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Loving Life in Lake View

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It is quiet and friendly, but still close to all the activities they wanted to do in the city.

Jonathan Gohrband and Markie Waymire feel so fortunate they moved to Lake View three years ago and can raise their daughter, Stevie, there.

Jonathan and Markie met in 2011 at a Halloween party in Washington, D.C., where they both lived at the time. While it was a memorable first meeting, Markie actually didn't know Jonathan's real name for a while—she just called him "Mayhem" since he was wearing a "Mayhem" costume from the insurance commercials.

They became friends and started dating in 2014, a week before Markie moved to Chicago for work. Fortunately, her first project

was back in the nation's capital, so they were able to see each other every week.

Jonathan moved to Chicago two years later, and they were married in Markie's hometown of Des Moines in March 2019. In February 2020, they purchased their first house and moved to Lake View.

In the Summer of 2022, Stevie joined the family and they are so excited to celebrate her first birthday this summer. She is a happy and adventurous baby, and has enjoyed music classes, swim lessons, baby tumbling, story time at the library and mommy and me yoga.

Stevie is also going to be spending plenty of time in a new jogging stroller Jonathan just received for Father's Day. Jonathan

ran track (800 meters and the mile) and cross country at West Virginia Wesleyan and still competes in local races every chance he gets.

The family is also a fan of the North Siders, and they are excited to take Stevie to her first Cubs game later this summer. In 2016 when the Cubs won the World Series, Jonathan, who transitioned from politics to video production when he moved to Chicago, was invited to film and photograph the parade from atop a double decker bus traveling with players and local city leaders.

Now leader of a production team for a Virginia-based advertising company, Jonathan also enjoys photography as a hobby, and loves capturing family moments across the city.

Markie is a Marquette University graduate—she studied H.R. and

marketing—and has worked in management consulting for most of her career. She currently works in talent strategy at Deloitte.

Outside of work hours, Markie enjoys getting together with other new moms she has been fortunate enough to meet through area new moms groups. She enjoys taking different workout classes around Lakeview, and loves reading (thrillers are her favorite) in her garden.

The family always makes time to try new restaurants, take walks through various Chicago parks (Horner is a family favorite) and visit the Montrose Dog Beach with Walter, their 2 ½-year-old Newfoundland. Walter loves saying hi to all of the kids in the neighborhood and he is referred to affectionately as "Prince

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