



*Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation
March 2020*

- **Our successful Leap Day Dinner** was the last community gathering before the shutdowns (whew!). Such a good time, great memories to sustain us through this time of "social distancing."
- **Public Health recommends cancellation of public gatherings**, including volunteer work parties. Find the list of our postponed or cancelled events, below.
- **Update on Town Center redevelopment.**
- **Get out and enjoy nature, fresh air and spring weather** -- it's good for your mental *and* physical health.



**Successful
Leap Day
Dinner Fundraiser
at the Civic Club!**

We had a full house of over 120 people on February 29th. We enjoyed a delicious meal, wine & beer, so many raffle prizes (!), silent and live auctions, a rousing sing-a-long with locally famous Padres of the Park, and most importantly, time to gather and visit with friends and neighbors. Our guest speaker from Vulcan Real Estate showed us it can be "easy to be green." She showed there is a path to sustainable commercial and residential development, highlighting bioswales and other green infrastructure that we might strive for in redevelopment of the Town Center.



**2020 COMMUNITY
STEWARDSHIP AWARD**
presented to
Natalie-Pascale Boisseau
for her leadership in the Campaign to
Save Five Acre Woods



***MUCH APPRECIATION
to all who attended, volunteered, donated,
and helped celebrate
local environmental advocacy for parks,
open space, water quality, and our urban forest.***

We are especially grateful to the businesses and local artisans who donated items to our raffle and auctions. Please remember them in these challenging times, when their livelihoods may be impacted by public health concerns:

*A Better Day Salon * Avid Angler * Lake Forest Grill * Wild Birds Store * Tony & Debbie Tomassi * Nordic Museum * Jazzersize * MoPOP * Elliott Bay Books/MCSB Airport Concessionaires Inc * Red Sky Gallery * New Roots Organics * TenTree Inc. * Catherine Broom * Ostrom's Drug & Gift * Wing Luke Museum * Warrens NW Gift & Hudson News * Elliott Bay Brewing Company * Ballinger Thriftway * Tony Angell * Jean's Loving Canine Care * GoNatives Nursery * Portage Bay Café * John Howie Restaurants * Vanity Hair Studio * Transformations by Terri * Stone & Corazon *
* Shoreline LFP Arts Council * The Chocolate Man * 192 Brewing & Lake Trail Taphouse * The Local 104 *



Thank You to our Event Sponsors!



John and Cory Jacobson



It's Easy Being Green



We must be proactive to protect the quality of life and natural resources that make Lake Forest Park special.

At its February 27th meeting, the City Council voted to **EXTEND THE MORATORIUM** on new development at the Town Center for an additional six months (until September 13, 2020). This will allow the Planning Commission more time to complete the rest of the code changes to uphold the Vision.

For more information, see the [2019 Adopted Vision for the Lake Forest Park Town Center](#), passed by the City Council in October 2019. You may read the full text of proposed code changes on the [City's website](#).

School Closures Mean Early Release for Salmon

Due to local school closures, the "Salmon in the Schools" baby coho salmon needed to be released one month earlier than normal.



LFP Elementary librarian and salmon tank caretaker extraordinaire, Frank Kleyn, made this video of this year's early release.

His message: *We know that our students love our salmon and we'd like them to know that the salmon are happily swimming in the waters of Grace Cole Park. We look forward to next year when students can take part in the release.*

Watch this charming 5 minute [video](https://tinyurl.com/lfpsalmon20) (https://tinyurl.com/lfpsalmon20) that will take you along the journey from school to stream.

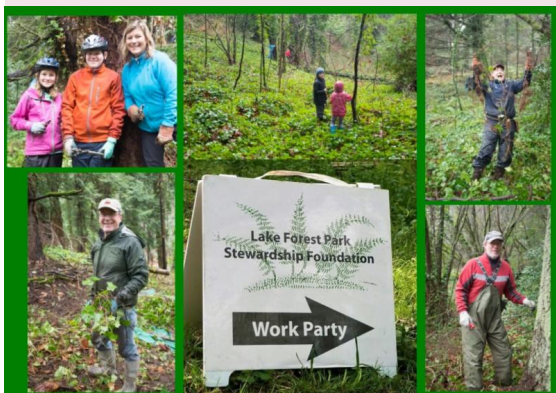


ALL MARCH & APRIL WORK PARTIES ARE CANCELLED

If you enjoy working outdoors, and the great feeling of giving back to your community, these volunteer events are for you!

Once restrictions are lifted, we will return to organizing **monthly volunteer work parties** to build new trail sections, remove invasives like ivy, and plant native plants and trees at **Grace Cole Nature Park** and **Five Acre Woods**.

See our [calendar](#) for details, and to confirm dates and times for upcoming work parties.

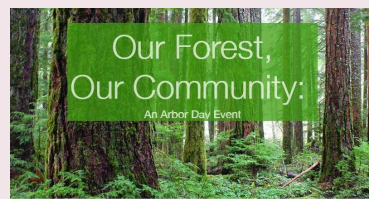


POSTPONED

Spawning Grounds: Saving the Little Red Fish

We hope to reschedule a showing of the new film that tells the story of our community coming together to save Kokanee from extinction.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the film.



POSTPONED

Arbor Day Tree Talk

Noted Urban Forester and Dendrologist Casey Clapp will present a lively program on trees, urban forestry, and the unique qualities of Lake Forest Park as an urban community among the trees.

Sponsored by the Stewardship Foundation and the City Tree Board.

We hope to host this talk in conjunction with the Green Fair on June 6th.



Sign up for the City's new emailed newsletter!

We are so pleased that the City is making this effort to improve communication with citizens via a new, more frequent, emailed newsletter.

You may read the current issue and sign up for future issues on the [City's website](#).

Services Update

The Lake Forest Park Administration has made the decision to cancel or reschedule the following meetings, events, and services that were previously scheduled for March and April:

- **Tree Board meetings - canceled through April**
- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings - canceled through April**
- **Coffee with the Mayor on April 11 – canceled**
- **2020 EarthSmart Green Fair rescheduled from April 18 to June 6 (see below)**

Sign up for the City's emailed Civic Alerts to keep up with latest schedules [here](#).



Arbor Day & Earth Day

Watch for more information about upcoming events around **Washington's Arbor Day** (April 11), **Earth Day** (April 22 Marks 50 years!) and **National Arbor Day** (April 24).

**** Whether public events are still happening or not, you can celebrate Arbor Day and Earth Day on your own by visiting a local park -- or planting a tree in your own yard ****

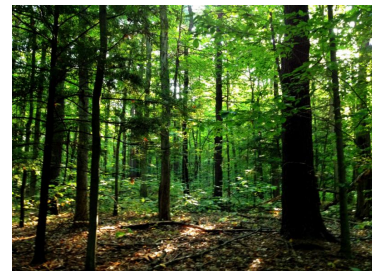
Earth Smart Green Fair

RESCHEDULED

Saturday, June 6th, 10 am - 2 pm

Learn to save the planet at Lake Forest Park's 17th Annual Earth Smart Green Fair! All are welcome and invited to attend – and it's free! The fair is hosted at Third Place Commons (top floor). Bring your friends, neighbors, and family to come on down for some fun, learn something new, and take home some giveaways! Local organizations and businesses will be there to answer your questions regarding composting, recycling, reducing waste, natural yard care, water conservation, environmentally-safe products, and more for free!

Spending time in nature feeds your creativity, washes your worries clean, and nurtures the soul.



We are fortunate to have fresh air and green spaces all around us. During stressful times, getting outside just to do yardwork, go for a walk in the woods or a stroll to the lake shore can reduce stress and anxiety, improve your mood, and lower blood pressure.

Wave to your neighbors from a safe distance and enjoy this spring weather!

Read more about the health benefits of connecting with nature [here](#).

The Stewardship Foundation is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization focused right here in Lake Forest Park, with the Mission:
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.*

Your support is greatly appreciated!

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