

City Administrator Report

City of Lake Forest Park

Date: April 13, 2023

TO: Honorable Deputy Mayor and Councilmembers

FR: Phillip Hill, City Administrator

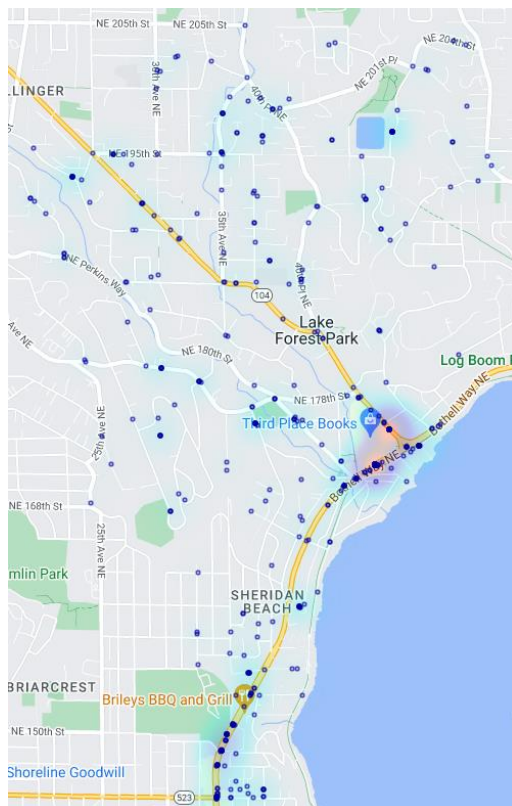
CC: Honorable Mayor Jeff Johnson
Leadership Team

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



Police incidents heatmap for

March 2023:

Each blue dot is an incident generated by dispatch or an officer. This map represents **773** incidents in **March**.

Type	Calls
Suspicious Circumstances	68
Theft	26
Warrant LFP	20
Welfare Check	19
Alarm	17
Hazard	12
Vehicle Prowl	12
911	10
Traffic Accident	9
Disturbance	9

Notable Incidents

Around 5am, officers were dispatched to a reported collision at the intersection of 40th & Ballinger. Upon arrival, they discovered that the incident stemmed from an interrupted motor vehicle prowling in the Uplake neighborhood in Kenmore. The collision had caused the eastbound lane of Ballinger to be blocked for approximately 1.5 hours.

The victim, who lived in Kenmore, caught suspects going through his truck, stealing items, and loading them into a vehicle. The victim gave chase in his own vehicle, pursuing the suspects through Kenmore until they reached the intersection of 40th & Ballinger in Lake Forest Park. The suspect vehicle abruptly made a hard U-turn in front of the victim's vehicle, causing a collision that spun the suspect vehicle out of control and into some trees on the south side of the intersection. The victim then used his vehicle to block the suspect vehicle, attempting to trap the three passengers and driver inside. The suspects fled on foot just as Lake Forest Park Police Department officers were arriving on the scene.



Assistance was requested from Bothell PD, Shoreline PD, and Kenmore PD to set up a perimeter while Kenmore PD addressed the vehicle prowling in their city. The suspect vehicle was found to have been stolen from Redmond on March 8 from an auto service shop. The owner reported that several keys, fobs, and vehicles had been stolen

from the location. A search of the suspect vehicle turned up drug paraphernalia, stolen handguns, and items linked to the suspects. KCSO K9 arrived on the scene but was unable to track the suspects due to new use of force rules. Two female passengers were later found near 25th & Ballinger by a Shoreline PD patrol car, while one of the male passengers was identified after popping out of the brush at 40th & Ballinger. A wallet with a driver's license that matched the description of the fleeing driver was found in the bag containing a stolen handgun.

The Kenmore victim was able to recover his stolen property from the trunk of the stolen car. Additional items, including a large bag of burglary tools, were also found in the trunk. The investigation revealed additional evidence of the suspects' involvement in other crimes. The investigation remains ongoing.

On March 20, the Independent Force Investigation Team-King County (IFIT-KC) was activated for an officer-involved shooting in Seattle's Ballard area. Multiple King County deputies were serving a civil process order when the suspect fired upon them. An LFPPD sergeant responded to assist with the investigation.

Officers responded to a trespass complaint and possible shoplifting in progress at Ross. Two male suspects were located inside the store, with one exhibiting signs of drug influence. Initially uncooperative, one suspect eventually revealed his name, leading to the discovery of a felony warrant and multiple misdemeanor warrants, including one for forgery. While the Grays Harbor County felony warrant was rejected, the Bellevue warrant was later confirmed. Upon arrest, officers found multiple fake \$100 bills, and drug paraphernalia in the suspects' possession. Additionally, a search of the suspect uncovered a driver's license belonging to someone else, as well as suspected fentanyl and drug paraphernalia. The suspect admitted to using fentanyl prior to entering the store and was medically cleared by Aid.



Further investigation revealed that the suspect had used one of his counterfeit \$100 bills to purchase nearly \$70 worth of goods from The Avid Angler. The business owner suffered a loss of at least \$30 cash. Two of the counterfeit bills had unfinished backs and the watermark was clearly fake. The suspect is now facing multiple charges, including forgery and possession of another's identification. The suspect also has a prior conviction for Criminal Mischief with a Deadly Weapon and Unlawful Firearms Possession.



Officers responded to a subject driving on the Burke-Gilman Trail. The caller reported the subject appeared to be under the influence and had nearly struck a child. The caller was able to get the car keys from the subject and wait for PD arrival. Officers found the vehicle damaged from forcing its way past the bollards blocking entrance to the trail. The subject was arrested and taken to the station for processing. While in custody the driver continued to show signs of increased drug influence. The driver was unable to walk or care for herself. The driver was

transported by aid to the hospital for treatment and evaluation.

Officers were dispatched to a subject passed out behind the wheel at the gas station for approximately one hour. Officers found the subject under the influence of narcotics with drug paraphernalia in plain view inside the vehicle. The subject also had a warrant for theft out of Seattle. Seattle refused to take the subject, the jail also stated they would not accept booking on that charge, so she was released.

Officers responded to multiple calls of shoplifting and theft at Albertsons and Ross. Most subjects were transients, and previously trespassed from the mall area for previous criminal violations.

Officers were dispatched to MOD Pizza for a theft. A transient subject had apparently fallen asleep in the restroom. The employees locked up for the night and exited the building. One

employee then observed a male exit the restroom, take some merchandise, and exit the building. Officers trespassed the subject and observed him leave on a metro bus towards Seattle. Employees declined to prosecute for theft.

Officers responded to a breaking into an occupied residence. The suspect forced entry into the home and was fatally shot by the resident. LFPPD, WSP and Major Crimes Task Force are conducting the investigation.

Officers located juveniles at an elementary school smoking marijuana. There was also fresh graffiti found near where the subjects were located. 2 juveniles left the area in a vehicle as officers attempted contact, 2 other juveniles were contacted and released to their parents.

Officers observed two vehicles "racing" on Perkins Way, one vehicle stopped for officers, second vehicle fled, refusing to pull over. A fleeing vehicle stopped in a nearby driveway, driver jumped fence and fled on foot. Officers are following up on leads to identify fleeing driver.

Officers responded to a report of a subject banging on a resident's door and screaming. The caller was afraid the subject was attempting to break in. The caller also observed an additional subject standing in her driveway. The subject at the door continued to scream at the top of her lungs while beating on the door until she fell over and struck her head. Officers discovered the subject standing in the driveway had been driving his daughter around while she was having a manic episode and using methamphetamines. Subject was sent to hospital for a mental health evaluation.



A homeowner found a tent w/a tarp in their front yard. The homeowner was concerned someone may be inside it. Officers located a tent in the greenery area of the property, unoccupied. The tent was removed to the roadway and disposed of by Public Works.

An occupant at a local apartment complex called to say her neighbor shot a round through the wall into her apartment. The neighbor cooperated with police, stating it was an accidental discharge. The firearm was seized, and the subject was given a citation.

A caller told 911 a subject had crashed outside of her house. She advised dispatchers that the driver was a "person of color" and therefore it may not be his vehicle. She also advised he may be scared or afraid of police because of this. She never spoke with the driver. Officers found the subject crashed into and broke a fire hydrant. The subject was arrested for DUI, processed, and released.



April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

In the first week of April, LFPPD officers placed an extra emphasis on enforcing distracted driving laws and urged all drivers to operate their vehicles safely and avoid using cell phones while driving.

This initiative is part of a statewide program that places special emphasis on enforcement during the first week of April.

<https://www.facebook.com/kingcountytargzero>



Over the course of two days and 6 hours, 29 tickets and 12 warnings were issued.

II. Internal City Information

III. Council Information

IV. Response to Citizen and Council Comments

V. Contract Reporting

One contract was administratively approved during the reporting period: AG-23-016, Municipal Research and Services Center for hosting of the Small Works, Consultant, and Vendor Rosters.

VI. Legislative Update

VII. Community Events

VIII. Upcoming City Sponsored Events

The LFP Green Fair!

April 29, 2023, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM @ Third Place Commons

IX. Meetings Calendar

[CANCELED City Council Budget & Finance Committee Meeting \(hybrid meeting\)](#)

April 20, 2023, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM @ City Hall and via Zoom

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

April 24, 2023, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM @ City Hall and via Zoom

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

April 26, 2023, 7:00 PM @ City Hall and via Zoom

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

April 27, 2023, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ City Hall and via Zoom