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Council Corner – LFP Organizations Receive County Awards



King County Councilmember Rob Dembowski presents the LFP Stewardship Foundation with a \$41,300 grant award for the Urban Stream Ecology Internship (USE-IT) program.

Four Lake Forest Park organizations received awards from a newly created climate and environment fund, part of the King County Parks Levy that voters passed in August.

The Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation received an award through the County WaterWorks program to study the chemical and biological health of tributaries of Lyon and McAleer Creeks. This initiative is overseen by Shoreline College instructor and LFP resident Brian Saunders.

The LFP Climate Hub at Town Center received a grant to develop an interactive video display for the Climate Hub. The Hub is the brainchild of UW Bothell instructor and LFP resident Dana Campbell.

Trout Unlimited received a grant to study salmon populations in McAleer and Lyon Creeks. This project is spearheaded by UW Bothell professor and LFP resident Jeff Jensen.

Finally, the fund is helping pay for the cleanup and renovation of Blue Heron Park, led by Master Gardener and LFP resident Linda Holman. The goal of the project, says Holman, is to focus on native plant species and

pollinators and to create a “demonstration garden for public education and enjoyment.”

Tracy Furutani, Deputy Mayor

Lake Forest Park is Now an Adopt-a-Drain Community!

Storm drains flow directly to rivers, lakes, creeks, and eventually Puget Sound, acting as a conduit for trash and organic pollutants. Adopt-a-Drain asks residents to adopt a storm drain in their neighborhood and keep it clear of leaves, trash, and other debris to reduce water pollution and help prevent localized flooding.

Volunteer a few minutes of your time a month for cleaner waterways and healthier communities!

Scan this QR code or visit adopt-a-drain.org to sign up today!



Protect local
waterways

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Blue Heron Restoration Project

Blue Heron Park is located at NE 170th Street and Hamlin Road, just off Bothell Way. Originally privately owned, the park was purchased by the City with Open Space bonds in 1989.

It is a small half-acre hidden gem. Native landscaping gives way to a pathway, and McAleer Creek runs along the edge of the park. The creek is a salmon spawning stream that also attracts blue herons.

In 2010, the City built a pedestrian bridge across McAleer Creek to connect the park with Brookside Boulevard NE and Town Center, offering both safe access and scenic creek views.

A new restoration project will begin with cleanup work in several areas of the park, followed by planting plans focused on native plants and pollinators suited to each site. A watering system and educational materials about plant selection, site conditions, and care will also be developed.

This project is a true community effort involving several local organizations, and community input is welcome. The goal is to create an inviting space for residents and visitors alike.

Interested in helping with park cleanups? Join the Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation for monthly

volunteer work parties from 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.:

- Five Acre Woods Park — First Saturday of each month
- Grace Cole Nature Park — Third Saturday of each month

Stay tuned for Blue Heron Park work parties on the second Saturday of each month starting the first quarter of 2026!



Look What's New at Horizon View Park!

A new public art piece, *Nature's Repose*, has been installed at the south end of the Horizon View Park



Artist Melissa Cole

playfield. Visitors can sit and relax on the vibrant two-sided concrete bench, embellished with glass mosaics and bookended with a metal fern and bleeding heart. Look

closely to spot a swallowtail butterfly and a bee among the details.

Artist Melissa Cole drew inspiration from the park's native flora and fauna. Committed to community involvement, she invited residents to help create parts of the sculpture at Third Place Commons. Over two days, volunteers of all ages made mosaic hearts and images of salmon, mushrooms, and sea stars using

recycled glass chips, which Cole later incorporated into the bench.

About 30 people attended the dedication, where Mayor Tom French thanked the Garden Tour Committee for its 21 years of service and officially welcomed *Nature's Repose* into the City's Public Art Collection.

The Secret Gardens of Lake Forest Park Garden Tour and Plant Sale continues this legacy, funding local nonprofits and public art projects. The next Garden Tour will take place on Saturday, June 20, 2026.



Ribbon Cutting of Art

Sewer Rate Increase for 2026

The City's sewer rate has two components: King County's and the City's portions. King County assesses a fee for the cost of sewage disposal, including the operation of sewage treatment plants and the maintenance of the facilities. This is the larger portion of the bill and is a true pass-through to King County, which will increase by 7.5% (\$4.38/month) in 2026.

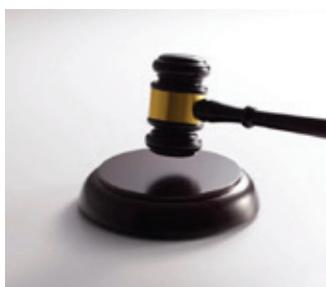
The City's portion funds the maintenance and repair of Lake Forest Park's local sewer system. To keep pace with inflation and rising costs, this portion will increase by 5% (\$1.12 per month) in 2026. Along with the 10% service tax applied to each billing, the average residential bi-monthly sewer bill will increase from \$177.63 to \$189.73 every two months starting January 1, 2026. You will see the new rate reflected on the February 1 billing.

The City of Lake Forest Park also offers a Low-Income Sewer Discount Program for residents within the City's service area. Eligible ratepayers receive a 50% reduction



on their bi-monthly sewer bills and are required to apply annually to maintain the Low-Income Sewer discount. If you are currently receiving a discounted bill, watch your mailbox in the coming months for the renewal letter and application. Learn more at tinyurl.com/jkb52njz.

Lake Forest Park Municipal Court – Updated Hours



The Lake Forest Park Municipal Court is now closed daily for lunch from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

For more information about court services, payment options, or contact details, please visit the Municipal Court webpage at

www.cityoflfp.gov/147/Municipal-Court.

Lights Out? Here's What to Do in Lake Forest Park

Seattle City Light manages all power services in our community — here's how to stay informed and safe during an outage.

If your power goes out, you can check the Seattle City Light Outage Map at seattle.gov/city-light/outages or call (206) 684-3000 to report an outage. You'll need your City Light account number or the phone number linked to your account.

If you see a downed power line, stay at least 30 feet away and call 911 immediately.



Outages can happen from time to time, and Seattle City Light crews work around the clock to restore service safely and quickly. For tips on preparing for outages and staying safe, visit seattle.gov/city-light/outages.

Keep Grease Out of the Sink

Fats, cooking oil, and grease (FOG) clog pipes. No one wants their sewage back!

Oil and grease from preparing food and washing dishes builds up in pipes and leads to sewage backups, expensive plumbing bills, and pollution in Puget Sound. When grease is washed down



the drain, it sticks to the inside of sewer pipes (both on your property and in the streets). Over time, it builds up and can block an entire pipe, even if you use dish soap. Garbage disposals do not keep grease out of the pipes. They only shred it into smaller pieces.

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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.cityoflfp.gov/124/Passports>
 M-F: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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 1:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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POLICE

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

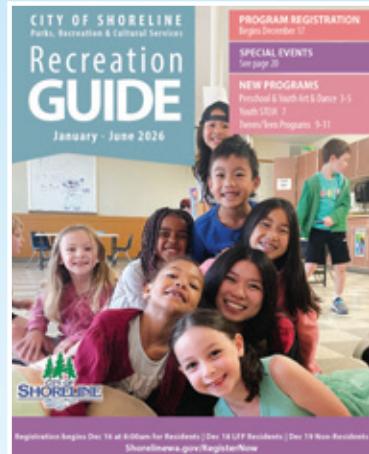
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Lake Forest Park Recreation Opportunities with the City of Shoreline



Live in Lake Forest Park? Looking for recreation opportunities? Take advantage of programs offered through the City of Shoreline! Lake Forest Park residents receive a 24-hour early registration window before each season opens to the public, plus an 8% discount on program fees year-round (excluding rentals).

Early registration for January–June 2026 programs begins December 18 at 8:00 a.m. And 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.cityoflfp.gov/394 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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