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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **NEW SENIOR CENTER MANAGER ANNOUNCED**

Jill Becker will serve as the Manager of Dickinson Hall, 100 E. Old Mill Road, Lake Forest. Dickinson Hall has been in operation as the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Senior Center for almost 46 years and has a current membership of 1,400 Lake Forest and Lake Bluff residents.

Retired Dickinson Hall Director Marge Burda, who has been filling the role on an interim basis, comments, “What most impressed me is Jill’s enthusiasm, her leadership skills and her ability to connect with people. Jill will provide dynamic leadership for Dickinson Hall as it serves the evolving needs of mature adults.”

The City of Lake Forest was committed to conducting a professional, thorough search for the best candidate. A position profile was based on interviews with the Senior Resources Commission, members of the Dickinson Hall staff, Marge Burda, and the City’s Executive Staff. Ms. Becker was selected based on the results of this search and her participation in a comprehensive assessment process conducted by City Staff, plus interviews with Dickinson Hall members and Commission and Foundation Chairmen.

Ms. Becker has worked as Assistant Manager at the Patty Turner Center, a Senior Center located in Deerfield, and at the Glenview Park District’s senior center. Parks and Recreation Director Sally Swarthout states “Jill has a real commitment to serving our older adults, a warm and welcoming manner and a great ability to bring people together. She will be a wonderful addition to the staff, and we are thrilled to have her join our City team.”

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