



# Newsletter

Summer 2008

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## **Message from the President**

I am very pleased to serve the Stewardship Foundation as your new president. As I begin my term, I am looking forward to working with all of you on new and rewarding projects to enhance and protect the environment of our beautiful City. Spring is here; our gardens are awash with color and new growth. Even though it's raining and dripping wet, as I write this, our City is beautiful and green.

With your help, I will do everything I can to make sure that when it is time for our grandchildren to live in or return to Lake Forest Park, they will be able to enjoy our streams, trees, and parks as we do today.

I want to acknowledge the efforts of Doug Mitchell during the last year and Carol Dahl's many years of exceptional service to the ideals and mission of the Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation. We are fortunate that they will continue to serve along with the other very hard working members of the Board of Directors who spend countless hours on Foundation projects.

When my wife, Karen, and I first moved to Lake Forest Park, we particularly enjoyed our aptly-named neighborhood, Horizon View, with its breath-taking view of the North Cascades. We enjoyed walking around our neighborhood and the rest of the City, and came to feel that we wanted to help protect what we found in our new City. As I got involved with the Planning Commission, the Stewardship Foundation, and later the City Council, I was impressed with the enormous number of talented volunteers that the City benefits from who feel the same way. As a member of Crime Watch, the Stewardship Foundation, and the Urban Forest Task Force, the need to enhance and protect our forests, streams, and the lake has become increasingly clear to me. Grace Cole Nature Park and Lyon Creek Preserve are among the jewels of the City that the Stewardship Foundation helped create and of which we can feel justly proud. Sitting on the dock at Lyon or walking around the paths at Grace Cole is refreshing and renewing; a great way to enjoy retired life!

Speaking of renewals, we are fortunate to have two very talented new Board Members, Doug Hennick and Jim Halliday; we welcome them, and will introduce them later in the newsletter.

As you know, in our City, we are facing important environmental issues. The December flood reminded us all of the magnitude of the stormwater management problems. Our elected officials and City staff are working with their counterparts in Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, and Shoreline to find a regional solution to the excess stormwater flow problems. I hope the enormous value of our watershed's trees in intercepting rain water before it enters our streams or storm drains is recognized and considered.

The Lake Forest Park Urban Forest Task Force worked hard during the last year to recommend improvements to our current ordinance. Getting the City Council to pass a new ordinance with new protections for our urban forest will be a challenge. I encourage you all to stay abreast of developments in stormwater management and ways to protect our urban forest.

The Foundation is hard at work with the City, our neighbors, the State of Washington, and King County to bring salmon back to Lake Forest Park's streams. We are supporting environmental education at Brookside and Lake Forest Park Elementary schools, as well as Shorecrest High School; these students are our future environmental stewards. We are actively working to eliminate invasive species in our neighborhoods: Stewardship Foundation members have taken training and become experts to lead volunteers in the safe eradication of Japanese Knotweed. Members are also directing citizen volunteer opportunities to participate in "Ivy Out" parties on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Please join us when you can in these important endeavors.

I look forward to working with all of you and seeing you in the Fall at our Stewardship Foundation Fundraiser.

*Steve Plusch, President*

## **Stewardship Foundation Accomplishments for 2007**

The following are representative of the many accomplishments of your Stewardship Foundation during 2007:

### **1. Land use activities in Sensitive Areas -**

The Foundation ensured that the City's excellent Sensitive Areas Ordinances were enforced when we participated in several land use cases. One case was a Reasonable Use Exemption request on 28th Ave. NE; due to the Foundation's efforts, wetlands and streams on the property, which were either improperly delineated or completely ignored by the developer and by the City, were properly delineated, and development was kept out of the buffers as mandated by City ordinances. Another case involved a short plat application on 35th Ave which, if granted, would have violated LFP ordinances. Working with a neighbor who lives near the proposed development, we convinced the City to deny the application.

### **2. Brookside Elementary School Salmon Mural -**

The Foundation provided matching grant funds for a Salmon life cycle mural at Brookside Elementary school. Visitors to Brookside Elementary School now have an educational treat to enjoy as they enter the school lobby. Please see accompanying article for details.

**3. Ivy Outs -** The Foundation hosted "Ivy Outs" at Grace Cole Nature Park and various other locations throughout the year. These "Ivy Outs" are generally held on the second Saturday of each month. Please join us and bring your neighbors and children.

### **4. Grace Cole Nature Park Task Force -** Two

members of LFPSF's Board served on the City's Grace Cole Nature Park Task Force; designs are complete and funding is now in place for a wetlands restoration project in the park's meadow area.

**5. Dig It Participation -** We made our annual appearance at the City's Green Garden Fair in March. This year our well-staffed booth focused on our efforts to remove Ivy from our urban forests with monthly "Ivy Out" work parties. The emphasis is upon removing it from our trees in both public places and on private property, as well as encouraging city residents to address the problem at their own homes. We also distributed information regarding aspects of stream and salmon health. In addition we distributed copies of "Tree Walks in Lake Forest Park" and were honored to have its author, David Hepp, signing copies at our table.

**6. Good Stewards -** We are pleased to report that there are now 175 certified yards and we continue to add more in our community; we also encourage people in neighboring communities to certify their yards. We had a lot of interest in certification at this year's Dig-It Fair. See page 5 for information on certifying your yard as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat..

**7. 28th Ave. Sewer Project Staging Area:** The Stewardship Foundation challenged the use of a property on 28th Ave., which was totally encumbered by wetland and wetland buffer, as a staging area for the company that was installing sewers on 28th Ave. No permits had been applied for or issued for use of this sensitive area, to clear it of all

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vegetation, or to install coarse gravel to create a drivable surface. It was being used for storage of heavy equipment, piles of gravel, and soil that was removed along the route of the sewer for the installation of junction boxes. The Foundation's intervention resulted in the City issuing a Stop Work Order and requiring permits to be obtained, and protective barriers and silt fences to be installed around the edges of the buffer to protect the wetland. In addition, the City stipulated that all equipment and foreign material be removed from the site and the site re-vegetated. Finally, the contractor is being required to repair all other damage when the site is vacated at the end of the project. At present, the site is still in use as a staging area, though the sewer work has moved to another area in the City.

**8. Osgood II and Stream 0056** - The Foundation monitored this large development on 55th Ave. NE. We worked with "People for Environmentally Responsible Kenmore," the Department of Ecology, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Army Corps of Engineers to protect the stream and insure that the City's development regulations were followed.

**9. Represented LFP at Tree City USA awards presentation** - LFP received the Award of Achievement, 2007 Tree City USA from the Washington Department of Natural Resources; this was the City's eighth award.

**10. Tree Walks in Lake Forest Park booklet** - David Hepp, of the Urban Forest Task Force wrote the booklet which includes an introduction,

a list of the benefits of trees, a brief history of our City from a tree's perspective, and a description of the environment in which the trees in Lake Forest Park grow. The core of the book is four guided tours of our trees: 1) Start at City Hall, 2) Start at Blue Heron Park, 3) Start at Horizon View Park, and 4) Start at Phingst Animal Acres Park. These walks are illustrated, fun, and educational. Booklets are available at City Hall and from the Foundation. The Foundation funded printing of these booklets.

**11. Lake Forest Park Legacy Project** - The Stewardship Foundation was well represented on the City's Legacy Task Force, which was given the task of creating a 100-year vision for the City's parks and open spaces. See the City's web site for more information on the 100 year Legacy Project.

**12. Urban Forest Task Force** - The Foundation had several members on the City's Urban Forest Task Force. The task force met throughout 2007 and continues meeting today. The task force recommended improvements to the City's current tree code to preserve our urban forest. The Planning Commission amended the task force's recommendation and forwarded it to the City Council for consideration. The Urban Forest Task Force is working with the City Council to restore the original task force recommendations. Please see accompanying article for details.

**13. Planning Department Land Use Files** - At the urging of the Foundation and Council members, the Planning Department revised the record keeping process for Land Use Files at City Hall to improve their organization and integrity as they are reviewed by concerned citizens.

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## **Osgood II/Westbrook Development**

This large development on 55th Ave. NE was monitored closely by the Foundation. The upper reaches of Stream 0056 (Tschet cha thl, its Indian name) flow directly in front of this development, down 55th Ave NE in Lake Forest Park, through Kenmore, and into Lake Washington. During the December 2007 storm, it appeared that the developer was violating several regulations pertaining to the stream. Foundation members and the environmental group PERK (People for an Environmentally Responsible Kenmore) reported these violations to Lake Forest Park. The City of Lake Forest Park determined the upper reaches of Stream 0056 were in fact not a stream according to the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code. The developer was subsequently assessed a fine by the Department of Ecology (DOE) of \$24000.00 for consistently allowing silt from the development to flow into what DOE, Army Corps of Engineers and the State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) all consider to be a stream - that is, Stream 0056 or Tschet cha thl.

## ***Brookside School News***

### ***Fingerling Salmon Released into Brookside Creek***

Students at Brookside Elementary aptly chose Earth Day for the annual release of fingerling salmon into Brookside Creek. For many years Coho eggs have been brought to the tank in the school lobby, and reared there until released into the stream that runs on the school property.

First grade teacher Katie Johnson now spearheads the project with the help of Kevin Rogers, the school's librarian. Her inquisitive group of first graders shouldered much of the responsibility for the care of their salmon this year. All the school's children had the opportunity to see and learn the salmon life cycle first hand, as they watched their eggs hatch to alevin and grow into fry or fingerlings.

On April 22nd, children from every class participated in gently carrying the fish down to the stream and sending them out into their natural habitat.

The release occurred just downstream of an outlet of a now defunct culvert through which Hillside Creek was diverted when the school was built. This creek was daylighted over ten years ago by Bill Bennett and others, making it fish-friendly habitat once again.

Volunteers Kim Josund and Nancy Graves made instructional visits to the classrooms, while Carrie La-Marr, Shawn Erickson, Catherine Adams-Gravelly and Jean Reid readied the salmon and escorted the children to the stream bank. Jim Siscel, one of the originators of the program also participated in the morning events. A very good time was had by all. Many shouts of encouragement followed the salmon into the stream, and each was bestowed with a new name from their student caretaker (everything from "Swimmy" to "Penguin" to "George".) Many thanks to Ms. Johnson and her class for the great amount of work put into sustaining this program. Also, thanks to third grade teacher Rick Purn at Lake Forest Park Elementary, who oversees a similar project in his school. Over 200 Coho were released by Mr. Purn's Room Seven students into Grace Cole Nature Park and MacAleer Creek a week later. Your Foundation dollars help support this program, and the kids say, "Thanks!"

### ***Salmon Story Mural Installed***

Visitors to Brookside Elementary School now have an educational treat to enjoy as they enter the school lobby.

A multi-panel mural depicting the salmon life cycle and the history of our watershed now graces the walls in a permanent installation funded by the Foundation and others. The project was spearheaded by long-time Foundation supporters Kim Josund, a zoologist, and Nancy Graves, one of Brookside's art docents. Both worked extensively with Brookside third-graders in classroom educational sessions, which were dovetailed with science curriculum and the school's salmon egg rearing and fingerling release (see above article on the release).

Students worked collaboratively to determine their individual contributions and, after researching and sketching the native plant or animal they had selected, each worked with artist Roberta Long to further develop their contribution and tie it in with the overall piece. Many of us are familiar with Roberta's work, which graces the sidewalk pump vents at Lake Forest Park Towne Centre, and her mural at Lake Forest Park Elementary School.

It's no exaggeration to say the children thoroughly enjoyed their experience. They beamed with pride at the unveiling ceremony June 3 and as they described the details they included in the paintings of the plant or animal they had selected. "I really didn't think I could draw that well," one student said. It also was amazing to hear all that the children had learned about the ecosystem during this project.

This project was funded by the Shoreline Public Schools Foundation, the Shoreline/LFP Arts Council and the Stewardship Foundation. Additional support was provided by the Shoreline Historical Museum, the Brookside PTA and Dunn Lumber. A special thanks goes to Vicki Stiles from the Shoreline Historical Museum, and to the third-grade teachers, for their gracious cooperation.

## Good Stewards Update

### *175 yards certified; Schoolyard Habitat work continuing*

We now have 175 certified yards and continue to add more in our community; we also encourage people in neighboring communities to certify their yards. We had a lot of interest in certification at this year's Dig-It Fair. To certify your yard go to the National Wildlife Federation's website ([nwf.org/backyard/](http://nwf.org/backyard/)), the WA Dept of Fish and Wildlife website ([wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/backyard/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/backyard/)) or pick up a paper application at LFP Wild Birds Unlimited.



Libby Fiene has been working with other local Community Wildlife Habitat leaders including those from Shoreline, Edmonds and Brier. If you know someone in one of these communities, or another, who would like to be connected with that community's project, please have them contact Libby at [efiene@comcast.net](mailto:efiene@comcast.net).

We have had a major push this year on Ivy and Bohemian knotweed removal and education, and have been holding Ivy (and other invasives) work parties the second Saturday of each month. The mayor declared this the year of the Ivy Out for Lake Forest Park.

### ***Schoolyard Habitats:***

Terry Williamson and Rick Purn have continued with their educational efforts in conjunction with the Certified Schoolyard of Lake Forest Park Elementary School. The PTA was awarded a PTA Taking Significant Action Award for their habitat work. At least 44 hours were spent in on this project between last August and April. They have involved a local Brownie troop in clean-up and planting and have been working with an Eagle Scout to create a terraced cement pathway through the Peace Garden. Terry and the Bengston family dug plants for the schoolyard at a Redmond salvage plant site. They held an event on Earth Day.

As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, Brookside Elementary School is continuing its work, concentrating on the life cycle of the salmon. Both schools have conducted salmon releases in our creeks.

To certify your yard with the National Wildlife Federation or both NWF and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife:  
 Apply online at [www.nwf.org/backyard/](http://www.nwf.org/backyard/)  
 Paper applications for certification are available at  
 Wild Birds Unlimited-Lake Forest Park.  
 Cost: \$20 for both, \$15 NWF only, \$5 WDFW only.  
 Questions: email Libby Fiene at [lfpwildlife@comcast.net](mailto:lfpwildlife@comcast.net)

## English Ivy

*Eradication of this destructive pest will require the participation of all of us*

Future IVY O.U.T. work parties will be held on the **second Saturday** of each month from 9 A.M. to 12. (Exception: in June, it's the 3rd Saturday, the 21st.)  
Call or e-mail Mamie ((206) 364-4410 or [mamiejb@hotmail.com](mailto:mamiejb@hotmail.com))  
to be added to the notification list or for more information.

The IVY O.U.T. (Off Urban Trees) campaign is now a collaborative effort between the Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation and the City of Lake Forest Park. Thanks to the Lake Forest Park Garden Club for funding refreshments for the volunteers. Great Harvest, Albertsons, Thriftway and Starbucks have also been generous contributors.

English Ivy has been cultivated as a convenient ground cover and as an ornamental vine. Unfortunately this non-native species has gotten out of hand. It has now destructively invaded our urban forests where its climbing nature is leading to the demise of our trees. Its gregarious vines fully entwine the trees' branches, smothering and killing the trees. In this climbing, fruiting stage the plant takes on a distinctly different appearance. Instead of its familiar three-lobed leaves it exhibits a more heart-shaped leaf and the plant becomes more robust. (See illustrations on the bottom of page 7.) It looks like a plant with a mission! After blooming, Ivy produces grape-like fruit, which birds enjoy. The fruit is digested, but not the seed, so the birds become the unwitting primary perpetrators of the spread of this destructive imported plant.

Ivy growing on the ground does not usually exhibit the fruiting phase. It does, however, grow so thickly that it deprives the native vegetation in the forest of light and space, thereby smothering it. You may ask "Why do we need native vegetation? The Ivy is covering the ground isn't it?" Native vegetation provides the habitat and food which has evolved with the other native life forms found in this area. These specific native plants play host to the insects and other life forms which provide proper nourishment for the birds, fish, reptiles, rodents and larger mammals which are unique to this area.

Dedicated volunteers are seeing a difference and we hope you, too, have noticed Ivy withering on the trees where LFPSTF and City volunteer IVY OUT crews have been at work. ***We urge all residents to strive to eliminate this invasive, destructive plant from their property and invite you to join our work parties where you'll meet others who are passionate about saving our city's natural environment, or who just enjoy being outside.***

### ***The Procedure for Ivy removal is as follows:***

- Using pruning shears, loppers or a small pruning saw, sever all the Ivy stems growing on the tree trunk at about shoulder height, taking care not to damage the tree.
- Make a second cut on each Ivy stem closer to the ground and remove the stem portion between the cuts by pulling or prying it away from the tree. This separates the root from the vine, and the vine will begin to wither. It may take more than a year for it to die, as it continues to obtain some moisture from the bark of the tree.
- Remove, by pulling or digging, as much root as possible from the base of the tree. It will begin to climb again if left near the tree. Don't pull ivy vines from from dead branches or from the upper trunks of dead trees. The branches or trees could fall, causing injury.
- Remove all Ivy from the floor of the forest or the ground in your garden.
- Replace with appropriate native vegetation. (See suggested replacement list.)
- Follow-up will be necessary, as small pieces of root will sprout into plants from time to time, but these can be easily pulled.

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**Alternatives to English Ivy:**

In undisturbed forests of Lake Forest Park, the under story often has healthy native growths of Salal, Sword fern or low Oregon grape. We've seen these plants growing through the Ivy at sites where we have worked. Given the opportunity, they will spread to make a natural cover for the forest floor.

The following is a list of native plants which are good alternatives to English Ivy. (Taken with permission from the March and April Town Crier.)

Key to Preferred conditions:

S=Sun                      FS=Full Sun                      PS=Part Sun  
 M=Moist                      D=Dry                      W=Wet

**Plants preferring sun**

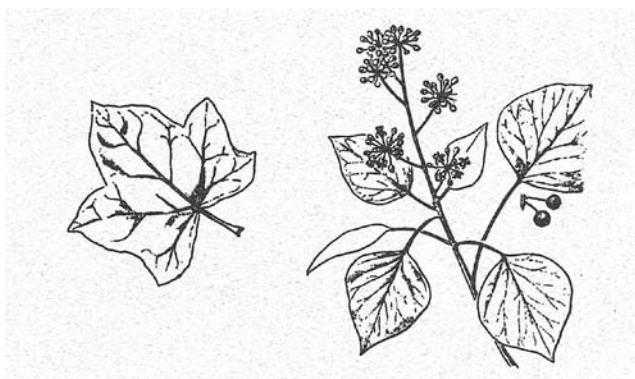
Beach Strawberry	S-PS
Kinnikinnick	S
Western Sword Fern	S-SH, D-DM
Oregon Iris	S-PS, D
Doug Iris	S-PS, D
Red Columbine	S-SH, D-M
Low Oregon Grape	S-PS, D
Thimbleberry	FS-PS, M-M
Pink Monkey Flower	S-SH, M
Coast Penstemon	S, D
Big-leaf Lupine	S-PS, D-M
Goatsbeard	S-SH, D-M
Common Camas	S-SH, D-M
Nodding Onion	S-PS, D-M
Bear Grass	S-SH, M-W
Small-flowered Alumroot	S-SH, D-W
Chocolate Lily	S-PS, M-D
Salal	S-PS, M-D

**Shade Plants**

Vanilla Leaf	PS, D-M
Goatsbeard	S-SH, D-M
Great Camas	S-SH, D-M-W
Bunchberry	PS-SH, M
Bleeding Heart	PS-SH, D-M
Fairy Bells	SH, M
Fawn Lily	SH, M
Oak Fern	SH, D-M
False Lily of the Valley	PS-SH, D-M
Wood Sorrel	SH, D-M
Foam Flower	PS-SH, M
Trillium	SH, M
Inside Out Flower	S-SH, D-M

***Knotweed: a Noxious weed***

This year, our team of trained knotweed injectors will begin treating this invader in mid-June. We're developing a significant list of sites that are crying out for our attention. If you have an infestation on your property, or have observed it growing elsewhere in the City, we'd be happy to help you discourage its proliferation. Please call Mamie at 364-4410 to report any patches or individual plants you observe.



*English Ivy leaves, in the mature stage (left) and the climbing and fruiting stage (right).*

*Illustrations courtesy of University of Washington Press.*

## ***Reporting Environmental Violations***

When stream pollution occurs, or when environmental regulations are being violated, often the problem will continue until the proper authorities are notified. Here's a brief summary of whom to contact if you notice such problems.

**Stream Pollution:** If you detect evidence of a spill of hazardous material into a stream, call:  
**WA Dept. Of Ecology: (425) 649-7000**

If you notice "non-point" pollution in a stream - for example an unusual amount of siltation - call:  
**WA Dept. of Ecology: (425) 649-7229**

**Unauthorized Development in a Sensitive Area:** Any building, clearing, or grading near a stream or wetland requires a Sensitive Area Work Permit from the City of Lake Forest Park; this permit must be posted at the construction site at a location visible from the street. If you notice such development, and there is no such permit posted, during business hours call:

**City of Lake Forest Park: (206) 368-5440**  
**At any other time, call 911.**

Be prepared with as much information as you can get when you do this - for example you'll need the address of the violation as well as a description of what you saw. Taking photos of these violations is a good idea too; don't wait for the authorities.

**Other Stream violations:** If you notice any apparent violations of state regulations regarding streams, for example unauthorized diversions or streambed modifications, call:  
**WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife: (360) 902-2537**

### ***We're happy to welcome two new board members...***

**Jim Halliday** has resided in Lake Forest Park since 1975. His involvement in the local community and region has focused on healthy stream habitat including:

- Co-chair LFP Environmental Quality Commission (EQC)
- Co-chair LFP StreamKeepers
- LFP Legacy Task Force member - 100 year vision for community
- LFP ICLEI Committee - LFP's carbon/energy reduction program
- LFP Crime Watch program
- Sno-King Watershed Council member
- PERK (People for an Environmentally Responsible Kenmore) LFP community liaison

Semi-retired, Jim serves as Communications Director for Ambient Insight, a research & analysis firm specializing in mobile technology. His company, Halliday Readability, reviews content for its understandability to target audiences.

Jim has had an interesting and varied career from Canadian uranium mines to the Seattle docks, and even starting up a gallery that showcased contemporary Native American artists. A "born" sales professional, he also worked as

District Sales Manager for Frito Lay Inc. for the Seattle area and at Nordstrom.

Jim has three sons: Jeff, James, and John. He and his wife, Tyson Greer, reside in Sheridan Beach.

**Doug Hennick** learned that he liked ships as a Coast Guard officer in 1970. Then he studied freshwater ecology, getting a Masters Degree in Aquatic Science at Cornell before deciding to join the NOAA Corps, where he could be both a ship's officer and an environmental scientist. NOAA brought him to Seattle for sea tours in Alaska, and he bought a house in Shoreline in 1976. He and Kitty kept that house during tours in California and several moves back and forth to the Washington, D.C. area. Wanting to raise their children in the Shoreline/Lake Forest Park school district finally caused them to retire into that house. Then moving to Lake Forest Park simply happened, facilitated by the lack of need for more school transfers. The children are now long since grown, but Doug and Kitty remain grateful to this school district. Doug is now the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Watershed Steward for the Stillaguamish and Snohomish Rivers, and he feels like a salmon coming home to freshwater science after years of oceanography.

As you can see, Jim and Doug bring a wealth of experience to the Board and we were very fortunate to have them join us.

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## ***The Urban Forest Task Force***

The Urban Forest Task Force was formed in response to widespread concern about the gradual overall tree loss in the city and the impact of the loss of trees on stream water quality and animal habitat. The Urban Forest Task Force was appointed by the Mayor to recommend improvements to the 1999 Tree Ordinance. The Stewardship Foundation was well represented on this task force. The Task Force's meetings started on February 6, 2006 and submitted recommendations to the administration on January 17, 2007. The major recommendations for improvements were:

- Require replacement trees for all significant trees removed (greater than 6" diameter).
- Establish a category of Land Mark Trees for the largest trees; a larger replacement ratio based on tree diameter was recommended for these trees.
- Establish "Nuisance" and "Hazard" tree categories to facilitate their evaluation and removal.
- Require a report by a qualified professional where removal of more than 2 trees is contemplated.
- Establish 4 permit types to clarify requirements for tree removal.
- Establish a "Forest Management Permit" to manage large stands of trees.
- Establish stronger penalties for violations of tree removal regulations.

The Planning Commission reviewed the recommendations of the Urban Forest Task Force and made recommendations to the Administration and Council. The Planning Commission recommendations significantly weakened the provisions recommended by the Urban Forest Task Force. We expect the Council to consider the Planning Commission's draft during July, 2008. Please watch for these hearings and help us maintain the beautiful forest in Lake Forest Park. After all, "Forest" is our middle name.

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## ***Tree Walks in Lake Forest Park Booklet Now Available***

The Stewardship Foundation has been pleased to sponsor and support a "WaterWorks" grant from the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks for a new publication entitled "Tree Walks in Lake Forest Park." The recently completed 35-page educational booklet, written by David Hepp in conjunction with the Urban Forest Task Force, describes four self-guided walks in Lake Forest Park that highlight the spectacular trees that grow here. (Please see the related article, above, describing the task force.) The booklet identifies types, characteristics, benefits and environmental functions of over 50 varieties of urban trees. It also points out historical, geological and other environmental features.

It is hoped that the booklet will promote a more "personal" relationship with our trees, as well as a greater understanding of the important environmental services that trees provide, including maintaining healthy streams and wetlands. It is also hoped that developing a more informed appreciation of the rich variety of trees in the city and the integral role they play in the ecosystem of the area will promote a stronger commitment to preserving this rich resource.

Urban Forest Task Force member David Hepp, a retired landscape architect and long-time collaborator on Foundation projects, wrote the original draft of the text. Noted Seattle tree author Arthur Lee Jacobson and UW Forest Resources professor Dave Peterson reviewed the grant application and provided input. Karen True, Executive Director of Friends Of Third Place Commons and a professional cartographer, produced original maps. Photos and other archival material were provided by the Shoreline Historical Museum. Jay Webber, a graphic artist at "The Press," helped with the layout and final printing.

This grant builds on the Foundation's previous success with the award-winning "Salmon's Guide to Lake Forest Park" booklet, now in its second printing. This King County grant is administered through the "Small Change for a Big Difference" program.

"Tree Walks" was introduced to City residents on April 12, 2008, at the annual Dig It! Green Fair at Third Place Commons, where over 350 copies were distributed. Local organizations such as the LFP StreamKeepers, the LFP Stewardship Foundation, and the city's Environmental Quality Commission have distributed another 200 copies.

The "Tree Walks" booklet will continue to be distributed free of charge at the Lake Forest Park City Hall. Additionally, it will be distributed by the Foundation and the City at the Farmers' Market and a number of other local fairs and regional environmental events.



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### ***Our Mission Statement:***

To contribute to the well-being of our  
community by fostering awareness,  
understanding, appreciation, and  
stewardship of our natural environment;  
and by preserving and enhancing  
parks and open spaces.

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### ***Save The Date***

*Annual LFPSF Fundraiser*  
*Friday Nov. 7 2008*

The Stewardship Foundation will hold its annual fundraiser event on Friday evening, Nov. 7 at the Nile Country Club. We're still working out the format of this event — it may be a dinner and auction, as in previous years, or it might be something new. In either case, we hope to see you there.

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