



Ward 3 Meeting

April 11, 2023

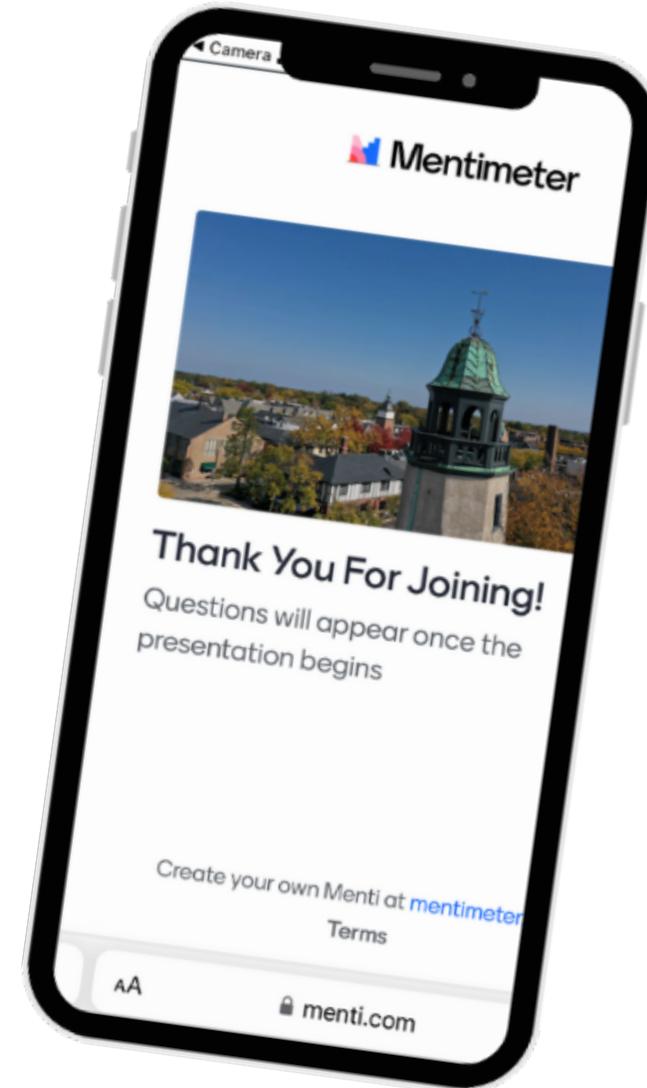
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All About CROYA

Agenda

- Introductions
- What's New in Lake Forest
- What's Ahead
- Open Q&A



Your 3rd Ward Aldermen

Jim Preschlack

- Moved to LF in 1977, returned in 1998 to raise a family
- Management Consultant and tech entrepreneur
- Community volunteer: Caucus, HPC, Holy Spirit Church

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Ara Goshgarian

- Lived in LF most of his life, returned to raise family
- Orthodontist, practicing locally
- Community volunteer: Caucus, Friends of Parks & Recreation

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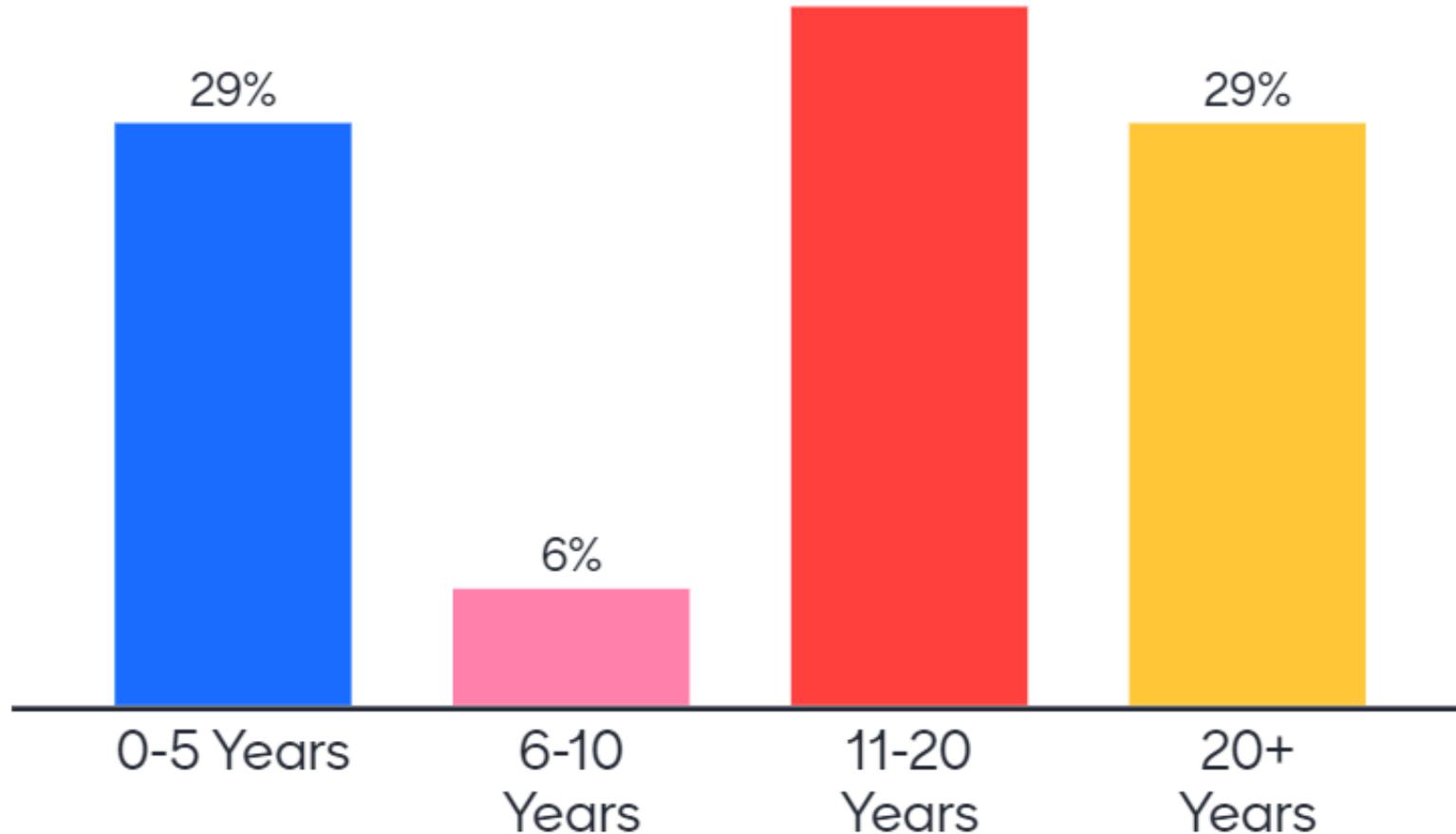
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What topics do you want covered tonight?



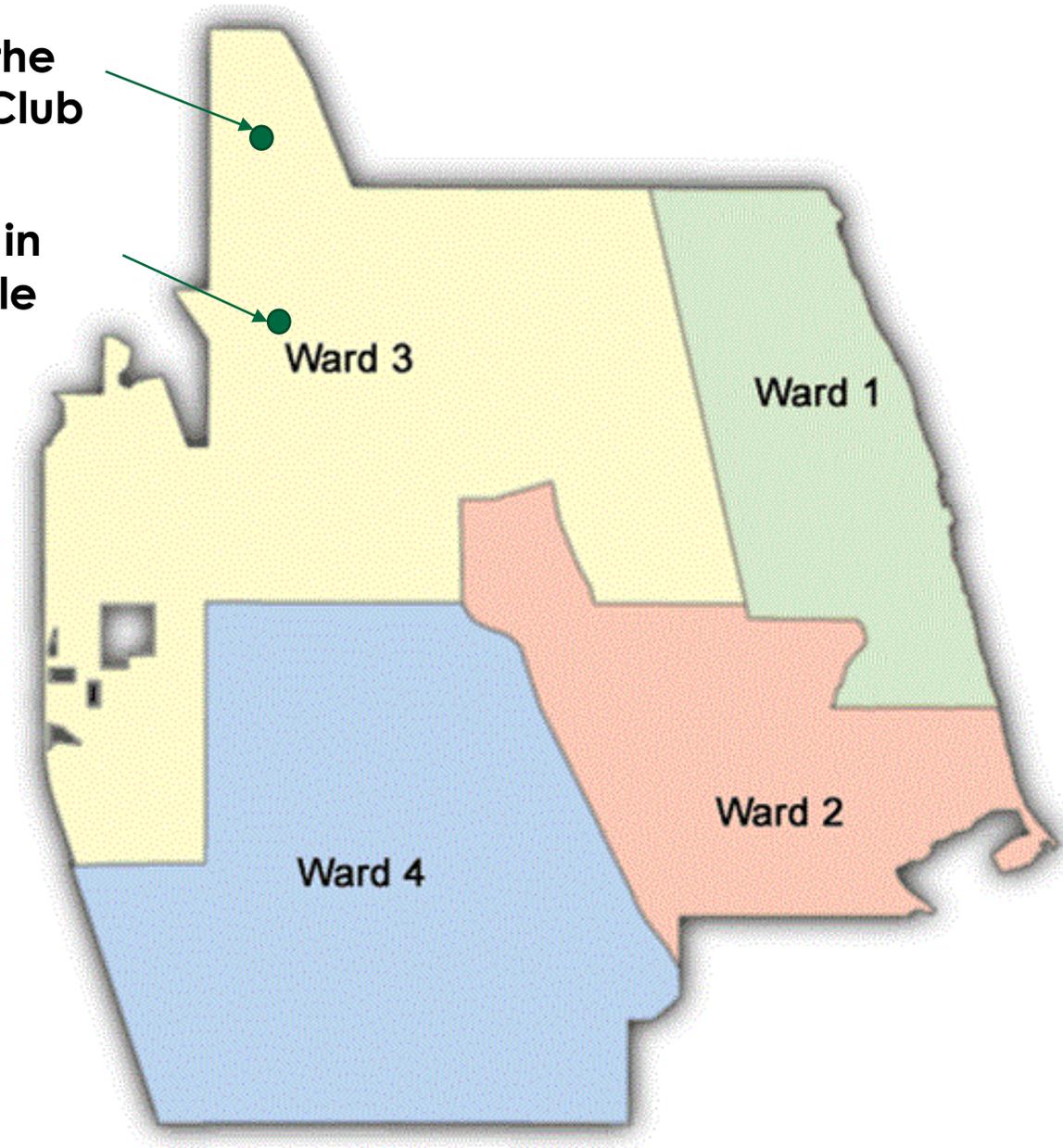
How long have you lived in Lake Forest?



3rd Ward

Jim lives in the
Knollwood Club

Ara lives in
the Middle
Fork



- The Middle Fork Savannah
- Elawa Farm
- LF Hospital
- 4 golf courses
- Chicago Bears HQ
- Conway Office Park – The Forester
- Historic Market Square and CBD
- Ragdale
- Restaurants, Condominiums and Neighborhoods

Describe what you love about Lake Forest in three words!



Mentimeter



Top 10 Amazing Things About Lake Forest

1. The amazing residents / people that make it all happen!
2. The amazing natural beauty and open spaces (Beach, Parks, MFS, and Open Lands)
3. The spirit of philanthropy (Foundations, Public Private Partnerships)
4. The Caucus and strong tradition of volunteerism and sense of Civic Duty
5. The amazing schools (Both Public and Private)
6. Our well run and fiscally responsible City Government – Thank you staff
7. Lake Forest Day, 4th of July, Tree Lighting, Music Festivals, and other community events
8. The many, many non for profits and businesses that serve our City
9. The City's amazing history – Check out the History Center!
10. The month of August when it seems like everyone is on vacation



What's New in Lake Forest?

FY2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

1
Newly Installed
Splash Pad



\$8M+
In grant funding won for
upcoming public works projects



1,417
SeeClickFix
requests solved



\$14.4M Capital Fund
Towards street, fleet, sidewalk, bridge,
design/replacement/maintenance projects

Triple Crown Award

Through the Government Finance Officers
Association



3,800
Attendees at Community
Sponsored Events



1,700
Programs Offered
at Dickinson Hall



16,255
Police Service
Calls



**5 National
Awards** Through ICMA,
3CMA, & GFOA



4,091
Total Number of Permits
Issued



81 Field Service Calls
435 Catch Basins
Cleaned



311
Trees Planted



298
CROYA Youth Programs
and Meetings



3,699
Total Fire & EMS
Calls



75
Public Engagement
Events

Capital Investment Highlights From FY23



Deerpath Watermain Replacement

Completed May 2022

May



Townline Park Splash Pad

Completed June 2022

June

Forest Avenue Parking Lot Resurfacing

Completed August 2022

August



Burr Oak Area Storm Sewer Improvement Project

Completed October 2022

October

2022

May

August

August

October



Waveland Park Parking Lot Expansion

Completed May 2022



Woodland Pedestrian Bridge

Completed August 2022

Asphalt Patching and Resurfacing

Completed August 2022

Concrete Street Repairs

Completed August 2022

Sanitary and Storm Sewer Lining

Completed August 2022



Forest Park Beach Sand Replenishment

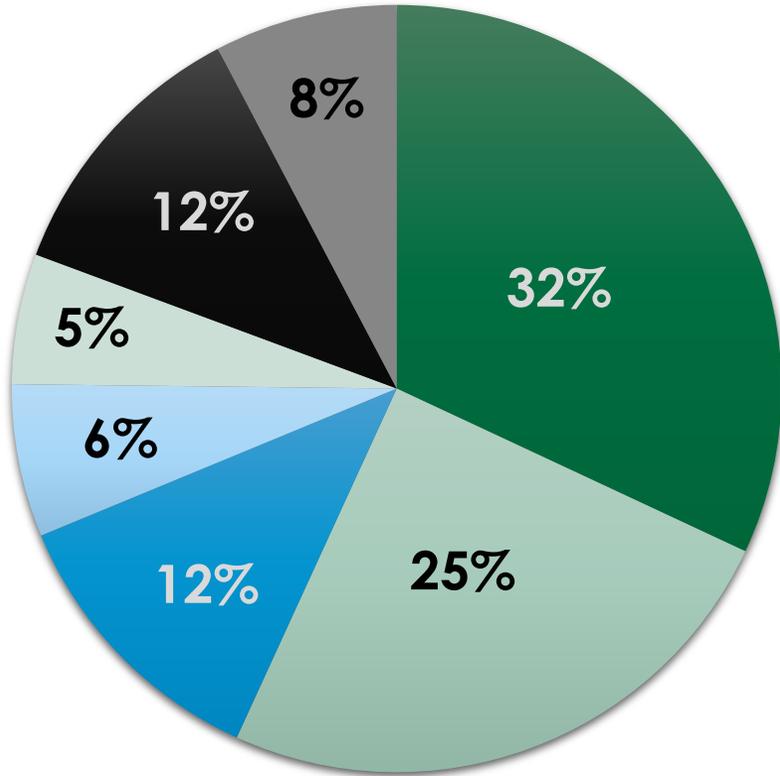
Completed October 2022



City Finances Overview

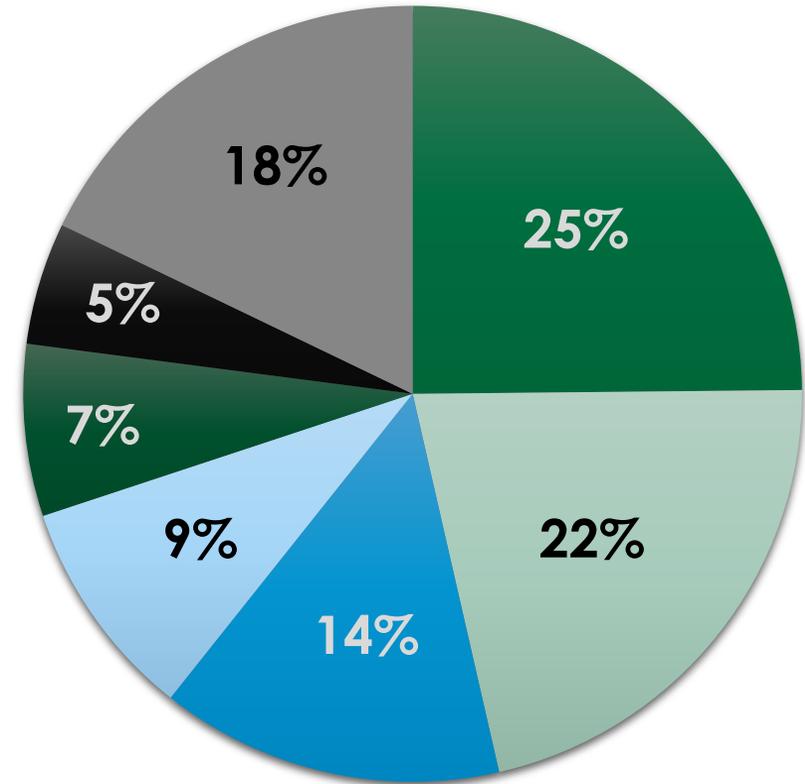
- Balanced Budget for FY2023 and Proposed FY2024
- Aaa Bond Rating
- Healthy Financial Reserves
- Proactive Strategy to Address Pension Costs
- Record level of capital asset investments – \$32 million in upcoming fiscal year
- Lowest tax rate in Lake County

FY23 Revenues by Source



- PROPERTY TAXES
- CHARGES FOR SERVICES
- INTER-FUND TRANSFERS
- INTEREST/INVESTMENTS
- GRANTS/CONTRIBUTIONS
- OTHER TAXES
- OTHER FEES, PERMITS, ETC.

FY23 Expenditures by Type

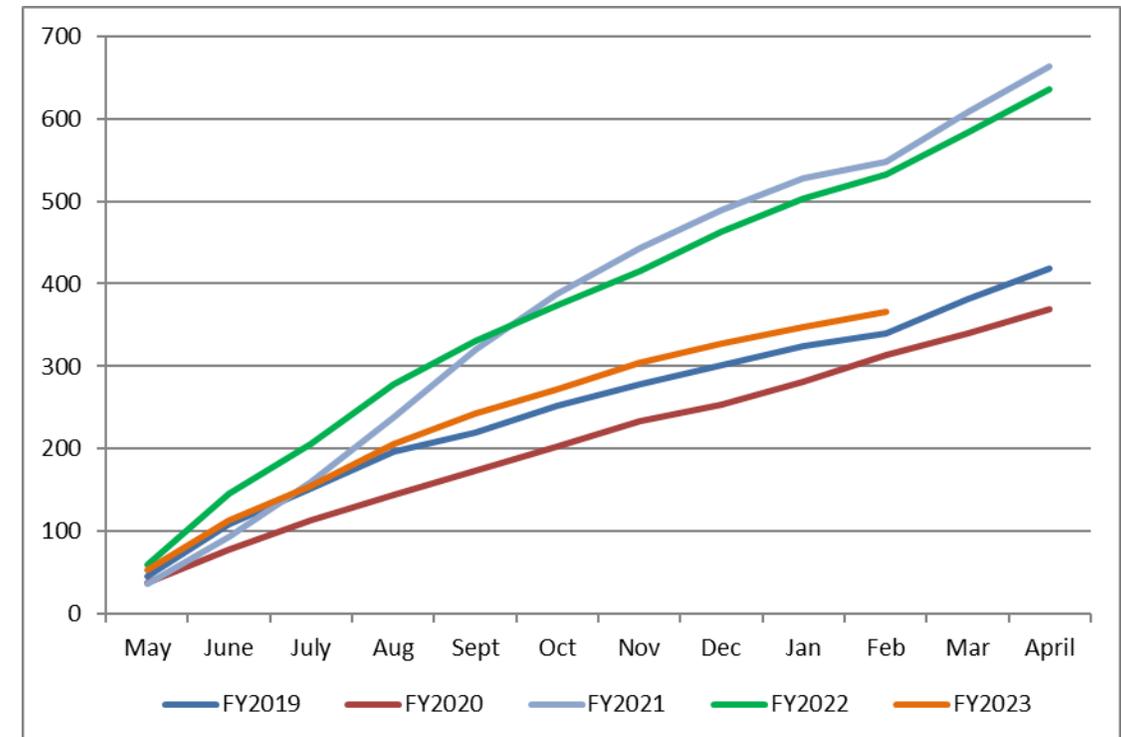


- SALARIES AND WAGES
- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- CONTRACTUAL SERVICES
- OTHER OPERATING
- EMPLOYER PENSION COSTS
- DEBT SERVICE
- OTHER EXPENSES

Lake Forest Real Estate Market



Residential Transfers Fiscal Year 2023 YTD Compared to Previous Four Fiscal Years

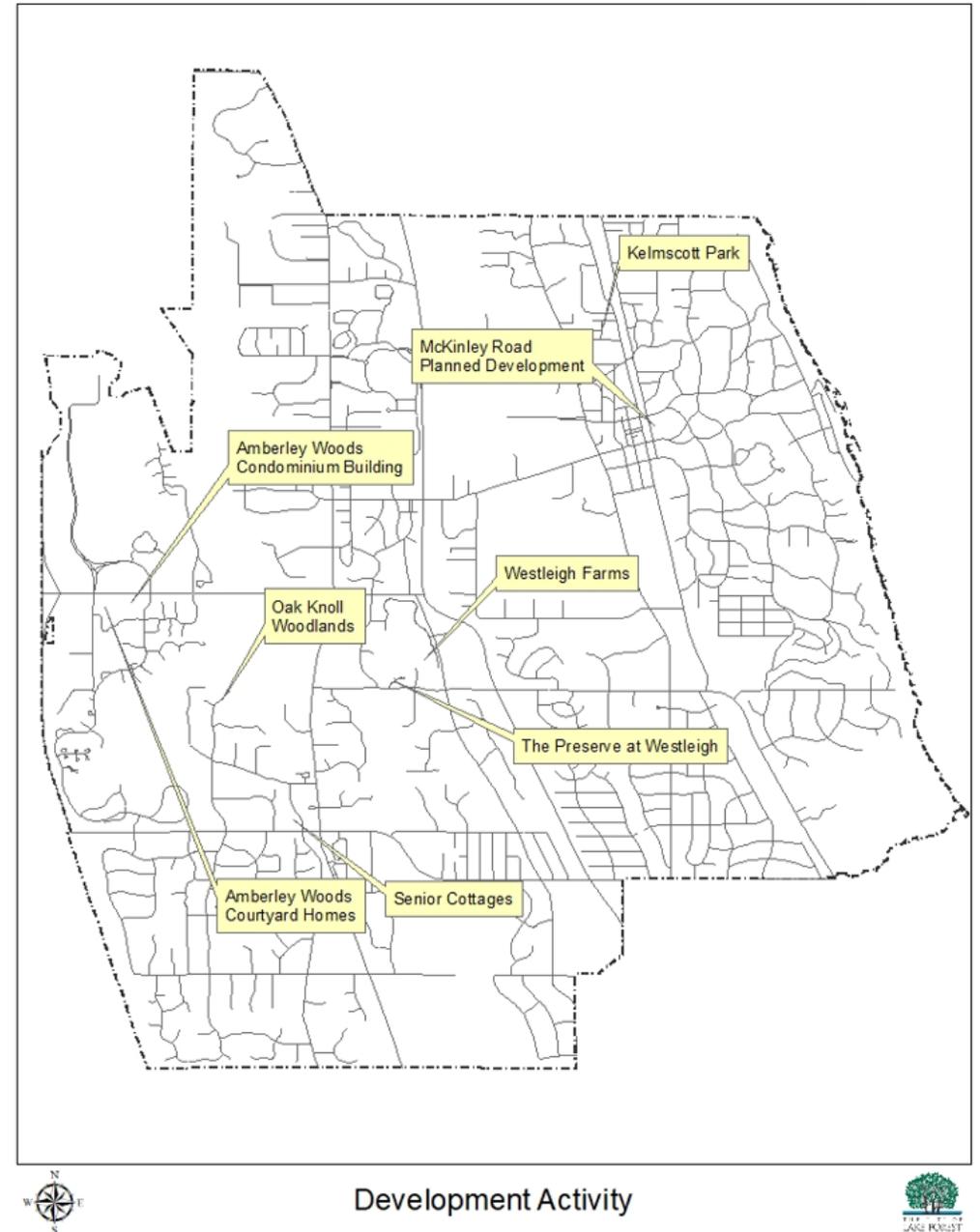


Over **1,400** new households
in most recent 30 months!

New Residential Development

- 30 New Single-Family Homes in 2022
- Amberley Woods Condominium
- New Subdivisions (see Map)
- 12 New Senior Cottages

	2020	2021	2022	2023 to date
Single Family and Duplex Homes	31	34	34	5
Multi-Family Units	6	0	54	0



Eat Local!

- Authenticico
- Bake Homemade Pizza
- Chief's Pub
- Deer Path Inn
- Donati's Pizza/Jefe's Tacos
- **Duffers Pub***
- Dunkin' Donuts
- Egg Harbor
- Einstein's Bagels
- Everett Farms
- **Fannie May Chocolate***
- Ferentino's
- Foodstuffs
- Francesca's Intimo
- Gerhards
- **Hometown Coffee & Juice***
- Jimmy John's
- Kuro Bistro
- Lake Forest Food and Wine
- **Le Colonial***
- Left Bank
- LF Juice Company
- Lou Malnati's Pizzeria
- **Oaken Bar + Bistro***
- **Peanut Gallery***
- *Pizza by Sal (pending review)*
- Rosati's Pizza
- **Sophia Steak***
- Starbucks
- Sushi Kushi
- Sweet's
- The Gallery
- The Lantern

***Recent Additions**

An aerial photograph of a university campus during autumn. The scene is dominated by a large, multi-story building with a dark roof and a prominent tower with a green copper dome. The surrounding area is filled with trees in various shades of yellow, orange, and red. A parking lot with several cars is visible to the left, and a flagpole with the American flag stands in the foreground. The overall atmosphere is bright and clear, suggesting a sunny day.

What's Ahead?

FY24 Capital Improvement Projects



- Deerpath Community Park Improvements - \$16,000,000
- Forest Park Bluff Slope Stabilization - \$4,950,000
- Ahwahnee Rd Storm Sewer Upgrade - \$3,850,000
- Sir William Lane Watermain Repairs - \$950,000
- McCormick Dr, Rockefeller Rd, Loch Ln Ravine Construction - \$800,000
- Townline Park Splash Pad Improvements - \$60,000
- McLennon-Reed Bridge Repairs - \$1,500,000
- Beach Crane Replacements - \$425,000
- Elawa Parking Lot Resurfacing and Expansion - \$375,000
- Water Plant Projects, including Membrane Module Replacement (\$340,000) and Pump VFD Upgrade (\$247,000)
- Deerpath Sidewalk Connectivity (Route 41-Westmoreland) - \$50,000
- Annual Programs
 - Concrete Streets Repairs - \$50,000
 - Street Resurfacing - \$1,500,000
 - Sewer Lining (Sanitary & Storm) - \$100,000
 - Sanitary Manhole Lining and I&I Repairs - \$100,000
 - Water Valve Repairs - \$100,000
- And other smaller projects

Totaling Over \$32M+



Deerpath Community Park Improvement Project

- Installation of synthetic turf **athletic fields** and additional **community park amenities**, including:
 - Two restroom buildings,
 - Renovated tennis/pickleball courts
 - Playground & Fitness stations, and
 - \$3M in natural area enhancements
- Construction: April through mid-October



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City Construction Projects



Find City Construction Project Updates on the interactive map at:
cityoflakeforest.com/ConstructionProjects

...or in the Lake Forest Now App!

The Central Business District

Updating the Vision



Community Engagement to Date

- Stakeholder Interviews
- Focus Groups
- Adhoc Working Group
- Walking Tour
- Community-Wide Postcard Mailing
- Community Workshop
 - 130+ Attendees
- Project Website
- Comment Map
 - 2,500 Views
- Online Poll
 - 564 Responses



What we heard.....

- Build on Strengths and Traditions
- Preserve & Protect Character
- Encourage Variety of Uses
- Recognize Opportunities
- Establish Design Parameters
- Do Not Over Build
- Invest in Infrastructure
- Add to the Uniqueness – Buildings & Outdoor Spaces

Next Steps

Plan Commission Public Hearing - Thursday, April 20, 6:30 pm
DRAFT Available at LookingForwardLakeForest.org



Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital

- Construction Underway
 - New Parking Garage 800+ Spaces
 - Target Completion Spring 2024
- Pending Regulatory Approval:
 - 2 Additional Pavilions – East Toward Route 41
 - Seeking Approval for 96 Additional Inpatient Beds (for a Total of 210)
 - New Emergency Department with Dedicated Entrance
- Target Completion – Mid-2026

Community Wide Survey

Open to all Lake Forest Residents

Questions range from service satisfaction to budget priorities

Precursor to the Strategic Plan, feedback guides vision and strategy

Survey opening in Early Summer!



Strategic Plan Update

New plan will span from
FY24-FY28

Community engagement
sessions beginning this
Fall

Revisit community values,
goals, and objectives
that shape quality of life



Upcoming Events

- **Earth Month Activities:** Throughout April
- **Family Drive-In Movie featuring “Super Pets”:** May 12
- **Citizens Police and Fire Academy**
- **Annual Fred Jackson Golf Classic:** June 2
- **Meet the Fleet:** June 9
- **Summer Outdoor Concert Series with Concerts in the Square and in the Park:** June - August
- **Lake Forest Festival & Fireworks:** July 4
- **Lake Forest Day 5K:** Aug. 2
- **Lake Forest Music Festival:** Aug. 19

Lake Forest 101

- A Four Session Series on Local Government
- Deeper insight into Lake Forest and City Operations
- Sessions available at **no cost, registration required**, held at Dickinson Hall



Session Description		Date	Time / Day	Registration
1	Lake Forest Government 101	May 9	Tuesdays 7-9 pm	
2	Finance	May 16		
3	Communications / Community Partners	May 23		
4	Bus Tour - Development Activity* *Limited Capacity	May 30		

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Questions?

Upcoming infrastructure projects?	Came to listen	Development in the CBD Bias toward developers over residents
Infrastructure	Traffic. Diversity. Open space	Knollwood Road repairing pot holes any updates?
L.F. Hospital construction	Freight trains - anything new?	Filling empty storefronts?
What's latest on Elawa	Entrance signs for Rte 41 at Deerpath?	3 years
15 years		