

City Administrator Report

City of Lake Forest Park

Date: February 13, 2025

TO: Honorable Deputy Mayor and Councilmembers

FR: Phillip Hill, City Administrator

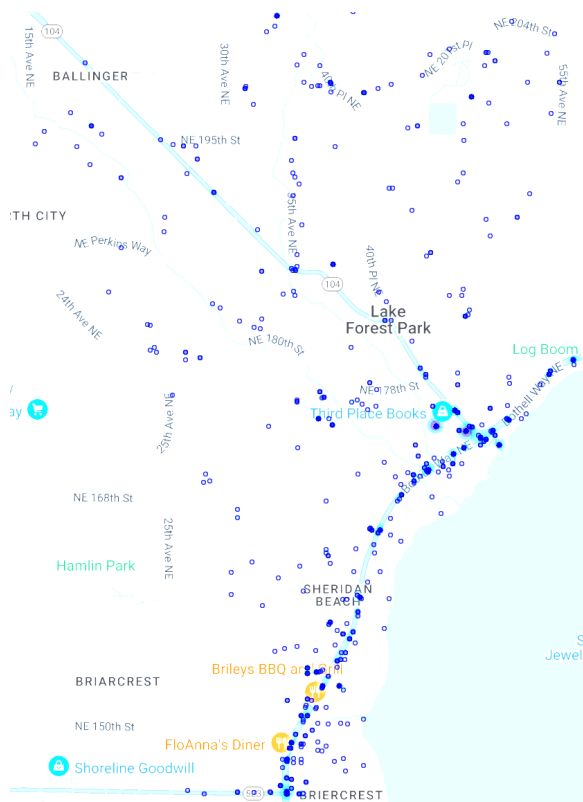
CC: Honorable Mayor Tom French
Leadership Team

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



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

Traffic General	453
Questionable Activity	58
Warrants	36
Contact of a Person	27
E911	26
Welfare Check	10
Theft	10
Alarm	10
Traffic Collision	9
Malicious Mischief	7
Fraud	7
Disturbance	6
Vehicle Prowl	5
Domestic Violence	5
Hit & Run	4

Case Reports Taken for January 2025

Theft	9	Burglary	1
Warrant Arrest	7	Graffiti	1
Behavioral Health	5	Minor, liquor violation	1
Domestic Incident	4	Traffic Offenses	1
Adult Protective Services	4	Assist Outside Agency	1
Death Investigation	3	Drugs	1
Trespass	3	Order Violation	1
Fraud	3	Weapons Violation	1
Vehicle Prowl	3	Recovered Property	1
DUI	2	Malicious Mischief	1
Total – 53			

Notable Incidents:**DUI & Narcotics**

- Officers responded to a traffic accident and determined that one of the drivers was under the influence. The driver was arrested.
- Proactive work by Sgt. Parrish who noticed two subjects slumped over in a bus shelter. Both subjects were clearly on drugs, and they had paraphernalia around them. They were warned about doing drugs in our city. They refused assistance.
- A citizen called the police regarding a possible intoxicated male in a vehicle parked at the Horizon View Park screaming. Officers contacted him, determined that he was under the influence, and warned him. He understood and said that he would go for a walk.

Suicide

- Officers were called because a female subject (well-known to the police) was having suicidal thoughts. She was sent to the hospital for an evaluation (ITA).
- A citizen called 911 stating that her boyfriend cut his wrists with a knife. Officers responded and he was sent to Northwest Hospital.

Harassment

- An employee in the Town Center contacted the police because she believed that another employee had been harassing her. She explained to the officers that they were “kind of dating”, but she is married to somebody else. The other employee spoke with officers too, stating that she is harassing him. The sergeant explained the law to both of them and advised them to stop talking to each other.

Domestic Violence

- The incident started as a burglary in progress call. Upon arrival the officers determined that it was a verbal domestic issue between the reporting party and her ex-boyfriend.
- Officers were dispatched to a possible domestic violence in progress. They spoke with all the parties involved and determined that it was only verbal.

Order Violations

- Officers responded to an order violation in progress. The person who violated the order is a well-known subject. He was eventually arrested at the scene.
- Officers responded to a violation of a restraining order. The investigation is in progress.

Disturbances

- Officers found two males inside a parked vehicle (in front of the city hall) arguing and yelling. The officers were able to separate them without using force and transported one of them home.
- A well-known subject, who has Alzheimer's, called the police stating that there was a disturbance in progress in her residence. No evidence of a disturbance.
- Officers responded to disturbance/loud argument between mom and 10 year old daughter. Officers spoke to both of them.

Fraud

- A citizen advised the police that somebody had attempted a phone scam utilizing a spoofed King County Sheriff's Office phone number.

Assists

- A confused person flagged down one of our officers because she did not remember who she was, why she was here, and where she lived. She agreed to go to the hospital to be evaluated for a possible head trauma or other medical conditions.
- Two officers were doing routine traffic stops when they saw a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed and driving recklessly. One of the officers tried to initiate a traffic stop but the vehicle fled into Kenmore/Snohomish County. The officer did not pursue the vehicle but, a short time later, he was advised that the vehicle ultimately had crashed in Snohomish County. All the occupants were juveniles, and the driver died at the scene. It appeared that alcohol was involved.
- A citizen approached our officers as they were conducting a traffic stop explaining that he had been robbed in Shoreline. A Shoreline deputy responded and took over the investigation.

Bomb Incident

- A citizen called the police because she inherited a house and found a few old blasting caps in the basement. KCSO bomb squad came and safely removed them.

Behavioral Health

- Ofc. Gouin was parked in the lower parking area by the city hall when a male subject in a truck pulled up to report that his female passenger, who was naked and wearing only a sports bra, was tearing up his truck. The female then started to throw items at Ofc. Gouin, who was seated in her patrol car, before exiting the truck and trying to get into the front passenger side of Ofc. Gouin's patrol car. The female then got into the back seat of Ofc. Gouin's patrol car and started to scream and be combative with Ofc. Gouin. Ofc. Gouin managed the situation until backup officers arrived to monitor the screaming female and the pickup driver. The pickup driver (who was identified and remained on scene until released), stated that he observed the naked female walking in the area of 143rd and Lake City Way. He pulled over to help and she got in his truck. When he asked if she needed help, she began to attack him, threw his cell phone out of reach and then started tearing up his truck. The pickup driver is a Shoreline resident, so he knew where LFPPD was and came to our station to get help. Eventually the female was transported to Northwest Hospital for an ITA. The pickup driver declined to press charges and asked that the female get mental health assistance.

Area check

- Several citizens called 911 because they heard several "handgun shots" in the 3900 block of NE 199th St. Patrol officers conducted an area check but could not find anything unusual.

Theft

- Theft in progress at Albertsons. The suspect left before the arrival of the officers.
- A vehicle was stolen in the 4300 block of NE 186th Street. No leads at this time.

Jamie Bindell Memorial 5k Run



On January 25, 2025, the Monroe community gathered for the annual Jamie Bindell Memorial 5K Run in Monroe, honoring the late Jamie Bindell, a corrections officer that died in the line of duty. Despite the frigid temperatures, participants

showed up in force to support the cause. Among the runners were Detective Teschlog, Officer Benjamin, and Chief Harden, demonstrating their support. Their participation highlighted the strong bond between local law enforcement and the community.

Congratulations to Officer Rizk on Graduating the Police Academy!



We are proud to announce that Officer Michael (Mike) Rizk has officially graduated from the police academy on January 28, 2025, after 19 weeks of intensive training. He is eager to begin field training and serve the Lake Forest Park community.

Officer Rizk brings a wealth of experience and dedication to his new role. Born and raised in Egypt, he worked as a Certified Nurse Assistant before earning a bachelor's degree in law and justice from Central Washington University, where he also completed flight school. He served in the Washington State Army National Guard as an Aircraft Electrician until 2015. For the past nine years, he worked as a Corrections Deputy with Snohomish County Corrections. His commitment to service was recognized in 2023 when he received a Life Saving Medal for his efforts in reviving a Fentanyl overdose victim.



Mike and his wife, Kristin, have been married since 2015 and have a 7-year-old daughter, Sophie. Outside of work, he enjoys fishing and crabbing in the Puget Sound, camping, and taking group motorcycle rides. As the only member of his family to serve in law enforcement, Officer Rizk has a deep respect for the profession and is excited to begin his career with LFP Police. Please join us in congratulating Officer Rizk and welcoming him to the team! Ofc. Rizk's official swearing-in is February 13th at the City Council Meeting.

LFP Officers Participate in 6th Annual Rotary Polar Plunge



On January 27, 2025, officers attended the icy waters of Lake Washington for the 6th Annual Rotary Polar Plunge at the LFP Civic Club. The entry fee was jars of peanut butter, donated to a local food bank to support families in need.

Chief Harden and Commander Zanella jumped in with rotary group and brave souls, with Chief Harden making a splash—literally—by going down the slide in uniform! Mayor Tom French joined in on the fun, taking the plunge alongside the Chief in a true show of community spirit.

KC Marine Patrol was on-site to ensure safety, while Sgt. Becker, Officer Alcean, and Officer Carlsrud also attended to lend support of Rotary’s mission to end polio. The event once again showcased the dedication of our community giving back, even in freezing temperatures!



II. Internal City Information

Community Development Department

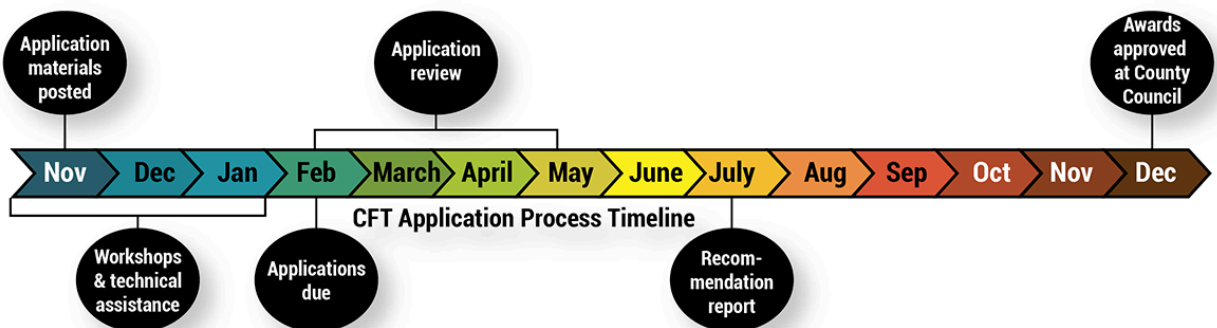
Update to City Council on the City’s sign code amendments effort:

The required WA State Department of Commerce review of the City’s draft sign code amendments and implementing ordinance is complete with no comments being received. The amendments, reviewed by Commerce and applicable agencies, are the Planning Commission’s recommended changes, introduced to the City Council in 2024. Staff is now completing the SEPA environmental review and determination for the proposed amendments. A SEPA Checklist was prepared for a non-project action (adoption of amended sign regulations city wide) and a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) was issued by the Community Development Director. On February 6, 2025, the public notice for the required public comment period was published in the Newspaper of Record and distributed via the other required methods, including the SEPA Register at the WA State Department of Ecology. Comments on the DNS and/or Checklist will be collected and reviewed in February. Shortly thereafter, we anticipate organizing the several required dates/meetings/agendas with the City Council for a public hearing and review of the amendments in the first half of 2025.

III. Council Information

- The Administration has submitted a grant application to King County Conservation Futures to offset the cost of purchasing the Rose property adjacent to Five Acre Woods in the amount of \$1,284,551, the maximum qualifying amount. Purchase price for the property was \$1,600,000.

The city will receive notice in July 2025 if the project is recommended to the King County Council for funding, with action taking place in December 2025.



IV. Response to Citizen and Council Comments

V. Contract Reporting

Severe Weather Shelter Activity

- St. Dunstan's SWS 1/12-1/29, 2025
 - 1/12: 1 male participant
 - 1/13: 3 male participants
 - 1/14: 7 participants, 6 men and 1 woman.
 - 1/15: 5 participants, 4 men 1 woman.
 - 1/16: 9 participants, 6 men and 3 women.
 - 1/17: 9 participants, 7 men and 2 women.
 - 1/18: 11 participants, 8 men and 3 women.
 - 1/19: 12 participants, 8 men and 4 women
 - 1/20: 12 participants, 8 men and 4 women
- The City entered into a Purchased Services Agreement for Emergency Snow Removal Services with the Northshore Utility District (NUD). Due to staffing shortages in the Public Works Department, it was challenging to keep streets clear due to heavy overnight snowfall February 6 into February 7. NUD employees were activated at 12:30 pm February 7 and quickly made a positive impact, providing the city's crew with much needed assistance. This agreement will remain in place until terminated by one or both parties.

New Contracts

A contract with Seattle Police Department (AG-25-005) was administratively approved by Chief Harden to join the Washington State Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. SPD is the coordinating agency for our area.

VI. Legislative Update

VII. Community Events

VIII. Upcoming City Sponsored Events

IX. Meetings Calendar

[North King County Coalition on Homelessness](#)

February 20, 2025, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

[More Details](#)

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

February 20, 2025, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM City Hall and via Zoom

[More Details](#)

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

February 24, 2025, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM City Hall and via Zoom

[More Details](#)

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

February 25, 2025, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM City Hall and via Zoom

[More Details](#)

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

February 27, 2025, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM City Hall and via Zoom

[More Details](#)