



THE FOREST VIEW

THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST

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Dear Employees:

Last week Mother Nature reminded us all of who is boss! Getting 3.8 inches of rain in a very short period of time will grab anyone's attention. Kudo's go out to all those who jumped in and responded in such a selfless and professional way. Whether it was rescuing stranded motorists or calming a frantic homeowner with 5 inches of water in the basement – each act was reassuring and empathetic. Our rapid response to unusual situations is what really exemplifies the type of high-performing organization we are.

I also want to personally thank the LFEA for their commitment to the City and sensitivity to the economic realities of today. They negotiated with dignity, self-interest and a broader understanding of the common-good. You have shown that two sides can come together and bargain in good-faith with a mutually beneficial outcome.

Thank you all and stay dry, my friends!



Birthdays...

Rich Bailey	P&R - Parks	5/29
Scott Robertson	Fire	5/29
Ron Gramer	PW - Fleet	5/31
Marcos Levy	Library	6/1
Mike Goy	Police	6/1
Wendy Davis	Library	6/2
Mark Senger	Police	6/2
R.J. Meehan	Police	6/2
Jim Koblas	PW - Engineering	6/4
Jason Busdeker	P&R - Rec	6/4
Joe Gabanski	IT	6/5
Kristi Vollmer	Police	6/5
Bob Ells	PW - Engineering	6/8
Andy Barnes	Fire	6/8
Ben Grum	Police	6/8
Steve Grost	Fire	6/9
Susan Banks	OCM	6/9
Eric Farr	Fire	6/13
Bob Raymond	PW - Sanitation	6/15
Salomon Martinez	PW - Streets	6/16
Bill Borzick	PW - Building Maint.	6/17
Tim Gehring	Police	6/17
Sandra Rosenbaum	Library	6/18
Diane Hall	Finance	6/18
Adam Milczarek	Police	6/18
Otis Linder	PW - Streets	6/19

Eric Podowski	Fire	6/20
Ken Wagner	PW - Sanitation	6/22
Jim Barker	PW - Water Plant	6/24
Mike Lange	Police	6/24
Don Wickersheim	Library	6/24
Brian Huffhines	P&R - Forestry	6/25
Megan O'Neill	ComDev	6/26
Andy Shiu	Police	6/27
Fred Hoeft	PW - Water&Sewer	6/28
Mark Long	Police	6/28
Rich Volpe	PW - Water&Sewer	6/29
Marilynn Bruns	CROYA	6/29
John Varner	PW - Water&Sewer	6/30
Dennis Smith	Police	6/30
Matt Penar	Fire	7/2
Joe Buerger	Police	7/5
Pete Siebert	Fire	7/5
Lisa Barber	Police	7/8
Kim Yessian	P&R - Rec	7/8
Kelly Patterson	ComDev	7/9
Birdie Buerger	Fire	7/15
Joe Tomasello	PW - Streets	7/15
Jeff Wierema	PW - Water Plant	7/18
Stuart Cox	PW - Building Maint.	7/20
Mike Tieg	PW - Water&Sewer	7/21

Employee News



Patrick Issel has again joined the Police Department as a Communications Operator, a position he held before taking time off to go back to school. Patrick is also a POP firefighter in the Fire Department. He enjoys snowmobiling, ATVs, softball and fishing.

Mary Gardocki is the new Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant. She previously worked for the Naperville Park District.



Mary graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and has a Masters in Landscape Architecture. She enjoys golf and cooking.

Congratulations to **Eric Montellano** and **Jeff Howell** (Fire). They recieved Masters of Science degrees from Oklahoma State University.

Mark Rockwell holds an Illinois Plumber's License and recently passed the testing requirements allowing him to add "State of Illinois Certified Plumbing Inspector" to his credentials. Congratulations, Mark!

Aime and **Ron Gramer** (Fleet)...Joshua Mark, March 26.

Laurie Lakota and **Edward Gudas** (Rec)...Kalina Marie, April 13.

Kerrie and **Matt Rausch** (Fire)...Owen Michael, May 18.



Employees Go Bald for St. Baldrick's

Employees from the Fire Department and Engineering shaved their heads to raise money for St. Baldrick's. The St. Baldrick's Foundation is an organization that raises funds and awareness for children's cancer research by having volunteers shave their heads in solidarity with children undergoing cancer treatment. The event is truly a fun and inspirational one.



Nick Savel
Fire



Pete Siebert
Fire



Kevin Issel
Fire

Eric Farr
Fire



And, the winner of the most dramatic transformation of all



Jim Koblas
Engineering

He even shaved his
mustache!



The City of Lake Forest "Green Corner"

Stay informed and be environmentally savvy! Check out what The City of Lake Forest Green Team is up to by going to the "What's New" section at: www.cityoflakeforest.com. Click on the "Green Team Events and Activities" and you can find tips for residents! Also, enter the "Green Corner" for city employees only at the intranet by clicking on the Green Team logo. Learn how to be environmentally friendly at work!

Have a "green" idea for Lake Forest or know of an interesting eco-themed event coming up? Let the Green Team know: GreenTeam@cityoflakeforest.com

The Library's View

4th Annual Children's Book Sale

This popular event is back Thursday, June 3, through Saturday, June 5, Lake Forest Library. Find bargain-priced books for children of all ages, sponsored by Friends of Lake Forest Library.

View the New Exhibit, *NATURE BY DESIGN*

This collaboration between the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Historical Society, the Library, and Lake Forest College can be seen at the Historical Society until mid-December. Discover the history of Lake Forest through watercolors, drawings and sketches of local estates and gardens, including a beautiful rendering of our Library. See www.lflbhistory.org for open days and times.

More Lake Forest History

During June and July, photographs and information on the Lake Forest Preservation Foundation 2010 Award Winners will be displayed in the Library Foyer glass cases. Congratulations and thanks to the winners for their commitment to our community.

Tough Economy Boosts Library Circulation But Decimates System Funding

In the proverbial good news – bad news category, the Library enjoyed record circulation for FY10: 488,056 items checked out, up 20%, patron visits 535,957, up 22%, Interlibrary Loans, 34,860 up 18%. Unfortunately, the North Suburban Library System, which has coordinated resource sharing and staff training to its 650+ members for half a century, has not received its yearly state funding. The director has announced her resignation and the elimination of most of the staff. Some internal operations of the Lake Forest Library will be affected; at this point, the public will not feel the impact of the cuts.

LIBRARY HOURS

The Library is closed Monday, May 31, for Memorial Day.

The Library is closed on Sunday, July 4, for Independence Day, and all Sundays between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

News You Can Use

ICMA-RC Launches New "Dream Big" Financial Services Web Site

ICMA-RC just launched thedreambigsite.org, a new social media Web site created specifically to help young adults explore various strategies for achieving financial success through an interactive platform. This is a great way for young adults to stay attuned to the financial resources available to them in one location.

[Thedreambigsite.org](http://thedreambigsite.org) complements the online educational resources available to all participants on ICMA-RC's Web site at www.icmarc.org. While available to everyone, the Web site is especially designed as a resource for Gen Y individuals who work for the public sector. [Thedreambigsite.org](http://thedreambigsite.org) is a financial education hub for young adults and offers the following features:

- Updated blogs and timely articles written by and for Gen Y users focused on five main topic areas: credit, investing, loans, saving, and retirement;
- Save & Share: a Web-based application that allows users to discuss their dreams, post their savings strategies, and share them with friends on Twitter or Facebook;
- Reality Check: A section with financial planning calculators and links to more; and
- Pocket Change: A mobile version of the Web site that enables busy people to communicate and share financial tidbits with friends on the go.

Take some time to browse the site.