

The Forest View

VIEWS FROM THE DESK OF...

Dear Employees:

Football season is here, so it seemed like the perfect time to have a half-time review of the City's Strategic Plan 2013-2018. In late August members of the City staff, City Council, boards and commissions and residents who originally participated in the formation of the Strategic Plan, met at Halas Hall to take a look at where we are with the strategic priorities. I am pleased to report that of the 90 priorities on the Plan, 23 are completed, 63 are ongoing, leaving only 3 that have just been started. 75 of the 90 are primarily staff responsibilities.

This is an incredible accomplishment in only 1½ years! It couldn't happen without the commitment that all of you bring to your jobs on a daily basis and to seeing that the priorities and needs of the community are met.

Fall is also the time of year when we take a moment to say "thank you" and honor employees at the Employee Recognition Dinner. This year's dinner will be held in October and we will be honoring 32 employees who represent 490 total years of service!

Thank you to each of you for your service! Enjoy the fall!

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BIRTHDAYS

Jim Held	Police	9/26
Jim Gunn	P&R - Forestry	9/27
Lynn Gary	Police	9/29
Jim Fahey	Police	9/30
Josh Hucker	Com Dev	9/30
Kim McCann	OCM	10/5
Andy Rick	Fire	10/6
Jim Santostefano	PW - Bldg Maint.	10/7
Gale Young	PW - W&S Utilities	10/9
Dave Tisinai	Fire	10/11
Bob Wolff	PW - S&S	10/14
Ken Haglund	Fire	10/14
Mike Mounts	Fire	10/14
Brian D'Souza	Police	10/17
Tony Caringello	PW - S&S	10/19
Mary Webber	Library	10/21
Anne Bolotin	Senior Resources	10/23

John Eldridge	P&R - Rec	10/23
Brett Marquette	Police	10/25
Rob Copeland	Police	10/28
Michelle Friedrich	Com Dev	10/29
Bob Heelan	Police	10/31
Jean Larson	Library	10/31
Sally Swarthout	P&R - Admin.	11/1
Matt Signa	Police	11/2
Brenda Skylling	Library	11/6
Dan Martin	PW - Admin.	11/7
Rob Monahan	Police	11/9
Lorie Rohrer	Library	11/9
Colleen Syc	Police	11/10
Angie Tappa	Police	11/11
Dan Draeger	PW - W&S Utilities	11/12
Dwight Davis	Police	11/18

NEW EMPLOYEES



Troy Reeves is a 3rd generation employee. He began as a seasonal with the Golf Course, then became the IT Intern and was recently promoted to PC/Lan Specialist.

Troy recently completed his Bachelors in Management Information Systems.



Anthony Caraballo has joined Public Works in the Water & Sewer dept as a Maintenance worker.

Anthony is married with 3 children. With his family he stays active by playing sports, camping and cooking.



Pablo Garcia has been promoted to full time Maintenance Worker with the Streets and Sanitation Department from a Seasonal Laborer.

Pablo has a wife, Eunice and a daughter, Leilani.

THE LIBRARY'S VIEW

Lake Forest Library Welcomes New Media Lab Assistants

Kate, a resident of Gross Point Michigan, is a senior at Lake Forest College. She is majoring in Communications with a minor in Digital Design.

Doug is a visual artist whose paintings are often reflections about the use of technology in our lives. He lives in Highland Park with his husband Tim and their two children, Amina and Otis.

To use the lab, sign up online (<http://www.lakeforestlibrary.org/medialab.html>). No experience necessary, professional software is available. Kate and Doug can assist you whether it's converting VHS tapes to DVDs or creating a multi-media presentation.

Your first visit bring City ID and DL, and you will be issued a Lake Forest Library card. For more information visit our webpage at <http://bit.ly/lflab> or call the reference desk at 847-810-4610.



RECOGNITION

Congratulations to
Dwight Davis who graduated
from Northwestern's Center
for Public Safety's Staff &
Command School!



The City has been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**. Presented to **Diane Hall**, the primary liaison to the City's independent audit firm, who coordinates the audit process and preparation of the City's CAFR.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment is a significant accomplishment.



Charlie Douglas has been awarded the **2014 Surface Water Operator of the Year**.

This is the first time any City of LF Operator has ever been awarded Operator of the Year! The highest professional honor operators can receive in recognition of service and

performance in the waterworks industry. These operators were honored during the Association's 83rd annual conference at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield.

GROWING FAMILIES

Monica and **Mark Long** (Police)
Maximilian Ryan
August 23
7lbs 6oz, 19 1/2 inches



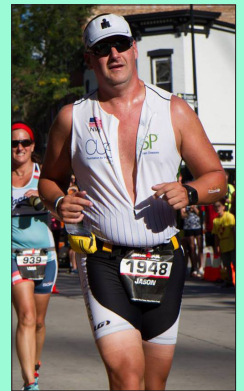
Firehouse Chef: Erik Kositzki makes chicken tortilla soup

Eric represented The City of Lake Forest in a very positive way! Watch the link below:
<http://wgntv.com/2014/08/14/firehouse-chef-erik-kositzki-makes-chicken-tortilla-soup/>



Busdeker's Ironman Triathlon -

Congrats to Jason Busdeker from the Rec Dept who completed the Triathlon in 14hrs & 4mins! It's widely considered one of the most difficult one-day sporting events in the world. He: Swam 2.4 Miles, Biked 112 Miles & Ran 26.2 Miles. 140.6 Total miles.



Representing the City in the Battle of Bannockburn Rib Cookoff.

Left to Right: Matt Goodman (Com Dev), Bob Wilkins (Parks), Tom Minarik (Fleet), Mike Issel, & Scott Robertson (Retired Firefighter)



3rd Place Brisket,
3rd Place Team
and 2nd Place
Side Dish.
Congratulations!



6th Annual Rib Cookoff Champions



1st Place Tie! Police and Water Dept



2nd Place - Fleet



3rd Place - Com Dev

Employee Picnic and BBQ Rib Cookoff 2014!

Chicken Wing Champions



1st Place - Cemetery



2nd Place - Engineering



3rd Place - Sanitation

Fun to be had by everyone!

Frozen T-Shirt Contest



Winner; Bernard!

The ALS Ice Bucket Challenge: Accepted!

