

City Administrator Report

City of Lake Forest Park

Date: December 9, 2021

TO: Honorable Deputy Mayor and Councilmembers

FR: Phillip Hill, City Administrator

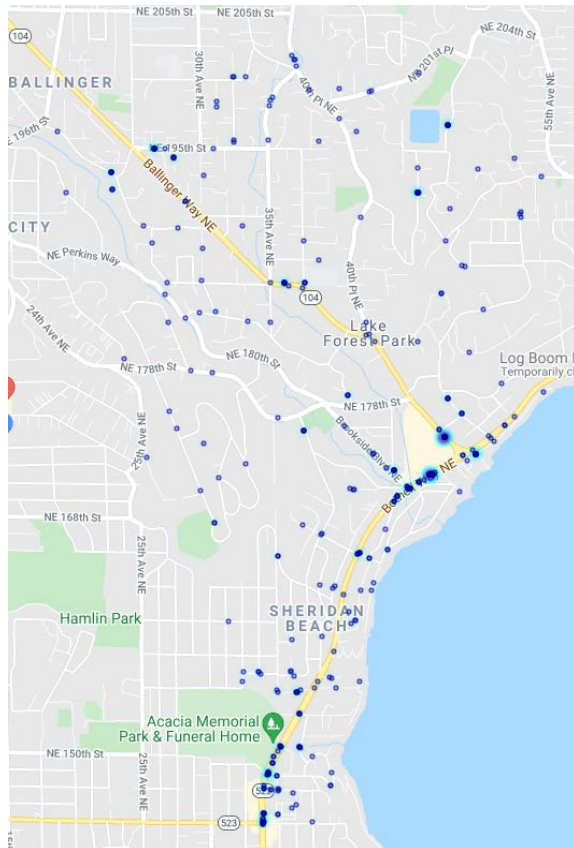
CC: Honorable Mayor Jeff Johnson
Leadership Team

The City Administrator Report is meant to provide the council, staff and community an update on the activities of the City and on issues that concern the City. This memo will be provided in each Council packet and is divided into key sections.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information about any of the following items and please feel free to contact any of the department heads for additional information.

I. Intergovernmental and local issues update

Police Department



Police incidents heatmap for November 2021:

Each blue dot is an incident generated by dispatch or an officer. This map represents **571** incidents in **November**.

Notable Calls/Incidents:

Type	Calls
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	60
THEFT	18
WELFARE CHECKS	14
VEHICLE PROWL	10

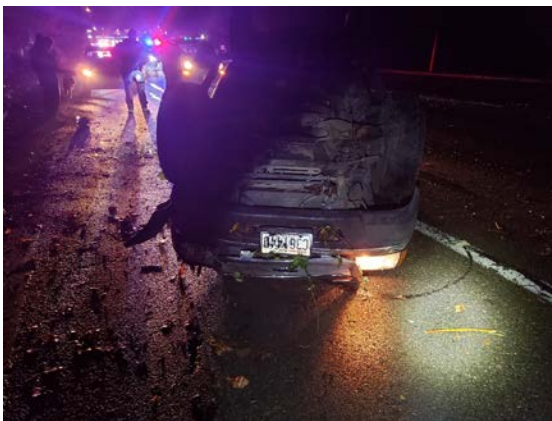
Notable Calls/Incidents:

Officers assisted local residents with a ruptured water line break and flooding on 37th Ave NE early Thanksgiving morning.

A resident returned home after Thanksgiving and discovered their vehicle was missing. Officers determined an unknown subject had burglarized their home. A video showed the suspect was possibly carrying a firearm. The investigation is ongoing.

An argument between an Amazon delivery driver and resident of apartment complex over a parking spot. The driver grabbed the resident's cell phone and threw on the roof of a vehicle while 911 was being called. The resident declined to press charges. The driver stated he was frightened, being a black man in a white neighborhood.

A single vehicle, roll over, injury collision occurred in the 17000 block of SR522. The driver was determined to be driving impaired.



Officers had multiple separate contacts with homeless individuals in and around area parks. All subjects contacted refused services and left the area without issue.

An officer stopped a vehicle and determined the driver was driving impaired (DUI), the driver fled from the officer when asked to step from vehicle. Bothell later located vehicle, which fled from them as well.

II. Internal City Information

City Employees Meet Wellness Participation and Engagement Goal for WellCity Award

On December 2, 2021, the City of Lake Forest Park fulfilled one of the critical WellCity requirements that gauges engagement and participation. The standard states that a minimum of 50% of employees with AWC Trust medical insurance must demonstrate health engagement by redeeming 350 points for their \$35 Wellness Reward in Health Central. Lee Aalund, Human Resources Director, has worked arduously during COVID to attain the WellCity award in the past two years, despite the fact that much of the time, employees are working remotely. This standard is important to ensure that Lake Forest Park maintains this honor by being a 2022 WellCity. Winning the WellCity award means the City and employees get a 2% discount on medical premiums for Regence and Kaiser Permanente through AWC.

The City of Lake Forest Park Gains Rare Lakefront Property for Public Access

Forterra Completes Creative Buy-and-Hold Transfer of Lake Washington Property for Conservation

Highlights

- Conserves two parcels of Lake Washington waterfront
- This site provides the only Lake Washington public access along the five-mile stretch of the Burke-Gilman Trail
- Prevents private development of a key waterfront property on Lake Washington

LAKE FOREST PARK, WA —Forterra today transferred Lake Washington waterfront property to the City of Lake Forest Park in a two-year, \$5 million strategy to conserve key parcels from development.

In 2019, these properties went into bankruptcy, and the City of Lake Forest Park wanted to buy them for conservation and public recreation but did not have the funds readily available to acquire them. The City of Lake Forest Park asked Forterra to step in to buy, hold then resell the property to the City when it had acquired the requisite funds for purchase.

“Gaining public access to Lake Washington helps ground us in the special place we live,” said Michelle Connor, Forterra president and CEO. “In an exemplary act of civic courage, the City of Lake Forest Park seized the opportunity for its residents and visitors to realize the aspiration of its identity. We are proud to have supported that.”

This is a property with great potential for recreation, connecting the Burke-Gilman Trail and Lake Washington. This site will provide the only public access along the five-mile stretch of the trail from Matthews Beach Park to Log Boom Park along the northwest shore of the lake. It will also be the only public shoreline in Lake Forest Park.

“This is a great moment in the history of Lake Forest Park,” said Mayor Jeff Johnson. “With the support of the City Council and the determination of key city staff, we have provided an exceptional amenity for this and future generations.”

“We could not have done this without the partnership and support of Forterra, Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office, the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Conservation Futures, the State Department of Commerce, King County voters, County Councilmember Rod Dembowski, Senator David Frockt, Representative Gerry Pollet and Representative Javier Valdez,” said City Council Chair Phillippa Kassoover. “They all understood the value of this park property to our community and were willing to advocate for the preservation of this lakeshore for enjoyment by everyone.”

On November 30th, Forterra finalized the sale and transfer of the lakefront property to the City, completing a two-year conservation strategy that leveraged Forterra’s ability to act quickly through a guaranteed loan from its Guarantor program. The City of Lake Forest Park looks forward to the next stage of a public planning and design of the park space, which is set to commence in 2022.



III. Council Information

IV. Response to Citizen and Council Comments

Contract Reporting

Legislative Update

Community Events

Upcoming City Sponsored Events

Meetings

[Planning Commission Meeting \(virtual meeting\)](#)

December 14, 2021, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM This meeting will be held virtually. City Hall is currently closed to the public. Please review information provided on the agenda, once it is available, for details on how to participate in the meeting.

[City Council Budget & Finance Committee Meeting \(virtual meeting\)](#)

December 16, 2021, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM This meeting will be held virtually. Please review information provided on the agenda, once it is available, for details on how to participate in the meeting.

[CANCELED - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting \(virtual meeting\)](#)

December 22, 2021, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM This meeting will be held virtually. Please review information provided on the agenda, once it is available, for details on how to participate in the meeting.

[City Hall Closed \(Christmas Day Holiday/Observed\)](#)

December 24, 2021, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

[City Hall Closed \(New Year's Day Holiday/Observed\)](#)

December 31, 2021, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM