

LAKE FOREST PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2026 PARK PAVILION RESERVATION FORM

400 Hastings Road / Lake Forest, IL / 60045 / (847) 234-6700 / (847) 615-4251 fax

Application for Lake Forest Residents ONLY

Pertinent Information:

Date of Requested Use: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: From \_\_\_\_\_ (AM/PM) to \_\_\_\_\_ (AM/PM)

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated number in Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Park (capacity): Check One

\_\_\_\_\_ Elawa Farm Park (50)

\_\_\_\_\_ Everett Park (100)

\_\_\_\_\_ Northcroft Park (150)

\_\_\_\_\_ South Park (100)

\_\_\_\_\_ West Park (100)

\_\_\_\_\_ Townline Park (200)

Planned Use: Check All Items That Apply

\_\_\_\_\_ General Gathering \_\_\_\_\_ Ball Diamond Usage \_\_\_\_\_ \*Special Event \_\_\_\_\_ Other (type): \_\_\_\_\_

\* Events which take City resources away from their daily operations, as well as events that have a direct impact upon public property, traffic flow in the City or public health & safety are classified as a Special Event, and are required to be processed according to the City's Special Event Policy. For additional information, contact City Hall at 847/810-3675.

\_\_\_\_\_ Special Requests – Such as: Live/Amplified Music, DJ, Bouncy Houses, etc.

Special Requests must be submitted to the Superintendent of Recreation for final approval. Please describe your special request:

Superintendent of Recreation Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Alcohol - If you will be having alcohol at your event, you will need to get a liquor license at City Hall once this application is approved.

Please contact Margaret Boyer at (847) 810-3674 or boyerm@cityoflakeforest.com.

Fees:

Permit Fee (Townline, Northcroft \$180; All Others \$130) . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

Not for Profit Fee (Townline, Northcroft \$155; All Others \$105). . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

Refundable Litter Deposit (required) . . . . . \$150

Additional Hours (\$25 for each additional hour after 6 hours) . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant

Date Submitted

Signature of applicant acknowledges and represents Applicant's agreement to adhere to City's Park Permitting Policy and other applicable City rules and regulations as well as the American with Disabilities Act.

PLEASE RETURN TO RECREATION CENTER FRONT DESK

Conditions of Approval \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Jason Olson email: olsonj@cityoflakeforest.com

Payment Method: Check One (Circle CC Type if Using CC)

\_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Visa / MC / Discover / AMEX Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# LAKE FOREST



## PARK PAVILION RESERVATIONS 2026

### GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

- The park pavilion reservation program is for community members who want to hold functions at Lake Forest neighborhood parks. *Any large-scale events which take City resources away from their daily operations, as well as events that have a direct impact upon public property, traffic flow in the City or public health & safety are classified as a Special Event and are required to be processed according to the City's Special Event Policy.* Special Event Permit Applications are available at City Hall and need additional approval. For additional information regarding Special Events, contact City Hall at (847) 810-3676.
- Park pavilion reservation requests must be submitted online at [www.lfparksandrec.com](http://www.lfparksandrec.com) or in person, to The Lake Forest Recreation Center, 400 Hastings Road, Lake Forest, during normal operating hours. Please call (847) 234-6700 for more details.
- The Park reservation season is February 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>, except for Northcroft Park pavilion, which is available year-round (please see next bullet). Reservation requests are accepted beginning February 1 for the applicable calendar year. Permits will not be issued for usage after October 31<sup>st</sup> without additional approval.
- **The reservation season for Northcroft Park pavilion is February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, through January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2027.**
- Park reservations are available to Lake Forest residents, community organizations and schools. For-profit day care centers are not eligible for reservations. **Non-residents may not reserve parks.** The person making a reservation for a community organization or school must be a Lake Forest resident.
- A park pavilion may be reserved for a maximum of six (6) hours on any day during the permitting season. Additional hours may be added to any rental for a \$25 per hour fee and must be approved.
- All **parks close at dusk**, except for the pavilion at Northcroft Park.
- Written reservation requests must be submitted at least seven (7) days prior to the date requested. All requests are approved on a first-come, first-served basis and are considered tentative until approved by the Program Manager. Phone reservations are not accepted.
- No more than one (1) permit is allowed for a single park at any one time.
- Parks may not be reserved when in conflict with public activities or Recreation Department programs.
- Amplified music and live music are subject to approval by the Superintendent of Recreation.
- Tents are subject to approval by the Supervisor of Parks and will need additional time for approval. The reserving party must arrange at least seven (7) days prior to the date requested to meet the Parks Supervisor, on-site to determine the tent's location (to avoid disturbing underground utilities).
- Use of athletic fields may be requested, but no additional maintenance of the fields will be guaranteed for the purposes of the request.
- Firewood for the Northcroft Park fireplace is stocked weekly. The City cannot guarantee the wood will still be available at the time of the scheduled event.
- The cold season walls at the Northcroft Park pavilion will stay up until May 1<sup>st</sup>, each year, under the stipulation that our Building Maintenance Department can change that date based on weather patterns.
- The Parks Department will not set up an event. Tables may be moved within the confines of the park by the reserving party. If the reserving party wishes to move tables, the reserving party at the end of the event must return them to their original location. If the reserving party does not return tables to the original location, a charge of \$25 will be assessed against the litter deposit.

- Alcohol consumption at any park pavilion is allowed by permit only. Alcohol permits are sold and obtained at City Hall. The renter agrees that while they use the City’s parks, they will adhere to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Furthermore, the renter is responsible for compliance with the ADA and indemnifies the City of Lake Forest for liability arising out of the renter’s failure to comply with the ADA.
- Bathroom Facilities – MOST park pavilions in Lake Forest have their own bathrooms which are open to the public and are available during pavilion rentals. Elawa Farm Park Pavilion has an outdoor Portojohn designated for Park Pavilion usage.
- By submitting the completed permit application, the renter or rental organization will assume all risks associated with their special use in our City Parks.

**RENTAL FEES**

- Rental Fees can be identified in this Fee Chart:

<b>Park</b>	<b>Regular Fee</b>	<b>Not for Profit Fee</b>
Townline & Northcroft Park (First 6 Hours)	\$180.00	\$155.00
West, South, Waveland, Everett, Elawa (First 6 Hours)	\$130.00	\$105.00
Each Additional Hour (All Parks)	\$25.00	\$25.00
Refundable Litter Deposit (All Parks)	\$150.00	\$150.00
<b>* Not for Profit Organizations must have 501-C-3 documentation</b>		

- All Permitted events are required to post a \$150 litter deposit at the time of application. After the event is over, City staff will inspect the site. If the site has been cleaned sufficiently, the litter deposit will be refunded within thirty (30) days of the rental.
- If a key is required for any event, a \$50 deposit at the time of application is required. The key is to be picked up at The Lake Forest Recreation Department, during normal business hours, on the last day prior to the event. The key is to be returned to The Lake Forest Recreation Department on the first business day after the event or the deposit will not be returned.
- No refunds will be given due to inclement weather.
- Changes in dates, times or park locations made a minimum of 48 hours prior to the original rental can be made with no penalty based on availability. Changes made less than 48 hours prior to the original rental will be considered a cancellation and a new rental process must be initiated and then approved.
- Cancellations made less than 48 hours in advance will receive the litter deposit back but the rental fee will not be refunded.