

City Administrator Report

City of Lake Forest Park

Date: January 11, 2024

TO: Honorable Deputy Mayor and Councilmembers

FR: Phillip Hill, City Administrator

CC: Honorable Mayor Tom French
Leadership Team

The City Administrator Report is meant to provide the council, staff and community an update on the activities of the City and on issues that concern the City. This memo will be provided in each Council packet and is divided into key sections.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information about any of the following items and please feel free to contact any of the department heads for additional information.

I. Intergovernmental and local issues update.

Police Department



Officers were dispatched to a burglary in progress at the Kushery. The alarm company could hear suspects inside and an employee who lives upstairs heard a vehicle being rammed into the building. An unreported stolen Kia from Seattle was used to ram a set of double doors to gain access. The three suspects went inside, stole a large amount of product, then left in a dark colored Hyundai. The suspects fled prior to our expedited arrival.

The business owner has an excellent video system which captured the ramming and burglary inside. A KCSO K-9 was used to help clear the store but due to the number of suspects and a getaway car, a track was not done. We were assisted by officers from Bothell, Shoreline and MLT. Media were quickly on scene. The second (reported stolen) vehicle was later recovered abandoned in Shoreline.

Officers received multiple reports of vandalism of the Horizon View water tower and M80's being detonated in the Horizon View Park port-a-potty. The water district subsequently installed cameras on the water tower. Several subjects were caught spray painting graffiti on the tower. A social media post was created to help identify the suspects.

Officers responded to a traffic collision on Perkins Way. A vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed left the roadway striking a power pole which blocked the roadway. Officers and Public works worked together to get the roadway open as quickly as possible.

Officers were dispatched to a disabled vehicle in the bus lane at SR522 and Ballinger Way NE. The caller reported seeing a subject get out of the vehicle and leave on foot towards the Burke Gilman trail. Officers located the vehicle and discovered it had been stolen. An area check for the driver was negative. The vehicle was impounded from the roadway and the owner notified.

Over the past several weeks, both officers and dispatch have taken numerous calls from a subject with mental health issues. The subject is aggressive and threatening towards call takers and officers. Subject has made multiple threats to shoot officers. Subject has refused all resources or contact from RACR.

Officers responded to Starbucks for a subject causing a disturbance by yelling, swearing, and refusing to leave. While officers were contacting this subject, they were dispatched to Albertsons for a subject causing a disturbance and refusing to leave. Both subjects were trespassed from the property at the business request.

Officers responded to a theft report at Planet Fitness. The victim told officers his bag was stolen from his locker. The suspect used the victim's car keys to open the victim's car and steal his wallet. The victims' debit card was then used to make several purchases at Albertsons.

Officers responded to a subject possibly making threats towards his mother. The mother had recently evicted the son from her apartment. Officers determined no crime occurred; however, the subject was obviously distraught and in crisis over being homeless. RCR was contacted and responded. RCR provided an ORCA card and a McDonald's food card. RCR determined KC Mobile Crisis would be more appropriate for the subject. Mobile Crisis responded and provided resources.

Officers responded to Swirl for theft of yogurt. Discovered same group of juveniles has been coming to the store regularly, stealing yogurt, causing a disturbance, refusing to leave while yelling and swearing at the owner. The victim was advised to contact PD immediately when subjects return. The subjects returned several days later and stole tip jar. Subjects left prior to PD arrival.

Officers responded to Déjà vu for a disturbance. The manager advised officers a subject had demanded a refund and then shoved the manager when he was refused. The victim declined to press charges; however, she requested the subject be trespassed from the property.

Officers responded to subjects stealing packages off porches in 12 Degrees North. The reporting party was able to provide the suspect vehicle license plate, which turned out to be a vehicle stolen out of Seattle.

Officers found a vehicle unoccupied, running, in the roadway. Vehicle was reported stolen out of Tukwila. The interior of the vehicle was sprayed with WD40. The owner was contacted to pick up the vehicle.

Officers were dispatched to assist fire with a medical call. The elderly caller stated his wife had fallen earlier in the day and hit her head. He found her unconscious in the bathroom and was unable to start CPR. Due to parking on both sides of the street, the fire vehicle and police vehicle were delayed in their response time. Fire requested signs be posted warning that they may strike and damage vehicles in future responses.

Officers were dispatched to the report of a propane tank blowing up and several subjects were injured. The caller also reported the explosion happened on the back deck and the house was now on fire. Officers arrived and discovered the homeowner had allowed two subjects to move in; however, they became tired of the subject's smoking meth inside their home, so they let them use a tent on the back deck. The subjects were using a leaky propane tank, which filled the space with fumes, which ignited, causing burns to both subjects. Both subjects were in possession of fentanyl and admitted to meth use prior to the fire.

Officers responded to a burglary report. The victim stated she was out of town and when she returned, she found her house ransacked and two firearms missing. It appears the suspect also attempted to steal a vehicle; however, they got it stuck and were unable to move it.

Officers responded to subjects appearing to use narcotics and pass out behind the wheel of a vehicle. Upon contact officers found subjects unconscious in a running vehicle. Officers deployed tire deflation devices under the vehicles tires to prevent the driver from leaving. Subject woke up and despite loud warnings that the tires would be punctured, the driver drove off at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was later found, abandoned, with three flat tires. The vehicle was discovered to have been stolen.

Public Works Department

In the first week of December, a landslide deposited a large volume of natural sediments onto the roadway surface of NE 178th St and 25th Ave NE near the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park boundary. The slide emanated from a steep slope on private property and adjacent public right of way in Shoreline, and was caused by the failure of a drainage system ditch on private property that conveys stormwater down the slope and into Shoreline's public drainage system on 25th Ave NE. Sediments from the slide immediately inundated Shoreline's drainage system and subsequent rainfall mobilized sediment onto the NE 178th St roadway surface and drainage system in Lake Forest Park. Public Works staff and vendors from Shoreline and Lake Forest Park immediately responded to the incident, removing sediments from the ground surface using street sweepers and other equipment, installing temporary erosion and sediment

controls on eroded steep slope and roadway shoulder areas, and removing sediments from drainage systems using vacuuming equipment. This work began immediately following the incident in the first week of December and was completed the following week. The City of Shoreline plans to undertake capital improvements to its drainage system beginning in 2024 or 2025 to reduce the risk of the type of system failure that caused this incident.



Photo 1: Landslide origin site in Shoreline (slope adjacent 25th Ave NE)



Photo 2: Sedimentation impacts to street pavement at NE 178th St near Shoreline/LFP Boundary



Photo 3: Stabilized site following installation of erosion controls by City of Shoreline Building Department

Below are the permit totals and values for December and Year End.

Dec-23		
Permit Type	Issued	Fees
New Single Family Home	2	\$9,773.92
New Multi-Family Home	0	\$0.00
Alteration, Remodel, Addition	18	\$17,770.05
Mechanical	21	\$4,680.72
Plumbing	7	\$2,223.54
Right of Way	5	\$2,534.40
Sewer	3	\$1,009.80
Clear & Grading	2	\$1,980.00
<i>Sound Transit ROWs - 0 permits - \$0</i>		
Total	58	\$39,972.43
Quarter 4 Total	179	\$103,943.70
2023 Total	845	\$435,096.67
<i>Total Minus Sewer + ROW (PW)</i>	<i>643</i>	<i>\$338,998.54</i>
YTD Building	220	\$223,620.11
YTD Mechanical	311	\$73,229.70
YTD Plumbing	96	\$35,191.29

II. Internal City Information

III. Council Information

IV. Response to Citizen and Council Comments

V. Contract Reporting

Lakefront Park Property Updates and Overview

Continuation of the survey, cultural resource, arborist study, design programming, development of concept alternatives, and permit feasibility have moved along. Presentation of design alternatives will take place at the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board January 23 meeting. After the Parks Board makes their recommendation, an open house will take place in February for full community input on alternative options.

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Save the Date!

Join Community Workshop #2 on Wednesday, **February 21, 2024** at Lake Forest Park City Hall.

This will be an open house event with activities for all ages.
Stop by anytime between **5:30-7:30pm**.

Learn more about the project, take a virtual
tour, and view project updates:

lfplakefrontpark.com



One agreement was administratively approved during the reporting period: AG-23-077, Amendment No. 2 to AG-21-055, the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Grant Agreement for Acquisition Funding at the Lake Front Property.

VI. Legislative Update

VII. Community Events

VIII. Upcoming City Sponsored Events

[NEMCo Drone Program Community Information Session](#)

January 13, 2024, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM @ Kenmore Fire Station 51

IX. Meetings Calendar

[City Council Committee of the Whole Meeting \(hybrid meeting\)](#)

January 22, 2024, 6:00 PM @ City Hall and via Zoom

[Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting \(hybrid meeting\)](#)

January 23, 2024, 7:00 PM @ City Hall and via Zoom

[City Council Regular Meeting \(hybrid meeting\)](#)

January 25, 2024, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ City Hall and via Zoom