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Mayor's Corner – City Hall Reopens on Tuesday, July 6



Mayor Jeff Johnson

I am very happy to announce that Lake Forest Park City Hall reopens to the public on Tuesday, July 6. City Hall hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays. Passport Services will also resume, by appointment (see hours below). Masks are required while visiting City Hall.

In addition to masks, meetings with City staff, including Planning,

Building, and Municipal Court, will be by appointment only, and require answering a COVID-19 questionnaire.

When Passport Services resume during the week of July 6, it will be by appointment only. Passport Services hours are Monday, Thursday, and Friday, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Applicants will need to sign up online to schedule an appointment. Information about how to sign up will be available soon on the City's (<https://www.cityoflfp.com/124/Passports>). Since the REAL ID Act requirements have been postponed to May 2023, it is not necessary to rush to get a passport or passport card if you are flying domestically.

The City's public meetings—City Council and Council Committees (Budget & Finance, Committee of the Whole), Planning Commission, Tree Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board--will remain virtual for now. Information about any changes to this will be widely distributed to the public when the time comes. Due to the small size of the Council Chambers, staff is working on the logistics of socially distanced seating for a seven-member City Council and nine-member Planning Commission, as well as a limited number of chairs for audience members. It is probable that a hybrid approach to public meetings will be the norm in the future, with limited in-person public attendance and wider public participation via Zoom.

While City Hall was closed, many COVID-19-related improvements were put in place to protect employees and visitors:

- Physical barriers are installed at workstations where there is interaction between employees and visitors
- Social distancing markers are placed throughout City Hall
- Hand sanitizer is placed throughout City Hall



City Hall rainbow photo by K. Zech

- Disposable masks will be provided should a visitor forget theirs
- Increased cleaning of City facilities and high-touch areas is also implemented
- Improvements to the HVAC system were also made, including use of the highest-rated filters and increased cleaning

On behalf of myself and the City Hall staff, we look forward to seeing you when we reopen on July 6.

—Mayor Johnson



Family Day at the LFP Farmers Market 2016

Community Events around LFP this Summer!

While we are not fully able to proceed with most community events this summer, there are still a few dates to mark on your calendar or keep on your radar!

Be sure to follow us on social media (Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Nextdoor) or through the City's webpage calendar (<https://www.cityoflfp.com/calendar.aspx?CID=28,29,14>.) to keep informed with updates, details, and added events. Stop by the Lake Forest Park Farmers Market every Sunday through October 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and remember to get out and enjoy our LFP Parks!

- Shoreline Arts Festival hosted at Pfingst Animal Acres Park – June 26-27
- Kenmore & LFP Recycling Collection Event at Northlake Lutheran Church – July 10
- Concert in the Park at Pfingst Animal Acres Park – July 28
- ShoreLake Battle of the Bands at Pfingst Animal Acres Park – August 10, 11, & 14
- Volunteer Park Work Parties are back in session at Grace Cole Nature Park and Five Acre Woods, keep your eyes out through our media outlets to join along our great community while volunteering, meeting your neighbors, and learning about forest restoration!

Sign up at <https://www.cityoflfp.com/list.aspx> for updates to our Events Calendar.

Council Corner – Parks & Pedestrian Connections | A Community Discussion

Beginning with the Council retreat in April and subsequent Budget & Finance Committee meetings, the City Council has discussed revenue options to

improve parks and pedestrian connections.

In five years, the City has acquired nine acres of new park space, including a new lakefront property, and heard from the community on

Brookside Park

the need for improvements and maintenance of existing parks throughout the City. The next steps for parks will be to engage in a public planning process to determine future improvements for the recently acquired and previously existing City parks.

Over 1,000 homes in the City have changed ownership in the last three years, and there has been a growing desire for more and better pedestrian connections throughout the City, also reflected in the *Safe Highways* and *Safe Streets* plans. The City continues to pursue funds for safe routes to school and other pedestrian improvements as supported by the *Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Plan* (PROST plan).

The Mayor and City Council encourage residents to engage with them in the discussion this summer. Watch for additional information through the City's social media platforms, newsletters, and public events such as the Farmer's Market and National Night Out.



Five Acre Woods

Planning Commission Reviews City's Regulations on Accessory Dwelling Units

The City Council has asked the Planning Commission to review the City's regulations on accessory dwelling units. An accessory dwelling unit (ADU) is a small, self-contained residential unit or apartment located on the same lot as an existing single-family home.



Image Credit: City of Renton, WA

In theory, an ADU may be created as a separate unit within an existing home (such as in an attic or basement), an addition to the home (such as a separate apartment unit with separate entrance), or in a separate structure

on the lot (such as a converted garage).

ADUs can be a great solution for allowing residents to age in place or live with or near family and caregivers, providing a flexible way to address family needs for additional housing. Lake Forest Park currently allows detached ADUs only in the backyards of lots over 15,000 square feet in area.

The Council and Planning Commission are interested in hearing from citizens, especially those who have considered applying or did apply for a permit to construct an ADU on their property. Please contact Steve Bennett, Planning Director (steve@cityoflfp.com), if you want to get involved in the conversation.

City Offers Low-Income Senior / Disabled Sewer Discount

The Lake Forest Park Sewer Utility offers low-income senior or disabled sewer customers a 50 percent discount on their sewer service. You must be an LFP sewer customer and meet the criteria to qualify for the discount. For more information and an application, go to <https://www.cityoflfp.com/279/Senior-and-Disabled-Citizen-Discount>.



Preparedness Never Stops



CERT class 2021

Lingering COVID restrictions have prevented the Northshore Emergency Management Coalition (NEMCo) from hosting its traditional in-person Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) academies; however, as often happens in emergencies the program was adapted, and staff found a way to keep the preparedness efforts going. On March 8, NEMCo launched its first ever virtual CERT class. Forty-one first-time students took part, and

an additional 21 others took advantage of the flexible format to improve their preparedness.

Each weekly class featured subject matter expert instructors like Fire Inspector Wendy Booth teaching fire prevention and Construction Manager David Harisiades teaching search and rescue. While many of the hands-on skills will have to wait until instructors and participants can meet in a classroom, the online program allowed students to complete the majority of the curriculum and offer some in-person skills practice while staying safe.

NEMCo will offer another CERT class this fall. Keep an eye on the City website for more details or contact Emergency Manager Carl Lunak (clunak@northshorefire.com) for details.

Natural Yard Care Resources for Your Home!

Our yards can enhance the beauty of our homes, be a source of pride, and be a great place for relaxing. But when we take care of our lawns and gardens, we often use water inefficiently, produce a lot of yard waste, and overuse chemicals that are bad for the environment and our families' health.

What can we do? By making some simple changes in how we care for our yards, we can have great looking landscapes that are easier to care for and healthier for families, pets, wildlife, and our environment.

The Garden Hotline (<https://gardenhotline.org/>) hosts ample resources on Natural Yard Care from healthy soils, composting, choosing the right plants, smart watering, lawn care, natural remedies for pests, weeds, disease, and more!



What is the Block Watch Program?

Block Watch is a program built around neighbors looking out for one another and being in touch to keep each other informed about crime in their neighborhood. The program also involves the citizens having a close relationship with the Police Department so that information is shared back and forth to stop crime in progress and prevent crime from occurring. A strong relationship between the community and the Police is crucial for the program to be effective.

How to Set Up a Block Watch in Your Neighborhood:

If your neighborhood is interested in setting up a Block Watch, first define the area and contact households to see who would like to participate. Next, select a Block Captain who is responsible for organizing events and serving as the go-to contact person for providing information to and receiving information from the Police Department.

Please contact Lieutenant Rhonda Lehman by email (rlehman@ci.lake-forest-park.wa.us) or call 206-957-2852 if you are interested in starting a Block Watch in your neighborhood.



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Phone: 206-368-5440
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PERMIT COUNTER

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

PASSPORTS

M, Th & F: 12:00pm - 4:00pm
Sat: 10:00am - 3:00pm
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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TO THE PUBLIC, on
Tuesday, July 6!**

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Lake Forest Park Recreation Opportunities with the City of Shoreline

Early registration for Summer recreation programs opened May 6, 2021. However, if you missed the early registration date, Lake Forest Park residents will 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 (<https://www.cityoflfp.com/list.aspx>). 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, call City Hall, 206-368-5440, or check out our webpage at: <https://www.cityoflfp.com/396/Recreation-Partnership-with-Shoreline>

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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