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## Mayor's Corner - Pedestrian Safety Update



Mayor Tom French

We are excited to share important news about our ongoing efforts to enhance pedestrian safety in our community. The recent installation of 24/7 traffic safety cameras on NE 178th Street has yielded tangible results. These cameras have successfully reduced the average driving speeds to under 25 mph. Furthermore, the number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit by more than 5 mph has dropped notably, from nearly 9% to just above 4%.

The placement of these cameras was a strategic move to address growing concerns about speeding, especially in areas with high pedestrian activity. By lowering the

average speeds and curbing the incidence of significant speed limit violations, we are creating a safer environment for everyone, particularly around Brookside Elementary and busy intersections where pedestrian traffic is highest.

Initial data indicates that this initiative is making a positive impact. We will continue to closely monitor the situation and make necessary adjustments to ensure that these safety benefits are maintained.

All net revenues from these cameras go directly back into pedestrian safety improvements.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our residents for their cooperation and commitment to safe driving practices. Your adherence to speed limits and mindfulness of pedestrian safety are crucial in making NE 178th Street, and our entire city, a safer and more welcoming place for all.

With appreciation,  
Mayor Tom French

## Save the Date!

### PICNIC IN THE PARK

Invite Family & Friends for a Fun & Free Event to  
Celebrate our Lake Forest Park Community!

**September 7th, 2024**

**2 PM - 6 PM**

**ANIMAL ACRES PARK**

**CONCERTS • FOOD TRUCKS • PETTING ZOO  
KIDS ACTIVITIES • FAMILY FUN • FREE!**



## REDUCE – REUSE – RECYCLE! FIRST-EVER LAKE FOREST PARK YARD SALE DAY!



Calling all LFP'ers who need an excuse to clean out the garage/home, want to buy used instead of new, love a good bargain, or just want to get out and explore the neighborhood for LAKE FOREST PARK YARD SALE DAY! Volunteers of the Park's and Recreation Advisory Board are organizing LFP's first-ever city-wide yard sale!

**WHEN: Saturday, September 14, 2024 - 9:00AM to 3:00PM**

**WHERE: All over Lake Forest Park!**

List your address on a map at the QR code.

Maps with addresses will be available starting the week before.

## Council Corner - Sound Transit Bus Lane Update

Sound Transit (ST) continues to advance its plans for a full-length northbound bus lane along Bothell Way. They anticipate acquiring all property interests, requesting bids, obtaining permits, and beginning construction by late 2025, with completion in 2028. However, many essential design issues, city requests, and routine city permits remain unaddressed.

Last month, LFP elected representatives wrote to ST again, requesting design changes to preserve our environment and community. Our design eliminates the full bus lane between 153rd and 165th, from traffic light to traffic light. Instead, we would add signalized lights and queue jumps at 153rd and 165th, allowing busses to merge into regular lanes north of the 153rd traffic light and merge into the dedicated bus lane north of 165th.

LFP's alternative provides virtually identical transit benefits to ST's full-length bus lane, with less cost and impact. Our alternative would reduce private property



## 2024 Periodic Update of the Comprehensive Plan - Recommendation to City Council

The City of Lake Forest Park's decennial Comprehensive Plan periodic update is well under way, now reaching a high-level review and discussion period by the City Council. The active update effort is required by state law to address recent legislative changes, new King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs), and the Puget Sound Regional Council's (PSRC) VISION 2050. Collectively, there are new requirements and policies that change the ways we plan for housing and land use, transportation, address the needs of vulnerable residents, and incorporate climate planning.

As a member of the Lake Forest Park community, we value your insight and ideas about the city. After numerous regular and special meetings in 2023 and 2024, the City's Planning Commission held an Open House on July 16 and a public hearing on August 13, 2024. The public hearing formally provided additional public comment and feedback to the Commissioners on draft amendments to the Comprehensive Plan prior to their required recommendation to the City Council. The Commission has reviewed the existing goals and policies

takings, tree removals, greenhouse gas emissions, and stormwater impacts, as well as eliminate construction risks at B'schetla Creek, a landslide area and fish stream.

We have prepared an engineering design that we are actively advocating with ST. This could be a win-win for our community and ST, if they will finally pause and reconsider, as requested.

– Deputy Mayor Lorri Boden

in the adopted 2015 Comprehensive Plan and included draft amendments to each element in the Plan.

The City Council will now receive the Commission's recommendation, review and consider the draft amendments, hold an additional public hearing, and take action to adopt an updated Plan.

## LFP Municipal Court Introduces Pocketalk to Assist with Translation

The Court recently purchased Pocketalk, a multi-sensory, two-way translation device to facilitate conversations with individuals seeking non-English language interpreter services at the municipal court outside of the courtroom.

Pocketalk resembles a cell phone. With a large touchscreen, noise-cancelling microphones and a text-to-translate camera, Pocketalk can create connections across 82 different languages. It is equipped with high-quality, noise-cancelling microphones and two powerful speakers so it's easy to have full conversations, even in noisy environments. The camera instantly recognizes and translates text, including signs. A large touch screen provides text translation for additional clarity.

Pocketalk has enabled the Court to provide excellent

customer service to those who are not proficient in the English language. Court clerks have utilized Pocketalk to assist in setting hearings, accepting payments, and directing individuals to outside resources, such as the



Department of Licensing.

As a participant of the Language Access Interpreter Reimbursement Program offered through the Administrative

Office of the Courts, the Court is eligible for a full reimbursement of Pocketalk.

## Rain is on the Way, Don't LEAF it to Chance!

The City works hard to keep the drains clear, but with close to 1,800, we could use your help by making sure the storm drains near your home remain clear. Please do not remove the grates from the drains as this creates a hazard and does not unclog the system. Instead, rake or blow the leaves away from the drain, but not back into the street. Help prevent minor flooding and big mud puddles by 1) mulching the leaves (adds organic nutrients to

soils); 2) composting the leaves; or 3) picking up the leaves and placing them in yard waste bins. \*Remember, extra yard waste containers (your 96-gallon container + up to 3

32-gallon paper yard waste bags/bundles) may be placed curbside for pick up each week.

NEVER try to clear a storm drain or culvert if there

is moving water greater than ankle deep and always be wary of traffic when working near a roadway. Wet leaves are surprisingly heavy, so be careful not to overexert yourself. Debris from storm drains should be placed in yard waste containers. If flooding is severe or you find evidence of dumping, please call 206-368-5440.

For more information on how you can help the Lake Forest Park Environment, go to:

<https://www.cityoflfp.gov/180/What-You-Can-Do-To-Help-the-Environment>



## LFP Housing Forum

**Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

Lake Forest Park City Hall – hybrid event (in person and zoom; meeting link will be available on City of LFP's website. [cityoflfp.gov](http://cityoflfp.gov)

### **Created for Residents, by Residents!**

LFP residents, working with city staff, invite our neighbors and community members to learn about diverse housing options, such as accessory dwelling units (ADUs), duplexes, and community land trusts (CLTs).

**Maddy Larson**, resident and City Planning Commissioner, will moderate.

**Mayor Tom French** will share his perspectives about the city's past and future in meeting housing needs for our community.

**Mark Phillips**, former city council member, will provide housing demographics and regional comparison information.

**Mark Hofman**, AICP, LFP Community Development Director, will explain new Washington State housing mandates and local efforts to comply in our city. In addition, he will tell us how to create accessory dwelling units for aging needs or for young adult starter homes.

- How will new state housing laws impact our city?
- What will future housing density look like in LFP?
- How do we maintain the environmental quality of life in LFP as housing density increases?

Community conversation and Q&A centered around the question, "Where Do We Go from Here?" will follow the forum presentations.

## DIRECTORY

### CITY HALL

17425 Ballinger Way NE  
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M-F: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Phone: 206-368-5440  
Email: [cityhall@cityoflfp.gov](mailto:cityhall@cityoflfp.gov)  
Web: [www.cityoflfp.gov](http://www.cityoflfp.gov)

### PERMIT COUNTER

Mon-Th: 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-F: 9:00 a.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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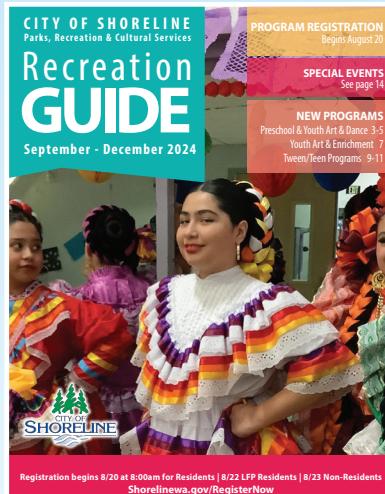


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## Lake Forest Park Recreation Opportunities with the City of Shoreline

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) through the entire year! Fall early registration has passed, but discounts still apply! To receive notices of the early registration dates, sign up for reminders through the City's website, Facebook and Twitter or keep watch on the City of Shoreline's Webpage.

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.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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