



Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring!

March/April eNews

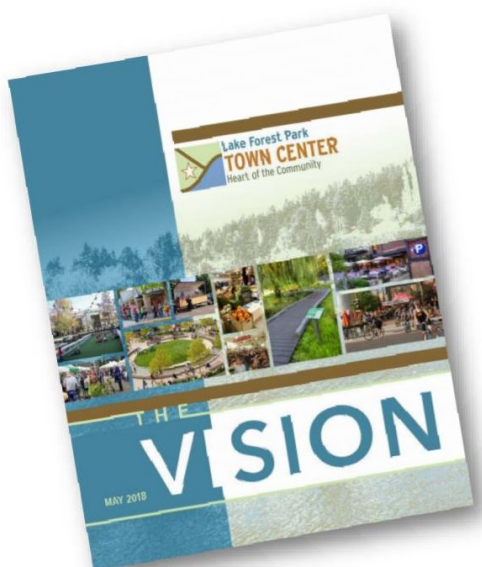
Greetings!

Longer days, warmer temperatures, more glorious green-ness everywhere. Spring is truly a time of renewal and hope -- this year more than ever, as we continue making progress against the pandemic.

It was great to see so many of you for our virtual Annual Meeting on March 2nd. The **presentation** and **Annual Report** are available on our website if you were not able to join us.

For our 23rd year, the Foundation unveiled the **new logo** shown above. It was a long process but we are excited to have this logo represent our organization going forward. Thank you to Trudy Taylor of *Taylor Designs* for creating this with us. We will soon have new t-shirts, hats, and other items to share with our supporters -- watch for info in our next eNews.

Local Environmental News for You



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Council Completes Town Center Codes

At its February 25th meeting, the City Council finalized the multi-year process with adoption of codes for redevelopment of the Town Center. The Stewardship Foundation submitted comments in support of these measures to promote our community's vision for public-oriented, livable, and sustainable development.

Ordinances and Guidelines Adopted include:

Ordinance 1217 Amending Development Regulations for Town Center Zone

Ordinance 1218 Creating Development Agreement Regulations

Ordinance 1219 Amending Off-Street Parking Regulations

Ordinance 1220 Amending Screening and Landscaping Regulations

Ordinance 1221 Creating Multifamily Residential Property Tax Exemption

Thank you to the Council, Planning Commission, Mayor, City Staff, and consultants for their hard work on this! Appreciation also to all of you who followed this long process, sent your comments or provided testimony.

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Our Parks Are Waiting For You!

We are thrilled that with the next phase of re-opening, we can resume our volunteer work parties in the parks!

There is much work to do. We will need to keep the work parties small, wear masks, and practice social distancing, but we look forward to seeing you out there!

Check in at the event to sign a liability waiver and learn what to do. No experience required.



Five Acre Woods Ivy Out & Planting Work Party

SATURDAY, **APRIL 10** 9am-12 noon

Join us for some spring planting & trail maintenance. Of course, there is plenty of invasive ivy to remove as well. Carrying the buckets of mulch to spread on the trail is a great activity for all ages.

THANK YOU generous supporters, designated donations funded this latest purchase of native plants.

And THANK YOU to **Go Natives Nursery** (located in Shoreline) for the generous discount that enabled us to purchase even more of your plants!

What to bring: Wear your mask and come dressed for all weather. Wear sturdy shoes and be prepared for uneven terrain/ mountain beaver holes. We will have a limited number of tools available so please bring your shovel, gloves & a water bottle.

Children 14 yrs and under require parental liability waiver and must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Where to Meet: Five Acre Woods is the City's newest park, located at the intersection of 40th Place NE and 45th Place NE in Lake Forest Park.

Questions? Email **Polly Saunders** or **Natalie Pascale-Boisseau**

Read More About Five Acre Woods



Grace Cole Nature Park Restoration Volunteers

SATURDAY, **APRIL 17** 9am-12noon

You are invited to join us as we get back out in the nature park! This work party is going to be a special one as we are renting a motorized wheelbarrow to haul wood chips up to the upper trails in the park. We will need hands to help spread the chips on the pathways.

We also will have some extractors to remove holly and laurel trees that are too large to pull manually. This will allow us to get roots and all without having to spade them up. We hope to resume the ivy removal up top if we have enough volunteers.

Come on out and see this hidden gem of a park, which was the founding project of the Stewardship Foundation.

What to bring: Please dress for the weather, bring proper PPE and stay socially distant when you are here. We have tools to lend or bring your own. We are asking for volunteers over age 16 for this work party.

Where to Meet: GC Nature Park is located at 30th Ave NE & NE 166th St. in Lake Forest Park (from 178th turn south on 28th Ave NE).

Questions?
Email **Jim Mead** or **Jean Robbins**

Read More About GC Nature Park

What's Coming Up

Volunteer Work Party

April 10

Five Acre Woods Park

WA State Arbor Day

April 14

Celebrate Trees

Volunteer Work Party

April 17

Grace Cole Nature Park

LFPSF Board Meeting

April 20

Online via Zoom, link in
calendar

EARTH DAY

April 24

Climate Change Event
& More

National Arbor Day

April 30

More Ways to Celebrate
Trees

[Full Calendar Here](#)

Restore the Earth & Celebrate Trees



April is designated "Earth Month." We at the Stewardship Foundation believe that *"Every Day is Earth Day!"*

Earth Day 2021 is Saturday, April 24, with the theme: Restore the Earth.

Read more at these links, about the history of Earth Day, and Actions and Tips to Help Restore the Earth Every Day of the Year.

Washington State's Arbor Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 14 this year. **National Arbor Day** is April 30th.

We are not hosting our usual events, but here are ideas to celebrate with your own family & friends:

Ways to Celebrate Arbor Day in a Time of Social Distancing

Arbor Day Foundation Resources





Building Climate Resiliency Listen, Ask, Learn

Saturday April 24, 2021 10 am - 2 pm

Celebrate Earth Day with this Informative Zoom Event

The town hall is a local effort to examine the issues confronting us and figure out how to make progress both big and small.

Panel: Two local presenters will share their knowledge about environmental history and climate science .

Breakout Rooms: A chance to meet with experts on: E-vehicles, Zero Waste, E-homes, Composting and Recycling,

Videos: Short Climate Videos **Panel:** Wise Climate Voices: The Next Generation

Register Here Contact: LFPTownhall@gmail.com



PERK (People for Environmentally Responsible Kenmore) is leading this coalition to improve air quality .

North Lake WA Air Quality Update

Unfortunately, the legislation to allow Burke Gilman trail users & other non-residents to file complaints about air quality did not pass the state legislature due to opposition by industry lobbyists.

See [PERK's website](#) for next steps in this effort to ensure reliable emissions testing at the Kenmore asphalt plant.

To Save Bees: Plant Flowers, Let Your Lawn Go Wild!

Imagine a world without almonds, apples, or fragrant flowers...

Unfortunately, that's the shocking future we face if we don't work to help our most precious pollinator: bees.

Far from being a niche concern, bees lie at the heart of our survival – and they have been dying at unprecedented rates. Their



LEARN MORE about bees and other pollinators, and what you can do to help:

King County Natural Yard & Garden earth-friendly info about gardening and yard care

hard work is not only essential to healthy ecosystems, but to sustaining animal and human life too.

Bees pollinate one-third of the food we eat. From apples and squash to buckwheat and coffee, bees are responsible for pollinating most of the fruits, vegetables, seeds, and nuts that are essential to our diets. Honeybees in particular play a huge role in agriculture, contributing over \$15 billion to the value of US crop production. (excerpt from the Bee Conservancy)

The Bee Conservancy

The Pollinator Partnership

The Pollinators Documentary Film available to stream.



King County Master Gardener NATIVE PLANTS SALE online

You may browse the online store inventory beginning at noon on April 15.

The store opens for ordering at noon, Wednesday, April 21, and closes, Tuesday, April 27, at 6:00PM.

The much-loved Master Gardener plant sale moves online with a freshly designed store, chock full of surprises.

- You may shop for pickup at any or all three of our locations: Bellevue Demonstration Garden in Bellevue, Shorewood High School in Shoreline and our Demonstration Garden at Soos Creek Botanical Garden in Auburn.
- Each location will have a different inventory. Your orders must be placed by location and picked up at that same location.
- You may shop and pick up at any or all locations, but you may not combine orders from different locations.

More Info on their website [Here](#).

ICYMI (In Case You Missed It) find these articles at our local news partner, *The Shoreline Area News* ([click headline to read more](#)):

- **The herons are back at the Kenmore rookery.** It's spring and the herons have returned to the Kenmore rookery to nest. They use the same nests every year, just refreshing them for the new year.
- **In the Garden Now: Flowering Currant ... A Hummingbird Magnet.** Our Native Flowering Currant adds charm and delightful color to the spring garden. But, best of all hummingbirds find the flowers irresistible!

LET'S PLANT A TREE poem by Aileen Fisher

*It's time to plant a tree, a tree.
What shall it be? What shall it be?*

*Let's plant a pine—we can't go
wrong:
a pine is green the whole year long.*

*Let's plant a maple—more than one,
to shade us from the summer sun.*

*Let's plant a cherry—you know why:
there's nothing like a cherry pie!*

*Let's plant an elm, the tree of grace,
where robins find a nesting place.*

*Let's plant an apple—not too small,
with flowers in spring and fruit in
fall.*

*Let's plant a fir—so it can be
a lighted outdoor Christmas tree.*

*Let's plant a birch, an oak, a beech,
there's something extra-nice in
each...
in winter, summer, spring or fall.
Let's plant a...*

why not plant them ALL?



Editor's Note:

We love all trees, but when planting, remember "Right Tree, Right Place" and plant a tree that will grow well in our climate and to the right size and shape for the location ! Newly planted trees also require frequent watering, so if you can't tend it all summer, perhaps best to wait until fall.

For ideas, see:
Right Tree, Right Place

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