



LAKE FOREST PARK

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First Name

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Last Name

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Home Address

[REDACTED]

Mailing Address (if different from above)**Phone Number**

[REDACTED]

Do you own property in Lake Forest Park?

Yes

Email

[REDACTED]

Board, Commission, Committee

Tree Board

Years a Resident of this Municipality

5

Experience/Professional Expertise/Education (Please provide dates of education and experience.)

I bring 17 years of professional experience as a consultant in industrial design, where I specialize in understanding user needs and developing innovative solutions. My work spans product design, packaging, and environmental experiences, with a strong focus on envisioning and shaping the future through thoughtful, creative problem-solving. Collaborating with clients and partners across various industries, I have honed my ability to communicate complex ideas visually and effectively, a skill I believe would translate well to

community education and advocacy.

While I don't have formal professional experience in arboriculture or horticulture, I am deeply connected to nature through hands-on experience. I have been a beekeeper for 14 years, a mushroom cultivator and foraging enthusiast, and I maintain a thriving vegetable and fruit garden each year. Additionally, I grow plants indoors using hydroponic systems, further deepening my understanding of plant care and ecosystem balance.

I hold a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Industrial Design from the University of Illinois, School of Art & Design (Class of 2008).

Current or Prior Experience on Boards/Commissions/Committees

Brookside Elementary, PTA Board - Communications Chair - 2025 - Current

Industrial Designer Society of America - Chicago Chapter - Officer / Treasurer - 2010 - 2012

Civic Activities and Memberships (Roles with fraternal, business, church, or social groups-please provide dates)

Brookside Elementary - Art Docent, 2024 - Current

Puget Sound Mycological Society - Member, 2018 - Current

Sustainable NE Seattle Garden Tour - Host, 2019 - 2023

Sustainable NE Seattle HandsOn Skills Fair - Sourdough Breadmaking Instructor, 2017, 2018, 2019

Puget Sound Beekeepers Association - Member, 2016 - 2020

Reasons for Wanting to Serve

Trees were a major factor in my wife and me choosing to settle in Seattle, and more specifically in Lake Forest Park. We've called LFP home for five years now, and the greater region for nine.

Recently, I've noticed an increasing number of trees being removed in our neighborhood—some with permits, some without. Each loss is deeply felt, as it means losing not just a tree, but also the many benefits it provides: habitat for wildlife, natural beauty, wind protection, carbon sequestration, cleaner air, biodiversity, temperature regulation, and soil stability.

I want to be part of the effort to promote thoughtful tree stewardship in our community—not through shame, but through education and awareness. With my background in design and communication, I believe I can contribute meaningfully by creating engaging, informative materials that highlight the importance of preserving and caring for our urban forest.

Serving on the Tree Board would be an opportunity to give back to the community and help ensure that Lake Forest Park remains a place where trees continue to thrive for generations to come.

Are you able to attend evening meetings?

Yes

Resume, Education, etc. (Optional)

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