

City Administrator Report

City of Lake Forest Park

Date: March 9, 2023

TO: Honorable Deputy Mayor and Councilmembers

FR: Phillip Hill, City Administrator

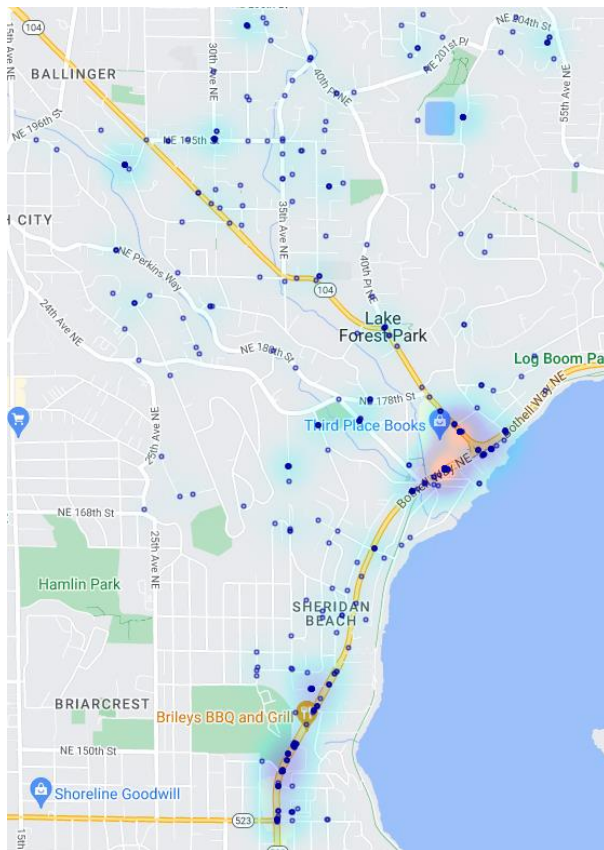
CC: Honorable Mayor Jeff Johnson
Leadership Team

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 February 2023:

Each blue dot is an incident generated by dispatch or an officer. This map represents **729** incidents in **February**.

Notable Calls/Incidents:

Type	Calls
Suspicious Circumstances	61
Welfare Checks	25
Thefts	20
Alarms	12
911	9
Hazards	8
Disturbances	7
Vehicle Prowls	7
Trespass	6
Burglary	6
Hit and Run	6
Traffic Accidents	4

Notable Calls

An officer attempted a traffic stop for a transit lane violation during rush hour traffic. The vehicle refused to stop and instead pulled into McDonalds drive-thru. Driver refused to roll down window or move out of drive-thru lane. After several minutes the driver told the officer he felt other cars should have been stopped and not him, so he decided not to stop. Driver cited for obstruction as well as traffic violation.

Officers discovered a vehicle stopped in the roadway with a half-clothed subject passed out behind the wheel. The subject was extremely impaired and covered in Taco Bell food items. A warrant for a blood draw was obtained and the subject was later released.

Officers dispatched to an infant left alone inside a vehicle parked at the mall. Officers were able to locate the mother who indicated she did not want to wake the baby while she shopped.

Officers dispatched to a welfare check. Out of state family had not heard from their mother in several days. Officers were able to make entry and found the subject deceased. Family was notified of the death, in person by their local PD.

Officers responded to reports of a transient screaming outside of a residence for over an hour. The complainant also stated the subject was smoking "some kind" of pipe. Officers contacted the subject who appeared to have mental emotional issues. Subject stated he had some place else to be, refused all offers of assistance and left the area.

Officers dispatched to a 12-year-old who was out of control and armed with a hammer. The parent had locked themselves in a bedroom and the juvenile was using the hammer to get through the door. The juvenile was also reported to have been cutting themselves in the past couple weeks. Officers sent the subject to a hospital for mental health evaluation.

Officers responded to a tree down on a house. The tree had taken out power/phone lines as it fell. Fire also responded to assist. No injuries were reported.

Officers dispatched to another vehicle, blocking the roadway, with the driver passed out behind the wheel. The caller stated the driver's side door was open and the driver was slumped over the wheel, however they did not want to approach the driver. Officers arrived and eventually took the driver into custody. After being processed for DUI, the driver was released.

Officers were dispatched to a female transient who appeared confused and was waving around a large stick. The subject had multiple bags and clothing items thrown around her. Officer provided courtesy transport to Lake City Fred Meyers at the subject's request.

Officers were dispatched to a local apartment complex. For several weeks the same subject has been stealing mail from apartment mailboxes. The apartment manager provided video of the subject taking mail. Investigation ongoing.

Officers contacted owners of large RV parked on a side street. The subjects stated they were working on the RV and replacing flooring. Officer indicated the RV did not appear operational. Subjects advised of parking laws.

The department has received multiple calls, emails, and walk in complaints regarding RV's parked at the mall. All complainants have been advised that the mall is private property, and as long as the mall allows the vehicles to park there, no laws are being broken and the RV's are allowed to stay.

Officers responded to multiple calls regarding damaged locking mailboxes and stolen mail. A suspect vehicle was seen in the area; investigation is ongoing.

Officers responded to a suicidal juvenile who had cut himself with a razor blade. Juvenile stated he wasn't trying to hurt himself; he had accidentally cut too deep and was frightened by the amount of blood. Juvenile transported to hospital for evaluation.

Officers responded to attempted shoplift at Ross. Officer contacted subjects who were acting suspiciously inside the store. When contacted by officers, they removed over \$1,000 worth of merchandise from their cart, purchased two small items, then left the store.

Graffiti was located on SR522. Photographs were taken of the graffiti and Public Works was notified for clean-up.



Officers responded to a residential burglary. Homeowner discovered garage had been left open overnight. A gun safe, ammo and gear were taken, with an approximate loss of 10k – 20k.

Officer located stolen vehicle and notified the owner. Officer advised the owner to pick it up as soon as possible. More than 24 hours later the owner arrived and discovered a subject sitting in her vehicle. The vehicle left the area before PD arrived for second report.

Officers located a subject riding a bike committing several violations. The subject was stopped and found to have warrants and a backpack full of mail stolen from the neighborhood.

Police Chaplain

The police department is pleased to announce that we have an additional Police Chaplain to add to the team! Chaplain (Eric) Trout started February 15. Some of the staff know Eric as he worked as a chaplain for King County Sheriffs Dept and was a partner with Northshore Fire. Chaplain Trout is a Pastor at Freedom Church Northwest and has experience in family counseling and youth. He also is a father of 7! In the next few months, Chaplain Trout will be going on ride-a-longs to build relationships with the staff.

A police chaplain may be brought on scene to support our first responders, and their families during difficult times. Much like the police service, police chaplains are available 24/7, including weekends and holidays. The service chaplains provide to our officers –and to our community as a whole—is extremely important, and I am very grateful that Chaplain Trout decided to join the Lake Forest Park Police Department family. I strongly believe that chaplaincy programs can support a culture where officers feel comfortable seeking help and finding support, and I also know that chaplaincy programs can also serve as support systems for officers following critical incidents and other traumatic event on- or off-duty. He will continue to provide a great service to our staff and the community. Now we have another resource for our officers and the community. Congrats and welcome him to our staff!

City Employee Training



Over the last couple of months, Lt. Zanella conducted classes to our city staff on active shooter training based on the CRASE model. CRASE training is a program designed to provide individuals with the knowledge and skills to effectively respond to an active shooter situation. The program was developed by the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) Center at Texas State University, and it is intended for use by law enforcement agencies, schools, businesses, and other organizations.

During training, participants learn about the common behaviors and characteristics of active shooters, as well as strategies for responding to an incident. The training covers topics such as situational awareness, emergency planning, and methods for minimizing casualties. Overall, the goal of CRASE training is to empower individuals to take action in the event of an active shooter incident, with the aim of saving lives and minimizing harm.



II. Internal City Information

III. Council Information

IV. Response to Citizen and Council Comments

V. Contract Reporting

Nothing new to report.

VI. Legislative Update

VII. Community Events

[Community Emergency Response Training - Session 3 of 3](#)

March 11, 2023, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM @ Northshore Fire Department Headquarters Station 51

VIII. Upcoming City Sponsored Events

[Coffee with the Mayor](#)

March 18, 2023, 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM @ City Hall

IX. Meetings Calendar

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

March 14, 2023, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ City Hall and via Zoom

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

March 16, 2023, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM @ City Hall and via Zoom

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

March 20, 2023, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM @ City Hall and via Zoom

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

March 22, 2023, 7:00 PM @ City Hall and via Zoom

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

March 23, 2023, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ City Hall and via Zoom)