



City of Lake Forest Park

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Mayor's Corner—Year in Review

The year 2017 has been a busy time for Lake Forest Park. Every department contributed in some way--from process improvements (more convenient payment options for sewer bills & permits) to work on the "Big Five" (Safe Streets; Safe Highways; Parks, Recreation, Open Space & Trails; Healthy Creeks; Town Center Plan) to the largest street overlay in City history to environmental protections (appointment of a Tree Board, updates to the tree & critical areas regulations) to new and continuing community events like the Pet Parade, Picnic in the Park, dedication of the new Veterans Memorial, National Night Out, and the Police Department's Salmon BBQ fundraiser for Special Olympics Washington. We were all busy helping Lake Forest Park continue to be one of the most-desired cities in which to live within the greater Puget Sound region.

One of my proudest accomplishments this year was acquisition of two new open space properties—the former Seattle Public Utilities property, known as 5-Acre Woods

(19200 block of 40th Place NE), and the Sims-Kelly property, next to Pfingst Animal Acres Park. The 5-Acre Woods property purchase was accomplished with help from enthusiastic citizens and the LFP Stewardship Foundation.

The Sims-Kelly parcel gives the City a chance to expand Animal Acres and provide a natural



Pet Parade 2017

addition with a lovely place to take a walk or look at the creek. Improvements to the park won't happen right away, but they are included in the PROS-T planning and we will keep you updated.

I look forward to seeing you at meetings and events in 2018! -- Mayor Johnson

Healthy Creeks Program

Restoring Lyon and McAleer Creeks to their former pristine condition may take generations, but the City is working every day toward that goal through its Healthy Creeks program. Advances are being made on several fronts:

- ◊ Fish Passage: Culvert replacements, private barrier removal grants/assessments;
- ◊ Water Quality: Public education, regular maintenance of the public storm water system, natural yard care methods in public parks, on-site wastewater program/ sewer availability, collaboration with neighbor cities, spill response and detection program;
- ◊ Water Quantity: Implementation of low-impact development techniques to allow water to flow into soil as an alternative to traditional drainage that diverts flows directly to creeks without treatment;

◊ Habitat: Tree retention regulations, native plant installation along creeks in public parks, grants for residents to restore their streams with native plants, installation of woody debris in stream restoration projects.

Since its beginning, Lake Forest Park has taken the health of its streams seriously. Many of the City's original property deeds included the following language:

"...the grantee...endeavor to so guard all streams run past or through the property that the water will remain sweet and pure and fit for drinking purposes, and they should not check or dam the water or interfere with it..."

Are you a streamside homeowner that would like to learn more about restoring your creek? If so, contact Aaron Halverson, Environmental Programs Manager (aaron@cityoflfp.com) to be added to the Healthy Creeks mailing list.

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

Council Adopts 2018 State & Federal Legislative Agendas

“Our legislative agendas and the interaction with our delegations that follows is becoming more critical each year,” said Deputy Mayor Stanford about the City’s adopted 2018 legislative agendas. “The agendas are the result of working closely with our lobbyists at both the state and federal levels to identify key funding needs and viable resources for our City, she added.”

The City’s state legislative priorities include:

- Pass the 2017-19 Capital Budget that contains \$1.2 million for the City to fund engineering design and permitting to replace culverts on Lyon Creek near Ballinger Way.
- Prepare to be a funding partner for projects that make



Lyon Creek at NE 195th

SR 522 and SR 104 better neighbors to our residents while reducing traffic congestion.

- Appropriate \$250,000 to fund a portion of the City’s acquisition of the Seattle Public Utilities property on 40th Place NE.
- Advance statewide priorities shared with the Association of Washington Cities.

The City’s federal legislative agenda takes a different approach to obtain funding for priority projects. Rather than seeking direct appropriations, the City will work to align its requests to existing federal programs and priorities, whether they are federal agencies or bills in Congress. The City Council has also signed on as a supporter of six national cities’ priorities.

The full legislative agenda documents can be seen on the City website at this location [www.cityoflfp.com/City Council/Council Initiatives](http://www.cityoflfp.com/CityCouncil/Council%20Initiatives).

Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails (PROS-T)

On November 8, the City and its consultant, ELM, hosted an open house to gather input from you to better understand how you use parks and what you would like to see in future park spaces. We heard that the City’s parks are the greatest and the best but you would like to see more opportunities for active recreation, an off-leash dog park, better park maintenance and equitable distribution of parks and amenities. Also, connections to parks could be improved to provide safe pedestrian/bike access, given parking at many of the parks is limited and most folks don’t want to drive to their neighborhood park. We hear you and thank you for your input—keep it coming!

The PROS-T planning process will be ongoing through March 2018, with several opportunities to provide input at

future public events, including workshops and open houses. You can also get information by following the City on social media and by emailing Aaron Halverson, Environmental Programs Manager (aaron@cityoflfp.com) to be added to the PROS-T mailing list.



PROS-T Open House

Recycling 101: Empty, Clean, Dry—the Importance of Correct Recycling

make sure recyclables are:



Empty. Clean. Dry.

Each year, Americans recycle more than 87 million tons. Unfortunately, not everything placed in a recycle bin is ready to be recycled. Did you know that a recent study

showed *two-thirds* of Americans will put something in the recycling cart even if they are unsure if it is recyclable?

Sometimes, perfectly good items (like paper) are ruined because other items are wet or soiled. Contaminated recycling hurts the environment. What can you do? Remember:

Empty – make sure each container is completely empty

Clean – items are free from food & other residue

Dry – dry containers ensure other recyclables stay uncontaminated.

Go to RepublicServicesNW.com for more hints and tips.

Licensing Your Pet

The City of Lake Forest Park contracts with Regional Animal Services of King County (RASKC) for animal control services. While police officers



will always respond to complaints/issues involving domestic animals,

RASKC is responsible for follow-up and investigations. In order to pay for these services, pet licensing fees are diverted to the City to help offset the overall cost to our taxpayers. Did you know licensing your pet is required by law for all dogs and cats over eight weeks old? Additionally, licensing your pet helps to fund the life-saving work that RASKC performs. Each year, RASKC gives thousands of animals a second chance by providing quality care while at the pet adoption center.

For pets, getting lost is a frightening experience. With a current pet license from Regional Animal Services of King County (RASKC), your cat or dog can easily be returned to you. In addition, for those that have strayed off for the first time, your pet may receive a free ride home prior to being impounded at the shelter. Licensing your pet is easy—you can go online, go in person to many locations in King County, or you can send the application in via mail. For more information and licensing locations, check out the City's Pet Licensing page on the website: www.cityoflfp.com/Departments/Municipal Services/Pet Licensing.

New UP Program for Payment of Traffic-Related Fines

The LFP Municipal Court has announced you can now pay court-mandated traffic fines through the new Unified Payment (UP) Program. This new program also lifts the hold on a person's driver's license before the fines are completely paid off.

UP is a collaboration between the district and municipal courts in King County and allows people with fines in multiple jurisdictions in King County the ability to pay off their obligations without going through a collection agency.

"Participation in the UP Program brings an additional way for the LFP Municipal Court to provide our customers a more streamlined, less costly way to easily pay traffic-related court fines," said Municipal Court Administrator Catherine Palermo.

To access the UP program, have your case history ready and go to www.KingCountyUP.com, or call 1-844-544-5242.



Veterans Memorial

Safe Streets & Safe Highways Update

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, were identified and ranked in order of importance. The resulting project list helps staff direct efforts toward priority projects and organize grant funding strategies.

More information on *Safe Streets* is available on the webpage dedicated to the study:

www.lfpsafestreets.com



Perkins Way

The *Safe Highways* study continues, with meetings of the technical advisory committee analyzing proposed safety improvements on SR 522 and SR 104, along with a public open house that displayed proposed intersection safety improvements on SR 104. 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 webpage dedicated to the study:

www.lfpsafehighways.com



Upcoming City Council Meetings

All meetings take place at City Hall

City Council Regular Business Meetings
Dec. 14, Jan. 11 & 25, 7:00 p.m.

City Council Work Session Meetings
December 14, January 11, 6:00 p.m.

City Council Budget & Finance Committee
December 21, January 18, 6:00 p.m.

City Council Communications Committee
January 22, 4:30 p.m.

City Council Committee of the Whole
January 22, 6:00 p.m.

For the complete City calendar, please
visit our website at www.cityoflfp.com

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Phone: 206-368-5440
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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

Get Ready for Winter—Preparedness is Key

Emergencies can happen with little or no warning. Take time now to prepare. By planning ahead, you can increase your ability to survive and thrive in the face of everything from an earthquake to a major winter storm. For more information on emergency preparation, visit

www.cityoflfp.com/Departments/Police Department/Emergency Preparedness; or www.takewinterbystorm.org.



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Early Registration for Winter Recreation Programs with City of Shoreline



Live in LFP? Interested in recreation? Take advantage of recreation programs offered through the City of Shoreline. LFP 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 (not rentals). LFP's early registration for winter 2018 programs is Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 12:01 a.m. online and 8:00 a.m. in person.

The City of LFP offers scholarship reimbursements for eligible youth and specialized recreation participants to attend cultural, recreational, or aquatic programs and camps. More info: www.cityoflfp.com/Community/Recreation/Recreation Partnership with Shoreline, or call City Hall.