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Integrity
Trust
Respect
Excellence
Dedication
Resiliance
Impact









It is hard to believe the day is quickly approaching for DeSha to begin her next life chapter. During almost four decades of service to the City, DeSha has raised a family, seen every current employee begin their career here (!), and guided the organization through multiple recessions and even a global pandemic! We certainly aren't letting her go out quietly. However, her role in navigating the challenges of the past year are a fitting capstone to a remarkable career of achievement.

While DeSha's contributions to our organization are far too numerous to recite here, I hope you also remember the small, seemingly uneventful interactions you've each had with her over the years that have left a permanent memory or impacted you in ways perhaps not fully appreciated at the time. After all, it is those daily routine interactions that bond us together and make our workplace experiences so enjoyable. So over the next month, please consider reaching out or stopping by DeSha's office to share a fond memory or funny story that you experienced together.

We wish DeSha all the best in her retirement, and thank her for all she has done for our organization and our individual careers.











## **BIRTHDAYS**

Katy Lacivita	Fire	04/01	Mark Zalke	PW Bldg Maint	05/26
Luke Miller	PW Streets	04/01	Chuck Myers	PR Parks	05/29
Bernard Pondexter	PW Engineering	04/02	Ron Gramer	PW Fleet/Eqpt	05/31
Yoni Garcia	PW Sanitation	04/03	Zachary Amrein	Fire	06/04
Pablo Garcia	PW Sanitation	04/05	Jason Busdeker	PR Admin	06/04
Marty Blitstein	Police	04/17	Jim Koblas	PW Engineering	06/04
Mike Gernenz	PW Streets	04/17	Steve Werchek	Fire	06/05
Rickey Parham	PW Sanitation	04/18	Joe Gabanski	IT	06/05
Matt Wert	PR Parks	04/19	Travis Pedersen	Fire	06/06
Matthew Bachler	Finance	04/20	Andy Barnes	Fire	06/08
Ismael Ramirez	PW Sanitation	04/21	Ben Grum	Police	06/08
John Baldwin	PR Parks	04/22	Bob Ells	PW Engineering	06/08
Rob January	PR Parks	04/23	Susan Banks	OCM	06/09
Lauren French	HR	04/25	Eric Farr	Fire	06/13
Joe Mobile	PR Admin	04/29	Matt Allen	Police	06/14
Karl Walldorf	Police	05/01	Elizabeth Holleb	Finance	06/16
Aaron Bishop	PW Water Plant	05/02	Salomon Martinez Jr.	PW Streets	06/16
Matt Goodman	ComDev	05/05	Tim Gehring	Police	06/17
Jen Baehr	ComDev	05/06	Justin Green	PW Bldg Maint	06/17
Daniel Blaul	Police	05/06	Bill Borzick	PW Bldg Maint	06/17
Anthony Anaszewicz	PR Admin	05/08	Diane Hall	Finance	06/18
Ken Pierini	PR Admin	05/08	Adam Milczarek	Police	06/18
Paul Petersen	ComDev	05/12	Kristin Elliott	PR Admin	06/22
Jason Wicha	OCM	05/14	Mike Lange	Police	06/24
Mike Hughes	Police	05/14	Andy Shiu	Police	06/27
Charlie Flesch	Police	05/14	Mark Long	Police	06/28
Sara Hartnett	Finance	05/22	Fred Hoeft	PW Water Sewer	06/28
Phil Gualdoni	Police	05/26	Rich Volpe	PW Water Sewer	06/29

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## **GROWING FAMILIES**

Jess and **Matthew Jakob** (Police) Parker Elizabeth January 18







Courtney Hernandez joins the Police Department as their newest Police Officer. She was previously with the Niles PD as a Community Service Officer and the Mundelein PD as a Telecommunicator.

Courtney likes the outdoors, kayaking and traveling. She is also a baker.



## **THE LIBRARY**

### Service Updates

As of February 15, the Library building is open for brief visits, carryout service, and Foyer Holds Pickup. For current services and hours, please check www.lakeforestlibrary.org.

### StoryWalks around town

Slow down and enjoy some family time, fresh air, and a story as you walk and explore Lake Forest parks. Dates may be rescheduled depending on the weather.

- Deerpath Community Park, April 23-29
- Northcroft Park and South Park, May 28–June 3

### **New Employees**



Alex Cuadrado is the newest member of the Facilities Department at the Library. He and his wife like to travel, and they look forward to one day moving to Florida and enjoying the sunshine.