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Mayor's Corner – I Hope You All Had A Wonderful Summer!



Mayor Tom French

It's hard to believe the school year is right around the corner. With September comes an increase in traffic near our two elementary schools. Please be even more vigilant to your surroundings and attentive to your driving behavior on the roads.

We have a lot going on in our traffic safety program. The safety program near Brookside Elementary has been a stellar success and speeds in the area have been reduced by more than 10 MPH. The Administration is in the process of creating a similar program near LFP Elementary both on 35th Ave NE and 40th PI NE, subject to Council approval.

Also under consideration are installations of new crosswalks on Ballinger Way, NE 178th St and also the addition of Speed Safety cameras on State Routes 522 and 104. Speed Safety cameras will also be evaluated for installation on NE 197th St near Horizon View Park and on Brookside Boulevard near Animal Acres.

Under state law, all net revenue generated by Traffic Safety cameras is invested in road safety improvements for pedestrians and cyclists.

Please be thoughtful on all our roads - our kids and families depend on it.

With respect,

Tom French,
Mayor

Police and Public Safety Levy to Appear on November Ballot

Lake Forest Park residents will vote this fall on a proposed six-year police and public safety levy. The City Council has approved placing the measure on the November 2025 general election ballot to help fund essential services that support community safety.

If approved, the levy would fund police staffing and training, 911 dispatch, jail and court services, and mental health diversion and crisis intervention programs.

The proposed rate is \$0.24 per \$1,000 of assessed

property value and would appear on tax bills beginning in 2026. It would remain in effect for six years and include annual inflation adjustments, capped at five percent.

Like many cities in the region, Lake Forest Park is facing rising costs for police operations and regional services. These challenges are compounded by a 24% increase in inflation over the past four years and a state law that limits property tax revenue growth to just 1% per year.

To preserve service levels in the current budget, the City relied on one-time funds and made more than \$455,000 in spending reductions. While helpful in the short term, these measures are not a lasting solution.

To learn more about the proposed levy and how it may affect your property tax bill—including exemptions available to qualifying low-income seniors, disabled veterans, and other residents with disabilities—visit www.cityofflp.gov/lid-lift-info.



Commander Diego Zanella sharing bike safety tips at the Safety Day Fair

It's Salmon SEEson in Lake Forest Park!

From August through November, Lake Forest Park enjoys a special time of year as our beloved salmon return from years of exploring the Pacific Ocean to the creeks and streams where they were born.

Each year, salmon make their way back to McAleer and Lyon Creeks, along with their tributaries, to build redds (gravel nests for salmon eggs), spawn, and eventually complete their life cycle in the same waters where their journeys began.

You can spot returning salmon this fall at Lyon Creek Waterfront Preserve, Blue Heron Park, and Pfingst Animal Acres Park. Keep an eye out for them throughout the season or stay tuned for details about our upcoming guided Salmon SEEson event, where a local salmon expert will share insights about the salmon's lifecycle, the threats they face from stormwater pollution, and ways residents can help protect his vital species.

Scan the QR code in the image for more information.

A Cleaner Car Shouldn't Mean Dirtier Water

As the sunny days of summer wind down, many Lake Forest Park residents may still be catching up on outdoor chores, including washing their vehicles at home. While it's great to keep your car looking clean, it's important to do so in a way that protects our environment.

While keeping your car shiny and clean is a good thing, washing it in your driveway or on a public street is not. Wastewater from car washing is a form of pollution and allowing it to enter a city storm drain is not permitted in Lake Forest Park.

All of our city's storm drains connect to a stream or lake, which eventually flows into the Puget Sound. The storm drain system does not treat this water - it carries the pollution downstream as runoff. Runoff like this is the single largest source of pollutants entering the Puget Sound.

Any release of car wash wastewater to the city's storm drain system is considered an illicit discharge and does not comply with City Code.

For more information, residents can review the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code (16.24.270) or visit [PugetSoundStartsHere.org](https://www.pugetsoundstarts.org).



Need a REAL ID to Fly? Your Passport Works Too!

Still struggling to get your REAL ID to fly domestically? You're not alone - but there's a simple solution.

Lake Forest Park Passport Services is here to help! A valid U.S. passport book or passport card meets the Transportation Security Administration's REAL ID requirements for domestic air travel. If you don't have one yet, now's a great time to apply.

We offer passport appointments Monday through Saturday, with new appointments released every Tuesday. Schedule your visit at:

cityofflp.gov/123/passports



Learn to Be Prepared: Join the CERT Basic Training Program



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The Northshore Emergency Management Coalition (NEMCo) is excited to offer its Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Basic Training beginning Thursday, September 25, 2025 at Fire Station 51.

This free, seven-week course equips residents with practical skills to prepare for emergencies, disasters, and other critical incidents. No

prior experience is necessary - CERT training is open to individuals of all backgrounds, ages, and abilities.

Participants will learn from trained CERT instructors in key areas such as:

- Fire Safety
- Basic First Aid
- Disaster Medical Operations
- Light Search and Rescue
- Utility Management
- Emergency Preparedness

The program features interactive, easy-to-follow lessons with hands-on practice, culminating in a realistic disaster simulation to apply your new skills with confidence.

For more information, contact Kevin Lowery, Emergency Manager at klowery@cityofflp.gov or visit www.northshoreEMC.com.

Upcoming Events in Lake Forest Park

2025



Picnic in the Park!
Saturday, Sept 6 | 11 AM – 3 PM
Pfingst Animal Acres Park

Sept 6

EVENT PAGE



tinyurl.com/wr6ens9a



LFP's Yard Sale Day
Saturday, Sept 13 | 9 AM – 3 PM
All Over Lake Forest Park

Sept 13

EVENT PAGE



tinyurl.com/3r8mhn2



25 Birthday Party at the Commons

Sept 27



Paws in the Park

Oct 18



Halloween at the Commons

Oct 31

Stay tuned for more event details!



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Phone: 206-368-5440
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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.cityofflp.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
Fax: 206-364-7712

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 Fall Recreation Programs with the City of Shoreline Begins August 21



Live in Lake Forest Park? Interested in recreation? Take advantage of recreation programs offered through the City of Shoreline! Lake Forest Park residents receive a 24-hour early registration window before each season's programs open to the public, along with an 8% discount on all program fees year-round (excluding rentals). Fall early registration begins on August 21 at 8:00 a.m. — even if you miss the early window, the discount still applies all year long.

To receive notices of the early registration dates, sign up for reminders through the City's website, Facebook, Instagram or keep watch on 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.cityofflp.gov/396 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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