### 2019 Lake Forest Park Civic Club Survey Results



Thank you all Lake Forest Park Civic Club members who participated in our 2019 membership survey this past winter. We had a total of 253 responses representing 28% of current, at that time, membership.

Most of our respondents were regular (deeded) beach members followed closely by associate beach members. Most of the respondents were also frequent users during the summer months— four to six visits each month— and they have at least two dependents (children). We are very happy to have heard from so many active member families.

#### STAFF:

Overall members are extremely satisfied with both the amount of staff we have on hand and their interactions with our staff. Members find the staff responsive to most situations, available and friendly. The effort the staff put into maintaining the grounds, picnic shelter and Clubhouse is noticed and appreciated. Members stated that they would be thankful if there was a bit more effort towards keeping both the restrooms and the beach clean. Members communicated that the younger staff should know that the members fully support them when the staff needs to request that members and their guests follow grounds rules such as asking members to smoke only in smoking areas. The Board has passed along this feedback to our staff and it was well received.

#### **RENEWAL:**

The renewal process works well. A few members mentioned that it can take some time to hear back from the membership committee. Please remember that the member-volunteers on the Board wear many hats keeping the Club running. Certain times of the year naturally have very high activity. A membership committee volunteer will respond as soon as possible.

#### **PARKING:**

Parking can be a challenge during summer months and popular events, we understand. On busy days when the parking lot is likely to be full please feel free to pull in and unload your passengers and equipment before heading across the street to park. It's still an inconvenience but we can all plan ahead. In addition, we would ask that a family only parks one vehicle in the parking lot at a time and to park other vehicles across the street.

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#### **MOVIE NIGHTS:**

Movie nights are extraordinarily popular family events. We know it gets crowded and parking gets tight. We all have to work together on the parking issue. We would like to have more movie nights if we could but it's just too light in June to start a movie at 9:00 pm and starting later would be difficult for such a popular family event. If any member would like to volunteer to help at, or sponsor, an additional movie night please contact us through our Facebook page.

### FOOD TRUCKS:

Food trucks are a hit! You gave us several good recommendations, thank you, and we have added Off the Rez, Dojo To Go, J&J BBQ Company and The Road Chef this year. We will continue to forge more food truck relationships from your suggestions and try to get a good variety including different ethnic, vegetarian and vegan options.

Based on member feedback, the Clubhouse is open for dining in case of cool or damp weather and the picnic shelter cannot be rented on Food Truck Tuesday evenings.

#### **COMPOSTING:**

Several members suggested adding compost bins on the grounds. Fabulous idea, thank-you! The bins are in and being used by many. Thank you for helping the Club become even more green.

#### **SUGGESTIONS:**

#### Having more events for both younger children and teens:

We have created the LFPCC Kids' Green Team, which focuses on environmental issues and projects for kids and teens.

We also have added special events designed for young children, elementary age children and teenagers. These were up and running this August. We hope your family is involved. More information is available on the website and will be forthcoming in membership emails. We would love to hear your event ideas.

#### Dredging the boat ramp:

This is an on-going concern and effort for the Board. We are in negotiations with regulatory agencies including the city of Lake Forest Park. We are looking for long-term solutions and getting a process in place with the city that we will not need to recreate each time the boat ramp needs attention. However, this is not a quick process.

#### Membership Suggestion Box:

Fabulous idea, thank you! We have one in the works and it should be on the grounds soon.

#### **MEMBERSHIP ISSUES:**

Club boundaries have not changed. The Board has not, nor could it, change the boundaries of the Civic Club. The map is available on the website, <a href="www.lfpcc.org">www.lfpcc.org</a> under the membership tab. The Club becomes more crowded when homeowners within the deeded area choose to exercise their right to join the Civic Club.

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**Membership access is an issue for many members**, but we don't all agree on what is the solution. Please find below some comments from the survey on membership access:

- "The Board should re-evaluate the membership policy. All Lake Forest Park city residents should be members."
- "The Civic Club should be for all Lake Forest Park residents, not just the lucky few."
- "The Club is too crowded. The Board has let too many people in."

The Civic Club was formed on August 22, 1924 and the property that is owned by the Club was deeded to it on July 27, 1927 specifically for the landowners of certain properties in the area of what is now known as the City of Lake Forest Park and the City of Shoreline. This deeded area is clearly described in the original deed and cannot be modified, which means that certain residents of Lake Forest Park are unfortunately not eligible for membership.

Board members work hard and their efforts are appreciated. The Board meets the third Tuesday of every month in the Clubhouse at 7:30 pm and all members are welcome to attend. The Board is comprised of both regular members and associate members. When there is an opening on the Board it is advertised on the Club website, via Club emails and in the annual Club mailings. Interested parties will need to attend at least three monthly meetings before a vote can be held to fill an open position. Any deeded member in good standing is eligible to vote.

Once again, thank you to all members who participated in the 2019 membership survey.

