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Mayor's Corner – Looking Ahead and Acknowledging Milestones



Mayor Jeff Johnson

At the turn of the year, we will see three of our current city councilmembers leave and welcome three new councilmembers elect. I would like to take this chance to thank outgoing Councilmembers Mark Phillips, John Resha, and John Wright for all their years of tireless service to the Lake Forest Park residents and broader community.

Together, we have worked on many major policies and code amendments, and I believe LFP is the better for it.

I would also like to congratulate incumbent Semra Riddle, Position 1; and welcome new members Jon Lebo, Position 3; Tracy Furutani, Position 5; and Larry Goldman, Position 7. We will have a busy year ahead and I look forward to working with all of you.

Our community is lucky to have so many citizens interested in running for a city council position and taking on an election campaign. Thank you to all who ran for office this year.

I have the pleasure of also recognizing two long-time City employees who are retiring this year. Municipal Judge Linda Portnoy is retiring after 23 years of service and City Clerk Evelyn Jahed is retiring after 24 years of service. I wish them both well in their retirement and thank them for their contributions to the City.

While we don't know all that 2022 holds for us, I do know your Council will be busy working on projects and code updates that move our community forward.

Let's all remember during this busy holiday season to hold our family and friends close to our hearts and approach our interactions with others with kindness.

Happy Holidays!

—Mayor Johnson

Planning Commission Recommends Changes to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) Regulations

Over the past few years, the City Council and staff have heard from residents that the Accessory Dwelling Unit regulations are very restrictive, including preventing the building of detached units in front or side yards, even though many of the single-family homes in LFP are built in the rear of the property.

In theory, an ADU may be created as a separate unit within an existing home (in an attic or basement), an addition to the home (a separate unit with separate entrance), or in a separate structure on the lot (also known as a detached ADU or DADU).

The Planning Commission reviewed the current regulations and surveyed the community about the issue. After thoughtful discussions at meetings over the summer and fall, the Commission has forwarded its recommendations to the Council, which began discussions at a special meeting on November 4.

The Planning Commission has made several key recommendations, including removal of the rear-yard restriction, raising the height restriction to 25 feet to allow building an apartment on top of a garage or other structure,

and allowing both an ADU and a DADU on lots of one acre or more. The Council will continue discussion of the Commission's recommendations at upcoming meetings and will likely hold a public hearing on them early next year.



Image Credit: City of Renton, WA

Council Corner – Thank You to Our Outgoing Councilmembers

This month the City Council honors retiring council-members John Wright, Mark Phillips, and John Resha. Each of these members brought valuable skills, experiences, and insights to the work of the city council and all will be deeply missed.



Councilmember
John Wright

Now completing his third term on the council, John Wright, a 30-year Navy veteran who retired as a Command Master Chief, settled in LFP in 1996 and became a leader in construction management and engineering for King County and METRO. During the past 12 years, the city and the region have greatly benefitted from John's expertise and leadership in transportation and engineering as well as his deep commitment to public service.



Councilmember
Mark Phillips

A Seattle native, Mark Phillips moved his family to Lake Forest Park in 1991 and was elected to council in 2016. A former teacher and instructional development specialist for business and industry, Mark is also a passionate environmentalist and represented LFP on the Lake Ballinger/McAleer Creek Forum and the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council. Mark continued his

commitment to Streamkeepers throughout his council service, regularly wading in the streams here in LFP to monitor water quality and aquatic life.



Councilmember
John Resha

John Resha joined the council in 2016, bringing deep expertise in policy and budgeting from his career in local, county, and state government. He served for 10 years as the Chief Policy Officer for the King County Council and 3 years as the Chief Financial Officer for METRO. He formerly served in the U.S. Navy, where he was a pilot rescue swimmer. John led the

Council's Budget and Finance Committee throughout his two terms, setting a high standard for future councils for fiscal transparency and discipline.

Please join the Council in thanking these three retiring members for their outstanding service to the city.

–Deputy Mayor Phillipa Kassover

Deadline for Enhanced ID Extended to May 2023

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced in late April that it will delay enforcing the REAL ID Act until May 3, 2023. (<https://www.dhs.gov/real-id/news/2021/04/27/dhs-announces-extension-real-id-full-enforcement-deadline>) The pandemic has significantly impacted states' ability to issue REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses and identification cards, with many driver's licensing agencies still operating at limited capacity. Many passport acceptance facilities remain closed or on limited hours as well. Passed by Congress in 2005 to strengthen security standards after 9/11, the REAL ID Act had been scheduled to take effect on October 1, 2021. When enforcement of the REAL ID Act begins, every air traveler 18 years of age or older will need a compliant form of ID to fly within the United States or access certain federal buildings, including military bases. There are many ID options, including a passport book or card, or an enhanced Washington driver license or ID card. For more information, visit the WA Department of Licensing website. (<https://info.dol.wa.gov/real-id-enforcement-date-delayed-again/?ref=morenews>)

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DEADLINE: MAY 3, 2023

LFP Sewer Late Fee Moratorium Extended Through 2021

Although the utility late fee and shut off moratorium issued by Governor Inslee in March 2020 ended on September 29, 2021, the City of Lake Forest Park extended its moratorium on late fees through the end of 2021. The City of Lake Forest Park has not assessed late fees on sewer bills since March 2020.

Beginning with the January/February 2022 sewer bill, if the bill is not paid by the due date (March 1, 2022), late fees will be assessed. The late fee assessed is 10 percent of the bimonthly sewer charges on the bill for January/February 2022.

If you want to make sure you pay your bill on time and avoid late fees, consider setting up auto-pay, available through our online payment system (<https://www.cityoflp.com/242/Utility-Billing>). If you use an electronic check (ACH/EFT) there is no service fee. You will need to register and create a customer profile to have access to this service.

'Tis the Season for Holiday Recycling

Recycling Simplified





Sewer Rate Increase for 2022

Your sewer bill is made up of two parts. King County assesses a fee for the cost of the disposal of the sewage – the operation of sewage treatment plants and maintenance of the facilities. The county portion is the largest share of the bill.

In 2022, the county portion will increase from \$47.37 to \$49.27 per month; the city portion will increase from \$19.02 to \$20.16 per month for single family residences. As a result, a residential bill will increase from \$132.78 every two months to \$138.86.

Keep Fats, Oils, Grease, and Wipes Out of Our Pipes!

Wipes, paper towels, and other “unflushables” can create a sewer backup in your home and the environment, so



The label might say “flushable,” but disposable wipes and other products are clogging our sewer lines and damaging pumps and other equipment. Not only are these problems expensive to fix, they can also cause raw sewage overflows into homes, businesses and local waterways. So, think trash, not toilets!

To learn more, including how to get rid of things you no longer want or need, visit us on the Web at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/wtd> or call the Wastewater Treatment Division at 206-477-5371 or 711 TTY.

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Wastewater Treatment Division

be sure to flush only toilet paper! Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) also need to stay away from pipes and drains. FOG is commonly found in 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. Protect your home, the sewer system, and the environment, make sure these items stay out of your pipes/drains and in the trash.

Here are some helpful reminders to keep pipes unclogged:

- Don't flush trash, including wipes, hygiene products, FOG, etc. *Even if something is labeled “flushable”, these items don't break down like toilet paper*, use the trash before causing trouble in your sewer pipes!
- Never pour FOG down sink drains or toilets.
- 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, hair, and food waste, and dispose of them in the garbage.

For more information, on how to protect our water, go to (<https://kingcounty.gov/services/environment/wastewater/education/protect-environment.aspx>)

DIRECTORY

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Lake Forest Park, WA 98155
M-F: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Phone: 206-368-5440
Fax: 206-364-6521
Web: www.cityoflfp.com

PERMIT COUNTER

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

PASSPORTS

By Appointment Only -
Schedule Online at:

<https://www.cityoflfp.com/124/Passports>

M, Th & F: 12:00pm - 4:00pm
Sat: 10:00am - 3:00pm
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Phone: 206-364-7711
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POLICE

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

SEWER BILLING

Phone: 206-368-5440 x126
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Lake Forest Park Recreation Opportunities with the City of Shoreline



Do you live in Lake Forest Park and have an interest in recreation? Take advantage of recreation programs offered through the City of Shoreline. Lake Forest Park residents are eligible for a 24-hour early registration period prior to the start of each season's programs, plus an 8% discount on all program fees (not rentals) through the entire year!

This year, the City of Shoreline is separating the camp registration from

the overall class registration. To receive notices of the early registration dates, sign up for reminders through the City's website, Facebook and Twitter or keep watch on the City of Shoreline's webpage.

(<https://www.shorelinewa.gov/government/departments/parks-recreation-cultural-services/recreation-programs>).

Lake Forest Park also 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 (<https://www.cityoflfp.com/396/Recreation-Partnership-with-Shoreline>) or call City Hall, 206-368-5440.

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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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