



City of Lake Forest Park

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City Council Requests Citywide Housing Study

Following the robust Town Center Vision public process, and recognizing the growth implications of the larger region, the Council has determined that an appropriate next step is to conduct a Citywide housing study in early 2019. The focus of this study will be to, among others, examine existing housing inventory, housing affordability, the mix of future housing, and how we could allow for growth and housing diversity while protecting the character of Lake Forest Park. This will include significant outreach to our community to help assess how we move forward. We can no longer consider our housing demands in isolation. The Puget Sound region's population is anticipated to grow an

estimated 1.8 million and to add an additional 1.2 million jobs by 2050. How will communities participate in housing growth around transit investments, all while protecting individual community character? Please plan to participate in this exciting process and help us as a Council determine the best path forward for Lake Forest Park.



Lake Forest Park — It's Where We Want to Be

From its desirable location near Lake Washington and Seattle, to the tree and housing stock, to the Town Center, to its excellent Police Department, Lake Forest Park is the place we want to be. Part of my job as Mayor is to support our strong sense of community, look ahead to the future, and present to the City Council a budget proposal that supports the City's needs, balanced with available funds and the wishes of the residents.

I'm really glad we've been able to offer lots of summer events that give our residents a place to gather, have fun, and meet with neighbors and friends. Check page 3 for a list of this summer's events. I think you'll find a little something for everyone. Watch the City's website and



Picnic in the Park 2017

future newsletters for information about fall and winter events.

Later this summer, we begin the budget process for 2019-2020. If you have been following the *Big Five*

projects (Town Center Vision; Safe Streets; Safe Highways; Healthy Creeks; Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails), you know several are moving into the budget and implementation phases. As custodians of the City's funds, it's important to balance the needs, wants, and priorities with financial sustainability while moving forward needed projects and programs.

With many projects on the list, we must analyze their financial impact and take a hard look at how we fund them. In some cases, this may mean making hard decisions about whether the level of service of new and current parks and programs, road and sidewalk projects, and police services can be supported by existing funds, or whether we need to explore other funding sources.

We all want our city to continue to thrive—both in financial terms and as a community of friends, neighbors, and businesses. Together, we can find ways to bring to the City those new projects and programs our residents want and which external projects, such as Sound Transit 3, mandate.

—Mayor Johnson

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

Tree Protection in Lake Forest Park

People in Lake Forest Park like trees, and the City has rules to protect them. Here are a few things you should know about managing your trees. Living trees over 6" in diameter (measured 4½ feet above the ground) are protected by City regulations and you need to have a permit to remove them. If you have concerns that a tree on your property is a safety hazard, contact the City Planning Department to learn about next steps, which can include emergency removal under certain conditions.

Some risks may be mitigated through pruning, but be aware that topping trees is prohibited by City regulations. Topped or excessively pruned trees, and removal of significant trees without a permit, are subject to code enforcement penalties, including fines. If you have questions about proper pruning techniques, please contact the City Arborist at 206-957-2804.



There are some trees that

cannot be removed, even with a permit. These include trees that are very large and healthy (called "Exceptional" trees in City regulations), low-risk trees in environmentally critical areas, and trees on properties where there has been major development activity within the last five years. The minimum diameter of "Exceptional" trees varies by species. For example, Douglas fir and Western Red Cedar are considered "Exceptional" trees if they have a diameter of 42 inches. For Madrone, the threshold diameter for "Exceptional" is 12 inches.

If you remove trees, generally you need to replace them. The City has tree canopy coverage goals that vary by lot size. If tree removal is related to development and reduces tree canopy coverage below the lot's target canopy goal, then the tree replacement plan must include enough trees that the canopy coverage goal for the lot will be achieved within 30 years.

For more details, there is an easy-to-read summary of the City's tree regulations at: <https://www.cityoflfp.com/DocumentCenter/View/6260>.

Meet the City Arborist

Our City Arborist is Ashley Adams (aadams@ci.lake-forest-park.wa.us; phone 206-957-2804). She works from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays; and 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Since her hours are limited, most of her time is dedicated to providing timely review of tree permit applications and investigating tree code violations. Current funding of the position unfortunately is not sufficient to allow her to come out to your property to answer questions you have about specific trees, but there are a lot of questions that can be addressed by giving her a call or sending her an email.

Court Offers Live Chat Service

Earlier this year, the Municipal Court went live with online chat service. The Court is excited to offer an alternative for customers to reach a clerk in real-time and receive the same quality of assistance as by phone or at the front counter. Go to the Court's homepage on the City's website and click on the "Live Chat" button on the right side of the page. Live Chat is staffed from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., but you can send a message anytime throughout the day and staff will respond as soon as possible.



City Joins FileLocal to Offer Online Business Licensing and Tax Filing

The City of Lake Forest Park is pleased and excited to announce the addition of an online option for filing business license applications, business license renewals, and for filing and paying local Business and Occupation (B&O) tax returns.

FileLocal is a one-stop virtual option for



business licensing and local tax filing for the cities of Lake Forest Park, Seattle, Bellevue, Everett & Tacoma. To get started, go to the City's website, www.cityoflfp.com, then follow this path: Departments/Finance/Business Licensing & Taxes/Go to FileLocal." Questions? Send an email to tax@cityoflfp.com or call 206-368-5440, extension 132.

Calendar of Summer Events

Lake Forest Park Farmers Market

Sundays through October 21, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Corner of Bothell Way NE and Ballinger Way NE

For information about the Market Bucks food assistance program, go to <http://thirdplacecommons.org/farmers-market/food-assistance/>

Secret Gardens of Lake Forest Park – Garden Tour & Market

June 16, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Ticket info: www.SecretGardensofLakeForestPark.com

This event is a collaboration among four local non-profits that serve the community: Third Place Commons, Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation, Shoreline-LFP Arts Council, and Lake Forest Park Garden Club. Proceeds support these organizations and provide public art for the community.

Music in the Park

Pfingst Animal Acres Park, July 11 and August 8, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

For additional information, please check the full schedule on the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council website: www.shorelinearts.net

Pet Parade – Under the Sea!

July 14, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This year's theme is Under the Sea! The parade will start at City Hall and end at Pfingst Animal Acres Park, where there will be a community celebration with prizes for the best costumes, giveaways galore, music, and booths for you and your pet to enjoy!



Pet Parade 2017

National Night Out Against Crime



August 7, 2018

Interested in organizing a National Night Out party in your neighborhood? Contact Casey Krzyminski at casey@cityoflfp.com or 206-364-8216. Police Department staff will plan to make an appearance at the party to answer questions and inform our residents about what's happening in the City.

NNO 2017

Family Day at the Farmers Market

August 19, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Come down to the Farmers Market and join Mayor Johnson for Family Day!

There will be live music, giveaways, Public Works will bring some of the "big rigs" for you to explore, and more!



Picnic in the Park 2017

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September 8, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Join family and friends at Pfingst Animal Acres Park to celebrate the community. Enjoy musical performances, food trucks, a petting zoo, bouncy house, and other children's activities. Follow us on Facebook/Twitter for info as it gets closer to the event.

Police Department Salmon BBQ

September 9, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or until sold out

LFP Police Department's charity fundraiser for Special Olympics Washington (City Hall parking lot). Watch the City's website and social media for ticket and raffle information as it gets closer to the event.

Puget Sound Starts Here

Did you know there is no filtration system between you and your storm drains? Everything done on streets, parking lots, and driveways goes down the storm drain and dumps into the nearest outlet, which, in our region, could be a stream, Lake Washington, or Puget Sound. Home car washing can use excessive amounts of water and send lots of pollutants like oils, heavy metals, detergents, soaps, and grime into the storm drains.



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You can help by using a commercial car wash, where soapy, dirty, grimy water is channeled to the same wastewater treatment system as showers, sinks, and toilets. If you can't make it to a car wash, divert your dirty car wash water to grass, soil, or gravel and not your driveway or concrete. Grass, soil, and gravel can help filter the dirty water so not all the harmful pollutants are entering a stream, Lake Washington, or Puget Sound. Remember—only rain down the drain!

Recycle That Bulb (and Other Things)

Do you have fluorescent tubes or bulbs that are just taking up room in the garage? It seems nobody wants them. "We do!" says Republic Services.

The new solid waste and recycling contract the City negotiated with Republic includes CFL tube and bulb recycling. Other new services available July 1 include curbside collection of used cooking oil, large/small appliances & electronics, large rigid plastics, large scrap metal, and wood scraps.

Look for a mailing from Republic Services in the coming weeks, outlining all of the new services and any limitations and special instructions regarding the safe handling of these hard-to-recycle items.



Upcoming City Council Meetings

All meetings take place at City Hall

City Council Regular Business Meetings
June 14, 28; July 12, 26; Aug. 9, 23,
7:00 p.m.

City Council Work Session Meetings
June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, 6:00 p.m.

City Council Budget & Finance Committee
June 21, July 19, August 16, 6:00 p.m.

City Council Committee of the Whole
June 25, July 23, August 20, 6:00 p.m.

For the complete City calendar, please
visit our website at www.cityoflfp.com

CITY HALL

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Mon-Fri: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Phone: 206-368-5440
Fax: 206-364-6521
Web: 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. – 4:00 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

PROS-T Plan Update

The recently formed Parks and Recreation Advisory Board began its review of the current draft of the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails (PROS-T) plan in May. After the Board finishes its review, the Planning Commission is scheduled to wrap up its review and make a recommendation to the City Council to adopt the Plan sometime this summer.



Grace Cole Park



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LFP Recreation Opportunities for Spring/Summer Programs with the City of Shoreline



Early registration for the Spring/Summer recreation programs opened March 21. However, if you missed early registration, Lake Forest Park residents still receive an 8% discount on all program fees (not rentals) throughout the entire year! To receive timely notice of the early registration dates, sign up for reminders through the City's website, Facebook, or Twitter.



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