



City of Lake Forest Park

# City News

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## Picnic in the Park is Back! Celebrate All Things LFP Saturday, September 10

The City is excited to revive the annual Picnic in the Park tradition on Saturday, September 10, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Pfingst Animal Acres Park at 17435 Brookside Boulevard NE.

There will be plenty of fun for everyone, including a petting zoo, live music, food trucks, kids' arts & crafts, a bouncy house, and an obstacle course.

A Northshore Fire Department fire truck will be on display from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The City's Public Works crew will be there with a few of their large trucks to explore as well. Community organizations and nonprofits will be in attendance with information and activities.

Bring your favorite lawn chair or blanket to enjoy live music from popular children's entertainer Tim Noah from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., family act Pig Snout from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., and folksy indie rock group Hotel Vignette from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**Parking:** Please park at Brookside Elementary School or the Lake Forest Park Presbyterian Church. Parking is limited, so please walk to the event if you can.

For more information, visit the City website or follow the City on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.



## Lake Forest Park Police Charity Salmon BBQ Sunday, September 11

Come experience a taste of the Northwest at the Lake Forest Park Police Charity Salmon BBQ on Sunday, September 11, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at City Hall. All proceeds benefit Special Olympics Washington.



Team LFP PD at the 2015 Salmon BBQ

Pre-sale tickets are available at the LFP Police Department or from just about any officer. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children. Your ticket includes grilled wild Alaskan Sockeye Salmon, potato or green salad, garlic bread, soda or water, and a delicious ice cream cup.

The BBQ will also feature a beer and wine garden this year in celebration of the LFP Rotary's 30th anniversary.

You'll want to stick around for the raffle, too. The grand prize is two nights at Sun Mountain Lodge in charming Winthrop, Washington, and the use of a Mini Cooper for the trip. Other great prizes include two tickets to the University of Washington vs. Oregon State football game on October 22, 2016. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 6 tickets for \$10. You do not need to be present to win.

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

## On the Mayor's Mind...

Summer has flown by in beautiful Lake Forest Park. Thanks to everyone who came out to our community events like National Night Out and Family Day at the Lake Forest Park Farmers Market. National Night Out was a huge success this year, with over 30 neighborhood parties. The Farmers Market is lively as always and Family Day was a real treat.

I especially want to thank everyone who attended the Tree Regulations Open House in July. Lake Forest Park is a special place and we take our trees seriously. I hear you and I understand your frustrations. I want you to know I appreciate your input in the policy process and am committed to working collaboratively to find solutions. Please see the Tree Ordinance article from the Planning Department in this issue and follow developments on the City website for the latest news.

Meanwhile, the budget process rolls on in City Hall. We're making our best effort to get the biennial budget done early this year. Upcoming City Council meetings are listed on page 4 and our website. Everyone is welcome. We have some exciting projects in the works for improving Eagle Scout Park with play equipment and Pfingst Animal Acres Park with a picnic shelter. The Parks Task Force is hard at work evaluating all of our parks and I'm looking forward to hearing their thoughts.

I hope you can join us in giving summer a proper send off with me on September 10 at Picnic in the Park and on September 11 at the Police Department's Special Olympics Salmon Bake and the Rotary Club's 30th Anniversary Celebration. It's sure to be a fun-filled weekend and I look forward to seeing the community come together. That's all for now, I hope to see you at our upcoming events and meetings.

Coming Soon...

## Coffee with the Mayor

*Join Mayor Johnson for casual discussion over a cup of coffee one Saturday morning a month, starting in October.*

**Stay Tuned for Details**



## Council Moves Forward on Strategic Plan

On August 11, 2016, the City Council adopted the first Lake Forest Park Strategic Plan, moving the City toward the future. The City has a number of studies coming up and currently under way in support of the Strategic Plan's five focus areas: Mobility, Healthy Environment, Community Vitality, Public Safety and Access to Justice, and Accountable and Engaged Government. Three of the six studies in the plan are funded in 2016: Healthy Creeks, Safe Highways, and Safe Streets.

**Healthy Creeks:** The award-winning Lyon Creek project relieved major flooding in the Sheridan Beach area and now it's time to think upstream. Fish barriers, water quality, and localized flooding will receive a fresh look as the next set of plans is analyzed. The *Healthy Creeks* study will update the 2009 plan to current conditions, standards, costs, and optimal priorities. New culvert replacement standards and their costs are the major drivers for this update.

**Safe Highways:** Improving mobility is a long-term goal of the City Council. The street system was largely incorporated or annexed "as is," making it difficult, and expensive, to turn aspirations into good projects. The *Safe Highways* study will help by taking a corridor approach to planning and take into account the outsized impact of state routes on the quality of life in Lake Forest Park.

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## Mayor Appoints Parks Task Force

On July 14, 2016 the City Council passed Resolution No.1565 establishing a Parks Task Force. The purpose of the Task Force is to report on current park conditions and amenities, and will serve as a basis for development of a parks, recreation and open space plan in 2017. The Task Force will also identify basic needs for maintenance and low-cost amenities for consideration by the Mayor and City Council during the budget process this fall.

Mayor Johnson appointed a group of Lake Forest Park residents to serve on the Parks Task Force, which meets twice a month through October 2016. The public is welcome to attend the meetings. Please see the City calendar for meeting dates. All agendas and minutes, as well as the final report, will be posted on the City website.

Volunteers have always been essential to maintaining our beautiful parks and the natural character of Lake Forest Park, and the Parks Task Force is an extension of that spirit of community and volunteerism.

**(Strategic Plan continued)** The corridor planning study is funded by repurposing park & ride lease money. Considerations for how the Sound Transit 3 plan (if approved by voters) would affect Lake Forest Park will be included in planning for SR 522. It is crucial the City of Lake Forest Park have as much local influence as possible on future plans for Bothell Way NE and Ballinger Way NE.

**Safe Streets:** The other mobility factor is a surface street system that was laid out more by nature than humans, with challenges due to topography and natural features. Such challenges translate to difficulty in walking, bicycling, parking, transit access, cut-through traffic and unfavorable interaction with the state routes. The *Safe Streets* study is currently out for consultant proposals and should be in full swing in the fall. Everyone has stories about problems on the City streets, and there will be a process for public input on trouble spots and ideas on how to improve them.

The hope of the City Council is that sowing the seeds of good planning will bring the next crop of improvements to our city. As always, watch the City website and newsletter for opportunities to participate.



*Sunbeams through trees in Blue Heron Park*

## Tree Ordinance and Development Regulations

The City of Lake Forest Park is working with the community and forestry experts to update the City's Tree Regulations. In early 2015, the LFP Tree Board held two public meetings, conducted a survey of residents, and hosted a panel discussion with a diverse group of stakeholders. The Board then submitted a memo to City Council with recommended changes to the existing tree regulations.

Earlier this year, the Council requested the Planning Commission draft an update of City tree regulations based on the Tree Board's recommendations. On July 26, 2016, the Planning Commission hosted an open house to gather community feedback on draft updates. Over 85 community members attended! A presentation of current tree removal activity was also shared in response to concern over two newly permitted developments.

Nearly 150 unique public comments were received. The Planning Commission is incorporating this feedback while completing the updated draft regulations for City Council review. The presentations and public comments are available on the City's [Tree Ordinance Update webpage](#): [www.cityoflfp.com](http://www.cityoflfp.com) > Planning & Building Department > Tree Permits and Information > Current Tree Permits Related to Development.

### Save the Date:

At its August meeting, the Council scheduled a public hearing for 7:00 p.m. on September 8, 2016, to receive input on a potential moratorium on tree cutting.

## Ready for Winter?

*It may seem early, but a little planning goes a long way.*

- ◆ Create an emergency kit with three days of food & water
- ◆ Make a survival kit for your car & include warm clothes
- ◆ Make, and practice, a family emergency plan.

More info:  
[www.takewinterbystorm.org](http://www.takewinterbystorm.org)

## Storm Drains & Flooding:

### Don't Leaf it to Chance

Beautiful autumn leaves can cause localized flooding as they fall and cover storm drains. The City works to keep drains clear, but with close to 1,800 in Lake Forest Park we could sure use your help. After all, Forest is our middle name!

Storm drains are rectangular grates with slats, typically near the edge of the street. Water entering storm drains is not treated. Please do not remove grates, as this creates a hazard and does not unclog the system. Instead, rake or blow leaves away from storm drains and never into the street. Never try to clear leaves and debris from a storm drain or culvert if there is moving water greater than knee deep, and always be wary of traffic when working near a roadway. Be careful not to overexert yourself; wet leaves can be surprisingly heavy.

Finally, yard debris from storm drains should be placed in your yard waste container.

Need assistance with storm drains? If flooding is severe or you find evidence of dumping, please call City Hall at 206-368-5440.

## Upcoming City Council Meetings

*All meetings take place at City Hall*

City Council Work Session Meeting  
September 8, 6:00 p.m.

City Council Regular Business Meeting  
September 8, 7:00 p.m.

City Council Pre-Budget Open House  
September 13, 6:00 p.m.

City Council Budget & Finance Committee  
September 15, 6:00 p.m.

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

### CITY HALL

17425 Ballinger Way NE

Lake Forest Park, WA

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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](http://www.cityoflfp.com)

### PERMIT COUNTER

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

### PASSPORTS

Mon & 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

## Improve Water Quality with Rain Gardens

When planning your garden this fall, consider creating a rain garden filled with native plants to both beautify your home and do your part to keep our waters clean. Rain gardens can help improve water quality by reducing the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus flowing into streams, wetlands, and lakes. Choose native plants like western sword fern and Oregon grape. For more information on rain gardens, Washington State University has a great resource at [www.raingarden.wsu.edu](http://www.raingarden.wsu.edu). There will also be local Lake Forest Park Master Gardeners at the Picnic in the Park on September 10, 2016 who are happy to answer your questions.



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### LFP/Shoreline Parks & Rec Partnership: Early Recreation Registration

Did you know LFP residents are eligible for early registration and an 8% discount on all Shoreline Parks & Recreation program fees? Discount does not include rentals. There is something for everyone from toddlers and preschoolers, to tweens, teens, and adults. Register for programs online at [www.shorelinewa.gov/RegisterNow](http://www.shorelinewa.gov/RegisterNow), in person at the Spartan Recreation Center, 202 NE 185th Street, Shoreline, or by phone 206-801-2600. For timely reminders of registration dates, sign up for "Notify Me" on the Lake Forest Park website, [www.cityoflfp.com](http://www.cityoflfp.com), or follow us on social media.



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