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FROM THE MAYOR’S DESK

Dear Neighbors,

Now that the weather is finally feeling like winter is behind us, we can all look forward to another wonderful summer in Lake Forest! It’s hard to imagine having more options than we do for recreation and entertainment this time of year.

Our cover story highlights one of the most unique things Lake Forest has to offer – the Wildlife Discovery

Center at Elawa Farm. This nationally renowned Lake Forest Parks and Recreation educational facility has a fascinating collection of live reptiles and raptors, and provides rescue care for injured animals.

Lake Forest Parks and Recreation offers a wide variety of summer activities for the entire family. From our amazing beach to our nationally ranked sailing program, excellent golf course, numerous camps and two large summer festivals, every day provides options in this historically vacation-oriented community. The newest addition is the splashpad that will be opening later this summer in Townline Park, which will offer another way for everyone to cool off in the warm weather. The splashpad is one step in the fulfillment of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan that was approved by the City Council in 2019. It is an excellent and very approachable document. It can be found at lfparksandrec.com and is worth reading.

Lake Forest is unusual in that we don’t have a separate Park District Board with taxing authority. This is one of the reasons our property taxes stay low, but it also causes our Parks and Recreation facilities to compete with things like roads and bridges for funding. Over the coming years we will be playing a bit of catch-up in this area, and the Master Plan lays out our vision to ensure Lake Forest offers best in class recreational programming.

Summer means it’s construction season, so follow the interactive construction map in the Lake Forest Now Mobile App to avoid running into delays. One hot spot will continue to be Deerpath near Route 41, so it’s probably best to avoid this area in general.

Our local real estate market has continued to thrive despite low inventory. The number of transactions is still running very close to previous record year. And values are on the rise, which should please our longer-term residents who suffered through a decade of flat to falling prices. The recent influx of over 1,000 new households has clearly attracted the attention of local and regional restaurant operators. Le Colonial should open on Market Square in July, as should Duffer’s in Westwood Center, on the corner of Western Avenue and Woodland Road. Sophia Steak is planning a mid-fall opening at Laurel and Western, and we have more on the way. Lake Forest is fast becoming a serious dining destination.

Have a great summer in Lake Forest!

- Mayor George Pandaleon

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Animal Kingdom

From Dragons to Bobcats, the Wildlife Discovery Center is a Home for Those Who Need One

BY DAVID A. F. SWEET

In a small room once dedicated to fitness machines at Lake Forest Parks & Recreation, the Wildlife Discovery Center (WDC) launched in 1997. Armed with a \$500 grant, founder Rob Carmichael bought a handful of cages and procured animals-- such as its first reptile, a rhinoceros iguana named Flora. About a decade later, Parks & Recreation Department head Fred Jackson brought him to Elawa Farm. "He said, 'We're thinking of moving you here,'" Carmichael recalled. "I couldn't believe the space and trails. I was like a kid in a candy store."

Today, Flora is still roaming her cage. But the change from the early days of the Wildlife Discovery Center – which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year under the umbrella of the Lake Forest Parks & Recreation Department – is stunning.

About 85 species of animals are on display, from snakes, dragons, and turtles indoors to bobcats, coyotes, owls, and even a bald eagle outside. On a recent weekday morning, the parking lot at Elawa was jammed. Kids and their parents gazed at animals many had never encountered before. "This is our resurgence year," said Carmichael, who serves as curator/director. "We see a lot of families coming out with the kids to see exhibits. You can see the staff and volunteers have a lot more energy now."

Carmichael – a lifetime Lake Forester whose passion for reptiles was stoked during childhood when his parents encouraged him and his twin brother Chris to start a home zoo – is the only full-time staff member. He is assisted by five part-time staff and a number of volunteers, including several from local colleges. "The staff wears so many hats – zookeeper, tour guide, summer camp director," Carmichael said. "The cool thing is these kids really grow here."

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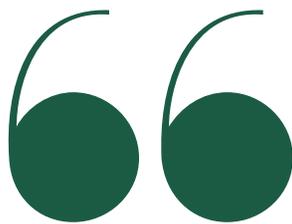
Peter Crawford was one. He discovered the WDC in second grade, soon after his family moved to Lake Forest, and got involved with zookeeper classes and summer programs before working there during high school. “It’s been a pretty important part of my life,” said Crawford, who will be off to the Everglades in Florida this spring to study Burmese pythons. “I loved going there because you interact with animals. Snakes are in people’s

hands, and they have us hold them properly and feed them.”

In 2021, several new animals were added to the 300 or so already at the WDC, including a Komodo dragon, an orange-eyed Eurasian eagle owl, and Odie the Otter. “He’s been a big hit,” Carmichael said of the friendly otter. “He’s always active. He follows me on 2-3-mile hikes each day without a leash.”

There are plenty of interesting stories of how the WDC procures

its animals. Many are abandoned, and some have been scheduled to be put to sleep before Carmichael intervened. He works closely with local law enforcement authorities. If they go into a house with a search warrant and find an exotic pet without a permit, Carmichael will confiscate it. One time, a high school student bought a venomous puff adder snake and hid it from his parents. When his mother vacuumed under his bed,



It’s been a pretty important part of my life.

- Peter Crawford, Wildlife Discovery Center Volunteer



she knocked the top off the box and fled the room in terror. “I was sent a picture of the five-foot-long puff adder. I said, ‘Oh my God, do not let anyone in there,’” Carmichael said. “I went into the room, and there were piles of clothes everywhere like a typical teenage boy’s room. It took an hour to find this thing and bring him here.”

Even when the animals pass away at the WDC, they have value. When the massive 150-year-old turtle named Bruno died, Carmichael drove him to the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, where he is permanently on display. Others have been shipped to places as far as Scotland to be featured.

Aside from running the WDC, Carmichael – who lives on the Elawa property and enjoys a roughly 20-foot commute – conducts trips with 5th-to-8th graders to study wildlife, runs summer camps, and helps oversee the zookeeper mentorship program, where youngsters are taught how to take care of the animals. The spirit of philanthropy animates the center, as donors such as Liz Uihlein, The Negaunee Foundation and others help defray the costs of feeding and housing the animals. Their giving was especially appreciated during the pandemic, when the center’s biggest fundraiser, Reptile Rampage, was canceled two years in a row.

The names of the creatures are always entertaining. Two tortoises who will likely weigh 500 pounds apiece at maturity are Goliath and Hercules.

Carmichael points to a crocodile. “That’s Pierre,” he said. “Probably the only crocodile in the world named Pierre.”

On one occasion, an entertainment name (as opposed to an entertaining one) wanted to donate a water monitor lizard. Through a mutual acquaintance, Nicolas Cage called up Carmichael early one morning. Carmichael hung up on him twice, thinking it was a crank call. Once he understood it was the famous movie actor, he arranged for the reptile to come to the WDC. The day after the reptile arrived, a Chicago radio show asked Carmichael to walk him down Michigan Avenue. “I can’t believe we agreed to that,” Carmichael said. “A policeman gave him a piece of his hot dog. Then, one day, three tour buses of Nicolas Cage fans came here to look at the lizard.”

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The Wildlife Discovery Center is a living museum and biological station at historic Elawa Farm, situated alongside the Middlefork Savanna, a 670-acre wildlife habitat in Lake Forest. It is home to approximately 85 species of animals. Regular hours are Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. It is closed Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. In addition to visiting the resident animals, visitors can enjoy a hike and observe nature on the adjacent Middlefork Trails or visit the Elawa Farm Park.



What's Happening

Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Budget Approved

Finance

On April 18, the City Council approved the FY23 Comprehensive Fiscal Plan that includes the annual budget, 5-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP), long-term financial forecasts and other related information.

Most importantly, the City has weathered the COVID-19 pandemic very well. As revenues returned to normal, the City Council's conservative projections for FY22 have yielded revenue available

for needed – but previously unfunded – capital projects. The City Council has made only minor fee adjustments for FY23, and **all fees assessed on the quarterly utility bill will remain at FY22 rates for the coming year.**

The FY23 Budget projects \$99.51 million in revenue and \$97.71 million in expenses, consisting of the Notable FY23 Capital Projects included to the right.

Lake Forest residents continue to enjoy **the lowest property tax rate in Lake County** and the FY23 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.

FY23 Capital Projects (in millions)

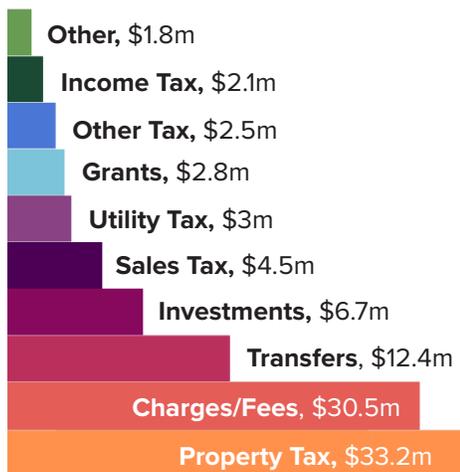
CONSTRUCTION:

Forest Park Bluff Stabilization	\$3.4m
Road/Bridge/Sidewalks/Curb	\$1.5m
Pedestrian Bridge Replacements	\$1.2m
Deerpath Watermain	\$1.025m
Capital Equipment Replacement	\$.778m
Forest Park Beach Restoration	\$.325m
Innovation and Technology	\$.321m
Townline Park Splashpad	\$.300m
Police Body Cameras	\$.121m

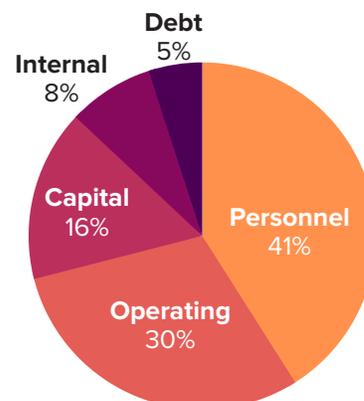
DESIGN:

Deerpath Park Athletic Fields	\$.464m
Deerpath Streetscape	\$.415m
Seminary Ravine	\$.300m
Ahwahnee Road Storm Sewer	\$.200m

Revenues (in millions)



Expenses (percentages)



The City's fiscal year runs May 1 to April 30. The City Council Finance Committee conducted budget workshops in November 2021 on the 5-Year Capital Improvement Program and in March 2022 on the Proposed FY23 Budget. Additional information on the FY23 Budget can be found at cityoflakeforest.com/Finance and questions may be directed to Finance Director Elizabeth Holleb at hollbe@cityoflakeforest.com.

Building Community

Community Development

GOOD NEIGHBORS

Residents in our community take great pride in their properties and neighborhoods and often contact the City with concerns about issues they feel impact the neighborhood character, appearance and sometimes the quality of life.

Listed below are steps we can all take to be Good Neighbors:

- Allow construction on your property only during permitted hours: Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Check fences and fence posts and make repairs as needed.
- Locate your compost piles away from shared property lines.
- Be considerate when parking to avoid blocking streets or shared private roads and driveways.
- Check exterior lights on your home, garage and property to make sure the source of the light is shielded and directed downward, away from neighboring homes and properties – particularly the rear and side elevations of homes. Remember that the installation of exterior lights requires a permit.



- Lawn signs (message signs) are permitted on private property, outside of the front and side yard zoning setbacks. (Different regulations apply prior to an election; see the City's website for details.)
- Avoid storing inoperable vehicles, business equipment and debris outside on your property in areas visible from the street and neighboring properties.
- Maintain lawns on a regular basis during the growing season, mow grass and address weeds.
- Trim tree branches as needed if they cross on to your neighbor's property.

If concerns arise, talk with your neighbor! Your neighbor may not realize that a condition on his or her property is causing concern. As is often the case, communication and consideration are key. For more information, please contact the Community Development Department at 847.810.3517.

COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN UPDATE RESUMES

The update to the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan was paused in early 2020 as the pandemic unfolded. Work is now resuming on the update with a focus on the Central Business District and the surrounding neighborhoods. The success of this process depends on broad public engagement. All points of view are welcome. What should be preserved and protected? Where are opportunities for enhancement or redevelopment? How can we best support the vitality of retail, restaurant and service businesses over the long term? How do we best honor the past while looking forward and being open to new ideas? Remember, Market Square was once a remarkable "new idea" that has stood the test of time. Check the City's website for updates and ways to be involved. For more information contact Director of Community Development Catherine Czerniak at czerniac@cityoflakeforest.com or 847.810.3504.



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:

- Parents should keep a close eye on younger children
- Never swim alone
- Enter the water feet first
- Stay away from pool drains
- Be aware of the sun
- Stay hydrated

While out on a boat:

- Make sure you have a life preserver for all aboard the vessel. Children should always wear one while on the boat
- 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

Staying Safe

Police Department

WHY YOU NEED A SMART911 FAMILY SAFETY PROFILE

As the end of the school year approaches, your family may be changing routines. Camps, vacations and other activities may take your family members to different places this summer. It's the perfect time to create your Smart911 Family Safety Profile.

With Smart911, you can provide 9-1-1 call takers and first responders critical information you want them to know in any kind of emergency.

When you call 9-1-1, your Smart911 Safety Profile displays on the 9-1-1 screen and the 9-1-1 call takers can view your addresses, medical information, home information, description of pets and vehicles, and emergency contacts. You can provide as much or as little information as you like.

Lake Forest and many other North Shore communities participate in this nationwide network. Cities like Atlanta, Chicago, Nashville, Seattle, Washington, D.C., and states like Arkansas, Delaware, and Michigan rely on Smart911 to increase response time and save lives. Join millions of households to create your Smart911 Safety Profile today.

Visit Smart911.com for more information and to create your Family Safety Profile.

WATCH OUT FOR GIFT CARD SCAMS

Con artists have latched onto gift cards as a form of payment in their scams. Nearly 1 in 3 adults said they or someone they know had been asked at some point to purchase a gift card to pay a bill, fee, or some other debt or obligation or to claim a prize.

No reputable company or agency will ask you to purchase gift cards. Criminals are also asking for payments using cryptocurrency or apps like Zelle.

Just say no! Hang up and call 911 immediately to report the incident.

Also, never give your bank account number, Social Security number, or driver's license number to someone you don't know.

Green Tips

Environmental Sustainability

GROW A GARDEN

Now is the perfect time to start growing your garden! The options are endless, from fresh vegetables to native flowers, grasses, and shrubs. While growing fresh vegetables are great, there is a huge benefit to planting native plants. They provide shelter and food for wildlife, support pollinators, and promote biodiversity. In addition, native plants require less water.

SAY NO TO SOME PLASTICS

Some plastics, including #6, are not recyclable in Lake Forest and should not be placed in your recycling cart. One example of non-recyclable plastics are single-use plastic bags. Some

great ways to keep these plastics out of your recycling cart are to:

- Bring your own bag to the grocery store.
- If you have a lot of single-use plastic bags, bring them to your local Jewel to drop off or to the Compost & Recycling Center.

For more recycling tips, visit BartTheCart.com

LEAF BLOWER REMINDERS

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

- Weekdays: 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Saturdays: 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- Sundays: 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

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

SELECT AN ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY SEALANT THIS SUMMER

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.

Sign up for Weekly eNews

Wondering what's happening in the City of Lake Forest? Sign up for our Weekly eNews for updates from City departments, upcoming events, community spotlights, and more! It's similar to this newsletter but more frequent. Get started at cityoflakeforest.com/engage.

SAVE WITH COMMUNITY SOLAR

There is still time to support renewable energy and save on your electricity costs through the City's Community Solar Program. Over 200 households have already signed up, making them eligible to save 20% on their electricity supply costs. There is no upfront cost or obligations to join the waitlist. Learn more about this opportunity by visiting NorthShoreCommunitySolar.com.

Early Voting Information

City Clerk

City Hall (220 E. Deerpath) will serve as an Early Voting site for the General Primary Election on June 28, 2022. The early voting site will serve all Lake County voters.

- **Dates:** Monday, June 13- Saturday, June 25, 2022
- **Hours:** Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed Sundays

For voter information, visit cityoflakeforest.com/VoterInfo.



Big Projects Ahead

Capital Improvements

The summer construction season will be busy with numerous Capital Improvement investments.

Here is what's planned:

- **Illinois and Woodland Bike Path Bridge Replacements** (estimated project construction July through October)
- **Burr Oak Area Storm Sewer Improvement Project:** storm sewer improvements, including installation of underground stormwater detention system called a StormTrap under North Western Avenue. The project is scheduled to begin in early May. Visit cityoflakeforest.com/BurrOak for details
- **Deerpath Watermain Replacement and Improvement:** replacing the watermain along Deerpath Road between Ahwahnee Lane and Golf Lane (estimated project completion by May 31)

- **Everett and Waukegan Road:** Metra signal upgrades and continuing with intersection design upgrades
- **Forest Avenue Parking Lot Resurfacing:** this project also includes the installation of two electric vehicle charging stations and a special stormwater quality structure
- **Forest Park Bluff:** installation of a bluff retaining wall to begin after Labor Day; expected completion by Memorial Day 2023
- **Waveland Park Parking Lot Resurfacing and Expansion**
- **Townline Park Splashpad:** Estimated completion in June

Thanks for your patience when the ComEd Bridge Replacement Project required a complete closure of Deerpath Road in March. As work progresses, intermittent lane closures on Deerpath Road are expected throughout the summer, and project completion is anticipated this fall.

Additionally, there will be asphalt-street resurfacing and patching and concrete street repairs as part of the annual programs.



For more information on these projects, check out the Construction Project Map at cityoflakeforest.com/ConstructionProjects.

Working for You

Public Works

MEET THE FLEET

The City of Lake Forest Public Works Department is hosting a free Meet the Fleet event on Friday, June 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Municipal Services. Both children and adults can climb aboard and explore a variety of vehicles, trucks, and construction equipment. Come meet Public Works 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 craft 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 a.m. 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 a.m. 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 in 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.

HOLIDAY SANITATION COLLECTION SCHEDULES

There will be no refuse, recycling, or yard waste collection on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day or on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. The following schedule will be in effect for both holiday weeks:

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

For more information on refuse collection services, please call the Sanitation Section automated phone system at 847.615.4264

ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT AVAILABLE

To view your 2021 Annual Water Quality Report and to learn more about your drinking water, please visit cityoflakeforest.com/2021WaterQualityReport. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2021. If you would like a paper copy of the Report mailed to your home, please call 847.810.3543.

KNOW YOUR FLOOD HAZARD AND HOW TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

The spring rains have arrived. Here are some things you can do to protect your property from flooding:

- Contact your property insurance agent to see if a flood insurance policy would help you. Even if you are not in a 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, regrade, or fill on your property. Contact Brian Joyce at 847-810-3554 first. A permit may be needed to ensure that a project complies 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.

For more helpful information on flooding and stormwater management, visit cityoflakeforest.com/StormwaterManagement.

Get the Lake Forest Now Mobile App

Where can you find a live beach parking availability map? In the Lake Forest Now App! Over 3,000 people use Lake Forest Now to find information about what's happening in the City. Download the App at cityoflakeforest.com/LFNow



Twigs is a very special camp. The friendships formed, along with the perfect combo of activities and art, makes this summer camp experience one that my daughter keeps returning to year after year!

- Twigs Summer Camp Parent



A Summer Like No Other

Parks & Recreation

Summer 2022 is going to be one of the best in years! From our expanded outdoor concert series to our beloved summer camps, programs, and community events, we have something for everyone.

May events include **Family Drive-In Movie Night** on Friday, May 13 and **Lake Forest Dance Academy's Spring Dance Recital** on Sunday, May 15. Don't miss the Forest Park Beach Opening Day on Saturday, May 28. Visit our website 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.

The Deerpath Golf Course is excited to announce the opening of **The Lawn**, a world-class experience offering putting and short-game chipping practice for the serious golfer while providing a fun after-golf putting experience for kids, families, and group outings. Turn to page 14 for more information about this new addition to the course.

SUMMER CAMP 2022: "WE WILL REC YOU!"

Just like the rock anthem "We Will Rock You" by Queen has whipped generations of kids into a frenzy, we are kicking off our 2022 summer camp season with the same energy and excitement. We have traditional day camps along with sports, dance, nature, art, and more. Register today to make sure your little rock stars aren't left in the dust!

CONCERTS, CONCERTS EVERYWHERE

Mark your calendar for our free outdoor concerts beginning on June 14. All concerts start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. Be sure to visit our website and social media pages if the weather isn't looking great – we will post updates there.



SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE

- June 14: Feel Good Party Band · Northcroft Park
- June 16: Good Clean Fun · Market Square
- June 23: Petty Kings · Market Square
- June 30: Dancing Queen · Market Square
- July 7: Nashville Electric Company · Market Square
- July 12: The Student Body · Forest Park Beach
- July 14: Classical Blast · Market Square
- July 21: The Class of '68 & Classic Car Show · Market Square
- July 28: Second Hand Soul Band · Market Square
- Aug. 9: Final Say · Townline Park

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 3: Fred Jackson Golf Classic · Deerpath Golf Course

Monday, July 4: Lake Forest Festival & Fireworks · Deerpath Community Park
Entertainment: Tommy Decarlo, Singer of Boston, and Rudy Cardenas, of American Idol, Perform the Classic Hits of Boston & Journey

Saturday, Aug. 20: Lake Forest Music Festival · City Hall Parking Lot
Entertainment: Headliner Maddie and Tae, with Bruce in the USA, Brass Buckle, Blackberry Jam Chicago, & 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.

LFParksandRec.com
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LAKE FOREST



Warm Welcome

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 18 from 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

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.

SUMMER @ CROYA

JUNE

- Student Union Summer Drop-In Hours:
Start Date is Monday, June 13;
Monday-Friday, 1-3 p.m.
- Youth Meetings:
Wednesday, June 15 & June 29, 3-4 p.m.
- 4th of July Float Building:
June 15-July 1, 1-3 p.m. daily
- Middle School Work Stay:
Thursday, June 23-Friday, June 24

- Battle of the Bands:
Friday, June 10; time TBD

JULY

- Service Project: Set up for Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast:
Sunday, July 3
- Lake Bluff 4th of July Parade:
Monday, July 4, meet on Center Ave. at 9 a.m.
- Youth Meetings:
Wednesday, July 13 and 27, 3-4 p.m.
- High School Work Stay:
Thursday, July 14-Friday, July 15
- LF Day Parade float building:
July 18-August 2, 1-3 p.m. daily

AUGUST

- LF Day Band Jam:
Tuesday, August 2 at West Park, 6-10 p.m.
- LF Day Parade:
Wednesday, August 3; meet on Western Ave. at 9 a.m.
- Back To School Bash:
date TBD

Follow CROYA on social media for additions and changes to programming.

CROYA.com
847.810.3980
Instagram: @CROYALFLB
Facebook: @CROYALFLB1980



A Beautiful Resting Place

Lake Forest Cemetery

1525 Lake Rd.
847.615.4341
lakeforestcemetery@cityoflakeforest.com
cityoflakeforest.com/Cemetery

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 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at 847.615.4341.

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 a.m. each day and remains open until 8 p.m. each evening. Summer hours continue through Sept. 30, 2022.

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.

More Than A Senior Center

Dickinson Hall

100 E. Old Mill Rd.
847.234.2209
DickinsonHall.com

What comes to mind when you hear the words “senior center”? Picture this: listening to a lively ukulele band while having breakfast at the beautiful Lake Forest Beach, some appetizers on our beautiful terrace followed by a delicious dinner and music, or how about an uplifting lecture about the fun-loving songs of Stevie Wonder, or an exciting trip to Miller Park to see the Cubs play the Brewers? That’s just a snippet of what we offer at Dickinson Hall!

May marks the beginning of our membership year. We invite you or anyone you know to call, email or come by our beautiful facility to learn more. While you may not be a senior, you may know someone who would benefit from our programs and services.

Summer Reading

Lake Forest Library

360 E. Deerpath
847.234.0636
LakeForestLibrary.com

Join your friends and neighbors to “read beyond the beaten path.” You can:

- Read or listen to books in new places, such as while camping in your backyard or basking at the beach.
- Choose a new genre or topic or author.
- Join a book group or attend an author talk at the Library.
- Start your own book group with friends.
- Read aloud as a family or dress up as characters and act out your favorite passages.
- Create art or a game inspired by a book.

We can’t wait to take the “read less traveled by” with you! Stay tuned for details in May at lakeforestlibrary.org/read.

CITY SPOTLIGHT

Deerpath Golf Course

THE HISTORY

In 1922 A.B. Dick, an avid golfer and visionary, gave a parcel of his farm property to the City of Lake Forest. He was joined by several other residents, including Noble Judah and John Griffith. These men and others agreed with Mayor Henry Rumsey that a community of Lake Forest's stature deserved a first-rate public golf course. A restriction was placed on the gift, ensuring that the property is used by the City in perpetuity for recreation purposes only. In 1926 the first nine holes, designed by Alex Pirie, the club professional at the Old Elm Golf Club, were ready for play. To complete the course, in 1929 voters approved a referendum to expand the course to 18 holes and in 1932 the clubhouse was built.

THE RENOVATION

In 2016 the City of Lake Forest committed \$1.2 million to support improvements which included extensive clubhouse renovations, expanded terrace and landscaping, a continuous paved cart path, as well as tree removal and drainage work. Through a public-private partnership, additional funds were raised to complete the driving range expansion, the construction of a comfort station between holes 6 and 12, the purchase of a new golf cart fleet, and finally, the construction of The Lawn, which will open this summer.



THE LAWN

The Lawn at Deerpath will be the first of its kind at a public venue in the Chicago-land area. Inspired by the public-access Ladies' Putting Course in St. Andrews, Scotland, the 30,000-square-foot bentgrass green will cater to all ages and abilities, offering putting and short-game chipping practice for the serious golfer while providing a fun after-

golf putting experience for kids, families, and group outings.

Get the family together and join us for **The Lawn Grand Opening on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 6.** A short ceremony thanking everyone involved will be followed by live music, food trucks, and a beverage tent. The event includes putting games set up for adults; Richard Franklin from our DiscoverGolf junior program will have activities set up for the kids, and representatives from Callaway Golf will be on site doing club fittings. We can't wait to welcome the community to the fully renovated Deerpath Golf Course.

Deerpath Golf Course
500 W. Deerpath
Book online at DeerpathGolf.com
847.810.3888



Calendar

MAY



13
Stand & Deliver: Open Mic Night
Gorton Community Center, gortoncenter.org
7:30-8:30 p.m.

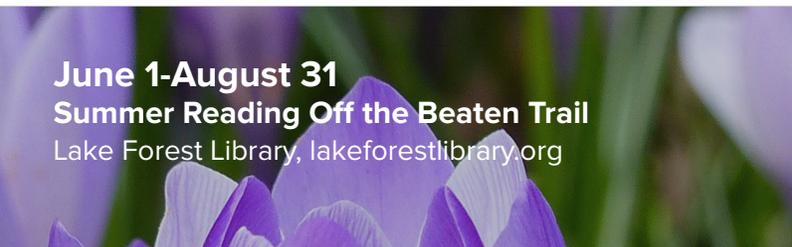
21
Go Native! Plant & Tree Sale
Lake Forest Open Lands Association, lfola.org/GoNative
8 a.m.-1 p.m.



14
Cattails & Cocktails
Lake Forest Open Lands Association, lfola.org
6-10 p.m.

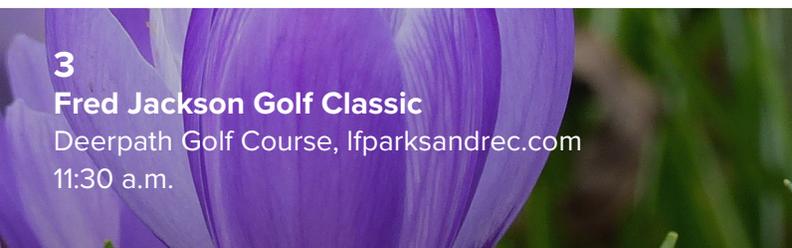
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Lake Forest High School Pitch Night
LFHS Raymond Moore Auditorium, lfhsfoundation.org
7 p.m.

JUNE



June 1-August 31
Summer Reading Off the Beaten Trail
Lake Forest Library, lakeforestlibrary.org

14
Outdoor Concerts Kickoff at Northcroft Park
Northcroft Park, lfparksandrec.com
6:30 p.m.



3
Fred Jackson Golf Classic
Deerpath Golf Course, lfparksandrec.com
11:30 a.m.

25
Lake Forest Police Department Bike Rodeo
Deerpath-Oakwood Parking Lot, lakeforestpolice.com
9 a.m.-12 p.m.



9
Sip/Shop
LF/LB Chamber, lfbchamber.com
5-7 p.m.

17
50th Anniversary Celebration!
History Center Lake Forest-Lake Bluff, lfbhistory.org
6-8 p.m.



10
Meet the Fleet
Municipal Services, cityoflakeforest.com
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

18
Ragdale Ring Performance #1
Ragdale, ragdale.org
6 p.m.

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

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

JULY

4

Lake Forest Festival and Fireworks

Deerpath Community Park, lfparksandrec.com
6 p.m. (gates open at 5 p.m.)

20-25

Citadel Theatre's Winnie the Pooh

Lake Forest Open Lands Association, lfola.org
6-7:30 p.m.

14-16

Sidewalk Sale

LF/LB Chamber, lflbchamber.com

23

Flower Fest

Elawa Farm, elawafarm.org
8 a.m.-1 p.m.

16

Jim Gill's "Sing-a-thon of Celebrated Songs"

Gorton Community Center, gortoncenter.org
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

23

Ragdale Ring Performance #2

Ragdale, ragdale.org
6:30-8:30 p.m.

16

Farm Dinner

Elawa Farm, elawafarm.org
6-9 p.m.

31

Harry Potter Party

Lake Forest Library, lakeforestlibrary.org
2-4 p.m.



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

History Center of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff

509 E. Deerpath
 lflbhistory.org
 847.234.5253

Located across the street from historic Triangle Park on Deerpath, the History Center of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff is the keeper of our community’s history.

“Some still think it’s a church when they pass by,” remarks Katie Hale, Board President and longtime member who helped repurpose the Church of Christ Scientist into the innovative museum campus. “But the buildings and location are a

perfect fit for our vision of being a gathering place where people can celebrate local history.”

Today, the History Center touts an impressive education hall for hosting programs and events, an interactive permanent exhibit, a special exhibition gallery, and a research center where people can discover facts about their home, property or business; do genealogy research; and access the extensive collection of maps, photographs, books and articles on Lake Forest-Lake Bluff history.

What’s New

In celebration of the History Center’s 50th anniversary, 50 in Focus is a new exhibit curated by Lake Forest College students showcasing stories of life in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff over the past half century.

Coming Up

Tours of Crab Tree Farm, The Gardens at 900, Albert Lasker Estate, and Historic Market Square—plus a program series on local African-American history, a Little Historians program for kids 5-9 and an exciting outdoor garden history initiative (details to come!).

Join Today:

History Center members receive reduced pricing on programs, exclusive invitations to members-only events and first notice of special offerings.

Volunteer!

The History Center is currently training docents for “History on the Move” walking tours—and are always looking for friendly faces to help at the visitor services desk.

Visit

Tuesday-Thursday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.,
 Saturday 1 p.m.-4 p.m.
 Research by appointment

Be a part of history. Stop by or visit lflbhistory.org to learn more.



City Information



City Meetings

CITY COUNCIL

Mondays, 6:30 p.m.: 5/2, 5/16, 6/6, 6/20, 7/5 (Tuesday), 7/18, 8/1

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mondays, 6:30 p.m.: 5/23, 6/27, 7/25, 8/22

BUILDING REVIEW BOARD

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.: 5/4, 6/1, 7/6, 8/4

PLAN COMMISSION

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.: 5/11, 6/8, 7/13, 8/10

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.: 5/25, 6/22, 7/27, 8/24

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

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Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Municipal Services Center

800 N. Field Dr.
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Recreation Center

400 Hastings Rd.
847.234.6700
Front Desk Hours:
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

CROYA

400 Hastings Rd.
847.810.3980
Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Dickinson Hall

100 E. Old Mill Rd.
847.234.2209
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Compost & Recycling Center

1381 W. Kennedy Rd.
Summer Hours (Mar. 15-Nov. 30)
Saturday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Lake Forest Cemetery

1525 N. Lake Rd.
October - April, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
May - September, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Cemetery Gatehouse

520 Spruce Ave.
Call 847.615.4341 for appointment

Postage-Free Mail

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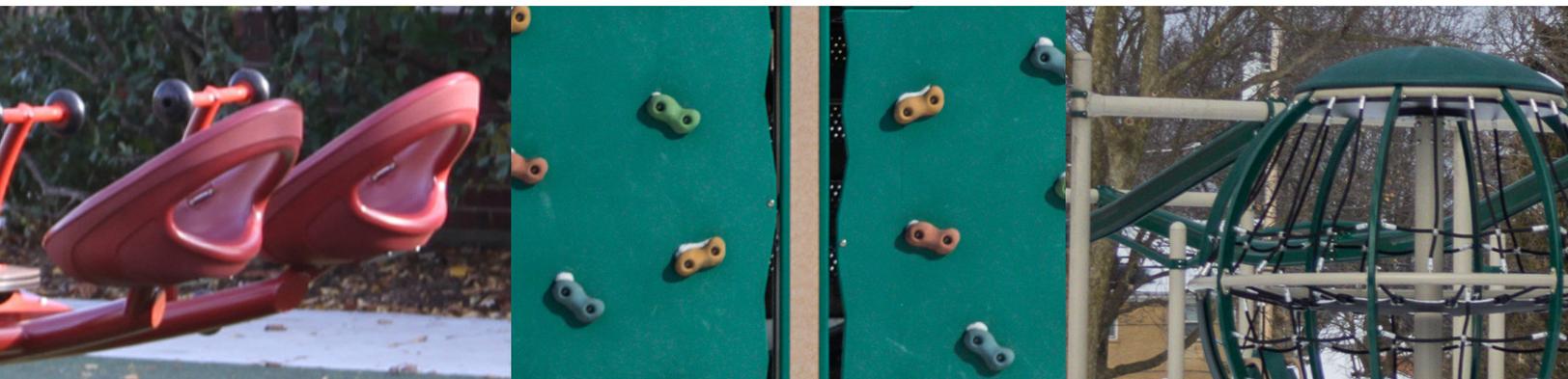


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How well do you know Lake Forest parks?

Summer is a great time to explore Lake Forest parks! Do you know the parks where these pictures were taken? If you don't recognize the playgrounds, here's an excuse to explore a new park.

Identify the specific location of each picture and qualify to win Lake Forest swag. We will draw from all correct entries and select one lucky winner! Send entries to cityhall@cityoflakeforest.com by June 1. The winner will be announced at the City Council Meeting on June 6.

Let's continue the conversation.

We've opened up *The Dialogue*. Now let's keep the conversation going. Tell us what you think about this newsletter at cityoflakeforest.com/DialogueSurvey. **Here are some places you can connect with us and keep the dialogue going:**



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LakeForestLove.com



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