



City of Lake Forest Park

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Mayor's Corner—Back in the Swing of Spring

We're approaching the busy spring and summer months and the City has a lot of events planned!

Join me for *Coffee with the Mayor* from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers on these Saturdays: March 24 and April 21. Come to the *Earth Smart Green Fair* at the Town Center at Lake Forest Park on Saturday, March 31 (see article on p. 3).

In 2018, we hope you'll join us at returning spring and summer events like *Choose to Reuse, Pet Parade, Farmers Market, National Night Out, Music in the Park*, and a new recycling event with the City of Kenmore on Saturday, May 12 at Inglemoor High School (watch for more info on this event by mail in April). Toward the end of the year, we'll again have *Holiday Tree Lighting* and *Argosy Boat Viewing*

events. Watch the City's website and social media for confirmed dates and more information on all of our events. You can also use the Website's Notify Me feature to sign up for notices about news and events throughout the year. Please call City Hall, 206-368-5440, if you would like help navigating the website.

As Mayor, it's important to me that we continue to build on our already strong sense of community by offering lots of chances for you and your family to come out and meet your neighbors while enjoying a fun time at our events. I think 2018 is going to be a great year and I look forward to seeing you soon.

--Mayor Johnson

Phillip D. Hill Appointed City Administrator

With the retirement of Pete Rose on April 2, 2018, recruitment for a new City Administrator concluded with the City Council's confirmation of Mayor Johnson's appointment of Phillip D. Hill as City Administrator. As he assumes his new duties with the City of Lake Forest Park, Mr. Hill leaves his position as Assistant City Manager at Midvale City, Utah, which he has held since 2008.

His employment at Midvale City began in 2000, first as a City Planner and then as Director, Community and Economic Development. Prior to that, he was a Planner with West Jordan City, Utah. He has a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Urban Planning from the University of Utah.

Following a nationwide recruiting process that began last fall, the City invited five finalists to interview for the position in late January.

Phillip Hill is relocating to Washington with his wife and two children. He enjoys fly fishing, hiking, camping, kayaking and skiing with his family. His first day at the City of Lake Forest Park is Monday, March 26.



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

Beyond the Big Five

The Big Five planning studies continue to make good progress and, in some cases, are complete. The City Council is looking at the next steps for the *Healthy Creeks*, *Safe Highways*, *PROS-T*, and *Town Center Vision* studies and the robust policy discussions they generate for the City Council.

For *Healthy Creeks*, the focus is on the middle reach of Lyon Creek. The highest priorities are two capital projects: replacement of the 178th Street culvert infrastructure and restoring the streambed and replacement of the 35th and Ballinger cluster of culverts. A third project is assisting owners with private fish barriers on their property. All three involve partnering with state and regional agencies for planning and construction funding.

The *Safe Streets* multimodal planning effort has identified early actions, including installation of six permanent radar speed signs where speeding occurs and three flashing

beacon crossings for our school children. With only limited state and regional funding available for city surface streets, Council is discussing how to raise local funding to improve mobility in Lake Forest Park.

For *Safe Highways*, the consultant has provided its recommendations to the City Council regarding Ballinger Way (SR 104) and Bothell Way (SR 522) street sections, intersections, multimodal access, and signalization. In the coming weeks, the City Council will discuss Sound Transit 3 (ST3) mass transit improvements in the SR 522/523 corridor, as that agency starts the process of deciding on the preferred project for the Bus Rapid Transit service. Public comments during outreach events and at Council meetings have focused on how light or heavy the infrastructure improvements should be.

The City Council is scheduled to begin review of the draft Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails plan, also

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at croche@ci.lake-forest-park.wa.us.

Applications are due by April 6, with appointments anticipated to be confirmed at the City Council meeting on April 26.



Horizon View Park

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

The City Council recently passed an ordinance to establish a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. This seven-member board, including one voting high school student, is tasked with contributing and reviewing park master plans, recreation programs, existing park amenities and the ongoing Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails planning effort. Board terms are four years, with 6-12 meetings per year, as needed.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, please contact Cory Roche, Community Volunteer Coordinator

Recent Fines for Tree Permit Violations

The City's hearing examiner has upheld a fine of \$22,591.31 for the unpermitted removal of two large trees. The City was made aware of the cutting down of two Western red cedar trees (one with a diameter of 24" and the other 36"), by neighbors who were disturbed by the noise of the logging equipment on a Saturday last August.

This was the second fine levied by the City under the recently adopted update of the City's code enforcement

regulations. Due to a finding of economic hardship, the first fine was reduced from \$35,056 to \$2,000.

In accordance with City regulations, fines related to tree code violations are placed in a Tree Account and are used for acquiring, managing, maintaining, and preserving forested areas within the City; planting and maintaining trees within the City; and other purposes relating to trees as determined by the City Council.

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known as *PROS-T*, in April. The plan addresses adequacy of the current park system, needs for growth or development of facilities, active vs. passive parks, and the demand for recreation programs.

The *Town Center Vision* is another study that is partially driven by the upcoming mass transit improvements. The City controls the zoning regulations, but not the Town Center property. Discussion in the Council chambers during March and April will focus on a policy framework that will lay out a future vision of this commercial area. Once the vision is determined, it will be forwarded to the Planning Commission to work on updating the Town Center Design Guidelines.

Information on all of these planning studies can be found at www.yourlfp.com.

Legislative Update— Lyon Creek Restoration

Included in the Legislature's passage of its capital budget are \$1.2 million for study and design of LFP culvert replacement and stream channel restoration near SR 104 (Ballinger Way NE) on Lyon Creek. The City's state delegation, including Sen. Frockt and Reps. Pollet and Valdez, was more than instrumental in ensuring this funding was appropriated.

To design this critical stream restoration project, the state's capital funding will be combined with \$400K from the King County Flood Control District and \$540K in the 2017 State Transportation budget. The project will eliminate several barriers to fish passage, including a collapsed culvert, and restore hundreds of feet of stream channel. Design efforts begin in earnest this spring, with estimated completion by fall 2019. Construction funding and schedule are pending future funding allocations and grants.



Passport

Acceptance Fee Increase and REAL ID Act Update

Effective Monday, April 2, 2018, the passport acceptance fee (also known as the execution fee), which is the fee payable to the agencies that accept passport applications, increases from \$25 to \$35. Applicants are encouraged to apply well ahead of planned travel dates to avoid paying the higher acceptance fee and ensure passports arrive in time for your trip (see passport hours on p. 4).

The City has received information that Washington and Oregon state identification cards will be accepted for domestic air travel through October 2020, thanks to an extension granted by the Department of Homeland Security and Transportation Security Agency. After that date, the standard driver's licenses will cease to be adequate identification for use at airports. For more information, visit www.travel.state.gov, or call 206-957-2834.

Save The Date!

You're Invited to the 15th Annual **Earth Smart Green Fair!**

10 am - 2 pm
Saturday, March 31st, 2018
at
Third Place Commons
17171 Bothell Way NE
Lake Forest Park WA 98155

Learn, Have Fun, & Go Green for FREE!!

"Learn to save the Planet"
Reduce Waste, Recycle More, & Be Green!

Sponsored By:
King County
as part of the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program
Public Works
Natural Resources
Solid Waste
Seattle City Light

Learn to save the planet at Lake Forest Park's 15th Annual *Earth Smart Green Fair*. All are welcome and invited to attend – and it's free! The fair is hosted at Third Place Commons (top floor) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 31. Bring your friends, neighbors, and family down for fun, educational exhibits, and giveaways galore!

Local organizations and businesses will be there to answer your questions regarding composting, recycling, reducing waste, natural yard care, water conservation, environmentally safe products, and more.

Clip coupon below for 15% off five or more yards of bulk compost from Cedar Grove Organic Compost.

Lettuce Tell You About Organics Recycling!

COUPON FOR CEDAR GROVE ORGANIC COMPOSTING

Your food scraps, food soiled paper, and yard debris can all go into your organics container, which becomes nutrient-rich compost. To help you get started, Republic Services and Cedar Grove have partnered to provide 15% off five or more yards of bulk compost.

Valid at all Cedar Grove facilities and on phone/online orders. Please use code 15OFF at time of ordering. One coupon per household. Express May 31, 2018.

RepublicServicesNW.com

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Upcoming City Council Meetings

All meetings take place at City Hall

City Council Regular Business Meetings
March 22, April 12 & 26, May 10 & 24,
7:00 p.m.

City Council Work Session Meetings
April 12, May 10, 6:00 p.m.

City Council Budget & Finance Committee
March 15, April 19, 6:00 p.m.

City Council Committee of the Whole
March 19, April 23, May 21, 6:00 p.m.

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

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17425 Ballinger Way NE

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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 4:00 p.m.
Mon, Thurs & Fri: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sat: * 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Phone: 206-957-2834

*Last app accepted 30 minutes prior to closing

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

Sign Up for Alert Northshore (formerly Code Red)

Alert Northshore is a free service that allows you to sign up online to receive customized alerts via text message, email, and voice message. Alerts include notifications about severe weather, safety, health, utility disruptions, major traffic incidents, police activities, and more. While this service is provided at no cost to the public, message and data rates may apply.

When an emergency occurs that meets the criteria for an alert, City staff will gather the necessary information and push out an alert to the affected area. Alerts can be sent out citywide to everyone who has opted-in to the system; or, to a specific area or neighborhood for more localized events. To sign up, go to the City's website, www.cityoflfp.com, Police Department>Emergency Preparedness>Sign Up for Alert Northshore.



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Early Registration for Spring/Summer Recreation Programs with City of Shoreline



LFP residents can take advantage of a 24-hour early registration period prior to the start of each season's programs, and an 8% discount on all program fees (not rentals). Early registration for Spring/Summer 2018 is Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 12:01 a.m. online and 8:00 a.m. in person. To receive notices of the early registration dates, sign up for reminders through the City's website, Facebook and Twitter.

The City of LFP offers scholarship reimbursements to eligible youth and specialized recreation participants who reside in LFP and are registered and attend cultural, recreation, or aquatic programs and camps. For more information go to www.cityoflfp.com or call City Hall at 206-368-5440.