

Lacey Community Museum  
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# Lacey Historical Society NEWSLETTER

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September 1983

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## Society Meeting

Sunday, September 11, 1983, the Lacey Historical Society meeting will be held at the Lacey Museum from 3pm to 5pm. The elections of new Society officers and trustees will take place at this meeting. Current elected officers and trustees are: Father John Scott, O.S.B., Chairman, Denise Keegan, Vice-Chairman, Ken Balsley, Treasurer, Jay Holman, Secretary, Creighton Hayes, Trustee, Gwinn Hicks, Trustee, Shanna Stevenson, Trustee. The meetings agenda will begin with a business meeting and afterwards there will be a speaker and social hour.

## Society Rejuvenation

The September meeting of the Society will begin the renewal of Society functions. Now that the Lacey Museum is open and operational on a weekly schedule, thanks to the volunteer program through RSVP, Society members are now more able to take an active part in the workings of the Museum and the gathering of local history.

There are many worthwhile projects for Society members. Relating to the Museum, one of these projects is forming a Historical Society/Museum resource library. The books would be part museum resource and part local area and state history. Relating to the Society, one of these projects is the gathering and documentation of local residents. This includes oral histories, the reproducing of diaries, letters and documents, and collecting photographs that visually depict the area. These are but two of the many projects that the Lacey Historical Society could elect to organize and work toward. We sincerely hope to see all the Society members at this very important planning meeting.

## RSVP Volunteers

The Thurston/Mason Retired Senior Volunteer Program now provides museum volunteers. These volunteers help staff the museum on Wednesday when the museum is open to the public. Many local citizens are also volunteering services for needed projects on-going within the museum. Two of these projects are an extensive photo and negative file and a local newspaper resource file. Denise Plakmeyer, administrator of the Thurston/Mason RSVP, is looking for local Lacey residents to staff the museum. Anyone 60 years of age or older, retired or semi-retired is eligible to become a RSVP volunteer. There are no income, educational, or experience requirements in becoming a RSVP volunteer. If you would like to become involved with volunteer activities at the Lacey Museum or would like further information on RSVP, please contact us at:

RSVP Office  
114 N. Columbia  
Olympia, Wa. 98501  
Phone: 943-7787  
Mon. - Fri. 8:30-4:30

Lacey Museum  
c/o City of Lacey  
Post Office Drawer "B"  
Lacey, Wa. 98503  
Phone: 438-0209  
Wed. 8:30-4:30



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# Lacey Museum Hours

The Lacey Museum is currently open to the public every Wednesday from 9am to 4pm. The RSVP staff the museum and would be glad to answer any questions or especially listen to experiences of Lacey residents. The museum is located on Lacey Street which is a block east of the Lacey Fire Station on Pacific Avenue. Please come and visit your local museum. Our phone number is 438-0209.

# Museum Donations

The Lacey Museum has recently completed additional work on the upstairs storage areas and is now ready to acquire further donations. If you have an item or know of an item that would be of interest to the Lacey community or has historical significance to the community please call or stop by the museum. Our phone number is 438-0209 and we are located at 827½ Lacey Street.

Photographs which visually depict our area and residents can be reproduced and the original returned to the owner. Other items the museum is prepared to receive are household furnishings, clothing, cooking utensils, farming equipment, recreational equipment and any other item associated with area life and events.

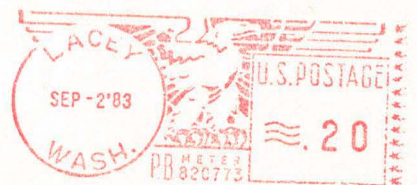
The museum is also in need of office equipment. Which includes chairs, tables, and housekeeping materials. A coffee pot and punch bowl is needed for museum open houses. Any material that is donated for the further operation of the Lacey Museum is greatly appreciated.

# Lacey Racetrack Dedication

The dedication of the Woodland Driving Park ended Lacey History week on Sunday, July 3. Woodland Driving Park was founded in 1879 by Issac Ellis, a local logger. The racetrack was 1,890 feet long and had stables accomodating 110 horses. The track was reputed to be the best outside of San Francisco on the west coast. The monument located at the park on the corner of Clearbrook and Yonkers was supplied by the Harkey Corporation. The Harkey Corporation developed Lacey Downs Plaza and the Clearbrook Subdivision; as part of their agreement with the City they agreed to erect a monument in honor of the racetrack.

Mike Freeman, spokesman for the Clearbrook Maintenance Association, unveiled the monument. Mayor Mark Brown, Chairperson of the Lacey Historical Commission, Denise Keegan and Miss Elizabeth Ayer, the granddaughter of Issac Ellis, made speeches commemorating the day and event. Following the dedication there was an open-house reception at the Lacey Museum. Close to 100 visitors were welcomed at the museum during the festivities which were held in conjunction with Lacey History Week (June 27-July 4) and the Lacey Music, Art, and Dance Festival (Madfest 83).

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