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Mayor's Corner - The Enormous Success of Our School Traffic Safety Cameras - Thank you!



Mayor Tom French

As the days get shorter and darker, I wanted to share with you a bright spot in our efforts to improve pedestrian and active transportation safety in our community.

As you know, traffic safety cameras on 178th Street near Brookside Elementary School

were changed this summer to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week in an effort to reduce speeding on this busy corridor. The average speed on 178th prior to the change was 31 MPH - 36 MPH while the posted speed is 25 MPH.

As of this writing, the average speed is down to just under **23.5 MPH**. This is an enormous success and helps keep our children and everyone safer! Thank you for doing your part to be safe on our roads.

While some misinformed individuals are claiming that this is a money grab for the City, this assertion is simply not factually correct. Under state law, all net revenues from these cameras must go to investments to make our roadways safer for pedestrians and other users.

I will state this again so there is no confusion - the net revenues from these new cameras may not go into the City's General Fund - they must be utilized for Complete Streets safety improvements, including sidewalks and crosswalks.

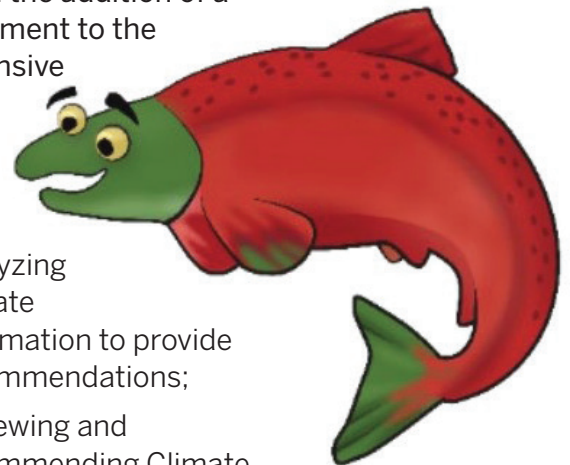
I wish you all a happy and safe holiday season!
Mayor Tom French

Climate Policy Advisory Team Continues Work on Creation of a New Climate Element

The City's Climate Policy Advisory Team (CPAT) has been temporarily established and continues its work to advise the City on policies and regulations resulting in the addition of a climate element to the Comprehensive Plan in 2025 by:

1. Analyzing climate information to provide recommendations;
2. Reviewing and recommending Climate Element goals and policies;
3. Participating in meeting discussions to help hone the direction of the Climate Element;
4. Reviewing and providing feedback on information gathered through engagement processes to ensure the Climate Element considers feedback from affected communities, stakeholders, partner agencies, and City staff; and
5. Stewarding the process and building broad community support to enable the City to successfully adopt the Climate Element into the Comprehensive Plan.

The City welcomes public participation - numerous opportunities will be provided over the coming year for review and input.



Council Corner - Thankful

As the holiday season approaches, our community has much to be thankful for. Unlike some cities, Lake Forest Park has a dedicated and collegial Council and Administration. We have a small, hardworking, multi-tasking staff, including our Police, Public Works, and Planning departments. Dozens of residents volunteer their time to serve on the Planning Commission, Climate Action Committee, Parks and Recreation Board, Tree Board, and Civil Service Commission. Our public schools and PTAs are commendable and diverse.

It doesn't end there. Lake Forest Park's community is enhanced by many non-profits that support our quality of life. Friends of Third Place Commons hosts and funds hundreds of events at Town Center, as well as the Farmer's Market and Holiday Craft Fairs. The LFP Stewardship Foundation educates



and advocates for our streams and green spaces. The LFP Rotary funds a range of community programs and enhancements. Other valued community partners include the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center, the Center for Human Services, ShoreLake Arts, the LFP Garden Club, the Shoreline Historical Museum and Citizens Organized to Rethink Expansion. Please remember these organizations as you consider your year-end giving, so they can continue to give back to us!

– Deputy Mayor Lorri Bodi

Lake Forest Park Welcomes Justin Ell as New Public Works Superintendent



Justin Ell

The City of Lake Forest Park is excited to welcome Justin Ell to our Public Works department. Justin was hired in November 2024 as the City's new Public Works Superintendent. Justin brings with him over 20 years of public works experience, including nine years as a former Maintenance Worker at the City of Lake Forest Park.

Our Public Works crew is an essential part of the City. In addition to maintaining our parks and roadways, they partner with our Police Department and other entities to quickly respond to emergencies such as downed trees, snow and ice, and flooding. Over the past year, our Public Works department has experienced several retirements,

resulting in the loss of over 64 years of combined experience! While we certainly miss this valuable job knowledge, we are excited about the continued growth of our Public Works crew and motivated team, who maintains the essential services for our residents with a high level of customer service and skill.

City's Monthly eNewsletter

Did you know the City publishes a monthly eNewsletter? Sign up to receive timely information that cannot always be included in the print newsletter due to timing and/or space limitations. We encourage all who are interested in receiving updates and timely information to subscribe to one or more of our listserv categories here:

<https://www.cityofflp.gov/list.aspx>.



Don't Wait to Inflate



As the weather changes and temperatures drop in Lake Forest Park, there are simple actions we can take to keep our waterways clean and healthy. One effective step you can take today is to check your tire pressure and top off as needed. Colder temperatures often lead to lower tire pressure. Don't wait to inflate!

Here are three great reasons why you should keep your

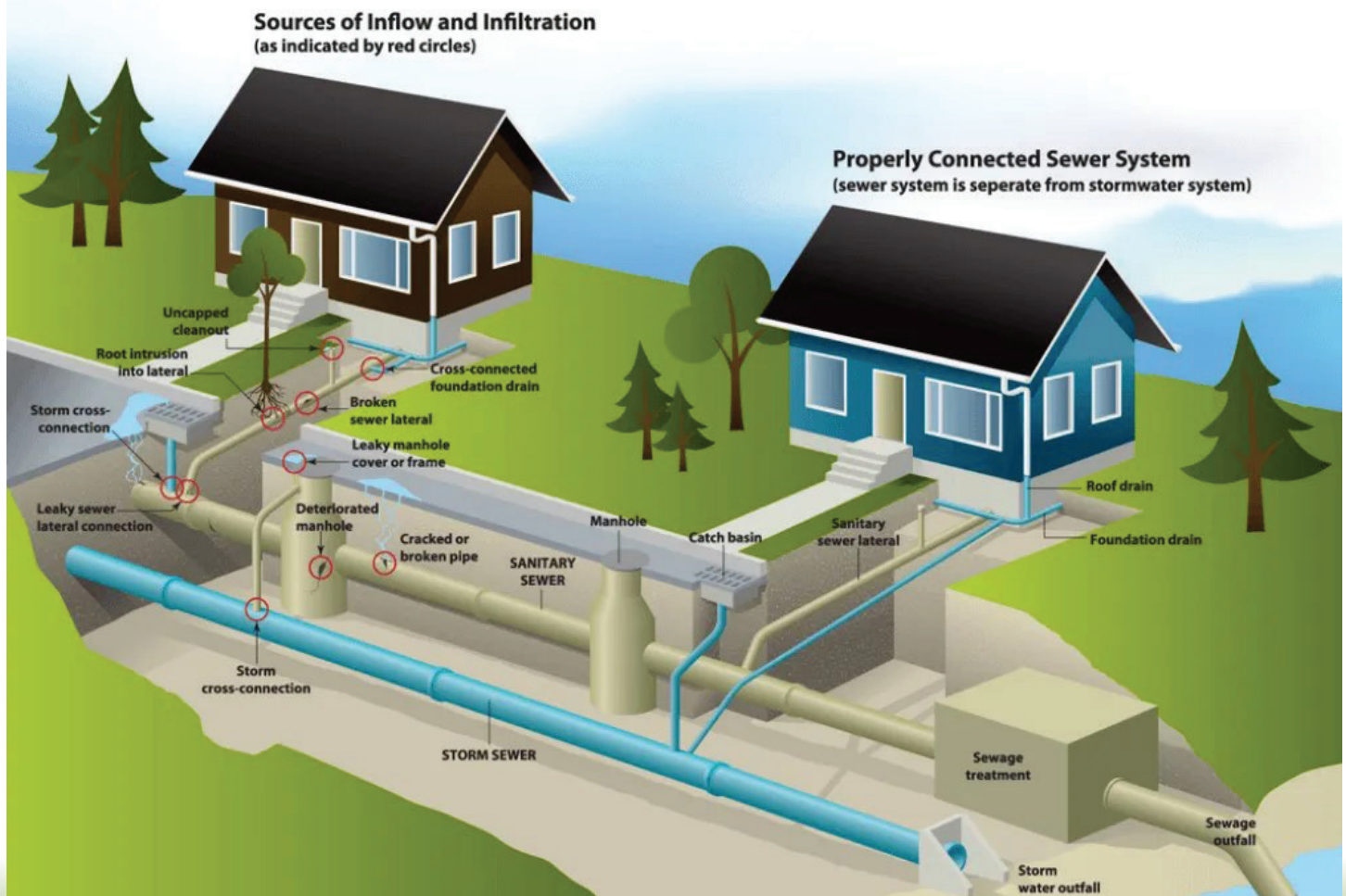
tires properly inflated:

- 1. Stay Safer on the Road:** Properly inflated tires improve vehicle handling and safety, helping you avoid blowouts.
- 2. Save Money:** Keeping your tires properly inflated can improve your gas mileage by up to 3% and extend the life of your tires.
- 3. Help Save Our Salmon:** Proper tire maintenance helps protect our local coho salmon from tire particles that release lethal 6PPD-q pollutants. Together, we can keep 6PPD and 6PPD-q out of our creeks, Lake Washington, and the greater Puget Sound watershed.

Sewer Rate Increase for 2025

The City's sewer rate has two components: King County's and the City's portions. King County assesses a fee for the cost of sewage disposal—the operation of sewage treatment plants and the maintenance of the facilities. This is the larger portion of the bill and is a true pass-through to King County, which is increasing by 5.75% (\$3.17/month) in 2025.

The City's portion, which is used for the maintenance and repair of the LFP sewer system, is increasing by 5% (\$1.07/month) to keep up with inflation and rising costs. As a result, the residential sewer bill will increase on January 1, 2025, from \$162.18 every two months to \$171.16. You will see the new rate reflected on the February 1 billing.



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Phone: 206-368-5440
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PERMIT COUNTER

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

PASSPORTS

By Appointment Only -
Schedule Online at:

<https://www.cityoflfp.gov/124/Passports>

M-F: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sat: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Phone: 206-957-2834

MUNICIPAL COURT

M-F: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Phone: 206-364-7711
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POLICE

Emergency: 911
Non-emergency:
425-577-5656
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Domestic Violence
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206-964-8277

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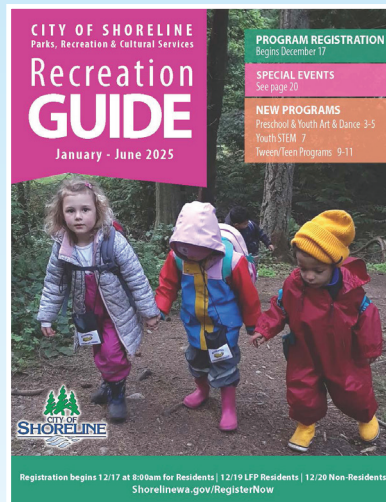
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Lake Forest Park Recreation Opportunities with the City of Shoreline

Live in Lake Forest Park? Interested in recreation? Take advantage of recreation programs offered through the City of Shoreline. Lake Forest Park residents are eligible for a 24-hour early registration period prior to the start of each season's programs plus an 8% discount on all program fees (excluding rentals) throughout the entire year! Early registration for LFP residents for January – June 2025 opens Thursday, December 19, 2024. If you miss it, don't worry—discounts still apply!



Visit www.shorelinewa.gov/recreation for more information or give them a call at 206-801-2600 with any questions.

Reminder, LFP offers scholarship reimbursements for eligible youth and specialized recreation participants who reside in the City and are registered for and attend cultural, recreation, or aquatic programs and camps. For more information, go to our webpage (www.cityoflfp.gov) or call City Hall, 206-368-5440.

City Council Meetings

City Council Regular Business Meetings

2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.

City Council Work Session Meetings

2nd Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

City Council Committee of the Whole Meetings

Monday before the 4th Thurs., 6:00 p.m.

City Council Budget & Finance Committee Meetings

3rd Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

Please check our calendar online for the most current meeting updates.

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