

# LFP Times

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## Mayor's Corner – Marching Ahead



Mayor Jeff Johnson

Leaving February behind and heading toward spring, the COVID-19 vaccine offers a bit of light at the end of the tunnel. As availability of the vaccine increases, we can anticipate LFP will continue to fare well, comparatively, in terms of per capita hospitalizations and deaths related to the virus. Let's continue to be patient, careful, and follow the CDC guidelines.

In an update on City Hall operations, the opening of City Hall to the public remains in Phase 3 of the State's "Healthy Washington – Roadmap to Recovery." Although City Hall remains closed to the public, services continue to be provided through in-person and hybrid work models. The Administration continues to closely monitor the ongoing pandemic and is prepared to reopen City Hall to the public when it is safe to do so and as allowed by the State.

Thank you to all the departments and their staff teams for keeping the City running throughout the pandemic. Thank you to our LFP residents, too, for your input during the Town Center Code update process.

—Mayor Johnson

## North Sound RADAR Program Update



In 2019, the City of Lake Forest Park joined the cities of Bothell, Kenmore, Kirkland, and Shoreline in an interlocal agreement to form the North Sound RADAR program, used in the event of behavioral health crises. At a recent City Council meeting, Police Chief Mike Harden, Lieutenant Rhonda Lehman, and RADAR Program

Manager Brook Buettner gave a presentation on the North Sound Response, Awareness, De-escalation and Referral (RADAR) Program, including the process officers use, how the RADAR Navigator response looks, and some success stories.



City Hall rainbow photo by K. Zech

The North Sound RADAR Program combines information sharing across law enforcement departments and outreach by mental health professional navigators participating in the program. When law enforcement officers encounter someone with behavioral health symptoms or developmental disabilities in the field, RADAR Navigators can provide crisis de-escalation, outreach, and referral to services. Navigators focus on moving people into community-based, long-term systems of care to reduce reliance on the crisis and criminal legal systems and improve people's lives.

In 2020, the RADAR Program served 21 people in Lake Forest Park, in a total of 32 meetings with Navigators and responding police officers. The average engagement was 45 minutes long. Of

the individuals served by the RADAR Program in Lake Forest Park in 2020, 14 percent were living homeless, 19 percent were military veterans, and 57 percent reported a disabling behavioral health condition.

The racial demographics of individuals served closely mirrored the racial makeup of the City, with 88 percent of individuals served being White, 6 percent Asian, and 6 percent Hispanic.

RADAR Navigators found that young people, now learning from home, often had increased behavioral health symptoms, with little access to their usual supports. Navigators have provided support, education and tips for parents and have worked with families to access remote mental health services. In several cases, Navigators worked with families to be more effective advocates for their children in the mental health treatment system.

During visits to peoples' homes, RADAR Navigators have also provided referrals on everything from medication access to low-income housing repair programs. For our neighbors living homeless, RADAR has provided shelter and basic needs referrals, along with a few basic comfort items in the moment.

### WHO WE SERVED



14% Living Homeless



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Disabling Behavioral  
Health Condition



19% Military Veterans

## Independent Force Investigation Team Program



On January 28, 2021, Resolution 1799 was reviewed and approved by the Lake Forest Park City Council. The resolution allows Lake Forest Park to enter into an interlocal agreement with multiple police agencies in North King County to establish the Independent Force Investigation Team – King County (IFIT-KC).

The interlocal agreement follows the requirements established by Washington State Initiative 940, passed in 2018, which was created to establish higher training requirements and police accountability standards. Part of the initiative was to require a completely independent

investigation of police deadly force incidents, following the rules of Chapter 139-12 WAC.

The law also required at least two non-law enforcement community representatives to be part of the investigation team. The LFP city administration conducted a selection process that included a formal application and interview of applicants. Ten individuals were selected to serve on a roster, which was also presented at the Council meeting. The IFIT will operate independently of any involved agency's administration to conduct criminal investigations of police use of deadly force incidents. If an independent investigation is required, individuals will be selected from the roster to serve on the IFIT.

For more information, please go to:

<https://www.cjtc.wa.gov/letcsa/frequently-asked-questions>

## Council Corner – The Sound Cites Association Public Issues Committee

It is my pleasure to serve the community of Lake Forest Park as the representative to the Sound Cities Association (SCA) Public Issues Committee or "PIC." As a standing committee of the SCA, the PIC is made up of representatives who collaborate on current critical regional issues facing 38 Puget Sound member cities totaling more than one million residents.

The PIC is the body that makes recommendations to the SCA Board on policies and committee appointments. Each member city has a voting member and an alternate, and each city has an equal vote on the PIC.

The PIC considers regional issues such as homelessness, equity and inclusiveness, police reform, pollution, growth management, utility rates, solid waste, upcoming ballot measures, taxation, and many other important regional topics.

In addition to being the body that recommends policy considerations for the SCA Board, the PIC also affords local elected representatives the chance to share ideas, issues, and solutions with their fellow elected officials from other cities in the region.



Washington State Capitol

Current policy considerations by the PIC include the very full 2021 Legislative session under way in Olympia, which includes 15 Police reform bills on Police Operations and

Tactics, Use of Force, and many other central law enforcement topics. Also under consideration by the Legislature are revisions to the Open Public Meetings Act and consideration of making county Arts Levies approved by a vote of the Council, rather than a vote of the residents of any particular city.

Additional current topics for consideration and discussion by the PIC are upcoming ballot measures such as King County's Best

Starts for Kids renewal levy; the King County Regional Homelessness Association formation and funding; rental assistance distributed by King County (\$34 million to date); and Vision 2050 (the region's growth management strategy, overseen by the Puget Sound Regional Council).

The Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee meets virtually the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. and is open for all to attend. To find the latest agenda and meeting participation information, go to:

<http://soundcities.org/involved-pic-agenda>.

–Council Vice Chair Tom French

## Now is a Good Time to Go Online with Your Sewer Bill



**LAKE FOREST PARK**  
Washington



Town  
Center  
Process



Payments



Planning  
Notices



If you are sending us a paper check when you pay your sewer bill, did you know you can now access and pay your sewer bill online? Using the City's online bill service lets you view and pay your sewer bill, go paperless, set up autopay, and receive notifications when your sewer bill is due.

You can use either an electronic check from your bank (EFT) or a credit card. Using an electronic check from your bank is free. A fee of \$3.95 will be assessed by the online service provider (Invoice Cloud) for using a credit card, and there is a limit of \$400 per transaction for credit card payments. The information you will need to access the online services is the **name on the account** (last name is enough) and the **account number**.

To get started, visit the City's website, [www.cityoflfp.com](http://www.cityoflfp.com), and click on the Payments button on the left side of the page.

## 2021 City Council Meeting Dates

The Lake Forest Park Municipal Code identifies the second and fourth Thursdays of each month as the meeting days for regularly scheduled City Council meetings, beginning at 7:00 p.m.; and Work Session meetings, beginning at 6:00 p.m., on the second Thursday of each month. In certain months, these days coincide with recognized holidays or observances.

To make sure meeting dates would be clear for the

Council, Administration, and the public, the City Council adopted its 2021 meeting calendar.

In addition to the meetings already approved for 2021, the Council may still schedule special meetings when needed. All meetings of the City Council are noticed in accordance with the state Open Public Meetings Act.

Meetings and agendas are posted on the City's website calendar:

<https://www.cityoflfp.com/calendar.aspx?CID=14>

Due to the pandemic, all city meetings are being held virtually, via Zoom, until further notice.

<p><b>January 2021</b></p> <p>14... Work Session 14... Regular Business Meeting 25.. Committee of the Whole 28.. Regular Business Meeting</p> <p><b>February 2021</b></p> <p>11 ... Work Session 11 ... Regular Business Meeting 22 .. Committee of the Whole 25 .. Regular Business Meeting</p> <p><b>March 2021</b></p> <p>11 ... Work Session 11 ... Regular Business Meeting 22 .. Committee of the Whole 25 .. Regular Business Meeting</p> <p><b>April 2021</b></p> <p>8 .... Work Session 8 .... Regular Business Meeting 19... Committee of the Whole 22 .. Regular Business Meeting</p>	<p><b>May 2021</b></p> <p>13... Work Session 13... Regular Business Meeting 24 .. Committee of the Whole 27 .. Regular Business Meeting</p> <p><b>June 2021</b></p> <p>10... Work Session 10... Regular Business Meeting 21... Committee of the Whole 24 .. Regular Business Meeting</p> <p><b>July 2021</b></p> <p>8 .... Work Session 8 .... Regular Business Meeting 19... Committee of the Whole 22.. Regular Business Meeting</p> <p><b>August 2021</b></p> <p>12... Work Session 12... Regular Business Meeting 23.. Committee of the Whole 26.. Regular Business Meeting</p>	<p><b>September 2021</b></p> <p>9 .... Work Session 9 .... Regular Business Meeting 20.. Committee of the Whole 23.. Regular Business Meeting</p> <p><b>October 2021</b></p> <p>9 .... Work Session 9 .... Regular Business Meeting 20.. Committee of the Whole 23 .. Regular Business Meeting</p> <p><b>November 2021</b></p> <p>4 .... Special Work Session (due to November 11, 2021 Veterans Day Holiday**) 4 .... Special Council Meeting** 22.. Committee of the Whole</p> <p><b>December 2021</b></p> <p>9 .... Work Session 9 .... Regular Business Meeting 20.. Committee of the Whole</p>
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## DIRECTORY

### CITY HALL

17425 Ballinger Way NE  
Lake Forest Park, WA 98155  
M-F: 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Phone: 206-368-5440  
Fax: 206-364-6521  
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

**CITY HALL is CLOSED  
TO THE PUBLIC, until  
further notice.  
Please CALL if you  
have any questions.**

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## Keep Fats, Oils, & Grease Out of Our Pipes!

Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) are found in common food and food ingredients, such as meat fats, lard, oils, shortening, butter, margarine, many sauces, gravies, salad dressing, and food scraps, usually from rinsing dishes and washing pots and pans. These items can and do cause clogs in both the home and in main City pipes. Here are some helpful reminders to keep pipes unclogged:

- Never pour FOG down sink drains or toilets.
- Avoid or minimize the use of garbage disposals.
- Use drain screens to capture food particles and dispose of them in the garbage or a rodent-proof compost bin.
- Use "dry" clean up methods before using "wet" clean up methods for kitchenware and spills.
- Collect FOG and other food wastes and dispose of them in the garbage.

For more information, check out the City's website ([www.cityoflfp.com/195/Sewer](http://www.cityoflfp.com/195/Sewer)), under Sewer.

Where does it go?

**STEP 1** Cool oil/grease   **STEP 2** Remove oil/grease from pots and pans

Small amount  
oil & grease



Wipe with paper towels  
or newspaper

Large amount  
oil & grease



Scrape into container,  
close lid

 FOOD & COMPOST

 GARBAGE

Cooking Oil and Grease Clog Pipes  
No one wants their sewage back.

[www.seattle.gov/cookingoil](http://www.seattle.gov/cookingoil)



## City Council Meetings

### City Council Regular Business Meetings

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

### City Council Work Session Meetings

2nd 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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