



THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST
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NEW SENIOR CENTER MANAGER ANNOUNCED

Following the retirement of Marla Schachtel on March 31, Patty Jenkins 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 45 years and has a current membership of 1,400 Lake Forest and Lake Bluff residents.

Steve Potsic, Chairman of the Senior Resources Commission, comments “Under Marla Schachtel’s leadership, Dickinson Hall has provided excellent services and programs. So as we contemplated her retirement, we knew we had big shoes to fill. Patty is a great fit for this challenge. In addition to her experience in successfully managing a senior learning community center in Chicago, what most impressed us was Patty’s enthusiasm, her leadership skills and her ability to connect with people in a variety of diverse settings. Patty will provide dynamic leadership for Dickinson Hall as it serves the evolving needs of mature adults in our communities.”

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

For 12 years, Ms. Jenkins was Director of the Center for Life and Learning, a senior community center at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. She also serves as a chaplain in the Army reserve and volunteered to deploy to Afghanistan in August 2013. City Manager Bob Kiely states “Patty has a real commitment to serving our older adults, strong leadership skills 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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