



City of Lake Forest Park

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## Summertime Fun in Lake Forest Park

As spring moves to summer and we gear up to spend more of our time “out and about” here in our beautiful city, I’m excited to share a number of ways to do just that. Right within our own Lake Forest Park community, there are events for all ages, as well as fun outdoor activities at our parks.

This year’s *Picnic in the Park* is on Saturday, September 9, 2017. Building on last year’s success, we’re introducing two new events: a *Pet Parade* in July and a *Choose to Reuse* event in June (see p. 3 for more info). If you’re in the mood to go to a park, check out the new tot-sized playground equipment at Eagle Scout Park



Mayor Johnson trying out Eagle Scout Park

fenced, and there are a bike rack, drinking fountain, and spiral concrete bench. Walk, bike, or drive to Eagle Scout

(NE 178<sup>th</sup> Street at NE 180<sup>th</sup> Street). Features include a play structure, slide, xylophone, and two spinner seats. The playground area is fully

Park this summer and enjoy your new park amenities (parking available across the street at Pfingst Animal Acres Park). While designed for ages 2-5, the equipment can be played on by all!

In addition to fun at Eagle Scout Park, check out the lake view from Lyon Creek Waterfront Park, ducks at Whispering Willow Park, trails at Grace Cole Nature Park, and Horizon View Park’s field and playground. The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council is hosting two *Concerts in the Park* at Pfingst Animal Acres Park on July 5 and August 2, at 6:30 p.m. No time for dinner before the concert? Don’t worry, a food truck will be there!

Share what’s on your mind at *Coffee with the Mayor* on Saturday, July 29 at a special time, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m., in the City Council Chambers. The coffee events have become a popular way to chat about what’s important to you, and it gives me a chance to offer background on decisions and recommendations I make as Mayor. While I realize my decisions may not always be the most popular, please know they are always made with the best interests of our city in mind. I hope to see you out and about in our community this summer. — Mayor Johnson

## City Council: It’s an Amazing Time for Our City

With the many projects and opportunities ahead for the City, the City Council spent its spring policy retreat on a future of possibilities for Lake Forest Park.

The funding and projects coming to the City with the passage of Sound Transit 3 (ST3) provide a launching pad for leveraging significant, once-in-a-century opportunities that will benefit the whole community. Five major plans/studies are in the works, with the added push of the ST3 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor improvements and siting of a park-and-ride. The Sound Transit schedule for completing its environmental permitting and preliminary design gives the City Council a shorter-than-desirable period to com-

plete these important studies in time. It is essential to have our plans in place to influence the ST3 projects in ways that fit our community’s vision for the future.

Mindful of the deadlines and excited by the possibilities, the Council focused this retreat on the key action items essential for success: ongoing public engagement and information sharing; roles for boards, committees or commissions; oversight; logistics; delivering other funded projects; and being able to handle emerging issues without losing stride. The Council also discussed creative ideas for governance, including creation of an inter-branch steering committee to allow

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Connect with the City on social media and stay up to date on news & events in Lake Forest Park:

## Transit-Oriented Land Use Plan for Central LFP

The City is about to begin work on a transit-oriented land use plan for Central Lake Forest Park. In 2004, the City completed its first visioning process for the area and started laying the groundwork to transition the Town Center into a mixed-use center with housing, as well as retail and public spaces. Unfortunately, after adopting a set of design guidelines and regulations intended to carry out that vision, the economic downturn hit and the bottom fell out of the housing market.

With the completion of the enhancements to Lyon Creek culverts and the passage of Sound Transit 3 (ST3) in 2016, there is renewed interest in updating this vision. There is a need to think on a larger scale, integrating transit-oriented development into a vision for a town center 50 years from now that offers more than can be accommodated within the confines of the shopping center.

Between 2017 and 2024, Sound Transit will plan and build a bus rapid transit (BRT) system that will pass through the Central Subarea as part of a \$54 billion ST3 extension of the mass transit system. Part of the ST3 planned investment includes 25 blocks of sidewalks along both sides of SR 522 to allow access to bus stops, as well as a 300-vehicle parking garage creating a transit center within the Central Subarea.

The ST3 calendar is not the friend of a lengthy planning process. Link Light Rail comes to neighboring Shoreline in 2023 and the BRT is scheduled to be operational by 2024. Early estimates are 30% engineering will be done by mid-to late 2019. The City's plan needs to be on that bus! The tentative schedule is to complete the plan, implementing regulations, and the necessary mitigation by the end of 2018.

The first step is to hire a consultant team. A request for proposals from potential consultants was published in late May. The Council will likely make a decision on the consultant in July or August. By September, it is anticipated the project team will host an event to exchange ideas with citizens about a vision for Central LFP in 50 years.

## Apply for Permits Online

The Planning and Building Department now has a permit processing system that allows residents to apply for and receive permits online. Initially, completely online permits are limited to mechanical and plumbing permits. Other

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administration and Council to collaborate as they closely track the progress of the projects. The Council committed to having additional Committee of the Whole meetings to keep all members up to date.

The Council reviewed a preliminary outline of the process for the subarea planning at the Town Center. This project will be the heart, or hub, of the City's work ahead, with the

other projects: streets, highways, creeks, parks plan, and ST3 being the spokes. The challenge of the Subarea Plan will be to determine the best options for the City to pull all the projects together to shape a compelling and dynamic future for Lake Forest Park.



*Safe Streets Open House in March*

## Safe Streets & Safe Highways Update

The Safe Streets study continues at a brisk pace, having completed a number of tasks. A public outreach open house was held at City Hall in March. Attendees were asked to describe where safety improvements were desired and to rank those improvements in order of importance. Approximately 70 people participated in the lively open house. Materials from the open house are available at the City's web page devoted to the study at <http://www.lfpsafestreets.com>.

The next step was to evaluate the list of improvements and create a draft final report for City Council review. This report was presented to City Council on June 8.

The Safe Highways study is also moving forward. The consultant selection process is complete, with a contract approved in April and a design kickoff meeting in May. The study will be coordinated with the Sound Transit 3 project.

types of permits that require more detailed review can be applied and paid for online, but will be issued at the permit counter. The new system also allows for accepting credit cards at the permit counter.

## It's New! It's a Pet Parade!



Mark your calendars! The City is hosting its first annual *Pet Parade* on Saturday, July 29! This year's theme is, "Super Pets and Heroes Unite!" The parade starts at City Hall at 10:00 a.m., and ends at Pfingst Animal Acres Park, where there will be prizes for the best costumes, giveaways galore, and booths for you and your pet to enjoy!

Follow the City's Facebook page for more information and details on the parade, but for starters, remember the following:

- \* Only motorized or battery-operated vehicles assisting disabled persons are allowed in the parade.
- \* All animals are invited, and they must be under control at all times.
- \* Participants should bring water for their pets and pick up after them!
- \* All judges' decisions on awarding winners are final.
- \* No commercial entries or politicking are allowed.

Parade participants are asked to line up at City Hall at 9:15 a.m. Judging is at 9:45 a.m. If you would like to watch the parade, you can bring a chair and watch on Brookside Boulevard NE between NE 178<sup>th</sup> Street and 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE.

For more information, call the Community Volunteer Coordinator at 206-957-2814 or visit the City's Facebook event page, "Super Pets and Heroes Unite – Pet Parade!"

## CHOOSE TRECYCLE REUSE!

Do you have unwanted household items in good condition that you've thought about taking to the dump? If so, consider joining us at the *Choose to Reuse* event at City Hall on Saturday, June 24, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Your unwanted items may find a new home! This event is designed to divert goods from the waste stream and make them available to neighbors and non-profits who can use them. Heard the saying, one man's trash is another man's treasure? Not only can you bring unwanted household items, but you can pick up items to reuse or repurpose! You do not have to drop something off to pick something up.

Please review the list (located on the City's Facebook page or City Calendar on the website, [www.cityoflfp.com](http://www.cityoflfp.com)) for acceptable items you can bring to the event. All items must be in good working order. If the item is accepted, someone will then have the opportunity to bring it home to reuse or repurpose.

### National Night Out



This year's National Night Out is August 1. If your neighborhood is interested in sponsoring an event this year, call Crime Watch Coordinator Casey Krzyminski at 206-364-8216 or send an email to [casey@cityoflfp.com](mailto:casey@cityoflfp.com). If you schedule an event, we will do everything we can to ensure someone from the Police Department attends to answer questions and be an active participant. Let's make this the biggest NNO ever! #WeAreAllLFP

## Save the Date for Picnic in the Park!

Picnic in the Park is back! Save the date: Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Pfingst Animal Acres Park. Join family and friends to celebrate our Lake Forest Park community. There will be fun for everyone--musical performances, food trucks, booths, a petting zoo, bouncy houses, other children's activities, and more! For more information, check out the City's Facebook event page, "Picnic in the Park – 2017," or call City Hall, 206-368-5440.

## Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Plan

This year, the City will prepare a Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails (PROS-T) plan. Why now? It has been nearly a decade since the City updated its parks and recreation planning document. To maintain eligibility for state recreation grants, the City is required to update its plan regularly. Also, the lack of housing density and limited opportunity increases the need for the plan to identify alternatives for improvement.

Drawing from previous parks planning efforts, including the City's 100-Year Legacy Plan, the PROS-T plan will include short- and long-range planning elements for parks development and acquisition, recreation opportunities, trail connections, and open space preservation. Want to get involved? There will be several opportunities to provide your thoughts and ideas, including open houses, working meetings, and surveys over the next six months. Stay tuned for more information.

## Upcoming City Council Meetings

*All meetings take place at City Hall*

City Council Regular Business Meetings  
June 22, July 13 & 27, Aug. 10, 7:00 p.m.

City Council Work Session Meetings  
July 13, August 10, 6:00 p.m.

City Council Budget & Finance Committee  
July 20, August 17, 6:00 p.m.

City Council Communications Committee  
June 19, July 24, August 21, 4:30 p.m.

City Council Committee of the Whole  
June 19, July 24, August 21, 6:00 p.m.

For the complete City calendar, please  
visit our website at [www.cityoflfp.com](http://www.cityoflfp.com)

### CITY HALL

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Phone: 206-368-5440  
Fax: 206-364-6521  
Web: [www.cityoflfp.com](http://www.cityoflfp.com)

### PERMIT COUNTER

Mon-Fri: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### PASSPORTS

Mon, Thurs & Fri: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Sat: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Phone: 206-957-2834

### MUNICIPAL COURT

Mon-Fri: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Phone: 206-364-7711  
Fax: 206-364-7712

### POLICE

Emergency: 911  
Non-emergency: 206-364-8216  
  
Domestic Violence  
Victim Advocate: 206-417-8267

## Did You Know? Low-Income Senior Discount for Sewer

Customers residing within the City's sanitary sewer service area may apply for a Low-Income Senior Citizen Discount —equal to a 50% reduction in the customer's bimonthly residential sewer bill.

To qualify, you must meet all three eligibility requirements:

- ⇒ 62 years of age or older
- ⇒ Own and reside at the service address for at least one year prior to the date of application
- ⇒ Gross household income criteria: 1 person, \$33,600/year or less; 2 people, \$38,400/year or less

Applications are available online, at City Hall, or call 206-368-5440 and we are happy to mail one to you.



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## Lake Forest Park Recreation Opportunities with the City of Shoreline for Spring/Summer Programs

Early registration for the Spring/Summer recreation programs opened March 22 for the Spring/Summer Programs. However, if you missed the early registration date, LFP residents will still receive an 8% discount on all program fees (not rentals) through the entire year! To receive timely notice of the early registration dates, sign up for reminders through the City's website, Facebook and Twitter.



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