contribution by the Nominee to the preservation or promotion of Lacey's history (attach additional page if necessary):

SEE ATTACHED

Nominations will be considered by the Lacey Historical Commission at the regular monthly meeting in April. The selection shall be made by the majority vote of Commissioners present at the regular meeting. The Historical Commission is not obligated to select a Lacey Historian of the Year from the nominations submitted, if, in the opinion of the Commissioners, the nominee has not made a significant contribution to the preservation or promotion of Lacey's history.

**Nominations are due by March 31st.**

Submit to: Lacey Historical Commission  
c/o Lacey Parks, Culture & Recreation Department  
420 College St. SE  
Lacey, WA 98503-1238

3/25/2025

Lacey Historical Commission  
c/o Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation Department  
420 College St. SE  
Lacey, WA. 98503-1238

Dear Commission members:

I am nominating John Dziejdzic for the City of Lacey Historian of the Year.

John has been a member of the Lacey Historical Society since 2023, and now serves as its Secretary. As you may know, the Society at that time was at risk of dissolving for a variety of reasons. It has since become a force for telling the story of Lacey's history, and is poised to do even more. In completing much of this work, John has been a leader.

As the Society began to reform, and set a course for the best way to tell the story of Lacey history, John took on the task of working with a website designer to redesign the website. We now have a site that easily reaches members of the community with our quarterly newsletters and other stories of old Lacey submitted by various contributors. The site also streamlines members abilities to pay dues and submit donations to the Society.

One of the early tasks taken on by John was to gather all minutes, bylaws and other important documents of the Society and assure they were organized and posted on the website for all to easily retrieve. Further, he is in frequent contact with our website designer in order to assure the site is always current.

John has been instrumental in helping to establish important goals of the Society. Among those goals are establishment of a statue of Lacey's first resident doctor, William A. Ehlers, and the "re-energizing" of the memorial garden, presently at the museum on Lacey Street. John has been working tirelessly on both of these goals.

Regarding the Dr. Ehlers statue, he has established an advisory committee to assist with obtaining donations necessary to the cause. He has coordinated with foundries, and others who are in the business of making renditions of the doctor in order to create an accurate representation of the final statue. And, while John is part of a committee set up to work the Dr. Ehlers project, John has shown himself as a key leader in this project.

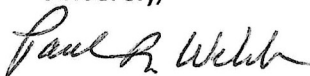
Another signature project of the Society John has been pursuing, is the revitalization of the "Memorial Garden" established many years ago to commemorate the many people in Lacey who have contributed to the community. The Society desires to bring the Garden to its former glory. In doing so, John has been working with "City Gates," a non-profit corporation, who most likely will be acquiring the property on Lacey Street presently housing the "Lacey Women's Club." John has inquired as to their willingness to provide property where the old memorial garden could be reestablished. While this project is a work-in-process, City Gates has indicated a willingness to partner with the Society on the Garden – something that likely would not have occurred without John's "bird-doggedness."

Another project John took on, was the work with Jack Homann to assure Jack's namesake, the "Al-Anna Homann Park" donation to the City of Lacey was properly taken care of. As Al Homann's son, Jack was a wealth of information on all things history related, and several of us developed a friendship with him in the many discussions held over Lacey history. Jack made a few of us aware of concerns he had with the park. One of them was the removal of a flag pole several years ago, along with general maintenance issues Jack had with the park. As is his manner, John jumped in with both feet, and worked with the City on the issues Jack had. Jack passed away earlier this year, but shortly after his death, the City agreed to a memorial plaque at the Al Anna Park and Ballfield which will name the ballfield as the "Jack Homann" field. In addition, the plaque is to include a large American flag at the top, along with the Homann story.

By working as hard as he has with the Society, John is carrying on a Dziedzic family tradition. His mother, Shirley Dziedzic, was the longtime president of the Lacey Historical Society and instrumental in the preservation of the one of the most important parts of Lacey history, the old Lacey Grade School, at the intersection of Pacific Ave. and Carpenter Road. She negotiated with the Safeway Corporation to establish the Lacey School Memorial on the Carpenter Road side of the building. Additionally, she convinced Safeway to build a "belltower" design into the architecture of the building to replicate the belltower that existed on the old grade school.

I know not, of other potential nominees for this honor. I do know, however, that one would be hard pressed to find anyone else who has worked as tirelessly as John Dziedzic in the preservation of, and articulation of, Lacey history. Thank you for considering this nomination.

Sincerely,



Paul R. Webb

Trustee - Lacey Historical Society

## Support for John Dziedzic for Historian of 2025

This letter is in support of John Dziedzic for Historian of the Year for 2025. John has been tremendous and vital in helping the Lacey Historical Society sustain and enhance our organization when it was necessary for the new “regime” to take over. His expertise, ethics, respectful professionalism, and drive has been essential in the success of this organization.

He has been a huge factor in clarifying and rewriting the needed By-Laws revisions, provided valuable assistance in each newsletter, and has supported the Lacey Historical Society as Secretary when ours passed. He is a wonderful liaison with the public and organizations. John has done extensive research, and often, “out of the box” thinking, which has been invaluable in our largest Lacey Historical Society endeavor—honoring the area’s first doctor (long before Lacey was Lacey)—a statute for Dr. William Ehlers.

On a personal note, John’s mother, Shirley Dziedzic, was President of the Lacey Historical Society for many years prior to her passing, and I am sure she would be immensely proud of her son’s heartfelt and dedicated assistance. Also, I just met John when the new “regime” took the helm, and I can honestly say he is one of my most dear friends now. John not only has a profound sense of humor and personality, but “being the middle child” (and I quote him) he is very kind and thoughtful to all.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margie J. Wyllie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Margie J. Wyllie



## Recent Acquisitions Review April 2025 Lacey Historical Commission

*According to LMC 2.4.050, the Historical Commission has the supervision, along with the Museum Curator, of accepting gifts of property for historical purposes. To that end, the listed items have been accepted by the Museum Curator for inclusion into the Lacey Museum collection subject to the review of the Commission.*

*Commissioners should consider the museum mission, the museum acquisitions policy, and the usefulness of the item(s) for display and research.*

### ACCEPTED FOR THE PERMANENT COLLECTION

#### **2025-002            City of Lacey Purchase (Ebay)**

- Coat check tag from the Evergreen Ballroom

*Relation to Mission:* The story of the Evergreen Ballroom is an important part of Lacey's history. It was the site of many famous or soon-to-be famous musical acts and drew a wide diversity of performers and customers.

*Relation to Collection:* We have only a few posters from the Evergreen Ballroom. Because of two fires, artifacts are very difficult to come by.



*The Lacey Museum enriches our community and engages visitors by sharing vibrant stories of the past through the preservation and celebration of Lacey and the South Sound region's cultural heritage.*

Lacey Historical Commission  
 2025 WORK PLAN  
 Approved November 20, 2024; [revised April 16, 2025](#)

Task	Responsible Commissioner	Status	Target Completion date
ONGOING OR ANNUAL			
1. Parks, Culture & Recreation Staff Updates		<a href="#">Quarterly</a>	
2. Support Lacey Museum Programs, Collections, and Projects			
3. Review Museum Collections Acquisitions		<a href="#">Monthly, as needed</a>	
4. Strategic Plan Annual Review		<a href="#">Large revision underway</a>	
5. Historic Register Properties Design Reviews			
6. Grant Opportunities			
7. May is Lacey History Month		<a href="#">Council meeting scheduled</a>	<a href="#">May 20, 2025</a>
8. Ken Balsley Lacey Historian of the Year		<a href="#">Council meeting scheduled</a>	<a href="#">May 20, 2025</a>
9. Lacey Museum and Cultural Center Funding Strategy Committee	Chair Keogh	<a href="#">Meetings temporarily on hold</a>	
10. Tribal Updates and Collaboration	All		
SPECIAL PROJECTS			
11. New Lacey Museum and Cultural Center	All	Pending funding	TBD
12. RAC Kiosk	Chair Keogh	<a href="#">In progress</a> <a href="#">Completed</a>	First Quarter 2025
13. Lacey Depot Historic Photos	All	Upcoming agenda	
14. Historic Register Properties Map	Vice Chair Wyckoff	<a href="#">Upcoming agenda</a> <a href="#">Web page completed, map In progress</a>	
15. Jacob Smith House Interpretive Marker	All	Upcoming agenda	
16. Lacey Research Center and Collections Move	All	In progress	<a href="#">First</a> <a href="#">Second</a> Quarter 2025
17. Lacey Museum at the Bell Center Move	All	In progress	<a href="#">Second</a> <a href="#">First</a> Quarter 2025
18. Tour of Museum Sites	All	Upcoming agenda	Summer 2025
POLICIES & PROCEDURES			
19. Museum Policy Update	Commissioner Goetz	Upcoming agenda	
20. Historical Commission CLG Procedures	Commissioner Goetz	Upcoming agenda	Fall 2025
21. Historical Commission Policy Review	Commissioner Goetz	Pending Citywide Policy Review	
HISTORIC PRESERVATION			
22. Jacob Smith House Local Register Nomination	All	<a href="#">In progress</a> <a href="#">Assessment completed; report review in progress</a>	<a href="#">Winter 2024</a> <a href="#">Summer 2025</a>

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Task	Responsible Commissioner	Status	Target Completion date
23. McKinney House Parcel Assessment	All	<a href="#">Assessment completed; report review in progress</a>	Spring 2025
24. Long Lake House Assessment		<a href="#">Assessment completed; report review in progress</a>	Spring 2025
25. Identify Potential Register Properties	All	<a href="#">Upcoming agenda</a>	In progress

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**Program Updates  
Quarter 1- 2025**

**Aquatics**

**1-2 Highlights:**

Hired 4 new staff members, trained them as lifeguards and swim instructors. Swim lessons went great during the winter session, aquafitness classes have run smoothly and staff has had great attendance this quarter.

**Overview (1-2 paragraphs):**

- The winter quarter was busy with training of new staff, and programming around the high school boy's season. New staff survived 36hrs of training this quarter to become lifeguards and swim instructors.
- Over the winter Quarter our staff taught 253 lessons, we guarded 129 aquafitness registrations, and 67 family open swim registrations.
- Our staff also oversaw the specialized recreation program who practiced every Saturday morning. We started hosting pool rentals on a regular basis hosting 2 rentals in Q1 and have another coming up this weekend!
- We also scheduled and programmed around 373 pool hours in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of high school boys swimming, as well as 245 hours of TOSC swim club practice.

**Special Events**

**1-2 Highlights:**

Lacey Cultural Celebration had a great turn out with around 4000 folks. Upcoming summer event changes.

**Overview (1-2 paragraphs):**

- The Lacey Cultural Celebration, presented by TwinStar Credit Union had a great turnout of around 4000 people, despite being held 6 weeks early then usual (due to availability of SMU) and a forecast of snow. We had lots of great food vendors, activity booths and vendors along with a full schedule of amazing performances by clubs and organizations. It's always so fun to see the multigenerational presentations and seeing families explore the culture & traditions of our neighbors in the community. The Passport activity is always a highlight and kids picked up their passport and 'traveled the world' by visiting the various booths and asking questions. When they are done, they went to the 'Embassy' and picked up a free gift from our sponsor Lacey Collision. This year they got a globe/flashlight/keychain.
- We also have a new multi-event sponsor in Country Financial, they will be high level for Lacey Spring Fun Fair and July 3<sup>rd</sup>, plus they are also supporting Lacey in Tune and Lacey Holiday Lights for \$14,000.
- Due to the good response to last summer's bonus midweek evening show, Lacey in Tune Wednesday concerts will offer 3 noon tune shows and 3 evening concerts. Play in the Parks Thursday series will change from 2pm to 11am due to hot summer days and lack of shade at some of our parks where the events are held.

## Community Recreation

### 1-2 Highlights:

Lacey Teen Late Nights have had great attendance to start 2025 averaging 365 teen per event.

### Overview (1-2 paragraphs):

- Cultural classes have gotten off to a busy start this year, attendance is up in many classes including art, ballet, and our voice over class to name a few. We have added a few new offerings Automotive 101 and Coping with Stress through Writing and our new Hip Hop Step class is starting to gain some momentum.
- Our trip goers have been on a few great adventures so far this year they have checked out the Museum of Flight, Wing Luke Museum and the Northwest Flower and Garden Festival.
- The Teen Late Night events have been going great, our monthly events during the school year are keeping teens busy and having fun in a safe environment. The teens participate in contest, games, dancing and playing different inflatable games, we are looking forward to the upcoming events.

## Facilities and Rentals

### 1-2 Highlights:

The LCC and JSH closed for the first two weeks of January for annual maintenance. Interior painting and wood floor refinishing was completed. Picnic shelter reservations opened online February 1<sup>st</sup>, for April-October.

### Overview (1-2 paragraphs):

- During the recent closure of the LCC, the wood floors were deep sanded and refinished, giving them a brand new look!
- The Facility Maintenance team was also busy with interior painting at both LCC and JSH. All exterior locks at the LCC were also changed and re-keyed. Having a couple weeks with no rentals is always a relief to facility staff. It gives us a chance to take a breath and get to reorganizing the buildings.
- February 1<sup>st</sup> signaled the first chance to make a picnic shelter reservation. Shelters are available for rent from April 1<sup>st</sup>-October 31<sup>st</sup> each year. As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, picnic shelters and the Lacey Depot have collected over \$10,000.00 in rental fees.

## Regional Athletic Complex

### 1-2 Highlights:

Lacey Softball leagues started up 16 co-ed teams 14 mens  
Cal Ripken, River Ridge softball started  
13 tournaments with \$35,000 tournament revenue

### Overview (1-2 paragraphs):

- We opened the grass soccer field March 9<sup>th</sup> .
- Field 1 was closed down the entire month of March for replacement of the turf
- We hosted some large tournaments including the Kings of the NW, Superdraft.
- Cal Ripken opening day and a few top tier youth baseball tournaments. Senior Softball started on Wednesdays.

## Youth / Adult Sports

### 1-2 Highlights:

We hosted the 2025 Elks Hoop Shoot District Competition on Feb. 1, where the Lacey champion in the 8/9 year girls division won and moved on to the Washington State competition. March was our opening month for grass athletic field rentals and we had 892 total reservations between Lacey Parks and the NTPS fields. In programming, we registered 379 participants in over 50 camps and programs.

**Overview (1-2 paragraphs):**

- The first month of this year's athletic field rental period was off to a busy start.
- We had 18 separate sports leagues make 892 total reservations on the Lacey Parks and NTPS grass fields in the month of March!
- The new Nisqually turf football field and track is nearing completion, and the schools have begun to use it for spring sports. This is welcoming news because it means our community will have access to this facility most likely by the end of the year!
- In sports programming, we registered 379 participants over 48 classes and 6 day-camps, totaling \$23, 212 in net revenue. Archery Tag, Floorball, and Sport Sprouts saw the biggest increases in registrations from the fall.
- Our annual National Women and Girls in Sports Day celebration and free youth sports camps with Saint Martin's University was cancelled this year due to scheduling issues. The SMU athletic department have been in the midst of some big changes, and they were just unable to help us out this year. We have spoken with NTPS about partnering with them next year in hopes of revitalizing this event and establishing a new tradition moving forward.
- And finally, every three years, Lacey Parks hosts the Elks Hoop Shoot District competition, which represents our district's city hoop shoot winners stretching from Tacoma to Centralia. Our city winner for the 8/9 year girls division, Ariella Laguna from South Bay Elementary, won her age group yet again and was able to move on to the Washington State competition!

**Front Desk / Customer Service**

**1-2 Highlights:** Finalized the department's updated process for compiling and entering program offerings into our online registration "catalog" as the department shifted away from publishing a traditional "playbook". This project included aesthetic updates to the catalog to increase usability, process improvement updates for our staff, and publishing our "non-recreation" offerings to the catalog for the first time.

**Overview (1-2 paragraphs):**

- Across all transaction types (registrations, refunds, user credits, financial assistance, etc.) the front desk processed 730 transactions totaling \$184,673.48 during quarter one, in addition to assisting residents over the phone and at City Hall with numerous questions about our recreation offerings and parks.
- Assisted special event staff during a staff transition: tracked and contacted vendors and sponsors, updated webpages, trained staff on website and CivicRec usage.
- Finalized new submission process for recreation offerings then oversaw spring registration which included 249 unique offerings-- collected programmatic information from staff, proofed accuracy of offerings, created and formatted offerings in CivicRec (recreation software), triaged needed changes from staff, and assisted residents once registration opened.
- Assisted with and conducted several departmental marketing campaigns: designed an "evergreen" registration flyer, proved edits to several department-wide marketing advertisements, unified formatting of CivicRec catalog and reconfigured pages to promote usability, created a website for the development of Greg Cuoio Community Park, and created permanent webpages for multiple special events.

**Marketing and Metrics**

**1-2 Highlights:**

We've successfully moved from our digital PLAYBOOK to putting all of our programs in civic rec for registration as of Spring quarter

**Overview (1-2 paragraphs):**

- To help promote our new registration process (ie: no PLAYBOOK) we've done some additional social media featuring some of our programs, we've added a College St Banner promoting registration, sharing a generic handout at events and when tabling with the website & QR code.
- We also did an e-newsletter specifically promoting the opening of registration and we will still do event promotions with specific flyers.
- Plus we are promoting the dept. With ads in a new neighbors guide going to all new residents of Thurston and Lewis County, along with the Showcase New Neighbors guide for Thurston County and the JBLM welcome guide to all new military families.
- We also did an interactive survey board at Cultural Celebration to gather feedback and it was well received.
- Our monthly newsletter continues to do well, with 9160 recipients and a 55.4% open rate.
- Our social media reach is growing
- Our dept Facebook Jan28-Feb 24 views: 41,300, up 42.3% with 758 interactions which is up 77%!
- Instagram view 3,700, up 52.9%.

**Museum****1-2 Highlights:**

Three HistoryTalks programs were held; programs served 859 people.

Museum move is progressing well: the office at the Bell Towne Centre is ready for move-in, exhibits are 90% planned, exhibit walls have been installed, and some artifacts moved over.

**Overview (1-2 paragraphs):**

Three HistoryTalks this fall, with topics including the Black Civilian Conservation Corps workers in Washington State Parks, the Evergreen Ballroom, and solving the mystery of O. C. Lacey. We have served 859 people through our programs this quarter (105 in person, 129 live online, 625 YouTube).

The museum move to the Bell Towne Centre made good progress this quarter:

- Office cleaned out, walls patched and painted, desks assembled, and Wifi installed.
- Exhibit walls purchased and received, and exhibit platforms ordered.
- 90% exhibits renderings completed.
- Moved large artifacts from Russell House.
- Worked with Lacey MakerSpace to build reader rails.

We added a page on the website of the properties on Lacey's Register of Historic Places.