



# THE FOREST VIEW

THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST

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Dear Employees,

It's hard to believe that another year has flown by. As we approach the end of 2012, it is appropriate for all of us to pause and reflect on all that has transpired during the past year. Like 2011, 2012 has been a year of change and celebration. As the ERI program continued in the first part of the year, we have said good-bye to old friends and supported others who accepted new professional opportunities, both within our own organization and outside with other organizations. At the recent Employee Recognition Dinner, we said goodbye to employees with 323 combined years of service. We also celebrated 700 years of service! The longevity of our employees speaks to the type of organization we are - an extended family in many ways.

The elections are finally over – no more annoying phone calls and political fliers filling our mailboxes! Whether or not you are happy with the outcome, it is time for all to move forward and work together to solve some of the issues facing our country and state. The State of Illinois continues to face many challenges, including unsustainable pension costs and a daunting deficit. We'll continue to monitor these issues as we move forward.

This is also the time of year when we pause and think about all that we have to be thankful for - family, friends, coworkers. To all of you, who work diligently for the residents throughout the year, thank you.

I hope everyone has a safe holiday season.

*A cornucopia  
of thanks*



## Birthdays...

Chris Teresi	ComDev	11/24
Ron Fontana	Police	11/26
Tim Magoon	PW - Fleet	11/27
Dave Andersen	Fire	11/27
Jose Diaz	PW - W/S Utilites	11/28
Mike Gallo	Fire	11/29
Rick Anderson	Police	12/1
Jeff Hays	Police	12/3
Judy Grasmick	Library	12/4
Bob Henderson	Fire	12/6
Miguel Camarena	P&R - Parks/For	12/8
Tom Wilson	P&R - Golf	12/9
Nada Sydow	Police	12/10
Carina Walters	OCM	12/12
Jeff Sulkin	Police	12/14
Madeline Palenica	Police	12/15
Laronda Haines	Finance/IT	12/18
Joe Stanonik	Fire	12/18
Barb Lueder-Manetti	Police	12/20
Will Wright	Police	12/21
Bob Serkowski	Fire	12/23
Bob Kiely	OCM	12/25
Hunter Ratliff	P&R - Rec	12/29
DeSha Kalmar	Human Resources	12/30
Brian Pogachnik	PW - Streets/San	1/2
Cory Kazimour	Fire	1/7
Art Tekampe	Fire	1/13
Craig Lepkowski	Police	1/13
Brian Acello	PW - Streets/San	1/14
Brian Belitto	PW - W/S Utilites	1/17

## Employee News



**Stephanie Bong** is our newest Police Officer. She was previously a Security Officer at Rivers Casino and Resurrection Health Care.

Stephanie has 2 brothers, 1 sister and two dogs. She earned her BS Degree from Northern Illinois University with majors in Sociology and Political Science.

**Jim Shelton** has been a seasonal with the Building Maintenance Section and is now a full-time employee with the Streets/Sanitation Section.

Jim was born and raised in Lake Bluff. He is a volunteer firefighter and enjoys snowboarding.



Team CLF recently competed in the Conway Park Autumn Classic Run and Fun Walk. Unlike the rain last year, it was a beautiful day. On Team CLF are (back l-r) **David Carona, Bernard Pondexter, Peter Gordon, Brian Miklovic** (front l-r) **Tricia Schwall and Megan Newman**

At left, while working at the Autumn Classic Fire-fighter/Paramedic **Matt Penar** teaches Chicago Bears mascot Stanley a new style of fist bump.



# Employee News



Dwight Davis, with his wife Trina



Marty Blitstein



Mike Lange's wife Tara receives his Sergeant pins from Chief Jim Held

Three members of the Police Department were recently recognized before the City Council on their promotion to the rank of Sergeant. They are **Dwight Davis**, **Marty Blitstein** and **Mike Lange**. Congratulations of you all.

## Firefighters Receive Awards

Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital recently established a new award. A Cut Above was established in recognition of the 10th anniversary of September 11, 2001. The awards were presented in memory of our own **Mike Gallo's** father, Anthony M. Gallo, Jr., who was fatally injured in the line of duty in 1977.

Receiving the awards were **Mike Gallo** and **Eric Globberger** for quick implementation of an EKG with advance notice to the ER; **Matt Penar** and **Andy Allan** for their response to an ambulance call at Grainger working with the Lincolnshire Riverwoods Department; **Eric Globberger** and **Nick Savel** for a combination of expertise and speed in dealing with a golfer suffering an aneurism; and **EriK Kositzki** received it for his Knollwood volunteerism and his dedication to improving emergency medical services. Hats off to you all!



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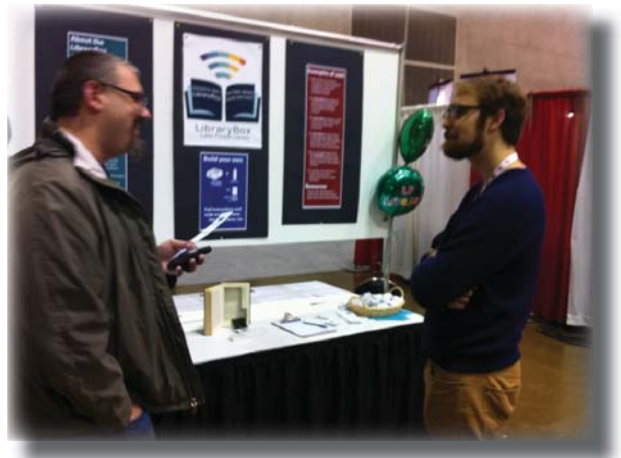
Employees **Dani Spann**, **Cathy Japuntich**, and **Kim Yessian** took part in the Making Strides against Breast Cancer walk on Oct. 21, 2012 at Independence Grove in Libertyville. The walk was a 5 mile walk that raised \$207,754.47 from the over 3000 walkers for the American Cancer Society. Dani is a cancer survivor and has worked at the City since 2004 at the Recreation Center. Her team consisted of employees from the City and from her full time job at Forest Financial Group. Her team raised \$2,200! It was a rewarding experience for all who participated and they will be there again next year!



Dani Spann

## The Library's View

### Lake Forest Library at the Illinois Library Association Conference



In October **Matt Neer** (right), Electronic Services and Reference Librarian, attended the Illinois Library Association Conference in Peoria to present his work on The Library Box, a local WiFi network. Library users can access the Library Box with a laptop or mobile device to look for digital work by local artists, authors and musicians as well as public domain Ebooks and music.

### Library Window Renovation

If you've driven by the Library recently you may have noticed that Restoration Works, Inc. is renovating 26 of our windows. Part of the original 1931 building, the windows are 81 years old and needed more than the usual maintenance. Generous donations from the Friends of Lake Forest Library, Life Members of the Friends and the Buchanan Family Foundation will cover most of the cost. The project should be completed in early 2013.

### Holiday Closings

The Library will close at **5:00 p.m.** on Wednesday, **November 21**. We will also be **closed** Thanksgiving Day, **November 22**, but open the following Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

We are **closed** Monday, **December 24**, and Tuesday, **December 25**. We will close at **5:00 p.m.** on New Year's Eve, **December 31**. We remain **closed** on **January 1, 2013** and **reopen** on Wednesday, **January 2**.