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## Mayor's Corner— Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall

I hope you all had a great summer and had a chance to join us for one or more of the summer events held right here in town. This year's Pet Pawrade was a huge success—

participation has at least doubled since the first parade three years ago! This year also saw the addition of a pet trick contest. A big thank you to everyone who marched in the parade and came to Pfingst Animal Acres



Pet Pawrade 2019

Park to join in even more fun for families and pets alike. Congratulations to all of this year's competitors and winners!

As we say goodbye to summer, I hope you'll join me in celebrating *Picnic in the Park* on Saturday, September 7, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Pfingst Animal Acres Park. Fun for all ages will include food trucks, live music, information and activity booths hosted by Lake Forest Park community partners and organizations, kids' crafts, bouncy houses, a petting zoo, and Public Works will have its big rigs on hand for the kids to enjoy!

## Update on Safe Highways Projects

During the 2019 legislative session, the City successfully obtained \$650,000 in funding to begin designing a roundabout at Ballinger Way NE and 40th Place NE, and \$500,000 to study options for a grade-separated crossing of Bothell Way NE near City Hall, providing the community safer access to the Burke-Gilman Trail and Lake Washington. Both of these projects were identified in the Safe Highways study, as presented to the City Council. The City is now preparing to apply for construction funds for the roundabout and will be pursuing additional funds for design and construction of the grade-separated crossing. Much work still has to be completed, but this is a great start to providing some much-needed improvements. Stay tuned.

Check out the City's Facebook page for more details on the live performances, food trucks, booths, and more. I look forward to seeing you there!

In addition to events, one of the City's summer projects this year was rehab of the tennis court at Horizon View Park. Unfortunately, the day after the project was complete, the net was slashed in several places. If you see any suspicious behavior at the tennis court or other City parks and facilities, please call 9-1-1. If you have any information on this damage, please call the Police Department at 206-364-8216. If you see something, say something!

As we say hello to fall, join me for a return of *Coffee with the Mayor*. The dates aren't scheduled yet, but watch the City's website for information as it becomes available. I hope to see you soon!

—Mayor Johnson



Picnic in the Park 2018



Roundabout Alternative, 40th Place NE &amp; SR 104

## Meet the New Police Chief—Mike Harden



Police Chief Mike Harden

In June 2019, following the retirement announcement of Chief Steve Sutton, former LFPPD Administrative Sergeant Mike Harden was selected as the City of Lake Forest Park's new Police Chief. With the recent retirements of key command staff (Chief Sutton, Captain Paul Armbrust, and Detective Tony Matthews), it was important to Mayor Johnson to promote from within, providing

continuity of leadership and a strong working knowledge of the Department.

Here is a little background on our new Chief. He has been with the Lake Forest Park Police Department for over 18 years and has prior law enforcement experience before LFP. At LFP, he has worked the positions of Police Officer, Canine Narcotics Officer, Field Training Officer (FTO), FTO coordinator, Patrol Sergeant, and, under Chief Sutton, Administrative Sergeant overseeing the Support Services Division. In addition to all these positions, he has a knack for and strong interest in the use of technology, which has benefitted the Department in many ways.

In addition to his experience with our Police Department, he also attended the FBI National Academy in 2018, spending three months in Virginia. Speaking to that experience, Chief Harden says, "It was the most rewarding, inspiring, and important training I have ever had."

### Now that you know more about him, let's get to some questions.

**Question:** Chief, what is your top goal for the Department in the year ahead?

**Chief Harden:** "My top goal is to build a fully staffed, healthy workforce that works very hard to build community partnerships. I want to continue the successful communication with the community and the support for the police department. Health and wellness will be a top priority within our staff."

**Question:** In a sentence or two, what would you like to say to the Lake Forest Park community?

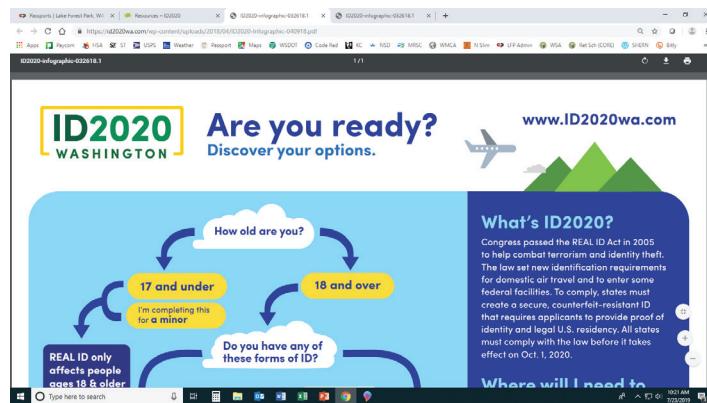
**Chief Harden:** "I have worked in our City for a long time and have seen many changes over the years. With Puget Sound traffic increasing, the Town Center's future, Sound Transit's expansion, and more City growth, we will continue to see more changes. I would like the community to know that your Police Department's mission is

protecting the community and providing excellent customer service."

Chief Harden has an open-door policy, so reach out to him with your questions, concerns, and don't forget to mention kudos about the fantastic women and men who serve our community as members of the LFPPD. Chief Harden's email is [mharden@cityoflfp.com](mailto:mharden@cityoflfp.com) and his office number is 206-957-2851.

## What is REAL ID?

You may have heard of REAL ID. It's a U.S. law established in 2005, requiring all states to comply with new identification standards for air travel and entrance to some federal facilities like military bases. Here's what Washington residents should remember: ID2020. That's right, REAL ID starts on October 1, 2020, and [www.ID2020WA.com](http://www.ID2020WA.com) provides all the details you'll need to prepare.



## Fall/Winter Events

Watch the City's website and Facebook for developing information about fall and winter events.

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



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## Your Sewer Bill Online



Bill Pay

Want to save a trip to City Hall, a stamp, or a late fee on your sewer account? The City accepts online payments using E-checks (ACH/EFT) or credit cards. Payments made by ACH/EFT are free; credit card payments incur a \$3.95 service fee. The maximum payment on a credit card is \$250. The system is available every day, all day, and can be set up for recurring payments each billing period.

If you need your account balance or a copy of your sewer bill, save yourself a phone call, email, or trip to City Hall, and get what you need when City offices are closed.

Go to [www.cityoflfp.com](http://www.cityoflfp.com) and click on the **PAYMENTS** button to get started.

## What to Do with Your Leaves this Fall

The days are getting shorter and soon the cool, colorful season of fall will be upon us. The bright green leaves will become beautiful shades of yellow, orange and brown, before eventually falling and blanketing the ground. Once on the ground and in the street, those leaves can become a problem and clog or block rainwater from reaching nearby storm drains. Help prevent minor flooding and big mud puddles:

1. Mulch the leaves (adds organic nutrients to soils)
2. Compost the leaves
3. Pick up the leaves and place in yard waste bins

\*Extra yard waste containers (1- 96 gallon container + 3 paper yard waste bags) may be placed curbside for pick up each week, for a total of 192 gallons per week. A typical lawn and leaf bag holds approximately 30 gallons.



LFP Street Sweeper

mindful when the leaves begin to fall and keep the drains in your neighborhood free and clear of clogs!

Avoid blowing leaves into the street. Our street sweeper can only pick up and carry a small number, when compared to the piles of leaves on all the streets of LFP. Be

## Your Family Emergency Plan – Taking a Step toward Emergency Preparedness

Were you awakened by July's 4.6-magnitude earthquake centered northwest of Monroe? Hopefully, this relatively minor quake has encouraged you to be proactive and improve your readiness for the next big one.

One of the most important emergency preparedness tools every individual and family can have is a family emergency plan. Creating one is a free, relatively easy step to be ready for our next disaster. **Ready.gov** ([www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)) is a great resource to use for guidelines; but, keep in mind, each family is unique in some way and your family plan will be as well.

Developing a plan can be a fun family activity. Involving children, older adults, and extended family will both improve your plan and ensure its success. It is important that everyone knows his or her role and that critical information is shared with your family. Do you have a trusted neighbor who can provide a family meeting place? Does grandma know who that person is? If you have kids in school, who is going to be responsible



Working on the family emergency plan



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for collecting the children? Does your babysitter know how to shut off your home's utilities? When everyone has input and you talk through your plan you will find areas unique to you and your family.

The details might feel overwhelming, but don't get frustrated. Start small and build from there. Something as simple as sharing your out-of-area contact and making sure it's programmed into everyone's phone is a major step forward in developing your family emergency plan.

The Northshore Emergency Management Coalition (NEMCo) offers many classes on preparedness throughout the year.

Visit [https://www.cityoflfp.com/408/Emergency-Preparedness](http://www.cityoflfp.com/408/Emergency-Preparedness) for more information or [https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan](http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan) for a plan checklist.

## DIRECTORY

### CITY HALL

17425 Ballinger Way NE  
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Phone: 206-368-5440  
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Web: [www.cityoflfp.com](http://www.cityoflfp.com)

### PERMIT COUNTER

Mon-Fri: 9:00am - 12:00pm  
1:00pm - 3:00pm

### PASSPORTS

M, Th & F: 12:00pm - 4:00pm  
Sat: 10:00am - 3:30pm  
Phone: 206-957-2834

### MUNICIPAL COURT

M-F: 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Phone: 206-364-7711  
Fax: 206-364-7712

### POLICE

Emergency: 911  
Non-emergency: 206-364-8216  
Domestic Violence  
Victim Advocate: 206-417-8267



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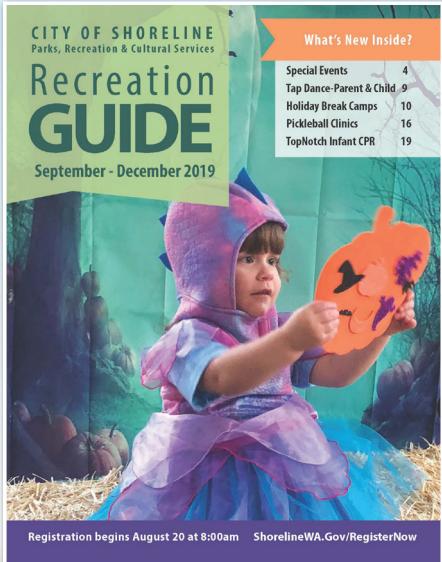
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## Lake Forest Park Recreation Opportunities with the City of Shoreline – Fall Programs & Classes

Early registration for fall recreation programs, classes, and events opened August 22, 2019. If you missed the early registration date, Lake Forest Park residents still receive an 8% discount on all program fees (not rentals) throughout 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 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.



## City Council Meetings

### City Council Regular Business Meetings

2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.

### City Council Work Session Meetings

4th Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

### City Council Committee of the Whole Meetings

Monday before the 4th Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

### City Council Budget & Finance Committee Meetings

3rd Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

Please check our calendar online for the most current meeting updates.

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

