

The Forest View

VIEWS FROM THE DESK OF...



"I really don't mind coming into the office to work."

Regardless of whether you have school-aged or college-aged kids at home, other family members living with you, or other home-related distractions, this cartoon may hit close to home. I know it did for me! While we may not have felt this way a year ago, I know I am not alone in having a newfound appreciation for just being able to work in the office. A by-product of this pandemic is certainly a rediscovered importance of the camaraderie that we develop through our daily interactions with others. It is so nice to engage in face-to-face communications with all of you again.

With the end of summer behind us, many employees have embarked on the challenge of managing work responsibilities with unusual and demanding school schedules

for their children. Others continue to care for at-risk family members at home or nearby. Please know we are sensitive to the unique pressures everyone is facing, and are committed to remaining flexible when we can to help you through these trying times.

In spite of the chaotic year that seems to continue throwing new curve balls our way, I remain incredibly

proud and grateful for the resilience of our organization. All of you have adapted to our "new normal" while continuing to provide exceptional services to our community. Critical capital projects have been completed, and our financial condition remains strong. We have even seen some silver linings in this crazy year, from banner years at the beach and at Deerpath Golf Course as residents flocked outdoors, to our local real estate market shattering historical sales records as new families discover all that Lake Forest has to offer.

While your perseverance and creativity have been inspiring to watch, it is important that we remember not to let our guard down now. It is natural for everyone, myself included, to be suffering from

serious COVID (and Zoom!) fatigue. But please remember that all of our successes this year have been predicated on employees being responsible in their behaviors, both at work and at home. Tempting as it may be, now is not the time for complacency. It is also important to be mindful that people have different comfort levels and risks. So please, continue to be smart in following established health and safety protocols. Do it for yourself, for your family, and for your fellow employees.

I hope everyone enjoys the beautiful fall weather (my favorite time of year) and is able to celebrate the upcoming holidays in spite of the challenges presented in a pandemic. 2020 has been a remarkable year for our organization in ways we still do not fully appreciate, but I know I speak for everyone in saying I will be happy to see it end!

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Adams'.

BIRTHDAYS

Kim Mccann	10/05	OCM	Jacob Rieper	11/15	Fire
Andy Rick	10/06	Fire	Dwight Davis	11/18	Police
Jim Santostefano	10/07	PW Sanitation	Troy Devries	11/20	Police
Ulises Castro	10/09	PR Cemetery	Charlie Franco	11/21	PR Cemetery
Dave Tisinai	10/11	Fire	Chris Teresi	11/24	ComDev
Val Gonzalez	10/11	PR Admin	Jose Diaz	11/28	PW Water Plant
Mike Mounts	10/14	Fire	Mike Gallo	11/29	Fire
Richie Paulsen Jr	10/15	PW Bldg Maint	Brittni Wallace	11/29	PR Admin
Tony Caringello	10/19	PW Streets	Jason Olson	11/30	PR Admin
Doug Juhrend	10/22	PW Fleet/Eqpt	Rick Anderson	12/01	Police
John Eldridge	10/23	PR Admin	Chuck Kriens	12/04	Fire
Chanze Davis	10/23	PW Water Plant	Rigo Coria	12/05	PR Forestry
Tara Purtell	10/23	Seniors	Miguel Camarena	12/08	PR Parks
Mike Strong	10/25	OCM	Jim Lockefer	12/10	PW Admin
Brett Marquette	10/25	Police	Jeff Sulkin	12/14	Police
Rob Copeland	10/28	Police	Will Howard	12/14	PR Admin
Michelle Friedrich	10/29	ComDev	Landon Luzar	12/15	PR Forestry
Sally Swarthout	11/01	PR Admin	Eric Krueger	12/17	PR Parks
Chrissy Custer	11/02	Fire	Joe Stanonik	12/18	Fire
Matt Signa	11/02	Police	Danny Edwards	12/18	PR Parks
Kim Kraus	11/07	ComDev	Barb Lueder-Manetti	12/20	Police
Dan Martin	11/07	PW Admin	Nik Michl	12/25	PR Forestry
Katie Dolan	11/08	Seniors	Mark Krygeris	12/28	Finance
Kevin Hill	11/09	PW Fleet/Eqpt	Nicholas Dovel	12/28	Fire
Angie Tappa	11/11	Police	DeSha Kalmar	12/30	HR
Dan Lainio	11/12	Fire	Zachary Styx	12/30	Police
Juan Ramirez	11/12	Police	Amber Campbell	12/31	HR

GROWING FAMILIES

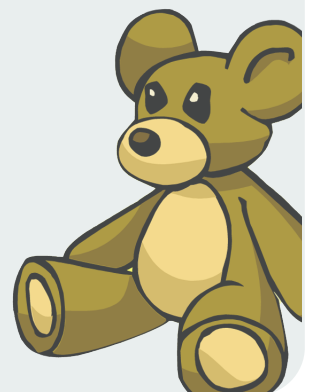
Brandon and **Liz Poppenhouse** (Library)
Levi Thomas
April 29

Veronica & **Matt Brugioni** (Streets)
Cassidy Rose
July 7

Neda & **Daniel Blaul** (Police)
Andrej Thomas
July 20

Ashley & **Aaron Kruchko** (Police)
Cecelia Lynn
August 16

Alyssa & **Michael Hughes** (Police)
Gavin Michael
August 26



NEW EMPLOYEES



Todor Ginchevski is one of the Police Department's newest Police Officers. Todor was previous with the Macedonian Ministry of Internal Affairs with their Special Task Unit and is currently pursuing a BA in Criminal Justice.

He is interested in fitness, playing the guitar and piano.



Emily Melgar has also joined the Police Department as a Police Officer. She has her bachelors in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration with a minor in Sociology and Spanish.

She enjoys working out in the gym, reading and occasionally plays the violin.



Nicholas Dovel joins the Fire Department as a Firefighter/ Paramedic. He has a BS in Public Safety and was previously in the US Navy as well as Drake Concrete Construction.

He likes motorcycles, BBQ Smoking and bon fires.

Please Welcome our New Employees!

THE LIBRARY

Open for Library Lite express service

Since July 20, Library staff have been pleased to welcome patrons back into the building for Library Lite express service. Limited numbers of patrons throughout the day may make quick visits to pick up holds, browse the collections, and use Wi-Fi and public computers. Resources and services continue to be offered online and by phone, and virtual events for families, children, teens, and adults are happening nearly every day and cover a wide range of interests.

Due to the ongoing uncertainty during the pandemic, hours and service modifications will continue to be made as necessary to support CDC guidelines and the safety of our staff and patrons. For the current status of the Library, please follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter and visit www.lakeforestlibrary.org.

Library Closings

Open hours are subject to change. For up-to-date information, please visit www.lakeforestlibrary.org. Closing early at 5:00 pm on Wed, November 25

Thur, November 26

Thur, December 24

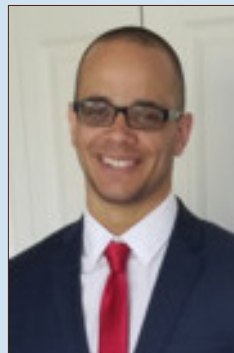
Fri, December 25

Closing early at 5:00 pm on Thur, December 31

Wed, January 1

New Employees

Chris Wheeler is the new Facilities Manager at the Library. He previously worked in healthcare as a Plant Operations Director focused on seniors with dementia. He has two young children who he enjoys taking to museums and outdoor activities. In addition, Chris is an avid golfer and gym goer, lover of fantasy and science fiction, and a Marine Corps Veteran who served two tours in Iraq.





PLACE	TIME	WORK GROUP
PSB Training & Conf Rm	7-8:30AM	Police & Fire <i>*PSB employees only*</i>

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CROYA	7-8AM	Parks
	8-9AM	Water Plant, Cemetery
	9-10:30AM	Recreation, CROYA
	10:30-11:30AM	Seniors, OCM
	11:30-12:30PM	Library
	Break	
PSB Training & Conf Rm	2-4:30PM	Police & Fire *PSB employees only*

Upon entering any location, you will be required to wear a face mask, check your temperature, and maintain social distancing. Tables will be set up at the entrances with hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes and thermometers.

