

City Administrator Report

City of Lake Forest Park

Date: June 26, 2025

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

Notable Incidents

Disturbance

Female subject left her three little kids in the vehicle while she was picking up a pizza at Papa Murphy's. Bystanders called the police, and the suspect started to yell at the other community members. Officers were able to de-escalate the situation and educate the mother.

Missing Adult

Officers responded to an incident where a male with disabilities was missing from an adult family home facility. Officers conducted an area check and found the subject. A Department of Social and Health Services employee arrived at the scene and transported the subject back home.

Another missing adult from an adult family home facility. Officers conducted an area check and located her. She didn't want to go back to the facility and made threats to kill herself. She was sent to the Hospital for evaluation.

Welfare check

Officers responded to a residence regarding an assault that had occurred earlier in the day in a bar in Seattle. The female subject sustained facial injuries but didn't want to go to the Hospital

despite her boyfriend asking her to go to the ER. The officers were able to convince her to be seen by the fire department. The subject and her boyfriend were visiting from Illinois.

Community members called 911 regarding a male in the roadway falling and stumbling around (likely intoxicated). He was stopped by the officers and an inquiry revealed that he had a warrant. He was brought to Lynnwood Jail, but they refused booking. He was taken to the hospital but due to prolonged waiting time he was released.

Hit & Run

Just before Saturday's protest rally, officers responded to a hit-and-run incident. The driver collided with an oncoming car on Ballinger Way NE, ditched the vehicle and then fled on foot. He was later found that he entered a residence on the west side of Ballinger Way in the 17800 block. Officers secured the area and, with the homeowner's



consent, searched the house with assistance from Bothell PD's drone team. The suspect was not located inside at that time. The vehicle was later determined to have switched plates and is believed to have been an unreported stolen car. Ofc. Robles subsequently identified the suspect.

Suspicious

Two subjects were found at Lyon Creek Park during the hours of darkness. They were warned. The same subjects were found again, but in a different park (Horizon View Park).

Two subjects were contacted, who were having sex in a vehicle parked close to a mall parking lot dumpster, were warned. They understood.

Area Check

Several community members called 911 regarding shots fired around 15000 block of 32nd Ave NE. Officers determined that a neighbor was working on his old Mustang which backfired making extremely loud pops.

Behavioral Health

A well-known community member called 911 (multiple times) stating that Elon Musk is blocking her phone, her TV, her tablet, etc. RCR Mental Health responders have been involved.

Prowl

A vehicle prowl occurred in the 18000 block of Forest Park Dr NE with no leads at this time.

MV Theft

A theft of vehicle in the 4400 block of NE 178th St with no leads.

Theft

Theft at Safeway. Officers found the suspect as he was leaving, and he was arrested. The suspect had stolen items and burglary tools, including another person's ID. He was booked.

Animal problem

A community member called 911 because there was a snake in an apartment. The reporting party was advised to call King County animal control.

Assist

A violation of a court order in progress in the City of Bothell. LFP K9 Bella assisted and provided a positive alert for narcotics in the vehicle.

Prowler

A subject climbed over a residence gate and took pictures of the homeowner's vehicle. The reporting party didn't know who the suspect was and why he did that, but didn't want to press charges.

Attempted suicide

A community member, who was having suicidal thoughts, locked herself in her vehicle, and shot herself in the leg. Police officers surrounded the vehicle and evacuated the area. LFPPD Negotiator/Detective Czebotar called the subject on the phone and convinced her to surrender and go to the hospital. Officers provided first aid to stop the bleeding. An ambulance was called, and the subject was transported to the Hospital.

Hit & Run

On Monday, June 16th, an intoxicated driver struck a parked vehicle on Beach Drive NE. As officers responded, the suspect rammed a patrol vehicle while Ofc. Gouin was attempting to stop him. Sgt. Benson pursued the suspect for vehicle assault and felony eluding. The suspect fled at high speeds into the City of Bothell, where Bothell PD successfully deployed a spike strip to disable the vehicle. After the crash, in front of the Yakima Fruit Market, the suspect was taken into custody, evaluated at the hospital for injuries, and then booked on multiple charges. Ofc. Gouin sustained only minor injuries, and damage to the patrol vehicle was limited.



Protest Event

More than 5 million people participated in over 2,100 rallies and protests nationwide on Saturday, June 14th, 2025. In Lake Forest Park, the estimated crowd size ranged from 1,800 to 2,000 attendees throughout the event. Officers were present to support the community's First Amendment right to assemble peacefully. The demonstration covered the triangle area near the intersection of Ballinger and Bothell Way NE, with a dense line of protesters extending from that point to the Starbucks parking lot and about halfway down the southeast side of Bothell Way. There was only one incident involving a motorcyclist who struck protest signs and likely received a traffic camera citation for running the red light at SR 522 and SR 104. It was a peaceful and fantastic turnout of our community.

Shoreline Pancake Breakfast

The Lake Forest Park Police Department had a fantastic time participating in the Shoreline Fire Department's annual Pancake Breakfast & Safety Fair this past weekend! The event brought together first responders and community partners for a fun, educational morning that drew a great crowd. Families enjoyed tours of a fire engine, aid car, rescue truck, and police patrol vehicle, while kids had the chance to interact with officers and firefighters up close. Officer Montague was on hand to show off the LFPPD patrol car, which was a big hit with young attendees. But the surprise star of the day? Police Commander Zanella, who impressed everyone with his newly discovered talent--animal balloon making! A free pancake breakfast kept everyone fueled, and plenty of giveaways made sure kids left with big smiles. Thank you everyone who made this community event a huge success--we are looking forward to next year!!!



Lake Forest Park



Traffic Safety

Traffic stop

Officer Carlsrud was working speed emphasis when he stopped a vehicle for speeding. The driver claimed to not have ID and provided a false name. An inquiry revealed that the subject did not have a driver's license, didn't have insurance, and had several outstanding warrants. He was booked.

Emphasis Patrols

A vehicle was observed driving into oncoming traffic to bypass cars. Driver admitted to driving 60mph in a 40mph zone to get around other vehicles. Driver was cited for reckless driving.

5 abandoned vehicles: 4 vehicles parked exceeding the 72-hour limit; 1 vehicle with expired registration.

Enforcement recognized

Multiple emails from citizens thanking the PD for the increased specific patrols, addressing concerns, and assistance in educating them on navigating our street signs.

Vandalism

The "tagging" of the stop sign on NE 196th St. was removed.

Distracted Driving Awareness

Patrol continues to enforce and educate multiple drivers about driving with their cell phone in hand.

Misc.

Driver performed a "wheelie" in front of a police car. Driver was cited for Negligent Driving with no insurance and was told to register the bike in his name as it had no record of belonging to anyone.

Citation issued for parking in a Disabled parking stall without a permit.

Driver was seen stopping in the middle of the road. Driver was not DUI but reported having just got off work and very tired. Driver was followed ¼ mile safely to their home.

These emphasis patrols reflect the department's ongoing efforts to address traffic safety concerns and maintain safe driving conditions in residential neighborhoods.

II. Internal City Information

III. Council Information

IV. Response to Citizen and Council Comments

V. Contract Reporting

No new contracts to report.

VI. Legislative Update

VII. Community Events

VIII. Upcoming City Sponsored Events

IX. Meetings Calendar

[Climate Action Committee Meeting \(hybrid meeting\)](#)

July 1, 2025, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM City Hall and via Zoom

[More Details](#)

[Tree Board Meeting \(hybrid meeting\)](#)

July 2, 2025, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM City Hall and via Zoom

[More Details](#)

[Planning Commission Meeting \(hybrid meeting\)](#)

July 8, 2025, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM City Hall and via Zoom

[More Details](#)

[City Council Work Session \(hybrid meeting\)](#)

July 10, 2025, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM City Hall and via Zoom

[More Details](#)

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

July 10, 2025, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM City Hall and via Zoom

[More Details](#)

City Council Budget & Finance Committee Meeting (hybrid meeting)

July 17, 2025, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM City Hall and via Zoom

[More Details](#)

City Council Committee of the Whole Meeting (hybrid meeting)

July 21, 2025, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM City Hall and via Zoom

[More Details](#)

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting (hybrid meeting)

July 22, 2025, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM City Hall and via Zoom

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City Council Regular Meeting (hybrid meeting)

July 24, 2025, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM City Hall and via Zoom

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