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Have a Safe St. Patrick's Day!

St. Patrick's Day falls on a Tuesday, but the green beer will start flowing this weekend. The Forest Park St. Patrick's Day parade falls on March 7th this year. If you're planning to turn Irish for a day (or longer), you'll want to plan for the safety of yourself and others first. Follow the tips below so that you're not relying on luck at your own St. Patrick's Day celebration. (And look for us at the Forest Park parade on Saturday. We are giving away shamrock temporary tattoos!)

If you are hosting a party:

- Remember, you can be held liable if your guest's alcohol-induced actions result in an accident.
- Make sure all of your guests designate their sober drivers in advance, or help arrange alternate transportation.
- Serve lots of food and include lots of non-alcoholic beverages at the party.
- Stop serving alcohol some time before the end of the party and begin serving coffee and dessert.

- There are plenty of alternatives to driving. Take public transportation, or designate a driver who'll stay sober and see to it that everyone in your party gets home safely.
- Check with your Forest Agency Account Manager to ensure your umbrella (liability coverage) is adequate in case of an incident.



Bagpipers marching down Madison Street in the Forest Park St. Patrick's Day parade.

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Jeanine Veldman, her granddaughter (in the Snoopy costume) , and VP Cathy Hall

Meet Jeanine Veldman!

Jeanine has been Forest Agency's beloved Accounting Manager since September of 2013. She keeps things running smoothly around the office; we can always count on her to make sure our I's are dotted and T's crossed. We have always thought Jeanine, who describes herself as a romantic at heart, is maybe the most interesting woman in the office. Here's why:

Family and friends come first:

Jeanine was born on the south side of Chicago and is from a large family. She has 5 brothers and 5 sisters. Not only that, but she has 6 kids and 6 grandkids ranging in age from one and a half to fifteen. In fact, that's Jeanine's oldest granddaughter donning the Snoopy costume during the most recent Forest Park Holiday Walk!

Not only that, this mom and grandmama loves to babysit in her spare time. With so many grandchildren around, she's definitely in demand.

Travel? Yes please!

Jeanine has been to both England and Scotland, where she had a lovely time. But, she's never been to Ireland, where, of course, she would love to go. After hearing about the Browne family's recent visit, Ireland is next on her bucket list.

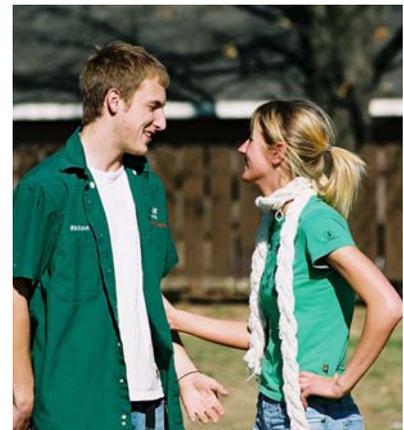
Jeanine is our office problem solver:

We've come to rely on Jeanine to solve our problems around here. She has a can-do attitude and has been known to climb on ladders to change light bulbs in a pinch. She regularly performs other duties way outside her job description, and always with a smile. Just one more reason why we love her! Stop into see Jeanine the next time you're in the office. (She always has chocolate at her desk.)

Thank you!

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Trivia Contest!

The FOREST AGENCY monthly trivia contest is back. Test your knowledge! Just one correct (or nearly correct) answer and you could be this month's winner of a \$5 gift card. The first entry received with the correct answer to the following question will be the winner. Email — trivia@forestagency.com. -- or fax -- 708-689-8388 with your name and submission.

What color would Coca-Cola be if all artificial coloring were removed?

February's Contest: *Do you know which candy-producing company was tops in global sales last year?*

Answer: MARS. Congratulations to Lovey Shaughnessy, this month's winner!



Contractors residing a house.

Risks to consider before you renovate your home

Home renovations are almost always stressful! Are you thinking about updating your kitchen or bathroom this spring? Consider the following advice before starting your next big home improvement project:

When looking for a contractor ask friends or neighbors who have had similar work done for recommendations. Ask your trusted financial planner, realtor, or forest Agency account manager about contractors who have done work for other clients. If you are using an architect, he or she may be another resource for finding a reputable contractor.

Once you've narrowed it down to a short list of finalists check with the Better Business Bureau or other online review sources to get basic information on the contractor. Ask the contractors for their bank contacts and list of sub-contractors. Then, verify the contractor's line of credit with the bank. And call the sub-contractors and ask their opinion of the general contractor. Consider the advantages and disadvantages of each competitively priced bid.

Finally, once you have selected your contractor, meet the actual employees who will be on your job. Make sure the contract details and scope of work are accurate and realistic. Consider hiring a project superintendent.

Check our blog at forestagency.com, our Facebook page, and next month's newsletter for follow-up tips on seeing your project through.



Diane Villagomez Bobbie Box Maryann Matias



Maria Lopez Cristine Saucedo Cecilia Saavedra Tim Jorgensen



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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Bonnie Casper, and Happy Anniversary to Bobbie Box, (celebrating 6 years with Forest Agency), Gina Robbins (5 years) and Maria Lopez (3 years).

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