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Mayor's Corner—Our Public Works Department Rocks

This issue, I'm doing something a little different and writing about a very special group here at the City of Lake Forest Park. That group is the City's Public Works Department—Frank, the Public Works Director; Scott, the Public Works Superintendent; Cassandra, the Public Works Administrative Assistant; and, above all, the crew that works in the field—Keith, Ian, Adam, Chuck, Marty, and Matt.

As we all know, our area received record snowfall during February that greatly affected the drivability of the City's roadways for residents, emergency responders, and public services like garbage collection. During the first half of February, the Public Works crew worked around the clock 12-hour shifts to plow snow and ice from over 100 lane miles of roadway, including the two state highways that run through our community. In addition to clearing snow and ice, the Public Works Department also removed trees blocking roads and coordinated with tree and utility companies to get power

restored to the community.

We were also made safer during this time by everyone pitching in and staying home whenever possible. Fewer cars on the

road meant fewer potential accidents and injuries. Fewer accidents



meant fewer public safety calls, which let our Police Department respond to other calls. I appreciate everyone's patience and doing his or her part to help.

My deepest thanks to these fine employees for serving the public with tremendous dedication and spirit throughout the year and especially during Snowmageddon 2019.

— Mayor Johnson

Land Use Code Updates for 2019

Shoreline Master Program Update—The City is conducting a periodic review of its Shoreline Master Program (SMP) this year, as required by the Washington State Shoreline Management Act. The City adopted its current SMP in May 2013. The focus of this periodic review is on consistency with changes to state law made since its adoption. The review will also address consistency with the City's comprehensive plan and development regulations, and overall usability of the SMP.

The City is also reviewing City code provisions related to signs and small wireless communication facilities and will be introducing code updates relating to these subjects for Planning Commission and City Council review later this year.

Wireless Communications—A recent Federal Communications Commission (FCC) order took effect this year, which limits cit-

ies' ability to regulate small wireless facilities. Small wireless facilities are defined as structures/antenna(e) that are less than 50 feet tall, no more than 10 percent taller than surrounding structures, and, other than the antenna, have a cumulative volume of no more than 28 cubic feet.

Signs—City sign regulations were the subject of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Reed v. Town of Gilbert*. The decision addressed regulation of temporary directional signs, but its ramifications go beyond just that one category of sign regulation. The primary takeaways of the *Reed* case are that local sign regulations must be content-neutral and that a sign code will be subject to scrutiny if it applies different standards based on a sign's content (i.e., what is written or portrayed on the sign); the purpose of the sign; or who is putting up the sign.

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

LFP Joins 25+ Washington Cities and Counties in Single-Use Plastics Ban

Over the past several years, the Lake Forest Park City Council received requests from the community to implement a ban on plastic bags. In May 2018, the Council began discussing the possibility of a ban on single-use plastics. On September 13, 2018, following additional Council discussion, a public hearing, and feedback from the community, the City Council joined at least 25 other cities and counties in the state in adopting legislation which restricts the use and sale of single-use plastic bags. The Washington state legislature is currently considering bills relating to responsible management of plastic packaging and minimum state standards for the use of plastic bags at retail establishments.



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The LFP regulations, which went into effect on January 23, 2019, go beyond bags and include a prohibition on non-compostable food service containers, straws, lids, and utensils.

Save Money on Your Passport—Apply Early

Avoid paying the additional \$60 expedite fee! Applicants are encouraged to apply well ahead of their planned travel dates to ensure they get their passports in time before traveling. Routine processing time is 4-6 weeks and expedited service is 2-3 weeks. The REAL ID Act identification card is progressing to one of its final phases of compliance. The State of Washington received an extension to continue its preparation for the final implementation of the law on October 2020. After that date, a standard Washington state driver's license will no longer be adequate identification for domestic travel at airports. For more information, visit www.travel.state.gov or call 206-957-2834.



What does this mean to you when shopping or dining in Lake Forest Park? Retailers can still provide carryout bags, but they need to be reusable or compostable, and paper bags must be both recyclable and compostable. Retailers are required to charge a \$.10 per bag pass-through fee for paper carryout bags.

Food providers in the City limits must only use compostable food service containers, straws, lids, and utensils for take-out orders and leftovers. There is an exception for disposable flexible plastic drinking straws when needed by customers due to medical or physical conditions and for whom flexible compostable paper straws are unsuitable.

The City has been working with those retailers and food service providers who have submitted a request for an extension to comply with the regulations.

Stop by City Hall for a free reusable bag or two, while supplies last.



PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST JURY DUTY SCAMS

DID YOU KNOW?
Court officers will never ask for payment, a credit card or social security number for failure to appear for jury duty. Report suspicious activity immediately to your local law enforcement agency.

DON'T GIVE OUT PERSONAL INFORMATION BY PHONE OR EMAIL

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Join Us for Environmentally Friendly Events this Spring

The City is hosting and participating in several environmentally friendly events this spring. Mark your calendars and watch our webpage, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for more details as each event gets closer!

- ◊ Join the City's 16th Annual *Earth Smart Green Fair*



at Third Place Commons (top floor) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. March 30, 2019. Bring friends, neighbors, and family down for fun, educational exhibits and giveaways galore! Local organizations and businesses will answer your questions about composting, recycling, reducing waste, natural yard care, water conservation, environmentally safe products, and more.

- ◊ Join us on April 27 for an *Arbor Day* celebration with the Tree Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and a City representative at a local LFP park. More information to come on our media outlets.

- ◊ In early June, Lake Forest Park and Kenmore will cohost a *Recycling Collection Event* and sale of rain barrel kits! Items like batteries, document shredding, Styrofoam, cardboard, mattresses/box springs, clothing, refrigerators/freezers, electronic equipment, bulky woods, and more will be accepted. There may be a fee to recycle some items. Keep your eye on our media outlets and your mailbox for more details.

We hope to see you out in the community this spring!

Vegetation Management in the Right-of-Way

The recent storms brought to light many examples of vegetation from private property that encroached into the right-of-way—affecting the City's ability to plow and creating sightline hazards for those who chose to keep their cars off the roads and walk instead. Please help us and your neighbors by keeping trees and shrubs trimmed to 12 feet above the walkway and street surface so the community can enjoy the walkways and have a clear sightline of traffic.



One lane blocked on Brookside Blvd. NE, near the Fire Station

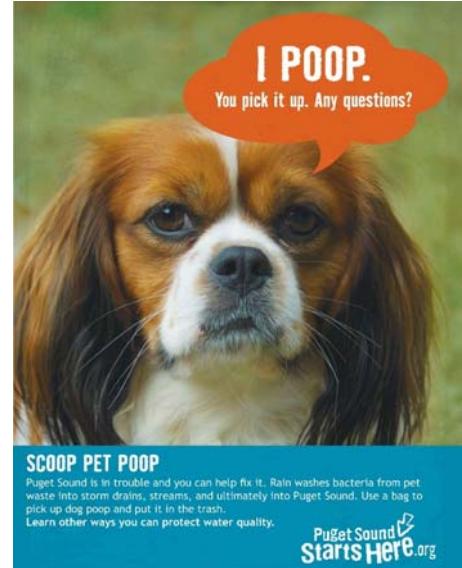


Can You See the Stop Ahead Sign?

Pet Waste—Bag It and Trash It

Who doesn't enjoy a walk through a park or on a trail? We live in one of the most scenic parts of the country, with our forested landscape, rivers, lakes, and Puget Sound. How can we not be in awe of the beauty of nature that surrounds us? Yet, some of these picturesque spaces are diminished by waste deposits left behind by our pets. The water quality of our rivers, lakes, and Puget Sound is impacted when fecal matter (possibly containing pathogens) is left on the ground and gets into our waterways via storm water. Rainwater has the potential to wash pet waste deposits into our natural waterways and generate harmful levels of fecal coliform, making them unsafe for recreational use.

So, be conscious of the environment and others around you, and pick up after your pet. Bag the waste and trash it for proper disposal.



Upcoming City Council Meetings

All meetings take place at City Hall

City Council Regular Business Meetings
March 28, April 11 & 25, May 9 & 23,
June 13 & 27, 7:00 p.m.

City Council Work Session Meetings
April 11, May 9, June 13, 6:00 p.m.

City Council Budget & Finance Committee
March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20,
6:00 p.m.

City Council Committee of the Whole
April 22, May 20, June 24, 6:00 p.m.

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

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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. – 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

City Offers Disabled/Low-Income Sewer Discount

The Lake Forest Park Sewer Utility has offered qualifying low-income senior citizen sewer customers a 50 percent discount on monthly sewer service for many years. Starting in 2019, the program expanded to include low-income disabled customers. Go to the Utility Billing page on the City's website or call City Hall for more information about the discount program.



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Recreation Partnership with City of Shoreline



Early registration for spring/summer recreation programs opened March 21, 2019. However, if you missed that date, Lake Forest Park residents still receive an 8% discount on all program fees (not rentals) through the entire year! To receive timely notice of the early registration dates, sign up for reminders through the City's website, Facebook and Twitter.

The City also offers scholarship reimbursements to eligible youth and specialized recreation participants who reside in LFP, register, 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.