City of Lake Forest Park - History Timeline

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Early Years & Vision

Until about 1903 The *Tuobedabsh*, a Duwamish group, lived in a winter village at the present Town Center location

1864 U.S. Govt. began issuing land patents

1885-1892 Limited logging

1901/02 -1906 Larger logging operations

1906 -1920s Smaller logging operations

1909 N. Seattle Improvement Co. incorporated to purchase, plat & sell 1300 acres

1910 LFP Addition (initial plat) completed

1911-1915 First , Second, & Third Additions platted

1927 & 1930 Sheridan Beach & Heights platted by Puget Mill Co.

1929 Stock Market Crash

Vision

2008 Legacy 100-Year Vision Project

2017 Safe Streets Report

2018 Safe Highways Report

2013-15 Comp Plan Update

2019 Parks Recreation Open Space Trails (PROST) Plan

2014-15 Southern Gateway Sub-Area

2019+ Town Center Vision

Transportation

By Water: Until about 1903, Native Americans traveled by dugout canoe

1895-1910s Mosquito fleet ships on Lake Washington

1916 Lake Washington lowered

By Road: Bothell Way began as Militiary Telegraph Road

1906 Renamed Gehr Erickson Road *(Bothell resident & State Rep.)*

Also known as Bothell Blvd., Lake Forest Blvd., Victory Way

Now Bothell Way (State Route 522)

1996 Sound Transit

2008 Sound Transit 2

2016 Sound Transit 3

2015 Lyon Creek/SR 522 Culvert Replacement

By Rail: 1885 Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern Railway, **1890/1892** Northern Pacific Railroad, **1970** Burlington Northern Railroad, **1971** rail line abandoned

1901-1906 Fish's Landing logging railway & pier

1908-1940 Interurban Railway from Seattle to Everett

By Trail: 1978 Burke-Gilman Trail opens

2011-12 Burke-Gilman Trail redevelopment

2008 Transportation Benefit District (TBD) Established

2019 Initiative 976 Abolishes TBD

Community

1902-1906 First "store"

1914 Puget Sound Power & Light service

1914 Telephone service

1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition (Seattle's 1st World's Fair)

1924 LFP Civic Club incorporated

1934 First LFP Civic Clubhouse

1964 Clubhouse burns down; rebuilt by volunteers

1926 Acacia Cemetery started by Greater Seattle Masonic Lodge

1941 LFP Presbyterian Church

1965 LFP Library

1912 LFP School opens as 1-room school in former real estate office

1914 LFP School opens 2-room schoolhouse

1923 LFP School opens new building (next to 1914 building)

1944 Shoreline School Dist. formed

1955-1986 Shoreline High School

1959 Brookside Elementary

1969 LFP School (1914 & 1923 buildings) demolished; new Elementary built on same site

1958-1962 Tolt River Water Project & LFP Reservoir

1964 Forest Park Center

1980's Town Center remodeled, becomes Lake Forest Park Towne Centre

1983 "Growing up with LFP"

1988 "Growing up with LFP: Vol. II"

1976 Shoreline Historical Museum

1961 Shorecrest H.S.

1990 Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council

1994 Northshore Fire Dept. Station 57 in LFP

1998 Third Place Books

2000 Third Place Commons

1997 Peruvian Consul moves to LFP (in Washington since 1908)

2014 Town Center New Owners

2011 Shoreline Historical Museum moves

2004 Sustaining a Livable LFP Project

2017 Charter for Compassion

2020 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

2020 Climate Change Joint Letter of Commitment

Government

1861-1865 Civil War

1889 Washington becomes a State

1914-1918 World War I

1910 Women given right to vote in Washington

1920 Women given right to vote nationally

1939-1945 World War II

1950-1953 Korean War

1957-1964 Nike military base

1959-1973 Vietnam War

6/20/1961 LFP Incorporates

1963 First Town Hall

1966 Town becomes City

1966 Horizon View Park purchased (former military base)

1980 First City Newsletter

1986 25th Anniversary

1994-1999 Major annexations, including Sheridan Beach/ Heights, Horizon View, Acacia

1993 Blue Heron Park

1996 & 2000 Staff move to Interim City Hall

1992 First City Computers

1999 First City Website

3/23/2002 New City Hall opens

2003 Public Works Facility opens

2000 Animal Acres Park

2002 Lyon Creek Park

2006 Grace Cole Park

2012 First Woman Elected as Mayor

2015 Whispering Willow Park

2017 Five Acre Woods

2017 Brookside Park

2021 "Lake Front" Property

2013 Social Media

2017 Website Redesign

2011 50th Anniversary

2020 eNewsletter

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