



Lake Forest Caucus Annual Report

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President's Report

Lake Forest Caucus Mission

Identify, evaluate, and recommend volunteers for **appointment** to city boards and commissions and **election** to city council, mayor, and school boards.

Caucus Committee Selection Process

Merit based selection process seeks the following:

- Problem solving
- Critical thinking
- Data driven decision making
- Respect for multiple viewpoints
- Objective analysis
- No agenda
- Collaboration
- Relevant experience

2024-2025 Candidate Search



- **Elected Positions - 11 openings**

- Mayor
- Ward 1 Alderman
- Ward 2 Alderman
- Ward 3 Alderman
- Ward 4 Alderman
- D115 School Board – 2
- D67 School Board – 4

- **Appointed Positions - 6 openings**

- Plan Commission - 1
- Zoning Board of Appeals – 2
- Building Review Board - 2
- Cemetery - 1

- **Caucus Committee Members - 12 openings**

- Ward 1 – 2
- Ward 2 – 4
- Ward 3 – 3
- Ward 4 – 3

Ad Hoc Committee for Bylaws Amendment

- Purpose is to review current Bylaws and seek amendment to modernize Bylaws
- Seven independent members were appointed by the Caucus Committee
 - Bob Kiely
 - Stewart Dixon
 - Debbie Saran
 - Geoff Hanson
 - Derek Johnson
 - Katie Anderson
 - Susan Sailor Daly
- Thank you to Kent Novit and Melanie Rummel for their time and diligence in corresponding, interviewing, and proposing the candidates for service on the Ad Hoc Committee



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report

- The Lake Forest Caucus Committee's budget for 2024-2025 is \$40,000 to fund general operations (e.g. rent, IT, and printing related expenses).
- Our operations are completely funded by citizen contributions. Thank you for your continued support!
- Financial details are publicly reported via IDIS3.elections.il.gov. LF Caucus ID is 4870.
- If you have questions on financial matters, feel free to contact Fred Brewer (treasurer@LakeForestCaucus.com).

2024-2025 Annual Forecast

	2024-2025 LAKE FOREST CAUCUS COMMITTEE MONTHLY BUDGET												TOTAL
	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	12-Months
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	FCST.	FCST.	FCST.	FCST.	FCST.	FCST.	FCST.	Act. + Fcst.
Beginning Cash Balance	\$10,724	\$18,747	\$33,906	\$27,346	\$26,634	\$24,921	\$20,207	\$17,895	\$16,083	\$14,770	\$13,458	\$ 5,145	\$ 10,724
TOTAL Receipts	11,000	16,277	-	-	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,277
Disbursements													
Caucus Connection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6,000)	-	(6,000)
Rent	-	-	(3,400)	-	(4,123)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,000)	(10,523)
Software/Website	(515)	(263)	(285)	(266)	(450)	(1,312)	(1,312)	(1,312)	(1,312)	(1,312)	(1,312)	(1,312)	(10,968)
Election	(526)	-	(2,875)	-	-	(2,401)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5,802)
Printing	-	(319)	-	-	-	(1,000)	-	-	-	-	(1,000)	-	(2,319)
Social	(1,553)	(536)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,089)
Insurance	(383)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,000)	(500)	-	-	-	-	(1,883)
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	(205)	(140)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(345)
PO Box	-	-	-	(240)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(240)
TOTAL Disbursements	(2,978)	(1,118)	(6,560)	(711)	(4,713)	(4,713)	(2,312)	(1,812)	(1,312)	(1,312)	(8,312)	(4,312)	(40,168)
NET CASH FLOW	8,022	15,159	(6,560)	(711)	(1,713)	(4,713)	(2,312)	(1,812)	(1,312)	(1,312)	(8,312)	(4,312)	(9,891)
Ending Cash Balance	\$18,747	\$33,906	\$27,346	\$26,634	\$24,921	\$20,207	\$17,895	\$16,083	\$14,770	\$13,458	\$ 5,145	\$ 833	\$ 833

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for excellence in government*

Candidate Profiles

Mayoral Candidate

Incumbent Mayor Dr. Stanford “Randy” Tack



Mayor Dr. Stanford “Randy” Tack was sworn into office on Monday, May 1, 2023. Dr. Tack earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois and attended the University of Illinois College of Medicine. Dr. Tack graduated with honors and completed his residency at the University of Illinois in Orthopedic Surgery. While in residency, he was recruited by Lake Forest Orthopedics and specialized in Spine Surgery, prompting a fellowship at Rush Medical Center. He moved to Lake Forest upon completion of his fellowship.

Dr. Tack was founding board member of the Illinois Bone and Joint Institute. He was appointed Vice President of the Midwest Orthopedic Network and managing partner at the Illinois Bone and Joint Institute. Dr. Tack also served as President of the Lake Forest Club.

Dr. Tack was elected as a Third Ward Alderman in 2011, serving multiple terms from 2012-2018. While Alderman, Dr. Tack served as the Chairman of the Public Works Committee and Fire Services Committee. From 2021-2022, he also served as Chair of the Central Business District Working Group.

Ward 1 Alderman Candidate

Incumbent Ward 1 Alderman Pete Clemens



Pete Clemens is a 30-year resident of Lake Forest and has lived in three of the City's four Wards. Pete grew up in Minneapolis, MN and moved to Lake Forest following graduation from University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Business with a Bachelor of Science business degree in 1971. Pete joined American Hospital Supply and moved to Lake Forest following graduation.

Pete had a successful career in healthcare as a senior manager at American Hospital Supply, Baxter International, Becton-Dickinson and Company, Dade-Behring, Inc and BioGenex Laboratories. After some time on the West Coast, Pete, his wife Nancy and young son Chase moved back to Lake Forest in 1993. Pete was an Assistant Scoutmaster for Lake Forest Troop 46 where he was an Eagle Scout mentor and the Fundraiser Chair. Pete also co-chaired a major capital campaign for St. James Church and served as Church Council President. Pete has served on the Zoning Board of Appeals and also served on the LFHS Foundation Executive Committee as Vice-Chair for the Business Incubator Program. He serves on the Environmental Sustainability Committee.

Ward 2 Alderman Candidate

Incumbent Ward 2 Alderman John Powers



John grew up in Lake Bluff, IL and attended the School of St. Mary in Lake Forest prior to attending St. Mary Central High School in Neenah, WI. John moved to Lake Forest with his wife Robin in 1995. He graduated with a BA in Economics from the University of Missouri-Columbia and received an MBA from Lake Forest Graduate School of Management in 2000. John and Robin have a daughter and a son, both attended St. Mary's and Lake Forest High School. John began his sales career in 1988 working for Scott Paper Company.

Over the past 35 years he has held numerous executive positions in both public and private companies in the fields of distribution, logistics, business development, marketing supply chain, private equity and currently as Director, National Accounts at Abbott Diabetes Care. John served on numerous committees at both the church and school of St. Mary, as a Ward 2 Member of the Lake Forest Caucus, an executive member of the Friends of Lake Forest Parks and Recreation Board, a trustee of Lake Forest Community High School District 115 and a board member at Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep High School in Waukegan, IL.

Ward 3 Alderman Candidate

Nick Bothfeld



Nick Bothfeld has been a proud resident of Lake Forest for nearly 30 years, with deep family ties to the community through his wife and her generations-long history in the area. Lake Forest has been an ideal place for Nick and his wife to raise their two children, who are now grown.

Nick has dedicated much of his time to serving the community in various leadership roles. He has been actively involved with the Lake Forest Caucus for many years, and has held the positions of treasurer and president at the Winter Club. His extensive experience also includes serving as treasurer and board chair at the Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods, treasurer of the Alliance for the Great Lakes, and member of the finance committee for the Huron Mountain Club in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Currently, Nick is vice chair on the Gorton Center board, further reflecting his long-standing commitment to Lake Forest.

Nick's academic achievements include graduating magna cum laude from Harvard College and earning an MBA from the University of Chicago. He runs Bothfeld Financial Partners, a Lake Forest-based financial planning and investment advisory firm. Outside of work, Nick enjoys outdoor activities like hiking, biking, and fishing in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and he has a passion for travel, especially birding trips with his wife.

Ward 4 Alderman Candidate

Incumbent Ward 4 Alderman Richard Walther



Richard is a 17-year resident of Lake Forest who has served in various volunteer community roles, including as a member of the Lake Forest Building Review Board (BRB) 2018 to 2023, member of the 2018-2022 Strategic Planning Committee, Deer Path Road Streetscape Committee, and Route 60 Corridor – Vision for the Future Committee. Rich is a licensed structural engineer who specializes in the evaluation and repair of bridges, infrastructure, and buildings. After earning Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Civil Engineering from Purdue University, Rich joined the firm of Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. (WJE) where he has recently completed his 34th year of employment and is now retired.

Rich and his wife, Leanna, have been married 29 years and have two adult sons, both of whom attended Lake Forest public schools. Both sons earned their Eagle Scout Award from the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Rich, a fervent advocate of Servant Leadership, also thrived within the BSA programs serving as Cubmaster for Pack 148 (Everett School) and Scoutmaster for Troop 46 (First Presbyterian Church). In these roles, Rich guided more than 90 youth to complete their Eagle Scout Award and values the positive contributions these young men made to our community. He currently serves on the Public Works Committee.

D115 School Board Candidate

Anne Geraghty Helms



Anne Geraghty Helms is a resident of Lake Forest. She and her husband have two children, one at Deerpath Middle School and one at Lake Forest High School. As Director and Counsel for US Pro Bono Programs at a global law firm, she helps lead the firm's pro bono program in the United States. Anne's practice often involves representing children and families, including those in juvenile justice and immigration proceedings, and advising parents as they navigate issues that impact their children, such as child support, domestic violence, guardianship, and housing.

Anne serves as a member of the American Bar Association's Children's Rights Litigation Committee, as well as on the boards of the Chicago Bar Foundation and the Georgetown Law Chicago Alumni Council. She is a member of the 2012 class of Leadership Greater Chicago and in 2017 was named one of Crain's Chicago Business Most Influential Women Lawyers in Chicago. Prior to serving on the School Board for District 115, Anne served on the District 67 School Board, including for one year as President.

D115 School Board Candidate

Rob Silvay



Rob Silvay, his wife Keevie, Elizabeth (LFHS '25) and Katie (LFHS '27), have been living in Lake Forest since 2020. Rob is Vice President in the Global Mergers & Acquisition Group at Alliant Insurance Services, a large privately held insurance brokerage and consulting firm. Previously, Rob spent 25 years as a Derivates Trader specializing in Energy and Interest Rates getting his start in the pits of the CBOT and CME with O'Connor & Associates. Rob received his MBA in Finance from Columbia Business School in New York, NY and his undergraduate BSBA. in Finance from Georgetown University in Washington, DC .

Rob is passionate about education and has been actively involved in a variety of ways. When his daughters were younger in suburban New York, he helped found a pre-school after a long time pre-school closed abruptly. Later he served on the board of The Tuxedo Park School, a private K-8 school, and currently sits on the Lake Forest Superintendent's Advisory Committee. Rob very much looks forward to being able to give back to the Lake Forest Community and helping to ensure that our educational opportunities are best in class.

D67 School Board Candidate

Greg Adamo



Greg and his wife, Kristen, have lived in Lake Forest for the past ten years. They have four daughters, three of whom are enrolled in the Lake Forest public schools. He is currently a member of the District 67 School Board, having been appointed on an interim basis in June of 2024.

Greg is a partner at Clingen, Callow & McLean, where he practices law as a commercial litigator. He has a B.A. from Illinois Wesleyan University, a law degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law, and an MBA from the University of Chicago. Greg and his wife are avid skiers and enjoy watching their daughters on the soccer fields of the North Shore.

D67 School Board Candidate

Timo Berger



Timo Berger relocated to Lake Forest in 2019 with his wife and daughter, who is currently a 7th grader at Deer Path Middle School. Wanting to set roots and to be an active community member, Timo served on the Lake Forest Parks & Recreation Board from 2022 to 2024.

Timo worked most of his career in a Fortune 50 company in various management and executive roles such as in Project Management, Bid Management, HR, Finance and Operations. During that time, he lived in many countries and experienced various industries. He is currently the COO for a healthcare company. In his free time Timo enjoys participating in sports.

Timo has always been passionate about education. He graduated from High School in the US and in Germany. He obtained a Master's degree in Germany, later obtained an MBA from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is currently pursuing a Doctor of Public Health from the Johns Hopkins University.

Timo's extensive business experience, fiscal responsibility, and role as a District 67

parent, combined with having educators in his family, give him a well-rounded perspective on school board decisions. His background enables him to balance the needs of students, teachers, and the community effectively.

D67 School Board Candidate

Lori Fitzgerald



Lori's family moved to Lake Forest in the early 1990's while she attended Lake Forest Academy. She went on to earn her B.S. in Business and Economics from Lehigh University, while also playing on their field hockey and ice hockey teams. Lori moved back to Lake Forest in 2015 with her three young children because of the exemplary public school system.

Lori has worked in the application and data center infrastructure industry for 15 years, consulting with large global organizations on how they can simplify, protect and transform their internal IT operations. She has experience working in the public sector on large scale projects for both the State of Illinois and the Chicago Public School System.

For fun she likes to run and has completed all six of the Abbott World Marathon Majors and will be competing in Boston for the fourth consecutive year this April. She is also passionate about progressing girls in the STEM field and donates her time with organizations such as Girls Who Game, ITWomen, and Dress for Success.

D67 School Board Candidate

Jerry Lavin



Jerry Lavin is a resident of Lake Forest and father of four children. For almost 20 years he was a teacher at Deerfield High School, where he taught in the Social Studies and Science departments. From 2018 to 2022, Jerry was president of the District 113 Education Association, which represented certified staff at both Deerfield High School and Highland Park High School.

Prior to teaching high school, Jerry taught law at Chicago-Kent College of Law, Loyola Law School, and John Marshall Law school and was a managing director of IIT's Center for Law and Financial Markets. Jerry earned his BA in international Relations from the University of Illinois, his JD from Harvard Law School, and his MA in Curriculum and Instruction from Loyola University. After graduating law school, Jerry practiced law in the fields of commercial litigation and bankruptcy.

Consolidated Election – Tuesday, April 1, 2025



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The Consolidated Election is April 1, 2025

Early Voting at Lake Forest City Hall

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