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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear neighbors,

As signs of spring begin to sprout around Lake Forest, I am filled with a sense of optimism. Springtime is a time of new beginnings, and there is no better place to celebrate this sense of renewal than in our community.

In the Community-Wide Survey conducted last year, Lake Forest residents indicated that parks and trails were one of the most important City service categories for their households – and I agree! Take advantage of the warmer weather to enjoy our parks, trails, and outdoor spaces. Visit the new Deerpath Community Park, take a walk at Townline Park, or enjoy a picnic in one of our 17 parks.

Speaking of parks, this summer you'll be able to walk down to Forest Park Beach on a new boardwalk that is ADA-compliant, stroller-friendly, and a beautiful asset to Lake Forest. Thanks to a significant individual contributions from the Lake Forest community, we reached our fundraising goal to make the Forest Park Beach Pathway Project a reality. Lake Forest has a long history of public-private partnerships and this is yet another great example of what a remarkably generous and giving community Lake Forest is.

Community engagement is a cornerstone of Lake Forest City government and there are many ways to get involved this spring. Attend Ward Meetings in April to connect with your aldermen (details on page 7), participate in the Strategic Planning process in April and May (details on page 6), and learn more about your local government at the Lake Forest 101 series in May (details on page 13).

Additionally, the City is conducting a series of short “pulse surveys” to dig deeper into what we heard in the Community-Wide Survey and gather resident feedback on a variety of topics. Make sure you sign up for the City's weekly email newsletter and download the Lake Forest Now Mobile App for notifications about pulse surveys and other opportunities to stay engaged.

A community thrives when residents actively engage and contribute towards its well-being. Each and every one of you plays a special part in making Lake Forest such a wonderful place to call home.

I look forward to the longer days and seeing more neighbors around shopping, dining, and enjoying all that Lake Forest has to offer.

- Mayor Stanford “Randy” Tack

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Lake Forest Cemetery is Always Evolving

Expansion of Memorial Gardens Is Latest Move

BY DAVID A. F. SWEET

Set atop a bluff and bordered by ravines, it's hard to imagine a more peaceful final resting place than the Lake Forest Cemetery. Its 23 acres dotted with large oak trees and private mausoleums, the cemetery on the northern end of Lake Road is even on the National Register of Historic Places.

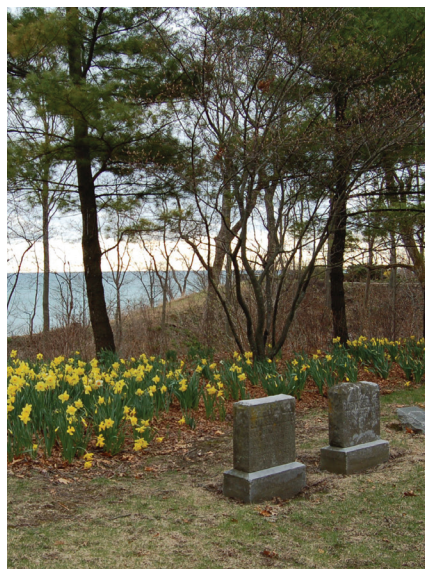
Yet, though it may seem strange or even oxymoronic, the cemetery is a living entity – a spot that evolves rather than simply sits still. Burial customs change, along with space considerations. The desires of residents can switch from one generation to the next.

“In order to grow, to continue to serve, things at the cemetery often change to meet the needs of the community,” said Sexton Phil Alderks, who has served in that role for more than 20 years.

The latest development involved the final phase of a two-phase project involving the Memorial Gardens, which rest to the east soon after one passes through the cemetery's monumental gate.

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David A. F. Sweet is the Executive Editor of the City's Lake Forest Love blog. Kim Piekos also contributed to this article.





Approximately 400 new niches were installed in the Fountain and Spire Gardens, and the bluestone walkways were replaced.

The Memorial Gardens Project was launched in the early 1990s as the Cemetery Commission was challenged by the Mayor at the time to explain how it was going to support itself long term, according to Alderks.

“Because Lake Forest has a relatively high rate of cremation as compared to full burials, the Commission came up with the idea of the columbarium,” said Alderks,

referring to the structure that holds the cremated remains of the dead.

Initial construction started in the late 1990s, and the Memorial Gardens were dedicated in June 2000. Due to budget considerations, the niches on three curved walls were not included at the time, but the foundation work was completed for future space for those who were cremated.

The niches were highly successful, as the Cemetery Commission met its sale goal year after year. The bonds issued during the construction were paid off. Since the

Low Curved Wall in the Lake Garden area was almost sold out by 2017, discussion began about a second phase to add curved walls with niches featuring a similar look to the Lake Garden area. The project broke ground in April 2023 and is slated to be finished in the spring of 2024.

It represents one of many additions since the Lake Forest Cemetery’s location was chosen in 1857 by Almerin Hotchkiss – in fact, picking a site suitable for the cemetery was the first public work authorized and occurred before Lake Forest had even been incorporated. In 1882 – the same year as the first recorded burial at the cemetery – William LeBaron Jenney moved the entrance to the current Lake Road spot and created an open, treeless field with paths for strolling. In 1901, Ossian Cole (O.C.) Simonds, known for his landscape work at Graceland Cemetery in Chicago, modified the cemetery design, incorporating native plant material and creating vistas within a pastoral landscape.

Residents have contributed to the beauty of Lake Forest Cemetery for





years. The stately stone arch and gothic-style gates at the entrance to the cemetery were donated in 1919 by Grace and Finley Barrell in memory of their only son, Jack Barrell, who drowned in the Chicago River at age 23. Sculptures of animals, such as foxes and deer, have been created by local artists and added to their family's headstones. The cemetery is the resting site of many well-known captains of industry in Chicago, as well as everyday heroes.

For a Memorial Gardens niche, prices range from \$5,350 to \$6,150. The cost for a full grave, depending upon where it is located and how large it is, runs from \$7,500-\$15,250.



Any Lake Forest resident can be laid to rest in the cemetery, regardless of whether they live in town now, but former residents are charged more than current residents. More than 6,000 Lake Foresters occupy the space.

"I've known many people who are laid to rest here; this place is filled with meaningful lives," Alderks said. "I've developed relationships with the 5th and 6th generations of Lake Forest families and that means the most to me."

Scan the QR code to take a virtual tour of the Lake Forest Cemetery.



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What's New at the Lake Forest Cemetery?

Spring Clean-up

A note to our Cemetery families: spring clean-up begins March 1 or as soon as weather permits. Families who wish to save their winter decorations should remove them prior to the March 1 clean-up date. Staff requests that families please limit new decorations during the month of March as they may be damaged due to operations and equipment. If you have any questions regarding decoration guidelines or the spring clean-up season, please call our office at (847) 615-4341.

LEARN MORE

To learn more regarding the various options and availabilities at the Cemetery, please contact the Cemetery office at (847) 615-4341 or lakeforestcemetery@cityoflakeforest.com.

What's Happening

Strategic Planning

Get Involved

We're looking forward to engaging the community in the process to develop an updated 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.



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.

The strategic planning process began last 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, there are a variety of opportunities to engage in the process.

Participate in one of the upcoming engagement opportunities:

- Community Workshop (In-Person): Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30 pm at Gorton Center
- Online Community Engagement Sessions (Virtual): Tuesday, April 30 at 3 pm and Wednesday, May 15 at 7 pm

For additional information, please visit cityoflakeforest.com/StrategicPlan.



2024-2025 Vehicle Stickers

Get Yours by Apr. 30

If you want to visit Forest Park Beach or drop items at the Recycling & Compost Center, you need a Lake Forest vehicle sticker! Per City Ordinance, Lake Forest residents are required to purchase a vehicle sticker for all vehicles registered to Lake Forest.

The current 2023-24 vehicle sticker featuring the Lake Forest Library expires on April 30, 2024. Beginning in late March, purchase your 2024-25 vehicle sticker at cityoflakeforest.com/VehicleStickers or in the Lake Forest Now App. Vehicle stickers must be purchased

by April 30 and displayed by May 1 to avoid a late fee and an ordinance violation.

Renewal notifications will be sent in late March. If you have opted for emailed renewal notice and you don't receive your emailed notification, please remember to check your spam or junk folder.

Residents enrolled in the State of Illinois Benefit Access Program may qualify for one discounted vehicle sticker. Residents who are 65+ years of age, or disabled, and meet minimum income requirements may be eligible. To obtain a discounted vehicle sticker, you will be required to show proof of enrollment in the Benefit Access Program. Applications will not be accepted as proof of enrollment. To apply and for more information, please visit ilaging.illinois.gov/benefitsaccess.

The 2024-25 vehicle sticker honors Gorton Center's 50th Anniversary. Stay tuned to the Gorton's website GortonCenter.org for fun events and celebrations!

If you have any questions, please contact Claudia Austin at austinc@cityoflakeforest.com or (847) 810-3622.

Fee Schedule Updates

Annual Changes

The City of Lake Forest reviews its fee schedule each year by operating departments to reflect the cost of providing the associated service and rates charged by comparable communities. The City Council approved the fee schedule changes for 2024.

Please note the following fee adjustments and their effective date:

- Golf Course Fees – effective January 1, 2024
- Boating and Beach Fees – effective February 1, 2024
- Athletic Field Rental Fees – effective February 1, 2024
- Fitness Center Fees – effective May 1, 2024
- Water Rates – effective May 1, 2024

Spring Ward Meetings

Learn More

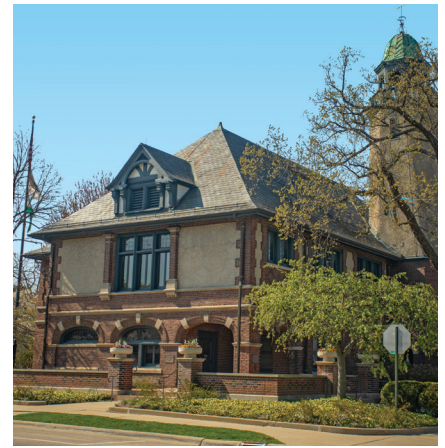
Ward Meetings are a chance to learn about upcoming City projects and connect with your Aldermen.

Save the date for upcoming Ward Meetings:

- Ward 1: Tuesday, April 16 at 7 pm at Gorton Center
- Ward 2: Thursday, April 11 at 7 pm at CROYA
- Ward 3: Tuesday, April 9 at 7 pm at CROYA
- Ward 4: Thursday, April 4 at 7 pm at Dickinson Hall

Wondering what Ward you live in? Find your Ward, Aldermen and other property information at cityoflakeforest.com/CommunityPortal.

Find more information about Ward Meetings at cityoflakeforest.com/WardMeetings.



Election and Voting

City Clerk

The General Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

Registered voters can log on to LakeVoterPower.info to find voter-specific districts, elected officials, candidates, sample ballot, and Early and Election Day voting sites.

Lake Forest's City Hall (220 E Deerpath) serves as an Early Voting site beginning Monday, March 4 through Saturday, March 16, 2024. All Lake County voters can vote early at City Hall.

Early Voting Hours

- Monday-Friday: 9 am-5 pm
- Saturday: 9 am-2 pm
- Sunday: Closed

While City Hall is an Early Voting site, you cannot vote at City Hall on Election Day. There are a number of polling sites throughout the City. Find locations on the Office of the Lake County Clerk's Election Day Voting page at lakecountyil.gov/4323/Election-Day-Voting.

Find more information at cityoflakeforest.com/VoterInfo.



Tips for a Smooth Construction Project

Permits, Inspections, Bonds

If a construction project, large or small, is in your future, knowing about permits, inspections, and bonds can help save you time and money.

PERMITS

Please remember, a permit is required for most projects! A permit protects you, the homeowner, by assuring that proper plans are prepared for your project and that Building Code requirements are met. Building Codes are intended to protect your family, friends, neighbors, and your property. Improvements requiring a permit include, but are not limited to:

- Remodeling, repairs and alterations
- Additions

- Garages and sheds
- Electrical and plumbing
- Heating and air conditioning
- Exterior lighting
- Water heater replacement
- Decks, gazebos, pergolas, outdoor kitchens
- Installation of yard drains
- Water service changes or repairs
- Swimming pools, hot tubs, spas
- Hardscape – driveways, patios, walkways
- Lawn sprinklers
- Tuckpointing
- Fireplaces
- Fences, walls, and pillars
- Sewer repair
- Yard grading, filling, or berming
- Roofing
- Windows
- Siding

Remember to post your permit placard at the project site at a location visible from the street. The approved plans must be available on the site at all times either electronically or in hard copy. All work must comply with the approved plans. At the start of your project, if desired, a pre-construction on site meeting can be requested with City inspectors.

INSPECTIONS

As your project progresses, your contractor should periodically call to schedule all required inspections in a timely manner. A list of the inspections required for your specific project is provided along with your building permit. Information on how to schedule an inspection online is provided with your building permit.

It is important that inspections occur at the appropriate point in your project to avoid the need to remove construction materials that may be covering wires, pipes, or other mechanical equipment or structural elements to ensure that the work meets Code requirements. Avoid delays and extra costs by insisting that your contractor schedule all required inspections in a timely manner. Inspections can usually be completed within 1 to 2 business days of a request.

BONDS

Upon completion of your project, a final inspection is required. Successfully passing the final inspection, before the expiration date of the permit, triggers a full refund of the cash bond(s) posted at the time permits are issued assuming all parts of the project have been completed, and there is no damage to public streets, sidewalks or parkways. In addition, the final inspection triggers closing of the building permit and the City file. Open building permits, permits for projects that have not been completed or inspected prior to the expiration of the permit, may be recorded on the property deed. This can result in delays at the time the property is sold.

Building permits are valid for 12 or 18 months depending on the scope of the project. Projects must be

started within 90 days of issuance of permits. A limited extension of a permit may be granted subject to an additional fee if reasonable progress is being made on the project. Remember that construction can be disruptive to neighbors. The City Code requires that once a building permit is issued, work must proceed in a diligent manner toward completion.

For additional information on building permits and inspections please visit cityoflakeforest.com/BuildingPermits or contact the Community Development Department at (847) 810-3521.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TIPS

- If you have questions on setbacks, building scale, compatibility with other homes in your neighborhood, tree preservation, Board review or other issues, contact the Community Development Department early in the process. We can help save you time and money!
- Be sure you or your contractor obtain a permit before beginning work.
- Submit clear, complete plans, and a current property survey to avoid delays.
- If your plans change after permits are issued, submit revised plans before you allow your contractor to do work that differs from the approved plans.
- Instruct your contractor to keep the site and the street clean, avoid parking on neighbors' lawns or obstructing driveways, and to keep all construction, erosion, and tree preservation fencing in place until approval is granted by the City to remove it.
- Be sure your contractor calls for a final inspection. A new or replacement house may not be legally occupied until a Certificate of Occupancy is issued. For other projects, a final inspection is also required.
- A permit that is not closed out is recorded against your property deed and causes delays when the property is sold. Also, cash bonds are required at the beginning of projects and unless the bond money is needed to correct damage to public property, these cash bonds are returned after all final inspections have occurred.

Please contact the Community Development Department at (847) 810-3521 for further information.

Protecting the Community's Water Supply

Backflow Prevention Devices

Do you have an irrigation system, swimming pool, hot tub, fire protection system or boiler in your home or on your property? If so, you may also have a Backflow Prevention Device to protect the public water supply from contamination which can result from water backing up from structures or systems on your property. The Code requires that these devices be tested regularly to assure that they are functioning properly. The City Code and the Environmental Protection Agency require that a Certification of Compliance be filed with the City on an annual basis for each backflow prevention device.

Many private contractors, including pool and irrigation companies, complete the required backflow prevention device test as part of regular maintenance work and submit the certification to the City on behalf of their clients. Each spring, the Community Development Department mails a reminder letter to property owners who, according to City records, have one or more backflow devices on their property. Please help protect the City's water supply and arrange to have your backflow devices tested.

Certifications should be submitted to Jessica Linders in the Community Development Department before October 1 each year. For more information, contact Jessica Linders at (847) 810-3503 or lindersj@cityoflakeforest.com.



Be Prepared

Fire Department

CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

With spring here, remember to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors! If you have an alarm company monitoring your system, please let them know before you do this to avoid any false alarms. Also, check the dates on your detectors as we recommend swapping out any that are over 10 years old.

SEVERE WEATHER & EMERGENCY SIRENS

The City of Lake Forest has 13 strategically placed emergency warning sirens located throughout the area. On the first Tuesday of every month, the sirens are activated just after 10 am. The test includes a siren and a spoken voice, it usually takes about five minutes to complete. This system is in place to warn the community about potential dangers, including severe weather. If you live near a siren and don't hear it activated, please contact the Fire Department at (847) 810-3866 so we can look into the issue.

Here are some things to remember if you are in a building when severe weather approaches:

- Make sure you have a portable radio, preferably a NOAA Weather Radio, for weather alerts and updates.
- Seek shelter in the lowest level of your home, such as a basement or storm cellar. If you don't have a basement, go to an inner hallway, a smaller inner room or a closet.

- Keep away from all windows and glass doorways.
- If you're in a building such as a church, hospital, school or office building, go to the innermost part of the building on the lowest floor. Do not use elevators because the power may fail, leaving you trapped.
- You can cushion yourself with a mattress, but don't cover yourself with one. Cover your head and eyes with a blanket or jacket to protect against flying debris and broken glass. Don't waste time moving mattresses around.
- Keep pets on a leash or in a crate or carrier.
- Stay inside until you're certain the storm has passed, as multiple tornadoes can emerge from the same storm.
- Do not leave a building to attempt to "escape" a tornado.

Please contact the Fire Department if you have any questions.



New e-Scooter Ordinance

Walk Your Wheels in the Central Business District

As the weather warms up, 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 between 8 am-9 pm, 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.



Capital Projects

Investing in the Future

It's been a few busy years for capital improvements in Lake Forest and we're not slowing down in 2024!

The City has received \$19.5 million in grants in the last five years to improve infrastructure and to bring important equipment to various Departments. The 33 grants – some of which exceed \$3 million – emphasize the City's commitment to being fiscally responsible by bringing in outside money to lower local costs.

We are grateful to be able to invest in these projects to make Lake Forest a great place for current and future generations. As of now, here are the main projects planned for the year:

- **Forest Park Beach Pathway Project:** An ADA-compliant and stroller-friendly wooden pathway connecting the bluff with the beach. This project

is being funded through a private-public partnership, with a \$1.3 million contribution from the City and another \$1.3 million in generous individual contributions from Lake Forest residents!

- **Ahwahnee Road Storm Sewer:** Replacement of an undersized storm sewer pipe that will improve drainage along Ahwahnee Road and Ahwahnee Lane. Project was moved to this year, pending grant funding of \$2.75 million.
- **Lake Woodbine Bridge and McLennon Reed Bridge Replacements:** To consolidate disruptions, both bridges located on Lake Road are planned for replacement this fall or winter 2025.
- **Roads, Sidewalks, and Bike Paths:** In the Community-Wide Survey, residents ranked bike paths as a high-priority, so we're allocating more money to make improvements this year, in addition to the annual street resurfacing and concrete street repair program.

- **Elawa Parking Lot Resurfacing and Expansion:** Resurface the existing lot and add additional parking to the north. Expected to begin late March/April 2024.

Other highlights include Seminary Ravine Improvements (located east of Sheridan Road and south of Deerpath Road), capital equipment replacement (including a fire engine), water meter replacement, facilities improvements, comprehensive plan implementation, and park enhancements.

For more information on construction projects, visit the construction projects map at cityoflakeforest.com/ConstructionProjects.



Working For You

Public Works

CITIZENS PUBLIC WORKS ACADEMY

From making sure there's water when you turn on the faucet to helping manage stormwater in your neighborhood, the Public Works Department plays a critical role in our community. Gain hands-on experience and insight into the essential services that keep our City running smoothly at the first ever Citizens Public Works Academy!

The Public Works Department will take you behind the scenes to learn from the City crews working hard to improve your quality of life. Through interactive presentations and facility



tours, attendees will learn about building maintenance, engineering, fleet, forestry, parks, sanitation, streets, water and sewer, and the water plant.

The series is planned over the course of six Wednesday evenings, from June 12 through July 24 (no class the week of July 4). Learn more at cityoflakeforest.com/PublicWorksAcademy.

KNOW YOUR FLOOD HAZARD AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT

Here are some things you can do to protect your family and property from flooding:

Contact your property insurance agent to see if a flood insurance policy would help you. Even if you are not in the mapped floodplain, you may be subject to flooding from local drainage. In either case, flood insurance can be a good investment because most homeowners' insurance policies do not cover damage caused by surface water flooding.

Do not walk or drive through flood waters. Currents are deceptive six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. Do not drive around barriers, as the road or bridge may be washed out.

Talk to us about protecting your house or business. There are ways to modify your building to minimize flood damage. Where flooding is shallow, measures such as small floodwalls, regrading the yard, and floodproofing the walls or utilities can be relatively inexpensive. Where flooding is deep, a building may need to be elevated.

Check with the Engineering Department before you build on, alter, re-grade or place fill on your property. Contact Brian Joyce at (847) 810-3554. A permit may be

needed to ensure that a project is compliant with all regulations. These regulations are designed to protect your property from flood damage and to make sure you don't cause a water problem for your neighbors.

Do not pour oil, grease, pesticides, or other pollutants down storm drains or into the ditches and streams. Our streams and wetlands help moderate flooding and are habitat for fish, frogs, and other species that provide us with recreation or food. Let's protect them and their homes.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

The City's annual fire hydrant flushing program ensures the proper operation of approximately 1,568 public fire hydrants across the City and is vital to maintaining the distribution system in order to continue to deliver high-quality water. Beginning in April, the Water & Sewer staff will flush the City's fire hydrants to remove accumulated sediment build-up.

You may experience lower than normal water pressure and a short period of water discoloration during flushing and shortly thereafter. Though the water may be discolored, it is safe to drink. However, until the water runs clear, it is advisable to avoid washing clothes, especially white fabrics. If any rust stains appear on your wet laundry, do not dry your clothes. Please call the Water & Sewer Section at (847) 810-3570 and arrangements will be made to resolve the situation.

Once the hydrants in your neighborhood have been flushed, you should run cold water either from your basement's utility sink or from a hose outside. This will flush any rusty water out of your water

service line. Never run warm or hot water immediately after a hydrant has been flushed, as this could lead to sediment getting into your hot water heater.

If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at (847) 810-3543.

COMPOST & RECYCLING CENTER OPERATING HOURS CHANGE

Located on the south side of Route 60 west of Waukegan Road (1381 W. Kennedy Road), Lake Forest residents have exclusive access to drop off yard waste and various unwanted household items for proper disposal at the Compost & Recycling Center.

How does it work?

- Residents using the site must display a **current Lake Forest vehicle sticker** on their vehicle windshield. Driver's licenses will not be accepted as proof of residency.
- **Acceptable items:** yard waste, unwanted household items, electronics (computers, printers, DVDs, etc.), batteries, metal cans, glass, newspapers, magazines, plastics (#1-5 and 7), plastic bags, corrugated cardboard, office paper for recycling.
- **Unacceptable items:** appliances with CFCs, asbestos, paints/chemicals, tires and food waste.
- Commercial contractor use of this facility is **not allowed**.

Summer Hours (Mar. 15-Nov. 30)

Saturdays, 8 am-5 pm

Sundays, 9 am-5 pm

For more information, please call (847) 615-4264 or visit cityoflakeforest.com/CompostCenter.

FREE PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

The Sanitation Section is hosting a FREE Shredding Event on **Saturday, April 20 from 8:30 am-11:30 am** at the Municipal Services Building (800 N. Field Drive). This event is open to Lake Forest residents only.

Residents may bring their private documents to be safely and securely destroyed. Please note that there is a four-box (a box is considered to be about the size of a standard copier paper/office box) limit and that any plastic paper bindings should be removed.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULES

Memorial Day Holiday

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day and there will be no refuse, recycling, or yard waste collection. The following schedule will be in effect for the holiday week:

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

For further 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.



Lake Forest 101

A Four Session Series on Local Gov

From a deep dive into the City's budget process to a tour of development projects, Lake Forest 101 provides residents an in-depth look behind the scenes of how the City functions over a four session series. Whether you're interested in learning more about your City government or aspiring to serve on a Board, Commission, or an elected role, all are welcome. This year's series takes place on Thursday, May 2, Thursday, May 9, Tuesday, May 21, and Thursday, May 30, with limited space available. Learn more and register at cityoflakeforest.com/LakeForest101.

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.



Spring is Hopping at the Rec!

Lake Forest Parks & Recreation

We are excited to offer spring programs and events that bring together the community, create family memories, and provide opportunities to enjoy our parks, facilities, and Lake Forest traditions. With so many new families moving into town, programs have been filling up quickly, so register early!

Summer Camp Resident Registration opens online and in-person on Tuesday, March 5 at 8:30 am. We offer camps for every child: traditional day camps, biking, dance, art, sailing, sports, and more. Our 2024 Summer and Camp Guide is posted online and has been mailed to all Lake Forest households. Online registration is encouraged; you can find all the details about our camps and how to register on our website.

On Saturday, March 9, join us for a sizzling morning of family fun at our **Flapjacks with a Firefighter: Mother & Son Pancake Breakfast.**

Come out for a hearty breakfast and firehouse-themed activities and crafts. **Baseball & Softball House Leagues:** If you have an aspiring baseball or softball player, league registration is open, and play starts in April.

Spring events featuring the Bunny are a community favorite. Join us on March 23 for **Egg Hunt Eggstravaganza** at Deer Path Middle School. Register for **Bunny Baskets**, and on March 27, the Bunny will hand-deliver treat-filled baskets to your kids! **You Got Egged** on March 30 is a new, silly tradition. The Bunny will stop by your home and “egg your yard” for an impromptu egg hunt for the kids.

Join us for a **Deerpath Community Park Showcase** on Saturday, May 4 from 10 am-12 pm. An array of family events and activities will be happening, so stop by, play, and enjoy our new park!

Forest Park Beach, the crown jewel of Lake Forest, is spectacular any time of the year and opens for the season with staff on Saturday, **May 25.** The new **Pathway** from the south parking lot down to the beach should be complete this summer, so bring the family down “**memory lane**” and spend the day.

Looking ahead, we have a fantastic summer planned:

- **Bands are booked for Concerts in the Parks and Market Square!** Visit our website for the complete schedule, and make plans with family and friends today.
- **Deerpath Golf Course: The Lawn** practice area offers putting and short-game chipping for the serious golfer and a fun experience for kids, families, and group outings. Family golf Sundays are an amazing deal – check it out at DeerpathGolf.com.

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

LAKE FOREST



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



Spring @ 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 winter break schedule and activities!

After School Student Union Drop-In Hours (7th-12th Grade)

Monday, 2:30-5:30 pm

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

Middle School Youth Meetings (7th-8th Grade)

Tuesdays, 4-4:30 pm

Middle School Cooking Club (7th-8th Grade)

Thursdays, 4-5 pm

High School Youth Meetings (9th-12th Grade)

Wednesdays, 7-8pm

Upcoming Events

- CROYA Annual Middle School Donut Cup Floor Hockey: April 9
- 8th Grade Welcome to High School Party: May 15

- 6th Grade Welcome to Middle School CROYA Party: May 23

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

CROYA on Lake Forest Love

Find an engaging two-part interview with CROYA Manager Todd Nahigian at LakeForestLove.com.

Celebrating Life After 50

Dickinson Hall

This may be a tagline, but it is also at the core of everything we do. It is our mission is to provide services, activities, and support to promote self-sufficient and fulfilling lives for aging adults (50+ years) in the Lake Forest and Lake Bluff communities.

Dickinson Hall offers a one-stop shop for seniors who need information, social interaction, recreation, and lifelong learning. Daily activities include an extensive exercise program including, Yoga, Chair Yoga, Tai Chi, Zumba Gold, and Line Dancing. In addition, we offer lectures, music appreciation classes, lunches, monthly parties, games, recreational trips, and more.

Dickinson Hall has resources to assist you and your aging parents. Connecting with our Senior Advocate gives you the opportunity to tap into vast resources to help you maneuver effortlessly through life's many changes. Dickinson Hall is a "home away from home" for our community seniors. Check out our website DickinsonHall.com or stop by and get to know us.



Caring For Our Urban Forest

Forestry

KEEP YOUR TREES HEALTHY THIS SPRING

Cool, wet springs with fluctuating temperatures can mean insects and diseases turn your trees and shrubs into their new home or meal. Don't fret - the Forestry Section compiled a list of diseases and insects that can pose a threat to your landscape, so you know what to look for this growing season. Learn more at cityoflakeforest.com/Forestry.

CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY

Did you know the City of Lake Forest has been recognized as Tree City USA for 44 consecutive years? This designation confirms the City's commitment to preserving its trees.

To promote the continued greening of Lake Forest, the City is providing free Hackberry, Black Hills Spruce, and Norway Spruce tree seedlings starting the week of April 22. Seedlings will be available while supplies last at various locations around town, visit the City's website for more details.

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 and 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.

Green Tips

Environmental Sustainability

NEW CURBSIDE COMPOSTING SERVICE

The City has partnered with WasteNot Inc. to provide a curbside composting service for all Lake Forest residents! WasteNot provides clean, convenient, and compromise-free composting with an exclusive Lake Forest rate starting at just \$14/month.

The service is available for all homes, apartments, and condos within City boundaries. The residential service is the easiest way to compost in your home, and WasteNot members are provided with a number of perks and benefits.

Learn more about the service and sign up at cityoflakeforest.com/Composting.

RECYCLING REMINDERS

In the Community-Wide Survey, a few respondents had questions about what can and cannot be recycled in Lake Forest. We understand – it can be tricky! 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 and knowledgeable way as they rethink their recycling habits. Find recycling resources, tips, guidelines, and more at BartTheCart.com.



Julie Capozzi



Monica Cardestam

Hit Us With Your Best Shot

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.

The contest is open to all residents of Lake Forest (professional and hobbyists). Winners will have their image(s) shared on the City's digital and/or print platforms. The contest is ongoing, so you can submit pictures at any time!

Email entries to CityHall@cityoflakeforest.com with the photographer's name and category (kid/teen, adult, or professional). To be displayed without being stretched, photographs must be submitted in .jpeg, .jpg or .gif format.

Learn more at cityoflakeforest.com/PhotoContest.

Lake Forest Library

Read Between the Ravines Explores Mental Health

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

Lake Forest Library and Lake Bluff Public Library are proud to present our Two Communities, One Nonfiction Book program.

- This spring, join the Lake Forest Library in reading *Group: How One Therapist and a Circle of Strangers Saved My Life* by

Christie Tate. "A wild ride ... It gets pretty raw." – The Boston Globe review of *Group*. "Tate delivers a no-holds-barred account of her five-plus years in group therapy in this dazzling debut memoir." – Publisher's Weekly review of *Group*.

- Christie Tate had just been named the top student in her law school class and finally had her eating disorder under control. Why then was she driving through Chicago fantasizing about her own death? Enter Dr. Rosen, a therapist who calmly assures her that if she joins one of his psychotherapy groups, he can transform her life. So begins her entry into the strange, terrifying, and ultimately life-changing world of group therapy.
- Deepen your reading experience by attending book-related events in March and April.
- Save the date for highlight Meet the Author events when Christie Tate visits April 12 and 13.
- For details, visit readbetween.org.



There's a lot happening in Lake Forest!

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

MARCH

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| 5 | Lake Forest Parks & Recreation Summer Camp Resident Registration Opens
Registration office and online, lfparksandrec.com | 8:30 am |
| 8 & 22 | Elawa Winter Market
Elawa Farm Foundation, elawafarm.org | 9 am |
| 9 | Flapjacks with a Firefighter: Mother & Son Pancake Breakfast
CROYA, lfparksandrec.com | 9 am |
| 15 | Family Campfire: Full Moon Friday
Lake Forest Open Lands Association, lfola.org | 5:30-7 pm |
| 23 | Egg Hunt Eggstravaganza
Deer Path Middle School, lfparksandrec.com | 9 am |

APRIL

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| 12 | An Evening with Christie Tate, Author of Group
Lake Forest Library, LakeForestLibrary.org | 6:30 pm |
| 18-20 | LFHS Spring Musical: Mean Girls
LFHS East Campus Raymond Moore Auditorium, LakeForestSchools.org | 7 pm |
| 20 | FREE Paper Shredding Event
Municipal Services, cityoflakeforest.com | 8:30-11:30 am |
| 20 | Celebrate Earth!
Lake Forest Open Lands Association, lfola.org/CelebrateEarth | 10 am-12 pm |
| 24 | Make a Spring Felted Gnome
Lake Forest Library, LakeForestLibrary.org | 7 pm |

MAY

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| 4 | Deerpath Community Park Showcase
lfparksandrec.com | 10 am - 12 pm |
| 16 | Modern in the Midcentury:
The Transformation of Suburban Life in Lake Forest & Lake Bluff Public Exhibition Opening
History Center Lake Forest-Lake Bluff, lflbhistory.org | 1 pm |
| 17 | Elawa Garden Market Begins
Elawa Farm Foundation, elawafarm.org | 8 am |
| 18 | Go Native! Plant & Tree Sale
Lake Forest Open Lands Association, lfola.org/GoNative | 8 am-1 pm |
| 25 | Forest Park Beach Opening Day
lfparksandrec.com | All day |

City Information



City Meetings

CITY COUNCIL

Mondays, 6:30 pm: 3/4, 3/11 (workshop), 3/18, 4/1, 4/15, 5/6, 5/20

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mondays, 6:30 pm: 3/21, 4/22, 5/28

BUILDING REVIEW BOARD

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm: 3/6, 4/3, 5/1

PLAN COMMISSION

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm: 3/13, 4/10, 5/8

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm: 3/20, 4/24, 5/22

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.
Oct. - April, 8 am - 4:30 pm
May - Sept., 8 am - 8 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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Lake Forest Day Trivia

Lake Forest Day is a beloved community tradition celebrated the first week of August, this year on Tuesday, August 6 and Wednesday, August 7. Save the date to join in the festivities, which include a carnival, parade, and much more!

How much do you know about Lake Forest Day? Answer these trivia questions correctly for a chance to win limited-edition Lake Forest swag!

- 1. When was the first Lake Forest Day?**
- 2. Where is the carnival held?**
- 3. When does the parade start?**

Send your best guesses to cityhall@cityoflakeforest.com by Friday, April 19.

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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