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Mayor's Corner – Sad News



Mayor Tom French

In March, the City of Lake Forest Park and our community lost a very special friend.

It is with great sadness that I share the passing of Deputy Mayor Lorri Bodi. She will be deeply missed, and our City is poorer for her loss.

She was a dear, dear friend, and I had the honor and privilege of working with her for more than five years here at the City.

As Deputy Mayor, Lorri applied her professional expertise to great effect, guiding the Council, Planning Commission, and Parks Board through many important pieces of legislation and policy creation.

Lorri was a consummate community leader and volunteer, and she spent decades as an extraordinary environmental activist and attorney. She always found ways to bring people together and sought both common ground and the common good.

She steadfastly championed the environmental ethic of Lake Forest Park and continuously advocated for thoughtful, gentle growth in our community.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends.

I will miss her greatly.

Tom French, Mayor



Lorri Bodi

Lake Forest Park Continues Budget Conversations with Community

Like many cities across the region, Lake Forest Park is experiencing a growing gap between the cost of providing essential services and the revenue available to fund them. Despite making significant reductions to fleet maintenance and other operational expenses—nearly \$500,000 in total—a substantial annual deficit remains.

This financial challenge comes at a time when residents have clearly shared what matters most in the City's community survey: safe neighborhoods supported by a strong police department, clean and accessible parks and trails, safe sidewalks near schools, and resources like a grant writer to help stretch local tax dollars.

To close the budget gap while continuing to invest in these priorities, the City Council is weighing several options. Among them is the possibility of a temporary levy to support public safety and parks.

As part of its commitment to transparency, the City has used its regular public meetings to share information about the budget and invite community feedback. These conversations will continue in the months ahead, with more opportunities for residents to stay informed and engaged as decisions take shape.

For more information and resources, visit:
www.cityoflfp.gov/704/Discussing-Budget-Challenges

Teens Invited to Explore Law Enforcement Careers Through Local Police Explorer Program

The King County Sheriff's Office and Lake Forest Park Police Department are inviting teens and young adults to take their first step into the world of law enforcement through the Law Enforcement Explorer Program.

Open to individuals ages 14 to 21, the Explorer Program offers participants the chance to gain hands-on experience in policing, develop leadership skills, and serve their communities. Explorers receive training in areas like emergency vehicle operations, case law, and physical fitness, while also participating in public events such as National Night Out, Día de los Muertos, and Shop with a Cop. While many participants are considering a future in law enforcement, a career in the field is not required to join. The program is open year-round and encourages youth who are curious about the criminal justice system or eager to make a positive impact to apply.

For more information, visit
kingcountypoliceexplorers.org.



Council Corner – Celebrating Volunteers in Lake Forest Park

The City Council and Mayor's Office officially proclaimed the week of April 20 as National Volunteer Week. Did you know that we have our own dedicated group of volunteers who provide much-needed services for our parks and environment?



Volunteers creating a Pollinator Garden at Pfingst Animal Acres Park, expanding the Master Gardener Demonstration Garden (Sept-Oct 2024).

Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Community Van

Community Vans is a customized transportation service designed to help residents get where they need to go when bus service can't meet their needs. All trips are driven by Metro-approved Volunteer Drivers and are based on volunteer availability.

2025 Upcoming Events in Lake Forest Park

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| The Secret Gardens of LFP Garden Tour & Market | June 14 | Concert in the Park |
| Safety Fair | July 12 | Art in the Park |
| Battle of the Bands with ShoreLake Arts | Aug 23 | Family Day at the Farmers Market |
| Picnic in the Park! | Sep 6 | Paws in the Park |

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One great example is the Master Gardener Demonstration Garden at Pfingst Animal Acres Park, coordinated by volunteer Linda Holman. "The garden has grown to include pollinator and native plant areas," Linda shared. "We invite the community to come out and enjoy it!" Originally created to grow fresh produce for local food banks, the garden has flourished thanks to ongoing community involvement. If you're interested in volunteering with this project, please contact Linda at lhholman@comcast.net.

There are also drop-in volunteer opportunities through the Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation. Join a work party to help clean up, remove invasive species, and plant native vegetation at:

- Five Acre Woods Park – First Saturday of each month, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Grace Cole Nature Park – Third Saturday of each month, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

No matter how you choose to get involved, your efforts to enhance the beauty and health of our environment are appreciated by the City and everyone who lives and works in Lake Forest Park.

Tracy Furutani, Deputy Mayor

HopeLink Mobility Management coordinates the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Community Van program in partnership with King County Metro and participating cities.



Community Van trips are scheduled in advance through a local Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC). To request a trip, or to work with your CTC to propose a new trip, call (425)-943-6721, text (833)-202-3779, email communityvan@hopelink.org, or fill out the electronic trip form.

Want to give back and get a free ride?

Volunteer as a Community Van driver! You'll enjoy the flexibility to choose which trips to drive and ride for free while you're at it. Metro supplies the van, gas, insurance, and maintenance, and you just bring the driving skills and community spirit.

Learn more at bit.ly/44IzgMB

Salmon in the Schools – And in McAleer Creek



Students from Lake Forest Park and Briarcrest Elementary Schools have been raising juvenile coho salmon in their classrooms this year as part of the Salmon in Schools program. In mid-April, volunteers from the Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation, along with City staff from the Community Development and Stormwater teams, joined students, parents, and teachers to release the young coho into the wild at Grace Cole Nature Park.

The park is located at the headwaters of Brookside Creek, which flows into McAleer Creek, then Lake



Washington, Puget Sound, and eventually the Pacific Ocean. The young salmon will travel through all these waterbodies during different stages of their lifecycle, before ultimately returning to Lake Forest Park to spawn.

The Salmon in Schools program not only teaches students about the salmon lifecycle and their role in the ecosystem but also instills the importance of being good stewards of the creeks and streams in our community.

If you'd like to join a volunteer work party at Grace Cole Nature Park, you can sign up at lfp.org. To learn more about how you can help manage stormwater and protect water quality in your neighborhood, contact Chris Korwel, the City's new Stormwater Program Coordinator, at ckorwel@cityoflfp.gov.

Lakefront Park Community Workshop #4 – Share Your Ideas!

Join us for the fourth Community Workshop on Wednesday, June 11, in the City Hall Council Chambers. This is an open house event with activities for all ages. Stop by anytime between 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM. The design team will share updates on the park design, and the community will be invited to share their priorities for the park.

Your input is essential to the design of Lake Forest Park's future public Lakefront Park! Be sure to visit the project website [lfp.org] for more information on the project, sign up to receive email updates, and go on a virtual tour of the park!

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Save the date!

Community Workshop #4

The next community meeting will occur on Wednesday, June 11, 2025. The design team will share updates on the park design and the community will be invited to share their priorities for the park. The workshop will be held in Council Chambers at Lake Forest Park City Hall.



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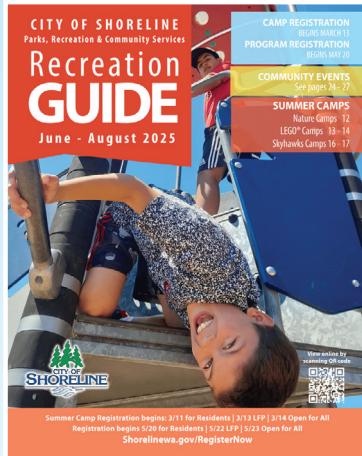
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Lake Forest Park Recreation Opportunities with the City of Shoreline



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! Summer early registration date has passed, but discounts still apply!

To receive early registration notices, sign up for reminders on the City's website, Facebook, or visit the City of Shoreline's website at www.shorelinewa.gov/recreation.

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, visit www.cityoflfp.gov or call City Hall at 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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