



## Parks, Culture, and Recreation Board Meeting Agenda

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Wednesday, May 6, 2026

5:30 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 April 1, 2026 Meeting Minutes\*

### 5. Public Comment

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

### 6. Business Items

- A. **Regional Athletic Complex Update**  
Sean Finney, Recreation Supervisor
- B. **PARC Foundation of Thurston County**  
Heather Antanaitis, Chief Executive Officer
- C. **Park Trail Maps and Kiosks**  
Carter Gibson, Executive Assistant

### 7. Reports

- A. Commissioners
- B. Chair
- C. Recreation Manager

- D. Parks Maintenance Supervisor
- E. Senior Parks Planner
- F. Director

## 8. Adjourn

### \*Vote Requested

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### Verbal Public Comment

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

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

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## Parks, Culture, and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Council Chambers and Online

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### 1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Davies called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Vice Chair Laurie Davies, Hilary Dykstra, Bill Fosbre, Gary Larson, Michelle Gipson, Annette Roth

Commissioner Absent (excused): Chair Aram Wheeler

Commissioners Absent (unexcused): Aryan Kumar

### 3. Land Acknowledgment

Vice Chair Davies read the land acknowledgment.

### 4. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

#### A. Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Larson moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Roth seconded. Motion carried.

#### B. Approval of March 4, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Larson moved to approve the minutes. Commission Fosbre seconded. Motion carried.

### 5. Public Comment

Two (2) written comments were received.

Four (4) people signed up to speak at the meeting.

Ron Marco, Tumwater resident, commented on the Rainier Vista Park Improvements Concept Design.

Hannah Hart, Lacey/Olympia resident, commented on the Rainier Vista Park Improvements Concept Design.

Rebecca Perlman, Olympia resident, commented on the Rainier Vista Park Improvements Concept Design.

Bruce Conklin, commented on the Rainier Vista Park Improvements Concept Design.

## **6. Business Items**

### **A. Aquatics Program Updates**

Scott Carter, Recreation Supervisor

Recreation Supervisor Carter provided an update on the Aquatics Program.

### **B. Public Art Donation Policy**

Shanelle Pierce, Special Projects Administrator

Special Projects Administrator Shanelle Pierce presented the Public Art Donation Policy.

Commissioner Roth moved to recommend the Public Art Donation Policy to Lacey City Council. Commissioner Larson seconded. Motion carried.

### **C. Rainier Vista Park Improvements Concept Design**

Bogdan Tirtu, Project Manager

Senior Parks Planner Wilson and Project Manager Tirtu presented the Rainier Vista Park Improvements Concept Design.

Commissioner Larson moved to recommend approval of the Rainier Vista Park Improvements Concept Design to the City Manager. Commissioner Roth seconded. Motion carried.

### **D. Naming Rights and Sponsorship Agreement**

Sue Falash, Recreation Manager

Recreation Manager Sue Flash presented the Naming Rights and Sponsorship Agreement.

Commissioner Dykstra moved to recommend approval of the Naming Rights and Sponsorship Agreement, with additional terms, to City Manager. Commissioner Fosbre seconded. Motion carried.

## 7. Reports

### A. Commissioners

Commissioner Roth reported on the process to appoint a Poet Laureate for Lacey.

### B. Chair

No report.

### C. Recreation Manager

Recreation Manager Falash reported that the .5 FTE marketing position vacancy has been filled, Rainier Vista hosted the USSSA Softball Kings of the Northwest Tournament, summer camp registration is open, and Recreation Supervisor Sieler is retiring in June.

### D. Parks Maintenance Supervisor

Senior Parks Planner Wilson provided the Parks Maintenance Supervisor report.

Senior Parks Planner Wilson shared a summary of the work that Parks Maintenance staff completed since the previous board meeting.

### E. Senior Parks Planner

Senior Parks Planner Wilson reported the Council Chambers now has assisted listening devices available as needed; the City accepted bids on March 25, 2026, for the removal of the structures next to Long Lake Park; the City Council approved the demolition of the McKinney Building; the grand opening for Bush Park will be May 27, 2026; Greg Cuoio Park obtained substantial completion; City Manager Walk intends to provide a *State of the City* address in April.

### F. Director

No report.

## 8. Adjourn

Vice Chair Davies adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

**Program Updates  
Quarter 1- 2026**

**Aquatics**

**We started 2026 off with new programming—offering Family Open Swim Yearly Memberships. One lifeguard instructor was recertified, and seven new aquatics positions were hired for spring and summer 2026.**

We taught 345 swim lessons during the winter quarter, an increase from 253 last year. Our instructors are doing a great job developing swimmers and successfully progressing them to Level 4. We also began lifeguarding Underwater Hockey on Friday nights, which has been a fun, engaging shift for staff.

Looking ahead to spring and summer, we are building up our aquatic staff roster to support concurrent swim lessons at North Thurston High School and River Ridge High School, coordinating our scheduling around the high school swim season. Additionally, we're hosting Specialized Recreation, three birthday rentals, and an Olympia Fire training rental.

**Special Events**

**This quarter's special events included Lacey Loves to Read in February and Cultural Celebration in March, which had record breaking attendance.**

Lacey Loves to Read celebrated its 23rd author visit featuring award-winning author Renée Watson. In partnership with the North Thurston School District and the Lacey Timberland Library, the program engaged over 1,000 participants across a variety of activities, including the community event with the author.

Cultural Celebration saw one of the largest turnouts in recent years. The event featured 15 vendors, 35 information booths, 11 food vendors, and 16 performances highlighting local groups representing cultures from around the world. Attendance was estimated at over 4,000 people, with several food vendors selling out early in the day. It was a special opportunity to celebrate our community and share in the richness of diverse cultures.

**Community Recreation**

**Lacey Teen Late Nights continue to be a hit on Friday nights, with more than 1,000 teens in attendance across three events and bringing \$12,705 in revenue.**

The first quarter of 2026 has gotten off to a great start for Community Recreation, with increased attendance across many classes. Some of the most popular offerings include Toddler and Preschool Exploration, Ballet, and Belly Dance. One of our newer classes, Youth Beginning Acting, is also seeing growing participation. Adult trips and tours have been well received, including visits to the Northwest Flower & Garden Festival and a trip to Alderbrook Resort for brunch and hiking.

The Lacey Teen Leadership Committee has resumed meeting twice a month, with participation steadily increasing under the guidance of our Recreation Coordinator. Committee members have supported events such as Lacey Teen Late Nights and the Hoops for Heroes basketball game, and they are currently planning a teen-focused event scheduled for late May.

### Facilities and Rentals

**The Lacey Community Center and Jacob Smith House were both closed for the first two weeks of January for annual maintenance. Interior painting and wood floor refinishing was completed. Picnic shelter reservations for April through October 2026 opened online on February 1, 2026.**

During the January closure, wood floors at the Lacey Community Center and Jacob Smith House were screened and recoated. Facility Maintenance also completed interior painting at both locations.

Security cameras were installed at the Lacey Community Center and went live on March 31, 2026.

Bids were received in March to replace the Lacey Community Center sound system, with installation scheduled for April. This upgrade will provide a fully new system for the facility.

February 1 marked the opening day for picnic shelter reservations for the April–October 2026 season. As of April 1, picnic shelters and the Lacey Depot have generated \$14,500 in revenue.

### Regional Athletic Complex

**The Regional Athletic Complex generated \$70,296.59 of revenue in Quarter 1. It recorded 933 total reservations across 117 days of facility use including hosting 14 baseball and softball tournaments which generated \$36,000 in tournament revenue, in addition to successfully hosting the USSSA Kings of the Northwest Tournament which featured 65 teams and generating \$6,300 in revenue.**

During the first quarter, the Regional Athletic Complex (RAC) hosted a total of 14 softball and baseball tournaments. Notable events included the Black Hills Youth Baseball Opening Day, the USSSA Kings of the Northwest Men's and Women's Softball Tournament, the Senior Softball April Opener, and two Top Tier youth baseball tournaments. In addition, the RAC accommodated several other WSL and USSSA softball tournaments throughout the quarter.

The RAC also expanded its programming by hosting the Clean and Sober Softball League (CSSL), with games held on Sunday evenings following weekend tournaments. The City Softball League also began its season, featuring 16 co-ed teams competing on Friday nights and 11 men's teams playing on Monday nights.

Facility usage remained strong throughout the winter months. Prior to the start of the baseball season in March, TC United made extensive use of the RAC's synthetic baseball infields during weekday periods in January and February. With the arrival of March, baseball activity increased significantly, marking the start of the primary season.

The RAC continues to serve as a primary venue for local athletics, acting as the home field for NWCHS Baseball and River Ridge Fastpitch for both games and practices. Additionally, Cal Ripken leagues regularly host games at the facility.

Soccer field usage was also at full capacity, with Field 1 booked daily throughout January and February. Favorable weather conditions allowed the RAC's grass fields to open one week earlier than scheduled this year. The complex serves as the home venue for Saint Martin's University and South Puget Sound Community College's soccer teams and also hosts games for Nido Aguilar of Grays Harbor. Beyond these programs, the RAC supported practices and competitions for rugby, lacrosse, and ultimate teams.

### Youth / Adult Sports

**Lacey Youth Basketball League finished their season in January, and the post-season survey results show a lot of positive feedback. We began a partnership with Vadis to provide volunteer opportunities to individuals with disabilities. The athletic fields officially opened March 1, 2026, with 830 total reservations on the books so far.**

Lacey Youth Basketball wrapped up its 2025–26 season on January 24, 2026. The season concluded with medal presentations, team celebrations, and a championship game in which the 6th grade division tournament winner capped off an undefeated season with a close victory. Post-season survey results reflected overwhelmingly positive feedback, with 93% of respondents rating their overall experience as good or great. When asked what they enjoyed most, the top responses highlighted the coaches, officiating, and the league’s positive culture.

This winter, we began partnering with Vadis, a nonprofit organization that provides services and enrichment opportunities for individuals with disabilities, to welcome two new volunteers into our programs. These volunteers have already supported the adult softball league at the RAC, and one volunteer, also assisted at the Hero Hoops Classic basketball game in a team manager role. Both are enthusiastic about continuing their involvement this summer through camps and leagues.

The school district and Parks grass fields opened for use on March 1, 2026, marking the official start of the youth spring sports season. In the first month alone, there were 830 reservations across 12 different user groups. Rainier Vista also partnered with the RAC to host the Kings & Queens of the NW USSSA adult softball tournament on March 21–22, its first major tournament of the year. Field usage is expected to increase further in April as additional user groups begin their seasons.

### Front Desk / Customer Service

**As the department prepares for the summer season, the Front Office team coordinated the start of summer camp registration, special event vendor payments, and updates to the website.**

Across all transaction types (registrations, refunds, user credits, financial assistance, etc.), the front desk processed over 550 transactions totaling approximately \$153,000 during quarter one, in addition to assisting residents over the phone and at City Hall with numerous questions about our recreation offerings and parks.

Staff oversaw spring registration featuring 258 unique offerings, including summer camp enrollment, which made for quite the high-volume registration period. They collected program information from the department, proofed accuracy of offerings, created and formatted offerings in our recreation software, triaged needed changes from other staff.

Gearing up for the 2026 special event season, staff assisted with vendor registration and payments, in addition to updating event website pages.

The Executive Assistant developed a departmental Employee Action Plan, in coordination with the Director and Recreation Manager, following a City-wide employee survey.

### Marketing and Metrics

**Staff completed the 2025 Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation Annual Report.**

The .5 FTE marketing vacancy was filled. Now that we are fully staffed, we have scheduled and will resume our Marketing and Metrics Committee. Regular updates and process on outstanding projects can be expected.

## Museum

**The Lacey Museum and Cultural Center opened officially on January 15 and has had 243 visitors. HistoryTalks! continued to be popular with 133 participants.**

The Lacey Museum and Cultural Center unveiled its new space on January 15 and has been greeted with much excitement from the public. We've welcomed 243 visitors so far, meaning, we've hosted nearly 60% of the total number of guests we saw in *all* of 2023 within only 2.5 months of reopening. Twelve volunteers have given 214.5 hours of service at the new location.

This quarter's HistoryTalks! series hosted 133 participants, 56 in-person and 77 virtual.

- January 8: The Greatest Breakup Letter in US History, The Declaration of Independence
- February 12: An Evening at the Museum
- March 12: Chief Leschi, Governor Isaac Stevens, and the Medicine Creek Treaty of 1854

Additionally, the Museum Curator gave the O. C. Lacey presentation at the Schmidt House to 85 people.

Three new acquisitions were accepted into the collection, including photos of the Patterson Lake Roller Rink.

## Parks Planning and Development

**Greg Cuoio Park Construction continued, reaching substantial completion. The Bush Park Playground Replacement Project continued to make significant progress.**

A major milestone was reached at Greg Cuoio Park with substantial completion of the project. Coordination efforts continued with key partners, including the South Puget Sound Disc Golf Association for disc golf course construction and the Thurston Conservation District for site restoration work.

Construction of the tugboat-themed playground for ages 5–12 is underway at Bush Park and is nearing completion. Design has begun on the Rainier Vista Park Improvements Project. The RAC Improvements Project continues to advance, with design progressing toward the 60% milestone. Work has begun to remove the house, dock, and garage on the property adjacent to Long Lake Park.

The Parks security camera project is underway, with cameras being installed at the Depot Building, the exterior of the Lacey Community Center, and Rainier Vista Park.

Parks Board Commissioners attended the February 24, 2026 City Council Work Session to present their work plan and highlight recent accomplishments. City Council expressed appreciation for the Board's continued efforts and support of the parks system.

Two Park Enhancement requests were approved: installation of a publicly accessible AED and the addition of pavers at South Plaza Park.

**Parks, Culture & Recreation Correspondence**

<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>Response</b>
<p><b>4.5.26 Dan Olsen</b></p> <p>I am writing to inquire about the process for obtaining written permission to operate a small drone in City of Lacey parks.</p> <p>I am a FAA-certified Remote Pilot (Part 107) and Lacey resident. I would like to use certain park locations for flight practice and aerial photography training, primarily during low-use hours (early mornings on Fridays or Saturdays).</p> <p>I am fully compliant with FAA Part 107 regulations and will obtain all required airspace authorizations before flying. I am happy to provide proof of certification, proof of insurance, or complete any formal permit application your department requires.</p> <p>Could you please advise on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Whether written permission or a permit is required for drone operations in Lacey parks</li> <li>2. The application process and any associated fees</li> <li>3. Any specific parks or times that would be appropriate for this use</li> </ol> <p>Thank you for your time. I am committed to being a responsible operator and respectful park user.</p> <p>Sincerely, Dan Olsen</p>	<p><b>Response from Senior Parks Planner, Jenny Wilson:</b></p> <p>Hello, Thanks for reaching out and for your consideration for other park users. Here are our rules/guidelines related to drones: <a href="https://laceyparks.org/parkrules/#drones">https://laceyparks.org/parkrules/#drones</a></p> <p>We don't require written permission or charge fee.</p> <p>Thanks for checking in regarding preferred times. Early mornings are probably best for low use although that might fluctuate depending on weather. My recommendation would be to avoid playground areas and children. While it is a public space and you can record in parks it can be very alarming for parents to feel like children are being recorded.</p> <p>Thanks and take care, Jenny</p>
<p><b>4.5.26 Sean B.</b></p> <p>Hello, My name is Sean Barry. I am a resident of Lacey, WA, an Exercise Science graduate from Saint Martin's University, an Army</p>	<p><b>Response from Senior Parks Planner, Jenny Wilson:</b></p> <p>Hi Sean, Thanks for reaching out.</p>

Veteran, and a coach who has worked with youth sports programs and adults training for health and wellness in the community. Through my coaching and community involvement I have seen a growing need for more indoor athletic space for youth programs, leagues, and training during the cold and rainy seasons. I have developed an in-depth concept for an Indoor Recreation Activity Center (In-RAC) that could support turf sports, basketball, gymnastics/cheer, pickleball, youth programs, and community tournaments while creating local jobs and new recreation opportunities.

The concepts' focuses on a multi-sport indoor facility designed to support youth athletics, training programs, and community recreation while also being financially sustainable through leagues, rentals, tournaments, memberships, camps and clinics. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to briefly share the concept and discuss whether this type of project could align with the City of Lacey's long-term recreation goals. I would also like to exemplify how I am strongly suited to assist in the success and operations of this facility, and lead a positive impact to the community and future generations.

Thank you for your time and for the work you do supporting youth recreation in our community. I look forward to discussing this project and hearing your feedback on how we can effectively serve and make a lasting impact for generations to come.

Respectfully,  
Sean Barry

The Parks, Culture, and Recreation Department has had indoor recreation on our horizon for many years; however, we are not currently in a position to dedicate resources toward it. Our current system is aging, and we do not have dedicated funding for repairs, replacements, or ongoing maintenance. In both 2018 and 2025, the City asked voters to consider a property tax proposal that would fund parks improvements and maintenance, but those measures did not receive the necessary voter approval.

At the same time, we've heard strong interest from the community. Through our [2023 Comprehensive Parks, Culture, and Recreation Plan](#), residents identified park improvements—including indoor facilities—as a priority. Specifically, indoor swimming and indoor playgrounds emerged as top requests through community outreach and surveys. As mentioned, any new park development would require a sustainable funding source for both construction and ongoing maintenance.

We also completed a professional feasibility study in 2019 for an indoor sports facility similar to what you're suggesting. I've attached it for your reference. Overall, it highlighted the community demand however funding partners did not materialize.

In the meantime, here are a few additional potential partnerships you may consider exploring:

- Nisqually Indian Tribe – The Nisqually tribe owns 250-acres of property in NE Lacey and are planning development. Some early concepts included recreation/sports components. <https://cityoflacey.org/city-enters-cooperative-agreement-with-nisqually-indian-tribe-connected-to-development-of-new-urban-center/>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YMCA of South Sound</li> </ul> <p>Thank you, Jenny</p>
<p><b>3.28.26 Yvette B.</b></p> <p>My name is Yvette, and I'm blind. I'd really love to spend time at Woodland Creek Park one day and be able to find paths, restrooms, or other important spots on my own.</p> <p>I saw this write-up about a park here: <a href="https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/blog/right-hear">https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/blog/right-hear</a> and what stood out to me was how much it focused on helping blind visitors move through the space with more confidence.</p> <p>Would you be open to taking a look? If you ever explored something similar, I'd be glad to share it with people in my local blind community.</p>	<p><b>Response from Senior Parks Planner, Jenny Wilson:</b></p> <p>Hi Yvette</p> <p>Thanks for reaching out and for sharing your experience, as well as this example. We are always interested in learning about innovative ways to make parks more accessible. I will keep your contact information as resource for potential improvements in this area and as a way to connect with your network. I will also share this information with the Lacey Parks, Culture, and Recreation Board.</p> <p>Many Thanks, Jenny</p>
<p><b>4.15.26 Jim K.</b></p> <p>Jen--</p> <p>My wife and I frequently walk at Wonderwood Park; shortly after we bought our Lacey home we were pleasantly surprised to discover how close the park is to our home (about a 5-minute walk).</p> <p>As regular walkers there, we are also aware that some of the paths are sufficiently impacted by tree roots that they need to be re-leveled. As a local resident and member of a commission I am aware that there are plans to make such repairs.</p>	<p><b>Response from Director, Jen Burbidge:</b></p> <p>Jim, I am very sorry to hear about the incident at Wonderwood Park and your wife's injury. We wish her a smooth and speedy recovery.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to share the helpful photos and incident information. Each year, we evaluate park conditions and have to prioritize which areas have the greatest need for repair (greatest potential for trips and falls). We will add this section for consideration in future budget requests.</p> <p>To help us properly document the incident and share it with our risk management team, would you be willing to provide a few additional details?</p> <p>Your wife's name:</p>

However, I've never heard much discussion of upgrading/improving the walk from the southwest parking area to the south play area restrooms. This walk (see attached pics) is both too narrow (insufficiently wide for 2 people) and notably uneven—yet, because of its connection to the parking lot and the restrooms by the play/picnic area, it handles one of the highest volumes of foot traffic in the park. Jane and I have often commented to each other our concern about this walk and have been consciously very careful when we approach it and walk on it.

Two weeks ago (today), as we were finishing up our planned two "laps" of the park and were heading toward the park south entrance, a small dog (on a leash) bolted out from the area just north of this path. The result was exactly the issue we have been trying to avoid by being extra careful on this path. As we attempted to avoid tripping on the dog or its leash and then reenter the path, my wife tripped on one of the most uneven portions of the paved path (shown in the right-hand picture) and fell—breaking her right (dominant) wrist in two places. A week later she had surgery in Tacoma and she is currently one week into a 6-week minimum (not counting physical therapy) recovery. This experience has been both costly and quite painful.

We strongly think that this path needs to be included in any plans to fix up the walking paths in WonderWood! As we suspected, it obviously is just an accident waiting to happen. As it is, I think I will find it quite hard to convince my wife to again walk anywhere near that path (and possibly in WonderWood, period) until it is fixed.

Jim

Age:  
Address:  
Phone Number:  
Date of accident:  
Time of accident:

I am also attaching information about the process for filing a claim with the City through our risk management department. If you have any questions about that process, please feel free to contact Bracy DiLeonardo at [Bracy.DiLeonardo@CityofLacey.org](mailto:Bracy.DiLeonardo@CityofLacey.org) or 360-412-3185

Thank you again, and wishing you and your wife well.

**4.20.26 Mughees A.**

**Response from Senior Parks Planner, Jenny Wilson:**

<p>I'm blind, and I may want to spend time at Woodland Creek Park in the future.</p> <p>Before I do, I wanted to ask whether you already have any talking signage or independent navigation there for blind visitors. I mean audio guidance that helps someone figure out where an entrance, path, trailhead, visitor area, or restroom is after arriving.</p> <p>If anything like that is already in place at Woodland Creek Park, I'd really appreciate knowing.</p>	<p>Hello, Thanks for reaching out. At this time, our park facilities do not include audio wayfinding services. Please let me know if you have any other questions.</p> <p>Thanks Jenny</p>
<p><b>4.20.26 Kristen M.</b></p> <p>When is the playground area opening for the Greg Cuoio park? The gate says closed but I saw people using the park today. I thought I had read somewhere it would be opening in 2025.</p> <p>Looks like an amazing playground area and our kids are super excited to play there.</p>	<p><b>Response from Senior Parks Planner, Jenny Wilson:</b></p> <p>Hi Kristen, The park and playground is not open yet. Once it is open, the gates will be open during normal park hours. It is getting close to completion with the contractor working on the final items. Unfortunately, we don't have an exact date of opening since some of those completion items timelines are unknown. As soon as we can open, we will post it on the city of lacey and lacey parks Facebook page.</p> <p>We are excited too and can't wait to see kids use the playground – hopefully soon!</p> <p>Thanks for reaching out!</p>
<p><b>4.21.26 Jessie C.</b></p> <p>My fiancé and I live just off Hawks Prairie Road, quite close to Carpenter Rd. We are planning to get married September 13. We're currently searching for a location. I see that Greg Cuoio park has a large shelter that would be perfect.</p> <p>I know you probably can't give a definitive answer, but I'm wondering if it's possible that the main part of the park will be open by then. Is there any information you can share?</p>	<p><b>Response from Senior Parks Planner, Jenny Wilson:</b></p> <p>Thanks for reaching out.</p> <p>We are hopeful the park will be open before September although we can't guarantee it. We are encouraging folks to follow city of lacey parks Facebook page – once it is open, we will post it there. Once open, the main area and picnic shelter will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for multiple groups to use simultaneously. We do rent picnic shelters at Woodland Creek Park, Rainier Vista, the Depot, and the RAC, you can book those online here: <a href="https://laceyparks.org/rentals/">https://laceyparks.org/rentals/</a></p>

<p>Thanks in advance!</p>	<p>Congrats on your upcoming wedding, we wish you all the best!</p>
<p><b>4.27.26 Reggie L.</b></p> <p>Called and would like the city to consider building a community boxing facility similar to other popular facilities in Georgia and Baltimore. He could be willing to put together a proposal.</p>	<p><b>Response from Senior Parks Planner, Jenny Wilson:</b></p> <p>Spoke with Reggie about our LPCR Comprehensive Plan process and priorities as determined by the community and shared challenges with demand for many recreation amenities with no dedicated funding. Followed up to share additional background information:</p> <p>Hi Reggie: Thanks for reaching out and sharing some background information and your passion for boxing.</p> <p>The Lacey Parks, Culture, and Recreation Comprehensive Plan serves as our guiding document for parks planning: <a href="https://laceyparks.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/LPCR_Sections_01-09-ToC_LS.pdf">https://laceyparks.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/LPCR_Sections_01-09-ToC_LS.pdf</a>. We will likely begin the update with community outreach and surveys in 2028.</p> <p>You can also learn about the Metropolitan Park District <a href="https://cityoflacey.org/metropolitan-park-district/">https://cityoflacey.org/metropolitan-park-district/</a> which was intended to create a long-term, stable funding source for park development and maintenance. It did not receive sufficient voter support. The result is many near-term priority projects - especially new amenities requiring ongoing maintenance - will likely be delayed or may not move forward.</p> <p>Thanks, Jenny</p>