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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

Thanks to everyone who took the time to share feedback through Lake Forest's Community-Wide Survey. Resident feedback gathered through the survey will help shape the City's Strategic Planning process, which is mentioned on page 7 of this newsletter. I hope you will get involved in the

Strategic Planning process later this fall.

While the busiest parts of construction season are complete, there are a few projects still wrapping up. The new and improved Deerpath Community Park should be open by the end of October. The Forest Park Bluff Stabilization Project will start after Labor Day and be wrapped up in time for Memorial Day Weekend 2024. During construction, portions of the north and south Forest Park Beach parking lots will be closed. We appreciate your patience with the project as the City works to stabilize the bluff now and into the future.

In August, the City Council approved the update to the Central Business District Chapter of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The document provides a framework for business owners, property owners, and developers to facilitate future development in ways that will be compatible with the historic character of our Central Business District while addressing the needs of growth and change within the business environment. Read more about the update on page 8. It's an exciting time in Lake Forest!

Hope you enjoy fall in our beautiful city.

- Mayor Stanford "Randy" Tack

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Community Development

*Department Embraces Lake Forest Tradition of Careful Planning,
Quality Construction*

BY DAVID A. F. SWEET

As a former mayor is fond of saying, “Lake Forest didn’t happen by accident.”

Even in the 19th century, planning was pivotal to the elegant look of the city. In 1857 Almerin Hotchkiss, a landscape gardener, laid out the winding streets to abut ravines and created a plan for 1,200 acres that became Lake Forest College. He also helped design Lake Forest Cemetery, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Today, when assessing the viability of projects, the Community Development Department is committed to ensuring that the feel of Lake Forest is not impinged. It plays an active role in preserving the past, assures safe and quality construction in the present, and plans for development and redevelopment in the future – all with a focus on assuring that the overall character of the community and quality of life continues unabated. The department is involved throughout the development process, starting with the time an idea is formulated to the completion of construction and occupancy of a building.

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David A. F. Sweet is the Executive Editor of the City’s Lake Forest Love blog.



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- Catherine Czerniak, Director of Community Development



Offices for many City Departments, including Community Development, are located in the City's Municipal Services Building at 800 N Field Drive.

How does the typical process work? The department staff offers advice to property and business owners, architects, and contractors and even those considering moving to Lake Forest early in the process. Once a project begins to take shape, the Community Development staff outlines the required approval process. If Board or Commission review is required, City staff guides the property owner and architect through the application and public hearing process.

Once construction plans are submitted for permit, technical experts in the department review plans for compliance with building and life safety codes. During construction, City building inspectors periodically visit the site, talk with contractors, verify that work is proceeding in compliance with applicable codes, and check the site and surroundings to assure that debris are contained, trees are protected from construction activity, and the street is free from mud.

When a project is finished, final inspections are required to close out the permit, bonds that are posted to assure the completion of the work may be refunded, and a certificate of occupancy is issued verifying that the project was completed in accordance with applicable regulations and requirements.

“The Community Development Department’s goal is to educate, support, guide, and assist residents, property and business owners,

architects, contractors, and developers as they pursue various types of construction projects,” explained Director of Community Development Catherine Czerniak, who leads a full-time staff of 13. “Our job is to be an ally, not an obstacle, as we work to carefully balance what at times are competing interests.”

Created in the mid-1990s when a handful of departments were consolidated into one, the Community Development Department has ushered through tens of thousands of projects since. Though some assume it is only engaged in the biggest projects in town – such as the new building that is going up at Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital – its approvals range from home driveways to new windows, swimming pools to kitchen expansions and even water heaters. In fact, of the 4,000 or so permits issued annually by the Community Development Department, two thirds involve work on single-family homes and duplexes.

Czerniak offered a handful of tips to help homeowners navigate the process smoothly, including:

- Check references for architects and contractors.
- Be cautious about advance payments (roofs and driveways in particular).
- If your architect or contractor is new to the area, encourage him or her to contact City staff early.
- Stay involved in your project and keep up to date on your team’s contacts and discussions with the City.
- Ask your contractors to call for all required inspections in a timely manner and to follow the approved plans.



- Be sure to close out your permit; bonds are refunded only if projects are closed out prior to the expiration of permits.
- If during the project unexpected issues arise or your plans change, contact Community Development staff to determine whether additional reviews or approvals are required.

On the business side, a number of permits involve retrofitting. For example, if a space formerly occupied by a retailer is slated to become a restaurant, installation of a kitchen and the necessary venting will be required. Unlike homeowners, businesses also must submit permits for signage and awnings, and they may need to determine how employee and customer parking needs will be met.

On occasion, a new business development will draw negative comments – perhaps most famously when a McDonald’s was proposed on the west side of town. It ended

up looking like a cottage rather than a fast-food outlet after negotiations and, ultimately, became a go-to place for many in the community. As well, a neighbor may not like the addition going up next door.

Said Czerniak, “The City review processes and regulations are not perfect, but they have served the community well. The goal is to assure that your project, as well as those undertaken by your neighbors and those throughout the community, continue the long tradition of careful planning and quality construction.”

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What's Happening

Coffee in the Park with Your Aldermen

Casual Conversations

Stop by to chat with your aldermen, grab a cup of coffee, and enjoy a morning in one of Lake Forest's lovely parks.

To complement spring Ward Meetings, we're offering something new this fall so you can connect with your aldermen – Coffee in the Park!

- **Ward 1** – Saturday, Sept. 16, 8:30-9:30 am at the North Beach Pavilion
- **Ward 2** – Saturday, Sept. 16, 10-11 am at the South Park Pavilion
- **Ward 3** – Saturday, Sept. 9, 10-11 am at the West Park Pavilion
- **Ward 4** – Saturday, Sept. 9, 8:30-9:30 am at the Northcroft Park Pavilion

There will not be a formal presentation, just an opportunity to connect with your aldermen, ask questions, and share what's on your mind.

Find more information, including what Ward you live in, at cityoflakeforest.com/CoffeeinthePark.



Thanks For Sharing Your Feedback

Community Survey

Thank you to all residents who took the 2023 Lake Forest Community-Wide Survey! We know your time is valuable and we appreciate you sharing your perspective. Results are being compiled and will be shared on the Community Survey webpage at cityoflakeforest.com/Survey.

City Council and City staff will use the survey results to help prioritize programs and services. The results will also help provide critical insight into the City's strategic planning process. We truly appreciate your feedback and efforts in contributing to the improvement of our community!

Strategic Planning

Get Involved!

Late this fall or early winter, the City will lead the community through the process of updating the City's Strategic Plan. The last Strategic Plan was developed with community input in 2017 and established a high-level vision for the community and detailed action steps for future implementation.

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. Much has happened since the 2017 discussions: the world has endured a pandemic, Lake Forest experienced an unprecedented

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boom in the real estate market and welcomed many new families and businesses to the community, and a new Mayor and three new aldermen were seated earlier in 2023.

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. The process will also provide a forum for small and larger business owners, and representatives from institutions and not for profit groups, to engage in discussions with each other and with residents. Strategic planning is intended to allow the community to collectively develop broad goals to guide future decision-making and resource allocation. Through the establishment of core community values, Lake Forest will ensure it remains increasingly safe, financially strong, vibrant, historically and architecturally

distinct, environmentally aware, and welcoming. A place with a quality of life that is unprecedented.

The strategic planning process began this summer with a community-wide survey to gather opinions on why people come to Lake Forest, and why they stay or return. The survey offered residents the opportunity to comment on City services and programs, policies and regulations, where the community excels, and where there is room for improvement. With the survey results as a starting point, various opportunities will be offered for the community to be engaged in the process of developing an updated Strategic Plan to guide the community by establishing goals for the next five years.

Watch for more information on the community's strategic planning process at cityoflakeforest.com and prepare to be engaged in shaping the future of the City of Lake Forest!



eScooter Safety Tips

Stay Safe

While electric-powered scooters are a fun way to travel, they can be dangerous. The Lake Forest Police Department has a few reminders for parents and guardians to share with their children about how to safely ride an e-scooter in Lake Forest:

- **Wear a helmet.**
- **Walk your scooter in the Central Business District.** To avoid collisions with pedestrians, please walk scooters and bikes in the Central Business District.
- **Avoid distractions.** Do not use electronic devices, including ear buds, headphones or phones, while operating your scooter.
- **Watch for vehicles.** Stop and look for turning cars when crossing the street or crossing a driveway. Be careful at crosswalks and intersections.
- **Ride solo.** Only one person per scooter.
- **Be respectful of others.** Sound the bell attached to your scooter, announce yourself, or dismount when passing a pedestrian.

Thanks for sharing these reminders with your children and helping keep Lake Forest a safe place for everyone!





Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update

Central Business District Chapter

As a next step in moving toward a fully updated Comprehensive Land Use Plan, the City Council recently approved the Central Business District Chapter as recommended by an Adhoc Working Group and the Plan Commission after nearly a year of discussion and public input opportunities.

Some of the conclusions detailed in the Central Business District Chapter are summarized below.

- The Central Business District is sized appropriately and does not need to be expanded or reconfigured.
- The Core of the District must be preserved, protected, and enhanced.
- Overall character is important - distinctive and uniquely Lake Forest.
- Retail alone can no longer be relied on to support the District,

a mix of uses is necessary as is flexibility in order to sustain and build upon the vitality of the District over the long term.

- There are many strengths to build on, but there are also weaknesses and opportunities.
- The District is comprised of distinct and different areas: the Core (Market Square and the immediate surroundings), the Inner Ring (the blocks just beyond the Core), and the Neighborhood Business Areas (the commercial areas to the north and south on Western Avenue).
- City investment in infrastructure is critical to encouraging continued private investment in the Central Business District and critical in attracting new businesses and retaining existing businesses.
- Some buildings should be targeted for adaptive reuse and preserved, other sites may be appropriate for redevelopment.
- Returning multi-family residential options in and around the Central Business District will help support businesses and vitality during the day and in the evenings.

- Parking is critical to retaining and attracting new businesses, the City has a key role to play in assuring adequate and convenient parking.
- Transitions between the commercial areas and the surrounding residential neighborhoods need to be carefully considered to preserve and protect the residential neighborhoods.

The Council identified priorities for short term and longer term action: 1) Evaluating, maintaining, and upgrading infrastructure in the Central Business District, 2) Enhancing Bank Lane as a pedestrian corridor, 3) planning pro-actively for some redevelopment in the Inner Ring. There will be opportunities for community engagement throughout the planning and implementation process.

Focus now shifts to updating the chapter of the Comprehensive Plan related to Housing. For updates and opportunities to be involved in the process, please visit the project website: LookingForwardLakeForest.org.

Fire Safety Tips

Fire Department

As temps start to drop, here are some tips to keep you safe during the fall and winter months.

Heating Systems

Here are a few things you can do to reduce the risk of furnace fires:

- Regularly replace furnace filters.
- Keep all areas around the furnace clean and unobstructed.
- Keep the burner area clean and clear of debris.
- Keep all combustible items at least six-inches away from the vent pipe.
- Never close off more than 20% of heat registers.

If there are any issues with your heating system, contact a professional immediately. For preventative care, have your central heating system cleaned and serviced by a certified HVAC contractor once annually.

Space Heaters

Space heaters can be dangerous if not used in accordance with the manufacturer's operating instructions. Check your owner's manuals for general maintenance and cleaning instructions.

- Make sure space heaters are equipped with "tip over" protection.
- Keep it away from combustible materials, keep at least 3 feet of clearance in all directions around the heater.

- Do NOT use an extension cord or surge protector to plug it in.
- Each season before using space heaters, inspect them for damage, including the power cord, and proper operation.
- It is more economical to replace older units than to have them repaired. Newer units are safer and more economical to operate.

Fireplaces

- Clean and check fireplaces and chimneys regularly.
- Use a fireplace screen, guard, or glass doors to keep hot ash and sparks contained.
- Store extra wood, and other types of combustible materials, at least 3-feet away from your fireplace.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Burn seasoned hardwoods, such as oak, that have been split and stored in a safe and dry environment for at least six-months.
- Keep fires small – never overload your fireplace.
- When building a fire, strategically place logs on a metal grate at the back end of your fireplace; always use kindling to ignite fire.

Say No to Panhandling

Be Part of the Solution

You may notice people who panhandle in Lake Forest and surrounding communities. While we may get a good feeling by providing money, the reality is that people who are truly in need require more resources than small donations of money.

The good news is that Lake County has many services and staff dedicated to help those in need. Here are some things you can do to help:

- Refer anyone you see who may be in need to United Way Lake County's 211 program. They offer a wide range of services and housing resources. Dial 2-1-1 or visit 211LakeCounty.org.
- Contact PADS Lake County at (847) 616-5557. PADS will send outreach staff to determine what services may be needed.
- Consider making a donation or volunteering for United Way's 211 Lake County program, which is dedicated to assisting Lake County residents.

By considering these options, you are truly lending a helping hand.



Construction Season

Capital Improvements

This is another big year for Capital Improvement Projects. The City invests in capital planning every year, which includes road improvements, utility upgrades, and general maintenance of infrastructure. While work is still underway for many projects, we want to share an update on what's complete, what's in progress, and what's next.

Complete

- **Townline Park Splash Pad Safety Surface:** Prior to Memorial Day, an anti-slip coating was installed that is similar to poured-in-place safety surfaces seen at other City parks.
- **Sir William Lane Watermain Replacement:** The entire watermain on Sir William Lane was replaced in July and August.



- **Street Resurfacing:** This year the City resurfaced approximately 3.1 center-lane miles of streets.

In Progress

- **Deerpath Community Park Improvement Project:** Construction is underway for the installation of synthetic turf athletic fields and additional amenities for the community park, including two restroom buildings with shaded open-air pavilions, pickleball courts, a playground, fitness stations, and natural area enhancements. The project is expected to be complete by the end of October.
- **Forest Park Beach Bluff Stabilization:** Construction begins after Labor Day and will be complete by Memorial Day 2024. Find details at cityoflakeforest.com/Bluff.
- **Rockefeller / McCormick / Loch Ravine Repairs:** Repairs will be complete by early October.

Upcoming

- **Ahwahnee Road Storm Sewer Improvements:** Replacement of an undersized storm sewer pipe with a sewer that will meet newer storm drainage standards to improve the drainage along Ahwahnee Road and Ahwahnee Lane between Deerpath Road and Ahwahnee Lane.

For more information on the status of these projects, check out the construction map at cityoflakeforest.com/ConstructionProjects.

Working For You

Public Works

HOLIDAY SANITATION COLLECTION SCHEDULES

City offices will be closed on Friday, November 10 in observance of Veteran's Day. However, there will be no change in refuse, recycling, or yard waste collection for the holiday.

City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 in observance of Thanksgiving. There will be no refuse, recycling, or yard waste collection on Thursday, November 23. 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, please call the Sanitation Section automated phone system at (847) 615-4264.



Green Tips

Environmental Sustainability

NEW CURBSIDE COMPOSTING SERVICE!

The City of Lake Forest is partnering with WasteNot Compost, Inc to provide a voluntary new curbside compost collection service for Lake Forest residents! WasteNot provides clean, convenient, and compromise-free composting for an exclusive Lake Forest rate starting at \$14/month. The optional service is available for all homes, apartments, and condos within City boundaries.

Participating residents receive an airtight 5-gallon compost receptacle which accepts a wide variety of compostables including all food waste, 100% paper products, certified compostable products, and more. WasteNot will use a “receptacle swap” strategy, which includes replacing used receptacles with a new, clean

sanitized container weekly (or bi-weekly), depending on service need.

Composting is one of the most impactful ways to reduce waste and decrease greenhouse gas emissions, a key priority for the City of Lake Forest. Learn more about the composting service at cityoflakeforest.com/Composting.

RETHINK RECYCLING WITH BART THE CART

Shout out to our Rethink Recycling Interns Pauline and Clara that were out all summer providing recycling information at City events and conducting curbside recycling cart spot checks! For the last three years, the spot checks have been an excellent educational tool to help residents know how well they are doing at keeping contaminants out of their bins. When the campaign kicked off recycling contamination was over 25%. We’ve now seen these rates fall to below 10%! Way to recycle, Lake Forest!

Follow these four guidelines to continue making our Lake Forest recycling program a success!

- Containers Empty & Rinsed
- No Plastic Bags
- No Styrofoam
- No Tanglers

For more information on what can and cannot be recycled, visit BartTheCart.com.





Back to FUN this Fall!

Parks & Recreation

We LOVE fall! There is something for everyone this season. Attend our spooky family events, register for new fall programs and classes, and don't forget to spend time under the colorful trees at our beautiful parks and playgrounds.

What's NEW? We heard you, Lake Forest, and we are happy to provide several **new programs** for our community: Ultimate Ninjas - Obstacle Course Racing for Beginners (ages 6-12), Field Hockey House League (grades 2-7), Reading Rookies Learning Enrichment (ages 4-5), and several levels of Acro Dance for ages up to 18. Also new are Rock 'n' Kids one-day programs - sign up for Fall Jamboree, Boo-Riffic Dance Party, and Winterpalooza with your 1-5-year-olds.

September is always hustling and bustling as **LFDA Dance Classes**, **Stirling Hall Art Classes**, and **Athletics** (including flag football, archery, volleyball, softball, martial arts, etc.) go full steam ahead.

Lake Forest Fitness Center is hosting a **Fall Fitness Open House** on September 23. Stop by for free group exercise classes every 30 minutes, free 10-Minute personal training orientations, raffle prizes, membership discounts, healthy snacks & more. Fall is a fantastic time to return to a routine after the long summer break.

Fall events are the MOST fun, and we are excited for ALL of them! Our **Haunted Trail Walk** has become a huge hit – don't miss it on October 14. If your team or community group wants to turn the tables and do the scare-ing, let us know – volunteers are needed for this event. For the littles, **Halloween Tricks & Treats** on October 27 is just the thing for families of young kids.

GO Lake Forest free guided walking tours are an excellent opportunity to stay active while learning about your community. October 4 is our **LF Cemetery Walk & Tour**, and watch for a fall date for our fan favorite, the **LF College Walk & Tour**.

As a staple in the community for over 75 years, we are proud to be the community's first choice for fun in Lake Forest.

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

FALL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mark your calendars and visit our website for all the details!

- Sept 14-17: Friends of Lake Forest Library Used Book Sale · Rec Center Gym
- Sept 23: Fall Fitness Open House · Lake Forest Fitness Center
- Oct 4: Go LF Cemetery Walk · Lake Forest Cemetery
- Oct 14: Haunted Trail · Northcroft Park
- Oct 27: Halloween Tricks & Treat · Rec Center Gym
- Nov 16-18: Northwestern LF Hospital Boutique · Rec Center Gym
- Nov 24: 39th Annual Tree Lighting Holiday Celebration · Market Square

Fall @ CROYA

CROYA

CROYA (Committee Representing Our Young Adults) 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 fall schedule and activities!

Student Union Drop-In Hours:

Monday, 2:30-5:30 pm
Tuesday-Friday, 3:30-5:30 pm

Middle School Youth Meetings (7th-8th grade):

Tuesdays from 4-4:30pm
beginning August 29

High School Youth Meetings (9th-12th grade):

Wednesdays from 7-8 pm
beginning August 30

Volunteer Opportunities:

LF Library Book Sale Clean Up
Sunday, September 17

Poinsettia Sale
October 18-November 15

Poinsettia Pick-up and Delivery
December 1-2

High School Fall Retreat

November 17-19

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 operates 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
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Instagram: @CROYALFLB
Facebook: @CROYALFLB1980

More Than Card Games

Dickinson Hall

100 E. Old Mill Rd.
(847) 234-2209
DickinsonHall.com

Sure, cards are available (and fun and challenging). But we offer far more than that—everything from trips and special events to fine arts and crafts, music, lifelong learning, and fitness and health programs. Just check out these examples:

- **Special Events:** There is always something happening at Dickinson Hall, monthly parties coming up include our last of the season Friday Night Live evening event and Bingo Cookout, along with our Festa Italiana and our Veterans Luncheon.
- **Trips:** Let our bus do the driving. Our trips coming up include Ten Chimneys, Drury Lane, Apple Picking, Broadway Playhouse and Copley Theater, and many more.
- **Programs:** Dickinson Hall also offers amazing lectures, music appreciation, fitness, and health programs.
- **Transportation:** There is transportation available for Lake Forest and Lake Bluff residents who need assistance getting to appointments, grocery shopping, and much more within the area.
- **Social Services:** Dickinson Hall has resources to assist you and your aging parents. Connecting with our Senior Advocate, Jennifer Raines, gives you the opportunity to tap into her vast resources to help you maneuver effortlessly through life's many changes.



CROYA 2023 Summer Work Trip to Macomb, IL – Habitat for Humanity

A Beautiful Resting Place

Lake Forest Cemetery

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

Memorial Garden Phase II Update

The Phase II construction on the Lake Forest Cemetery Memorial Garden is progressing on schedule with completion of construction scheduled for the end of September. The new niche cabinets have been set and work continues on the replacement of bluestone paving and landscaping of the Gardens. Phase II involves the addition of 414 new columbarium spaces to continue to meet the needs of our Lake Forest community and renovation of walkways to enhance the beauty and safety for

our visitors. For information on the Memorial Garden columbarium or other options within the Cemetery, please contact our office at (847) 615-4341.

Fall Clean Up

Annual fall clean up begins October 15. All summer decorations, pots and annuals are removed at this time. From October 15 through November 30, the Cemetery staff will collect leaves and asks that new decorations be limited during this time as they may be damaged by equipment or cause injury or damage to the equipment.

Space is Available

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Lake Forest Cemetery continues to offer a beautiful and dignified resting place for the residents of Lake Forest. Please contact the Cemetery Sexton at (847) 615-4341 to arrange a no-obligation appointment to view available interment options.

Larry Temple Award Submissions

Nominations Open

Larry Temple devoted and dedicated himself to enhancing Lake Forest's well-being. It's clear that his love for this community drove him to tirelessly safeguard its unique essence and high quality of life. It was his exceptional ability to connect with people and foster understanding, compromise, and innovative solutions, Larry's impact on addressing challenging issues remains profound.

Nominations for the 2023 Larry Temple Public Service Award are now open until Monday, November 20. Submit your nomination form and be part of this legacy celebration at cityoflakeforest.com/LarryTempleNominationForm.





Summer Photo Contest submissions. Photo credits from left to right: Steve Amidei, Aneeqa Aqeel, and Mike Adams.

Fall Photo Contest

Hit Us With Your Best Shot

Do you have an extraordinary Fall photo of Lake Forest? Hit us with your best shot! Seasonally we would love to see your photos that capture the soul of Lake Forest through our Community Photo Contest! Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Chamber of Commerce Checks will be given to winners from each category and age group.

The contest is open to all Lake Forest residents (professional and hobbyists). A winner from each category will be selected and may have their image used on the City’s digital and/or print platforms. Entries will be accepted for fall submissions through Friday, November 10, 2023

Email entries to CityHall@cityoflakeforest.com with the photographer’s name, age group, and category. To be displayed without being stretched or distorted, photographs must be submitted in .jpeg, .jpg or .gif format. Learn more at cityoflakeforest.com/PhotoContest.

Shout Out Contest Winner

Congratulations to Sharon Reid for correctly guessing the bike path bridges featured on the back of the Summer Dialogue and winning our “How Well Do You Know Lake Forest Bike Path Bridges” contest! The bridges from top to bottom are: Illinois Road Bridge, Woodland Road Bridge, and ComEd Bridge over Deerpath Road. Watch construction videos for two of these bike path bridges at [YouTube.com/EnjoyLakeForest](https://www.youtube.com/EnjoyLakeForest).



Pop-Up Shop Think Local

The Think Local Pop-Up Shop returns this holiday season! The City of Lake Forest is partnering with the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Chamber of Commerce to support local non-profit organizations by providing a venue to sell merchandise and promote visibility within the community. All proceeds benefit the participating non-profits.

The Pop-Up Shop debuts the day of the Annual Tree Lighting Holiday Celebration in Market Square (Friday, November 24) and will be open for shopping Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11am to 4 pm throughout the holiday season. Stay tuned for details!

Join Our Team We’re Hiring

Explore a career with the City of Lake Forest! 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.

Calendar

SEPTEMBER

14-17
Friends of Lake Forest Library Used Book Sale
Recreation Center Gym, lakeforestlibrary.org
Times vary

23
SWALCO Household Chemical Waste Collection Event
Municipal Services, cityoflakeforest.com
8 am-2:30 pm

24
Bagpipes and Bonfire
Lake Forest Open Lands, lfola.org
4-7 pm

23
Fall Fitness Open House
Lake Forest Fitness Center, lfparksandrec.com
9 am-12 pm

OCTOBER

1
LF/LB Chamber Then & Now Auto Show
West Lake Forest Train Station, LFLBchamber.com
11 am-3 pm

27
Halloween Tricks & Treat
Recreation Center Gym, LFParksandRec.com
5-7 pm

4
Go LF Cemetery Walk
Lake Forest Cemetery, LFParksandRec.com
10 am

28
Native Tree Sale
Lake Forest Open Lands, lfola.org
8 am-1 pm

14
Haunted Trail
Northcroft Park, LFParksandRec.com
7-9 pm

28
2023 Local Legends: Honoring Don Pierson
History Center of LF-LB, lflbhistory.org
4 pm

19
An Evening with Diane Wilson, author of *The Seed Keeper*
Lake Forest Library, lakeforestlibrary.org
7 pm at Gorton Center

31
Halloween Trick-or-Treat Hours
Throughout Lake Forest, cityoflakeforest.com
4-8 pm

There's a lot happening in Lake Forest this fall!

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

NOVEMBER

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The Big Plant

Lake Forest Open Lands, lfola.org
9 am-12 pm

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39th Annual Tree Lighting Holiday Celebration

Market Square, lfparksandrec.com/friends-foundation
3 pm

8

Community Safety Series: Active Shooter Scenarios

CROYA, LakeForestSchools.org
9:30-11 am

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Lake Forest Cocoa Crawl

Downtown Lake Forest, LFLBchamber.com
12-3 pm

16-18

Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital Boutique

Rec Center Gym, lfh.org/boutique
Times vary

29

Read with Ragdale: *From Dust to Stardust*

Ragdale, ragdale.org
7-9 pm

16-18

LFHS Freshman/Sophomore Play: *The Brightest Thing*

Lake Forest High School, LakeForestSchools.org
Times vary

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Letters From Santa Opens

LF Parks and Recreation, LFParksandRec.com
Through December 8

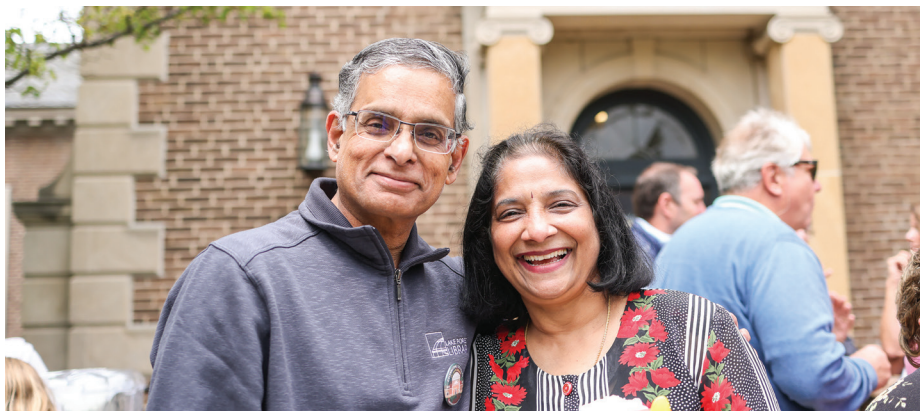
COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Lake Forest Library

360 E Deerpath Road
LakeForestLibrary.org

Chartered in 1898, Lake Forest Library is celebrating its 125th anniversary. Originally on the second floor of City Hall, the Library moved to 360 East Deerpath Road in 1931. The building was designed by architect Edwin H. Clark and given to the City by Shedd sisters Mrs. Charles H. Schweppe and Mrs. Stanley Keith. Murals by artist Nicolai Remisoff line the Rotunda, and the courtyards and Reading Room provide inviting spaces to read by the flowers or the fireplace.

The Children's Library is a beloved destination for storytimes, family events, and engaging materials. The Media Lab is a mainstay for classes and technology, including a new 3D printer. Wi-Fi and computers are available for copying, scanning, faxing, and more.



Director Ishwar and his wife Jayashree
Heidi Clifton/Cecily George Photography

Expert Librarians are pleased to assist you. In addition to traditional library materials, special collections include books by Lake Forest authors, accessibility and STEAM kits, hotspots, and video game consoles. Dozens of online resources for research, eBooks, streaming movies, and more are available anywhere with your library card.

The 12th annual Lake Forest Reads returns this fall when we all come together to read *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson, a haunting novel about a Dakota family's struggle to preserve

their way of life. Enjoy book-related events throughout September and save the date for the author's visit October 19–20. Other signature programs include 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, Summer Reading, and Read Between the Ravines.

In May 2023, the Library welcomed our new Executive Director, Ishwar Laxminarayan. Ishwar brings wide experience with libraries in the United States and India. He is pleased to be part of Lake Forest Library's next chapter!

Featured Recipe

From the Kitchen of Library Director Ishwar Laxminarayan

"Cauliflower is my favorite vegetable! You can create magical dishes with cauliflower using a wide array of Indian spices. This recipe is simple, vegan, gluten free, and uses few ingredients. You can find the spices at an Indian grocery store (Desi Needs or Spice Bazaar) or contact me (ishwar@lakeforestlibrary.org) and I will bring you some. Let me know how your meal turns out, and check out the many Indian cookbooks available at Lake Forest Library! Enjoy!" - Library Director Ishwar Laxminarayan

CAULIFLOWER STIR FRY

Serves 2

INGREDIENTS:

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| 2 cups cauliflower florets | 2 tablespoon vegetable oil |
| 1 medium chopped onion | Salt to taste |
| 1 small chopped tomato | 3 sprigs of cilantro/coriander leaves |
| 1 teaspoon garam masala | |
| 1 tablespoon lemon juice (optional) | |

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Wash cauliflower in warm water. Chop it into medium size florets, retaining their slender stems. Discard the thick stems.
2. In a pan, add oil. When the oil heats, add chopped onions and fry until onions turn pinkish.
3. Add chopped tomato and sauté until tomato turns mushy or bit soft.
4. Next add the cauliflower florets and fry for 10 minutes in a medium flame.
5. Add chili powder, turmeric powder, and garam masala and mix well so that all the cauliflower is well coated.
6. Add lemon juice if you prefer a tangy spicy taste.
7. Add salt to taste and mix well.
8. Turn off stove and garnish with chopped coriander leaves.

"Have a great recipe?"

Share it with your neighbors!
Send your recipes to cityhall@cityoflakeforest.com
to be featured in a future Dialogue.

City Information



City Meetings

CITY COUNCIL

Mondays, 6:30 pm: 9/5, 9/18, 10/2, 10/16, 11/6, 11/13 (workshop), 11/20

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mondays, 6:30 pm: 9/28, 10/23, 11/27

BUILDING REVIEW BOARD

Wednesdays, 9/6, 10/4, 11/1

PLAN COMMISSION

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm: 9/13, 10/11, 11/8

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm: 9/27, 10/25, 11/15

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

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City Hall

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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 (March 15-Nov 30)
Saturday: 8 am - 5 pm
Sunday: 9 am - 5 pm

Lake Forest Cemetery

1525 N. Lake Rd.
May - September, 8 am - 8 pm
October - April, 8 am - 4:30 pm

Cemetery Gatehouse

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

Postage-Free Mail

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Lake Forest's skyline is filled with interesting bell and clock towers.
Do you recognize the location of these three towers?

Identify the location of the three towers and qualify to win Lake Forest swag (and bragging rights!).
We will draw from all correct entries to select one lucky winner. Send entries to cityhall@cityoflakeforest.com
by Thursday, October 12. The winner will be announced at a City Council Meeting this fall.

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



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