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Mayor's Corner - It's a Busy Year Ahead



Mayor Jeff Johnson

I would like to begin this article by again thanking the volunteer members of all of the City's advisory bodies for their hard work and dedication to the Lake Forest Park community.

One of the boards that will be especially busy in the coming year is the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The Board will

be working on the public outreach process for the planning and design of the city's new park located on the north shore of Lake Washington.

The City's newest advisory body is the Climate Action Committee. At its meeting on February 24, the City Council approved a resolution creating the new Climate Action Committee, which is first tasked with drafting a *2022 Climate Action Committee Work Plan* for recommendation to the City Council and Administration. At the meeting on February 24, the City Council also made appointments to the Climate Action Committee.

I would like to return to an event that has not been held since the pandemic began: *Coffee with the Mayor*. When we were able to meet in person, these were held every 2-3 months in the Council Chambers. Because we have pandemic considerations to deal with, I am looking at holding the event outdoors—perhaps the picnic shelter at Pfingst Animal Acres Park. I do not want to hold the coffee meetings via Zoom. If you are interested in attending a *Coffee with the Mayor* event in the next few months, please email the Deputy City Clerk at jtrudel@cityofflp.com and let us know your level of interest and thoughts you may have on an outdoor location.

I'm excited to note that, the next time I write, it will be spring!

—Mayor Johnson



Planning Commission Focused on Sign Code and Comprehensive Plan in 2022

On February 8, 2022, the Planning Commission adopted its work plan for 2022. The work plan communicates to the City Council what the Commission's priorities are. This year's work plan is driven by federal case law related to free speech and requirements of the state Growth Management Act (GMA).

In the first quarter, the Planning Commission will focus on updates to the City's sign code (LFPMC Ch. 18.52). Federal case law dictates that the City cannot regulate the content of signs, only the size and shape. Several parts of the Sign Code currently require that city staff read what the sign says to know how to regulate it – which is no longer allowed.

Most of the Commission's time will be devoted to preparing for the upcoming state-mandated 2024 LFP Comprehensive Plan Update. The focus of these updates will likely be on diversifying housing options and dealing with climate change and inequities in the community. The Commission may also make recommendations on the dredging criteria in the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update and the reasonable economic use provisions in the City's critical areas regulations (LFPMC Ch. 16.16).

Welcome New Staff in the Municipal Services Department



Municipal Services
Manager/City Clerk
Matt McLean

Matthew McLean joined the City as the Municipal Services Manager/City Clerk on January 3, 2022. He was formerly the Deputy City Clerk for 11 years at the City of Cottonwood, Arizona. He earned his Certified Municipal Clerk designation from the International Municipal Clerks Association in 2020 and has a paralegal certificate from Southern Career Institute in Austin, Texas. Matt has purchased a home and

is moving his family up from Arizona.



Records Management
Specialist Caroline
Thompson

Caroline Thompson joined the City as a Records Management Specialist in mid-January. She formerly worked at the City of Edmonds for the past 23 years where she was most recently the Executive Assistant to the Police Chief. Caroline has an advanced paralegal certificate from Edmonds Community College and a bachelor's degree in Public Administration from Seattle University. Caroline lives with

her family in Seattle.

Welcome Matt and Caroline!

Council Corner – Please Take the Time to *SLOW DOWN* on Our Streets

Later in the year, the Lake Forest Park City Council will consider measures to encourage traffic calming, reduce speed limits and reduce cut-through traffic in our neighborhoods.

Many drivers in our region have forgotten how to be attentive and civil in their behaviors, as patience has run thin as this pandemic has continued into a third year.

I am saddened to have read recently that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has reported that in the first nine months of 2021, more than 32,000 people were killed in accidents, an increase of 12% from the same period of 2020.

In 2021, our speed enforcement cameras continued to record very large numbers of violations, with the cameras near Lake Forest Park Elementary recording 12,085 violations and 9,621 citations issued. Brookside Elementary recorded 16,646 violations and 13,394 citations.



Quite simply, these numbers are completely unacceptable. Each of these citations indicates that a driver is not paying attention to their speed and surroundings.

This inattentiveness could lead to a serious accident or tragedy involving a child or a member of a local family.

Please everyone, do your part, slow down and enjoy our beautiful city and together we can reduce these citation numbers down to ZERO.

–Deputy Mayor Tom French

Pollution Prevention Measures – What You Should Know about Car Washing!

The Problem: Washing your car on your driveway, street, or parking lot sends gasoline, oil, heavy metals, solvents, soap, and other harmful pollutants into our storm drains. Most storm drains connect directly to our local streams, lakes, and wetlands. Pollutants from dirty wash water can cause problems for us, our pets, and our environment. For example, soaps contain solvents that remove the protective coating on fish gills and amphibians which can harm or kill them. Oil causes heart problems and death in young salmon. Heavy metals, like copper, damage the fine sense of smell that salmon need to detect and escape from predators.

The Solution: The best way to wash your car is by using a commercial car wash. They are required to send their soapy, dirty, grimy water to the same treatment system other wastewater from our showers, sinks, and toilets goes for treatment to be cleaned! If you cannot make it to a car wash, it is best to divert your dirty carwash water to areas of grass, soil, or gravel, but not your driveway. Grass, soil, and gravel will help filter the dirty water, so the harmful pollutants do not enter our streams, Lake Washington, or Puget Sound.



City Seeks Volunteers for Positions on the Planning Commission, Tree Board, and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Student Representative Vacancy on Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

The student representative position on this board is vacant. If you are interested and are a junior or senior in high school and reside in Lake Forest Park please contact Volunteer Coordinator Cory Roche (croche@ci.lake-forest-park.wa.us) for more information and application information. Terms are three years, but the City anticipates students may only be available to serve for one or two years.

Vacancy on Planning Commission

The Planning Commission makes recommendations to the City Council on issues relating to land use policy and regulations. This year the Commission will begin work on updating the City's comprehensive plan. One of the focuses of this update is diversity, equity, and inclusion. The City hopes to fill this vacancy with an individual that provides a perspective that is currently under-represented on the Commission. Diversity in this

case could be race, age, gender, ethnic or socioeconomic background. We hope you will consider submitting an application if you think you can bring a unique perspective to the Commission. If you are interested in applying, please contact City Clerk Matt McLean (mmclean@cityofflp.com).

Vacancies on Tree Board

The City is seeking applications for two vacant seats on the Lake Forest Park Tree Board. The Tree Board provides outreach and education to the community on tree-related issues, organizes and facilitates public events involving trees, and provides advice to the City Council on policy and regulatory issues involving trees. Board members should live within the Lake Forest Park city limits, but it is not required. Interests or backgrounds in urban forestry, horticulture, and habitat restoration are encouraged, but not required. Membership terms are for three years. If you are interested in applying or have questions, please contact Assistant Planner Cameron Tuck (ctuck@ci.lake-forest-park.wa.us).

2022 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 2022 meeting calendar.

In addition to the meetings already approved for 2022, 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.cityofflp.com/calendar.aspx?CID=14>

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

<p>January 2022 13... Work Session 13... Regular Business Meeting 24 .. Committee of the Whole 27 .. Regular Business Meeting</p> <p>February 2022 10... Work Session 10... Regular Business Meeting 14... Special Committee of the Whole 24 .. Regular Business Meeting</p> <p>March 2022 10... Work Session 10... Regular Business Meeting 21... Committee of the Whole 24 .. Regular Business Meeting</p> <p>April 2022 14... Work Session 14... Regular Business Meeting 25 .. Committee of the Whole 28 .. Regular Business Meeting</p>	<p>May 2022 12... Work Session 12... Regular Business Meeting 23 .. Committee of the Whole 26 .. Regular Business Meeting</p> <p>June 2022 9 Work Session 9 Regular Business Meeting 20 .. Committee of the Whole 23 .. Regular Business Meeting</p> <p>July 2022 14... Work Session 14... Regular Business Meeting 25 .. Committee of the Whole 28 .. Regular Business Meeting</p> <p>August 2022 11 ... Work Session 11 ... Regular Business Meeting 22 .. Committee of the Whole 25 .. Regular Business Meeting</p>	<p>September 2022 8 Work Session 8 Regular Business Meeting 19... Committee of the Whole 22 .. Regular Business Meeting</p> <p>October 2022 13... Work Session 13... Regular Business Meeting 24 .. Committee of the Whole 27 .. Regular Business Meeting</p> <p>November 2022 10... Work Session 10... Regular Business Meeting</p> <p>December 2022 8 Work Session 8 Regular Business Meeting</p>
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Phone: 206-368-5440
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Web: www.cityofflp.com

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1:00pm - 3:00pm

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Domestic Violence
Victim Advocate: 206-417-8267

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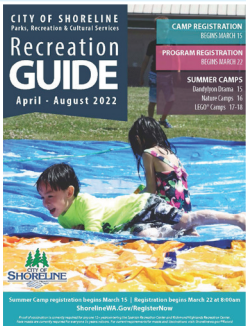
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Early Registration for Summer Camp and Spring/Summer Programs with the City of Shoreline Begins March 2022

Live in Lake Forest Park? Interested in recreation? Take advantage of recreational programs and camps 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!

LFP residents' early registration begins:

- **Summer Camp Registration – March 17, 2022, 8:00 a.m.**
- **Spring/Summer Program Registration – March 24, 2022, 8:00 a.m.**



The City of Shoreline's new recreation/rental registration system is now live, and the registration page has a new look. Your past account information is still available at (www.shorelinewa.gov/registernow). You will use your same username (your email) to access your account. However, you will need to create a new password. Click "forgot Password" and it will send a link to your email to set a new password. You can also visit (www.shorelinewa.gov/recreation) for more information and, as always, give them a call at 206-801-2600 with any questions.

As a reminder, LFP offers scholarship reimbursements for eligible youth and specialized recreational participants who reside in the City and are registered for and attend cultural, recreational, or aquatic programs and camps. For more information, go to our webpage (www.cityofflp.com) 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

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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