



City of Lake Forest Park

# City News

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## Mayor's Corner: Looking to the Future

When the Sound Transit measure known as ST3 was passed by the voters in November 2016, we knew the next several years would be a very busy time for the City and LFP community. We also knew we would need to take the initiative on changes to the Town Center Subarea to ensure they meet the community's needs and wishes, or we would risk not having a say in the changes that are inevitable for any transit project of this size.

As we work toward adoption of the Town Center Subarea Plan and code amendments, we knew there would be studies, plans, public comments, plan revisions, public hearings, more public comments, first drafts, second drafts, third drafts, draft regulations, and, eventually, approved regulations. Keeping the process flexible provides us the opportunity to respond to citizen feedback, consider alternatives, and address concerns.

One of the unwavering characteristics of the Lake Forest Park community is that its members bring

their voices to the table. This is seen during citizen comments at nearly every regular City Council meeting; our public hearings; the emails received by me, the Councilmembers, and staff; and the in-person feedback we hear when we are at the grocery store, out to dinner, or at a community event. The bottom line is, your input matters to your Mayor and City Councilmembers.

As the Town Center project moves forward, your elected leaders are committed to listening to the community to inform the important decisions that remain on how to best shape the future of the Town Center Subarea.

We are in this together and, with mutual trust and understanding, there are great things on our horizon.

— Mayor Johnson



Town Center Open House 2018

## Chief of Police Announces Retirement

Police Chief Steve Sutton has announced his upcoming retirement, effective September 2, 2019. Chief Sutton began his law enforcement career as a Washington State Trooper in 1988. After more than 25 years of service with WSP, rising to the rank of Captain, he was appointed as Lake Forest Park Chief of Police in March 2013. Chief Sutton's communication with citizens has brought unmatched transparency to our community



Chief Steve Sutton

and improved trust in the Police Department. This was recognized when he received LFP GOV Watch's award for Communicator of the Year in 2016.

Chief Sutton is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and has been successful in the development and sustainment of a modern, professional police department. The Chief has garnered enormous respect from the regional law enforcement community and Lake Forest Park community as a whole. He will be particularly missed by the men and women of the LFPPD.

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

## Veteran Police Officer Retires

After 31+ years of law enforcement service, Detective Tony Matthews retires on June 20, 2019. Det. Matthews



Det. Tony Matthews

began his career as a reserve officer in Normandy Park and spent time with Brier PD. Det. Matthews joined the Lake Forest Park Police Department in 1996, where he has been a dedicated and valued member—investigating over 1,000 felony cases. Detective Matthews is credited with starting the [CanYouID.me](http://CanYouID.me) website and served as the Commander of the Coalition of Small Police Agencies Major Crimes Task Force. We wish Tony and his wife Cyndie well in their much-deserved retirement.

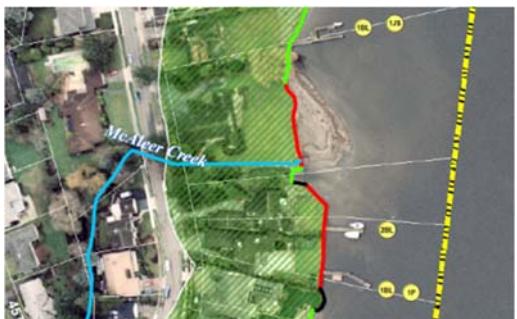
## Crime Reduction in LFP

In 2018, the City was ranked the 8<sup>th</sup> safest city in Washington by [safewise.com](http://safewise.com). LFP achieved its lowest residential burglary rate in the last five years with a 22 percent drop from 2017 alone. Reporting of thefts increased 41 percent in 2018, largely due to the “See Something, Say Something” campaign. Community education, proactive police work, and the vigilance of our citizens is making Lake Forest Park one of the safest places to live in the Puget Sound region. Check out the Crime Prevention page on the City’s website, [www.cityoflfp.com](http://www.cityoflfp.com). Once there, click on *Departments/Police Department/Crime Prevention*, for resources that will continue to discourage criminals from doing business in Lake Forest Park.

## More Info on the 2019 Periodic Review of the Shoreline Master Program

Under Washington State’s Shoreline Management Act (SMA), there are specific rules for activities and development within 200 feet of Lake Washington, contained in Lake Forest Park’s Shoreline Master Program (SMP).

The City is undertaking a periodic review of its SMP, as required by the SMA (RCW 90.58.080(4)). The SMA requires



each SMP be reviewed and revised, if needed, on an eight-year schedule, established by the Legislature. The review

## Welcome Our Three New Police Officers

Officers Beau Zelenock, Jason Czebotar, and Jayson Benson all recently joined the LFPPD. Officer Zelenock is a US Marine Corps veteran and graduated the Basic Law Enforcement Academy (Academy) in January. Officer Czebotar is a lateral transfer from Clyde Hill PD, and previously spent 11 years as an officer with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Officer Benson was a supervisor in private security before graduating the Academy in March. If you see these officers out on the street, welcome them to the Park!



(l-r) Officers Beau Zelenock, Jason Czebotar, and Jayson Benson

ensures the SMP stays current with changes in laws and rules, remains consistent with other Lake Forest Park plans and regulations, and is responsive to changed circumstances, new information, and improved data.

The first step in the public engagement part of the update process was the open house held on May 22, 2019. The Planning Commission will hold public meetings to review any proposed amendments to the SMP. After the Commission makes a recommendation to the City Council, there will be a public hearing and a 30-day comment period. Once the City adopts any amendments to the SMP, those amendments must be adopted by the State before they go into effect.

Project documents, meeting announcements, and other resources are being posted to the City’s SMP update webpage at [www.cityoflfp.com/159/Shoreline-Master-Program](http://www.cityoflfp.com/159/Shoreline-Master-Program).

## Your 2019 LFP Summer Events!

### Lake Forest Park Farmers Market

Sundays through October 20

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Corner of Bothell Way NE and Ballinger

Way NE

For information about the Market Bucks food assistance program, go to

[www.thirdplacecommons.org/farmers-market/food-assistance/](http://www.thirdplacecommons.org/farmers-market/food-assistance/)

### Secret Gardens of Lake Forest Park – Garden Tour & Market

Saturday, June 15, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Ticket info:

[www.SecretGardensofLakeForestPark.com](http://www.SecretGardensofLakeForestPark.com)

A collaboration among four local non-profits, serving the community: Third Place Commons, Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation, Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council, and Lake Forest Park Garden Club. Proceeds support these organizations and provide public art for the community.

### Choose to Reuse @ City Hall Parking Lot

Saturday, June 22, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Choose to Reuse—2018

Help divert goods from the waste stream by bringing unwanted household items for someone else to take home to reuse or repurpose!

### Concert in the Park @ Pfingst Animal

Acres Park

Wednesday, July 10 & August 7, 6:30 p.m.

For additional information, please check the full schedule on the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council website:

[www.shorelinearts.net](http://www.shorelinearts.net)

### Most Valuable Pets Paw-rade!

Saturday, July 13, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This year's Pet

Parade theme is MVPs of LFP!

Dress yourself and your pet in favorite sports gear and join the Walk of Champions from City Hall to Pfingst Animal Acres Park.



Pet Parade—2018

### National Night Out Against Crime (NNO)

Tuesday, August 6

NNO is an annual community building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live and work. If your neighborhood is interested in sponsoring an event this year, call Crime Watch Coordinator Casey Krzyminski at 206-364-8216 or email [casey@cityoflfp.com](mailto:casey@cityoflfp.com). If you schedule an event, we will do everything we can to ensure someone from the PD attends to answer questions and be an active participant.

### Sunday, August 11

#### Family Day at the Farmers Market

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

and

#### LFPPD Charity Salmon BBQ @ City Hall

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Join Mayor Johnson for Family Day, with live music, giveaways, and more!

Help Special Olympics Washington and have a delicious BBQ salmon meal at the same time! Tickets will be available mid-July at the LFPPD, or from just about any officer—\$15 for adults; \$10 for children. Stick around for the



Salmon BBQ—2018

raffle, too. Tickets are \$5 each and you do not need to be present to win. Stay tuned for information on the City's website and social media for a list of great raffle prizes.

### Picnic in the Park

Saturday, Sept. 7, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Join family and friends at Pfingst Animal

Acres Park to celebrate the community.

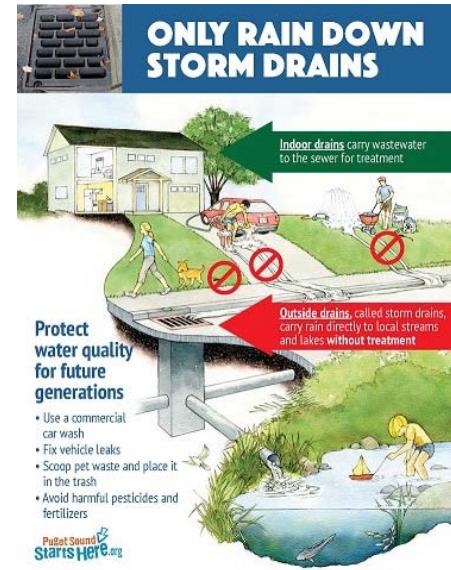
Enjoy musical performances, food trucks, a petting zoo, bouncy house, and other children's activities. Follow us on Facebook/Twitter for info as it gets closer to the event.

## Car Washing and Our Creeks

As April showers give way to sunshine and May flowers, you're probably looking to complete a little spring cleaning, and rinse off the layer of winter dirt from the exterior of your car. Just be careful where you wash your car. The ideal location is a car wash facility, where dirt, grime, oils, metals, and carbon residuals are contained, collected, and removed from the water.

Try to avoid washing on paved surfaces, where the soapy, dirty

water likely flows to a storm drain. That storm drain is connected to an underground pipeline, which guides the dirty water straight to our local creeks. Chemicals from the soap and grime can be detrimental to the health of our aquatic wildlife. Think fish friendly and take your car to a car wash facility or, if able, wash it on a lawn or gravel surface, where dirty water is filtered through grass, gravel and soil. *Puget Sound Starts Here!*



## Upcoming City Council Meetings

*All meetings take place at City Hall*

City Council Regular Business Meetings  
June 27, July 11 & 25; Aug. 8 & 22;  
Sept. 12 & 26, 7:00 p.m.

City Council Work Session Meetings  
July 11, August 8, Sept. 12, 6:00 p.m.

City Council Budget & Finance Committee  
June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19,  
6:00 p.m.

City Council Committee of the Whole  
June 24, July 22, Aug. 19, Sept. 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

Lake Forest Park, WA

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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. – 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

Unfortunately, the Lake Forest Park Municipal Court still hears from citizens who have fallen prey to jury duty scams.

Please don't give out personal information by phone or email to anyone claiming to be a court officer. Court staff will never ask for payment, a credit card, or social security number for failure to appear for jury duty. Report suspicious activity immediately to the LFPPD.



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

Early registration for fall programs and classes opened in March. If you missed early registration, LFP 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.

Reminder: the City offers scholarship reimbursements for eligible youth and specialized recreation participants who reside in the City and are registered for and attend cultural, recreation, or aquatic programs and camps. For more information, go to our webpage or call City Hall, 206-368-5440.



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