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Mayor's Corner - Update on Speed Zone Cameras



Mayor Tom French

Last month, the Lake Forest Park City Council approved two new speed zone cameras for NE 178th Street near Brookside Elementary School. This action continues the city's commitment to increase pedestrian and multimodal safety, especially near schools.

In a cost-saving measure, existing school zone cameras will be reconfigured to work at all times. The speed limit will continue to be 20 mph during school times (when the warning light is flashing)

and 25 mph at other times.

From data collected from the school zone cameras, the city knows that those cameras are effective at getting drivers to reduce their vehicle's speeds in that area: re-offenders accounted for only 9% of the issued citations.

With the opening of the Link Light Rail Stations in Shoreline in August, traffic volume will continue to increase along NE 178th Street. We are hoping that the presence of these cameras will remind drivers to give our students and other residents on foot, bicycle or scooter a break and slow down!

With appreciation,
Mayor Tom French

Summer Events in LFP

- **Concert in the Park** June 26, 6:30 p.m. – Pfingst Animal Acres Park
- **LFP PD Safety Day** July 13, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – City Hall Parking Lot



Concert in the Park 2023

- **Concert in the Park** July 31, 6:30 p.m. – Pfingst Animal Acres Park
- **Shakespeare in the Park** August 10, 4:00 p.m. – Pfingst Animal Acres Park
- **Family Day at the Farmers Market** August 25, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – City Hall Parking Lot
- **Feria Viva Latinoamerica** August 24, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Pfingst Animal Acres Park
- **Picnic in the Park!** September 7, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Pfingst Animal Acres Park
- **Yoga in the Park Series** will make its return Saturday mornings at Pfingst Animal Acres Park around July and August, stay tuned for more details and start dates!
- **The LFP Farmers Market** now open every Sunday through October 20! - City Hall Parking Lot

Council Corner - Get to Know Bsche'tla Creek (It Has a Rock)

Greetings LFP Neighbors. You probably know about LFP's McAleer Creek and Lyon Creek, but do you know about Bsche'tla Creek? Bsche'tla Creek (pronounced bs-cheh-tlah) has its source uphill near Briarcrest Elementary School. It flows past the cemetery and under Bothell Way, emerging into an exceptionally steep ravine on the south side of the Sheridan Market, then draining into



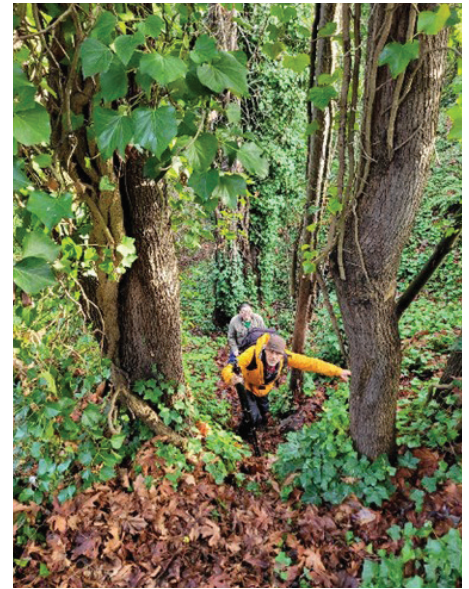
Lake Washington. The ravine surrounding the creek bed is densely treed, so densely that you cannot see the creek even if you look on Google Earth.

The name Bsche'tla means "it has a rock" in the Lushootseed language, which refers to a large rock that was once visible.

Thanks to research and a campaign led by local students, the name was officially selected by LFP in 2001.

Although the creek is designated a "fish stream" by the State, it is in serious need of restoration. Decades ago,

dozens of tires and other debris were routinely thrown down the ravine, and invasive plants abound. I am proud to say that our community is now taking action. Led by Brian Saunders and Chris Dodd of the Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation Streamkeepers, and with strong support from our city, Department of Ecology grant funds have been requested for initial restoration – removing tires and debris. The LFP Public Works Department will partner in the environmentally sound disposal of the tires and debris.



Streamkeepers' Chip Dodd and Cmbr. Tracy Furutani visit Bsche'tla ravine, which is covered with invasive plants. Photo credit: B. Saunders

What a great example of the environmental stewardship, partnerships, and community spirit we value in Lake Forest Park!

– Deputy Mayor Lorri Bodi

Puget Sound Starts Here – Summer Car Wash Tips

Our cars get dirty, let's get them cleaned the right way!

Unfortunately, there is no filtration system between you and your storm drains. Everything done on streets, parking lots, and at home goes straight down the storm drain and dumps into the nearest stream which then empties into Lake Washington or Puget Sound. We all enjoy a nice shiny clean car, but home car washing can use excessive amounts of water and sends lots of pollutants like

oils, heavy metals, detergents, soaps, and grime into the storm drains.

The great news is there are ways you can help! The best way is to use a commercial car wash. They are required to send their soapy, dirty, grimy water to the same system other wastewater from our showers, sinks, and toilets go for treatment to be cleaned! If you cannot

make it to a car wash, it is best to divert your dirty car wash water to grass, soil, or gravel and not your driveway or concrete. Grass, soil, and gravel can help filter the dirty water so not all the harmful pollutants enter a stream and empty into Lake Washington or Puget Sound.

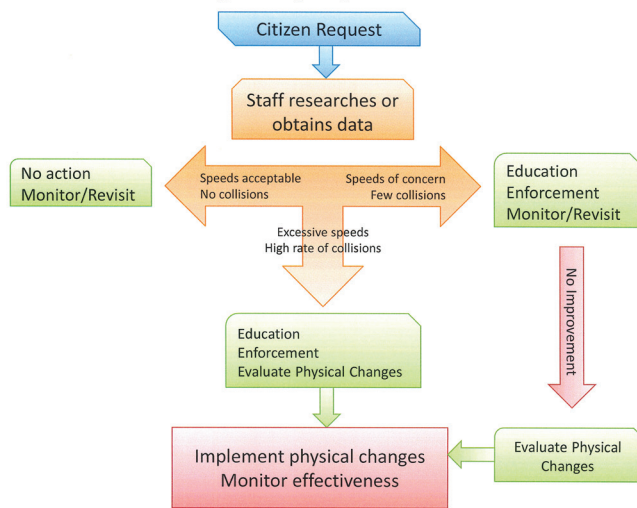


New Citywide Speed Limits Coming Soon

The City of Lake Forest Park introduced a Traffic Calming Program in 2018 to address residents' concerns relative to speeding throughout the city. This program is staffed by the Police Department, Public Works Department, and a contract traffic engineer. Their charge is to evaluate citizen requests and, following the general framework below, effect changes in behavior through education, enforcement, physical changes to the roadway, or some combination of these.

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Traffic Calming Policy Flowchart

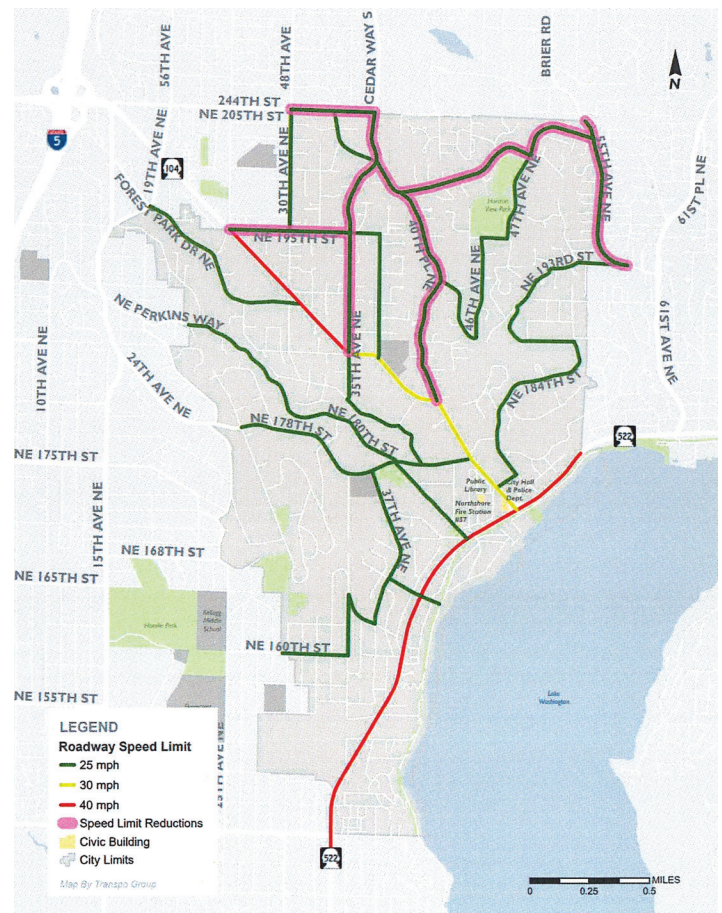


After many years of street-by-street review, on October 13, 2022 the City Council adopted the National Association of Transportation Officials (NACTO) "City Limits" Summer 2022 Edition, and instructed the administration to bring forward a contract for the performance of a citywide Safe Speed Study in accordance with the NACTO guidelines to determine speed limits within the city that will best minimize the risk of persons being killed or seriously injured in Lake Forest Park.

On April 11, 2024, the City Council accepted the final draft of the Safe Speed Study and, with this acceptance, **adopted the following changes to speed limits throughout the city.**

- **Set a default 25 mph speed limit for all arterial and collector roadways.**
- **Set a default 20 mph speed limit for all streets classified as "local access."**
(those roads not colored in the map below)

Further updates will be provided as the City works to implement these new speed limits citywide.



LFP PD Hosts 4th Annual Safety Day – July 13, 2024

It's that time of year when warmer weather and longer days mean more families are enjoying the outdoors. With the popularity of biking and swimming, ensuring community safety becomes paramount. The LFP Police Department is delighted to announce its 4th annual Safety Day on July 13, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Lake Forest Park City Hall.

Mark your calendars and save the date! This year's event includes complimentary bike helmets and life jackets for

both kids and adults with disabilities (available on a first-come, first served basis), goodie bags for the children, and a bicycle obstacle course.



Safety Day 2023

Bring your appetite and check out the food vendors. Then, grab a ticket and take aim to dunk either Chief Harden or Mayor Tom French in the dunk tank! Proceeds benefit the North Sound Police Foundation.

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

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Lake Forest Park Recreation Opportunities with the City of Shoreline

Early registration for the Spring/Summer recreation programs has already opened. However, if you missed the early registration date, Lake Forest Park residents will 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 the City's website, Facebook, and Twitter.

Visit <https://www.shorelinewa.gov/government/departments/parks-recreation-cultural-services> for more information or give them a call at 206-801-2600 with any questions.

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 www.cityofflp.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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