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Mayor's Corner – Our Boards, Commissions, and Committees Need Volunteers



Mayor Jeff Johnson

Are you interested in a role in improving your community? Are you thinking about ways you can interact with your local government, shape future services or policy, and give back to your community? If so, consider a role on a city board, commission, or committee.

These advisory bodies play an important role in city government. Commissioners and board/committee members represent the views, needs,

and values of the community in making recommendations on programs and policies to the Mayor and City Council.

We currently have vacancies on the Planning Commission,

Tree Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and Library Advisory Committee. These positions offer something for just about everyone who wants to give back to the LFP community!

More information about the roles and duties of our boards, commissions, and committees is on our website: www.cityoflfp.gov → City Hall → Commissions & Committees. Full terms are three years; some vacant positions are for partial terms. For a list of vacancies and term expirations go to: <https://lakeforestpark-wa.municodemeeetings.com/bc/directory>. If you have questions, reach out to us at 206-368-5440.

Remember to check out the Porch Light Parade during December. Learn more at the **Winter Porch Light Parade webpage**: [<https://sites.google.com/view/winterporchlightparade>]

I would like to wish everyone a safe and wonderful holiday season!

–Mayor Johnson

Council Adopts 2023/2024 Biennial Budget

The 2023-2024 Biennial Budget has been adopted! The Mayor, Council Members, and Administration partnered to develop, present, prioritize, and adopt the City of Lake Forest Park's 2023-2024 Biennial Budget.

The adopted budget includes a 1% increase for the City's portion of the property tax, and increases for the sewer, and surface water funds for 2023 and 2024. The City's sewer rate has two components, King County and the City's portions, to make up the sewer rate that is paid by all residential and commercial customers. The King County portion increased 5.75% which results in a direct pass-through for wastewater

treatment services. The City's portion of the rate will increase 3%. The surface water rate increases 10% to meet additional federal requirements in the operating and capital funds.

The budget also proposes new revenue sources for the City's Transportation Benefit District and additional stable funding for the operating deficit in the General Fund through the implementation of sewer and surface water utility taxes, as the City Council continues to address the long-term financial sustainability of the City.

In future news articles there will be additional information on the details of the 2023-2024 Adopted Biennial Budget rate increases.

City's Monthly eNewsletter

Did you know the City publishes a monthly eNewsletter? Sign up to receive timely information that cannot always be included in the print newsletter due to timing and/or space limitations.

We encourage all who are interested in receiving updates and timely information to subscribe to one or more of our listserv categories here: <https://www.cityoflfp.gov/list.aspx>.



Council Corner – City Will Consider Phased Approach to Increasing Safety on Our Roads

On October 13, the City Council unanimously approved Ordinance 1252 adopting the National Association of City Transportation Officials' ("NACTO) 2020 *City Limits, Setting Safe Speed Limits on Urban Streets* ("City Limits"), a document intended to provide cities with guidance on how to strategically set speed limits on urban streets, using a Safe Systems approach, to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries.

As recommended in the City Limits document, the City will consider three or more phases to increasing safety on our roads.

- Setting default speed limits on many streets at once (such as 25 mph on major streets and 20



- mph on all minor neighborhood streets),
- Designating slow zones in sensitive areas, and
- Setting corridor speed limits on high priority major streets, using a safe speed study, which uses conflict density and activity level to set context-appropriate speed limits

Ordinance 1252 anticipates moving forward with a Safe Speed Study in accordance with methodology in *City Limits* to determine the speed limits that will best minimize the risk of persons being killed or seriously injured in Lake Forest Park.

It is the Council's intent to create a speed-setting program that slows drivers down and one that reflects the character of our community.

—Deputy Mayor Tom French

Meet the City's New Human Resources Director



Shannon Moore

Shannon Moore recently joined the City of Lake Forest Park as the new Human Resources Director. Responsible for the overall vision and direction of the City's Human Resources activities and programs, her role includes managing, administering, and overseeing the human resources functions, as well as providing assistance to leadership and staff. In addition to 15 years of experience, Shannon brings with her a passion for supporting an organization's diversity and inclusion efforts and fostering employee engagement.

Shannon graduated from Gonzaga University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with concentrations in Human Resources and Finance and most recently earned her certification in Women's Leadership from her alma mater.

Welcome, Shannon!

New Webpage for Agendas, Minutes, and Meeting Videos

As part of the recent upgrades to the city hall and council chambers audiovisual system, the City has a new page for agendas, minutes, and videos: [\[https://lakeforestpark-wa.municodemeeetings.com/\]](https://lakeforestpark-wa.municodemeeetings.com/). All city council and advisory body agendas, minutes, and videos are now available on the new page.

You can find the page easily from the **Agendas & Minutes** button on our homepage.

Please contact City Clerk Matt McLean (mmclean@cityofflp.gov) if you have questions.



The Climate Action Committee Wants Your Input—Take the Survey Today!



The Lake Forest Park Climate Action Committee is drafting a Climate Action Plan. The objective of the plan is to provide guidance to help us reduce our community's use of fossil fuels and adapt to our changing climate.

The survey will help shape our response to the climate crisis. To take the survey, follow this link (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X5FF7BT>) or scan the QR Code. **Survey will close at the end of the year!**

Stay informed about the committee's work by joining the Climate Action Committee Notify Me subscriber list here: [<https://www.cityoflfp.gov/list.aspx?ListID=291>]

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, flush only toilet paper! 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. Protect your home, the sewer system, and the environment, make sure these items go into the trash, and stay out of your pipes.

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, food wastes, and dispose of them in the garbage.

For more information, on how to protect our water, visit the King County Wastewater Education webpage: [<https://kingcounty.gov/services/environment/wastewater/education/protect-environment.aspx>]



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.



Department of Natural Resources and Parks
Wastewater Treatment Division

DIRECTORY

CITY HALL

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PERMIT COUNTER

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

PASSPORTS

By Appointment Only -
Schedule Online at:

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

M, Th & F: 12:00pm - 4:00pm
Sat: 10:00am - 3:00pm
Phone: 206-957-2834

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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

SEWER BILLING

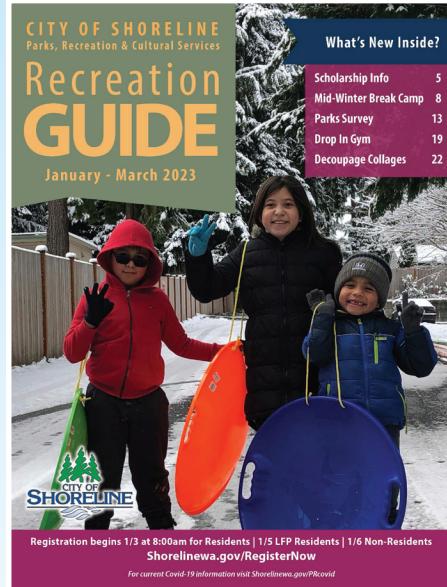
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LFP Early Registration for Winter Recreation Programs with the City of Shoreline Begins January 5, 2023



Live in Lake Forest Park? Interested 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) throughout the entire year! LFP residents' early registration for Winter 2023 begins at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2023.

Visit www.shorelinewa.gov/recreation for more information or give them a call at 206-801-2600 with any questions.

Reminder, LFP 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 (www.cityoflfp.gov) 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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