



City News

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Lyon Creek Flood Reduction Project Awarded for Summer 2015 Construction

The City awarded the construction contract for the Lyon Creek Flood Reduction project to KLB Construction of Mukilteo. KLB was the lowest responsible bidder of four bidders, and has a record of completing complex Washington State Department of Transportation highway projects and regional surface water projects. The \$5 million project includes replacing four undersized culverts with 20-foot-wide culverts, one vehicle bridge and one pedestrian bridge. The job also includes enhancement of approximately 1,500 feet of Lyon Creek stream channel with large woody debris, streambed gravel and native plants. The result of



Lyon Creek Kayaker

the project will be flood protection for more than 20 homes, the Lake Forest Park Town Center, Fire Station and State Route 522 (SR 522).

Please anticipate

traffic delays in the project area while construction is underway. State Route 522 near the Lake Forest Park Town Center is *tentatively* scheduled to be

completely closed to traffic after the evening commute on Friday, July 17, and will reopen before the morning commute on Monday, July 20. During this short closure, the existing SR 522 culvert will be replaced and the road surface restored.

Completing this work during one weekend reduces traffic impacts and the cost of the project. Traffic will be detoured around the project area during this closure.

The Lake Forest Park Town Center is open for business during construction. Please continue to support local businesses during this time.

Coming this Summer...Paperless Billing and Online Payment Options for Your LFP Sewer Account

In the coming months, the City is implementing an exciting new service that will make it easier for sewer customers to view, receive and pay sewer bills. Customers will also be able to view previous bills and payments online. Paper billing will continue to be an option for those who prefer it.

Keep an eye on the City website and your sewer bill for more information about implementation of this new service.

Save the Date – National Night Out is August 4, 2015

This year's National Night Out is Tuesday, August 4, 2015. The purpose of National Night Out is for communities and neighborhoods to come together in support of crime prevention and emergency preparedness. In Lake Forest Park, the Police Department will work with the Northshore Fire Department to relay prevention and preparedness tips so our citizens have appropriate resources to draw on in times of emergency. If your neighborhood is interested in sponsoring an event that evening, please call or email Crime Watch Coordinator

Casey Krzyminski at 206-364-8216, casey@cityoflfp.com. For more information about this national program, please go to the following website <https://natw.org/registration>. If you schedule an event, every effort will be made to ensure someone from the Police Department attends to answer questions and be an active participant.

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Pardon Our Dust, Look for Detours, Patronize our Businesses

The dedication of Whispering Willow Park on national “Kids to Parks Day” was a great experience in community building for Lake Forest Park. Now, this summer, we will concentrate on building in the community.

The Lyon Creek construction contract has been signed. By this fall, the flood mitigation project that has been years in the making should be a reality. If it all works as planned, the decades-long flooding problem will be over and our waterfront housing will be substantially out of the floodplain.

The most interesting part of this project is a weekend-long closure of Bothell Way, *tentatively* planned for July 17-20. During that weekend, the contractor will work around-the-clock to completely replace the Lyon Creek culvert that flows beneath Bothell Way. Traffic will be rerouted that weekend beginning after the Friday evening commute and is planned to be restored at 5:00 a.m. for the Monday commute.

While this is a great outcome for Lake Forest Park, there may be a few bumps and shakes along the way, particularly in the area of the Town Center. For a 4-5 month

period, expect closure of an entrance and constricted access or rerouted traffic in the mall area near Bothell Way. The plan for traffic management and construction signage during the project will change as construction works its way upstream on Lyon Creek. We ask you to be careful and cautious in the project area, and we also ask you to be understanding and aware that several accesses to the Town Center will be open at all times.



Mayor Mary Jane Goss

The businesses will be open, as well. Please be sure that you don't avoid them or pass them by during construction. The mall has been here for decades and we want it to continue for many more. It takes a village to do many things in building our community, and our “village” needs to be sure that business stays strong during the construction period. Your patience, understanding, and patronage during this time are appreciated.

Tree Code Review

On April 25, 2015, the City held a Tree Ordinance Update Visioning Workshop. Assistant Planner Ande Flower worked closely with the Tree Board, a sub-



committee of the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC), to prepare for and conduct the meeting. Sixty people joined the Board and staff that Saturday morning and provided many ideas for updating the City's tree regulations (LFPMC Ch. 16.14).

Tree Ordinance Update Visioning Workshop—April 25, 2015

In response to earlier concerns expressed to the EQC and City Council regarding tree removal activity on 26th Avenue NE, staff also organized a public meeting on April 15, 2015, to discuss the City's tree permit review process. Over half of the 36 trees removed from the area were felled due to bark beetle infestation, but

City Updating Its Sewer Utility Regulations

When the City incorporated in 1961 the first project it completed was to install sewer lines throughout the City. At the same time, the City adopted regulations that guided administration, permitting and installation of private sewer connections.

These regulations have not been updated since 1961 and, as a result, are outdated, inconsistent and ineffective. The City seeks to update the regulations to ensure consistency and ease of use by the City and public.

the overall effect of the combined removals had an understandable impact on neighbors in the area. Fifty-five takeaways from the discussion were carried forward to the April 25 workshop. Sign up for the Notify Me email group on the City website for info on the Tree Ordinance Update process. Contact Ande Flower at 206-957-2832, if you have any questions.

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McKinnon Trail, Well-Field Public Workshop

The City Council hosted a community meeting to discuss the McKinnon Creek Trail and surrounding areas on May 20, 2015. The Deputy Mayor and City Councilmembers welcomed community members and, along with staff, listened to concerns and answered questions about the current policy and technical documents being considered. The Council also welcomed ideas for alternate trail alignments, other than the one proposed in the Legacy Plan. Approximately 60 people attended the event and submitted comments on more than 50 forms. The workshop recap and feedback information will be posted on the City's website, along with additional information about the Legacy Plan and project.



Public Workshop—May 20, 2015

Over the past two months, the Council has proposed policies that would ensure critical public resources are protected while a long-term trail project is designed and developed. Community members provided input

on a range of topics such as alignment alternatives, technical expertise, location of current water resource, and domestic animals. This input will help inform future project development and public engagement.

The Council has asked the administration to suspend further work on the trail while they continue to gather feedback and data to ensure that any future work in the McKinnon Creek Trail area balances and protects critical environmental and drinking water resources.

Comprehensive Plan Update

Planning Commissioners are redoubling efforts to complete review of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update in order to make a recommendation to the City Council by the end of June. Once the recommendation to Council is made, notification will be sent to Notify Me subscribers and all who have signed up for Comp Plan update workshops. If you have not received emails regarding the Comp Plan Update and would like to, please sign up for Notify Me notifications on the City website.

Jury Duty Scam in Washington State

The Lake Forest Park Municipal Court wants to alert Lake Forest Park and Washington residents to jury duty scams that are becoming more prevalent around the state and across the country. The Court greatly values citizens' willingness to serve on jury duty, and is very concerned that you might become a victim of a scam artist out to take your money, and use the name of the court in doing so.

Here is how the scam works: an individual calls or emails and claims that a resident has missed jury duty. As a result, the caller indicates a warrant of arrest has been issued for the resident and that the sheriff or police are en route. The caller demands payment, a credit

card number or a social security number for failure-to-appear for jury duty.

Please be aware that Washington courts will never ask for payment over the phone or by email, and court officials will never ask a resident for personal or financial information for failure-to-appear for jury duty.

Anyone who receives a call or email like this should hang up and call 9-1-1 immediately. Municipal Court Administrator Kelley Gradwohl asks that you also call the Lake Forest Park Municipal Court Jury Coordinator at 206-364-7711 to report the incident.

Court Launches Skip the Trip to Court Campaign

In an effort to inform, direct and remind the public of the Court's electronic hearing process or Tec-Hearing, the Municipal Court launched the Skip the Trip to Court campaign in January 2015. Drivers who have



received a traffic or parking infraction or photo infraction have the option of visiting the Court's website, clicking on the Tec-Hearing link and completing the electronic form. Once reviewed by court staff, the electronic hearing is forwarded to the Judge, who adjudicates the infraction and responds to the defendant online, creating a completely paperless process. The Tec-Hearing process

won the 2012 Association of Washington Cities Municipal Excellence Award in the Going Green category, and remains a popular hearing option since its inception. The campaign directs the public to the Court's website through posters, mailings and other printed materials.

NE 178th Street Roadway Improvements Phase 2 Project

Re-bid of this project in mid-May resulted in a slightly delayed construction schedule. With a bid that is within the City's financial resources, the project is moving forward with mid-June construction and completion targeted for December. The project, in the vicinity of Brookside Elementary School, features much-needed non-

 motorized safety improvements, including curb, gutter and sidewalk; bicycle lane; pedestrian-activated crosswalk signals; low-impact development construction features, including permeable cement concrete sidewalks; and a fish-friendly replacement of the McAleer Creek culvert under NE 178th Street.

Residents in the area will experience some detours around the work zone, but access will be provided at all times to residents, emergency services, postal and delivery services, and garbage service.

Live Video Streaming of City Council Meetings!

Lake Forest Park citizens can now watch City Council Regular Business meetings from the comfort of their homes by live streaming during the meeting or watching on-demand at a later time. Those with Comcast cable may also watch live on Channel 21. Check our website (www.cityoflfp.com) for more details!

Recreation Program Info

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! The early registration discount period for fall 2015 programs begins at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday August 26, 2015 and ends at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2015.

To receive timely notice of the early registration dates, sign up for Notify Me reminders through the City's website, www.cityoflfp.com. For more info about programs and registration, visit the City of Shoreline website: www.cityofshoreline.com.

