

LFP Times

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Mayor's Corner: Sound Transit Update – Public Involvement

A topic of much conversation recently is the Sound Transit Bus Rapid Transit project (Stride) along the Bothell Way (SR 522) corridor. In December of last year the Council passed a motion urging the Sound Transit Board to pause the project for 90-days, "in order to hear our citizens' concerns and work directly with the City and our community to develop new design refinements, including: 1) significant reductions in the amount of tree canopy destruction and property acquisitions; 2) to better address and improve mitigation plans for noise, tree removal, and environmental impacts; and 3) to rethink and reimagine the retaining wall design, safety, and landscaping."



Mayor Jeff Johnson

As your Mayor, I agree with and support this motion and have directed city staff to continue their efforts to make sure this project respects the unique character of our community and sensitive environment through which it passes. We are Lake Forest Park, that is not just a name, but a reflection of who we are and what we hold dear. While there remains much work to be done, this administration will stay engaged with the community and Sound Transit to make this the best project possible within the boundaries of our city.

I want everyone to know how much I appreciate the community involvement in this process and making sure your voices are heard by Sound Transit. Your support helps to strengthen our message by showing that your elected officials are truly representing the community.

Check out the City's new Sound Transit Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) webpage: <https://www.cityofflp.gov/676/Sound-Transit-Bus-Rapid-Transit-BRT>

–Mayor Johnson

Citywide Tree Inventory Update

The City is excited to announce the 10-year update to its citywide tree inventory! This effort will evaluate the health and composition of trees in the City's community forest, which includes trees within parks and open spaces, street trees, as well as trees on private land. Together, these trees serve an important role in mitigating climate change. They provide shade that reduces the urban heat island effect, capture and filter stormwater runoff, sequester carbon, increase home values, improve human health and wellness, and create habitat for wildlife. The data collected from this inventory provides critical information to preserve, restore, and enhance our community forest.



Inventory crew member conducting field work to measure the tree trunk diameter

The update began in 2022

with help from The Watershed Company and is scheduled to be completed this spring. This is a unique opportunity to collect and compare tree data from 2010. Why is this important? The comparisons will provide important insight into how Lake Forest Park's urban forest is changing over time. This is a community-wide effort! Lake Forest Park land and homeowners may receive a letter about the inventory, inviting you to participate. If so, please respond right away to support this important project. Thank you to those who have already responded. If you think you got a letter and did not respond, you can email hswanson@cityofflp.gov to check in.

For more information about the tree inventory, or the Lake Forest Park Community Forest Management Plan, please visit: <https://www.cityofflp.com/235/Learn-More-about-Trees-Forest-Care>.

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.cityofflp.gov/list.aspx>



Your City Council's Work in the Year Ahead

After a full and productive 2022, the year ahead is already shaping up to be a very busy one for the LFP City Council.

Sound Transit SR 522 Bus Rapid Transit project through Lake Forest Park



Image from Lovepik.com

We will continue our discussions with the Sound Transit Board and staff to ensure this regional project embodies the values and character of our community. This includes minimizing the removal of trees and vegetation to safeguard the preservation of our natural environment and reducing impacts to adjacent property owners and their neighbors.

Right-of-Way Retaining Wall Code Updates

We will continue our work to update our code to ensure ROW retaining walls embody the character of LFP and are environmentally considerate.

Tree Code Updates

The Council will be updating our Tree Code as well as making amendments to ensure that trees in the right-of-way in the City are protected to the greatest extent possible.

Speed Limits and Traffic Calming

The Council continues to work on programs to ensure the safety of all of our neighbors, with an emphasis on pedestrian and multi-modal safety.

We welcome you to come to City Hall or join us online for our meetings!

–Deputy Mayor Tom French



Don't Drip and Drive – Puget Sound Starts Here



Even a small oil leak can have a big impact on your car and our creeks, lakes, rivers, and Puget Sound. Every drop on your driveway means a shorter lifespan for your car. Plus, oil and other petroleum products are toxic

to people, wildlife, and plants. Take these steps to maintain the health of your vehicle and the environment:

1. Check your vehicle for leaks regularly and get them fixed promptly. Learn how to diagnose or fix a leak here: <https://pugetsoundstartshere.org/Default.aspx>

2. Always dispose of used motor oil properly by bringing it to your local auto shop for recycling. Call 1-800-RECYCLE or visit <http://1800recycle.wa.gov/> to find a location near you.
3. Use ground cloths or drip pans if you find a leak or are doing engine work. Clean up spills immediately.



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Coffee With The Mayor

Join Mayor Johnson for Coffee with the Mayor on Saturday, March 18 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., in the City Council Chambers. Come share with Mayor Johnson what's on your mind – and enjoy some coffee!

Northshore Emergency Management Coalition – 2022 in Review



As 2023 gets rolling, the Northshore Emergency Management Coalition (NEMCo) would like to share some of the work

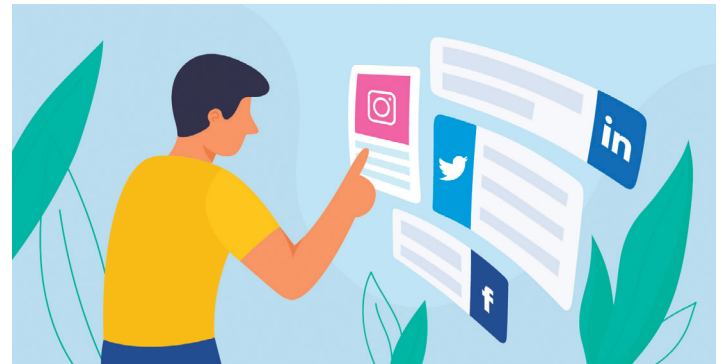
that was done in 2022. As COVID restrictions started to lift and aspects of life began to shift back to pre-COVID levels, NEMCo started to revive many of its programs. Most notably, the summer brought reorganization of our volunteer groups, both the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), and a return to community outreach at community events giving our volunteer groups a chance to focus on serving their community by providing some basic first aid and other community assistance.

Building on momentum from summer, both groups spent fall reestablishing a rhythm for meetings and trainings. This included a return to in-person meetings and training sessions, allowing volunteers to get back to sharpening their skills and building a sense of community. Currently, CERT meets the second Tuesday of each month with training sessions usually held the following Saturday morning, while RACES meets the second Wednesday of each month. Anyone interested in volunteering is welcome to attend these events, held at Station 51 in Kenmore, and follow our other activities on our website at www.northshoreemc.com.

Follow the City on LinkedIn

In addition to following the City on Facebook [<https://www.facebook.com/cityoflakeforestpark>], Twitter [<https://twitter.com/cityofflp>], and Instagram [https://www.instagram.com/accounts/login/?next=%2Fcity_of_lake_forest_park%2F], you can now also follow us on LinkedIn! If you have a LinkedIn account, you can visit us there for updates, including job opportunities with the City.

Check it out at: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/city-of-lake-forest-park/mycompany/?viewAsMember=true>



Explore the LFP Green Fair on April 29

The LFP Green Fair is back! All are welcome and invited to attend this free event. Local organizations and businesses will be there to answer your questions regarding composting, recycling, reducing waste, natural yard care, water conservation, environmentally safe products, and more!

The fair is hosted at Third Place Commons (top floor) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, 2023. Bring your friends, neighbors, and family and join in on the fun, learn something new, and take home some giveaways!

Stay tuned for announcements on workshops, who will be in attendance with a booth, and more. We look forward to seeing you the 29th of April at the LFP Green Fair!



The LFP Green Fair is back April 29th!!

When?

**Saturday, April 29,
2023**

10 AM to 2 PM

Where?

Third Place Commons
17171 Bothell Way NE
Lake Forest Park WA 98155

**Learn,
Have Fun,
& Go Green for FREE!!**

Vendors from all different backgrounds will be in attendance supplied with giveaways and able to answer your questions!



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Waste Management Program
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Learn to save the Planet

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, & Be Green!

DIRECTORY

CITY HALL

17425 Ballinger Way NE
Lake Forest Park, WA 98155
M-F: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Phone: 206-368-5440
Fax: 206-364-6521
Web: www.cityofflp.gov

PERMIT COUNTER

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

PASSPORTS

By Appointment Only -
Schedule Online at:

<https://www.cityofflp.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

Phone: 206-368-5440 x126
Email: sewerbills@cityofflp.gov

**CITY HALL
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TO THE PUBLIC!**



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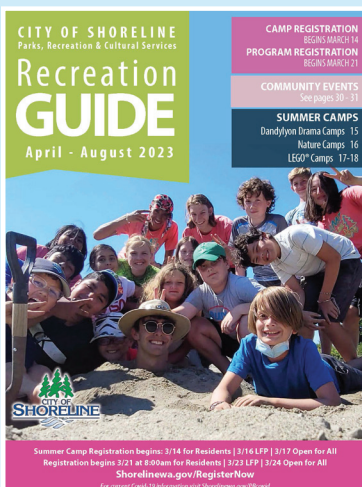
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Early Registration for Spring/Summer Recreation Programs and Camps with the City of Shoreline Begins Thursday, March 16, 2023



Do you live in Lake Forest Park and are interested in recreation? Take advantage of recreation programs and summer 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! Summer camp early registration for Lake Forest Park residents starts Thursday, March 16, 8:00 a.m. Registration for spring/summer programs and classes other than summer camp begins March 23, 8:00 a.m.

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 webpage [www.cityofflp.gov] or call City Hall, 206-368-5440.

You may also find more information on how to register, scholarship opportunities, or the partnership with City of Shoreline at:

<http://www.cityofflp.com/index.aspx?NID=396>.

To view the Recreation Guide online, go to: <http://bit.ly/2BrnGGf>

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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