

# The Forest View

## VIEWS FROM THE DESK OF...

Dear Employees:

Spring is finally in the air! This time of year brings us the start of a new budget, the start of the construction season, and dandelions blooming in the parks and parkways!

When the City Council formally approved the FY16 budget, they acknowledged the hard work and effort of all City employees in continuing to provide residents with tremendous services in the face of stagnant revenues. Time and time again, our employees find ways to deliver better service with few or less resources. This diligence and creativity has garnered much respect and credibility within the community.

With all the public and private construction activity this year, people may be more inconvenienced and short-tempered. Keep this in mind when you are conversing with residents. Please do not take it personally - they just need a place to vent!

Enjoy the spring weather!



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# BIRTHDAYS

Sara Hartnett	FIT - Finance	05/22	Brian Huffhines	P&R - Parks	06/25
Mark Zalke	PW - Bldg. Maint.	05/26	Penny Robbins	P&R - Rec	06/25
Phil Gualdoni	Police	05/26	Andy Shiu	Police	06/27
Chuck Myers	P&R - Admin.	05/29	Fred Hoefl	PW - W&S Utilities	06/28
Ron Gramer	PW - Fleet/Eqpt	05/31	Mark Long	Police	06/28
Mike Goy	Police	06/01	Rich Volpe	PW - W&S Utilities	06/29
Marcos Levy	Library	06/01	Marilynn Bruns	CROYA	06/29
Mark Senger	Police	06/02	Dennis Smith	Police	06/30
Wendy Davis	Library	06/02	John Varner	PW - W&S Utilities	06/30
Jim Koblas	PW - Engineering	06/04	Amy Begoun	Library	06/30
Jason Busdeker	P&R - Rec	06/04	Tom Minarik	PW - Fleet/Eqpt	07/01
Joe Gabanski	FIT - IT	06/05	Matt Penar	Fire	07/02
Travis Pedersen	Fire	06/06	Kathryn Wellington	Library	07/03
Ben Grum	Police	06/08	Pete Siebert	Fire	07/05
Bob Ells	PW - Engineering	06/08	Carolynn Callaby	ComDev	07/06
Andy Barnes	Fire	06/08	Chris Roberts	Fire	07/07
Steve Grost	Fire	06/09	Joe Tomasello	PW - S&S	07/15
Susan Banks	OCM	06/09	Jeff Wierema	PW - Water Plant	07/18
Eric Farr	Fire	06/13	Stuart Cox	PW - Bldg. Maint.	07/20
Chris Schoenherr	Library	06/13	Mike Tiegs	PW - Water Plant	07/21
Salomon Martinez	PW - S&S	06/16	Matt Rausch	Fire	07/24
Elizabeth Holleb	FIT - Finance	06/16	Crystal Edwards	FIT - Finance	07/24
Bill Borzick	PW - Bldg. Maint.	06/17	Steve Hill	PW - Water Plant	07/24
Tim Gehring	Police	06/17	Kyle Roeder	PW - W&S Utilities	07/25
Adam Milczarek	Police	06/18	Pete Abel	PW - W&S Utilities	07/26
Diane Hall	FIT - Finance	06/18	Kasey Morgan	Police	07/27
Eric Podowski	Fire	06/20	Diane Horn	FIT - IT	07/29
Ken Wagner	PW - S&S	06/22	Nick Savel	Fire	07/29
Mike Lange	Police	06/24	Anthony Caraballo	PW - W&S Utilities	07/29
Don Wickersheim	Library	06/24			

## GROWING FAMILIES

Denise and **Nick Savel** (Fire)  
Emmah Faith Savel  
April 19

Lynnea and **Andy Barnes** (Fire)  
Violet Elizabeth Barnes  
April 18

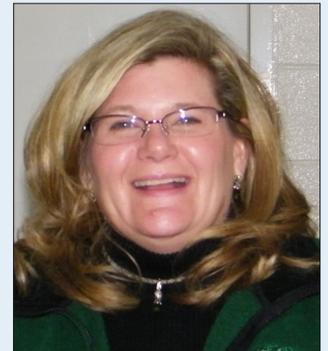
Alyssa Patino and **Jim Shelton** (PW)  
Jacob William Shelton  
May 14



## Promotion

Congratulations to **Sally Swarthout** who was promoted to **Director of Parks and Recreation!**

Sally has been with the City since 1990 as an Early Childhood Instructor and Camp Director. In 1997 she became a fulltime Program Supervisor, promoted to Manager in 2005, and then Superintendent in 2011. Sally is excited to take on the challenges of her new position.



## NEW EMPLOYEES



**Steve Hill** is our new Water Plant Operator in Public Works. He previously worked for EBEW Local 150 as an Electrician.

Steve is married with a stepson in the Army, and he enjoys fishing, hunting and BBQ grilling.



**Patty Jenkins** has joined the City as the Senior Resources Manager at Dickinson Hall. She was previously the Director at the Center for Life at Learning for Fourth Presbyterian Church.

She enjoys the outdoors, sewing and cooking.



**Phil Gualdoni** has joined the City as a Police Officer. Phil previously worked for the Richmond Police Department. He has a Bachelor's in Corporate Communication and Political Science.

He enjoys golf and spending time with his family.



**Joyce Reda** is the new face at the front counter in City Hall. She was previously with American Eagle as an office manager.

Joyce has two children, ages 16 and 19. In her spare time she enjoys power walking.



**Valerie Gonzalez** is moving to fulltime as the Program Supervisor of the Rec's LF Dance Academy. She has worked for LFDA for 13 years as an instructor and choreographer.

Valerie enjoys watching movies and reading.

**Please join us in welcoming the new employees!**

## RECOGNITION

Congratulations to **BC Siebert** and **LT Globerger** on their Illinois CFO certification and **DC Garrison** on his International CFO certification.

The CFO designation is awarded for meeting professional, educational, technical and community service achievements and fulfilling performance, ethics and conduct standards. Achieving this credentialing status is a significant accomplishment for all three gentlemen. They each have provided exemplary service to the department and the community for many years, and this designation clearly illustrates their commitment to provide the highest quality of service to the citizens of Lake Forest.



# THE LIBRARY'S VIEW

## Visit the Library's Media Lab

Our space offers users a place to edit graphics, videos, and music using entry and professional level software. All employees of The City of Lake Forest, in groups of five or less, can use our editing suite for up to two hours and receive help from our lab assistants. Appointments are required so call 847.582.0552 or email [lfmedialab@gmail.com](mailto:lfmedialab@gmail.com) if you are interested. **You can:**

- Draw and create graphics using Adobe Illustrator and our Wacom tablet
- Create music with our 49-Key M-Audio Keyboard and edit with Logic Pro
- Edit your videos with either Final Cut Pro or Adobe Premiere Pro
- Preserve old records and cassettes
- Edit photos with Adobe Photoshop
- Digitize your slides, pictures, and VHS tapes; then digitally restore them
- Create 3D models with Blender and SketchUp

For a list of hardware and software tools go to the library's webpage at <http://www.lakeforestlibrary.org/medialab.html>



## 2015 Bike Rodeo Fun to be had by everyone!

