

The Forest View

VIEWS FROM THE DESK OF...

For my inaugural employee newsletter, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on my initial experiences here in Lake Forest.

My priority and focus over the past two months has been to visit as many of you as possible in order to listen and learn about the issues that the Organization is addressing on a daily basis. This has included site visits to our many City-owned buildings, including wonderful tours of our various recreation facilities and our award-winning water treatment plant.

My initial impressions have reinforced how excited and fortunate I feel to be a part of this Organization. It is clear that you are a tremendously talented and hard working group who have a strong sense of commitment to your day-to-day work. As I have had the opportunity to meet all of you, I am also amazed at the tenure of the City's workforce, which I hope is a testament to our Organization being a great place to work. I will strive every day to ensure it remains so for all employees.

I hope that we will continue to get to know each other in the coming months – both professionally and personally. As I have emphasized during these initial meetings, I strive to be approachable and truly value building relationships across all levels of the Organization. That means

that you may find me walking around your building or participating in employee events such as the recent chili cook-off (the dismal vote totals of my chili entry aside, I had a great time.) If you see me, I hope you will take a moment to say hello.

I want to end this first message with a heartfelt thanks for all that you do on a daily basis. It does not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated. As we embark on this next chapter together, I look forward to working with and continuing to get to know all of you.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Walsh". The signature is fluid and cursive.



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BIRTHDAYS

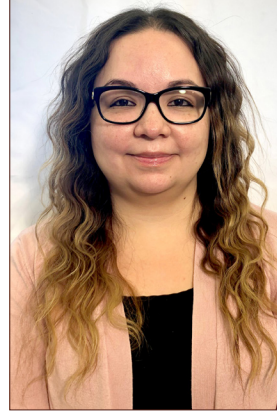
Luke Miller	PW - Streets	04/01	Ron Gramer	PW - Fleet/Eqpt	05/31
Bernard Pondexter	PW - Engineering	04/02	Mark Senger	Police	06/02
Yoni Garcia	PW - Sanitation	04/03	Catherine Lemmer	Library	06/03
Pablo Garcia	PW - Sanitation	04/05	Jim Koblas	PW - Engineering	06/04
Amanda Russell	Library	04/14	Jason Busdeker	P&R - Rec	06/04
Marty Blitstein	Police	04/17	Zachary Amrein	Fire	06/04
Mike Gernenz	PW - Sanitation	04/17	Joe Gabanski	FIT - IT	06/05
Rickey Parham	PW - Sanitation	04/18	Steve Werchek	Fire	06/05
Matt Wert	P&R - Parks	04/19	Travis Pedersen	Fire	06/06
Matthew Bachler	FIT - Finance	04/20	Bob Ells	PW - Engineering	06/08
Elizabeth Poppenhouse	Library	04/20	Andy Barnes	Fire	06/08
Ismael Ramirez	PW - Sanitation	04/21	Ben Grum	Police	06/08
John Baldwin	P&R - Parks	04/22	Susan Banks	OCM	06/09
Rob January	P&R - Parks	04/23	Steve Grost	Fire	06/09
Mary Good	Library	04/27	Eric Farr	Fire	06/13
Joe Mobile	P&R - Admin.	04/29	Christopher Schoenherr	Library	06/13
Mike Glomski	ComDev	05/01	Matt Allen	Police	06/14
Karl Walldorf	Police	05/01	Elizabeth Holleb	FIT - Finance	06/16
Aaron Bishop	PW - Water Plant	05/02	Salomon Martinez	PW - Streets	06/16
Matt Goodman	ComDev	05/05	Bill Borzick	PW - Bldg. Maint.	06/17
Daniel Blaul	Police	05/06	Tim Gehring	Police	06/17
Jen Baehr	ComDev	05/06	Justin Green	PW - Bldg. Maint.	06/17
Ken Pierini	P&R - Rec	05/08	Diane Hall	FIT - Finance	06/18
Anthony Anaszewicz	P&R - Rec	05/08	Adam Milczarek	Police	06/18
Kate Buckardt	Library	05/11	Kristin Elliott	P&R - Admin.	06/22
Paul Petersen	ComDev	05/12	Mike Lange	Police	06/24
Charlie Flesch	Police	05/14	Penny Robbins	P&R - Rec	06/25
Jason Wicha	OCM	05/14	Andy Shiu	Police	06/27
Mike Hughes	Police	05/14	Fred Hoeft	PW - W&S	06/28
Choosri Goebel	Library	05/20	Mark Long	Police	06/28
Sara Hartnett	FIT - Finance	05/22	Rich Volpe	PW - W&S	06/29
Mark Zalke	PW - Bldg. Maint.	05/26	John Varner	PW - W&S	06/30
Phil Gualdoni	Police	05/26	Dennis Smith	Police	06/30
Chuck Myers	P&R - Admin.	05/29	Amy Begoun	Library	06/30

NEW EMPLOYEES



Brittni Wallace joins the Rec Department full time as a Graphic Designer. Brittni started with the Rec part time as a Graphic Designer in 2016. Brittni has a degree in Marketing and International Business from Western WA University.

She enjoys drawing, painting, kayaking and traveling.



Krystal Medina is the new Records Clerk with the Police Department. Krystal came to work for the City from Robert Half where she worked as a Lead Admin.

She likes spending her time with family.

THE LIBRARY

Celebrate Friends & Upcoming Book Sales

The Library is grateful to the Friends of Lake Forest Library for their hard work throughout the year. Stop by the Library on Saturday, April 6, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm for coffee and treats while we celebrate the Friends! For more information about the Friends, visit www.lakeforestlibrary.org/friends.

Cookbook and Gardening Book Sale: April 12–13 in the Library Foyer

Children's Book Sale: June 6–8 in the Library Foyer

Free online learning with Lynda.com

Are you looking to build your business, technology, or creative skills? With your Lake Forest Library card, you can access thousands of high-quality online courses and career learning paths on Lynda.com for free. Get started today at www.lakeforestlibrary.org/lynda. (Don't have a library card? They're free for all Lake Forest employees! Visit the Library or www.lakeforestlibrary.org/card.)

New Employees



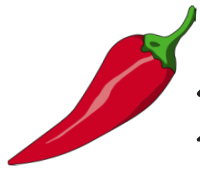
Ross Shanley-Roberts is the Library's new Head of Technical Services/IT. Prior to joining Lake Forest Library, Ross was the Head of Cataloging at Lake Bluff Public Library for four years and has also been a substitute teacher at Lake Forest Country Day School.

When he's not working, Ross enjoys spending time with his family and two pugs.

Library Closings

Sunday, April 21

Monday, May 27



2019 Chili Cook-Off



1st Place
Building Maint.!



2nd Place
Rec!



3rd Place
Fire!



**Chili pots were stirred,
ante's were upped.**

**This year's participants made amazing
Chili! Fun was had by all!**

