



Biennium Report

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Mission

To enrich and foster real community in real space.

We do this by:

- Facilitating free **public events** in the Commons.
- Sponsoring the local **farmers market**.
- **Partnering** with civic, arts, and social service entities to help maximize their impact.





Public Events – 2023

Community Programming:

- 103 live music & dance nights
- 15 community music performances
- 12 community dance performances
- 12 teen/youth performances
- 6 senior dance events
- Assorted community events including:
 - Friends Across the Wires – Theater Performance
 - Amazing Magic Show with Jeff Evans
 - Mikey the Rad Scientist



Over 20,000 people participated in 68 stand-alone & re-occurring events in 2023!



Public Events – Jan.–June 2024

Community Programming:

- 57 live music & dance nights
- 16 community music performances
- 3 community dance performances
- 5 teen/youth performances
- 3 senior dance events
- Assorted community events including:
 - Pacific NW Needle Arts Guild Stitch-In
 - Pop Can Challenge Autonomous Robot Contest
 - Cub Scout Pack 850 Pinewood Derby
 - Juegamos en Espanol – Let's Play in Spanish (4)
 - Lake Forest Park Community Town Hall on Building Climate Resiliency



Ongoing Public Events – 2023 and 2024

Reoccurring community groups & meet-ups:

- Computer Q&A's
- TPC Movie Club
- Commons Community Book Club
- Art-Ins
- Garden Club
- League of Women Voters
- Start Liners Writers Group



**Commons
Community
Book Club**
3rd Wednesdays
5-6:30 PM
:TPCAIHome

Check the calendar for the monthly selection & the link to join the conversation!
ThirdPlaceCommons.org/calendar

TPC Movie Club
Second Tuesdays 7:30 PM
Check the calendar for the monthly selection to join the conversation!
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Ongoing Public Events – 2023 and 2024

Weekly foreign language conversation groups:

- German
- French
- Spanish

The collage features three posters. On the left is a German poster with a German flag background, titled 'Willkommen' and 'German Conversation'. In the center is a French poster with a blue and white background, titled 'FRENCH LANGUAGE DISCUSSION GROUP' and 'Beginners to Advanced!'. On the right is a Spanish poster with an orange background and a Spanish flag, titled 'Spanish Conversation Group' and 'All skill levels welcome!'. The bottom of the collage includes the ThirdPlace COMMONS logo and the TPC logo.

A circular poster with a colorful watercolor background. The text reads: 'JUEGUEMOS EN ESPAÑOL', 'MIÉRCOLES, 14 DE AGOSTO', '5:30 - 7:30 PM', '17171 BOTHELL WAY NE LAKE FOREST PARK', and 'STADLER ROOM'. The poster includes icons for a calendar, a game board, and people playing.

Celebrating Holidays

**LAKE FOREST PARK
HOLIDAY FARMERS MARKET
& CRAFTS FAIRS**

Sunday, November 19th
10 AM - 2 PM

Enjoy live music while you shop the creations of dozens of local artists and artisans.

**FOLK VOICE
BAND**




11 AM - 1 PM

This project is supported, in part, by a grant from
4Culture / King County Lodging Tax.

OFF ROAD SHAKESPEARE
COMPANY PRESENTS

Charles Dickens' **A CHRISTMAS CAROL**



OFF ROAD SHAKESPEARE
COMPANY

DECEMBER 1-21 | ALL PERFORMANCES FREE!
OFFROADSHAKESPEARE.COM

SPEND HALLOWEEN WITH US!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST



4-6 PM Trick-or-Treating
around Town Center at Lake Forest Park

6 PM Halloween Show: **The Scarecrow**
presented by Last Leaf Productions
on the Third Place Commons Stage

THIRDPLACECOMMONS.ORG

Thank you to the Friends of Lake Forest Park Library for their generous support of this partnership event!

INDOOR & OUTDOOR!

**LAKE FOREST PARK
HOLIDAY FARMERS MARKET
& CRAFTS FAIR**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
10 AM - 2 PM

TOWN CENTER AT LAKE FOREST PARK
17171 BOTHELL WAY NE

ThirdPlaceCommons.org

Partnership Events

LAKE FOREST PARK CITY COUNCIL & MAYORAL CANDIDATE FORUM

Hear from the candidates on issues that matter to you before casting your ballot.



OCTOBER 9TH
7 PM

1ST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Climate Town Hall



Panel and Q&A

Free & Open to the Public

Join your local legislators as they discuss the outcomes on climate from this legislative session. Learn about what's on the horizon for climate in Washington state and participate in a Q&A session with the panelists.

Speakers:



State Senator Derek Stanford



State Representative Davina Duerr



State Representative Shelley Kloba

Saturday
April 13

10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Third Place Commons
17171 Bothell Way NE
Lake Forest Park



Hosted by the Cities of Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, Woodinville and Bothell



History & Education!

JOIN KENSINGTON BOOKS

& THIRD PLACE BOOKS

for an afternoon celebration of all things Cozy Mystery!

COZYCON WEST

Sunday, April 14, 2024
from 3pm - 6pm

THIRD PLACE COMMONS
17171 Bothell Way NE
Lake Forest Park, WA

ENJOY
delicious snacks!

GRAB
exciting free swag bags & gifts!

PLAY
fun bookish games!

PURCHASE
autographed and personalized books!

MEET
your favorite Cozy Mystery authors, including:

CYNTHIA BAXTER	MARIA DIRICO	CHERYL HOLLON
TAMARA BERRY	EMMELINE DUNCAN	LIZ IRELAND
CHRISTIN BRECHER	DIANNE FREEMAN	LIBBY KLEIN
LYNN CAHOON	NICHOLAS GEORGE	ANGELA M. SANDERS
VICKI DELANY	DARCI HANNAH	DARCIE WILDE

This event is **FREE** to attend, but please register in advance: <https://bit.ly/CozyConWest2024>

Visit KensingtonCozies.com for more information.

Community & Literacy!

GO ELECTRIC!

Events to help you save money, improve comfort, and reduce emissions

COOKIN' HOT, HOT, HOT!

July 18 at 7 p.m. | Third Place Commons
17171 Bothell Way NE, Lake Forest Park 98155

Learn the benefits of switching from gas to induction stovetops - cleaner air, faster cooking, and less mess! A local chef will give an induction cooking demo and share why they choose induction over gas.

Civic Programs!



Partnerships – Prominent Annual Events

Secret Gardens of Lake Forest Park

- Lake Forest Park Garden Club
- Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation
- Shorelake Arts



Secret Gardens
of Lake Forest Park
Garden Tour & Market

Save The Date!
You are invited to the
LFP Green Fair, March 30!

When?
Saturday,
March 30, 2024
10 AM to 2 PM

Where?
Third Place Commons
17171 Bothell Way NE
Lake Forest Park WA 98155

**Learn,
Have Fun,
& Go Green for FREE!!**

Vendors from all different backgrounds will be in attendance
supplied with giveaways and able to answer your questions!

Learn to save the Planet
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, & Be Green!

Puget Sound Starts Here

NATURAL YARD CARE

Sponsored By:
King County
as part of the Local Hazardous
Waste Management Program
in King County

Earth Smart Green Fair

- City of Lake Forest Park
- LFP People for Climate Action
- Republic Waste & Recycling



Partnerships – Civic, Educational, & Entertaining Programs

Other local partners include nonprofits, small businesses, and community groups, including:

- Flight Feathers Ballet
- League of Women Voters
- Northwest Ballet Center
- Seattle's Performers (located in Town Center)
- Carrol-Henderson School of Irish Dancing
- NW Scottish Fiddlers
- Pacific NW Needle Arts Guild
- Cub Scout Pack 850

Farmers Market

Nearing pre-pandemic attendance

- Crowds are returning
 - ~Farmers Market (May-Oct.): ~70,000
 - ~Holiday Crafts Fairs (2): ~4,000
- Averaging 36-39 vendors per week





Farmers Market – Nutrition Assistance



2023 Redemption

- \$8,553 SNAP Benefits (Food Stamps)
- \$8,632 SNAP Market Match (fruits & vegetables program)
- \$5,772 Market Bucks (locally funded Third Place Commons program)

\$22,957 total nutrition assistance provided in 2023

2024

- \$4,934 SNAP & SNAP Market Match YTD
- \$7,000 Market Bucks distribution



Goals

- Expand our community programming & engagement
- Strengthen community partnerships
- Increase connection to youth, young families & seniors
- Ensure a vibrant and engaging community center at
The Commons



Challenges

Operational (completed)

- Updated fund development & communications infrastructure

Funding

- *Goal:* Increase performance pay for bands, artists & musicians
- Increased staffing & operational costs
- Same funding rate since 2018
- Request: \$35,000

TPC is the only Community Partner based in Lake Forest Park & serving primarily this community, along with the broader region.



Coming up!

2025 is a historic year

- 20th Anniversary of the Lake Forest Park Farmers Market
- 25th Anniversary of Third Place Commons
- Annual Breakfast March 6th

Family Day!

Sunday, August 25th

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.





2024 TPC Board Of Directors

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Thank you!

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