

# City Administrator Report

## City of Lake Forest Park

Date: July 27, 2023

TO: Honorable Deputy Mayor and Councilmembers

FR: Phillip Hill, City Administrator

CC: Honorable Mayor Jeff Johnson  
Leadership Team

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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**

On the morning of July 15, Bothell PD had a possible DUI vehicle elude them. The vehicle was spotted by Bothell officers westbound on SR522, and LFP officers responded to assist should the incident enter Lake Forest Park. As the slow speed (40 MPH and under) event entered Kenmore, officers deployed spike strips at the request of Bothell. Officers then followed the vehicle into Lake Forest Park.



The suspect's vehicle was significantly damaged at this point but continued on the roadways at slow speeds. The suspect vehicle turned south onto 41st Ave NE from SR522. As it continued, the suspect driver made an intentional 90 degree turn in the 16500 blk of 41st Ave NE and steered down the steep embankment towards the Burke Gilman Trail. The vehicle got hung up in heavy blackberry bushes about 15 feet down the embankment, and the two occupants refused

to exit the vehicle.



Due to excessive heat generated by the suspect vehicle's damaged wheels, the vehicle and vegetation began to catch fire. The suspects were still uncooperative, but as the smoke worsened the female passenger exited and was eventually detained after she climbed the hill using a rope. She was wanted on outstanding arrest warrants. The male driver was less cooperative and was also injured. After a prolonged negotiation, and significant smoke/heat exposure, we were able to get a rope to him and drag him up the hill. He was

taken into custody by Bothell PD without further incident and treated for his injuries. He was a many times convicted felon.

This event involved a large response by Police and Fire personnel and lasted a few hours. Shoreline Fire personnel were on scene. This was a tense and rapidly unfolding event, involving barricaded subjects in a burning vehicle on a steep embankment. The Fire Department personnel acted swiftly to mitigate the flames and smoke while officers worked to not only arrest the suspects in this event, but to also save their lives. The Fire Department personnel were willing to put themselves close to this dangerous and unpredictable event so the officers and suspects could survive this incident. Officers believed that the male and female occupants of the suspect vehicle would have perished tonight had it not been for the bravery and teamwork by the Fire personnel that responded.

Police officers responded to a suicide call. The caller stated that his father hung himself in a tree, in a grassy field, behind a residence. When the officers arrived, it was evident that the subject was already deceased. LFPPD Investigation Unit and the King County Medical Examiner took over the investigation.

Officers responded to a sex offense that had occurred at a local gym. A male subject exposed himself to a female victim who was exercising. Officers obtained video evidence and a statement from the victim. Unfortunately, the victim was afraid of retaliation, and she was not sure that she wanted to assist with prosecution. The officer in charge of the case is actively working with the victim, the LFPPD victim advocate, and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Officers located an unoccupied stolen vehicle parked in the Ross parking lot. They placed two tire deflation devices in front of the front tires and waited for a few minutes. After approximately 10 minutes, a male subject exited Ross, got in the driver's seat, and quickly took off towards Bothell. Patrol attempted a traffic stop but the suspect refused to pull over (despite both front tires being completely flat). The suspect started to drive erratically—going into the oncoming traffic—and our patrol officers decided to turn the emergency lights off but maintained visual contact. The suspect struck another vehicle in Kenmore, turned around, started to drive towards Seattle, and eventually took I-5 Northbound driving on his rims. The suspect then pulled over and surrendered. A high-risk traffic stop was initiated with the

assistance of deputies from Snohomish County Sheriff's Office. The suspect was detained without any use of force and charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, eluding, possession of burglary tools, and several traffic violations. He also had multiple outstanding warrants.

Officers responded to a welfare check call. A male subject—who was walking in the bus lane—had suddenly decided to lay down in the middle of the bus lane and take a nap. Officers contacted the subject, who was probably under the influence of drugs, and identified him. A police inquiry revealed that the subject had an outstanding felony warrant. The subject was detained and booked in jail.

Officers responded to a hit & run incident where the victim was able to take pictures of the suspect and the suspect's vehicle. The officers were able to locate and charge the juvenile driver.



Officers responded to two separate graffiti calls on two utility boxes. Public works was notified. No suspects.

Officers responded to a theft in progress where four juveniles were stealing sodas from a store. The thieves were able to leave before the officers' arrival, but one of them was eventually located and trespassed from the premises.

Officers responded to an online fraud where the suspect was able to convince the victim to send money to a fake software company. Approximate loss \$1,800. No suspect at this time.

Officers responded to a domestic disturbance where one subject—who could not care for herself and had expressed suicidal ideations—needed to be transported to the Hospital for evaluation and treatment. Officers worked with medical personnel and with our RCR navigator in order to provide adequate services.

Officers responded to missing person incident where a 65-year-old female, with dementia, had left the residence and was now missing. As the officers were conducting the search, a citizen advised the police that the subject was sitting on the porch of a neighbor. The subject was reunited with the family.

Officers responded to the Ross store for a shoplifting incident in progress. Two subjects were concealing clothing items in a cooler. When the two subjects saw the officers, they decided to discard some of the merchandise and pay for some of the concealed items.

During Thursday's City Council meeting, an officer observed a theft call coming in from Ross stores and then noticed a Ford Focus without license plates speeding through the city hall parking lot, endangering pedestrians. The vehicle drove to a dead end in the parking lot, then jumped the curb and continued on SR522. The officer managed to locate the vehicle and witnessed the driver engaging in reckless behavior, constantly changing lanes without signaling, and driving at approximately 70 mph in a 40-mph zone, nearly causing accidents with other vehicles on the road. Eventually, the suspect's vehicle collided with a curb and a street sign in Seattle at our border.

Despite an extensive search of the area, including employing a K-9 unit, the officers were unable to locate the suspect. However, they seized the vehicle and obtained a search warrant. During the search, drug paraphernalia used for smoking methamphetamine was discovered in the center console, along with a crystal-like substance consistent with methamphetamine. To gather more evidence, officers processed the vehicle for fingerprints, collecting a total of 8 samples which were subsequently sent to the AFIS Lab.

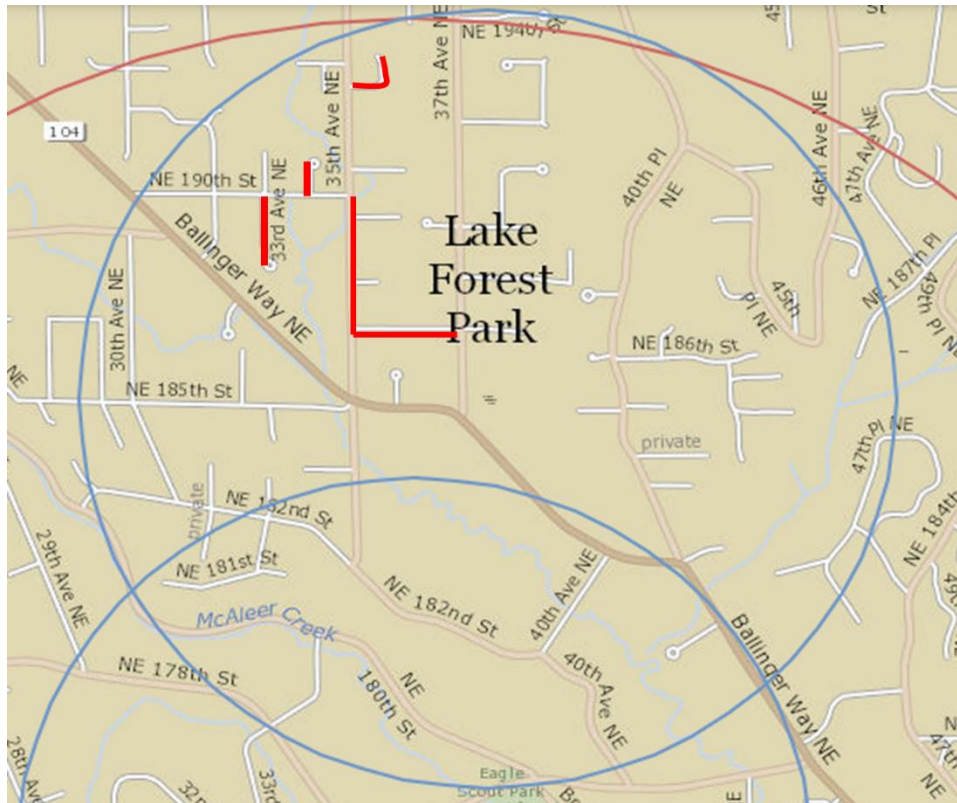
### **NEMCo**

NEMCo is continuing to build and implement its community outreach and education programs, hosting several recent events. On Tuesday and Thursday day evenings for the past couple of weeks, classes for the new NEMCo Drone program have been hosted to train volunteers on drone operations within disaster areas. This training incorporates the FAA required education and testing as well as NEMCo specific emergency radio procedures.

In addition to these volunteer in-service trainings, NEMCo hosted a Community Preparedness Workshop on Saturday July 22. During this workshop, community members completed both classroom training and hands-on exercises covering the ACT To Save a Life curriculum, as well as home preparedness and fire safety modules. They learned and practiced how to shut off utilities and the proper use of a fire extinguisher.

### **Public Works**

CIP Paving Program - The 2023 Paving Program is planned for this fall including the following streets in the map below: 187<sup>th</sup> Street and 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue will see Pedestrian access improvements.



Stormwater Facilities Cleaning – The McAleer Creek Bypass and the channel along Brookside Elementary School were dredged and cleaned to improve their operational efficiency.

Brookside Channel





McAleer Bypass





Personnel Update – We have recently hired two seasonal maintenance workers with the intent to hire two additional seasonal maintenance workers. One of our long-time, full time maintenance workers retired earlier this month.

## **II. Internal City Information**

## **III. Council Information**

## **IV. Response to Citizen and Council Comments**

## **V. Contract Reporting**

### **Lakefront Property Phase 1 Improvements Update:**

The first Project Manager Coordination meeting took place that included working out the timeline and scope of work, future project website, and putting together the stakeholder kickoff meeting that will take place in September.

Two contracts were administratively approved during the reporting period: AG-23-037, Transpo Group USA, Inc., Professional Services Agreement for the Safe Speed Study; and AG-23-038, Amendment to the LGBS agreement for Municipal Court collections services, extending term by two years.

**VI. Legislative Update**

**VII. Community Events**





The first of three Go Electric! workshop series took place July 18 at Third Place Commons! Attendees learned how to have cleaner air and cook faster by switching from gas to an induction stovetop with a demonstration! The next Go Electric! workshop, Keep Calm & Solar On! Will take place, August 17, 6:00 p.m. at the Hangar (6728 NE 181<sup>st</sup> St, Kenmore 98028) in Kenmore! Learn from local contractors and neighbors on how installing solar panels can save you money, add value to your home, and reduce your carbon emissions.

# 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.



## KEEP CALM & SOLAR ON

**August 17 at 6 p.m. | The Hangar**  
6728 NE 181st St, Kenmore 98028

Learn from local contractors and neighbors how installing solar panels can save you money, add value to your home, and reduce your carbon emissions. We'll review the upfront costs, discounts, and rebates available to you!



## ACs THAT BRING THE HEAT

**September 19 at 7 p.m. | Shoreline City Hall**  
17500 Midvale Ave N, Shoreline 98133

Did you know? Heat pumps are the best way to heat and COOL your home! Learn how they can save you money and make life more comfortable. We'll review upfront discounts and tax credits and offer a Q&A with community members who have installed heat pumps at their homes.

Series sponsored by the cities of Lake Forest Park, Shoreline, and Kenmore.



Join with neighbors and friends to celebrate summer, for a weekly Yoga in the Park, Summer Stretch Series at Pfingst Animal Acres Park! Saturday mornings through August 12, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Each week will feature a different local instructor teaching a different style of yoga! All classes are open to all community members at any level.

Never done yoga? No problem. Come try something new while meeting new friends! Bring a yoga mat, a friend, your own hydration, and have some fun!



Don't miss out on Battle of the Bands with the ShoreLake Arts and City of Lake Forest Park! Three evenings of fun at Pfingst Animal Acres Park! [Tickets](#) are on sale through ShoreLake Arts. Battle of the Bands supports emerging and developing musicians in Washington State and encourages appreciation for the art of music in our community.

All shows begin at 6:30 p.m. at Pfingst Animal Acres Park, and gates open at 5:30 p.m. A beer garden and food trucks will be on hand!

Semi-final Pool #1 | Thursday, August 3

Semi-final Pool #2 | Friday, August 4

Finals | Saturday, August 5

For more information on the event or to purchase tickets, head to:

<https://www.shorelakearts.org/battle-of-the-bands-information>





## **VIII. Upcoming City Sponsored Events**

### **IX. Meetings Calendar**

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

August 1, 2023, 7:00 PM @ City Hall and via Zoom

#### **[Tree Board Meeting \(Hybrid\)](#)**

August 2, 2023, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ City Hall and via Zoom

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

August 8, 2023, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ City Hall and via Zoom

#### **[North King County Coalition on Homelessness](#)**

August 10, 2023, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

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

August 10, 2023, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM @ City Hall and via Zoom

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

August 10, 2023, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ City Hall and via Zoom