



Ward 4 Meeting

April 13, 2023

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Agenda

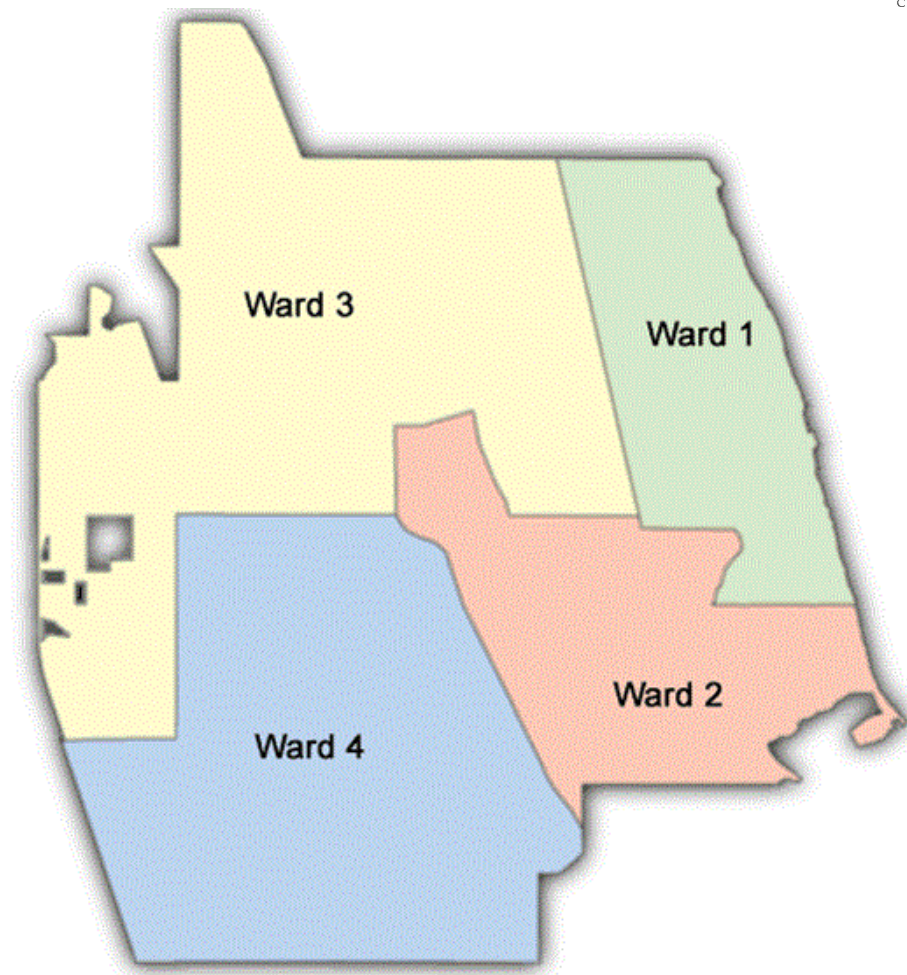
- Introductions
- What's New in Lake Forest
- What's Ahead
- Open Q&A



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

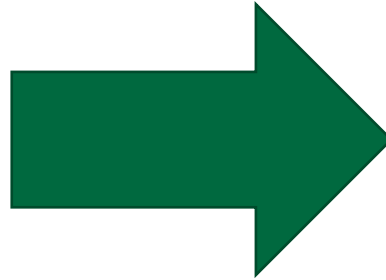
City Overview

- "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**

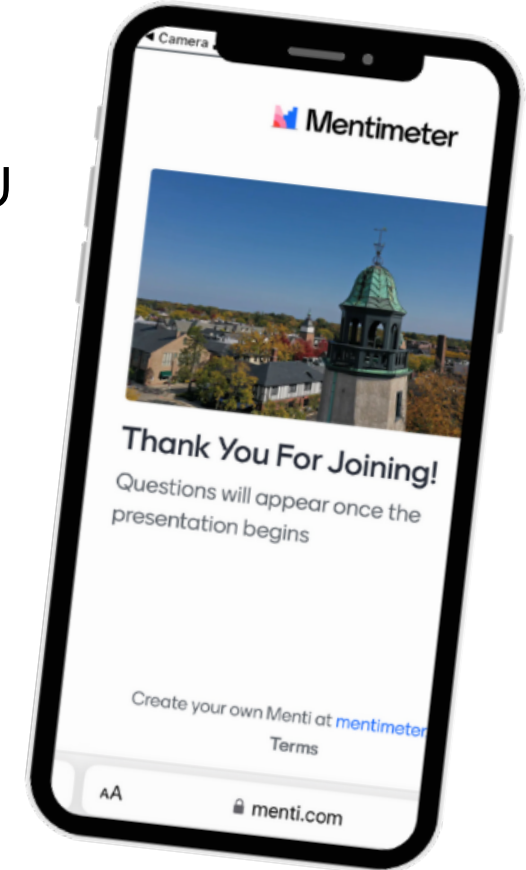


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What's New in Lake Forest?

FY2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

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Newly Installed
Splash Pad



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



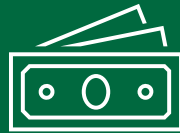
1,417
SeeClickFix
requests solved



\$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

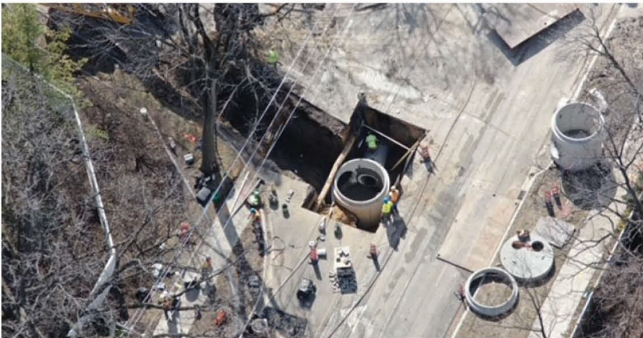


3,699
Total Fire & EMS
Calls



75
Public Engagement
Events

Capital Investment Highlights From FY23



Deerpath Watermain Replacement
Completed May 2022

May



Townline Park Splash Pad 
Completed June 2022

June



Burr Oak Area Storm Sewer Improvement Project 
Completed October 2022

October

Forest Avenue Parking Lot Resurfacing
Completed August 2022

August

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

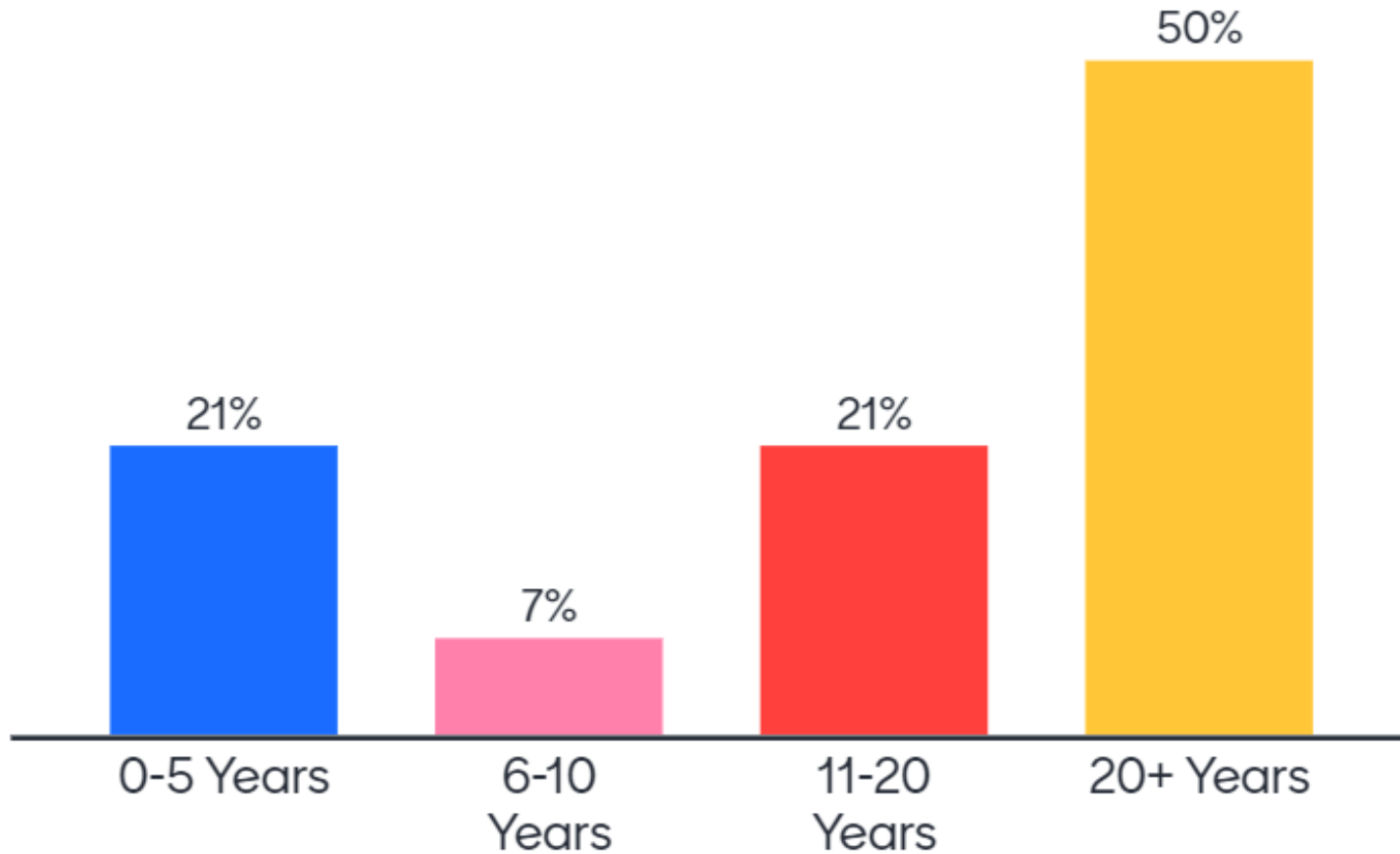


City Finances Overview

- 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

How long have you lived in Lake Forest?

Mentimeter



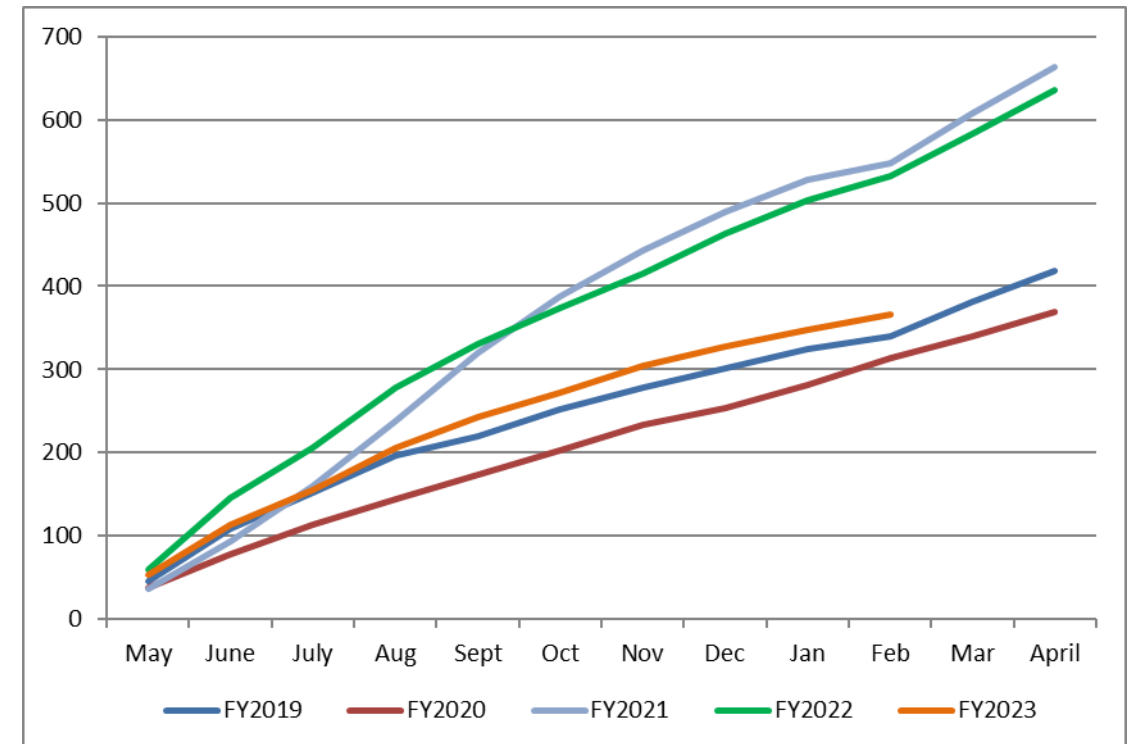
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Lake Forest Real Estate Market



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

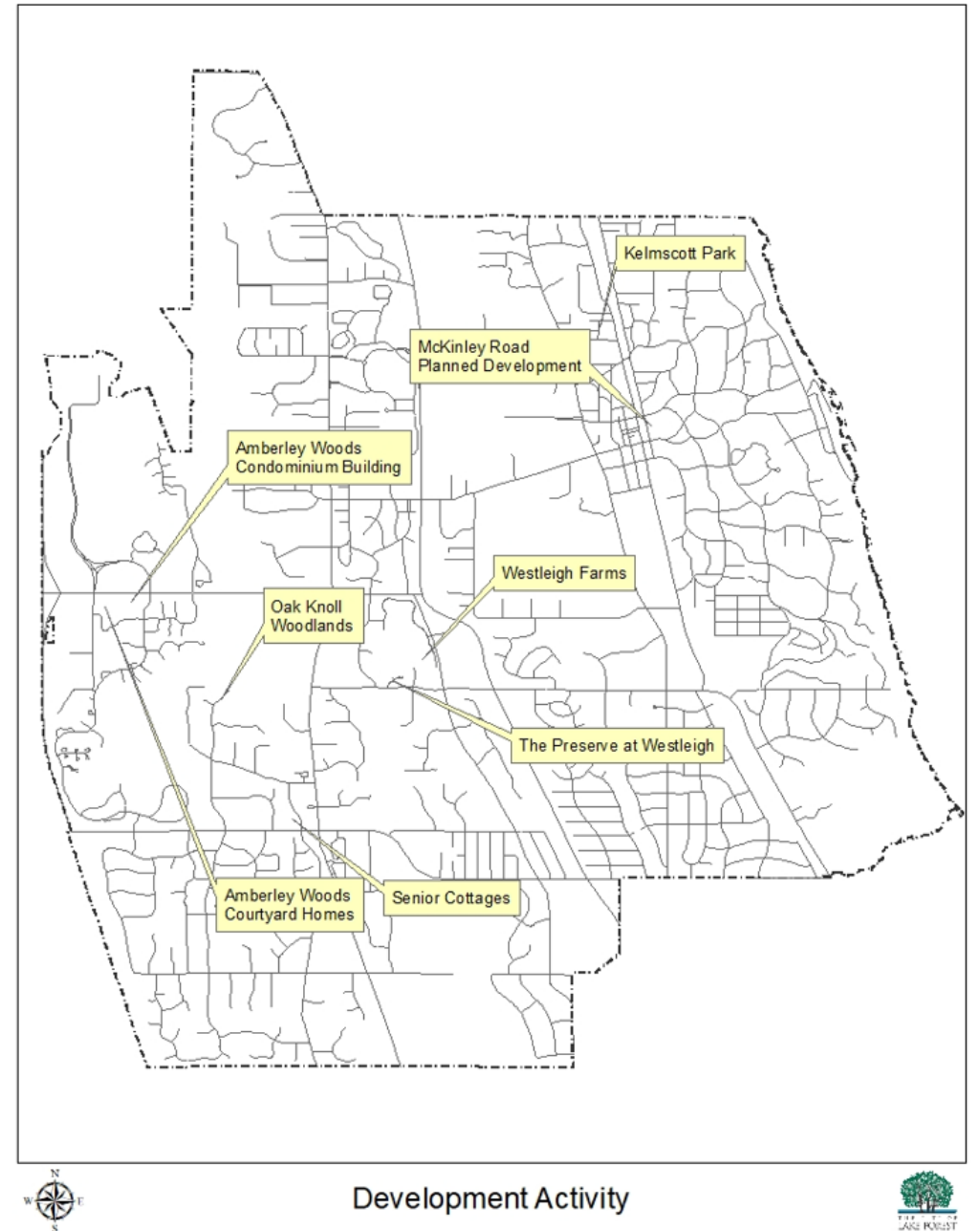


Over **1,400** new households
in most recent 30 months!

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



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 surrounding area is filled with trees in various shades of yellow, orange, and red. In the foreground, a large tree with vibrant red leaves stands on a green lawn. To the left, a parking lot is filled with cars. In the background, more campus buildings and a distant view of the ocean under a clear blue sky are visible.

What's Ahead?

FY24 Capital Improvement Projects



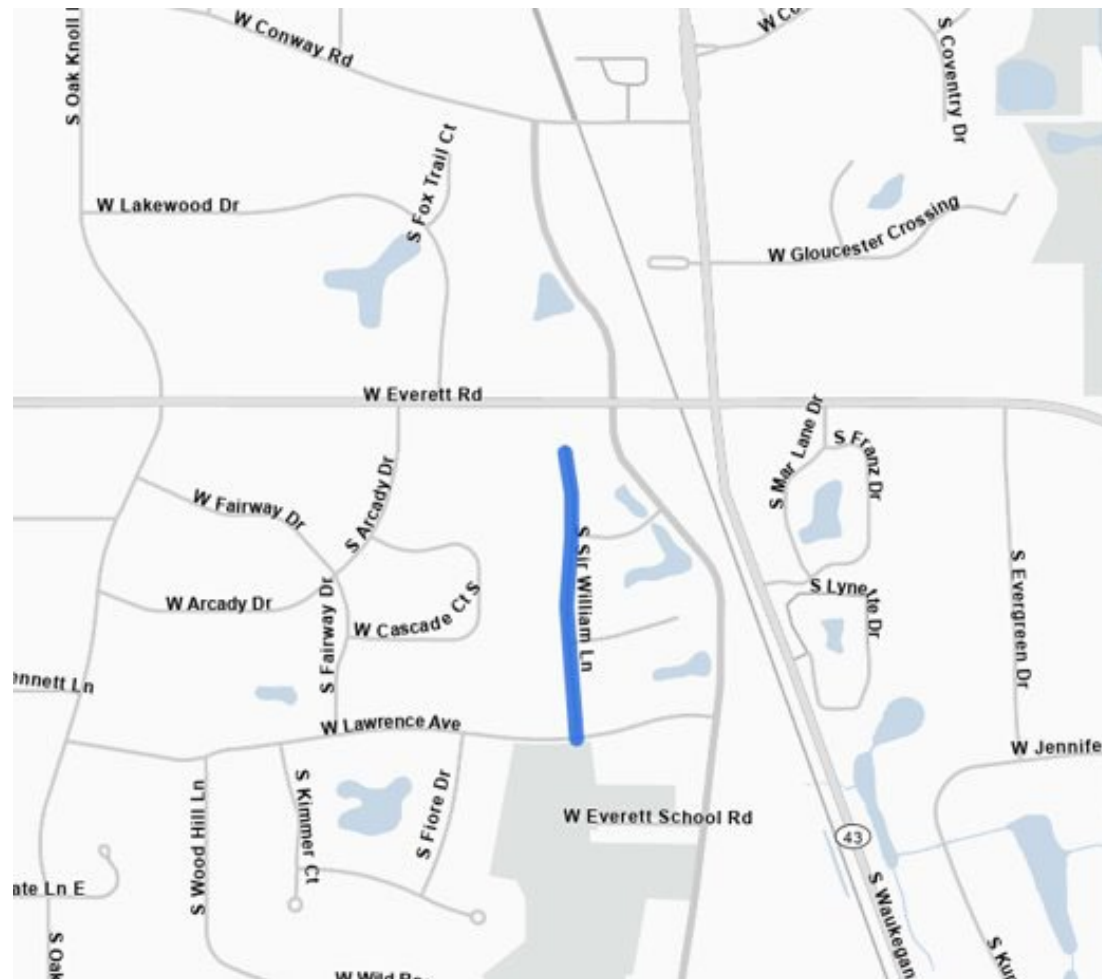
- **Deerpath Community Park Improvements - \$16,000,000**
- Forest Park Bluff Slope Stabilization - \$4,950,000
- Ahwahnee Rd Storm Sewer Upgrade - \$3,850,000
- **Sir William Lane Watermain Repairs - \$950,000**
- McCormick Dr, Rockefeller Rd, Loch Ln Ravine Construction - \$800,000
- **Townline Park 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+



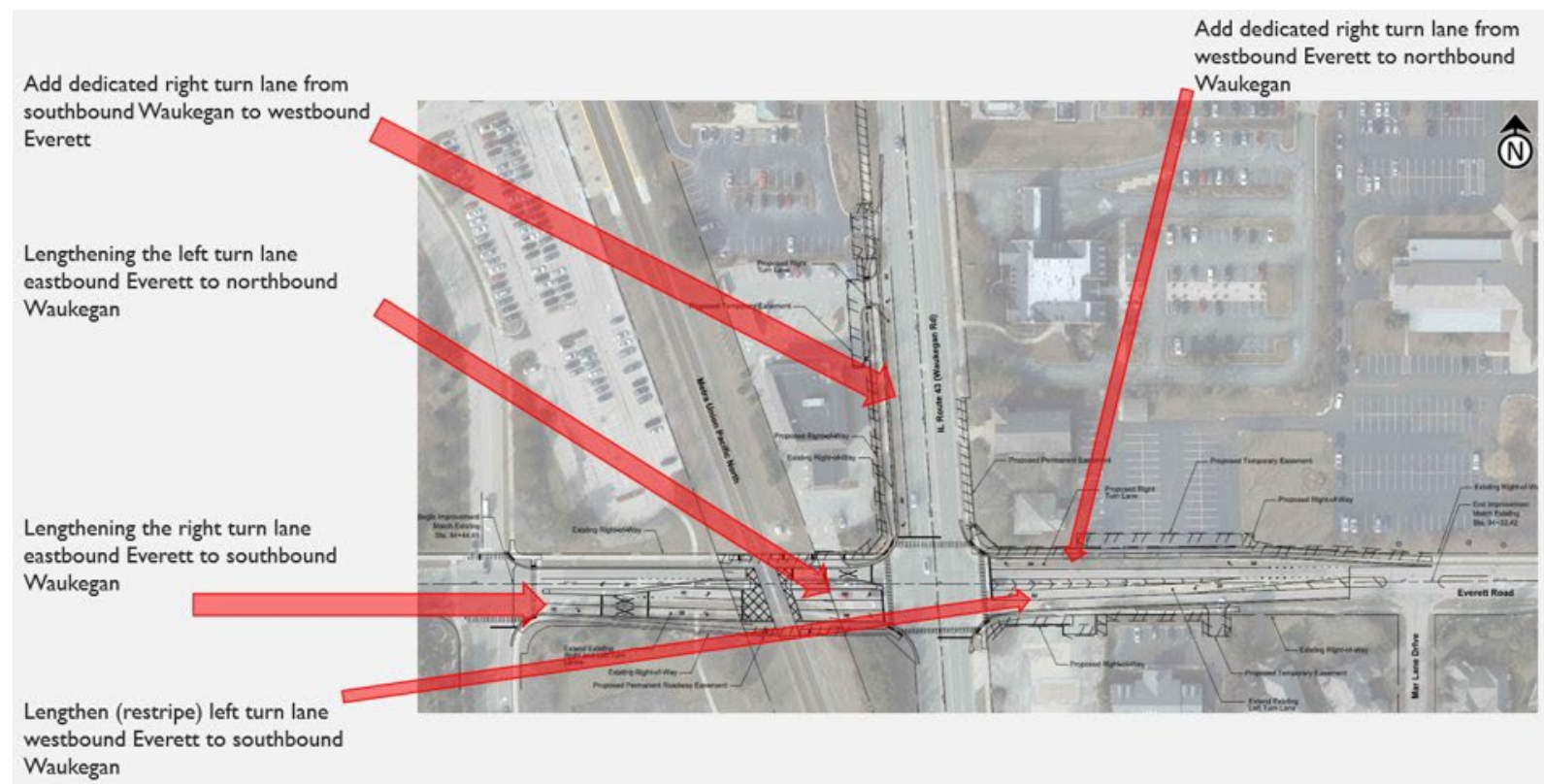
Sir William Watermain Replacement

- Replacement of the entire watermain after numerous break over last few years
- Project anticipated to be completed end of August with street resurfacing to follow in early September
- Most of the watermain install will be directionally drilled versus open cut which reduces traffic impacts



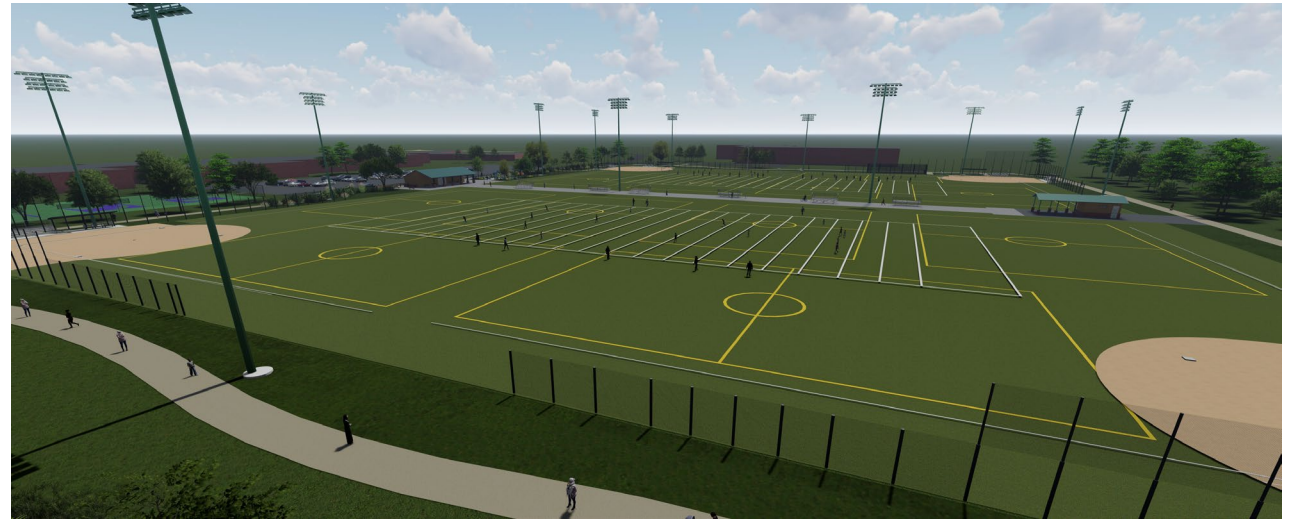
Waukegan & Everett Intersection Improvements

- Total cost estimated at \$6,000,000; \$3,100,000 in grant funding obtained
- Metra signal upgrades to occur this summer
- Land acquisition process to occur this year into 2024
- Construction anticipated for 2025



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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City Construction Projects



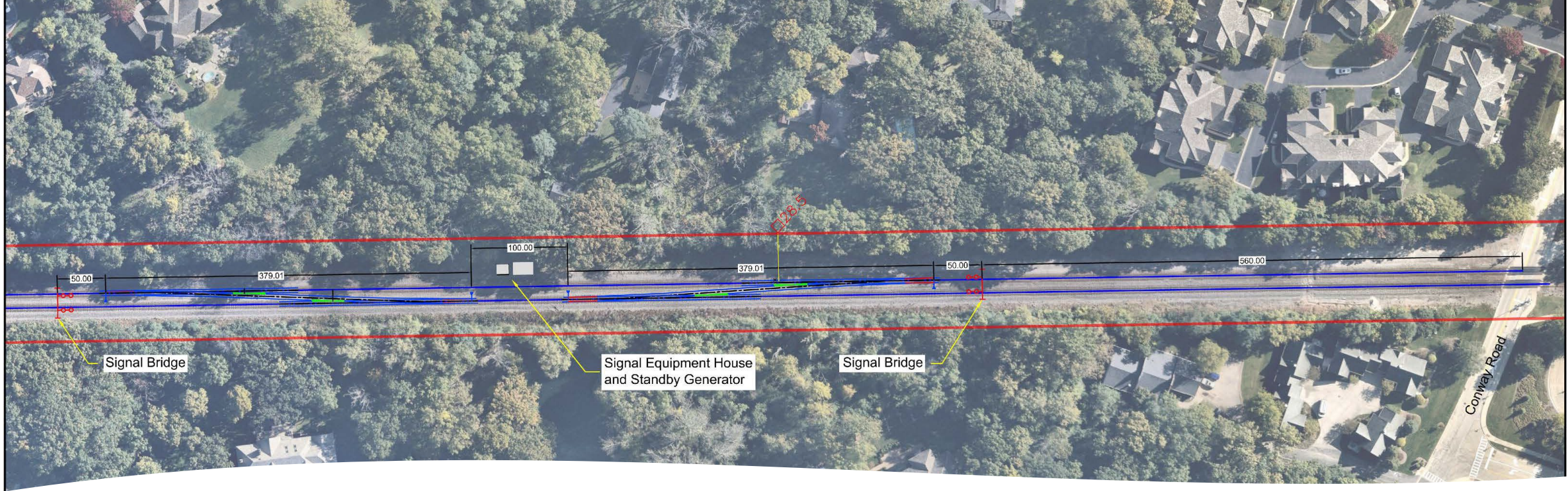
Find City Construction Project Updates on the interactive map at:
cityoflakeforest.com/ConstructionProjects

...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



What is Metra Working On?

- Includes the installation of crossovers on the Milwaukee District North line
- Supplemental equipment upgrades including the installation of a signal bridges and the relocation of and upgrades to certain signal equipment.
- Residents can expect to see work as far south as Old Mill Rd. and North of Route 60, through to Roundout
- Metra expects to complete this work in the late summer

125 years

- The Library was chartered July 4, 1898.
- The anniversary is featured on this year's city sticker.
- Join us on the front lawn for a family-friendly celebration with a magic show and foam party on July 8.
- Stay tuned for more events on our website.

Dome work

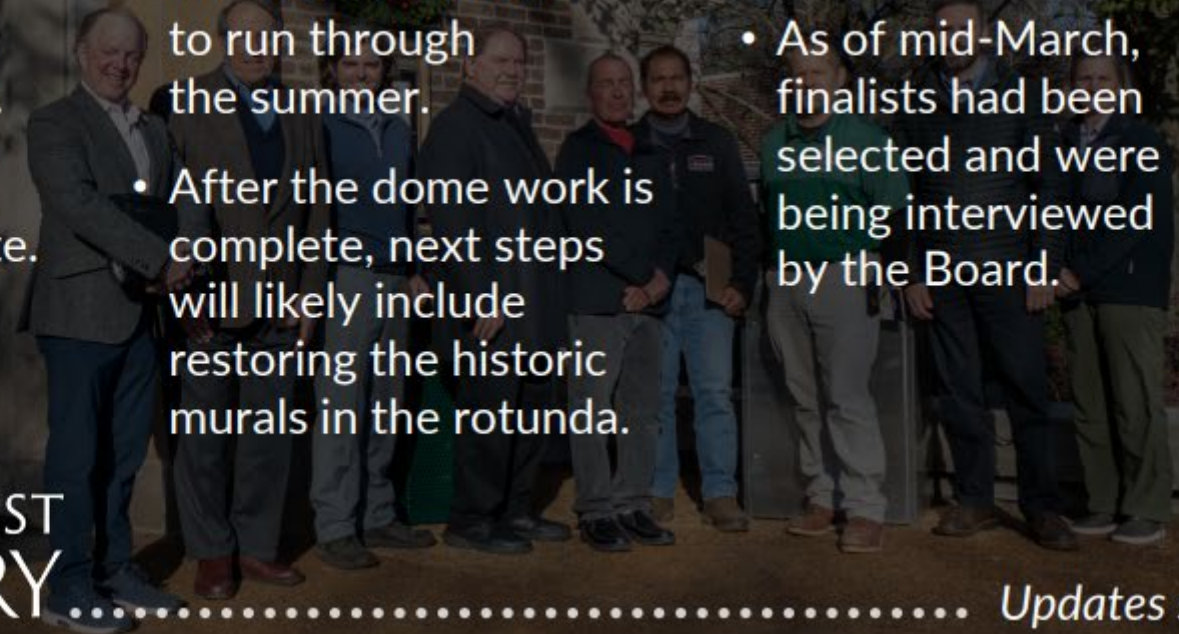
- The Library Board is working with WJE architects and L. Marshall Roofing & Sheet Metal to repair the dome.
- Exterior scaffolding was installed in March.
- The work is slated to run through the summer.
- After the dome work is complete, next steps will likely include restoring the historic murals in the rotunda.

Director

- David J. Seleb has served as Interim Executive Director since early January 2023.
- The Library Board is working with John Keister & Associates to conduct the search.
- As of mid-March, finalists had been selected and were being interviewed by the Board.

Native Voices

- The Library is providing numerous programs all year.
- Ursula Pike is the featured author for this spring's Read Between the Ravines. Pike wrote the memoir "An Indian Among Los Indígenas."
- Diane Wilson is the featured author for this fall's Lake Forest Reads. Wilson wrote the novel "The Seed Keeper."



Environmental Sustainability

- Efforts directed through Aldermen-led Committee
- Provides input into capital projects and operating budget initiatives
- Identified community priorities and four focus areas
- National ICMA Award for the Rethink Recycling Campaign



Greenhouse Gas Emissions
(Climate & Resiliency)



Waste Management /
Reduction



Stormwater Management



Health & Wellness

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 9
- **Summer Outdoor Concert Series with Concerts in the Square and in the Park:** June - August
- **Lake Forest Festival & Fireworks:** July 4
- **Lake Forest Day Festivities:** 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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