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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear neighbors,

As you can see from the flowers blooming throughout town, summer has arrived! Each season highlights something special about Lake Forest and the sights of summer are some of my personal favorites.

Lake Forest Parks & Recreation offers a wide variety of summer activities for all ages. With Forest Park Beach, the splash pad at Townline Park, Deerpath Golf Course, summer camps, and community events, there's always something fun to do.

In the Community-Wide Survey, Lake Forest residents expressed a strong interest in more adult recreational programming. After gathering more feedback on the kinds of classes people are looking for through a "Pulse Survey," the Rec Team has been working to create additional opportunities for adults, including softball leagues, sailing classes, pickleball on the new courts at Deerpath Park, and more.

Summer also brings beloved events, including Outdoor Concerts, the 4th of July Festival and Fireworks, Lake Forest Day, Deer Path Art League's Art Fair on the Square, and so much more. It's always delightful to see neighbors out enjoying Lake Forest at different summer events.

Perhaps less exciting although equally important, summer also brings construction season. Check out the interactive construction map in the Lake Forest Now Mobile App or at cityoflakeforest.com/ConstructionProjects for the latest on City projects, like the Forest Park Beach Pathway Project and Robert McClory Bike Path repaving.

Community engagement is a cornerstone of Lake Forest City government, as is active citizen participation in developing long-term community goals and priorities. Thanks to everyone who attended in-person and online community engagement sessions to participate in the Strategic Planning process. The Strategic Plan being developed will guide the City for the next five years. Stay tuned for other opportunities to provide feedback as part of the Strategic Planning process.

I look forward to seeing you around shopping, dining, and enjoying all that Lake Forest has to offer this summer.

- Mayor Stanford "Randy" Tack

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Residents Young and Old Embrace Lake Forest Day

A Constant in a Changing World

BY DAVID A. F. SWEET

It's likely that no resident alive has seen more Lake Forest Days than Larry Crone.

At 93, he remembers what they were like as a boy during The Great Depression. He recalls the time two elephants joined the parade, as well as the day he served as the grand marshal, waving to the crowd from a convertible. For years, the Korean War veteran ran the event's raffle for the Lake Forest American Legion – which operates Lake Forest Day – and helped build the Post's hamburger and beer stands in West Park, along with picking up empty soft-drink bottles to return to vendors.

He knows where he'll be during the first Wednesday in August this year.

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"I'll go watch the parade," said Crone, who will be driven to it by a friend and take in the festivities. "I enjoy watching the little kids passing out candy or getting candy from the people on the floats." For 116 years, Lake Forest Day has been an important piece of the fabric of the community. Thousands walk into town, ride their bikes or take a short drive to attend the two-day event. This year, all of the staples that have delighted generations will return – the West Park carnival opening on Tuesday, Aug. 6, the 5K and Fun Run followed by the parade on Wednesday, Aug. 7, and then more rides and games at West Park into the evening.

"Lake Forest Day is a great way to bring our residents together," Mayor Randy Tack said. "It's such a special event for families; grandparents who went to it as kids take their grandchildren."

Aside from taking place on the first Wednesday in August (many businesses in Lake Forest used to close early on Wednesdays to give employees the afternoon off), the 21st-century version of the City's special day little resembles the first one back in 1908, when Theodore Roosevelt was

President, automobiles were new and switchboard operators were plentiful in town (along with wooden sidewalks). According to the book *Lake Forest Day: 100 Years of Celebration*, written by the History Center of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff, the inaugural event on Farwell Field at Lake Forest College featured a cutest-baby contest, a mind-reading dog, a greased-pig chase, and a hot-air-balloon, among other attractions.

At the suggestion of the Young Men's Club, the Lake Forest Woman's Club put on the first festival and charged 25 cents admission for those over 17. The lion's share of the \$857.40

in proceeds was earmarked for a new contagious hospital, forerunner to today's Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital. It is unclear how many of the 2,000 residents of the time attended, but those who did were well-dressed – the women wearing hats and bedecked in long dresses, the boys unhappily ensconced in jackets and ties.

Since the American Legion took over Lake Forest Day more than 100 years ago from the Young Men's Club, various themes have been associated with it. As noted in *Lake Forest Day*, patriotic themes abounded during World War II, from "Prelude to Victory" to "On to Tokyo." The Legion itself was





Lake Forest Day Festivities

The 116th Lake Forest Day celebration is on Tuesday, August 6 and Wednesday, August 7, 2024

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

6-10 pm: Carnival at West Park

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

7 am: 5K & Fun Run at Deerpath Community Park

10 am: Parade along Western Ave heading north to West Park

11 am - 10 pm: Carnival at West Park

The Lake Forest Day parade route starts at Western Ave and Vine Ave, then proceeds northbound towards West Park. Please note there will be no access to Western Ave during the parade between 9:45-11:30 am.

Find more information on the festivities at LakeForestDay.com.



honored in 1969, when the theme was “The American Legion: Fifty Years Service to God and Country.” More recently, local organizations and people have been saluted (this August, “Our Welcoming Community” is the theme). The Legion uses proceeds generated from Lake Forest Day – its only fundraiser each year – to fund college scholarships, assist veterans, and more.

Understanding the crucial role of the Legion in operating this special event, the Lake Forest Day Foundation was founded in 2007 by then-mayor Jack Preschlack along with citizens Art Wood, Willard Bunn, Howard Adams and Legion members Bud Turner and David Nash. Its mission was to ensure that Lake Forest Day would continue even as Legion members dwindled and grew older, meaning younger citizens would need to volunteer to undertake various event responsibilities. In 2008, a 100th Lake Forest Day celebration at Forest Park Beach served as a crucial fundraiser for the incipient non-profit.

Once the first donation numbers arrived, founding member Bunn enjoyed a pleasant surprise.

“The amazing thing was how generous the Lake Forest residents were in supporting the cause,” said Bunn, who noted that at least one donation exceeded \$100,000.

Save for his stint serving his country in the Air Force, Crone has spent his entire life in Lake Forest. He’s seen businesses come and go, new schools appear, and the population jump. Through it all, Lake Forest Day has been a welcome tradition – a constant in a changing landscape.

“You get the whole community involved, and a lot of your old classmates come to town,” said the Lake Forest High School graduate. “It’s a great day for Lake Forest.”

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What's Happening

Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Budget Approved

Finance

The City's fiscal year runs May 1 to April 30. The City Council Finance Committee conducted budget workshops in November 2023 on the 5-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and in March 2024 on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Budget. On April 15, the City Council approved the FY25 Comprehensive Fiscal Plan that includes the annual budget, 5-Year CIP, long term financial forecasts, and other related information.

The City has a longstanding tradition of conservative projections in its budgeting. For FY24, this approach has continued to yield

additional revenue available for needed – but previously unfunded – capital projects. A projected operating surplus in the General Fund for FY24 will allow for an additional transfer of nearly \$3.8 million to the Capital Fund to support needed capital improvements. Nearly 90% of that amount (\$3.3 million) was generated by building permits and interest income exceeding budget projections. These revenue sources are largely driven by economic conditions and can fluctuate significantly from year to year.

The FY25 Budget projects \$116.8 million in revenue and \$115.7 million in expenses.

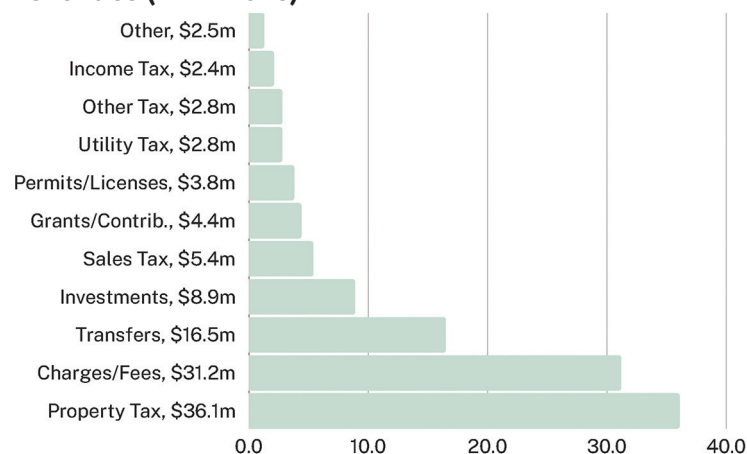
The FY25 Budget continues the City's tradition of maintaining sufficient reserves to allow for unanticipated expenses or reductions in State-shared revenue due to the State's financial crisis.

Additional information on the FY25 Budget can be found on the City's website (cityoflakeforest.com) and questions may be directed to Finance Director Elizabeth Holleb at hollebe@cityoflakeforest.com.

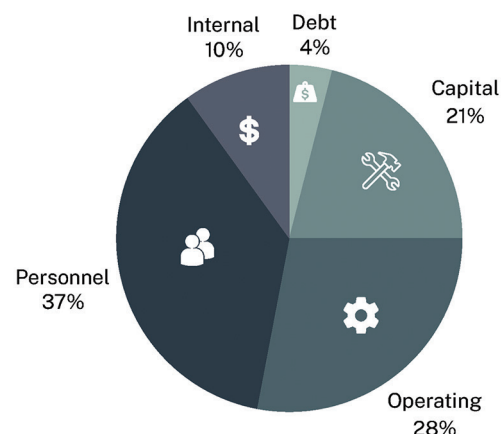
NOTABLE FY25 CAPITAL PROJECTS (in millions)

Ahwahnee Storm Sewer Improvements	\$4.35m
Lake-Woodbine Bridge Replacement	\$2.80m
Forest Park Beach Pathway (started FY24)	\$2.60m
Streets/Sidewalks/Curb	\$1.94m
Water Meter Replacement (Year 1)	\$2.00m
McClennon-Reed Bridge Rehabilitation	\$1.70m
Park Enhancements	\$1.15m

Revenues (in millions)



Expenses (percentages)



INTERACTIVE BUDGET REPORTS

Interested in digging deeper into the City's budget? Check out some of our interactive budget reports.

Comprehensive Fiscal Planning is more than just an annual budget! The **Budget in Brief** is an interactive and engaging way for residents and visitors to learn more about the City's finances and budget priorities for the current fiscal year.

The **Monthly Flash Report** is a high-level, user-friendly monthly summary of key financial indicators to track the City's actual revenue and expenses compared to budget.

The **Popular Annual Financial Report** is an easy-to-navigate summary of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The report uses graphics and other visuals to augment the financial message and is designed to be easy to understand and not overwhelmingly technical.

Find these reports and more at cityoflakeforest.com/InteractiveBudgetReports.

Lake Forest Now

Download the App

Virtually any question you have for the City can be answered in the City's Lake Forest Now App! Report a problem, check the water cam, register for a class with Parks and Rec, and so much more! You can also sign up for push notifications for areas of interest. Download the Lake Forest Now App at cityoflakeforest.com/LFNow.



Welcome New Aldermen

City Council

At the May 6, 2024 City Council meeting, the annual "Changing of the Guard" took place as the terms ended for First Ward Alderman Joe Waldeck and Third Ward Alderman Jim Preschlack. Retiring officials were recognized and applauded for their dedicated leadership and faithful volunteer service to the City of Lake Forest.

In Session II of the meeting, First Ward Alderman Nancy Novit, First Ward Alderman Pete Clemens, Second Ward Alderman Edward "Ted" U. Notz, Jr., Third Ward Alderman Alice LeVert, and Fourth Ward Alderman Eileen Looby Weber were sworn into office.

The Aldermen join Mayor Stanford "Randy" Tack, Second Ward Alderman John Powers, Third Ward Alderman Ara Goshgarian, and Fourth Ward Alderman Richard Walther.

Learn more about the members of City Council at cityoflakeforest.com/CityCouncil.

Strategic Planning

Shape the Future

Thanks to everyone who has participated in the strategic planning process so far! We had great turnout at in-person and online community engagement sessions in the spring.

The strategic planning process is an opportunity to step back and assess community priorities, being informed by the past, while looking forward and thinking strategically about the future.

Additionally, strategic planning provides a forum for long-time residents and those new to the community to share ideas and different perspectives, listen to concerns, and celebrate all that is special about Lake Forest. Strategic planning allows the community to collectively develop broad goals to guide future decision-making and resource allocation.

Please visit cityoflakeforest.com/StrategicPlan for upcoming opportunities to participate in the strategic planning process!



New Police Station Exploration

City Considers Acquiring Office Building for Adaptive Reuse as New Police Facility

Current Conditions and Need

Public safety is important to Lake Forest residents, affirmed by 95% of Community-Wide Survey respondents ranking overall safety as a very important factor when choosing to live in Lake Forest.

The Lake Forest Police Department currently operates out of the Public Safety Building at 255 W. Deerpath. The building was constructed in the 1960s as a combined facility for the Police and Fire Departments and continues to house personnel, vehicles, and equipment for both departments today. Through the years, the building and site have been adapted numerous times in an effort to meet the changing needs

of both departments with limited success. Looking to the future, the existing building and site are not adequate to accommodate both departments in a manner that will allow the ability to take advantage of modern trends in public safety.

It is critical for Fire Stations to be centrally located near residential neighborhoods and commercial areas to allow emergency vehicles, fire trucks, and ambulances to quickly respond from the station. Due to the nature of police operations, police officers are routinely patrolling throughout the community, and as a result, a centralized location is not necessary. Once a new Police Facility is available, the Fire Department will have the benefit of additional space in the existing public safety building to better support the department's needs and operations.

Exploration Process

Earlier this year, the City Council identified a new police station as a priority and staff began evaluating possible locations. The search focused on sites that could

accommodate the specialized needs of a police facility without conflicting with existing uses or development in the surrounding area, and without negatively impacting the community's character.

Studies were conducted of police facilities recently constructed in other nearby communities. The costs associated with land acquisition, new construction, and adaptive reuse of existing buildings were researched. Following the approach successfully taken by other communities, the focus turned to considering opportunities for adaptive reuse of existing buildings for primarily three reasons: 1) significant cost savings can be achieved by adaptively reusing an existing building as opposed to building new, 2) the unprecedented availability of office buildings due to the current depressed state of the office real estate market, and 3) reuse of existing buildings is more environmentally sustainable than building new.

The Building and Site

Focus of the search quickly turned to available office buildings in Conway Park. City staff walked through and researched available buildings. The three story, 98,304 square foot building at 1925 Field Court was determined to provide the greatest opportunity for adaptive reuse to meet the City's needs. Although the building exceeds the currently anticipated square footage needed for a Police Facility, it provides flexibility for the future and opens the door for discussions with other public safety agencies that may be interested in available office space.

The Unique Economic Opportunity

The City has the unique financial opportunity to acquire the vacant

office building at 1925 Field Court for a competitive price of \$3.5 million (or \$36 per square foot of office space) and renovate it into a police station. The property sold for \$17.5 million in 2018 and was appraised at \$12.5 million in 2022. The economically advantageous proposed purchase price would not have been possible five years ago and likely won't be possible 3-5 years from now. In alignment with the City's commitment to financial stewardship and environmental sustainability, adaptive reuse is more cost-effective and environmentally responsible than constructing a new facility.

Next Steps

At the City Council Meeting on Monday, April 15, 2024, the Council approved various actions related to the potential acquisition of the office building located at 1925 Field Court for adaptive reuse as a new Police Facility. One of the actions was executing a Purchase and Sale Agreement, which allows the City to continue its due diligence assessment of the property to determine if the building is a viable option for a new police station.

The City is conducting its due diligence on the property during the 90 day examination period, which includes conducting a Whole Building and Site Assessment, a Space Needs Analysis, and a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment. At the end of the due diligence period in July 2024, the City Council will review findings from these various assessments and will decide whether to proceed with acquiring the property at 1925 Field Court for a new police station.

Find the latest project information at cityoflakeforest.com/PoliceStation.

Summer Safety Tips

Fire Department

FIREWORKS SAFETY

Fireworks are often used to mark special events and holidays. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show. It is important to know that fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers. Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year.

A few ideas to get into the patriotic spirit, without fireworks:

1. Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler. Fun for all ages.
2. Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
3. Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don't forget the bug spray!
4. Red, white and blue silly string... fun for all ages.
5. Make a patriotic craft with the family.
6. Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake.



GRILLING SAFETY

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

Safety Tips

Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.

- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

Charcoal Grills

There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.

- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.



e-Scooter Ordinance

Walk Your Wheels in the Central Business District

While having fun uptown this summer, please remember to walk e-Scooters and bikes on sidewalks in the Central Business District. Last year, Lake Forest City Council approved an ordinance prohibiting the use of recreational powered devices (electric scooters, electric bikes, etc.) on sidewalks in the Central Business District. Riders must dismount and walk their devices within the Central Business District boundaries to avoid a fine of up to \$300 per offense. Licensed motor vehicle operators with a valid motor vehicle operator's license may operate the device within the street.

Signs have been placed throughout the Central Business District with a reminder of the new regulation.

As a reminder, bicycles must also be walked on sidewalks in the Central Business District per City ordinance.

While there's no perfect solution, we hope that this action will help address community concerns regarding e-Scooter safety within the Central Business District.

Find more information at cityoflakeforest.com/eScooterSafety.



Join Our Team

We're Hiring

Explore a career with the City of Lake Forest! Whether you're a college student looking for a part-time summer job or you're ready to kick-start a career in public service, we post various employment opportunities throughout the year for all the departments that keep the City clean, safe, and fun. Find current openings at cityoflakeforest.com/careers or by calling (847) 810-3533.

Working For You

Public Works

MEET THE FLEET

The Public Works Department is hosting a free Meet the Fleet event on Friday, June 7 from 10 am to 1 pm at Municipal Services. Both children and adults can climb aboard and explore a variety of vehicles, trucks, and construction equipment. Come meet Public Works employees and learn about the equipment they use to keep our community looking great!



ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

The City is pleased to present its Annual Water Quality Report for the 2023 calendar year (January 1 to December 31, 2023). The report details where our water comes from, what it contains, and the risks our water testing and treatment are designed to prevent.

The City of Lake Forest is pleased to report that the drinking water supplied by the Lake Forest Water Plant meets or surpasses all Federal and State drinking water standards. We are committed to providing the safest and most reliable water supply to our customers. As part of this process, the City is continually working to improve the water treatment process and to protect water resources.

To view your 2023 Annual Water Quality Report and to learn more about your drinking water, please visit cityoflakeforest.com/2023WaterQualityReport. If you would like a paper copy of the Report mailed to your home, please call (847) 810-3543.

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YARD WASTE COLLECTION TIPS

City crews will pick up yard waste that is placed in store-brand kraft paper bags if a City of Lake Forest yard waste sticker has been placed on the bag. The stickers need to be placed on each bag to be collected at the curb by 7 am on your collection day. There cannot be any contaminants such as planter containers, dirt, sod or refuse material mixed with the yard waste material.

Reminder: City crews will pick up bundles of brush if a City of Lake Forest yard waste sticker has been affixed to each bundle of brush placed at the curb by 7 am on your collection day. There is no limit to the number of bundles permitted on each collection day. Each branch in the bundle should not exceed six inches in diameter or four feet in length. Multiple branches must be tied in bundles with string or twine. Each bundle should not exceed four feet in length or two feet in width.

For removal of larger amounts of unbundled brush, please contact the Forestry Section at (847) 810-3564 or submit a request through the Lake Forest Now App. There is a fee associated with the collection of unbundled brush or for tree limbs larger than six inches in diameter.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULES

Independence Day Holiday

City offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day and there will be no refuse, recycling, or yard waste collection. The following schedule will be in effect for the holiday week:

- Monday and Tuesday collections remain the same
- Thursday collection on Friday
- Friday collection on Saturday

For more information on refuse collection services, or to report a missed collection, please call the Sanitation Section automated phone system at (847) 615-4264 or report it in the Lake Forest Now Mobile App.



A Beautiful Resting Place

Lake Forest Cemetery

1525 Lake Rd. • (847) 615-4341
cityoflakeforest.com/Cemetery

VISITOR HOURS MAY-SEPT.

Lake Forest Cemetery is a beautiful, peaceful place for walking and running during the spring and summer months. Starting May 1, Lake Forest Cemetery opens its gates at 8 am each day and remains open until 8 pm each evening. Summer hours continue through September 30, 2024. Dogs and refreshments are not allowed on Cemetery grounds. Parking for vehicles is allowed along the side of the drive. Please refrain from parking on the lawn as the grounds are soft during the spring/summer.

FLOWER PLANTING AND MONUMENT CLEANING

Lake Forest Cemetery offers an annual flower planting service for gravesites. Order forms were mailed to families on the Cemetery's mailing list in May. If you would like the Cemetery staff to plant flowers at your family gravesite and did not receive the May mailing, please contact the Cemetery office at (847) 615-4341 to leave your name, phone number, email address, and order form request. Flowers will be planted by Cemetery staff early in June following all chance of frost with cleanings to follow.

SPACE STILL AVAILABLE

One of our most frequently asked questions is: "Are spaces still available at Lake Forest Cemetery?" The answer is yes! Though there are shortages at many of the local

cemeteries, this is not the case at Lake Forest, where there are many options available for interment. To schedule an appointment to discuss interment options, please contact the Cemetery's office at (847) 615-4341.



Caring For Our Urban Forest

Forestry

SUMMER OF CICADAS

Lake Forest will be buzzing this summer with the hum of cicadas. Cicadas are a common occurrence annually during summer, but every 13 and 17 years, a periodical cicada emerges from the underground. The cicadas then will mate and lay their eggs in tree branches; the female will make a slit in small branches of trees. The female then lays her eggs in these slits before dying. Around four to six weeks later, the eggs hatch, and the young cicada nymphs fall to the ground, tunnel into the soil, and the cycle starts over again.

Cicada Management Best Practices:

- Avoid planting young trees less than 2 inches in diameter this spring. Because the cicadas lay eggs in slits in small tree branches, multiple cicadas laying eggs in a young tree could cause its rapid decline. The City is limiting its spring parkway planting this year and has deferred many planting locations until the fall.
- Cover vulnerable small trees with netting.
- Avoid contact insecticides. Due to the large scale of the emergence, insecticides can be harmful to beneficial insects. The City will not apply systemic or contact insecticides during the emergence to decrease the activity of the cicadas.

Cicadas don't bite or sting, and they aren't poisonous. Enjoy this natural phenomenon!

In a special video series, City Forester Corey Wierema shares what to expect when the cicadas emerge, how to prepare, and why it's such a special occurrence. Find the videos and learn more at cityoflakeforest.com/Cicadas.

INTERACTIVE TREE MAP

Have you ever wondered what the largest tree is in Lake Forest? What is the most common tree? What type of tree do you drive by every day? Find answers to those questions on our interactive Tree Map! Use the Tree Map to pinpoint the species and size of over 30,000 trees found on City-owned property. Get started at cityoflakeforest.com/TreeMap.

Get Outside

Parks

LIVE BEACH PARKING MAP

Did you know you can find a live Forest Park Beach parking map in the Lake Forest Now App? Before packing your beach bag, simply open the App and click on the Beach icon to check real time parking availability. Download the Lake Forest Now App at cityoflakeforest.com/LFNow.

TOWNLINE PARK SPLASH PAD

The Splash Pad at Townline Park (1555 W Kennedy Rd) is a great place for children to gather, play, and cool off during the summer months. Interactive features include different spouts, sprays, fountains, and bubblers. The Splash Pad is open daily from 9 am to 8 pm between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

DEERPATH COMMUNITY PARK

Have you visited the new Deerpath Community Park yet? The new park (just west of the Recreation Center at 400 Hastings Road) presents a host of amenities, including top-of-the-line synthetic turf athletic fields, eight pickleball courts, a new playground, two new open-air pavilions with restrooms, a walking trail, fitness stations, and a nature trail.



Forest Park Beach Pathway

Coming Soon

The Forest Park Beach Pathway Project involves constructing a wooden pathway which will extend from the upper parking lot to the playground at the beach, offering beautiful views of Lake Michigan.

This project is funded through a private-public partnership, with the City committing \$1.3 million to the project and raising an additional \$1.3 million from private donations. The boardwalk decking is also funded by a \$150,000 grant from Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

In addition to a \$500,000 lead donation, the Lake Forest community stepped up to donate nearly \$1 million over a roughly three-month period. Lake Forest has a rich history of public-private partnerships and this project is yet another example of the community's philanthropic spirit.

Later this year, you'll be able to walk down to Forest Park Beach on this new ADA-compliant, stroller-friendly boardwalk. Construction is expected to begin in June and be complete in September (weather permitting). Landscape restoration and tree planting will be complete in October.

Follow along during construction and view a virtual tour at cityoflakeforest.com/PathwayProject.





Summer 2024 Fun for All!

Lake Forest Parks & Recreation

Summer 2024 in Lake Forest promises a jam-packed schedule of music and fun! **Summer Concerts in the Parks and Market Square** are all set, and we have a great lineup of bands planned featuring everything from rock, soul, and country to new wave and more. Don't stress about the weather - rain or shine, we'll keep you in tune with updates on our website and social media. Get ready for a summer of music and memories.

Festival and Fireworks 2024, a community favorite, is on Thursday, July 4 at Deerpath Park. **The Friends of Lake Forest Parks & Recreation Foundation** has cooked up a sizzling lineup of bands and a fireworks frenzy, so put on your boogie shoes for the opening act, the Shagadelics, and headliner Dancing Queen! Ticket links are available on our website.

Our **2024 Summer Camp** season has kicked off with a bang. While some camps are full, we still have plenty of options available.

Fall Resident Registration opens on July 16 at 8:30 am. Please mark your calendars so you don't miss out on any of our fall programs and classes.

On July 23, we are bringing back our **Go Lake Forest Fire Truck Fun Demo & Walk**. Instead of stop, drop, and roll, it's go, move, and explore! We will meet at Everett School, walk to Fire Station #2 for an amazing fire truck demonstration, and then head back to Everett School. Strollers and leashed furry friends are welcome.

August 6 and 7 are the **Lake Forest Day** celebration, and we're kicking off our very own holiday with the **Lake Forest Day 5K Fun Run** at the new Deerpath Community Park. This fun run, perfect for the whole

family, takes you through our picturesque neighborhoods. After the run, there's a post-run raffle and refreshments for all runners, making it a great way to start the day.

For over 75 years, we've been Lake Forest's go-to for summer fun. Visit **LFParksandRec.com** for event schedules, program guides, and more. Get ready for a summer to remember!

LAKE FOREST



Register for programs and events at LFParksandRec.com
(847) 234-6700
FB & Instagram: @lfparksandrec

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS 2024

6:30-8:30 pm

June 13:	No Turn on Red • Market Square
June 20:	Mackenzie O'Brien & Band • Market Square
June 27:	Sushi Roll • Market Square
July 9:	Prairie Station • South Park
July 11:	Valius • Market Square
July 18:	The Jolly Ringwalds • Market Square
July 25:	Strung Out & Classic Car Show • Market Square
August 1:	The Prissillas • Market Square
August 8:	Blue Rose • Townline Park

Summer@ CROYA

CROYA

As the school year winds down, CROYA (Committee Representing Our Young Adults) is gearing up for summer. CROYA is a community-based youth organization welcoming 7th-12th grade students who live or go to school in Lake Forest, Lake Bluff and Knollwood. Check out the CROYA calendar for our summer activities including bimonthly meetings, float building, band jams, and service opportunities.

JUNE

- **High School Work Trip:**
Monday, June 10- Friday, June 14 to Macomb, IL (Habitat for Humanity).
- **Student Union Summer Drop-In**
Hours: Start Date is Monday, June 17; Mon.-Fri., 1-3 pm
- **CROYA Cubs Night Game Trip:**
Tuesday, June 18, 3-11 pm

- **Youth Meetings:**
Wednesday, June 19, 3-4 pm
- **4th of July Float Building:**
June 19-July 3, 1-3 pm daily
- **Middle School Work Stay:**
June 20-21

JULY

- **Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast Set-Up and CROYA Youth Mtg:**
Wednesday, July 3 at LB Gazebo, 3-4:30pm (Free CROYA t-shirt for participants)
- **Lake Bluff 4th of July Parade:**
Thursday, July 4 (Free CROYA t-shirt for participants, contact CROYA for details)
- **Youth Meetings:** Wednesday, July 17 and 31, 3-4 pm
- **LF Day Parade float building:**
July 22-August 6, 1-3 pm daily

AUGUST

- **Lake Forest Day Band Jam:**
Tuesday, August 6 at West Park, 6-10 pm
- **Lake Forest Day Parade:**
Wednesday, August 7; meet on Western Ave. at 9 am

- **1st High School Meeting:**
Wednesday, August 28, 7-8pm
- **Back To School Bash:** date TBD

Activator Music Academy is the music school at the CROYA Student Union. Activator offers many affordable music lessons to local youth and adults. Activator also supports the CROYA Recording Studio, CROYA Live Performance Venue, and CROYA's annual music events like Battle of the Bands, Lake Forest Day Jam and Super Jam. For more information, contact Music Manager Nick Christofalos at activatoracademy@gmail.com or (847) 477-7967.



CROYA.com

(847) 810-3980

Sign up for the monthly E-Newsletter at cityoflakeforest.com/eNews

Instagram: @CROYALFLB

Facebook: @CROYALFLB1980





Celebrating Life After 50

Dickinson Hall

Dickinson Hall is a one-stop destination for seniors seeking information, socialization, recreation, and continued learning. Our daily lineup features a wide range of exercise programs, lectures, music classes, communal lunches, monthly parties, game sessions, Monday movies, recreational outings, and more.

Dickinson Hall provides valuable resources to support both you and your aging parents. By connecting with our Senior Advocate, you gain access to a wealth of resources to navigate life's transitions with ease. Serving as a "home away from home" for our community's seniors, Dickinson Hall welcomes you to explore our offerings. Visit our website at DickinsonHall.com or drop by to get acquainted with us.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DICKINSON HALL THIS SUMMER?

Join us for the Friday Night Live series kicking off on Friday, June 21 at 5 pm. This monthly event continues through September, featuring appetizers, wine, and beer,

followed by a delightful dinner and live band entertainment.

Our summer lineup also includes luncheons with special performers like The Rogue Rockefeller McCormick and Lilly Pulitzer, as well as engaging lectures such as "Amazing Castles Around the World" and "Hemingway's Attic." These are just a taste of the exciting activities awaiting you at Dickinson Hall this summer.

Register for programs and events by calling (847) 234-2209 or visiting us at 100 E Old Mill Road. Visit DickinsonHall.com to learn more and sign up for our weekly email.

Shout Out

Trivia Contest Winner

Congratulations to Neil Lynch for correctly answering the Lake Forest Day Trivia questions on the back of the Spring Dialogue Newsletter and winning the contest! In case you missed it, here are the answers:

- **When was the first Lake Forest Day?** 1908
- **Where is the carnival held?** West Park
- **When does the parade start?** Wednesday, August 7 at 10 am

Green Tips

Environmental Sustainability

CURBSIDE COMPOSTING

Last year, the City partnered with WasteNot Inc. to provide a voluntary curbside compost collection service for all Lake Forest residents! 200 households have participated so far, with over 40,000 pounds of food scraps diverted from the landfill.

WasteNot provides convenient, and compromise-free composting with an exclusive Lake Forest residential rate starting at just \$14/ month. The service is available for all homes, apartments, and condos within City boundaries.

The service is also available to businesses, non-profits and schools in Lake Forest. Combined Deer Path Middle School and Sheridan Elementary School have composted nearly 6,000 pounds of waste so far! Sign up at cityoflakeforest.com/Composting.



RECYCLING REMINDERS

Two interns are joining the City's Rethink Recycling Campaign to work with Bart the Cart again this summer! The interns will be evaluating recycling habits and conducting curbside recycling bin audits, leaving a note when items are found that cannot be recycled curbside.

Here are some reminders about recycling in Lake Forest:

- 1. Empty and rinsed.** Recyclables should be well-rinsed and empty, lids on.
- 2. No plastic bags.** No plastic bags should be among your recyclables.
- 3. No styrofoam.** Styrofoam and #6 plastics are not recyclable.
- 4. No tangles.** They can damage sorting equipment.

Bart the Cart helps guide residents in a friendly way as they rethink their recycling habits. Find recycling resources, tips, guidelines, and more at BartTheCart.com.



Say Cheese!

August 15 is
#CityHallSelfie Day

Share selfies in front of City Hall and other City buildings on Thursday, August 15 for #CityHallSelfie Day!

#CityHallSelfie Day invites you to show your local gov love by sharing pictures in front of city halls and other government buildings. Participants take a self portrait (selfie) in front of City Hall and share it using the hashtag #CityHallSelfie.

City Hall Selfies are traditionally taken in front of city halls, but you can also take pictures in front of Municipal Services, the Public Safety Building, a fire engine, the Rec Center, or any other City structure you want to showcase.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- 1.** Take a picture in front of City Hall (220 E Deerpath) or another City building
- 2.** Post the picture on social media with the hashtag #CityHallSelfie
- 3.** Tag us @CityofLakeForestIL on Facebook and Instagram!

You can also email pictures to cityhall@cityoflakeforest.com for a chance to be featured on the City's social media pages.

"Art is All Around Us" Summer Reading for All Ages

Lake Forest Library

360 E Deerpath
(847) 234-0636
LakeForestLibrary.org

Summer Reading is a great way to build and reward reading habits. With the recent restoration of the Nicolai Remisoff murals, we are celebrating art all summer while we read!

- Join us for good books and fabulous prizes June 1-July 31.
- You can read printed books, read aloud to youngsters, and listen to audiobooks.
- You can participate from birth onward. We love when the whole family gets involved!
- Log your reading on paper or use the fun and easy Beanstack app.
- Join us for art events and family performances every month. Save the date for our **Arty Party on Saturday, July 27 from 1-3 pm**, featuring Dan Gogh the Magician and a return of Foam on the Front Lawn!

For details and to get started, visit LakeForestLibrary.org.



There's a lot happening in Lake Forest!

VISIT CITYOFLAKEFOREST.COM/CALENDAR FOR A WHOLE LOT MORE.

JUNE

ONGOING
THROUGH
OCT 20

Elawa Farm Garden Market
Elawa Farm Foundation

Fri & Sat: 8 am-1 pm
Sun: 10 am-2 pm

6 Free Outdoor Concerts Kick-off • Northcroft Park
Lake Forest Parks and Recreation

6:30 pm

7 Fred Jackson Golf Classic • Deerpath Golf Course
Lake Forest Parks and Recreation

11:15 am

13, 20 & 27 Free Concerts in the Square
Lake Forest Parks and Recreation

6:30-8:30 pm

18 Lighthouses of Michigan & the Great Lakes
Lake Forest Library

7-8 pm

22 Solstice Celebration and Dinner
Elawa Farm Foundation

6:30-10 pm

JULY

4 Lake Forest Festival & Fireworks • Deerpath Community Park
Friends of Lake Forest Parks and Recreation Foundation

6-10 pm

11 & 18 Free Concerts in the Square
Lake Forest Parks and Recreation

6:30-8:30 pm

16 Lake Forest Parks & Recreation Fall Resident Registration Opens
Lake Forest Parks and Recreation

8:30 am

17 Ragdale Ring Performance
Ragdale

5:30 pm

18-20 Summer Sale Celebration
LF/LB Chamber of Commerce

9 am-5 pm

25 Lunch with the Mayors • Forester Hotel
LF/LB Chamber of Commerce

11:30 am-1 pm

AUGUST

6 & 7 Lake Forest Day Festivities
American Legion Post No. 264

Various times

7 Lake Forest Day 5K Fun Run • Deerpath Community Park
Lake Forest Parks and Recreation

7 am

8 Free Outdoor Concert • Townline Park
Lake Forest Parks and Recreation

6:30-8 pm

9 Conservation Cocktails
Lake Forest Open Lands Association

6-7:30 pm

10 Ragdale Public Tour
Ragdale

10 am

16 Farm Dinner
Elawa Farm Foundation

6-9 pm

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City Information



City Meetings

CITY COUNCIL

Mondays, 6:30 pm: 6/3, 6/17, 7/1 (workshop), 7/15, 8/5

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mondays, 6:30 pm: 6/24, 7/22, 8/26

BUILDING REVIEW BOARD

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm: 6/5, 7/9, 8/8

PLAN COMMISSION

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm: 6/12, 7/10, 8/14

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm: 6/26, 7/24, 8/28

Meeting dates subject to change. Find agendas and minutes for all Boards and Commissions at cityoflakeforest.com/PublicMeetings

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City Hall

220 E. Deerpath
Monday - Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm

Municipal Services Center

800 N. Field Dr.
Monday - Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm

Public Safety Building

(Police and Fire Departments)
255 W. Deerpath
Call 911 for all emergencies
Non-emergency: (847) 234-2601
Lobby Hours:
Monday - Saturday, 8 am - 6 pm

Recreation Center

400 Hastings Rd.
(847) 234-6700
Front Desk Hours:
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5 pm
Saturday, 8:30 am - 2 pm

CROYA

400 Hastings Rd.
(847) 810-3980
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

Stirling Hall Art Center

60 E. Old Mill Rd.
(847) 810-4688
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Dickinson Hall

100 E. Old Mill Rd.
(847) 234-2209
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4 pm

Compost & Recycling Center

1381 W. Kennedy Rd.
Summer Hours (Mar. 15-Nov. 30)
Saturday: 8 am - 5 pm
Sunday: 9 am - 5 pm

Lake Forest Cemetery

1525 N. Lake Rd.
May - Sept., 8 am - 8 pm
Oct. - April, 8 am - 4:30 pm

Cemetery Gatehouse

520 Spruce Ave.
Call (847) 615-4341 for appointment

Postage-Free Mail

Postage-free mail to all City departments and City officials can be deposited in the white drop boxes on Bank Lane north of Westminster and in the Telegraph Road Train Station parking lot.



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Photography Contest

Do you have an extraordinary photo of Lake Forest? Hit us with your best shot!

Our City is known throughout the North Shore for its magnificence and beauty. We want to see your pictures that capture the soul of Lake Forest through our Community Photography Contest.

Email entries to CityHall@cityoflakeforest.com with the photographer's name and age group.

To be displayed without being stretched or distorted, photographs must be submitted in .jpeg, .jpg or .gif format.

Please note that submitting your photo gives the City the permission to use that photo across our platforms (digital and print) with proper credits cited. By entering this contest, you are consenting to the use of your name and email address for further communications.

Let's continue the conversation.

We've opened up *The Dialogue*. Now let's keep the conversation going.
Here are some places you can connect with us to keep the dialogue going:



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Lake Forest Now App



LakeForestLove.com



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