

The Forest View

VIEWS FROM THE DESK OF...

Happy New Year!

Each New Year brings with it new resolutions and new goals. Here are our 2017 Goals and Resolutions.

Community Goals:

- ♦ **Clarity of Expectations** – With a new incoming mayor and three new alderman, it is imperative that we insure proper alignment between staff & elected officials on many issues like budgets, strategic plans and marketing campaigns.
- ♦ **Filtering the Noise** – Our world is filled with “Alternative Facts” and distractions that make our jobs more challenging. We need to listen, but stay focused on our mission and strategy.
- ♦ **Deliberate Mindfulness** – Our decisions and actions should be based on open debate and a clear understanding of potential outcomes. Noise and emotions can make this more challenging.
- ♦ **Financial Acumen** – Continue our tradition of thoughtful long-range financial planning.

Priority Goals:

- ♦ **Community Campaign** – A marketing campaign to promote the assets and values of the community to potential new homebuyer, businesses, employees and visitors.
- ♦ **N. Western Streetscape** – Investment of Laurel Ave impact feeds into this commercial/residential area.
- ♦ **Deerpath Golf Course Improvements** – A public-private partnership that will improve the drainage and playability of the course.
- ♦ **Commuter Rail Service** – Conversations are underway with Metra and Amtrak to increase service to residents and employees.
- ♦ **Park Master Plan** – Solicit input from residents and other interested parties in preparing new plans for Open Lands Park, South Park and Elawa Park.

Here's to a productive and safe 2017 to everyone!

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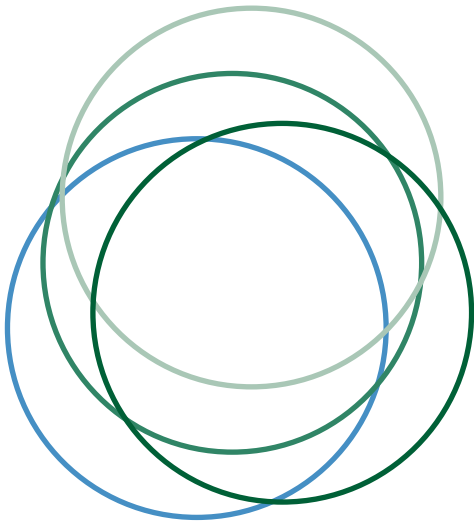
BIRTHDAYS

Joyce Bettinger	OCM	01/28
Cathy Czerniak	ComDev	01/31
Bryan DeBaets	P&R - Forestry	01/31
Matt Jakob	Police	02/01
Jim Shelton	PW - Streets	02/01
Mike Thomas	PW - Admin.	02/07
Billy Knesley	P&R - Forestry	02/08
Michelle Kousins	Fire	02/09
Bill Hooper	PW - Streets	02/12
Brian Joyce	PW - Engineering	02/13
Wendy Dumont	Police	02/14
Brian Esmon	Police	02/16
Rafael Davila	PW - Engineering	02/18

Dani Spann	P&R - Admin.	02/19
Aaron Dalzot	P&R - Rec	02/23
Erik Blomberg	Police	02/24
Liss Rogoz	Police	02/24
Kevin Zelk	Police	02/27
Becky Pocasangre	PW - Admin.	03/01
Ray Spetz	PW - Sanitation	03/03
Matt Brugioni	PW - Streets	03/05
Chris Freund	PW - Fleet/Eqpt	03/06
Kevin Cronin	Fire	03/10
Conrad Christensen	Police	03/10
Ed Yep	Police	03/11

GROWING FAMILIES

Andy and **Lissarda Rogoz**
(Police)
Gabriél Miikkael
December 6



RECOGNITION



Above: Resident personally thanks Brian Acello

While working his Sanitation route, **Brian Acello** noticed a man on the ground with another person performing CPR. Brian stopped and took over the CPR while others called 911. Due to his efforts, the man was revived long enough for family members to come into town and say their goodbyes. They were very appreciative of Brian's efforts and brought cookies for the work group.



Coat Drive

It was another successful year for the Coat Drive... ***we were able to provide 107 coats for the children spread out among five schools.*** These kids are truly grateful to receive a warm coat, hat, and gloves. Words can't describe the delight on their faces. ***Thank you for all your generosity and support again this year.*** Without your contributions, we would not have been able to help as many kids as we did this holiday season.

A special thank you to the building coordinators for their hard work. Also, a huge thank you to Billy Loyd, Keith Maslon, Kyle Roeder, Kristin Elliott, Tara Purtell, JoAnn Boyle, DeSha Kalmar, Amber Campbell, Brittany Doxie, Dani Spann, and Ed Johnson for playing the part of Santa's helpers!



NEW POSITIONS!



Congratulations to Rob Brown! Rob has worked as a Maintenance Worker in Building Maintenance since 2013. He will now be a Building Inspector with the Community Development Department. Join me in welcoming Rob to his new role!

Congratulations to those recently promoted at the Fire Department!

Kevin Cronin to Deputy Chief
Eric Globberger to Battalion Chief
Matt Penar to Battalion Chief
Andy Rick to Lieutenant



Kevin Cronin



Eric Globberger



Matt Penar



Andy Rick

THE LIBRARY

The Lake Forest Library welcomes two new members to our staff.



Susan Snyder Gonzales raised her two daughters in Lake Forest. She is enjoying working at the Circulation desk and seeing many familiar faces.



Jen Mulloy is the newest member of the Children's Department. She has two children of her own and with a background in teaching she is here to help you and your children find the perfect book. Stop in and say hello.

Library Closings:

Sunday, April 16 - Easter
Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day

Closed Sundays
Memorial Day through Labor Day
May 28-September 3

FLEX - Use it or lose it!

If you have a balance exceeding \$500 in your Flexible Spending Account, now is the time to submit your claim. All claims incurred prior to December 31, 2016, must be submitted no later than March 31, 2017. Do not wait until March 31 to submit your claims!

Waiting until the last minute does not give you time to rectify any potential problems with your documentation, and you may forfeit your funds. Once the deadline is reached, PBA cannot reopen to make adjustments for you.

If you wish to check the balance in your Flexible Spending Account, you can do so at pbaclaims.com under the Flex tab. You can also submit your claims online by scanning your receipts and filling out the online claim form on the same PBA site. It's very easy to do.

If you have any problems logging in or have additional questions, please contact PBA customer service at 630.655.3755.

IF YOU **DID** ENROLL IN FLEX IN 2017 (meaning put in the City's \$150 or your own personal funds), all funds up to \$500 will rollover after March 31, 2017.

IF YOU **DID NOT** ENROLL IN FLEX IN 2017, you may roll over a minimum of \$50 to a maximum of \$500 in the unreimbursed medical account into the next calendar year. Do not jeopardize your funds! Any funds under \$50 will be forfeit. As noted above, there is still time to submit claims incurred in 2016 so you don't forfeit anything.

www.citylf.org/EIP/index.php/hr/benefitsforms/flex-pba/

This link to the HR Website you will find:

- Flex Rollover
- Reimbursement Timeline



NEW FITNESS CENTER RATES

LAKE FOREST

FITNESS



CENTER

CHANGE YOUR BODY • CHALLENGE YOUR MIND • LIFT YOUR SPIRIT

NEW RATES FOR FULL TIME EMPLOYEES ONLY

Recreation Center
400 Hastings Road
Lake Forest, Illinois 60045
Tel. 847-810-3932

Facilities & Amenities:

- >> 4,500 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility
- >> Private locker rooms with towel service
- >> Complete line of Free Weights, selectorized machines, dumbbells & functional training from Precor & Life Fitness
- >> Group Exercise: TRX, Yoga, Strength; 35+ classes
- >> 3 Conversion Courts for Racquetball/Squash
- >> Safe and friendly child care available in the Kids Kottage (additional fees apply)

- Available before work, after work or during your lunch.
- Earn part of your Flex 200 Benefit
- Showers available
- Towel service available

Membership Rates Effective: January 2017

City Employee	Individual	Couple	Family
Enrollment Fee	\$0	\$0	\$0
Monthly Fee	\$15	\$25	\$35

Employee Memberships

- Memberships may be cancelled at any time with 30 days written notice of cancellation.
- Memberships can be paid in full for a specified amount of time during enrollment. For example, if someone wanted to join for 3 months, that fee could be paid in full.
- Membership can also be billed to a credit card on a reoccurring basis. Credit cards are billed on the 15th of each month with the first payment being made at the time of enrollment. The memberships using the monthly credit card charge will remain active indefinitely until 30 days written notice of cancellation has been received.

New Members receive two (2) free thirty minute orientation sessions with a Personal Trainer. Also included are two (2) Guest Passes for friends and family members.

Group Exercise

- Employees can utilize Group X Classes at the rates listed.
- Punch Passes expire 1 year from date of purchase.
- Drop-In classes must be used the same day they are purchased.

GROUP EXERCISE PUNCH PASS

Drop-In	12 Punch Pass	24 Punch Pass
\$9	\$73	\$129