



City of Lake Forest Park

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Counting Our Blessings

With the many disastrous acts of nature throughout the country over the past several months, let us take a moment to count the many blessings of living in our beautiful Lake Forest Park community.

We are fortunate to live in an area where we enjoy not only the physical beauty of forests, creeks, and lakes, but also a community that cares deeply about its natural spaces and comes together with neighbors and friends to enjoy events and participate in local government.

Here are a few highlights from 2018:

- ◊ Hired a new City Administrator
- ◊ Established a Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
- ◊ Received final reports on Safe Highways and Safe Streets Town Center Connections projects
- ◊ Passed legislation banning single-use plastics and polystyrene

- ◊ Continued the 5-Acre Woods partnership with the Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation—we appreciate the Foundation's assistance and dedication to our community's newest open space
- ◊ Partnered with Shoreline PD and Shoreline Public Schools on a community forum about the opiate crisis

Events we enjoyed include: Arbor Day, Volunteer Appreciation Reception, Recycling Event (partnership with City of Kenmore), Bike Everywhere Day, Choose to Reuse, Safety Fair, Pet Parade, National Night Out Against Crime, Picnic in the Park, LFPPD Salmon BBQ Fundraiser, Family Day at the Farmers Market, quarterly Coffee with the Mayor.

If you would like to become more involved in your city, follow our website and social media for opportunities available throughout 2019.

Happy Holidays! — Mayor Johnson

Public Works Crew Aids Salmon Recovery in Local Creeks

Lake Forest Park is privileged to have two salmon-bearing streams—Lyon Creek and McAleer Creek—flowing across its terrain and connecting with Lake Washington. Along with this piece of good fortune is a responsibility and duty to protect and preserve the natural waterways and aquatic life that occupy them. For many years, the City has worked to reestablish a healthy salmon population in both of its Creeks.

Part of the challenge of salmon recovery exists at the surface.

Where water (rain) meets pavement, it has the potential to wash dirt and chemical grime into a nearby storm drain, which then outflows to the creeks. The general rule is, "only rain goes down the drain;" however, this often does not occur without help. Our Public Works crew works diligently through the use of a street sweeper and other equipment to keep these surfaces (108 lane miles) and pipelines clean of the oils, brake dust and carbon residuals left behind from passing vehicles. Other water quality work that may go unnoticed is storm drain inspections and maintenance, pollutant discharge elimination and implementation of best management practices to keep our local waterways clean.

As a local resident of Lake Forest Park, you can help by doing your part!

- * Promptly fix oil/fluid leaks on vehicles and equipment
- * Wash your car at a carwash facility or on your lawn (where water will permeate and not result in runoff)
- * Pick up pet waste and throw it in the trash
- * Keep hazardous material containers in a safe, dry location where spills and runoff can be avoided



These simple, yet not always obvious or visible, tasks help keep our waterways clear and clean for the local salmon and other aquatic life to enjoy!

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

Update on Town Center Vision

Did you go by the Town Center over the weekend of October 13-14 and wonder, what is going on with that string of orange umbrellas hanging from the top of a light pole? Here is what that was all about.

About a year ago, the City began a community engagement process to help direct the future redevelopment of the Town Center. To date, draft goals and policies have been developed for the Town Center and are reflected in a planning document called the Town Center Vision.

Read the document at www.YourLFP.com. To support the Vision, the City is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze possible scenarios that could result from the plan. The first step in the EIS process is to take public comments on the scope of the issues to be studied.

On October 14, City staff and consultants conducted an outdoor open house during the Farmers Market and talked with about 200 people about the possible alternatives and encouraged them to provide comments on the issues they thought were important to analyze.

In addition to the October 14 event, comments were col-



Town Center Vision Outdoor Open House

lected at a public scoping meeting held on October 10. Both events were during the published 30-day comment period, which

ran from September 26 through October 26, 2018. There will be additional opportunities to comment when the draft EIS is published in December. If you want to find out more about alternatives being studied, or the kinds of comments your fellow residents have made, go to the Town Center Vision page at www.YourLFP.com.

Meanwhile, the Planning Commission is reviewing draft regulations and design guidelines that are intended to implement the Vision. The Commission will review the findings of the EIS before sending a recommended set of regulations and guidelines for the Council to consider adopting in the first quarter of next year.

The Year in Review

As 2018 comes to a close, it is heartening to look back at the many successes the City has enjoyed over the past year. The Town Center Visioning process concluded, providing the community with a path forward as Bus Rapid Transit comes to our community in 2024 and the owners of the Town Center look toward future redevelopment. We continue working with our partners at Sound Transit to ensure that the Bus Rapid Transit system meets the needs of the community and those of the region. The Planning Commission will wrap up its review of development codes for the Town Center and hand off to the Council for review and adoption in early 2019.

As of this writing, the Council is in final discussions regarding the 2019-2020 Biennial Budget and will have an adopted budget by the end of November. This has been a collaborative budget process between the Mayor



5-Acre Woods

and Administration which reflects the goals and priorities of the community with an enhanced focus on parks, trails and streams/culverts. The benefits of the hard work to date are being realized, as the City received notice that salmon were seen spawning in Lyon Creek in early November.

We have a great Council, Mayor and Administration, and involved and passionate citizens that make Lake Forest Park such a wonderful place to live.

TEC Hearings Temporarily Unavailable

The Municipal Court's Traffic Electronic Court (TEC) Hearings are temporarily unavailable. Many of the city's email accounts have been sending out unsolicited emails in error with an attached invoice or bill for others' services. This is spam email. Do not open any of the attachments. Lake Forest Park Municipal Court does not send invoices or requests for service payments. You may call LFPMC at 206-364-7711 to verify any information received.



Written mitigation or contested statements can be submitted via regular mail, by fax at 206-364-7712 or dropped off at the Court front counter or after-hours drop box located outside of City Hall.

Your Police Department, Your Community, One Heart

We pride ourselves in being involved in this great community. Your police officers donated countless hours of their own time to make each of our outreach programs a resounding success.

Our *Chief for a Day* participation brought memories and smiles that will be remembered for a lifetime. Chief Joshua, his family and the officers



Chief Sutton and Chief for a Day Joshua

who attended will never forget this day. The annual *Salmon BBQ* not only served up awesome food, but

Smoke Alarms Save Lives

Smoke alarms more than 10 years old no longer offer a reliable level of safety. The Northshore Fire Department urges everyone to immediately replace any alarms that are 10 or more years old—including alarms that use 10-year batteries and/or are hard-wired.

The Northshore Fire Department offers the following recommendations for buying and installing smoke alarms:

- Purchase combination smoke alarms or combo ionization/photoelectric alarms.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Test smoke alarms regularly.

Questions/concerns about smoke alarms and/or their installation? Contact Northshore Fire Department at 425-354-1780 or visit www.nfpa.org/smokealarms

generated nearly \$8,000 which directly helps local Special Olympians realize their dreams of acceptance and inclusion. October found your officers wearing pink shoulder patches and badges, bringing awareness to the fight against cancer and raising nearly \$1,000 for Cancer Lifeline. December brings the holidays and our *Shop with a Cop* program again takes aim at lifting the spirits of some less fortunate families in our community.

We reached for the stars and, through your overwhelming support and the hard work of our officers and their families, we caught one or two and, hopefully, changed some lives forever.



Sgt. Rhonda Lehman

Argosy Cruise Christmas Ship Viewing at Lyon Creek Waterfront Preserve

On Wednesday, December 19, 2018, the Lyon Creek Waterfront Preserve will be open for the public to enjoy viewing the Argosy Cruise Christmas Ship Festival, the annual holiday celebration that has been part of the Northwest since 1949. Enjoy the 20-minute choir performance and broadcast from the Christmas Ship starting at approximately 7:55 p.m.

Before the ship arrives, there will be hot cocoa, apple cider, and cookies, with Mayor Jeff Johnson and the LFP Youth Council. As of this writing, the



Youth Council Helping with the 2017 Event

time and location for the refreshments have yet to be determined.

View the City's webpage or social media accounts for details.

Empty, Clean, Dry—Keep Cardboard Out of the Rain

As winter weather brings us more rainy days, it is important to keep your lid on the recycling cart closed. Flatten cardboard boxes to fit in the cart and close the lid to keep contents out of the rain. If you have extra cardboard that doesn't fit in the cart, wait to put it out on a dry day.

To ensure recyclables are usable for recycling and to decrease contamination, make sure all recyclables are empty, clean and dry. Food and liquids mixed in with recyclables can allow mold to grow, which makes the materials unacceptable for recycling. So, give bottles and cans a quick rinse, let them

air dry and keep cardboard and paper out of the rain.

Follow these simple guidelines to become a better recycler:

1. Know what to recycle – cardboard, paper, metal cans, plastic bottles and jugs.
2. Empty, clean, dry – keep all recyclables free of food and liquids
3. Keep it loose – never put recyclables in containers or bags within your recycling container



Upcoming City Council Meetings

All meetings take place at City Hall

City Council Work Session Meetings
January 10 and February 14, 6:00 p.m.

City Council Regular Business Meetings
January 10 & 24; February 14 & 28,
7:00 p.m.

City Council Budget & Finance Committee
January 17 and February 21, 6:00 p.m.

City Council Committee of the Whole
February 25, 6:00 p.m.

For the complete City calendar, please
visit our website at 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

PERMIT COUNTER

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

PASSPORTS

Mon, Th, & Fri: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sat: 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 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

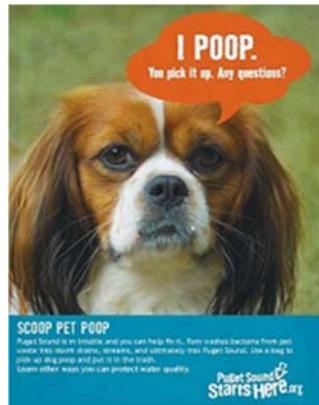
POLICE

Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: 206-364-8216

Domestic Violence
Victim Advocate: 206-417-8267

Remember to Scoop!

Help Lake Forest Park clean up its creeks, Lake Washington, and the Puget Sound. Rain washes bacteria from pet waste into storm drains, streams, and, ultimately, the Sound. Remember to always use a bag to pick up dog poop and put it in the trash. Don't let your pet's waste build up in your yard either; scoop it regularly, bag it and throw it in the trash.



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Early Registration for Winter Recreation Programs with City of Shoreline begins Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Live in Lake Forest Park? 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) through the entire year! Early Winter 2018 registration for LFP residents is Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. To receive notice 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.



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