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OUTGOING MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

It has been a great honor, and a welcome duty to serve as your Mayor for these past four years. I congratulate Dr. Randy Tack on his election to be my successor. He will be an excellent Mayor.



Along with his new City Council, Mayor Tack will find that the City of Lake Forest is in great overall condition. We are financially secure, we enjoy a strong real estate market, we have a highly competent City Staff ensuring that our top-flight services are delivered efficiently and cost effectively, our ten new restaurants have added vibrancy to our two business districts, we have completed numerous Capital Improvement Infrastructure projects that include a \$19 million portion of improvements that were made while only asking our taxpayers to directly fund \$2.5 million of the cost, secured an additional \$11 million of infrastructure grant funding that will support upcoming projects,, and we have the lowest property tax rates in Lake County. I am pleased to say that Lake Forest is in even better shape than it was four years ago.

Summer, and all the great recreational opportunities that it offers, will be here in a few weeks. While we had a relatively mild winter and spring, it is always too long! I know we are all looking forward to taking full advantage of the many jewels on offer in our "City Full of Treasures" as the warm weather arrives.

After thirty years serving as a volunteer in the government of this wonderful, special community it is time to leave it to others to continue our tradition of good government. It has definitely been worth doing, with fascinating experiences and people at every turn. I'm sure I will be involved in the community going forward, but with a lower profile. I wish all Lake Foresters, and our City as a whole, the very best. Thank you very much for your trust and confidence.

- Former Mayor George Pandaleon



Welcome to New Mayor and Aldermen

At the May 1, 2023 City Council meeting, the annual “Change of the Guard” took place as the terms ended for Mayor George Pandaleon, First Ward Alderman Jed Morris, Second Ward Alderman Melanie Rummel, and Fourth Ward Alderman Ray Buschmann. All four were recognized and applauded for their dedicated leadership and faithful volunteer service to the City of Lake Forest.

In Session II of the meeting, Mayor Stanford “Randy” Tack, First Ward Alderman Terry Mieling, Second Ward Alderman John Powers, Third Ward Alderman Ara Goshgarian, and Fourth Ward Alderman Richard Walther were sworn into office. Learn more about the newest members of City Council at cityoflakeforest.com/CityCouncil.



INCOMING MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

I am honored to be writing this letter as your recently elected Mayor. As you know, we live in the best run, most beautiful, and most talent-laden community in the State of Illinois. I look forward to serving you and this community in this new role.

As your newly elected Mayor, it will be my priority to serve all residents and make sure all voices are heard. My time serving as an Alderman affirmed my belief in the importance of public engagement to help shape the future of our community.

As you can see from the flowers blooming throughout town, summer is right around the corner. Lake Forest Parks & Recreation offers a wide variety of summer activities for the whole family. With Forest Park Beach, The new splash pad at Townline Park, Deerpath Golf Course, and summer camps and community events, there's always something fun to do. City parks and Lake Forest Open Lands are active with hikers and wildlife. Summer also brings a number of beloved events, including Concerts in the Square, the 4th of July Festival and Fireworks, Lake Forest Day, Deer Path Art League's Art Fair on the Square, and so much more. I look forward to seeing you out and about around town this summer!

Summer also means it is construction season, so follow the interactive construction map in the Lake Forest Now Mobile App or at cityoflakeforest.com/ConstructionProjects for the latest on upcoming City projects.

I am excited for what the future will bring and look forward to working together through both the opportunities and the challenges that lie ahead.

- Mayor Stanford “Randy” Tack

Beautiful, Fun, Important: Simply Put, Lake Forest's Ravines Are Extraordinary

BY DAVID A. F. SWEET

Steve Bent grew up on Lake Road next to a ravine. He spent his youth roaming its slopes and exploring other nearby ravines with friends.

"Childhood in the ravines was wonderful – peaceful, private, educational, challenging," said Bent, who recalled how fun it was to play games with sling shots to defend a ravine from other boys similarly armed.

Abounding in Lake Forest, ravines – defined as deep, narrow gorges with steep sides – are delicate ecosystems that were created when glaciers retreated from the area more than 10,000 years ago. Rare flowers, such as witch hazel and bloodroot, grow there. Migratory birds, including the red-headed woodpecker, gather there. Fish swim in the shallow streams at the bottom.

Beyond their natural splendor, the 13 miles of ravines in Lake Forest are significant in another way: they convey water to the lake. In fact, the majority of stormwater that falls east of Green Bay Road will eventually travel through a ravine and into Lake Michigan. That helps reduce flooding in area homes.

"Without ravines, millions of dollars' worth of storm sewers under the ground would be needed," said Jim Lockefer, Assistant Public Works Director. "The City has a vested interest in ravines given their role in stormwater management."

Though 90 percent of ravines are considered private property (the ones adjacent to Forest Park and at the Cemetery are public), the City of Lake Forest is focusing on them more than ever before. Five years ago, the City brought in the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission to share insights on ravines. Through that collaboration process, City staff dove into Lake Forest's ravines, ranking slopes and compiling other data.

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

Kim Piekos also contributed to this article.





Since then, every three years a college student with a background in engineering or environmental studies spends the summer walking through the whole ravine system on behalf of the City. The intern records data points, evaluates ravine slopes while noting erosion, registers if there's a debris jam in the ravine bed and more.

The City has used that data to guide a Capital Improvement Project program to shore up the high-priority ravine areas around town. In the past three years, a \$1 million restoration project was completed at Walden Ravine, and a restoration project within the Rosemary Ravine. This summer, repair work is planned for ravines by McCormick Drive, Rockefeller Road and Loch Lane. Workers will fix infrastructure that will improve the flow of water from storm sewer pipes into the ravines. (You can view the status of these projects on the City's construction project map at cityoflakeforest.com/ConstructionProjects.)

"During big storms, we don't want stormwater jetting out of storm sewer pipes into ravine banks, which causes erosion," said Lockefer, who added that surrounding banks would be stabilized in the \$800,000 project. "You're washing away sediment that carries through the ravine and is discharged into the lake. That causes a water-quality issue."

Even when water isn't knocking soil to the bottom of ravines, erosion is a problem. The type of soil in a ravine can hasten erosion, which impacts buildings, sewer lines and yards.

About 300 homes in Lake Forest are adjacent to ravines. Often, workers in the Public Works

Department's Water & Sewer Section need to access storm sewers that exist within them.

"Managing the infrastructure in ravines can be a challenge," Lockefer said. "It's not like a road you drive on where it's obvious if there are potholes. Some of the items are hidden away."

Lockefer and others give tips to homeowners alongside ravines concerning best practices. One of these stakeholders is the City-led Environmental Sustainability Committee that lists responsible ravine management as a top priority and actively helps promote educational campaigns. City staff point out that pipes from lawns should discharge at the bottom of ravines to prevent erosion and explain that dumping leaves, grass clippings or mulch can cause obstacles in the waterbed.

"I'm always so impressed by residents wanting to do the right thing," Lockefer said.

For Bent, ravines have shaped not only his life but those of his family.

"Where I now live there is a ravine just to the north of our property, and my sons talk about how much they enjoyed playing in that ravine as kids," he said. "Ravines are beautiful."

Like this story? Find more like it on Lake Forest Love.

Lake Forest Love is the City's blog where we curate the amazing stories of our community, shine a light on them, and share them back with you. Visit LakeForestLove.com today!

What's Happening

Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Budget Approved

Finance

The City's fiscal year runs May 1 to April 30. The City Council Finance Committee conducted budget workshops in November 2022 on the 5-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and in March 2023 on the Proposed FY24 Budget. On April 17, the City Council approved the FY24 Comprehensive Fiscal Plan that includes the annual budget, 5-Year CIP, long term financial forecasts and other related information.

As revenues have rebounded to a post-COVID normal, the City Council has maintained its conservative projections. For FY23, this approach has continued to yield additional

revenue available for needed – but previously unfunded – capital projects. The recently approved \$16.4 million Deerpath Park Improvement Project will be partially funded by a \$4 million operating surplus in FY23, reducing the debt required for the project and saving on future interest expenses.

The FY24 Budget projects \$118.8 million in revenue and \$121.5 million in expenses, with the difference primarily due to the \$4 million FY23 revenue supporting FY24 capital expenses.

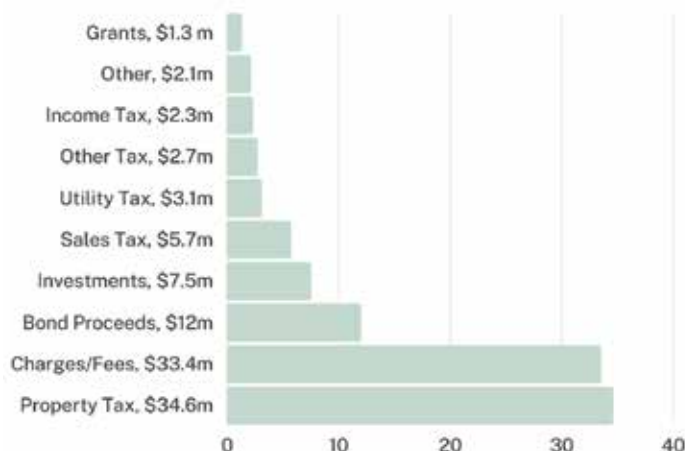
Effective May 1, fees for water have been adjusted to offset increased costs associated with the water and sanitary sewer operations. Other fee adjustments have been approved as part of the FY24 budget process including golf course, boating/beach, fitness center and ambulance transport fees.

NOTABLE FY24 CAPITAL PROJECTS (in millions)

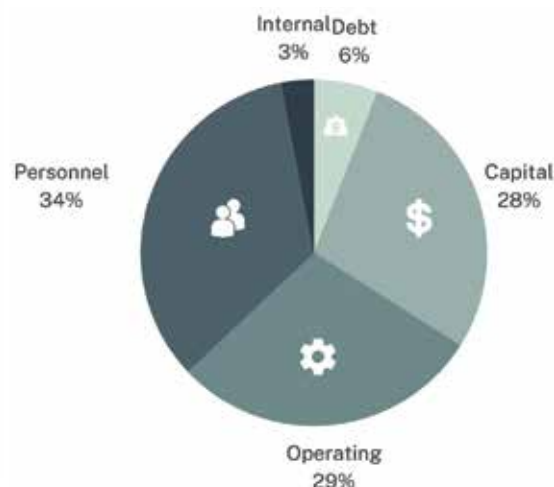
Deerpath Park Improvements	\$16.4m
Forest Park Bluff Stabilization	\$5.81m
Ahwahnee Storm Sewer	\$3.84m
Streets/Sidewalks/Curb	\$2.93m
McClennon Reed Bridge	\$1.50m

Lake Forest residents continue to enjoy the lowest property tax rate in Lake County and the FY24 Budget continues the City's tradition of maintaining sufficient reserves to allow for unanticipated expenses or reductions in State-shared revenue due to the State's financial crisis. Additional information on the FY24 Budget can be found on the City's website (cityoflakeforest.com) and questions may be directed to Finance Director Elizabeth Holleb at hollebe@cityoflakeforest.com.

Revenues (in millions)



Expenses (percentages)





Say Cheese!

*August 15 is
#CityHallSelfie Day*

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

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

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

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

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

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

Join Our Team

We're Hiring

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



Larry Temple Award

Accepting Submissions

Larry Temple dedicated himself to making Lake Forest a better community. He loved Lake Forest and worked hard to protect its character and quality of life. He had the capacity to relate to and work with people to bring understanding, compromise and solution to difficult issues. Intelligent, talented and a person of many interests, Larry has left an enduring legacy of public service. His contributions will be realized by many generations of Lake Foresters.

The Larry Temple Public Service Award Committee is accepting nominations for the 2023 award recipient through November 20. The nomination form is available at cityoflakeforest.com/LarryTempleNominationForm.

Sign up for Weekly eNews

Want weekly updates about upcoming projects and events happening in the City straight to your inbox? Sign up for our Weekly eNews! It's similar to this newsletter but more frequent. Get started at cityoflakeforest.com/eNews.



Keeping You Safe

Police Department

SUMMER IS HERE: BE SAFE, BE KIND, HAVE FUN!

So many things in our lives change once the summer months arrive. Our schedules change, we go on vacation, and outdoor activities often take us away from our homes. Visit the Lake Forest Police Department webpage lakeforestpolice.com for our Crime Prevention Tips, Vacation House Watch Program, and information about creating a Smart911 Safety Profile.

Crime Prevention Tips:

Please help us protect your stuff! Home burglaries, car burglaries, auto thefts, the list goes on and on. The perpetrators of these crimes are looking for an easy target. Don't let that be you!

Vacation House Watch:

As you get ready to head out of town for vacation, please consider placing your house on our Vacation House Watch List. As call volume allows, officers visit properties on the list and check for signs of disturbance. If areas of concern are noticed, officers will notify your emergency contact or keyholder.

Smart911 Safety Profile:

Your Family Safety Profile is free, private, and secure. Add as much or as little to your profile as you want. It's up to you and your information will only be seen if you have to call 9-1-1 from a registered device. Add key information about members of your household that would help anyone you care for in the event of an emergency, whether the call is from a home or mobile phone.

Swimming and Boating Safety Tips

Fire Department

With summer approaching and the beautiful lake to the east, it's important to remember water safety when at the beach and out on the water.

While enjoying Forest Park Beach and any pool:

- Always swim with a partner, especially in open water.
- Watch out for the "dangerous toos": too tired, too cold, too far from safety, too much sun and too much strenuous activity.
- Observe all posted warning signs.
- Teach children to stay away from pool drains and other openings that create suction, which could lead to drowning.

- Fence pools and spas with adequate barriers to prevent unsupervised access.
- Parents should keep a close eye on younger children.
- Enter the water feet first.
- Be aware of the sun.
- Stay hydrated.

While out on a boat:

- Make sure you have a life preserver for all aboard the vessel. ALL persons under the age of 13 must wear an approved and appropriately sized personal flotation device while on board the vessel.
- Do not drink alcohol and drive.
- Watch for inclement weather.
- Monitor your fuel level.
- Be mindful of your boat's propeller.
- Be courteous of other boaters on the water.
- Ensure your boat has the proper lighting.
- Have flares on board in case of distress.

Download the app on your mobile phone and your profile travels with you. 66 million residents are protected by Smart911 nationwide.

LAKE FOREST POLICE CELEBRATES 129TH BIRTHDAY ON JULY 2

On July 2, 1894, Mayor Calvin Durand, Jr. affirmed the ordinance that established the Lake Forest Police Department. An official copy of the ordinance was resurrected from our archives and is proudly displayed at the Public Safety Building. We refer to this document as our “birth certificate.”

Our ability to serve the community rests solely on the shoulders of the men and women who are available 24/7 to respond to the community’s needs. Fair and equal treatment is afforded to all individuals we encounter, and our actions are tempered with compassion. Members of the LFPD conduct themselves in the most professional manner possible to serve as role models for the community.



Big Projects Ahead

CAPITAL PROJECTS PREVIEW

2023 is another big year for Capital Improvement Projects! We’re grateful to be able to invest \$32 million in these projects to make Lake Forest a great place for future generations. Here’s a look at some upcoming projects:

- **Deerpath Community Park:** construction is underway to install synthetic turf athletic fields and additional park amenities, including two restroom buildings, renovated tennis and new pickleball courts, a playground, and more. Learn more and view the live construction camera at cityoflakeforest.com/DeerpathPark.
- **Forest Park Bluff:** installation of a bluff retaining wall to begin after Labor Day, expected completion by Memorial Day 2024.
- **Ahwahnee Road Storm Sewer Improvement:** replacement of an undersized storm sewer pipe with a sewer that will meet newer storm drainage standards in order to improve the drainage

along Ahwahnee Road and Ahwahnee Lane between Deerpath Road and Ahwahnee Lane.

- **Sir William Lane Watermain Replacement:** replacement of the entire watermain on Sir William Lane. Construction is expected to begin mid-May.
- **Rockefeller / McCormick / Loch Ravine Repairs:** ravine repairs to three different yet nearby areas in the Villa Turicum subdivision

Additionally, there will be asphalt street resurfacing, patching, and concrete street repairs, as part of the annual programs. While impacts will vary for each project, there will likely be increases in traffic and changing traffic patterns to accommodate the work. We appreciate your patience while we work to update the City’s infrastructure.

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



Working For You

Public Works

MEET THE FLEET

The Public Works Department is hosting a free Meet the Fleet event on Friday, June 16 from 11:30 am to 2 pm at Municipal Services. Both children and adults can climb aboard and explore a variety of vehicles, trucks, and construction equipment. Come meet Public Works, Parks, and Forestry employees and learn about the equipment they use that keep our community looking great!

YARD WASTE COLLECTION TIPS

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

Reminder: City crews will pick up bundles of brush if a City of Lake

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

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

ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT AVAILABLE NOW

To view your 2022 Annual Water Quality Report and to learn more about your drinking water, please visit cityoflakeforest.com/2022waterqualityreport. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2022. If you would like a paper copy of the Report mailed to your home, please call (847) 810-3543.

HOLIDAY SANITATION COLLECTION SCHEDULES

Memorial Day

There will be no refuse, recycling, or yard waste collection on Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day. The following schedule will be in effect for this holiday week:

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

Fourth of July

There will be no refuse, recycling, or yard waste collection on Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. The following schedule will be in effect for this holiday week:

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

For further information on refuse collection services, please call the Sanitation Section automated phone system at (847) 615-4264.



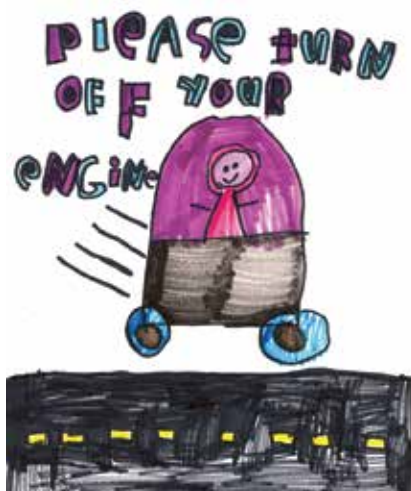
BY: ZOE FLORIANI

Green Tips

Environmental Sustainability

LAKE FOREST IS AN IDLE-FREE COMMUNITY!

The City of Lake Forest has officially passed a Resolution to be an “Idle-Free Community.” The voluntary act encourages residents, guests, visitors, and other individuals within the City limits not to exceed a three minute idling time in their gas-powered vehicles (pending some exceptions). The Resolution was passed in coordination with City-wide art contest calling for creative “No Idling” signs from local students. Winning drawings will be placed on temporary signs around town - check out some of the winning drawings above and below!



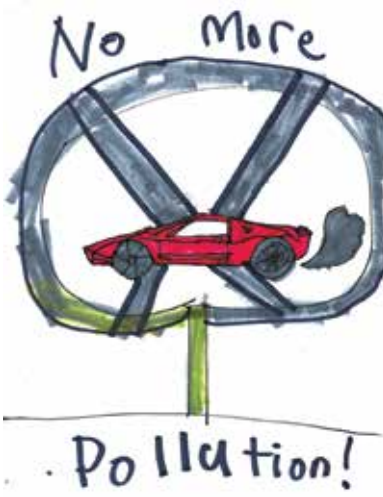
BY: MADELYN SMITH

RETHINK RECYCLING WITH BART THE CART

With help from Bart the Cart and the Rethink Recycling campaign, Lake Forest’s curbside recycling contamination rates have dropped from 25% in 2020 to 9.8% in 2022! Way to go, Lake Forest! Follow these four guidelines to help keep numbers trending down this year:

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

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.



BY: MADDIE WOOCK

CONSIDER AN ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY SEALANT

As summer approaches, it may be necessary to seal the surface of your driveway. It is important to understand the health risks associated with coal tar-based sealants as well as safer alternatives before you begin. Coal tar products contain polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (or PAHs), which are toxic to people and wildlife. Please consider:

- Sealing your driveway less often
- Using an asphalt-based sealant
- Educating your neighbors about the risks associated with coal tar-based sealants

LEAF BLOWER REMINDERS

As a friendly reminder, use of a gasoline-powered leaf blower is only permitted:

- Weekdays: 7:30 am-7:30 pm
- Saturdays: 8 am-5:30 pm
- Sundays: 8 am-5:30 pm

Consider this summer using environmentally friendly options such as electric leaf blowers, rakes or hand powered yard sweepers.



BY: ELENi KALLIANIS

Summer 2023 is Where it's At

Parks & Recreation

Summer 2023 is shaping up to be full of exciting events, programs, and more. Concerts in the Parks and Market Square are all set, and we are super excited for this year's lineup!

May events include **Family Drive-In Movie Night** on Friday, May 12 featuring "Super Pets" and **LFDA's Spring Dance Recital** on Saturday, May 20. Don't miss the **Forest Park Beach Opening Day** on Saturday, May 27. Visit lfparksandrec.com for all the details and download the **Lake Forest Now App** for up-to-date beach information, including real-time parking availability, water conditions, and more.

SUMMER CAMP 2023: "WE WILL REC YOU!"

Our 2023 summer camp season has kicked off with a bang. While some camps are full, we still have plenty of options available. From traditional day camps to sports, dance, sailing, biking, and more, there truly is



something for everyone. Register today to make sure your little rock stars aren't left in the dust!

CONCERT CENTRAL!

Mark your calendar for our free outdoor concerts beginning on Tuesday, June 6. All shows start at 6:30 pm and end at 8:30 pm. Be sure to visit our website and social media pages if the weather isn't looking great, we will post updates there.

WE CAN'T WAIT FOR OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER EVENTS!

In addition to helping build beautiful parks, make improvements, and expand recreational activities, the **Friends of Lake Forest Parks & Recreation Foundation** organizes our beloved community-wide fundraiser events:

Friday, June 2:
Fred Jackson Golf Classic
Deerpark Golf Course

Tuesday, July 4:
Lake Forest Festival & Fireworks
Deerpark Middle School
Featuring:

- Fletcher Rockwell
- Run Forest Run

Saturday, August 19:
Lake Forest Music Festival
City Hall Parking Lot

Mark your calendar! **On July 18th, Fall Registration** opens for Lake Forest residents. Please register early to ensure your spot in our popular fall programs, including flag football, basketball, dance, art, and more.

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.

SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE

June 6:	Gen Fuze · Northcroft Park
June 15:	The Way Outs · Market Square
June 22:	The Student Body · Market Square
June 29:	Kaleidoscope Eyes · Market Square
July 11:	Valius · South Park - NEW location!
July 13:	HiFi Superstar · Market Square
July 20:	Rockin' Fenderskirts & Classic Car Show · Market Square
July 27:	Rhythm Rockets · Market Square
August 8:	Wild Daisy · Townline Park

LAKE FOREST



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

Summer @ CROYA

CROYA

As the school year winds down, CROYA (Committee Representing Our Young Adults) is gearing up for summer. Current 8th graders are invited to the “8th Grade Welcome Night” at CROYA’s High School youth meeting on Wednesday, May 17 from 7-8 pm.

CROYA is a community-based youth organization welcoming 7th-12th grade students who live or go to school in Lake Forest, Lake Bluff and Knollwood. Check out the CROYA calendar for our summer activities including bimonthly meetings, float building, band jams and service opportunities.

COMING UP AT CROYA

MAY

7th-8th Grade Spring Dance

@ CROYA:

May 12, 7:30-9:30 pm

6th Grade Welcome Party:

May 16, 3:45-5 pm

8th Grade Welcome Party:

May 17, 7-8 pm

Last High School Meeting:

May 24, 7-8 pm

JUNE

HS Work Trip:

Mon, June 12 – Fri, June 16

Contact CROYA for more details

Student Union Summer Drop-In

Hours: Start Date is June 19;

Mon.-Fri., 1-3 pm

Youth Meetings:

June 21, 3-4 pm

June 28, 3-11 pm

4th of July Float Building:

June 19 – July 3, 1-3 pm daily

Battle of the Bands:

June 9, time TBD

Middle School Work Stay:

June 22-23

Contact CROYA for details

CROYA Cubs Night Game Trip:

June 28, 3-11 pm

JULY

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

Set-Up:

July 3 at LB Gazebo; time TBD

Lake Bluff 4th of July Parade:

July 4

Contact CROYA for details

Youth Meetings:

July 12 and 26, 3-4 pm

LF Day Parade float building:

July 17 - August 1, 1-3 pm daily

AUGUST

LF Day Band Jam:

August 1 at West Park, 6-10 pm

LF Day Parade:

August 2; meet on Western Ave.

at 9 am

Back To School Bash: date TBD

follow CROYA on social media for up-to-date additions and changes to programming.

1st High School meeting of the year August 30 – 7-8pm

CROYA.com (847) 810-3980

Sign up for the monthly

E-Newsletter at CROYA.com

Instagram: @CROYALFLB

Facebook: @CROYALFLB1980

More Than Card Games

Dickinson Hall

100 E. Old Mill Rd.

(847) 234-2209

DickinsonHall.com

Sure, cards are available, 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.

- **Special Events:** There is always something happening at Dickinson Hall, monthly parties coming up include our annual Police Picnic, Summer Bingo Lunches, and our lively Friday Night Live evening events.
- **Trips:** Let our bus do the driving. Our trips coming up include Drury Lane, Art Institute, Muti at Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Chicago River Tour, and may more. And let’s not forget our Gourmet Trotters and Girls’ Night Out!
- **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.





A Beautiful Resting Place

Lake Forest Cemetery

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

VISITOR HOURS MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Lake Forest Cemetery is a beautiful, peaceful place for walking and running during the spring and summer months. Starting May 1, Lake Forest Cemetery opens its gates at 8 am each day and remains open until 8 pm each evening. Summer hours continue through September 30, 2023. Dogs and refreshments are not allowed on Cemetery grounds. Parking for vehicles is allowed along the side of the drive. Please refrain from parking on the lawn as the grounds are soft during the spring.

SPACE STILL AVAILABLE

One of our most frequently asked questions is: “Are spaces still available at Lake Forest Cemetery?” The answer is yes! Though there are shortages at many of the local cemeteries, this is not the case at Lake Forest, where there are many options available for interment. To schedule an appointment to discuss interment options, please contact the Cemetery’s office at (847) 615-4341.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Memorial Gardens at Lake Forest Cemetery are entering Phase II Construction.

Dedicated in 2000, the Memorial Gardens columbarium is entering Phase II of construction as part of the long-term plan for the site and to meet continuing demand by the residents of Lake Forest. Approved by the Cemetery Commission in January and in March by the City Council, preliminary work began in April with contractor mobilization and bluestone replacement.

The project will include 400 new niches in the Fountain and Spire Garden areas that were part of the original Garden design, but were deferred to keep the initial project within budget. At the time of construction all concrete foundation and wall work was completed for the new niches setting the stage for the current project. In addition to the new niches, all bluestone walkways will be leveled and replaced.

Efforts will be made to ensure that impacts on families and visitors will be kept to a minimum during construction, which is expected to be completed by mid-September.

If you have any questions regarding the Memorial Garden Phase II project, please contact Cemetery Sexton Phil Alderks at (847)-615-4341.



Summer Reading and 125 Years of Your Library

Lake Forest Library

On July 4, 1898, Lake Forest Library was chartered by City Council. Join the Library to celebrate!

- Reading is “Buckets of Fun” this summer with programs and prizes for all ages. Get started at lakeforestlibrary.org/summer-reading.
- Bring the whole family on Saturday, July 8 from 1-3 pm for a library birthday bash on the front lawn with refreshments, a magic show, and a foam party!
- Dome repair work is underway! For updates, visit lakeforestlibrary.org/dome.

Shout Out

Contest Winner

Congratulations to Leslie Pedley for correctly guessing the sustainability elements featured on the back of the Spring Dialogue and winning our “How Well Do You Know Sustainability in Lake Forest” contest! The elements pictured above from left to right are: Bioswale at South Park, Ringwood Ravine, and Electric Vehicle Charging Station at the Old Elm Parking Lot. Flip to the back to enter this newsletter’s contest!

Resident Recipe

From the Mayor’s Kitchen

“This is one of my favorite recipes to enjoy outside on the patio on a warm summer’s day.” - Mayor Stanford “Randy” Tack

BUCATINI WITH SWORDFISH IN TOMATO SAUCE

Serves 4

INGREDIENTS:

2 lbs Swordfish	3 cups tomato sauce
1/4 cup olive oil	1 tablespoon fennel seed
1 onion, chopped	1/2 cup Kalamata olives
1 cup minced parsley	1 cup cubed imported feta
2 garlic clove, minced	1 lb bucatini

INSTRUCTIONS:

Preheat the oven to 400 F. Cut the swordfish into 1 inch cubes. Place the fish in a buttered baking dish. Heat the oil in a saucepan, add onion and cook until translucent. While the onion is cooking toast fennel seed in a small saucepan until fragrant and remove from heat. Add garlic and parsley to the onion and cook for two minutes. Add the tomato sauce, lemon juice and fennel seed. Cook for 10 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Add sauce mixture to the baking dish. Add olives and feta. Bake for 15-20 minutes until the fish flakes. While the fish is baking prepare bucatini. When fish and sauce is cooked serve over pasta. Sprinkle additional parsley over dish and serve immediately.

“Have a great recipe?”

Share it with your neighbors!

Send your recipes to cityhall@cityoflakeforest.com to be featured in a future Dialogue.

Calendar

MAY

12

Public Exhibition Opening for Deeply Rooted & Rising High: African American Experiences in Lake Forest
History Center, lfbhistory.org
6 pm

19

Cop on a Rooftop
Dunkin' 620 N. Western Ave, LakeForestPolice.com
5 am-12 pm

18

LFHS Foundation and Business Incubator Pitch Night
Lake Forest High School, LakeForestSchools.org
7 pm

23 & 24

Deer Path Middle School General Music Show
Deer Path Middle School, LakeForestSchools.org
May 23 at 1:15 pm & May 24 at 2:30 pm

JUNE

2

Fred Jackson Golf Classic
Deerpath Golf Course, lfparksandrec.com
11:30 am

16

Meet the Fleet
Municipal Services, cityoflakeforest.com
11:30 am

4

"Guardians of the Flame" Torch Run
Sheridan Rd at Lake Bluff/Lake Forest Border, LakeForestPolice.com
8 am

16

Police Department Senior Picnic/Bingo
Dickinson Hall, LakeForestPolice.com
12 pm

6

Outdoor Concerts Kick-off
Northcroft Park, lfparksandrec.com
6:30 pm

21

Braiding Sweetgrass: A Conversation with Robin Wall Kimmerer
Lake Forest Library, LakeForestLibrary.org
7 pm

8

2023 Centennial Family Awards: The Casselberry Family
History Center, lfbhistory.org
6:30 pm

24

Elawa Barn Dance Fundraiser
Elawa Farm, elawafarm.org
6:30 pm

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

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

JULY & AUGUST

Jul 4

Lake Forest Festival & Fireworks

Deerpath Middle School, lfparksandrec.com
6 pm – Gates open at 5 pm

Jul 29

Flower Fest

Elawa Farm, elawafarm.org
8 am-1 pm

Jul 8

Celebrating 125 Years Family Fest Birthday Bash

Lake Forest Library, LakeForestLibrary.org
1-3 pm

Aug 1-2

Lake Forest Day Carnival and Parade

West Park. LakeForestDay.com
All day

Jul 26-Aug 2

Summer Sale Celebration

Throughout Lake Forest
LFLBchamber.com

Aug 2

Lake Forest Day 5K

South Park, lfparksandrec.com
7am - Race starts

Jul 28

Breakfast with the Mayors

Deer Path Inn, LF/LB Chamber of Commerce,
LFLBchamber.com
7:30-9 am

Aug 19

Lake Forest Music Festival

City Hall Parking Lot, lfparksandrec.com
5-10 pm

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Ragdale

1260 N. Green Bay Rd
(847) 234-1063
info@ragdale.org

Ragdale is an artist residency located at the 1897 Arts and Crafts country estate of architect Howard Van Doren Shaw and his poet and playwright wife, Frances Wells Shaw. Three generations of the Shaw family and their artist friends enjoyed Ragdale as a place of retreat and imagination before its founding as a nonprofit artist residency in 1976. Today, over 150 residencies, typically lasting 18 days, are offered annually to artists of all disciplines—writers, visual artists, composers, dancers, and theatre makers—allowing them uninterrupted time to create new work in a setting supportive



of creative exploration and achievement. Long a home for social and artistic progress, Ragdale also plays a role in empowering young artists with programs such as Ragdale in Schools and High School Arts Week.

“Ragdale is a unique gem in Lake Forest, one that enhances the cultural landscape of our city,” says Executive Director Michael Cleavenger. “While it has inspired artists for over 125 years, beginning

with the Shaws, Ragdale is dynamic and ever-changing, and we invite Lake Foresters to discover and marvel at all that is Ragdale today.”

Public offerings include tours of the historic Green Bay Road campus overlooking Shaw Prairie; Novel Affair, the annual benefit, featuring distinguished guest artists; Ragdale Ring summer performances; and artist talks throughout the year. To learn more, please visit ragdale.org.



City Information



City Meetings

CITY COUNCIL

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mondays, 6:30 pm: 5/22, 6/26, 7/24, 8/28

BUILDING REVIEW BOARD

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm: 5/3, 6/7, 7/5, 8/3 (Thursday)

PLAN COMMISSION

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm: 5/10, 6/14, 7/12, 8/9

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm: 5/24, 6/28, 7/26, 8/23

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

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How well do you know Lake Forest's bike path bridges?

There are so many great trails and paths to explore in Lake Forest! Three bike path bridges have been replaced in the last year, as the City invests in infrastructure. Recognize any of the bike path bridges pictured above? If not, it's a great excuse to explore on your bike or on foot this summer!

Hint: You can watch construction videos for two of these bike path bridges at [YouTube.com/EnjoyLakeForest](https://www.youtube.com/EnjoyLakeForest).

Identify the location of the three bike paths and/or bridges 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, June 15. The winner will be announced at a City Council Meeting this summer.

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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