

# The City of Lake Forest

## Family Picnic

Featuring: 12th Annual Rib Cook-Off

# SAVE THE DATE!!!

**Saturday, September 18, 2021**

12:00 noon to 3:00 pm

### VIEWS FROM THE DESK OF...

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As we near the middle of July, summer is officially in full swing and I hope everyone has taken the opportunity to enjoy it! Judging by all of the activity in town, it seems clear that people are ready for a return to normal after such a crazy year. I know I am!

In that vein, I am thrilled to announce that we are resuming our annual tradition of the employee Rib Cook-Off/Family Picnic. The picnic is a fantastic opportunity for staff to relax and spend

time together outside of the formal office setting, as we recognize and celebrate all of the amazing work you do on a daily basis. As always, the Rib Cook-Off will be the center of attention. Based on the event from two years ago, I know the competition will be fierce!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic in September. Please SAVE THE DATE for Saturday, September 18, 2021. More details to come.

In the meantime, I hope you all enjoy the rest of summer. Most of us have built up a lot of unused vacation time over the past year. I hope you take advantage of that and find time to step away from the daily grind of our jobs. It is more critical than ever to rest and recharge and there is no better season than summer to enjoy time away from the office.

*Jason*

# BIRTHDAYS

Tom Minarik	PW Fleet/Eqpt	07/01	Felicia Song	Library	08/21
Matt Penar	Fire	07/02	Mike Whalen	ComDev	08/22
Kathryn Wellington	Library	07/03	Rich Paulsen	PR Parks	08/22
Pete Siebert	Fire	07/05	Keith Maslon	PW Water Sewer	08/22
Juan Castrejon	PW Sanitation	07/05	Andy Allan	Fire	08/25
Carolynn Gaylord	ComDev	07/06	Brian Miklovic	PW Water Sewer	08/26
Chris Roberts	Fire	07/07	Tori Sergel	Library	08/28
Tyler Saieg	Police	07/07	Brina Diaz	HR	08/30
Leslie Walton	CROYA	07/14	Sam Sineni	Police	08/30
Joe Tomasello	PW Streets	07/15	Regina Kennedy	Library	09/01
Stuart Cox	PW Bldg Maint	07/20	Erik Huston	PW Bldg Maint	09/03
Mike Tiegs	PW Water Plant	07/21	Steve Huck	Police	09/04
Crystal Edwards	Finance	07/24	Matt Kluchka	Fire	09/06
Matt Rausch	Fire	07/24	Corey Wierema	PR Forestry	09/14
Steve Hill	PW Water Plant	07/24	Mark Rockwell	ComDev	09/16
Kyle Roeder	PW Water Sewer	07/25	Jamese Scott	Finance	09/17
Byron Kutz	PW Engineering	07/26	Eric Globerger	Fire	09/17
Jamie Nixon	Fire	07/26	Erik Kositzki	Fire	09/17
Pete Abel	PW Water Sewer	07/26	Aaron Kruchko	Police	09/17
Nick Savel	Fire	07/29	Larry Kenar	PW Fleet/Eqpt	09/18
Anthony Caraballo	PW Water Sewer	07/29	Patrick Issel	Fire	09/19
Phil Alderks	PR Cemetery	07/30	Rob Carmichael	PR Rec Admin	09/24
Todd Nahigian	CROYA	08/04	John Gulledege	PW Water Plant	09/24
Biddy Boyer	OCM	08/05	Sean O'Neill	PW Water Sewer	09/24
Jessica Linders	ComDev	08/09	Troy Reeves	IT	09/25
Dave Miniscalco	Police	08/15	Emily Melgar	Police	09/27
Misa Maj	Police	08/16	Josh Hucker	ComDev	09/30
Austin Yarc	Fire	08/19			

# GROWING FAMILIES

Terese and **Andrew Rick** (Fire)  
Wesley Timothy  
April 13

Taralynn and **Steven Werchek** (Fire)  
Willa Grace  
April 27

Kristina and **Sam Sineni** (Police)  
Brody James  
July 6

Julianna and **Travis Pedersen** (Fire)  
Benjamin Robert  
July 9



# WELCOME! TO THE TEAM



**Layla Werner** has joined the Office of the City Manager as the Management Analyst. Layla recently finished her Master's in Public Administration from NIU.

Layla was the intern for 2 years while finishing her school. During her time off Layla enjoys outdoor activities like hiking, swimming, kayaking, as well as trying out new places to eat!



**Dana Olson** is the newest Communications Manager for the Office of the City Manager. Dana previously worked at the Grayslake Park District and Lake Forest College.

On her free time Dana enjoys spending time outside with her husband Bobby and 2 sons Andy and Charlie as well as competing in triathlons!



**Brina Diaz** is the new Human Resources Specialist. She will be receiving her Master's in Business Administration from North Park University where she also received her certificate in Human Resources Management. Before Lake Forest Brina worked as the Director of Quality Improvement for Arden Shore Child and Family Services.



**Eric Hill** is the new Public Works Water Plant Operator. Her earned his certificate in Maintenance from Harper College and previously worked for the Village of Lake Zurich.

Eric enjoys the outdoors and some of his favorites hobbies are hunting, hiking, and fishing. He also enjoys working on cars and brewing beer!



**Byron Kutz** is the City's new Superintendent of Engineering. Byron received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Valparaiso University and his Master's in Public Administration from Northern Illinois. Byron has previously worked with the Village of Oak Park where he developed and oversaw multiple improvement projects.



**Maddie Wenc** has joined Lake Forest Library as a Youth Services Specialist. Maddie attended Woodlands Academy and majored in English and Theatre at St. Norbert College.

She worked in Chicagoland theaters including Victory Gardens and Northlight. Maddie lives in Lake Forest and loves reading and books of all kinds, theatre, and knitting.

*We're Glad You're Here!*