



# DIALOGUE

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



This past fall in Lake Forest was a very busy and exciting season! The BMW Golf Championship at Conway Farms Golf Club was a huge success, with over 130,000 visitors and millions of spectators worldwide. This event showcased our beautiful community, giving it very positive recognition and distinction.

The Forest Park renovation is underway after a tremendous amount of community input and support. A letter sharing my and Ralph Gesualdo's enthusiasm for the project is included on page four. Please check for updates on the website.

Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital is continuing to make progress on the development of its new campus. The new entrance, from Rte. 41, is currently under construction. This will alleviate a large portion of hospital traffic by allowing direct access to the hospital from Rte. 41. The Hospital Advisory Committee is working closely with the Hospital's project team to evaluate the plans for compliance with the Master Plan and Special Use Permit. Architectural details, selected exterior materials, landscaping and lighting will soon be available to share, and construction is scheduled to be complete in 2017.

Lake Forest College greeted 430 new students this fall, the largest freshmen class in the College's history. We welcomed the new students at a Beach Party in early September. Students are enjoying Moore Residence Hall, a new dormitory on the campus, completed this past summer. A beautiful enhancement to our wonderful College!

Lake Forest High School celebrated multiple State Championships, with the Girl's Field Hockey Team, Girls' Tennis Team and the Boys' Flag Football Team all bringing home titles. Deer Path Middle School celebrated the Girls' Track Team as State Champions as well. At press time, the Boys' Soccer, Football and both Girls' and Boys' Cross Country Teams are in Sectionals and Playoffs. These are tremendous athletic achievements of which our students, coaches and parents should all be very proud!

Finally, the Native Tree Sale, co-hosted by the City of Lake Forest and Lake Forest Open Lands Association in October at Elawa Farm, was very successful. Another tree sale event is being planned for next spring as we work to "Re-Green Lake Forest". The sale introduced many residents to the trees that naturally populate Lake Forest, including oaks, hickories and other hardwoods found in our woodlands, ravines and savannas.

I hope to see everyone at the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, November 29, in Market Square. Again, this year, the City was fortunate to have the Market Square and west side train station Holiday Trees donated by residents. As we move into the winter season and New Year, I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and all the best in 2014!

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## VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

Philanthropy continues to thrive in Lake Forest. In addition to the thousands of people that support non-profit organizations in town, residents and students are engaged in the workings of The City of Lake Forest. Along with hundreds of your neighbors serving on nearly 20 boards and commissions, volunteers are significant and valuable resources within the day-to-day operations of City departments.

Lake Forest College students pair up with CROYA kids to work on community service projects, chaperoning dances and running other special events. Lake Forest College interns earn class credits while helping promote economic development, produce LFTV shows, run cameras and edit video productions. Volunteers at Dickinson Hall assist with answering questions about Medicare and other insurance, income tax preparation for members, special event setup and service, provide door-to-door car rides for members in need of transportation, lead programs and help with clerical and reception duties at the Center. All volunteers receive special training and are certified when required.



Royce Gregory, a junior at Lake Forest High School, has been an active participant in the programs of the Wildlife Discovery Center since he was a toddler. He currently is a student leader for the Center, helping provide tours, taking care of the animals, and assisting with programs and special events after school and on weekends. Other volun-

teers at the Wildlife Discovery Center help conduct studies on the animals and their habitats, outreach programs, traveling exhibits and serve as photographers.

Volunteering is more than giving of time and talent, also providing opportunities to enrich lives, learning about new things and establishing new relationships. The City is fortunate to have residents that are willing to serve their community in so many different ways. Thank you!

## A HOLIDAY TRADITION

While the rest of the community may be rising early to get the turkey in the oven or choosing to sleep late, on Thanksgiving morning, the Boy Scouts of

Troop 48 quietly go about the task of decorating over 100 of Lake Forest's street light poles, both train stations and three community sign board corners.



The boys meet at 7 a.m. behind the Rec Center with ladders and wire cutters in tow, where they cut and sort 1200 feet of garland and over 200 wreaths. Regardless of wind, rain or snow, the Scouts perform this task humbly without fail and have been doing so for nearly 20 years. The next day, when the Tree Lighting Ceremony is underway and the switch is flipped, the Scouts look on with pride, knowing that they have not only helped to beautify Lake Forest for the holidays, but also earned a trip to Camp MaKaJaWan. Eagle Scout mom Kimmarie Munoz calls this tradition "one of Lake Forest's best kept secrets."





## TIDBITS...

### WEBSITE

The City launched its new website this past summer and is receiving positive feedback from the community about the News and Calendar features, that it is pleasing to use and information is easier to find. Here are a couple of helpful hints:

**Mobile Version:** To view a drop-down menu, touch the arrow next to the topic until the items appear. You may view the full website at any time by touching "View Full Site" at the bottom of the screen.

**Don't know who to contact or want to make a suggestion? 3 options are available:**

1. Click on "Contact Staff" at the top right of the home page and then click on "Don't know who to contact?"
2. Click on "Contact Us" at the bottom right of the home page and then click on "Don't know who to contact?"
3. Click on "I Want to" at the top left of the home page, then click on "Contact", select "Someone to Make a Suggestion", and click on "Don't know who to contact?"

### VEHICLE STICKERS

Spring is the time for vehicle sticker renewals. Current stickers expire on April 30, 2014, and renewal notification will be sent in late March.

Once again, residents will have the option of purchasing vehicle stickers online, as well as pet licenses and parking permits. To request your renewal information via email, please notify Sara Hartnett at [hartnets@cityoflakeforest.com](mailto:hartnets@cityoflakeforest.com) or call 847.810.3622.

Residents enrolled in the State of Illinois Benefits Access Program may qualify for one discounted vehicle sticker. Residents who are 65+ years of age or are disabled and meet minimum income requirements may be eligible. To obtain a discounted vehicle sticker, you will be required to show proof of enrollment in the Benefit Access Program (Eligibility Notice, License Plate Discount Program Notice, or State of IL vehicle registration showing discounted license

plates). Applications will not be accepted as proof of enrollment. To apply and for more information, please visit [www.cbrx.il.gov](http://www.cbrx.il.gov).



### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### 5-Year Follow-up Retail Survey

The results are in and notable findings include:

- A 14.3% increase of weekly shopping on the Internet
- Decreased shopping at area malls
- An increase in requests for more restaurants
- Satisfaction with all elements in the central business district including special events, parking convenience and a variety of goods
- A desire for shopping hours in town to expand to 7 p.m. in the evenings

### MAYOR FOR A DAY

Trip Pierce, a fifth grader at Deer Path Middle School, was the "2013 Mayor for a Day" on October 21. He received behind-the-scenes tours of City buildings including the Police and Fire Departments, had dinner with the Mayor and Aldermen and assisted Mayor Schoenheider in presiding over the Finance and City Council Meetings. Trip says "I'll never forget today. It was so cool." For more information, please contact [cityhall@cityoflakeforest.com](mailto:cityhall@cityoflakeforest.com).





**DONALD P. SCHOENHEIDER**  
MAYOR

November 4, 2013

Dear Fellow Residents,

If you have driven by Forest Park recently, you will have seen that the rehabilitation of the Park is well under way. The replacement of the Park's aging infrastructure is the focus of the first phase this fall. The Ring Road is being restored and realigned, the non-functioning storm sewer system is being replaced and the electrical service is being upgraded. The goal is to have this work done by approximately November 22. At the completion of this phase, the first layer of asphalt for the new road will be put down. Though vehicles will not be permitted this winter, the City intends to plow a pedestrian path to allow walkers and joggers to use the Park.

Next spring, when weather permits, work will commence on the second phase that will encompass landscaping, hardscape and new amenities. The final step will be to put the final layer on the Ring Road so it can be opened for vehicular traffic. The objective is to have that work completed by late May so the Park will be open next summer.

This rehabilitation of Forest Park has been a long-standing priority for the City. The work this fall and next spring is the culmination of a public process that included many meetings with residents, City staff, landscape architects and other experts to solicit input and develop the Master Plan. The Parks and Recreation Board, the Historic Preservation Commission and the City Council approved the resultant Master Plan last year.

The Forest Park project is being undertaken as a public/private partnership between the City and the Forest Park Project Corporation, a not-for-profit corporation. This is the latest in a number of successful partnerships, such as Elawa Farm and Market Square, which have served our City so well. The budget for the project is approximately \$4.0 million, of which \$2.8 million has been contributed in cash and pledges to date. We are pleased to recognize Lake Forest Bank & Trust as the project's lead corporate donor with a commitment of \$100,000.

With this strong foundation, we will soon be entering the public phase of the campaign. In the spirit of past public/private partnerships that have benefited our entire community so well, we ask every citizen to consider how they can best support the project. We hope you share our excitement in seeing the beginning of construction and join us in looking forward to a beautiful rehabilitated Forest Park. For further information please visit [www.forestparkproject.com](http://www.forestparkproject.com).

Sincerely,

Ralph Gesualdo  
Chairman, Forest Park Project Corporation

Donald P. Schoenheider  
Mayor

## COMPOST/RECYCLING CENTER

### Reduced Winter Hours at the Center

Beginning December 1, operating hours are limited to Saturdays from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Please display a current Lake Forest vehicle sticker or resident beach permit on the vehicle's windshield. Driver's licenses cannot be accepted as proof of residency. No commercial contractor use of the facility is allowed.

**Yard waste** collections will reduce to once weekly and will be collected on the same day as recycling. Yard waste must be placed in biodegradable brown paper lawn and leaf bags with a City of Lake Forest yard sticker affixed to each bag. Stickers can be purchased at the Municipal Services Building, City Hall and various local businesses.

### Holiday Waste

During and after the holidays, please bag all loose wrapping paper and packing peanuts to keep them from littering the neighborhood, and flatten cardboard boxes.

### Christmas Tree Recycling

During January, Christmas trees will be picked up on regularly-scheduled recycling days at the curb. Trees must be free of all lights and ornamentation. To be collected, trees cannot be in plastic bags and must be cut in six-foot lengths.

### Christmas Holiday Collection Schedule

Offices at City Hall and the Municipal Services Building will also be closed on Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25. **There will be no change in refuse, recycling or yard waste collection for the holiday week.** The same offices will also be closed on Wednesday, January 1, with again no change in the collection schedule that week as regular routes will continue.

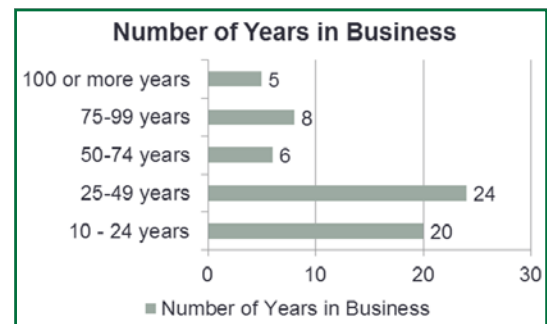
For more information or to report a missed collection, please call the Sanitation Section automated phone system at 847.615.4264.

## SHOP LOCAL

### Heritage Businesses to be Recognized

61 of the 105 local retailers and restaurants in Lake Forest have been operating for over 10 years. Five of those businesses have been in operation for over 100 years and those Heritage Businesses will be recognized at a new award celebration this winter. To learn more about these shops and restaurants and holiday gifts and specials, visit them on the City's YouTube page: [www.youtube.com/enjoylakeforest](http://www.youtube.com/enjoylakeforest).

For more information, please contact Susan Kelsey at [kelseys@cityoflakeforest.com](mailto:kelseys@cityoflakeforest.com) or 847.810.3681. Shop local this holiday season and support the stores and restaurants in the community. What a wonderful time to be in Lake Forest!



## HOLIDAY TIPS FROM L.F.P.D.

### At Home

- Lock all doors and windows when you leave, even if you are only away for a few minutes
- If out for the evening, turn on lights and a radio or television so the house appears to be occupied
- If gone for the holidays, use an automatic timer to turn lights on and off in your house. Have someone watch your house, shovel the snow and pick up mail and newspapers. Have a neighbor park a car in your driveway from time to time.
- Test smoke alarms
- Use fire-resistant ornaments and make sure electric lights are in good working order. Never leave lights lit on a tree when you are not at home.

### Con Games and Fraud

- When someone asks for a donation, ask to see official identification
- Give only to charities with which you are familiar
- Don't give your credit card number out over the phone





## PARKS AND RECREATION

### Welcome to Ice Skating at West Park (located at the corner of Green Bay and Woodland Roads)

The rink will be flooded as soon as the temperatures stay below freezing. Guards will be on duty, the warming house will be open and lights on for evening activity. Please note that the rink will close at 4 p.m. on Christmas and New Year's Eve and will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

#### Regular Hours:

- Monday-Thursday: 3:30-9 p.m.
- Friday: 3:30-10 p.m.
- Saturday: 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday: Noon-9 p.m.

#### School Holiday Break Hours:

- Monday-Saturday: 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Sunday: Noon-10 p.m.

For information about ice conditions, please call 847.234.6702.

### Summer Camp Preview Day

#### Saturday, February 8, 9 a.m.-noon at Deer Path Middle School

Residents will get a sneak peek at all of the Rec Center's camp opportunities, meet the staff, ask questions and take advantage of early registration incentives and discounts. Preview all the specialty camps offered as well as traditional day camps for children

aged 3-14. Also, the popular Counselor In Training program for 13-15 year-olds develops leadership skills. Preview Day is a great opportunity to finalize summer plans.



## CROYA HAPPENINGS

### (Committee Representing Our Young Adults)

For 33 years, CROYA has been serving the young adults (7-12th grades) of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff. CROYA successfully uses a group-process model where students are encouraged to develop, run and evaluate their own programs. Together, with specially-trained staff, the kids run more than 300 annual programs and meetings including social, leadership, community service, music and emotional wellness events. CROYA continues to provide counseling services in CROYA's Student Union through a contract with CAFDC (Child, Adolescent & Family Development Center, LLC) in Lake Bluff. Youth Advocate Jean Odwazny, LCSW, is on staff at CAFDC and maintains an office at CROYA. CROYA has also recently contracted with Family Service: Prevention, Education and Counseling, NFP, in order to provide a limited amount of fee-free services at CROYA. Counseling services are provided for need-based youths.

The CROYA Student Union is a multi-purpose facility capable of adapting to the ever-changing youth trends and youth-driven ideas. Students are encouraged to explore everything has to offer: recording studio, main stage, DJ booth, multiple lounges, student store and dance store. *There are no memberships needed to participate in CROYA programs.*

The Activator Academy at CROYA offers music programs for kids of all ages. Private and group lessons are available for drums, bass, guitar, voice and piano. Students can collaborate on live performances, recording studio projects and open mic jams.

*Have you ever considered having a recording studio birthday party?* Contact Shelia Christofalos at 847.810.3988 or [christos@cityoflakeforest.com](mailto:christos@cityoflakeforest.com).



## EXPLORE DICKINSON HALL... “FOR DYNAMIC ADULTS”

**100 East Old Mill Road; 847.234.2209**

Discover educational opportunities, creative outlets, socializing, wellness and fitness classes as well as so much more. The complete *Newsbrief*, the bi-monthly bulletin with the full schedule of activities, may be viewed on the City’s website, or feel free to stop in for a tour of the building and pick up a membership application. Winter program highlights include:

- Thursday, December 5: “The Battle of Chosin Reservoir, Korea” with speaker and war veteran Ben Wagner
- Friday, December 13: “Looking Back-Looking Ahead”, a lecture by Barry Bradford
- Tuesday, December 17: “Images of the Nativity Story” with Art Historian Jeff Mishur
- Friday, January 10: “Top 10 List of the Best and Worst Presidents”, a lecture by Barry Bradford
- Thursday, January 16: Forensics and History: “Secrets of Royal Families” presented by Hal Tinberg
- Friday, January 17: “Women in the Know”, an ongoing women’s forum led by Amie Marks

## LIBRARY NEWS

Lexis Nexis, a premier service for businesses and legal information, is now available at [www.lakeforestlibrary.org](http://www.lakeforestlibrary.org). Users can access company and investment data, search through legal cases, and see news stories from hundreds of major sources, both foreign and domestic. Full-text articles and mobile interface are available. To access Lexis Nexis remotely, click on the Library’s online database link and enter your library card number when prompted.

The Library offers access to thousands of eTitles. MyMediaMall is the library’s collection of eBooks and eAudiobooks. Titles can be downloaded to your computer, eReader or other device, and include best-sellers, classics, popular fiction and non-fiction works. A limit of five titles can be checked out at any one time.

Small group tutorials to help users with online materials are available. Please call 847.810.4610 to schedule an appointment.

## WINTER ALMANAC

### NOVEMBER

**29: 30th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony;** Beginning at 3:30 p.m. in Market Square. Activities include ice sculpting, a visit from Santa Claus, refreshments and caroling with the Lake Forest High School Choristers.

### DECEMBER

**4: Holiday Open House in Market Square;** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Join in the community fun and shop local!

**4: Gorton’s Holiday Shop for Kids;** 2-6 p.m., for children aged 4-10 at Gorton Community Center, 400 E. Illinois Road. Allow Santa’s helpers to take your child shopping for the entire family. Local vendors and talented artisans will feature items all \$10 or under (including tax). Give your kids the gift of independence and let them experience the joy of giving. Wonder Wrappers will be on hand to make sure each purchase is wrapped and ready for under-the-tree.

**6, 7 & 8: Holiday Market at Elawa Farm;** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (Noon-4 p.m. on December 8) at Elawa Farm, 1401 Middlefork Drive. Shop for fresh Fraser Fir trees, assorted greens, wreaths, roping, swags, potted outdoor arrangements, amaryllis, narcissus, hand-crafted soaps, gingerbread houses and holiday foodstuffs.

**6 & 7: Poinsettia pickup;** CROYA, 400 Hastings Road; call 847.810.3980 for details or to place an order.

**7: Santa and his Reindeer in Market Square;** Noon-4 p.m. A great day for all ages.

**22: A Family Christmas Celebration;** 4 p.m. in the Gorton Community Center Auditorium, 400 E. Illinois Road; \$15 for patrons of all ages. Gorton and the North Suburban Symphony invite you to celebrate Christmas time with delightful holiday music.

### FEBRUARY

**9: “The Sleds are Coming Again!”;** Noon at the Alumni Memorial Fieldhouse at Lake Forest College. The Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association (GLASA) and Lake Forest College Athletic Department team up to present a sled hockey program. The GLASA Falcons, coached by retired LFC men’s hockey coach Tony Fritz, were National Champions at the National Disabled Festival. Admission is free but donations to GLASA are welcome.

### MARCH

**14-16: High School Spring Retreat;** Please check [www.croya.com](http://www.croya.com) for updated information.



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## KEEP INFORMED

[WWW.CITYOFLAKEFOREST.COM](http://WWW.CITYOFLAKEFOREST.COM)

Residents are encouraged to attend meetings of the City Council, Boards and Commissions. Meetings are held at City Hall unless otherwise noted. Dates are subject to change.

12/2, 1/6, 1/21, 2/3, 2/18 – City Council, 7:30 p.m.

1/6, 2/3 – Committee of the Whole, 6:30 p.m.

12/2, 1/21, 2/18 – Finance Committee, 6:30 p.m.

12/4, TBD, 2/5 – Building Review Board, 6:30 p.m.

9/16, 10/21, 11/18 – Public Works Committee, 5:15 p.m.

12/11, 1/8, 2/12 – Plan Commission, 6:30 p.m.

2/13 – Senior Resource Commission, 1 p.m., Dickinson Hall

12/23, 1/28, 2/25 – Zoning Board of Appeals, 6:30 p.m.

12/10, 1/14, 2/11 – Library Board, 7:30 p.m., Library

TBD, 1/22, 2/26 – Historic Preservation Commission,  
6:30 p.m.

12/17, TBD, 2/18 – Parks and Recreation Board, 6:30 p.m.

## CALL 847.234.2600 FOR ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS

Postage-free mail to all City departments and City officials can be deposited in the white drop boxes at the east side train station, on Bank Lane north of Westminster, and in the Telegraph Road train station parking lot.

## CITY HALL

220 East Deerpath  
Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,  
Monday–Friday

## MUNICIPAL SERVICES CENTER

800 North Field Drive  
Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,  
Monday–Friday

## PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

(Police and Fire Departments)  
255 West Deerpath  
Call 911 for all emergencies

## COMPOST/RECYCLING CENTER

Located at the south side of  
Rte. 60 just west of Waukegan  
Road. Reduced winter hours:  
Saturdays, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

## CABLE TELEVISION

### Comcast Xfinity:

City-17: City Meetings & Special  
Events

TV-19: Public Access & Other Local  
programming

### A T & T U-Verse:

Channel 99, Scroll to “Lake Forest”

City Council meetings are broadcast live on City-17 at 7:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. City Council and other meetings aired on City-17 can be viewed live at [www.lftv.org](http://www.lftv.org). Archived City meeting videos are posted online at [www.youtube.com/EnjoyLakeForest](http://www.youtube.com/EnjoyLakeForest). DVDs of televised City meetings are available at Lake Forest Library, 360 E. Deerpath; 847.234.0636.

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