



City News

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Mayor's Corner: City Announces Fall Citizens Academy

This fall, when the youth of Lake Forest Park return to school, our citizens will have a chance to do the same. I invite you to attend the first Lake Forest Park Citizens Academy, scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 22. ******

The concept of this free five-session interactive training program is to give participants an insider's firsthand view of how to plug into governance processes, how much services or programs cost, how they are funded, and what are the key needs or service gaps in the eyes of the City and the participants. And...we hope to make it fun and interesting along the way!

September 22: A brief history of LFP; local government 101; the separation of powers; a description of the roles and responsibilities of the Executive (Mayor) and Legislative (Council) branches; and a brief description of the citizen advisory commission system.

September 28: Lake Forest Park Municipal Court: Learn what and how the Court carries out its

****Editor's Note: All sessions are from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

City Council Plans Busy Fall Schedule

This year, the autumn leaves signal increasingly wet weather and a very active time for the Lake Forest Park City Council. By the time the last leaf is swept, the Council will have reviewed the Comprehensive Plan Update and be close to adoption. The Council's fall calendar also includes additional meetings to consider the mid-biennial budget update, and receive important training and guidance for developing the path for a strategic plan that will facilitate the Comp Plan vision and other Council goals.

The Planning Commission will soon send a recommendation to the City Council, which will conduct work sessions regarding the draft Update. The

independent role as the third branch of government.

October 13: Police & Municipal Services: Become familiar with the police department's operations plan and learn how our citizens and our growing transparent communications program

has helped the police put criminals behind bars. See also how Municipal Services provides the ministerial services, keeps the official record of Council proceedings and other required record-keeping functions for the city.

October 27: Public Works, Engineering & Capital Improvement Program: Infrastructure is the native language spoken here. Visit the street, surface water, sewer and park systems, and learn

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Mayor Mary Jane Goss



Council will then hold a joint session with the Planning Commission, with the goal of adoption by the end of the year. "The plan is to meet weekly," said Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford. "This is in addition to the Council's regular work and represents a significant time commitment but the Comp Plan is too important to address it in fits and starts. Every update has the potential for a huge leap forward for our community, so we will not short-change the schedule."

The Comprehensive Plan is the centerpiece of planning for cities and counties in Washington State,

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Lyon Creek Flood Mitigation Project Update

The Lyon Creek Flood Mitigation project began on June 15, 2015, with stream channel improvements within the Lyon Creek Waterfront Preserve and work-



Crane placing precast concrete culvert section – SR 522 (7/10/15)

ing upstream. Grading in the park has been completed and most replanting has taken place, along with installation of a new pedestrian bridge in the northwest corner of the park.

Moving upstream, grading and placement of select stream cobble material has taken place at the Lake Forest Park Civic Club and the existing vehicle bridge has

been replaced with a new bridge structure of much higher load rating than the previous bridge.

Beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 17, State Route 522/Bothell Way NE was completely closed to traffic to allow for the removal of the existing culvert under SR 522 and replacement with a new, much wider fish-

Mid-Biennial Budget Adjustment

The City adopts a biennial, or two-year, budget every other year in even numbered years. The current 2015-2016 budget was adopted in the winter of 2014. While a two year budget is efficient, some items can be difficult to predict two years in advance. This is resolved by a mid-cycle tune up, known as the mid-biennial budget adjustment. Normal mid-biennial adjustments are increases and/or decreases in line items of revenue or expense in response to external or internal factors. An example would be an update to the forecasted sales tax revenue in response to a changing economic forecast. The City is currently considering whether a mid-biennial budget adjustment is required for the 2015-2016 budget. Early indications suggest that only minor adjustments, if any, may be required. The Mayor and the City Council Budget and Finance Committee will consider a mid-biennial budget adjustment in the coming months and make recommendations to the City Council later this year.



friendly precast concrete culvert. The work occurred around the clock until Monday morning, July 20, at 5:00 a.m., when the highway was fully reopened to traffic before the morning commute. The weekend's work required a high degree of planning and coordination, and was successfully completed within the time allowed during a brutal heat wave.

The following week, the second of four culverts was installed under the Town Center at Lake Forest Park entrance from SR 522/Bothell Way NE, followed by more grading of the stream channel and installation of fish-enhancing stream features. The week of August 10 featured removal and replacement of the culvert on the north side of the Starbucks property. The fourth and final culvert between the Town Center and the Northshore Fire Station is scheduled for replacement the week of August 24. The entire project is expected to be substantially complete by the end of September 2015.



Stream Channel Construction (7/31/15)

The City appreciates the patience residents have shown while dealing with reduced access during construction. We all look forward to the project's outcome: a halt to the urban flooding problem Lake Forest Park has experienced with increasing regularity.

Only Rain Down the Drain—Fish Protection Begins with Storm Drains—and You

Did you know pollutants accumulate on the streets and parking lots during the dry summer months and are flushed into the creeks during the first big rain? That same big rain also attracts salmon to the creeks, where they often die before spawning.

What can you do? Use commercial carwash facilities; pick up after pets and dispose of the waste in a plastic bag in the garbage; fix vehicle leaks; use phosphorus-free and herbicide-free fertilizers on lawns and gardens; and sweep silt/yard debris/overthrown fertilizer into vegetated areas instead of the catch basins or the street. It's simple, really: do everything you can to make sure that only clean, clear, cool water enters catch basins.



Available Now: E-commerce for Lake Forest Park Sewer Accounts

After much anticipation, the City launched e-commerce for its sewer utility on August 1, 2015. This new feature allows residents to view and pay their sewer bills online, go paperless, set up recurring payments, and make payments by credit card (a transaction fee applies to credit card payments). To get started, visit the City's website, www.cityofflp.com, and click on the Utility Payments button.

**"We knew residents were looking forward to these new services becoming available, but the initial volume of users and transactions has exceeded expectations."
—Mayor Mary Jane Goss."**

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about funding, planning, and the difficulty of operating services within the natural features/topography of Lake Forest Park; a quick look at the field services delivered to Kenmore by contract.

November 17: Finance & Planning/Building: Here you will take Finance 101, learning where city revenue comes from and where your taxes and fees go to provide services and programs. Learn how difficult budget decisions are made.

Review the building permitting and code enforcement functions in a largely built-out city, examine long-range planning functions and explore the choices a city makes in land use and economic development and how that impacts both city finances and service demand.

I hope this will be a fun civic lesson. To register, contact City Clerk Evelyn Jahed at evelyn@cityofflp.com or 206-957-2811.**

Save the Date!

Rain Garden & Natural Yard Care Workshop at Third Place Commons on October 10, 2015. More details: www.cityofflp.com www.cityofshoreline.com.

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and provides the framework for how our community grows and improves and it must evolve over time to be effective. The state Growth Management Act (GMA) requires local governments to periodically review and bring their plans and regulations up-to-date with any relevant GMA changes and respond to changes in land use and population growth. Counties and cities must comply with the requirements of the GMA to be eligible for grants and loans from certain state infrastructure programs. For most communities, the required update takes place at least once every 8-10 years.

The required elements of the Plan provide guidance for the City's capital investments and its municipal code by addressing land use, housing, capital facilities, transportation, and utilities. Thanks to the hard work of the other city commissions, the Planning Commission will recommend the Council adopt sections on economic development, environmental quality, parks and trails, and community services. This update builds on the 2005 Comprehensive Plan and brings it into consistency with other specific-purpose plans adopted since 2005 (Legacy, Community Forest Management and Southern Gateway Sub-area plans). Moreover, these element titles form a checklist for a vibrant Lake Forest Park, and the content forms the backdrop to a compelling future.

The Council recognizes the community is a key partner in this process and invites the public to join it on this journey and welcomes continued conversation and refinement of the draft plan throughout the remainder of the update process. Once dates for upcoming workshops and hearings are confirmed, they will be posted at Lakeforest-park2035.com.

Traveling Abroad? Need a Passport?

City Hall offers passport services on Mondays and Fridays from noon to 5:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call 206.957.2834 for fees and more information.

Youth Court Offers Option for Teens

The Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Youth Court (SLFPYC) is a diversion program that directly involves youth in the adjudication, disposition or resolution of traffic offenses, in a structured process that resembles traditional court proceedings. These courts are known in different locations as youth courts, teen courts, peer courts or student courts.

Founded in 2001, SLFPYC operates under the supervision of the Shoreline District Court and the Lake Forest Park Municipal Court. Eligible high school students, aged 16 or 17 and charged with a traffic infraction, can participate in the program by completing the Youth Court Contract and paying a \$30 transfer fee.

At a typical hearing, defendants present their stories before a judge and a peer jury. The judge and jury question the defendant before deliberating on a constructive sentence, which may include community service, writing an essay, interviewing a police officer, or attending traffic school. Successful completion of the six-month deferral period results in dismissal of the infraction.



Youth Court—2014/2015

Recreation Information

Registration for the fall recreation programs opened late August and runs through December. Early registration for winter courses is in early January. Sign up for reminders/notification through the City's website by going to "Notify Me" (scroll down to select "News Flash" "Lake Forest Park Updates").



Early registration is a period for Lake Forest Park residents to receive the resident discount rate for the City of Shoreline's Park and Recreation programs. This opportunity includes punch cards, passes, classes, course registrations, rentals and memberships. It is a great chance for Lake Forest Park residents to save money and enjoy the programs the City of Shoreline has to offer. For program and registration info, visit www.cityofshoreline.com.

Watch City Council on Comcast Channel 21!

In addition to live and on-demand video streaming of City Council Regular Business meetings, LFP residents with Comcast cable may also watch live on Channel 21. Check our website (www.cityofflp.com) for more details!

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NE 178th Street Roadway Improvements Phase 2 Project

On July 7, the NE 178th Street Improvements Phase 2 project began with storm drain installation, water line relocation and adjustment of utilities. Construction crews built modular block walls and removed guardrail. The McAleer Creek culvert under 178th was replaced with a new, much wider, fish-friendly precast concrete culvert. Sidewalks leading to Brookside Elementary School will be installed on both sides of NE 178th Street and on the east side of 35th Avenue NE. The project also includes a bike lane on the uphill side of NE 178th Street, pedestrian-activated



crosswalk signals and illumination improvements. Project completion is scheduled for December 18, 2015.

