



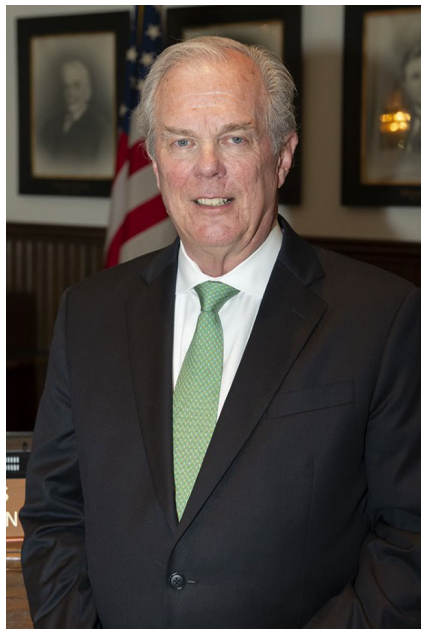
Ward 1 Meeting

April 18, 2023

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Meet Your Aldermen



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Agenda

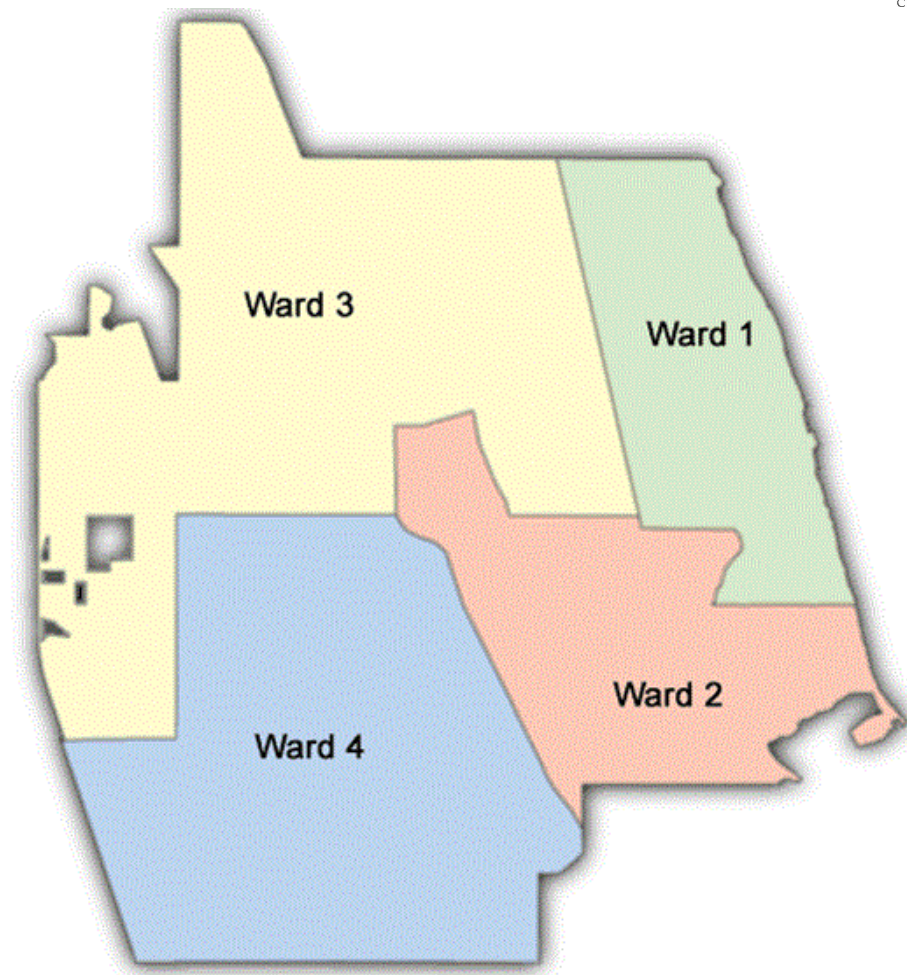
- Introductions
- What's New in Lake Forest
- What's Ahead
- Open Q&A



***What topics
do you want
covered
tonight?***

City Overview

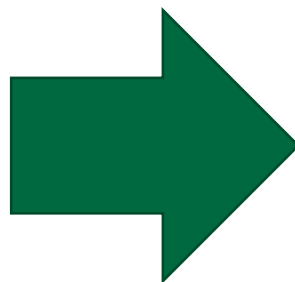
- "Be the **best-managed, fiscally-responsible** and **appealing community** and promote a community spirit of **trust, respect** and **citizen involvement**."
- Council-Manager Form
- City Council includes the **Mayor** and **two Aldermen** from each of the City's four wards
- **20 Boards and Commissions**



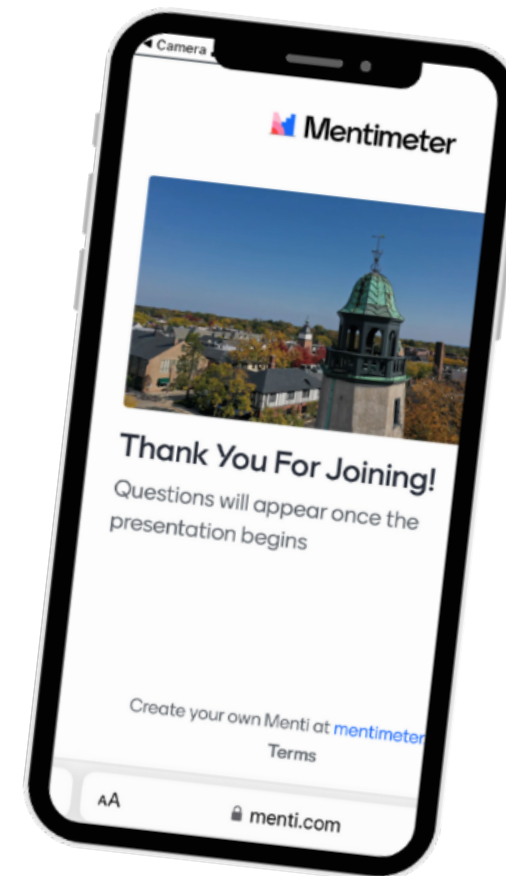
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What's New in Lake Forest?

FY2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

1
Newly Installed
Splash Pad



\$8M+
In grant funding won for
upcoming public works projects



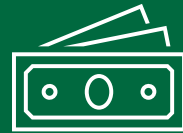
1,417
See-Click-Fix
requests solved



\$14.4M Capital Fund
Towards street, fleet, sidewalk, bridge,
design/replacement/maintenance projects

Triple Crown Award

Through the Government Finance Officers
Association



3,800
Attendees at Community
Sponsored Events



1,700
Programs Offered
at Dickinson Hall



16,255
Police Service
Calls



**5 National
Awards** Through ICMA,
3CMA, & GFOA



4,091
Total Number of Permits
Issued



81 Field Service Calls
435 Catch Basins
Cleaned



311
Trees Planted



298
CROYA Youth Programs
and Meetings

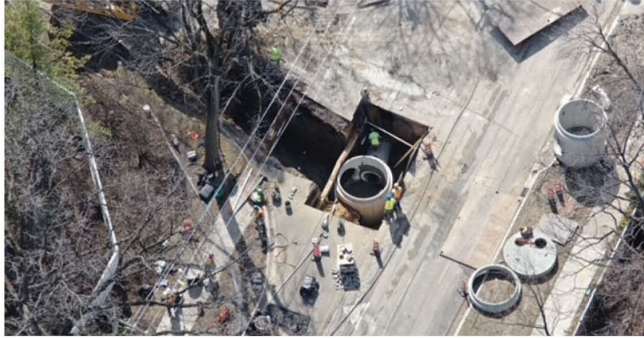


3,699
Total Fire & EMS
Calls



75
Public Engagement
Events

Capital Investment Highlights From FY23



Deerpath Watermain Replacement

Completed May 2022

May



Townline Park Splash Pad

Completed June 2022

June

Forest Avenue Parking Lot Resurfacing

Completed August 2022

August



Burr Oak Area Storm Sewer Improvement Project

Completed October 2022

October

2022

May

August

August

October



Waveland Park Parking Lot Expansion

Completed May 2022



Woodland Pedestrian Bridge

Completed August 2022

Asphalt Patching and Resurfacing

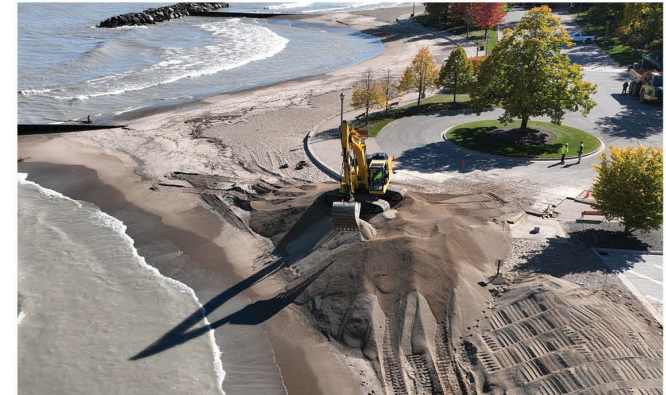
Completed August 2022

Concrete Street Repairs

Completed August 2022

Sanitary and Storm Sewer Lining

Completed August 2022



Forest Park Beach Sand Replenishment

Completed October 2022



City Finances Overview

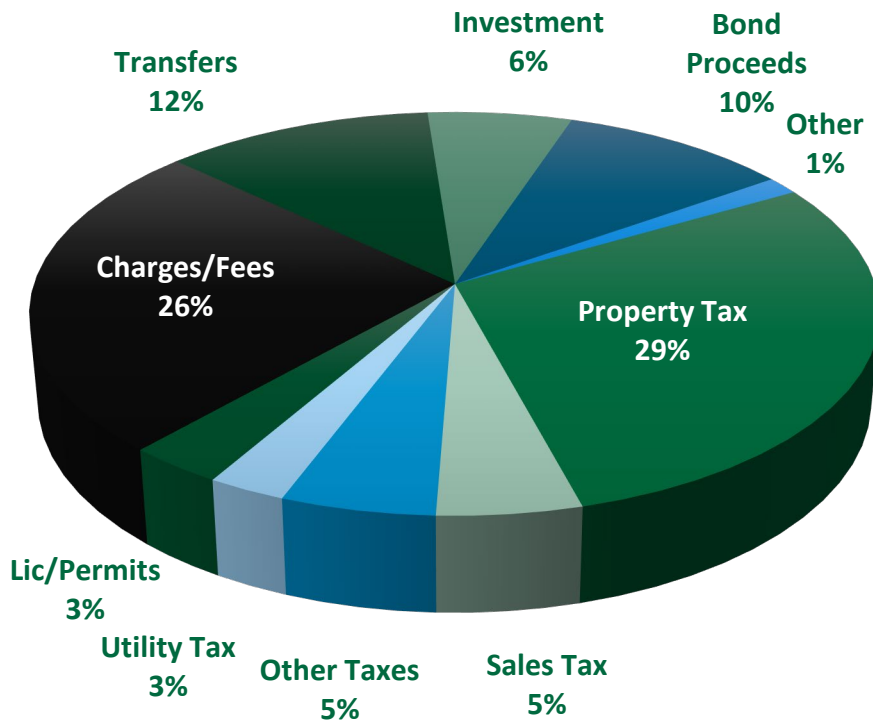
- Balanced Budget for FY2023 and Proposed FY2024
- Aaa Bond Rating
- Healthy Financial Reserves
- Proactive Strategy to Address Pension Costs
- Record level of capital asset investments – \$32 million in upcoming fiscal year
- Lowest tax rate in Lake County

FY24 PROPOSED BUDGET*

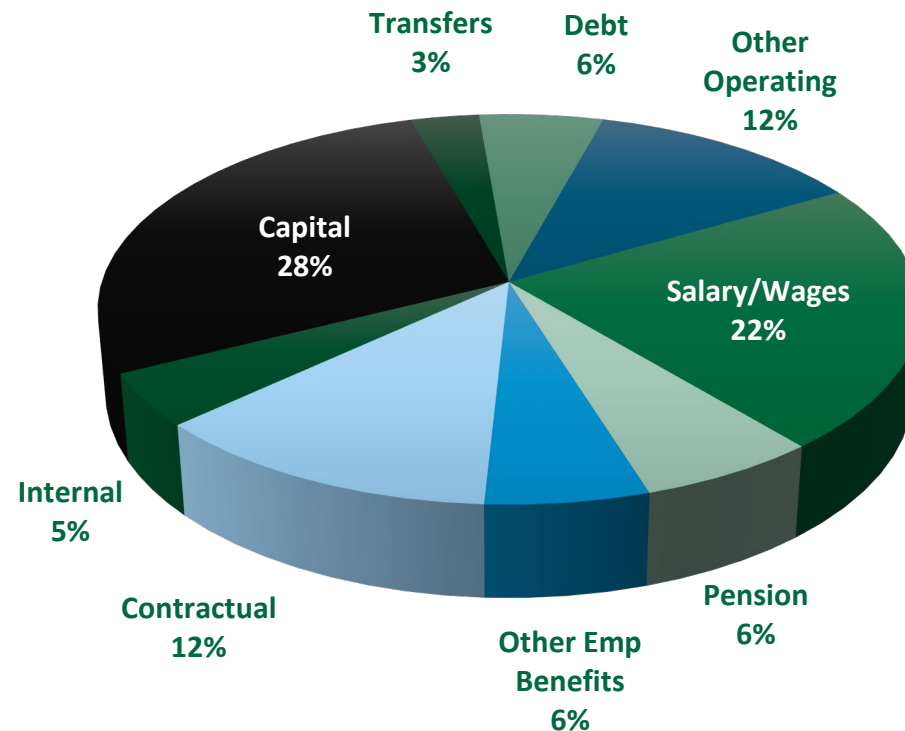
City Wide Budget – all Funds
Fiscal Year May 1 to April 30



REVENUE \$118.7 million (1)



EXPENSE \$120.1 million



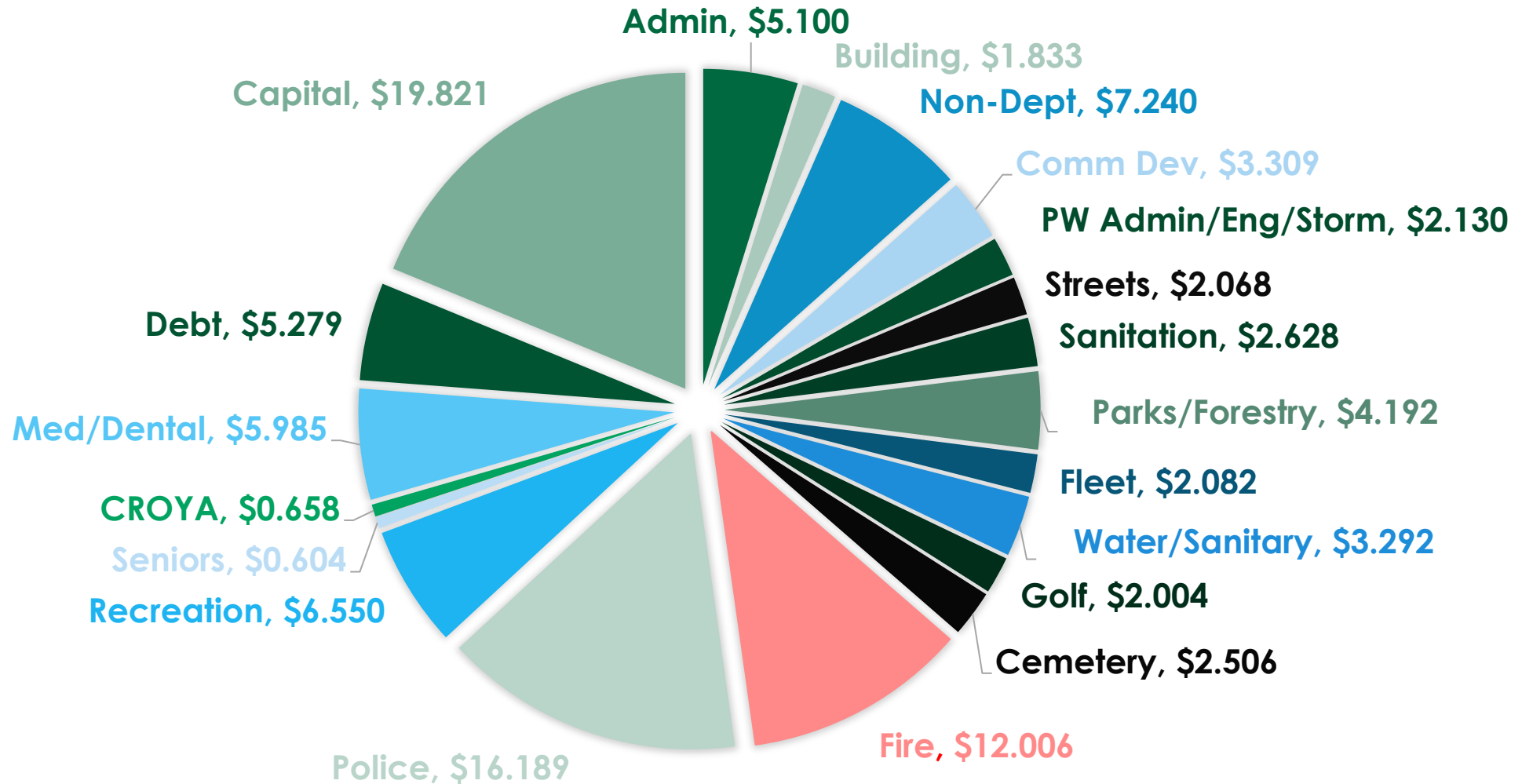
Personnel costs account for 34% of City-wide Expenses

(1) Revenues do not include \$4m in FY23 revenue for Deerpath Park project.

* Scheduled for City Council approval on 4/17/23

City-Wide FY23 Expenses by Function

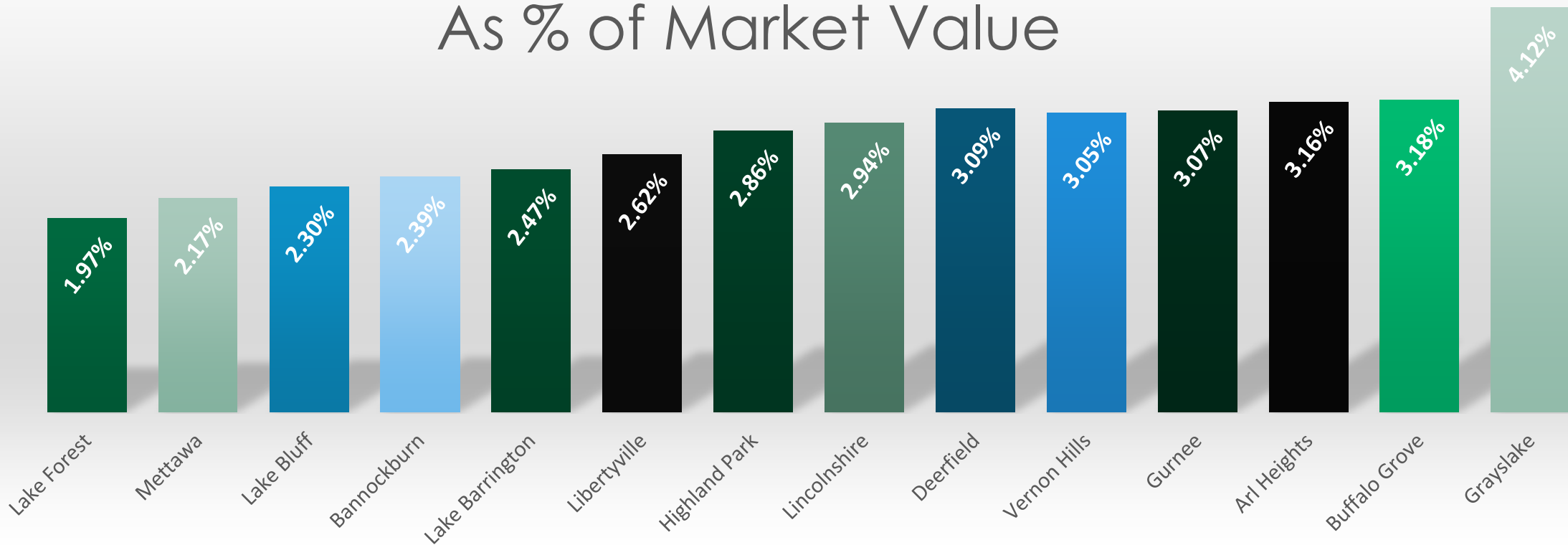
(Amounts in Millions)



Lake Forest Residents Continue to Enjoy the Lowest Property Tax Rate in Lake County



2021 Levy Rates Collected 2022
As % of Market Value



How long have you lived in Lake Forest?



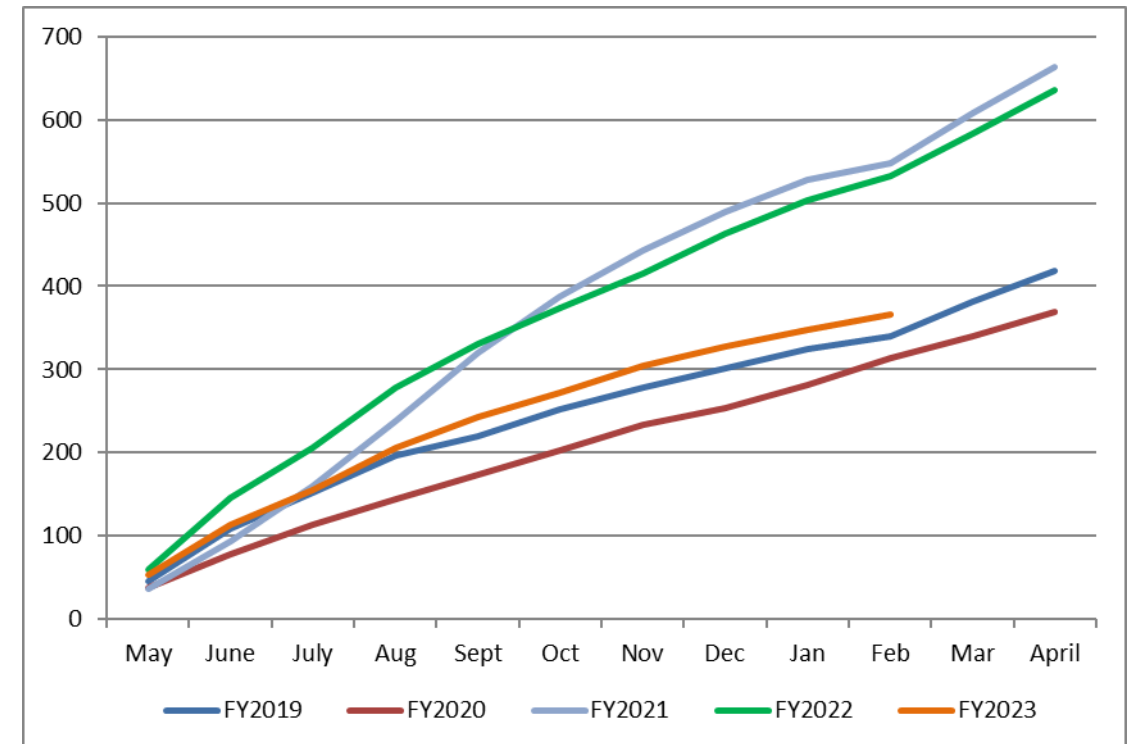
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Lake Forest Real Estate Market



Residential Transfers Fiscal Year 2023 YTD Compared to Previous Four Fiscal Years

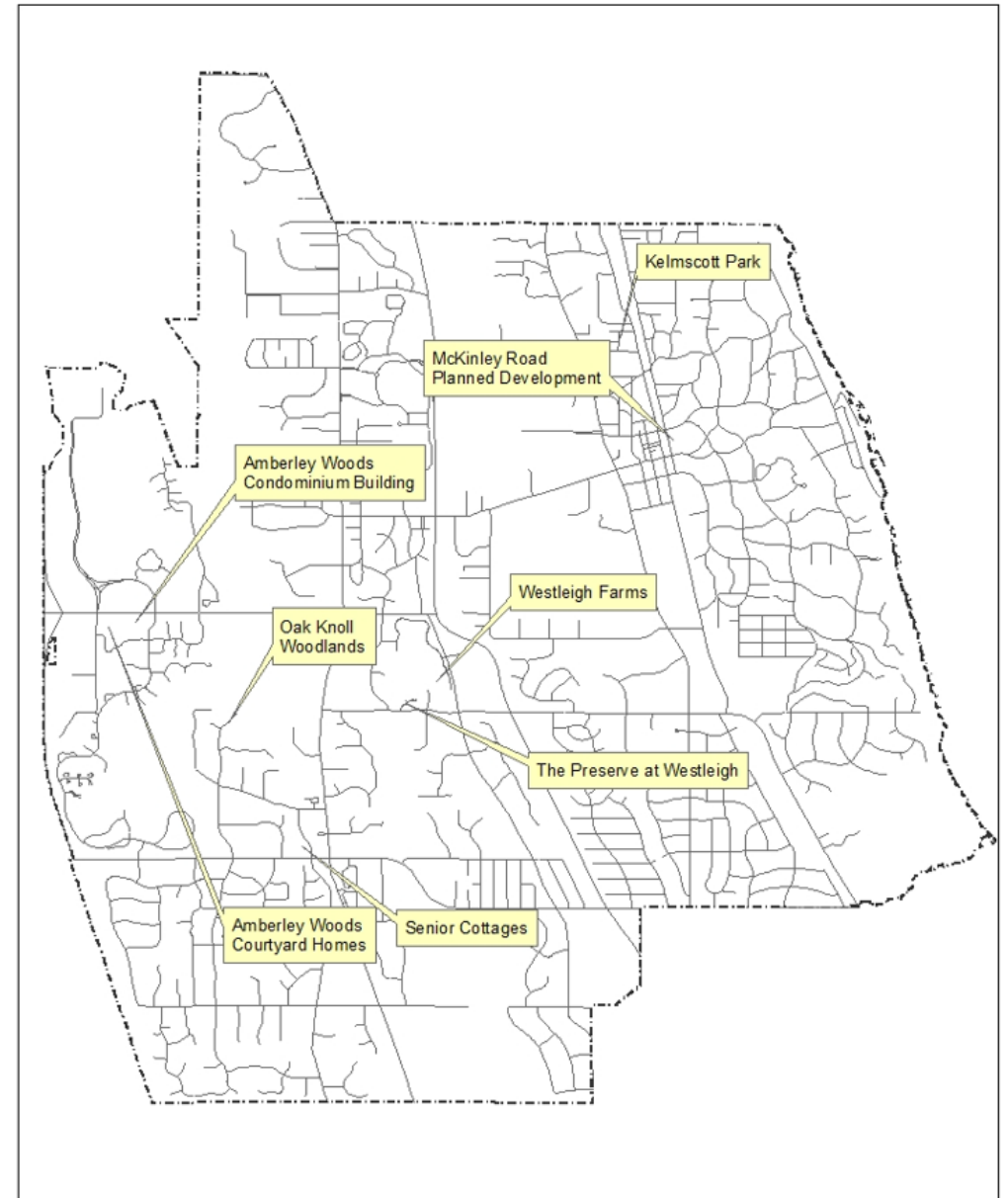


Over **1,400** new households
in most recent 30 months!

New Residential Development

- 30 New Single-Family Homes in 2022
- Amberley Woods Condominium
- New Subdivisions (see Map)
- 12 Senior Cottages

	2020	2021	2022	2023 to date
Single Family and Duplex Homes	31	34	34	5
Multi-Family Units	6	0	54	0




Development Activity



Eat Local!

- Authentico
- Bake Homemade Pizza
- Chief's Pub
- Deer Path Inn
- Donati's Pizza/Jefe's Tacos
- **Duffers Pub***
- Dunkin' Donuts
- Egg Harbor
- Einstein's Bagels
- Everett Farms
- **Fannie May Chocolate***
- Ferentino's
- Foodstuffs
- Francesca's Intimo
- Gerhards
- **Hometown Coffee & Juice***
- Jimmy John's
- Kuro Bistro
- Lake Forest Food and Wine
- **Le Colonial***
- Left Bank
- LF Juice Company
- Lou Malnati's Pizzeria
- **Oaken Bar + Bistro***
- **Peanut Gallery***
- *Pizza by Sal (pending review)*
- Rosati's Pizza
- **Sophia Steak***
- Starbucks
- Sushi Kushi
- Sweet's
- The Gallery
- The Lantern

***Recent Additions**

An aerial photograph of a university campus during autumn. The scene is dominated by a large, multi-story building with a dark roof and a prominent tower with a green copper dome. The building is surrounded by lush greenery and trees with vibrant yellow and red foliage. In the foreground, a large tree with bright red leaves stands to the left of the main building. An American flag flies on a tall pole near this tree. To the left, a parking lot is filled with cars. In the background, more campus buildings and a dense forest are visible under a clear blue sky. The text "What's Ahead?" is overlaid in the center of the image.

What's Ahead?

FY24 Capital Improvement Projects

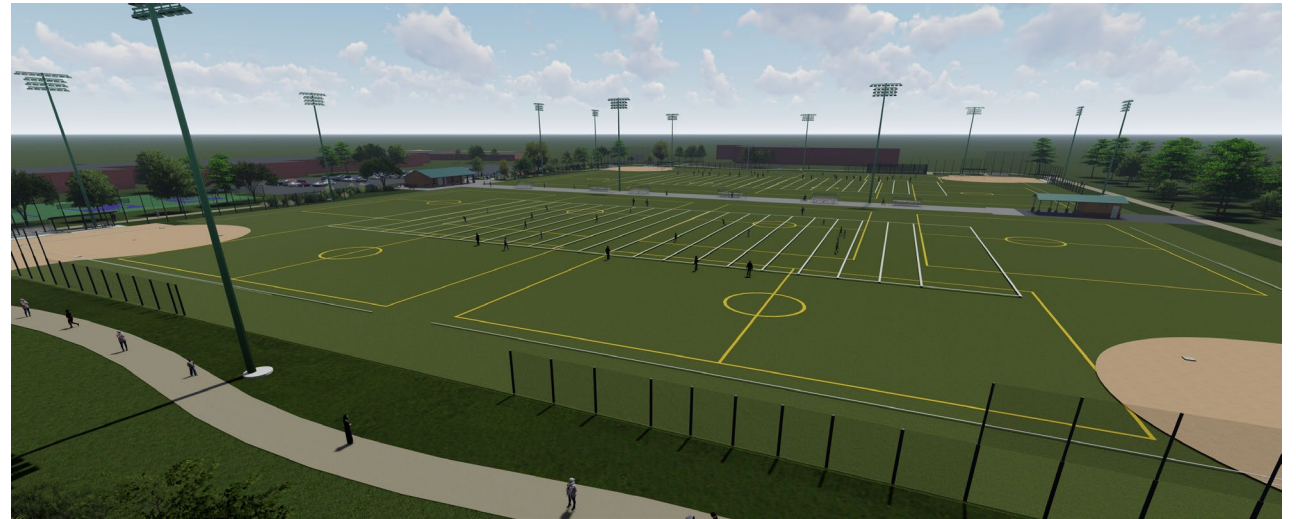


- **Deerpath Community Park Improvements - \$16,000,000**
- **Forest Park Bluff Slope Stabilization - \$4,950,000**
- Ahwahnee Rd Storm Sewer Upgrade - \$3,850,000
- Sir William Lane Watermain Repairs - \$950,000
- **McCormick Dr, Rockefeller Rd, Loch Ln Ravine Construction - \$800,000**
- Townline Park Splash Pad Improvements - \$60,000
- McLennon-Reed Bridge Repairs - \$1,500,000
- Beach Crane Replacements - \$425,000
- Elawa Parking Lot Resurfacing and Expansion - \$375,000
- Water Plant Projects, including Membrane Module Replacement (\$340,000) and Pump VFD Upgrade (\$247,000)
- Deerpath Sidewalk Connectivity (Route 41-Westmoreland) - \$50,000
- Annual Programs
 - Concrete Streets Repairs - \$50,000
 - Street Resurfacing - \$1,500,000
 - Sewer Lining (Sanitary & Storm) - \$100,000
 - Sanitary Manhole Lining and I&I Repairs - \$100,000
 - Water Valve Repairs - \$100,000
- And other smaller projects

Totaling Over \$32M+

Deerpath Community Park Improvement Project

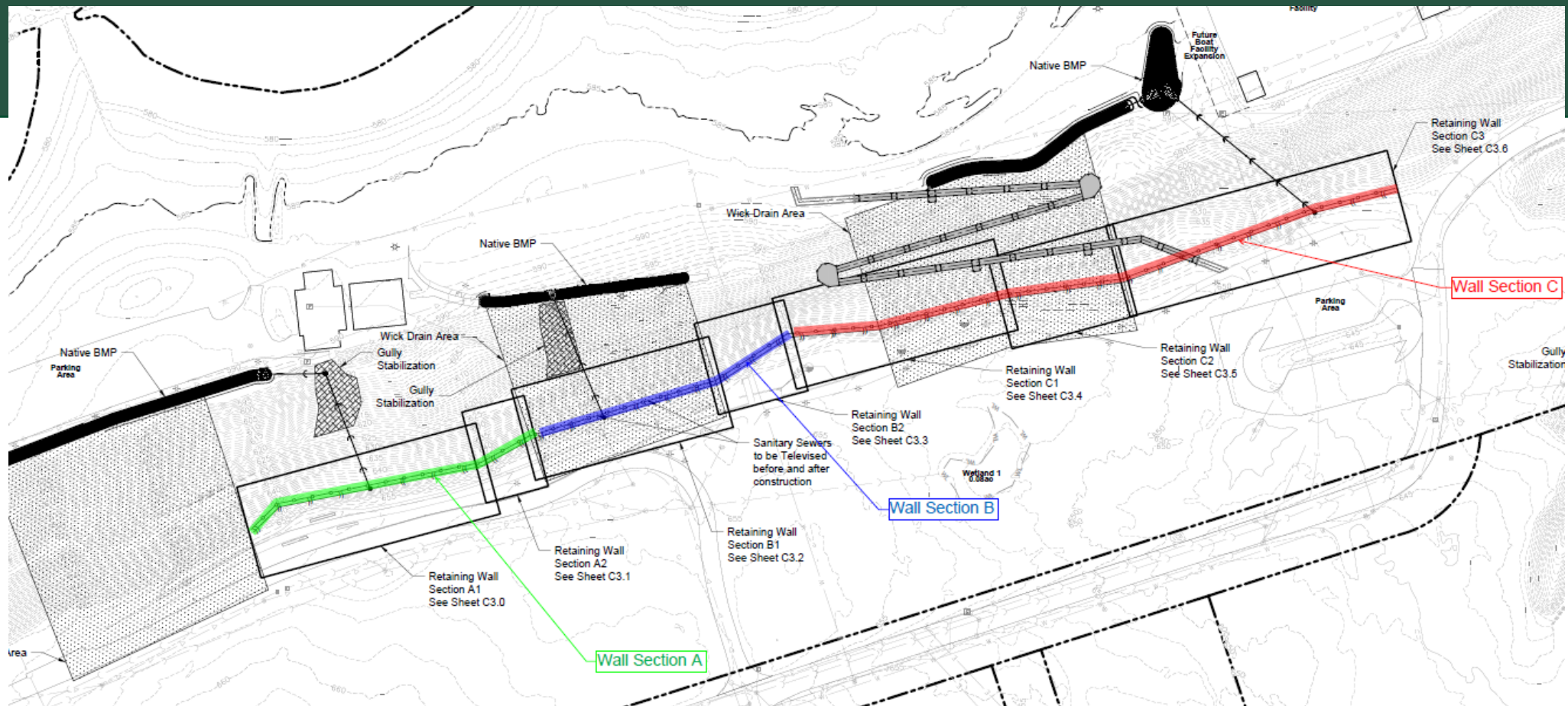
- Installation of synthetic turf **athletic fields** and additional **community park amenities**, including:
 - Two restroom buildings,
 - Renovated tennis/pickleball courts
 - Playground & Fitness stations, and
 - Natural area enhancements
- Construction: April through mid-October



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Forest Park Bluff Stabilization



- Stabilization of remain bluff areas via the installation of retaining walls
- Also includes the installation of bluff wick drains and native drainage areas for stormwater runoff
- Project construction will occur after the beach closes (Labor Day) and will be completed prior to the beach reopening (Memorial Day)

Rockefeller Rd, McCormick Dr, Loch Ln Ravine Construction

- Project will address failed or failing City storm sewer infrastructure within these three ravine areas
- Features sustainability components such as native plant material
- Project construction to occur over the summer months, May – August



City Construction Projects



Find City Construction Project Updates on the interactive map at:
cityoflakeforest.com/ConstructionProjects

...or in the Lake Forest Now App!



Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital

- Construction Underway
 - New Parking Garage – 800+ Spaces
 - Target Completion – Spring, 2024
- Pending Regulatory Approval:
 - 2 Additional Pavilions – East Toward Route 41
 - Seeking Approval for 96 Additional Inpatient Beds (for a Total of 210)
 - New Emergency Department with Dedicated Entrance
- Target Completion – Mid-2026

The Central Business District

Updating the Vision



Community Engagement to Date

- Stakeholder Interviews
- Focus Groups
- Adhoc Working Group
- Walking Tour
- Community-Wide Postcard Mailing
- Community Workshop
 - 130+ Attendees
- Project Website
- Comment Map
 - 2,500 Views
- Online Poll
 - 564 Responses



What we heard.....

- Build on Strengths and Traditions
- Preserve & Protect Character
- Encourage Variety of Uses
- Recognize Opportunities
- Establish Design Parameters
- Do Not Over Build
- Invest in Infrastructure
- Add to the Uniqueness – Buildings & Outdoor Spaces

Next Steps

Plan Commission Public Hearing - Thursday, April 20, 6:30 pm
DRAFT Available at LookingForwardLakeForest.org

Community Wide Survey

Open to all Lake Forest Residents

Questions range from service satisfaction to budget priorities

Precursor to the Strategic Plan, feedback guides vision and strategy

Survey opening in early summer!



Strategic Plan Update

New plan will span from
FY24-FY28

Community engagement
sessions beginning this
Fall

Revisit community values,
goals, and objectives
that shape quality of life


Upcoming Events

- **Earth Month Activities:** Throughout April
- **Family Drive-In Movie featuring “Super Pets”:** May 12
- **Citizens Police and Fire Academy**
- **Annual Fred Jackson Golf Classic:** June 2
- **Meet the Fleet:** June 16
- **Summer Outdoor Concert Series with Concerts in the Square and in the Park:** June - August
- **Lake Forest Festival & Fireworks:** July 4
- **Lake Forest Day Parade, Carnival and 5K:** Aug. 2
- **Lake Forest Music Festival:** Aug. 19

Lake Forest 101

- A Four Session Series on Local Government
- Deeper insight into Lake Forest and City Operations
- Sessions available at **no cost, registration required**, held at Dickinson Hall



Session Description		Date	Time / Day	Registration
1	Lake Forest Government 101	May 9	Tuesdays 7-9 pm	
2	Finance	May 16		
3	Communications / Community Partners	May 23		
4	Bus Tour - Development Activity* *Limited Capacity	May 30		

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Dialogue Newsletter

An aerial photograph of a park area. In the foreground, there is a large body of water (a lake) with a rocky breakwater extending into it. A sandy beach runs along the shore. Behind the beach, there is a paved area with a building and a parking lot. The background is filled with a dense forest of trees showing vibrant autumn colors in shades of green, yellow, orange, and red. The sky is overcast with grey clouds.

Thank You!

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Questions?