Happy 100th Birthday, Market Square!
Mayor’s Message

On Monday, May 2, the City Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Budget. The budget development process begins in August with preparation of revenue estimates and update of the five-year capital improvement program. Operating budgets are prepared in January after adoption of the tax levy and fees for the upcoming fiscal year. The City Council Finance Committee is actively engaged in the budget process, conducting budget workshops in November and March, and discussing budget-related topics at meetings in October, January and April. Total projected expenditures are $82,249,472, down $2.2 million from FY2016 estimated actual.

Although the City relies heavily on property taxes to fund operations, you may not realize that only 19.6% of your property tax bill goes to the City!

A typical Lake Forest property tax bill is allocated per the chart (left). The City incorporates long-term financial forecasting in its budget process to ensure that attention is given to the long-term impacts of current decisions. It also allows the City to be proactive in addressing challenges on the horizon. The State’s fiscal and budget crisis is monitored closely and could have a significant impact on the City’s budget. Long term forecasts were developed this year with alternate scenarios given the uncertainty of impacts on the City by decisions made in Springfield. With expenditures growing at a faster rate than revenues – largely driven by personnel costs (salaries and benefits), the City has taken measures to reduce costs with minimal impact on service levels to residents.

These measures have included: Early Retirement Incentive/Reduction in personnel, Refinancing of debt to take advantage of lower interest rates, Modified Salt Usage Policy, and Consolidation of Dispatch Services. The number of full-time employees has been reduced and is down 44 positions (17%) from 257 in FY2004 to 213 today.

Overall, the City’s financial condition remains strong, with healthy fund balance reserves and a Aaa bond rating by Moody’s Investors Service. Residents also enjoy the lowest property tax rate in Lake County. With more than $320 million in development either planned or underway within the City, the future is bright and Lake Forest remains a highly desirable place to live, work, and raise a family.

Donald P. Schoenheider
Summer’s Here...Get Outside!

Have you downloaded the LFGo app yet? It’s a self-guided tour of over 500 places that tracks your location and tells you what you are passing. It’s free and available in your app store! Turn on LFGo as you walk, ride or run.

- Landmarks
- Parks
- Native Open Spaces and Trails
- Outstanding Art and Architecture
- Historic Tidbits
- Fun Facts and Hidden Treasures

Lake Forest Open Air Market

Open every Saturday from June 18-October 8, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. featuring music by Sipos & Young and Austin McGreevy. Free parking at the East Train Station.

This year’s Open Air Market is sponsored by Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital featuring community information about the new hospital and healthy living. Vendors include:

- Alden Hills Organic Farm
- Apple Holler
- Artisan Bread Company
- Churchill Orchards and Fruit
- Lake Forest College Student Garden
- Leider’s Local Honey
- Pink House Soap Company
- Pressed Vibrance Juice
- Reprise Coffee
- Twin Garden Farms

Check the City’s website for additional weekly events, activities, music and fun for all ages.

Concerts in the Square

There is no better way to spend Thursday summer evenings in Lake Forest! Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a free evening of entertainment of music, food and fun for the whole family from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

- June 16: Second Hand Soul Band
- June 23: Class of ’68
- June 30: New Odyssey
- July 7: Shout Out
- July 14: Pirates Over 40
- July 21: Shindig plus the Classic/Antique Car Show
Fourth of July

Join us again for this year's Festival & Fireworks featuring the #1 Michael Jackson Tribute Concert! The Friends of Lake Forest Parks and Recreation Foundation helps build beautiful parks, make improvements and expand recreational activities. Since 2000, the Friends have committed over $550,000 in funding to Lake Forest parks grounds, facilities and recreational activities for residents.

Lake Forest Day 2016

Tuesday, August 2, 6-10 p.m.
Carnival rides, live music, food and refreshments at West Park

Wednesday, August 3, 7 a.m.
Lake Forest Day 5K Fun Run/Walk at Deerpath Community Park

Wednesday, August 3, 10 a.m.
Parade on Western Avenue followed by carnival rides, CROYA Jam Band from 7-10 p.m., food and refreshments at West Park until 11 p.m.

Check www.post264.org for more information.
The Zika Virus and How to Stay Safe

Every spring, the City of Lake Forest’s Mosquito Abatement is implemented. However, due to recent news stories about the Zika virus, information from Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital has been provided.

Summer means spending time outdoors. However, it’s not just sunscreen you should arm yourself with to ensure a safe time in the sun this year.

Although rare, Zika is a disease caused by the Zika virus, which is spread to people primarily through the bite of an infected Aedes species mosquito. The most common symptoms are fever, rash, joint pain, and red eyes. The illness is usually mild with symptoms lasting for several days to a week after being bitten by an infected mosquito. People usually don’t get sick enough to go to the hospital, and they very rarely die of Zika, so many people might not realize they have been infected. However, Zika virus infection during pregnancy can cause a serious birth defect called microcephaly, as well as other severe fetal brain defects.

By April 2016, there were 13 confirmed cases of Zika in the state, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health. All cases involved patients who had travelled to other countries.

“There is no vaccine to prevent Zika, and because it poses a particular threat to pregnant women, everyone should take very simple yet important precautions to protect themselves this summer,” said Monica J. Fudala, M.D., a family medicine physician at Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital. She suggests:

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants
- Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents
- Apply sunscreen before insect repellent, not on top of it
- Stay in places with air conditioning or that use window and door screens to keep mosquitoes outside

Drivers of motor vehicles must share the road with bicyclists:
- Respect designated bicycle lanes; don’t use them for parking, passing or turning.
- Pass bicyclists on the road with care; allow at least three feet clearance. Look for cyclists before opening a car door or pulling out from a parking space.
- Yield to bicyclists at intersections and as directed by signs and signals.
- Look for bicyclists before making turns, either left or right.
- Never drive distracted or impaired. Always buckle up.

Bicyclists should ride defensively:
- Always wear a properly-fitted helmet that meets the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) standards.
- Check your bike equipment before heading out: check for proper fit and function, including tires, brakes, handlebars and seats.
- Ride in the same direction as traffic, as a vehicle on the road.
- Obey traffic signs, signals, and lane markings; signal all turns; and follow local laws.
- Be predictable; ride in a straight line and use hand signals when changing lanes or turning.
- Stay focused; look ahead for traffic and obstacles in your path.
- Be visible: wear bright colors, reflective materials and lights on your bicycle at night and in low light conditions.
- Stay alert: don’t use electronic devices.
- Ride safe; riding impaired by alcohol or drugs affects your judgment and skill; it affects your safety and others on the road.
Increase in Parking Fines

The Lake Forest Police Department would like to advise the public that parking fines have been increased effective May 1, 2016.

The majority of parking fines have not increased in over 20 years. Earlier this spring, the City Council recently approved raising the fines for parking violations and repeat parking violators.

Anyone issued a parking citation can pay the fine in one of three ways:

1. Utilizing www.violationspayment.com
2. Visiting the Police Department at 255 W. Deerpath
3. Mailing payment in the attached self-addressed envelope provided with the ticket

Those who wish to contest the ticket can simply do nothing. After 14 days the registered owner will be notified of the assigned court date.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Lake Forest Police Department at 847.810.3845.

Electrical Aggregation Update

In March 2015, the City of Lake Forest, along with other members of the North Shore Electric Aggregation Consortium (NSEAC), entered into a two-year electricity supply contract with Constellation Energy through May 2017. The intent of this contract was to monitor electricity pricing with the goal of locking in rates lower than ComEd’s default rate. Due to various market forces, the Consortium was unable to secure 12-month pricing that would offer savings for the community. As a result, residents participating in the program were transitioned back to ComEd for their electricity supply.

Why has ComEd’s rate remained competitive in the market?

There are a few reasons. First, the convergence in rates between the ComEd default rate and alternative energy supply rates has been due to the expiration of a number of high cost power supplies in the ComEd portfolio which has reduced the cost of electricity that is supplied by ComEd. Second, there has been a decline in the cost of fuel sources, notably natural gas which is at a historic low, used to produce electricity. As a result of the decrease in the cost of electricity supplied by ComEd, a negative purchased electricity adjustment (“PEA”), or credit toward the default rate, has occurred in 11 of the past 12 months.

How has the ComEd rate compared to the contract rate offered by Constellation Energy over the past 12 months?

In March 2015, Constellation Energy Services offered rates of 6.850 cents/kWh for a minimum renewable portfolio standard rate, and 6.995 cents/kWh for 100% green renewable energy credit (REC) supply mix. The ComEd rate over the past 12 months has averaged 6.695 cents per kWh. The chart compares the actual ComEd rate with the maximum rate offered by Constellation Energy Services. In comparing these rates, residents have saved more than $50 over the past year by reverting to ComEd.

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New Clothing & Textile Recycling Program

The City of Lake Forest will be launching a Clothing and Textile Collection and Recycling Pilot Program for new, gently used, and worn textiles and a Shoe Collection Pilot Program this summer through a partnership with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO). The City will also be continuing its Electronic Recycling Program. Through the Electronic Recycling Program, Lake Forest residents can efficiently recycle their electronics, including computers, printers, DVDs, VCRs, and televisions.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that the average person throws away 70 pounds of clothing and textiles per year. Through the Clothing and Textile Collection and Recycling Pilot Program, approximately 95% of the collected materials will be repurposed or recycled. New, gently used, and worn textiles include clothing items, clothing accessories, and household textiles (i.e. blankets and towels). Please reference http://www.swalco.org/189/Acceptable-Unacceptable-Items for a list of acceptable and unacceptable items. Also, please note that pairs of shoes contributed to the Shoe Collection Pilot Program should be attached to each other with shoe laces or rubber bands.

These programs will be available to Lake Forest residents at the Compost & Recycling Center located at 1381 W. Kennedy Road (Route 60). The Compost & Recycling Center is open on Saturdays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and on Sundays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. from March 15th to November 30th and on Saturdays from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. from December 1st to March 14th. Please ensure that your vehicle is displaying a 2016-2017 Lake Forest Vehicle Sticker when utilizing the Compost & Recycling Center services. For additional information, please contact Eileen Timken at 847-810-3542.

Sanitation Schedule

**Fourth of July Holiday**
City offices and Sanitation will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Schedule for the week of July 4-8:
- Monday collection will move to Tuesday
- Tuesday collection will move to Wednesday
- Thursday and Friday collections will remain the same

For further information on refuse collection services, please call the Sanitation Section automated phone system at 847.615.4264.

Working Together:
Stormwater Management Policy

Flooding, whether it occurs inside your home or outside in your yard or street, can be dangerous, problematic, and at the very least, inconvenient. The City’s Stormwater Management Policy makes provisions for assistance to property owners during a rainfall event by primarily investigating the source of the flooding. The Policy also defines the responsibilities of both private property owners and the City.

The Public Works and Community Development Departments, located in the Municipal Services Building, are ready to help residents in dealing with flooding issues and provide information during and after a flooding event on your property. Please call 847.810.3543 for assistance.

Annual Water Quality Report

To view the 2016 Annual Water Quality Report, please go to the City’s website, click on the “Documents” black button and enter Water Quality Report 2016 in the blue search box. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2015. If you would like a paper copy of the report mailed to your home, please call 847.810.3543.
Is the City of Lake Forest planning to enter into a contract this year?
At this time, the Consortium has been unable to secure pricing from Constellation Energy Services that would provide guaranteed savings for residents. However, the Consortium plans to reevaluate the market next spring, in hopes of seeking the lowest price available to residents for electricity.

For further information, please contact Mike Strong at 847-810-3680 or strongm@cityoflakeforest.com.

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**Sign Up for Code Red**

The City’s Emergency Notification System (Code Red) allows Lake Forest Police and Fire to more efficiently reach out to the public in case of an emergency event. Residents should continue to call 911 in case of an emergency.

Examples of times when the emergency system can be utilized include instances of: drinking water contamination, utility outage, evacuation notice and routes, missing persons, fires or floods, chemical spills or gas leaks, and other public safety emergency incidents where rapid and accurate notification is essential for life safety.

Register by clicking on the “Subscribe” black button on the City’s website.
East Side Train Station Renovation Tracking

The exterior renovation of the Station is underway! Since March, the City’s contractor, MAG Construction has been busy stripping old paint, cleaning the brick masonry, and restoring the windows of the historic building. While portions of the platform have been closed to accommodate the work, the tenants, with the exception of Pasquesi’s Home and Garden (which will return in June after restoration of its space has been completed) will remain open throughout construction. The City is hopeful that the project will be complete this August.

Severe Weather Tips from Public Safety

- Wherever you are, if you hear or see a tornado coming, take cover right away.
- If you’re in a house or apartment building, go to the basement. If there is none, go to the middle section of the building on the lowest level and seek shelter in a bathroom or closet. Always stay away from windows.
- Get underneath something sturdy, such as a heavy table, and stay there until danger has passed. Use your arms and hands to protect your head from falling or flying objects.
- If you’re outside, in a car or mobile home, seek shelter in the basement of a nearby sturdy building. If there is no building nearby, lie flat in a ditch or low spot. Highway underpasses are very dangerous and should be avoided. Use your arms and hands to protect your head.

Tornado Watch: Weather conditions are right for tornados to develop. A watch does not necessarily mean a tornado will develop.

Tornado Warning: A tornado has been sighted and is dangerous. Go to a safe place and listen to a battery-operated radio for instructions.

In Lake Forest, if a tornado warning is issued by the National Weather Service, tornado sirens will be sounded by a large outside speaker system around the community, followed by an announcement. If you hear these sirens, get inside and turn on your television or radio for a detailed weather report.

Contact Fire Marshal Bob Serkowski of the Lake Forest Fire Prevention Bureau if you have any questions at 847.810.3891.
The Library Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of Catherine A. Lemmer as the new Lake Forest Library Director. Welcome! Ms. Lemmer has experience in libraries in the private and public sector, spanning 15 years. She most recently served as Assistant Director of Information Services at Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. In addition to her MS in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois, she holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Wisconsin Law School and a Bachelor’s degree from Lawrence University.

Closings: Monday, May 30 (Memorial Day) and Monday, July 4. The Library will be closed on Sundays from May 29-September 11.

For more information, please call 847.234.0636.

Dickinson Hall
100 E. Old Mill Road; 847.234.2209

Reservations are required for all programs. Please check www.dickinsonhall.com for detailed information.

Wednesday, June 15, Women’s Club at 12 noon: “Fort Sheridan - From its Origin in the 1880s to WW1” presented by local historian Julia Johnas. $20/$25 guests.

Thursday, June 16, Men’s Group Luncheon at 12 noon: “The Brothers”, about the Dulles Brothers, will be presented by historian Laurence Stern. $15.

Friday, June 17, 5 p.m.: “Summer Solstice Friday Night Supper Club”; join us for wine, appetizers, dinner and musical entertainment. $18/$23 guests.

Wednesday, July 6, 12 noon - 4th of July Lunch: “Stars and Stripes with Rick Pickren”; Rick has shared the stage with George Strait, Merle Haggard, The Judds and more. $15/$23 guests.

Economic Development Update

The City’s Retail Shopping District Team continues its “locally grown-locally owned” campaign with beautiful black & white photography from local photographer, Kerri Sherman. Every retail and restaurant business will be featured in 2016 and 2017. The Retail Shopping District Team, comprised of members from the City, Chamber, local property owners, local businesses and the marketing staff from Pfizer, Inc. are completing an integrated marketing plan to promote shopping and dining in Lake Forest. “Like" the new Facebook page, “Lake Forest Shop & Dine”, to join the conversation with the team. The Retail Shopping District Team is working on a new map, designed by local artist Mark McMahon. The new map will be ready for distribution by the summer Open Air Market and will be distributed to encourage residents and guests to visit Lake Forest businesses. To promote available retail space, the City has created an online map showcasing available spaces. According to the Economic Development report to City Council in April, Lake Forest currently has a 2.6% vacancy rate, compared to 9% in Chicago and Lake County. The full presentation can be found on the City’s website by clicking on the black “Business” band.

Lake Forest College continues to be a significant economic engine for the City, including over 2,000 students, faculty and allied services. Coming up this summer will be a published Economic Impact Study of Lake Forest College on the City of Lake Forest and region. Four college interns are working with the City on methodology and research to determine the financial impact and will produce a report summarizing the benefits of the local liberal arts college in our community. In fact, the City is working with over 18 interns in 2016 and another 35 interns are working with local businesses throughout the year. Lake Forest College and the City will host their “Welcome to Lake Forest Beach Bash” for students in August, featuring local retail items and coupons.

Additionally, the City continues its business outreach program, hosting meetings with Mayor Donald Schoenheider with Conway.
Office Park corporations.

Lake Forest welcomes:
• Horizon Pharma, Inc.
• The Daily Grind in the Market Square south courtyard
• Starbucks on Western Avenue
• Lake Forest Bookstore new location on Western Avenue
• Forest Bootery’s newly renovated space in Market Square, Lake & Co.
• Evereve in Market Square
• A new florist in Market Square next to Talbots

Also new this summer, a north courtyard is being constructed in Market Square. Located behind Einsteins Bagels, this site will provide added options for strolling and eating.

The Lake Forest Business Accelerator continues to morph. The Accelerator is moving to LifeWorking Enterprises, LLC, started by local resident Steve Whittington. LifeWorking will offer co-share office and event space at 717 N. Forest Avenue. Local resident Erich Moor will be managing the Accelerator from the new LifeWorking space with expanded programing, mentoring and funding opportunities. Entrepreneurs and investors are encouraged to sign up online for new information and upcoming Pitch Events at: www.LFAccelerator.com. Private offices, co-share space, VIP concierge services and a café will be at the new LifeWorking space. Congratulations to Steve on adding to the vitality of Market Square.

7 reasons to support local businesses:
1. It keeps dollars in our community.
2. Shopping and dining locally embraces what makes Lake Forest unique.
3. It creates local jobs.
4. Seeing your friends and neighbors nurtures community.
5. It’s important to support the businesses that support your raffles, foundations and charities.
6. Shopping local is an investment in local entrepreneurship.

Career Resource Center
40 E. Old Mill Road;
847.295.5626
www.CareerResourceCenter.org

Do you know that more than 12,000 people have turned to the Career Resource Center for help in finding work and improving their careers? 1300 job candidates residing in Lake Forest, Lake Bluff and Knollwood have utilized CRC’s employment resources. Job candidates who do not receive employer-sponsored outplacement assistance are at a significant disadvantage, competing against those who are prepared and prepped. CRC’s comprehensive employment resources focus on helping candidates optimize their search efforts and maximize their results. More than 100 volunteers offer their talents and expertise at pro bono rates, and 25 of those volunteers are Lake Forest and Lake Bluff residents. To learn more, stop in for a tour!
220 East Deerpath
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Monday–Friday

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

Cemetery
1525 N. Lake Road
Open 8 a.m.–8 p.m.,
May-September; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,
October to April
Cemetery Gate House
520 Spruce Avenue
Call 847.615.4341 for appointment

Public Safety Building
(Rescue and Fire Departments)
255 West Deerpath
Call 911 for emergencies
Lobby Hours:
8 a.m.–10 p.m., Monday–Friday
8 a.m.–6 p.m., Weekends and Holidays

Compost/Recycling Center
Located at the south side of
Rte. 60, west of Waukegan Road.
Summer Hours:
Saturdays, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.;
Sundays, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Family Education Tradition Philanthropy

Keep Informed
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Dickinson Hall
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6/1, 7/6, 8/3 – Building Review Board, 6:30 p.m.
6/8, 7/13, 8/10 – Plan Commission, 6:30 p.m.
6/27, 7/25, 8/22 – Zoning Board of Appeals, 6:30 p.m.
6/22, 7/27, 8/24 – Historic Preservation Commission,
6:30 p.m.

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