

City Administrator Report

City of Lake Forest Park

Date: January 25, 2024

TO: Honorable Deputy Mayor and Councilmembers

FR: Phillip Hill, City Administrator

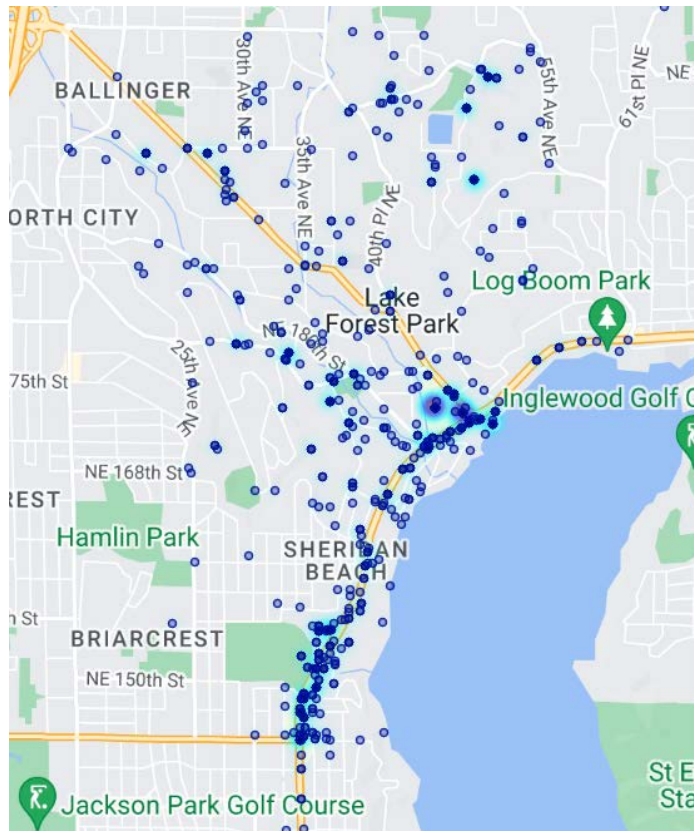
CC: Honorable Mayor Tom French
Leadership Team

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

December 2023:

Each blue dot is an incident generated by dispatch or an officer. This map represents **810** Incidents in **December**.

Traffic MDC	142
Directed patrol	127
Suspicious event	89
Traffic General	73
Foot patrol	68
Theft	23
Accident	18
911	17
Disturbance	16
Behavioral Health	12
Hit & run	8
Alarm	8
Possession stolen property	7
Vandalism	6
Motor vehicle theft	6

Case Reports Taken for December 2023

Theft	15	Found/Recovered Property	8
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	Trespass	5
Warrant arrest	5	Adult Protective Service (APS)	3
Fraud	2	Outside Agency Assist	2
DUI	1	Malicious Mischief	2
Death Investigation	1	Suspicious Circumstance	1
Domestic Violence	1	Motor Vehicle Prowl	1
Graffiti	1	Burglary	1
Indecent Exposure	1	Hit-and-Run	1
Total - 57			

Notable Incidents

Patrol officers responded to a suspicious call where several individuals were trying to prowl parked cars in the area of 34th Ave NE and NE 163rd St. Upon arrival officers discovered that all the suspects were driving stolen cars (or unreported stolen). Some of the suspects left the scene on foot and others drove off N/B on 34th Ave NE. No pursuit was initiated. A King County Sheriff's K9 assisted our officers in trying to locate the suspect(s) who left on foot, but it was unsuccessful. Two of the stolen vehicles were recovered but no arrests were made.

Officers responded to a subject that made an attempted call to 988. The subject was feeling depressed and anxiety from an argument over his dad buying him food. The subject was not suicidal, rather feeling down in spirits. No ITA (involuntary treatment act) or domestic situation. He was put in touch with our crisis responders to seek resources.

In the later evening hours, over several days, officers have been dealing with stolen vehicles or speeders that are eluding/evading the officers. On one incident, the officer wrote "Turned on a speeding vehicle that was going around 70mph. After turning on that vehicle a second vehicle following behind it floored it. Attempted to catch up but it was probably going over 100mph."

Officers were dispatched to welfare check. A subject sleeping in front of closed business. The subject had vomited on the sidewalk. Officers offered aid and crisis services. He declined both. Mall security requested to move along with no trespass. The subject was clear of warrants and out of California.

Smoke odor and visible smoke were detected emanating from an upper open window of an apartment. The individual inside refused to open the door and turned off the lights upon learning that the police were at the door. Due to safety concerns, the fire department forcibly entered through the front door. The subject was found in the main living room, escorted outside, and taken into custody for LFP warrants. A smoldering T-shirt was discovered in the corner, indicating a small fire started by the subject. Fire department personnel extinguished the fire and ventilated the apartment.



Since January 5, officers have responded to three separate burglaries at our two cannabis dispensary businesses. In these incidents, the suspects utilized stolen Kia and/or Hyundai vehicles to ram into the businesses, making off with stolen merchandise.

Despite efforts by an officer to block the fleeing vehicles during one incident, the suspects managed to escape. However, on that occasion, a juvenile was apprehended at the scene after a foot pursuit and taken into custody. Due to a juvenile law enacted last year, officers were limited in their ability to obtain additional information from the apprehended individual. The incident resulted in an undetermined quantity of products being stolen from the targeted business. The investigation is still ongoing, with the police department actively collecting information on potential additional suspects and exploring any possible involvement of



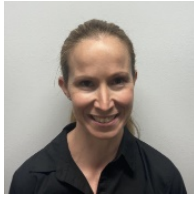
additional vehicles in criminal activities. Our agency is working with Shoreline Police and King County in conjunction with these cases.

The court security officer noticed a known convicted felon at the court counter. The subject's behavior raised suspicion as he tried to prevent the security officer from fully observing him and fiddled near his waistband. The subject expressed a reluctance to go through the court's metal detector. As the subject left, he voiced displeasure with the police and anti-government sentiments. A check through dispatch revealed the subject had warrants. When an attempt to stop him near Albertsons was made, the suspect fled on foot, leading to an additional charge for resisting arrest. The suspect eluded the officers after an extensive search.

A juvenile stole three 20oz cans of Mike's Hard Lemonade from Rite Aid. The juvenile was apprehended while walking towards MOD Pizza, voluntarily surrendered the merchandise, and was subsequently taken into custody. The subject was then transported to the station for administrative booking.

Officers responded to several calls of icy road conditions and collisions from weather-related incidents.

New Police Officer Hire!



The Police Department is thrilled to introduce our newest entry-level police officer, Amanda Johnson, hailing from the Snohomish area. Boasting a robust 17-year career in the health and fitness industry, Amanda is a seasoned professional deeply committed to fostering health and wellness. Amanda's passion for holistic well-being extends beyond her professional life, manifesting in her love for weightlifting and yoga. Her dedication to a comprehensive approach to health is evident in every aspect of her life.

In addition to her fitness journey, Amanda brings a burst of creativity as a journeyman painter, showcasing her diverse talents. As both an artist and a singer, Amanda expresses herself through various mediums, with a profound love for music. Not stopping there, she also delights in the culinary arts, showcasing her cooking skills.

She is slated to attend the academy in May 2024. In the interim months, Amanda will be actively contributing to our PD, learning skills, and gaining valuable training until her academy date. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Amanda and don't hesitate to say hello when you see her around!!

Community Service



Lieutenant Zanella and Detective Teschlog brought several kids toys and games to a local shelter (Mary's Place) for displaced families. The toys were donated by the Lake Forest Park Rotary Club. The gifts were extremely well-received and the workers and volunteers at the shelter really appreciated the generosity shown by the LFP Rotary members.

NEMCo

The Northshore Emergency Management Coalition (NEMCo) announced that it is partnering with the cities of Kenmore and Lake Forest Park, as well as their respective Police Departments, to institute a new Winter Weather Wellness Check program. Running from now until March 1, this program is designed to proactively engage with community members who feel especially at-risk or otherwise in need during the cold winter months.

Modeled after the existing vacant house check program, interested persons can register with the appropriate city, via the weblinks below, to receive wellness check phone calls and/or in-person visits, depending on anticipated weather conditions. For anyone without access to the internet, signup forms will be available at each City Hall. While the in-person visits will mostly

be conducted by police officers, trained NEMCo volunteers will be tasked with making phone calls checking on the health and wellbeing of registered community members.

Targeted toward at-risk and vulnerable populations within our community, this program is designed to provide any registered community member assistance in the event of extreme cold weather, unexpected cold snaps, significant power outages, or other weather-related emergencies. While this program is not intended to be a guarantee of aid from the City or Police Department, it will hopefully allow us to anticipate weather-related issues and connect community members with the appropriate resources before situations become potentially life threatening.

For more information, visit the NEMCo website: <https://www.northshoreemc.com/>

II. Internal City Information

III. Council Information

IV. Response to Citizen and Council Comments

V. Contract Reporting

One agreement was administratively approved during the reporting period: AG-24-001, James G. Murphy, Agreement for Auction Services.

Save the Date, February 21, for the Second Community Workshop of the Future Public Lakefront Park!

The second community workshop for the lakefront improvement project will be held on **Wednesday, February 21st, 2024**, at Lake Forest Park City Hall. The workshop will be held in the Council Chambers from **5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**, in an open house format with activities for all ages. Stop by anytime and stay as long as you would like during the workshop.

The future of the City's community lakefront public park is beginning to take shape! The team will share options for the design of the lakefront park. Attend the workshop to learn about what is being proposed, discuss ideas, share feedback, and select your favorite options.

Be sure to view the [project website](#) for more information on the project, sign up to receive email updates, and go on a virtual tour of the park!

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**Join Community Workshop #2
on Wednesday, February 21, 2024
at Lake Forest Park City Hall.**

This will be an open house event with activities for all ages.
Stop by anytime between **5:30-7:30pm**.

Learn more about the project, take a virtual
tour, and view project updates:

lfplakefrontpark.com



Continuation of the survey, cultural resource, arborist study, design programming, development of concept alternatives, and permit feasibility continue to move along. Presentation of design alternatives with cost estimates will take place at the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board January 23 meeting.

VI. Legislative Update

VII. Community Events

VIII. Upcoming City Sponsored Events

IX. Meetings Calendar

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

February 6, 2024, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ City Hall and via Zoom

[Tree Board Meeting \(hybrid meeting\)](#)

February 7, 2024, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ City Hall and via Zoom

[North King County Coalition on Homelessness](#)

February 8, 2024, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

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

February 8, 2024, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM @ City Hall and via Zoom

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

February 8, 2024, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ City Hall and via Zoom