



City of Lake Forest Park

# City News

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## A Sense of Community #WeAreAllLFP

One of my goals as Mayor has been to build on our sense of Lake Forest Park community. To me, this means creating more events, activities, and opportunities for our citizens to come together and meet neighbors, have fun, and enjoy the spirit of LFP.

We had a great time this summer, with the first-ever *Pet Parade*, Eagle Scout Park grand reopening, *Family Day* at the Farmer's Market, the *Choose to Reuse* event, and *National Night Out*. I firmly believe that events like these make our community stronger and create lasting memories for children and adults alike.

If you have ideas for our community you would like to

share (or anything else that's on your mind), please visit me at one of my upcoming *Coffee with the Mayor* events: Saturday, September 9, 8:30-10:00 a.m.; and Saturday, November 4, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Coffees are held in an informal setting in the Council Chambers at City Hall.



National Night Out 2017

I look forward to seeing you at *Picnic in the Park* on Saturday, September 9! Mayor Johnson

## Picnic in the Park is September 9!

Save the date, Picnic in the Park is back! Join the City in celebrating the great community of Lake Forest Park on



Picnic in the Park 2016

Saturday, September 9, 2017, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at Pfingst Animal Acres Park. Activities include a petting zoo, kids' crafts, bouncy houses, Public Works "big rigs," food trucks, booths, and the Lake Forest Park Rotary Club is hosting a beer garden!

Be sure to check out the four musical performances:

Caspar Babypants – 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Tim Noah – 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Nick Drummond – 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

LeRoy Bell and His Only Friends – 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Some of the City's community partners and organizations—Friends of Third Place Commons, Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council, Seattle Tilth, and Republic Services—are hosting booths with information and fun activities for the whole family. We look forward to seeing you there!

## City Receives Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The Government Finance Officers Association awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the City of Lake Forest Park for its 2017-2018 biennial budget.

The award reflects the City's commitment to meeting the highest principles in governmental budgeting. To receive the award, the City must publish a budget document that meets program criteria

as a policy document, operations guide, financial plan, and communications tool. The new budget document was created by staff to provide transparent, meaningful budget information to our taxpayers.

Awards like this highlight the City's effort to be on the leading edge of financial transparency.

Connect with the City on social media and stay up to date

## Council Maximizes Lake Forest Park's Influence

Did you know...in a county of approximately 2.1 million people and 39 cities and towns, your City Council extends the reach and influence of our community by serving on a number of regional boards? With issues ranging from water quality and conservation to transit, economic development and human services, these appointments give members of the Council a chance to make our local voice heard on a larger stage.

Having a City Council that is involved in this way benefits Lake Forest Park citizens by giving the City a seat at the regional tables and the ability to advocate for local needs. At the beginning of each year, the Council makes appointments to represent the City on these regional bodies:

### *Sound Cities Association*

- \* Regional Water Quality Committee: John Wright
- \* Regional Transit Committee: John Wright
- \* Regional Law, Safety & Justice Committee: Phillipa Kassover
- \* King Conservation District Advisory Committee: Mark Phillips
- \* King County Economic Development Council: Catherine Stanford, Board Member

\* Puget Sound Regional Council Economic Development District Board: Catherine Stanford, Vice President

\* Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee: Catherine Stanford; Tom French, Alt.

### *Other*

- \* SeaShore Transportation Forum: John Wright, Co-Chair; Jeff Johnson, Member; Phillipa Kassover, Alt.
- \* North Urban Human Services Alliance: Phillipa Kassover
- \* Metropolitan Solid Waste Advisory Committee: Phillipa Kassover
- \* Lake Ballinger-McAleer Creek Forum: Tom French; Mark Phillips, Alt.
- \* Water Resource Inventory Area 8 Salmon Recovery: Mark Phillips; Tom French, Alt.

A portion of each regular business meeting agenda is set aside for Councilmembers to report on the various regional meetings attended during the previous weeks. If you're not able to stay until the end of the Council meetings, you can watch an "on demand" replay of the meetings on the City's website.

## Environmental Grant Awarded to LFP

King County awarded the City \$70,000 in WaterWorks funding to develop an urban stream recovery pilot program and update its tree canopy study. Funds will be distributed to projects that seek to improve water quality, enhance fish passage, and better understand the density of the City's tree canopy.

Urban Stream Recovery, \$40,000 Develops improved process for streamside residents to remove barriers to fish passage or enhance the stream on their properties. Streamside property owners with known barriers to fish passage on their properties will be contacted by the City over the next few months to encourage them to participate in the pilot program.

Tree Canopy Study, \$30,000 Updates the 2009 baseline tree canopy survey following this year's tree regulations updates.

A new survey will help the City better understand how the canopy has changed over the last eight years.



Lyon Creek

## City Website Has a New Look

The City launched its redesigned, updated website on August 31, 2017. If you haven't been to the website in awhile, check it out at [www.cityoflfp.com](http://www.cityoflfp.com). The updates include a newer platform that works better for mobile devices. City staff and CivicPlus (the City's web provider)

worked together to identify design features and functionality that would both update the look and feel of the website and offer better usability for the public and those on staff who make edits to the site. We're excited about the changes and hope our users are as well!

## Historic Photo Murals @ King County Bus Shelters

Last summer, the City was asked by King County Metro to participate in a joint project to install historic photo murals in bus shelters within Lake Forest Park. This summer, Metro crews installed murals in six shelters. Photos are from the early 1900s through the 1960s and show early life and landmark locations in the City. Examples include the groundbreaking ceremony for the first Town Hall, LFP's first one-room school, Tolt Pipeline and reservoir construction, Wurdemann & Rion Estates from Lake Washington, and more!



Bus Shelter on Ballinger Way

Pick up a map with a list of the historic photos at the front desk at City Hall, or view it on the City's website, [www.cityofflp.com](http://www.cityofflp.com). From the home page, click on Community/History of Lake Forest Park. Special thanks to the Shoreline Historical Museum, Seattle Municipal Archives, and Museum of History and Industry for providing most of the photos. Thank you also to King County Metro and Photo Center Northwest for making this project possible.



## September is National Preparedness Month

Since it began in 2004, National Preparedness Month is observed each September. Sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Preparedness Month encourages all of us to take steps to prepare for emergencies in our homes, businesses, schools, and communities. FEMA's Ready Campaign, has a lot of information to help the public prepare for and respond to emergencies, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks. Check it out at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

Locally, Kenmore and Lake Forest Park partner with Northshore Fire Department and Northshore Utility District to form the Northshore Emergency Management Coalition (NEMCo). Each year, NEMCo provides at least two Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Academies. CERT is designed to provide training in basic disaster response skills, with the intent of organizing a group of volunteers that can supplement existing emergency responders in the event of a major disaster. The next CERT class begins on September 11, 2017 and runs for eight consecutive Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information, contact Emergency Manager Carl Lunak at [clunak@northshorefire.com](mailto:clunak@northshorefire.com). Check out NEMCo's disaster preparedness webpage at [www.northshorefire.com/education/emergency-preparedness](http://www.northshorefire.com/education/emergency-preparedness).

## Update on Safe Streets & Safe Highways

The *Safe Streets* study was adopted by the City Council in July and creates the framework for capital improvement safety projects moving forward. Safety needs, and projects to meet them, are identified and ranked in order of importance. The resulting project list helps staff direct efforts toward priority projects and organize grant funding strategies.

The *Safe Highways* study continues, with the formation of technical advisory committees and public outreach tasks. Guiding principles for the study were also adopted. City staff has been meeting with stakeholders, including representatives of Sound Transit 3, in order to align City efforts with regional strategies already underway. More information on *Safe Highways* is available on the web page dedicated to the study: [www.lfpsafehighways.com](http://www.lfpsafehighways.com).

## Don't Leaf it to Chance: Storm Drains & Flooding

While fall leaves are pretty, they work against the City's storm drain system. The City works to keep drains clear, but with close to 1,800 in town, we could use your help.

Do not remove the grates from the drains, as this creates a hazard and does not unclog the system. Instead, rake or blow leaves away from the drain (not into the street). Never try to clear 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. Wet leaves are surprisingly heavy, so be careful not to overexert yourself.

Debris from storm drains should be placed in yard waste containers. If flooding is severe, or you find evidence of dumping, please call 206-368-5440.

## Upcoming City Council Meetings

*All meetings take place at City Hall*

City Council Regular Business Meetings  
Sept. 14 & 28, Oct. 12 & 26, 7:00 p.m.

City Council Work Session Meetings  
September 14, October 12, 6:00 p.m.

City Council Budget & Finance Committee  
September 21, October 19, 6:00 p.m.

City Council Communications Committee  
Sept. 28, 6:00 p.m., October 23, 4:30 p.m.

City Council Committee of the Whole  
September 25, October 23, 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

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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

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. – 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

## Ready for Winter?

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

- ⇒ Create an emergency kit with at least three days of food and water for you and your family (and pets)
- ⇒ Make a survival kit for your car and include warm clothes
- ⇒ Make, and practice, a family emergency plan

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



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### Lake Forest Park Recreation Opportunities for Fall Programs with the City of Shoreline

Through an agreement with the City of Shoreline, Lake Forest Park residents are eligible to participate in Shoreline recreation programs. Benefits to LFP residents include early registration and a discount on program fees. If you missed the August 16 early registration for fall programs, LFP residents still receive an 8% discount on all program fees (not rentals). Receive timely notice of early registration dates—sign up for reminders through the City's website, Facebook, and Twitter.



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