

City Administrator Report

City of Lake Forest Park

Date: February 12, 2026

TO: Honorable Deputy Mayor and Councilmembers

FR: Phillip Hill, City Administrator

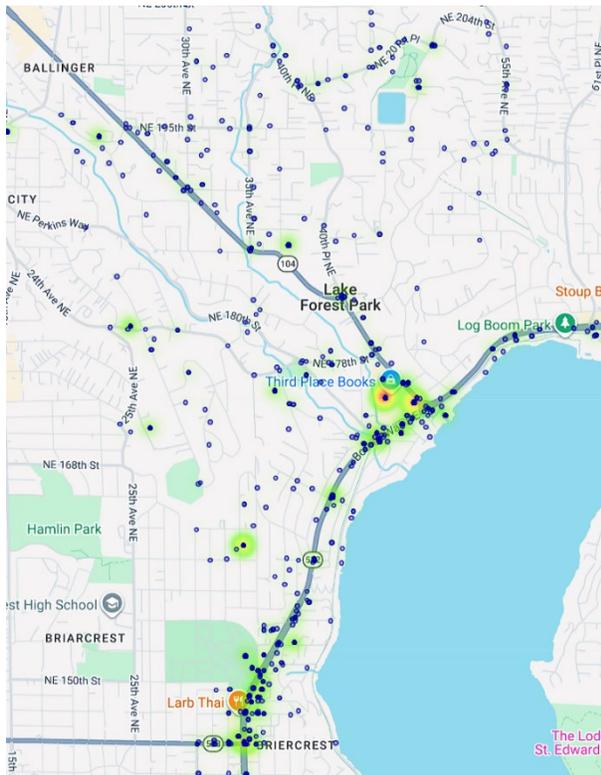
CC: Honorable Mayor Tom French
Leadership Team

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 January 2026:

Each blue dot is an incident generated by dispatch or an officer.

This map represents **1163** Call Incidents in **January**

Traffic Stats are in the Traffic Safety Section

Behavioral Health	65
Questionable Activity	59
911 Calls	49
Contact of a Person	26
Warrants	21
Theft	19
Area Check	16
Welfare Check	13
Alarm	9
Civil	6
Animal	5
Noise Complaint	4
Suicide	4
Disturbance	3
Fraud	3

Case Reports Taken for January 2026

Theft	9
Warrant Arrest	6
Malicious Mischief	3
Trespass	3
Death Investigation	3
Behavioral Health	2
DUI	2
Outside Agency Assist	2
Order Violation	2

Domestic	2
Fraud	2
Vehicle Prowl	1
Burglary	1
Traffic Offenses	1
Found Property	1
Recovered Property	1
Adult Protective Services	1
Informational Report	1

Total – 43

Notable Incidents:**Domestic Violence**

Officers responded to a domestic call in progress. After the assault, the suspect left the scene but was intercepted by our patrol officers as he was driving away on Ballinger Way NE. A high-risk traffic stop was conducted successfully. The suspect was arrested and booked for domestic violence assault, harassment and malicious mischief.

A community member called 911 regarding a possible domestic incident in progress occurring in her neighbors' apartment. Officers contacted the family but there was no sign of domestic violence.

Found Child

A 4-year-old child was found running around by himself on the street. Eventually, with the assistance of a Kenmore Deputy, the child was reunited with the mother.

Assist

A community member called the police regarding a subject, possibly under the influence of drugs, acting oddly inside Safeway. He "accidentally" tried to get into an occupied car because he believed it was his vehicle. Eventually he took the bus and left.

NORCOM dispatch receive a 911 call from a cell phone (crash notification). Officers contacted a subject who fell off the scooter. No injuries.

Officers assisted Shoreline Fire with an active fire scene. Officers assisted the occupants in leaving the residence safely. Unfortunately, a dog died at the scene.

A community member called the police because his wife was acting "out of control" (she was hallucinating and screaming). Officers arrived, took control of the situation, and AID took her to the hospital for treatment.

K9 Bella assisted Bothell PD with a suspicious car with a positive hit for drugs. The driver was arrested and the car towed. The case is under investigation by Bothell PD.

LFPPD officers assisted Bothell PD with a subject who eluded a traffic stop and was driving erratically. A LFPPD sergeant successfully deployed spikes (pursuit intervention device) and StarChase (GPS). The suspect was eventually found in a cul-de-sac, in Shoreline, and arrested without using force.

Animal Problem

A community member found two dogs running around. He took them to his residence and called the police. Officers contacted our contracted King County Animal control for assistance.

Theft

Theft in progress in the Safeway store. Two subjects were arrested and booked.

Officers arrested a subject who had stolen several items from multiple businesses in town. He also had an outstanding warrant and was booked into jail.

Officers responded to a theft in progress at the Safeway store. The subject was arrested and booked in Lynnwood Jail.

Officers responded to a theft in progress at Ross. The subject was arrested.

Welfare Check

A community member called 911 because her 90-year-old sister-in-law was not responding to her phone calls or messages. Officers made forced entry into the home and found the subject deceased on the floor.

A homeless individual was passed-out in the City Hall bathroom. He was sick from using drugs, so he was transported to Connections by Tri-Med.

Fraud

Wire fraud involving Seahawks' tickets. Investigation in progress.

A scammer intercepted a UPS driver in front of a house, showed his ID to the UPS driver, told him that he was the son of the owner of the house, and took the package. The investigation is in progress.

Online fraud by somebody who posed as a bank employee. The victim lost \$4,300. No leads.

Contact of a Person

Mod Pizza employees called 911 regarding a highly intoxicated subject acting oddly in their store. Officers contacted the subject, but no crime occurred. The subject got his pizza and left.

Later the same subject was found in Starbucks acting strange. Officers gave him a ride to Shoreline.

A community member advised the police that he was recently robbed in a bar in Mexico. He understood that we did not have jurisdiction but wanted to have the robbery documented in our records anyway.

Civil dispute

Civil dispute between a mason contractor and a client. The contractor's behavior was found to be almost harassment, so it was documented for future references.

Suicide

A mentally ill person (well-known to the police) who lives in an assisted living facility called the police because he wanted to commit suicide. Officers spoke with his caregiver who stated that the patient calls 911 when he is bored so he can have a ride to the hospital.

A mentally ill person (well-known to the police, but different from the previous call) who lives in an assisted living facility tried to commit suicide eating some plastic items. She met ITA criteria and was transported to the Hospital by Tri-Med.

A subject who lives in an adult family home attempted to commit suicide. He was transported to the hospital.

A patient in an adult family home (different from the previous one) stated that he was going to kill his caregivers and then himself. He was sent in for treatment.

Malicious Mischief

One of the City's new radar trailers was vandalized by an unknown subject. No leads.

Multiple mailboxes and vehicles were vandalized on the 16000 block of 34th Ave NE. No leads.

Burglary

Officers responded to a residential burglary in progress where the homeowner shot the intruder. The suspect was arrested and taken to the hospital for treatment. Charges of burglary were sent to the King County Prosecutor.

Violation of Order

An officer conducted a traffic stop and confirmed that the petitioner and the respondent of a domestic violence order (no contact order) were in the same vehicle. The respondent was arrested and booked.

A community member called 911 regarding her ex-boyfriend violating a no-contact order by phone and online. The investigation is in progress.

DUI

A driver was stopped by a patrol officer because he was going 68mph on Bothell Way NE. It was discovered that the driver was under the influence (drugs). He was arrested and booked in Snohomish County Jail.

Recovered Property

Seattle PD recovered one of our stolen vehicles.

Warrants

A subject who was driving with expired tabs was stopped by a patrol officer. It turned out that she had multiple outstanding warrants. She was arrested and booked on those warrants.

Noise Complaints

Officers responded to an incident where multiple juveniles were creating some sort of disturbance (party) in proximity of 53rd Ave Ne and NE 190th St. The officers arrived promptly and took care of the issue. Several neighbors were so pleased with the officer's response that the next day they brought a thank you note and some delicious food for the officers on duty.

Disturbance

Multiple community members called the police regarding a male yelling and being aggressive inside the Town Center. He was identified and the officers found out that he had outstanding warrants. He was arrested and transported to King County Jail.

Last week NORCOM received 15 911 calls from the same mentally ill person who contacts them because she believed that Elon Musk was manipulating her electronic devices. This has been an ongoing issue for many months.

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Traffic Safety

January 2026

Traffic Stops	443
Traffic General	70
Traffic Collisions	16
Traffic Abandon	14
DUI	2
Hit & Run	2
Impounds	1

Traffic Safety Highlights

Speed Emphasis:

- Emphasis patrols are proving to be successful. There is a noticeable difference in the number of westbound HOV violations at the 4700blk of SR 522.
- 18400blk of Ballinger Way NE- Officer monitored the area for approximately an hour and a half issuing 3 violations for vehicles traveling at 44mph.
- County line and 37th Ave NE & 4000blk of NE 197th St

Stop Sign Emphasis:

- 19600blk of 40th PL NE

Notable Speed Violations:

- 15000blk of Bothell Way NE - Vehicle traveling 56mph in a 40mph zone
- 47th Ave NE and Bothell Way NE - A driver from Tennessee was traveling 78mph in a 40mph zone
- NE 155th St and Bothell Way NE - 55, 57, 60mph
- 17200blk of Ballinger Way - 56, 57, 60, 61, and 73mph in a 30mph zone
- Driver was stopped and asked why they were speeding they said, "I was responding to an emergency." When asked what the emergency was, the driver said, "taking someone to the airport."

RCW46.37.390:

3 drivers were issued warnings for excessive exhaust noise

Seatbelts:

Vehicle containing two child passengers without booster seats or seatbelts.

Lights, camera action!

Driver was warned for having blue lights on his license plate.

Driver warned for undercarriage glow lights.

Bus lane violation:

It was my dog....

A vehicle traveling at the 5700blk of Bothell Way was stopped for no taillight. Driver stated his dog chewed through the wiring of the light switch. Driver was cited for expired registration, previously warned in Nov. 2024, and warned for no insurance.

Where are you going?

Multiple drivers stopped for traveling in the wrong direction. One vehicle stopped in center median was lost and having “directional issues.”

It adds up quickly...

Multiple vehicles stopped for one violation that turned into 2 or 3 violations. Cell phone in hand, registration expired, no insurance, no License/ID, DWLS3, brake lights out...and more.

Collisions:

A collision at SR522 and Ballinger Way NE leaves that intersection out of power for hours. A family traveling south on Ballinger, turning left onto SR522, lost control of their vehicle and collided with the power boxes on the southeast corner of the intersection. Crews worked quickly to repair the damage while Officers performed traffic control to limit any further issues.



A two car collision occurred at 35th AVE NE and SR 522, when a vehicle traveling southbound bypassed traffic in the bus lane in order to get to McDonalds while another vehicle was turning left onto 35th from northbound lanes. One driver was issued a citation for Neg. 2 and Failure to use a Child Restraint.



Other Notable Traffic Items:

In the 18400 block of SR-104, we are conducting a speed and volume data collection study. For the first two weeks, new speed radar trailers collected data without displaying vehicle speeds to drivers. During the following two weeks, the speed display was activated while data

collection continued. This study examines speed data to evaluate how speed display feedback influences driver behavior and the potential need of traffic safety cameras.



Detective Teschlog Retirement

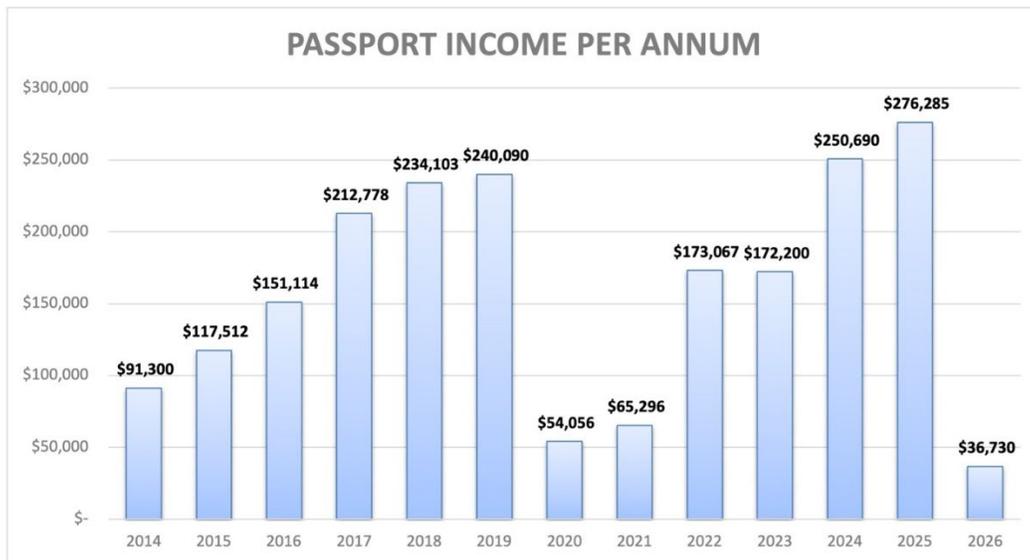
On January 26, we marked the final radio call of “out of service” for Detective Craig Teschlog, honoring more than 27 years of law-enforcement service, including nine years with Lake Forest Park Police Department. Craig comes from a family rooted in service. Born in Edmonds and raised nearby, Craig comes from a family defined by service, his father served 20 years in the U.S. Army with three tours in Southeast Asia; his grandfather served 35 years with the FDNY; and his mother was an elementary school teacher. Though his parents passed years ago, they lived to see Craig find his calling in law enforcement. He found his call early and spent over half his life protecting communities, building cases, and supporting victims. From patrol to investigations, and through his work on the Major Crimes Task Force. Beyond the cases, he’s been a mentor, a trainer with CJTC, and someone others could always count on. His work will continue as he teaches the next generation of detectives. Craig may be making his final radio call as a police officer, but a new chapter awaits. Congratulations, Detective Teschlog. Thank you for your service to our community. And on to the next chapter, as our LFPPD Support Services Officer! He will be taking care of the property room and prisoner transport.

II. Internal City Information

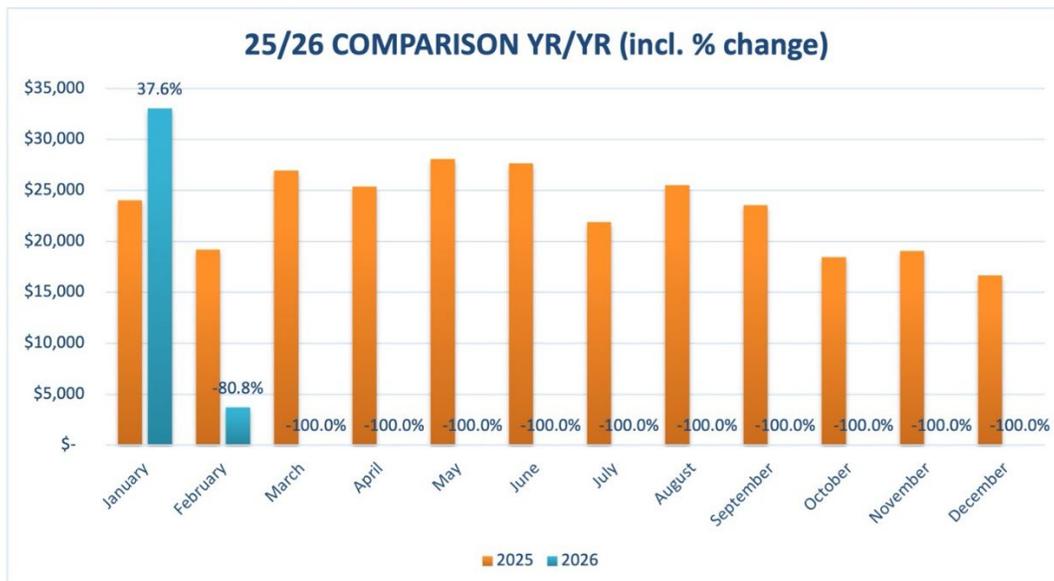
Municipal Services

Passport Services

At the end of 2025, we processed 5,615 passports with 3,988 photos, earning a total revenue of \$276,285. Here are the historical stats showing that last year was the best on record. With increased photo fees and the addition of a digital photo fee, 2026 will likely be another record year for revenue.



For January, 2026, we processed 629 passports with 455 photos for a total revenue of \$33,045. In January, 2025, total revenue was \$24,015. That is an increase of \$9,030.



III. Council Information

IV. Response to Citizen and Council Comments

V. Contract Reporting

No new administratively approved contracts during the reporting period.

VI. Legislative Update

VII. Community Events

JOIN US FOR OUR
THIRD PLACE COMMONS

Annual Community Breakfast

ROOTS & WINGS
7-8:45 a.m. March 4, 2026

Food • Auction • Music

Celebrating community while supporting Third Place Commons and the Lake Forest Park Farmers Market — bringing free events and welcoming spaces to life year-round.

\$50 per person • \$375 for table of eight

Tickets and information:
www.thirdplacecommons.org/breakfast

VIII. Upcoming City Sponsored Events

IX. Meetings Calendar

[North King County Coalition on Homelessness](#)

February 19, 2026, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

[More Details](#)

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

February 19, 2026, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM City Hall and via Zoom

[More Details](#)

[City Council Retreat](#)

February 21, 2026, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Shoreline Fire Station 51

[More Details](#)

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

February 23, 2026, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM City Hall and via Zoom

[More Details](#)

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

February 24, 2026, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM City Hall and via Zoom

[More Details](#)

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

February 26, 2026, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM City Hall and via Zoom

[More Details](#)