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Mayor's Corner— Welcome Winter and 2020!

With the November election results now certified, I would like to welcome the three Councilmembers whose terms run from 2020 through 2023: Tom French, Phillippa Kassover, and Lorri Bodi. I look forward to working with all of you in the years ahead as we continue the City's work.

For many of us, the winter months are a time of reflection—wrapping up old projects and starting new ones. As we prepare to enter a new decade, let's take a look back at some of our 2019 accomplishments:

- Adopted the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Plan
- Tennis courts at Horizon View Park were resurfaced, repainted, and pickle ball markings were painted on the court
- We officially named our two new parks—Five Acre Woods and Brookside Park
- Community participation in *Picnic in the Park* and the *Pet Parade* continued to grow
- Police Chief Sutton and Captain Paul Armbrust retired and Police Chief Mike Harden was promoted. Two lieutenant positions were created and staffed, and the hiring of several new police officers brings the Police Department to fully

staffed status for the first time in several years

- Finance Director Lindsey Vaughn joined the management team

We have another busy year ahead. In 2020, work continues on culverts, designing a roundabout at Ballinger Way NE and 40th Place NE, and studying options for a grade-separated pedestrian crossing of Bothell Way NE near City Hall, among many other projects.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you Happy Holidays!

—Mayor Johnson



Horizon View Park tennis courts – before & after



Effect of Initiative 976 on Lake Forest Park

The City of Lake Forest Park created its Transportation Benefit District by Ordinance in October 2008 to provide a dedicated funding source for street maintenance that could relieve the subsidy from the General Fund. The \$40 Vehicle Licensing Fee adopted in November 2015 generated \$430,000 a year, roughly 52 percent of the City's Transportation Capital Fund, to support road maintenance of the City's minor arterial roads and neighborhood connectors coinciding with the City's highest priority snow routes, and snow removal and sweeping on State Highways 522 and 104.



2019 Street Overlay

While 63 percent of Lake Forest Park residents voted No on I-976, this funding source is no longer available to the City following statewide passage of the initiative. On November 14, 2019, the City Council approved the Mayor's mid-biennial budget, including a proviso that future transportation capital projects such as roadway overlays, funded from Vehicle Licensing Fees, will remain on hold until a revenue source is identified and the expenditure is approved by Council. The Mayor and Administration will be working diligently with the City Council, sitting as the Budget and Finance Committee, in early 2020 to address future road project funding.

Planning Commission Work Plan during Town Center Development Moratorium

In his email to the City Council after the Town Center Development Moratorium was enacted, Planning Commission Chair Joel Paisner said: "We know the city faces important decisions regarding the Town Center, and we want to help our town reach consensus on the scope and scale of possible redevelopment. We also want to keep in mind the special character of Lake Forest Park that has drawn us here, and keeps us here." Chair Paisner proposes that the Commission provide a set of recommendations to Council for city code revisions in the following areas:

- 1. Siting/Design Guidelines for a Parking Garage facility** - This is a very high priority since Sound Transit is moving ahead rapidly.
- 2. Development Agreement Process** - Public input is a necessary component before a final agreement can be reached.
- 3. Open Space** - Address both outdoor and indoor open space requirements and provide recommendations on how Third Place Commons can be preserved in any redevelopment scenario.
- 4. Pedestrian Access in the Town Center** - Evaluate and provide recommendations regarding this important aspect of any redevelopment.
- 5. Density** - Recommend a density for Town Center that is appropriate to the site.

The Commission is reviewing draft code provisions to address each of the priorities above. The draft language, as amended by the Planning Commission, will then be forwarded to the Council for consideration. The tentative schedule is for the Commission to make a recommendation for code amendments to the Council in early January. This would give the Council until mid-March to adopt code amendments without extending the six-month moratorium. Please see the Town Center Process webpage for additional information (<https://www.cityoflfp.com/593/Town-Center-Process>).

Police Department Adds New Police Officers and Lieutenants

At the City Council meeting on October 24, 2019, the Lake Forest Park Police Department welcomed three new staff members and one promotion. Lt. Rhonda Lehman was promoted from Sgt. to Operations Division Commander and Lt. Diego Zanella is the newly hired Support Services



Officers Coombs & Brecht taking the oath of office administered by Municipal Judge Linda Portnoy

Division Commander. Both Lieutenants are crucial to the administration and overall running of the organization. Officer Jess Brecht is a new lateral officer, after working for BNSF Railroad and Mukilteo Police Department. Officer Maegan Coombs worked for LFPD and left with her family for a

job opportunity in another state. The family decided to return to Washington and we welcomed her back. With Chief Harden, Lt. Lehman, Lt. Zanella, Ofc. Brecht, and Ofc. Coombs, there are over 70 years of law enforcement experience in this group alone. We are very happy to welcome our latest additions.

Keeping Our Creeks Clean Throughout the Winter Rainfall

The Pacific Northwest, more specifically the Seattle metropolitan area, is known for its gray and rainy winter days--and all that water from rainfall has to go somewhere...

Over the years, cities around the region have installed storm drains and underground pipelines to collect and transport rainwater to local waterways (rivers, lakes, Puget Sound), which is why it is so important to keep our streets and drains clean from oil or chemical pollution and trash. Most storm drains and pipelines are not equipped with treatment systems and instead transport the trash and chemical-laden waters straight to our water bodies. Also, when all the rainfall from our area is carried to the Sound in the same way, the total volume of polluted water can have negative effects on our fish and aquatic habitat. Please be conscious about promptly picking up trash, fixing leaky vehicles and washing your cars at a local car wash or on a lawn where water can seep into the ground. Do your part to help keep our waters clean!

Whatever goes into our storm drains, goes untreated into our lakes, rivers, streams and ponds.



Puget Sound Starts Here

New Online Option for Submitting Plumbing and Mechanical Permits and Checking on Development Activity in Your Neighborhood



In October 2019, the City implemented an online plumbing and mechanical permit application submittal process. Homeowners and contractors can now go to the City's website and submit applications and credit card payments

for plumbing and mechanical permits. Contractors must have a current City of Lake Forest Park business license to use this new feature. If a City business license has not been issued at the time of application, the application and fees must be submitted in person at City Hall, 17425 Ballinger Way NE. To file an application and pay in person at City Hall, please keep in mind that the Planning & Building counter hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

In addition to the application submittal option, users can now search for and view open permit activity anywhere in the City limits. To get started applying for a permit, or to learn how to see current permits in your area, click on the green Permit Portal icon.

Go to www.cityofflp.com/165/Permit-Center to access these new features on the City's website.

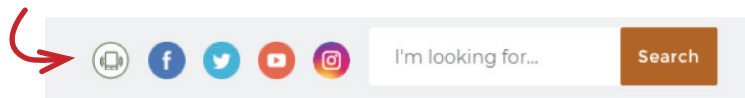
Communications Update

This year, the City's communications team has a couple of exciting things to report—in January 2020, the City will begin sending an electronic newsletter! In addition to the newsletter, the team also reviewed and updated the listserv topics available through the City's website.

Information in the eNewsletter will supplement the quarterly print newsletter that is mailed to all Lake Forest Park addresses. To get on the email list, check out the instructions below about how to sign up and select "City eNewsletter" from the available topics.

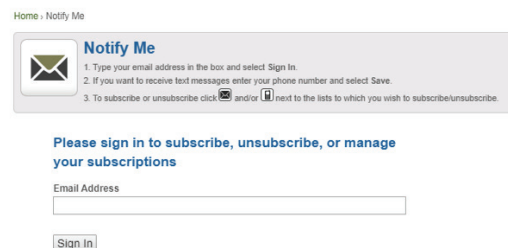
Lake Forest Park residents and others interested in the City's meetings and updates may now sign up for notifications for events and meetings, City Council agendas, the eNewsletter, planning announcements, and emergency alerts. To see all of the available categories and sign up, go to the City's website, www.cityofflp.com, then click on the "Notify Me" symbol at the top of the

page, just below the main menu bar. It looks like this:



Once you've done that, enter your email address and click on "Sign In." From there, choose whether you want to receive notifications by email or text. If text, you will also need to provide your cell phone number. Below the sign-in section, select the topics of interest to you. After you've registered, you will receive an automated message from CivicPlus with a link. Click on the link to activate your subscription/s.

If you have questions or encounter difficulty registering, please contact City Hall, 206-368-5440.

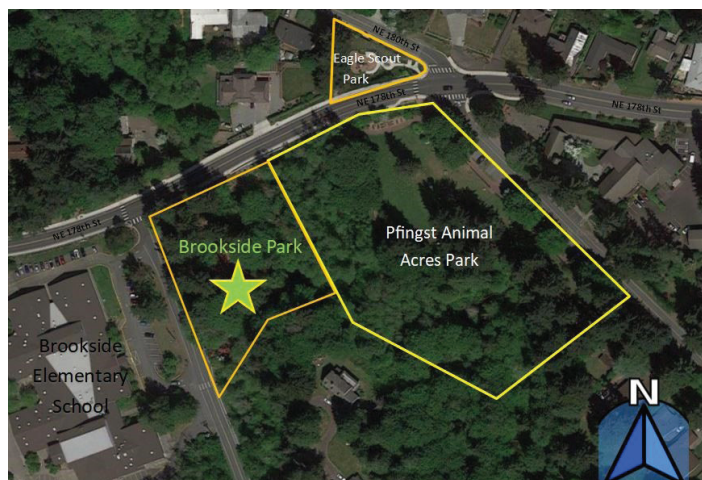


Brookside Park – New Park Property has an Official Name!

In 2017, the City acquired a plot of land across the stream from Pflugst Animal Acres Park. The 1.25 acres of trees, creek and rhododendrons, was then tidied up and preserved as vacant parkland awaiting its official name.

Over the summer, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) was tasked to develop a naming process for the recently acquired property near Brookside Elementary School and to assist the Mayor and Council with selecting a name for the park. Between June and September, members of the PRAB surveyed the community (online and in-person) to gather proposed name ideas.

Based on survey information and community input, the City Council voted to accept the recommended name of Brookside Park at the November 14 City Council Meeting.



Location of Brookside Park

DIRECTORY

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Lake Forest Park, WA 98155
M-F: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Phone: 206-368-5440
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Web: www.cityofflp.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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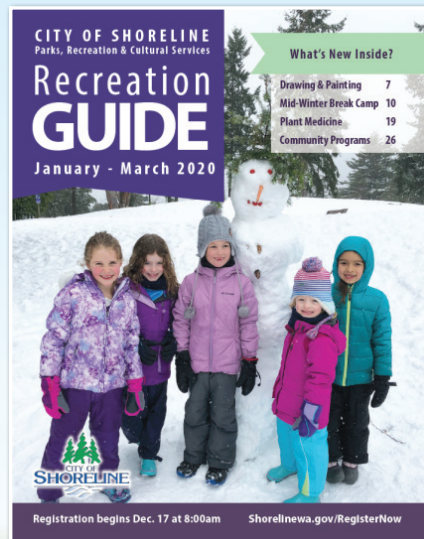
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Lake Forest Park Recreation Opportunities with the City of Shoreline – Winter Programs & Classes

Early registration for winter recreation programs, classes, and events opens December 19, 2019 for LFP residents. If you miss 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 Thurs., 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.

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