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by John Hawkins **CEO, The Club**

A Family Picnic Like No Other



s summer slowly comes to a close, we already start miss-Aing all the elements this favored season brings. Ice cream cones dripping from the little hands of children. The refreshing spray of a sprinkler. The sound of laughter at a family picnic and the smell of barbecued chicken. I know I'll miss all these things when summer is

Wouldn't it be nice to be able to experience some of these pleasures even after summer's gone? Simply ask someone who attended ClubFest last year. They're going back this year because all these things bring back memories of last year's event. It brings every City department together for a day of fun, food and fond memories and creates memories that bring back summer for one more day. From the Airport, General Services, Building and Safety to the Harbor DWP, Fire and Police, many we've talked to are going to make ClubFest a yearly tradition. Remember to mark the date on your calendar, Sunday Oct. 3, and be prepared for that "Fourth of July" feeling.

Christmas, believe it or not, is right around the corner. Several years ago we advanced the annual life insurance refund distribution date from December up to September. However, many of you told us that you relied on the annual refund being in December because you used the refund money to buy holiday gifts for those special people in your life. Coupled with the fact that it made more sense logistically from our end, we decided to move it back to December. And best of all, we are anticipating the largest refund ever. We'll let you know the exact amount in the October issue of Alive!

As many of us prepare to send our kids back to school, I can't help but think about the family of the fallen firefighter Jaime Foster, and my heart goes out to them. Please keep them in your prayers. Jaime was a fellow City employee who lost her life in the line of duty last month. Let's remember her in our thoughts.

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