

The Forest View

VIEWS FROM THE DESK OF...

Dear Employees:

I am sure you have heard the old saying that in Chicago we have two seasons “winter” and “under construction”. Well hopefully winter has ended because I am noticing a lot of construction occurring in the community.

May 1 is also the fresh start to a new fiscal year. The City Council implemented a new sanitation fee on households and revamped water rates – all to create more revenue for needed infrastructure. This was the first new revenue source adopted in many years as the City Council grows more concerned about maintaining the quality of City services going forward.

After this long, hard winter I hope that you and your family members are able to enjoy the improved weather conditions by getting outdoors. Hiking, biking, boating, golfing or whatever your pleasure – make sure to set aside time for yourself. You earned it!

Have a wonderful spring!



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BIRTHDAYS

Eric Montellano	Fire	5/28
Chuck Myers	P&R - Admin.	5/29
Ron Gramer	PW - Fleet	5/31
Mike Goy	Police	6/01
Marcos Levy	Library	6/01
Wendy Davis	Library	6/02
Mark Senger	Police	6/02
Jim Koblas	PW - Eng.	6/04
Jason Busdeker	P&R - Rec	6/04
Joe Gabanski	Finance/IT	6/05
Travis Pedersen	Fire	6/06
Bob Ells	PW - Eng.	6/08
Andy Barnes	Fire	6/08
Ben Grum	Police	6/08
Steve Grost	Fire	6/09
Susan Banks	OCM	6/09
Eric Farr	Fire	6/13
Bob Raymond	PW - Str/San	6/15
Elizabeth Holleb	Finance/IT	6/16
Salomon Martinez	PW - Str/San	6/16
Bill Borzick	PW - Bldg. Maint.	6/17
Tim Gehring	Police	6/17
Diane Hall	Finance/IT	6/18

Adam Milczarek	Police	6/18
Otis Linder	PW - Str/San	6/19
Eric Podowski	Fire	6/20
Ken Wagner	PW - Str/San	6/22
Don Wickersheim	Library	6/24
Mike Lange	Police	6/24
Brian Huffhines	P&R - Parks	6/25
Penny Robbins	P&R - Rec	6/25
Andy Shiu	Police	6/27
Fred Hoeft	PW - W&S Util.	6/28
Mark Long	Police	6/28
Rich Volpe	PW - W&S Util.	6/29
Marilynn Bruns	CROYA	6/29
John Varner	PW - W&S Util.	6/30
Dennis Smith	Police	6/30
Amy Begoun	Library	6/30
Tommy Minarik	PW - Fleet	7/01
Matt Penar	Fire	7/02
Pete Siebert	Fire	7/05
Carolynn Callaby	Com Dev	7/06
Chris Roberts	Fire	7/07
Kim Yessian	P&R - Rec	7/08
Joe Tomasello	PW - Str/San	7/15

THE LIBRARY'S VIEW

The Library is saying goodbye to four employees this spring.

Gwyn Stetson, a Children's Library Stacker, retired in April. Lenore Arvia and Mary Gabanski, both Adult Circulation Clerks, finished up in the month of May. Becky King, Adult Services, is leaving to take a full-time position at the Aspen Branch of Cook Memorial Library. The Library staff wishes them well in their new endeavors.

The Library will be closed on Sundays during the summer, beginning May 25th. Sunday hours will resume after Labor Day.

We will be closed Memorial Day and for the Fourth of July, but will remain open on Lake Forest Day.

RECOGNITION

Congratulations to **Chris Teresi** in Com Dev who is now certified as a Residential Fire Sprinkler Inspector/Plans Examiner!

GROWING FAMILIES

Gwen and **Mike Gernenz** (PW)
McKenzie Beverley Gernenz
April 4
6lbs 12oz

Terese and **Andy Rick** (Fire)
Caden James Rick
April 22
7lbs 9oz



CLAIM REFUND SCAM

Professional Benefit Administrators (PBA) has recently learned that text messages are being sent to random individuals asking recipients to go to claimforpba.com and fill in personal information, including sensitive banking information.

This fraudulent website and text messages have nothing to do with PBA, and they have identified this threat as a known “phishing” scam and reported this to all major internet authorities.

As far as PBA knows, none of their employer groups have been targeted by this scam. Your personal information is safe and there is no direct threat to the City or our employees.

In the event you receive an email or text of this nature, immediately delete it. Anyone who navigates to this fraudulent website and enters personal information runs the risk of exposing information to malicious entities. PBA will never request information of this type and will never contact a member by email or text to request any sensitive information.

Please contact Human Resources with any questions or concerns you may have regarding this issue.

EMPLOYEE TIPS

The importance of keeping beneficiaries up to date. A story from Sev Meneshian:

Early on in my career, I happened to take a call from a customer whose husband had just passed away. The widow was calling in because she thought that she was the beneficiary of her husband's 457 deferred compensation plan.

Sadly, her husband forgot to update his beneficiary designation on the account, and a very large sum of money went to his ex-wife. As hard as she tried to get access to the money, the last I heard, the court could not help her. The judge simply could not make assumptions and the woman wound up with nothing.

Now that your taxes are done, please take some time to make sure your beneficiary designations are up to date. Accounts such as checking, savings, retirement, life insurance, etc. should be carefully reviewed from time to time. Although some jurisdictions are forgiving when it comes to unintended beneficiaries, don't leave things to the courts.

WDC OUTREACH



The children really enjoyed seeing all of the WDC family that Rob brought with him.

It gave them a sense of life being back to normal.

In February Rob Carmichael traveled with his tenants from the Wildlife Discovery Center downstate to Washington IL which was ravaged by a tornado late last year. In his words his goal was, “To bring a few smiles to the faces of children, bring a little joy, that’s my mission.”



THE TEAMS



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DODGEBALL 2014



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The title of 2014 City Dodgeball Champions goes to THE POLICE!

Participants and viewers had a such a blast. There was a pizza lunch for everyone to enjoy after.

Start getting your teams ready for the next tournament. And remember, spectators had just as much fun as the participants!