

City Administrator Report

City of Lake Forest Park

Date: January 8, 2026

TO: Honorable Deputy Mayor and Councilmembers

FR: Phillip Hill, City Administrator

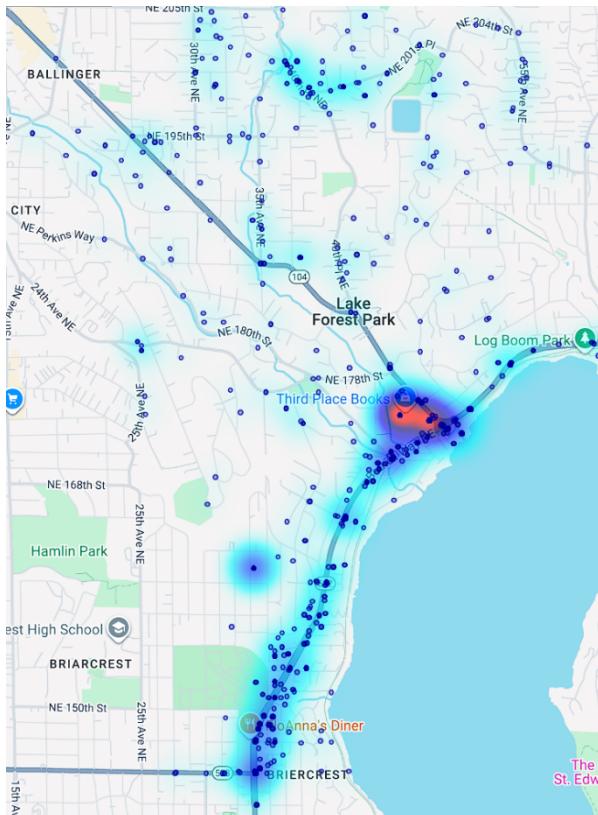
CC: Honorable Mayor Tom French
Leadership Team

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



Police incidents heatmap for December 2025:
Each blue dot is an incident generated by dispatch or an officer.
This map represents 1136 Call Incidents in December

Behavioral Health	49
911 Calls	45
Questionable Activity	34
Contact of a Person	28
Warrants	25
Theft	20
Area Check	18
Welfare Check	12
Disturbance	10
Alarm	9
Noise Complaint	8
VUCSA (Drugs)	5
Vehicle Prowl	5
Animal Call	4
Sex Offense	3

Case Reports Taken for December 2025

Theft	11
Warrant Arrest	4
DUI	4
Vehicle Prowl	4
Trespass	3
Property, found	3
Informational Report	3
Burglary	2
Death Investigation	2
Domestic Violence	2
APS (Adult Protective Services)	2

VUCSA (Drugs)	2
Malicious Mischief	2
Ordinance Violation	2
Assault	1
Disturbance	1
False Reporting	1
Recovered Property	1
Graffiti	1
Sex, other	1
Sexual Assault	1
CPS (Child Protective Services)	1

Total – 54

Notable Incidents:**Theft**

Officers responded to a theft in progress at Ross. The suspect exited the store without paying for the merchandise, saw the officers, and decided to run back inside the store. The officers were eventually able to locate him. The suspect fought with the officers but ultimately was placed under arrest. A police inquiry revealed that he had a Seattle PD felony warrant. He was transported to Seattle where a Seattle PD officer took him to the King County jail. He was also charged with theft and resisting arrest.

Officers responded to a theft in progress at Ross. The suspect was arrested and a search, incident to arrest, revealed that she had several stolen checkbooks, stolen credit cards, and stolen membership cards on her person. She was booked and the case sent to detectives.

An attempted theft at Safeway. The suspect dropped the merchandise on the ground when she saw the officers. She, and her accomplice, were trespassing.

Officers were called at the Safeway store for a theft in progress. The subject was arrested and booked in jail.

A community member called the police regarding a mail theft that had occurred in the 3500 block of NE 148th St. No leads.

Theft at Safeway. A subject entered the store from the back door and used bolt cutters to break into the liquor cabinet and steal three high-end bottles of Tequila. Active investigation.

Domestic Violence

Officers responded to a DV between a father and his 16-year-old son. It was determined that no assault had occurred.

Officers responded to a DV in progress between siblings. The brother went to jail for Malicious Mischief.

Robbery

Officers doing proactive patrol spotted a well-known subject, who had outstanding warrants, driving in the mall lower parking lot. He eventually parked and went into the mall. Officers started to look for him but to get away from the police, the subject called 911, indicating that a robbery had just occurred at the nearby Arco gas station. As the officers responded to the fake robbery, the suspect quickly went back to his car and left. Officers consulted with the prosecutor and charged the subject with false reporting.

Disturbance

Officers responded to a verbal altercation between an Amazon driver and a customer. No crime.

Malicious Mischief

Somebody threw a rock through an LFP Elementary school window. No witnesses and no CCTV video.

Suspicious

Subaru Service employee reported that during the night, an unknown person(s) came to their property, dug through their discarded trash, and left trash around the property.

A community member advised the police that he received a phone call from somebody who pretended to be "Lt. Jayson Benson" wanting to interview him regarding a "match.com" case involving a minor. Sgt. Benson contacted the community member and explained that it was attempted fraud.

Disturbance

A mentally ill person became angry with family members. No assault occurred and he was calm when the officers arrived. Not enough for hospital treatment.

A recovery agent, who was towing a vehicle, called 911 because the owner of the vehicle jumped in the car (that was partially loaded in the tow truck) and accidentally drove the vehicle into her garage door. Officers were able to de-escalate the situation and eventually the recovery agent was able to repossess the vehicle.

Officers responded to a verbal argument in progress between neighbors at the Watercrest Apartment complex regarding a barking dog. Officers were able to de-escalate the situation.

A mentally ill person refused to pay for her food at the Subway store. She told the officers that her attorney was Mick Jagger. Subway employee did not want to press charges.

Child Protective Services (CPS)

Officers assisted a CPS case worker as she needed to talk to a minor about physical abuse.

Weapon Complaint

A community member called 911 regarding a male subject who was standing outside Taco Bell holding a knife. Officers contacted the subject who stated that somebody, who had had stolen his car in Seattle, said that he was going to kill him. Officers determined that no crime had occurred and they did not have enough to send to the hospital for an evaluation of the subject.

VUCSA (Drugs)

An officer conducted a traffic stop with a suspended driver, and our K9 (Bella) provided a positive alert for illegal narcotics. A search warrant was obtained, the vehicle was searched, and illegal substances were seized.

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Traffic Safety

Traffic Stops	417
Traffic Collision	19
Traffic Abandon	7
Impounds	5
Hit & Run	4
DUI	3
Reckless Driving	1

Traffic Safety Highlights

Stop Sign:

- Officers focused heavily on stop sign violations on 40th PL NE, from NE 202nd ST to NE 197th ST giving multiple citations and warnings.

Distracted Driving:

- A driver seen with their phone up to their ear while driving. The officer pulled up alongside them to see driver for second time, with the phone to their ear while driving. Driver said they were, "talking to my kids."
- A driver was stopped for distracted driving because they were seen playing with the flat screen TV installed in their vehicle, almost driving into a patrol vehicle.

Speed violations:

- In the 17200BLK of SR522 at 2:30pm, a driver was issued a citation for going 68mph in a 40mph zone.

- On 40th PL NE, from NE 197th ST to Ballinger Way NE, officers stopped over a dozen drivers speeding through this area.
- Multiple drivers were contacted going 58-61mph on 522 at all hours of the day.

Parking:

- On NE 155th St.- Multiple cars parked Illegally

DUI:

- A female driver was observed almost creating a head-on collision with an officer at 145th and SR522, then proceeded to drive into oncoming traffic near SR522 and SR104. The driver was arrested for DUI (over 3 times the legal limit).

Hit & Run:

- At NE 197th ST & 40th PL NE, a white pickup truck lightly struck another vehicle from behind. When the vehicle that was struck pulled over, the suspect vehicle fled the scene. The suspect vehicle was not found but video showing the vehicle fleeing the scene was obtained. Active investigation.

Collisions:

- 40th PL NE & NE 202nd ST – A two vehicle collision with one vehicle going 10' down into a ditch.
- 47th AVE NE & SR104 – At around 6:15am, a two-vehicle collision involving a semi-truck, blocked the two lanes.
- 17200BLK of SR522 – A vehicle collided with a King County bus.
- 14900BLK of SR522 – A vehicle turning west on NE 149th ST failed to yield right of way to southbound traffic.
- NE 184th SY & 40th PL NE – A four car collision turns out to be a DUI. The collision blocked eastbound lanes, two vehicles were towed and this was the second DUI for the suspect driver within 10 years.

Other:

- Officer assists a driver who ran out of gas to get to the gas station.
- A driver was parked blocking a walkway and partially in the road. The driver stated they were lost and the officer helped with directions.
- A driver had a suspended license, was warned for cell phone use. Then while waiting on a King County warrant meet, KC declined to take custody.
- A juvenile with learners' permit was driving with their father and didn't have headlights on. The driver was warned about headlights.
- At 2:00am, an officer observed a motorcycle traveling without lights on when the motorcycle failed to yield while on SR522 and fled onto NE 149th ST. The rider was not located.

2025 SHOP WITH A COP



On December 23, we proudly celebrated our 11th Annual Shop with a Cop event, which was a truly heartwarming success! We had the honor of serving 10 Lake Forest Park families, bringing smiles, joy, and holiday cheer to our community.

The event took place at Target in Woodinville, where the children were paired with our police officers and enjoyed shopping for themselves and their families. Afterward, everyone returned to the police station, where the kids shared lunch together with the officers and the volunteers, and wrapped their gifts.



This event truly captures the spirit of the season and the strength of our community.



A huge thank-you to the Lake Forest Park Rotary, our generous and gracious sponsor, and to the many Rotarians and city employees who volunteered their time to support this special event. We are also grateful to everyone who participated and helped create unforgettable memories for these families.



WSDOT Update: SR 104 sewer discharge in Lake Forest Park

The Washington State Department of Transportation has received the results from water quality testing in Lyon Creek following separate sewer discharge events on Dec. 26 and 28.

Testing conducted on Dec. 29 by a third-party vendor confirmed the levels of fecal coliform and enterococci in Lyon Creek downstream from SR 104 were below action levels established under state statute. The results confirmed additional clean up and remediation were not necessary.

Because untreated water entered Lyon Creek, WSDOT worked with the state Department of Ecology to identify potential pathogens of concern. Based on those consultations, we requested our vendor test for the fecal coliform and enterococci.

WSDOT and our contractor for the Lyon Creek fish passage project continue to investigate the cause of the discharges. We also established new safeguards aimed at preventing a recurrence.

WSDOT reported the discharges to the city of Lake Forest Park, the Department of Ecology, and King County Public Health. At this time, no additional restrictions are in place.

II. Internal City Information

Municipal Services

Passport Services 2025 in Review:

In 2025, the City processed 5,615 passport applications and took 3,988 photos totaling \$276,285 in revenue. This was an increase in revenue of about \$25,500 over 2024.

III. Council Information

IV. Response to Citizen and Council Comments

V. Contract Reporting

No new contracts for the reporting period.

VI. Legislative Update

VII. Community Events

VIII. Upcoming City Sponsored Events

IX. Meetings Calendar

Planning Commission Meeting (hybrid meeting)

January 13, 2026, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM City Hall and via Zoom

[More Details](#)

North King County Coalition on Homelessness

January 15, 2026, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

[More Details](#)

City Council Budget & Finance Committee Meeting (hybrid meeting)

January 15, 2026, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM City Hall and via Zoom

[More Details](#)

City Council Regular Meeting (hybrid meeting)

January 22, 2026, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM City Hall and via Zoom

[More Details](#)

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting (hybrid meeting)

January 27, 2026, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM City Hall and via Zoom

[More Details](#)