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Mayor's Corner - It's Our New Normal at City Hall



Mayor Jeff Johnson

As we enter the summer season, I am very happy to report that things at the City are settling into our new normal. Events are returning and city council meetings are now held in the new hybrid format.

- The May 7 city council retreat was held in person and was live-streamed via Zoom.
- The city council chambers received some upgrades: a new audio/visual system that allows city council meetings to be held in a hybrid format, the carpet was replaced, and the room even had a fresh coat of paint!
- The May 21 *Coffee with the Mayor* event was very well attended, and plans are in the works to hold another one in the next month or two.
- The LFP Farmers Market is back on Sundays through October 16, the LFP Garden Tour and Market returns on June 18, Concert in the Park at Pfingst Animal Acres Park is on June 29, the LFP Police Department is holding a Safety Day event in July (see related article), Battle of the Bands and Family Day at the Farmers Market return in August, and Picnic in the Park is scheduled for September 10!

It was great to see the council in person at the retreat, *Coffee with the Mayor*, and in the new hybrid council meeting format. Hybrid meetings are very exciting because they expand access to public meetings by allowing people at home to participate via Zoom and people who want to come down to the council chambers to attend in person. While I hope more residents choose to join us in person at council meetings, I appreciate all of you who are attending via Zoom.

Be sure to keep an eye on our website and social media for information about upcoming events as details become available.

—Mayor Johnson

Hybrid City Council Meetings began May 12

In response to the pandemic, the City of Lake Forest Park suspended all in person public meetings in favor of an online format. The silver lining of this effort has been the acknowledgment that all future public meetings should be “hybrid” allowing for in-person and online attendance and participation.

While public meetings were closed to in-person attendance, the Administration engaged outside services to provide a hybrid opportunity in the city council chambers when City Council meetings reopened to in-person attendance. Beginning with the May 12, 2022, City Council work session and regular meeting, the Council Chambers are open for in-person attendance. The public may also continue to participate in the meetings remotely, via Zoom.

To watch a city council meeting via Zoom, click on the link included on the agenda. The Council will receive public comments from both in-person attendees and those attending via Zoom.



Council Corner – Wear Your Lifejacket while Enjoying Our Waters!



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With the summer season upon us and more of us are enjoying the outdoors I want to remind everyone of the dangers that the cold water presents to the users of human-powered craft and to boaters.

The waters in our community are in the mid to low 50s and are very cold. Wearing a lifejacket is just one way to keep yourself and ones that you love safer. The dangers of

hypothermia upon immersion are very real.

As of May of 2021, the LFP Municipal Code Ordinance 1222 requires wearing of a Coast Guard-approved lifejacket (personal flotation device or PFD).

While state law requires that a Coast Guard-approved PFD be on board a paddleboard or kayak, LFP Municipal Code requires the actual **wearing** of a Coast Guard-approved lifejacket (personal flotation device or PFD). It cannot simply be on board the human-powered craft or paddleboard- it must be **worn properly**.

Importantly, this is not like a helmet law- if someone chooses not wear a helmet (they should wear one as required by our law), they are not placing a first responder in danger. Failing to wear a PFD can place a first responder's life in jeopardy out on the water.

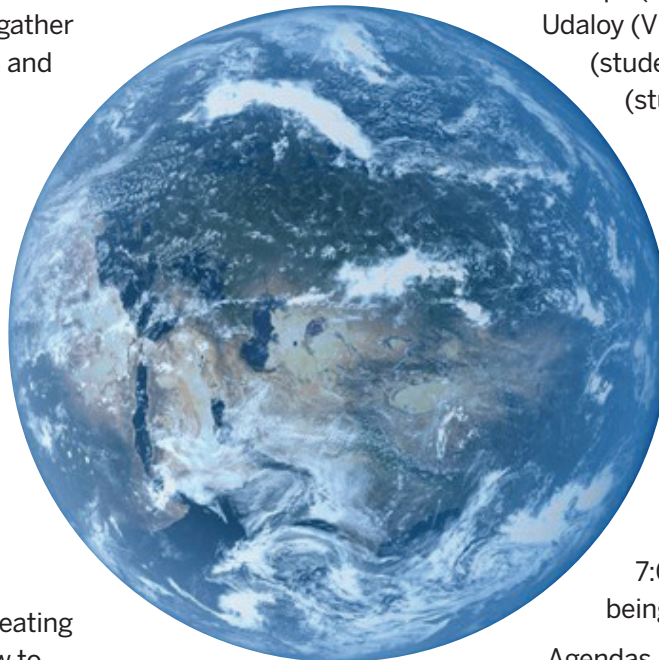
–Deputy Mayor Tom French

Lake Forest Park City Council Creates Climate Action Committee

At its meeting on February 24, 2022, the City Council created the Climate Action Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to gather and analyze climate information and draft a *Climate Action Plan* for recommendation to the City Council. As established in the approving resolution, the following considerations are part of the first-year work plan development process: review and use of existing municipal climate action plans, recommended changes to City operations, additions and amendments to legislation, community projects, interaction with City commissions and task forces, the financial needs for creating the *Climate Action Plan*, and how to achieve the *Climate Action Plan* goals financially.

The Committee consists of a council liaison, Tracy Furutani, and 11 community members, including at least one college or high school student: Miriam Bertram, Dana

Campbell, Jessica Côté, Tamara Erickson, Linda Holman, Sarah Phillips (Chair), Brian Saunders, Anne Udaloy (Vice-Chair), Isabella Tancreti (student member), and Anna Côté (student member).



There is currently one vacancy on the Climate Action Committee. If you are interested in applying for this vacancy, please contact Environmental and Sustainability Specialist Cory Roche at croche@ci.lake-forest-park.wa.us.

Regular meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are currently being held virtually.

Agendas and minutes are available through the Committee's webpage:

<https://www.cityoflfp.com/649/Climate-Action-Committee>

Safety Day for Kids



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On Saturday, July 16, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the Lake Forest Park Police Department is hosting a *Safety Day for Kids*.

This new event will focus on children being safe while getting outside to bike, hike, and enjoy water activities. There will be an obstacle course where children can learn about stop signs, crosswalks, approaching corners, as well as being considerate around other bikes and groups of people.

King County Search & Rescue representatives and Lake Forest Park Police officers will talk about

outdoor and water safety, and 25 bicycle helmets and 100 lifejackets will be given away to children and adults with disabilities (on a first-come, first-served basis). A K9 unit will also be there and there will be free "safety bags" for the children.

This fun event will be held in the upper parking lot behind the Lake Forest Park Police Department, 17425 Ballinger Way NE. We hope to see you there!

Council Adopts Changes to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) Regulations

As part of its effort to increase housing diversity and affordability in LFP, the City Council adopted changes to the City's Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) and Accessory Building regulations on February 24. The Council took action after a public hearing on the matter in which a majority of speakers spoke in favor of the changes.

The adopted changes are very similar to those recommended by the City's Planning Commission



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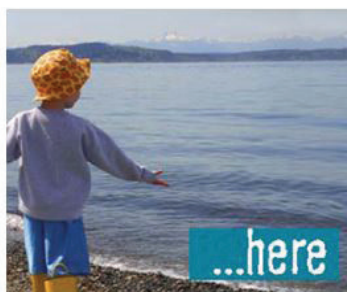
last October. They include removal of the rear-yard restriction, raising the height restriction to 25 feet to allow building an apartment on top of a garage or other structure, and allowing both an ADU and a detached ADU on lots of one acre or more. The minimum lot size for a detached ADUs was also lowered from 15,000 square feet to 10,000. This change alone makes an additional 1,600 lots eligible for a detached ADU. For additional information, email aplanner@ci.lake-forest-park.wa.us.

Natural Yard Care – Puget Sound Starts Here!

Our yards are our outdoor homes - fun, beautiful, great spaces for relaxing. In taking care of them, though, we often use water inefficiently, produce a lot of yard waste, and overuse chemicals that are bad for our families' health and our environment like our streams, lakes, and Puget Sound. The good news is that we can save money, time, and protect our health by making small changes in the way we care for our yards and lawns.

Check out the Garden Hotline (gardenhotline.org) to

learn how to build healthy soil, plant right for your site, practice smart watering, eliminate the use of harmful pesticides, and practice natural lawn care. You will also find great information on your Northwest garden as well as classes and events. The Garden Hotline also provides monthly live Q-and-A Zoom meetings the third Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. to answer all your questions!



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Lake Forest Park Recreation Opportunities with the City of Shoreline



Early registration for the Spring/Summer recreation programs opened March 2022. However, if you missed the early registration date, Lake Forest Park residents 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 our website (www.cityofflp.com), 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 website (www.cityofflp.com) or call City Hall, 206-368-5440.

To check out the programs offered, go to the City of Shoreline's website (www.shorelinewa.gov/registernow).

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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