

# LFP Times

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## Mayor's Corner – Exciting Projects and Opportunities for Public Input



Mayor Tom French

Hello friends - 2024 has arrived with a tremendous amount of optimism here in our little green corner of the Puget Sound Region. We have a lot to accomplish this year and it would not be possible without the hard-working members of our staff and our selfless community volunteers.

The dedicated members of our boards and commissions are

working very hard on all of our behalf to improve our community and we are looking forward to seeing the results of their efforts.

We have much to look forward to: the continuation of the great work of the Planning Commission on the Comprehensive Plan Update; the delivery to our Council of the Climate Action Committee's draft plan on recommendations for our community to reduce the impacts of climate change; the arrival of a detailed tree inventory from our Tree Board; and the delivery of design recommendations for our Lakefront Property from our Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

There will be many opportunities for public input and comment on each of these important bodies of work. Please sign up for alerts on our website and check the City calendar for the latest word on upcoming events.

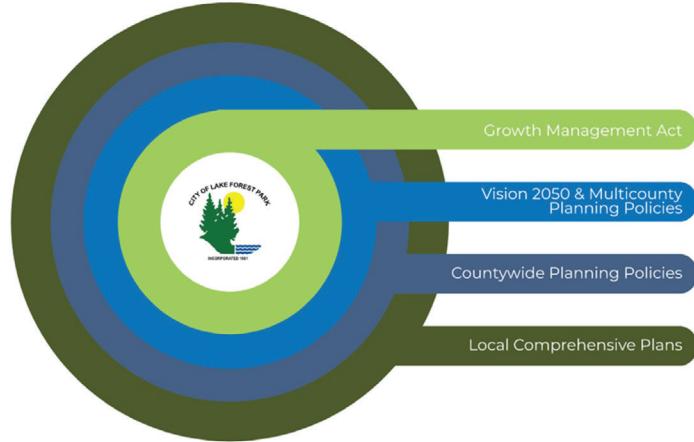
With appreciation,  
Mayor Tom French

## Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update

The City's Planning Commission is currently in the process of updating the comprehensive plan as required every ten years under the WA State Growth Management Act. This plan is the visioning and guidance document for the city and contains goals and policies to support regulations and future decision-making for the City of Lake Forest Park. The Planning Commission meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month



City Hall rainbow photo by K. Zech



but will also hold several special meetings from now through June 2024 to discuss potential changes to the comprehensive plan.

- Planning Commission Special Meeting on Monday, March 4, 7:00 p.m. (hybrid meeting)
- Planning Commission Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 p.m. (hybrid meeting)
- Planning Commission Special Meeting on Thursday, April 4, 7:00 p.m. (hybrid meeting)
- Planning Commission Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 p.m. (hybrid meeting)
- Planning Commission Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 7:00 p.m. (hybrid meeting)
- Planning Commission Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 7:00 p.m. (hybrid meeting)
- Planning Commission Special Meeting on Thursday, June 6, 7:00 p.m. (hybrid meeting)
- Planning Commission Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 7:00 p.m. (hybrid meeting)

The Planning Commission is anticipated to make a formal update recommendation to the City Council this summer, for possible City Council action on the Plan by December 2024. The goal of the periodic update is to incorporate mandates from the state, regional agencies, and county, as well as to include revised or added goals and policies that the community would like to see implemented in Lake Forest Park. We hope to see you at a future meeting.

## Council Corner - Update on Sound Transit Plans in LFP

Last year, 500 members of our community met with Sound Transit (ST) leadership and requested changes in its current plans for massive road widening on Bothell Way for a new northbound bus lane. The City Council followed up with a formal request in late October.

We support efficient, cost-effective transit improvements, but the current design through LFP will cost hundreds of millions of dollars for two minutes of travel time savings, and only at rush hour. In contrast, impacts would be huge: property takings from 110 homes or small businesses,



LFP Community Meeting with Sound Transit CEO (2023)

removal of over 400 trees along the roadway, 1.3 acres of new impervious surfaces affecting streams, and removal of 95,000 tons of debris – all increasing noise and heat island effects.

Our city and community are trying to help ST – by requesting less damaging and less costly alternatives that can provide similar benefits for bus riders. Our letter urged ST to collaborate with us and explore queue jumps and signalized traffic lights, rather than a mile long bus lane. We requested a side-by-side cost-benefit and impact analysis comparing the full bus lane with the queue jump approach. We will post ST's response on the City website as soon as we receive it.

– Deputy Mayor Lorri Boden

## Volunteers Needed for LFP Boards, Commissions, and Committees



Photo by Vecteezy.com

Civil Service Commission – one full-term vacancy, six-year term, generally meets in the morning, as needed.

Climate Action Committee - there are two college/ high school student

positions available on the Climate Action Committee. Both are partial terms that expire on February 28, 2025.

Tree Board - terms are for three years and there are two partial term vacancies; one expires February 28, 2025 and the other expires February 28, 2026.

If you would like to apply, please complete the online application: <https://lakeforestpark-wa.municodemeeetings.com/bc/application>. More information about these advisory bodies is available here: <https://www.cityoflfp.gov/103>. If you have additional questions about any of the positions, please call City Hall, 206-368-5440.

## Reminder – City Offers Locking Mailbox Program



Mail Boss 7500 Mail Manager Pro

Last year, the City began the Locking Mailbox Program [<https://www.cityoflfp.gov/682>] to help deter mail theft.

Property owners of single-family residential units (including duplexes and triplexes) are eligible to participate in the program. Tenants may also participate with written permission from their landlord (necessary as the mailbox will be owned by the property owner).

Property owners may sign up for the program by submitting a completed application, including payment, to City Hall. Applications are available online [<https://www.cityoflfp.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11319>] or in-person at City Hall.

A mailbox will be reserved upon receipt of a complete application and payment. Once the City has received 24 applications, we will place a bulk order for mailboxes. Once we receive them, you will be contacted to pick yours up.

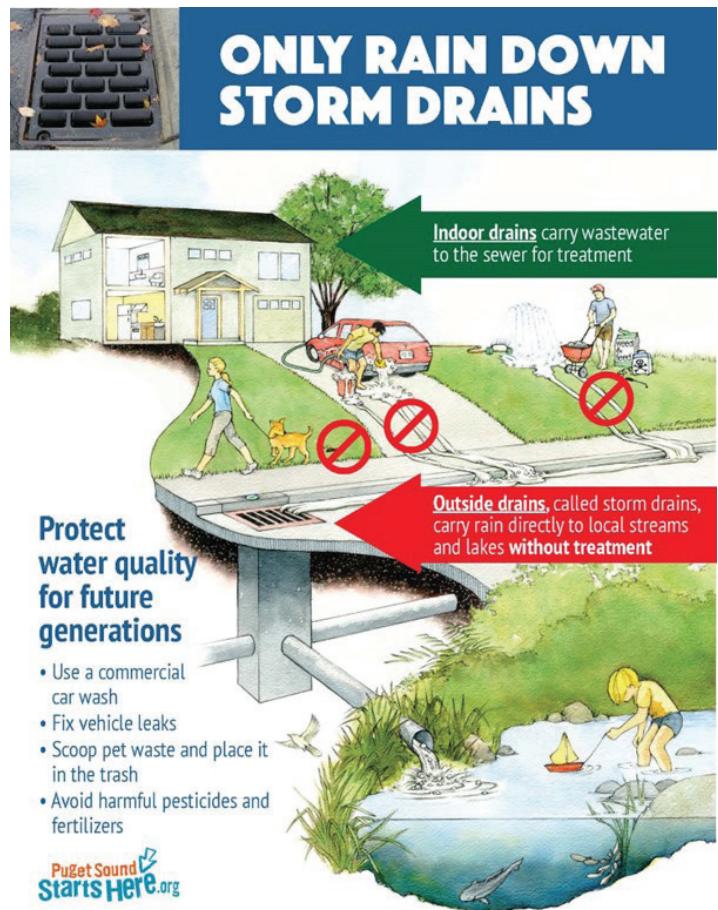
The mailbox cost is \$121.44 (\$99.20 plus \$11 shipping and \$11.24 sales tax) which is significantly lower than the retail cost of \$160. Payments can be made in person by cash, card\*, or check (\*additional service fee applies).

For questions regarding the program or assistance with filling out the application, contact City Hall at 206-368-5440.

## Check Out the Garden Hotline for Tips to Help Protect Puget Sound

Spring is here! Looking to get your garden going without all the chemicals but need some tips on soil care, clearing old growth, trimming shrubs, or plant choices? The [GardenHotline.org](http://GardenHotline.org) has you covered with many resources, classes, and education to get your garden going this year!

Together, our collective small actions can make a BIG difference to help keep pollutants out of waterways. Simple things like stopping the use of pesticides in your yard; using a commercial car wash rather than your driveway to wash your car; and scooping, bagging, and throwing your dog's poop in the garbage every time all help keep only rain flowing down storm drains and into waterways. Learn more tips to keep us all healthier and happier at [pugetsoundstartshere.org](http://pugetsoundstartshere.org)!



## Save The Date!

### You are invited to the

### LFP Green Fair, March 30!

**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!

\*Learn to save the Planet\*  
**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, & Be Green!**

When?!  
**Saturday,  
March 30, 2024  
10 AM to 2 PM**

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



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## DIRECTORY

### CITY HALL

17425 Ballinger Way NE  
Lake Forest Park, WA 98155  
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Phone: 206-368-5440  
Fax: 206-364-6521  
Web: [www.cityoflfp.gov](http://www.cityoflfp.gov)

### PERMIT COUNTER

Mon-Fri: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### PASSPORTS

By Appointment Only -  
Schedule Online at:  
<https://www.cityoflfp.gov/124/Passports>  
M, Th & F: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Sat: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Phone: 206-957-2834

### MUNICIPAL COURT

M-F: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Phone: 206-364-7711  
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### POLICE

Emergency: 911  
Non-emergency:  
425-577-5656  
Records: 206-364-8216  
Domestic Violence  
Victim Advocate:  
206-964-8277

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## LFP Early Registration for Spring/Summer Recreation Programs and Camps with the City of Shoreline Begins March 21, 2024

Are you a Lake Forest Park resident who is 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) through the entire year! The early registration dates for spring/summer programs and camps are:

### Summer Camp Registration:

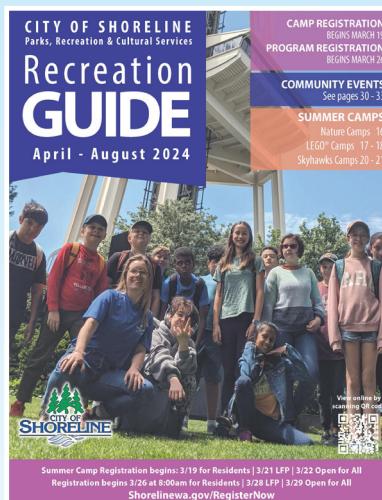
March 21, 8:00 a.m.

### Classes & Trips Registration:

March 28, 8:00 a.m.

Visit [shorelinewa.gov/recreation](http://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 [www.cityoflfp.gov/396](http://www.cityoflfp.gov/396) 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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