

# 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 Guilt Stitch-In
  - Pop Can Challenge Autonomous Robot Contest
  - Cub Scout Pack 850 Pinewood Derby
  - Juegemos en Espanol Let's Play in Spanish (4)
  - Lake Forest Park Community Town Hall on Building Climate Resiliency

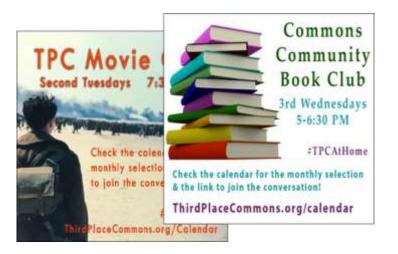


# Ongoing Public Events – 2023 and 2024

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







# Ongoing Public Events – 2023 and 2024

Weekly foreign language conversation groups:

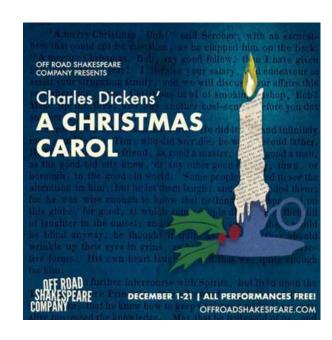
- > German
- > French
- > Spanish







# Celebrating Holidays







# LAKE FOREST PARK CITY COUNCIL & MAYORAL CANDIDATE FORUM

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



# Civic Programs!



**7 PM** 

# Partnership Events





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.

#### Saturday April 13

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

Speakers:

State Representative Davina Duerr

State Senator Derek Stanford

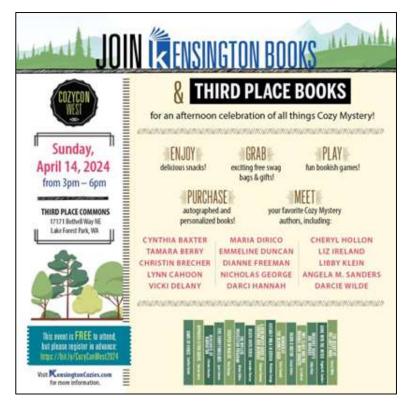


State Representative Shelley Kloba

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



History & Education!









# Partnerships – Prominent Annual Events

#### Secret Gardens of Lake Forest Park

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







#### 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 <u>only</u> Community Partner based in Lake Forest Park & serving primarily this community, along with the broader region.



# Coming up!

#### 2025 is a historic year

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

Family Day!
Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.





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# Thank you!

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