



FOX RIVER GROVE QUARTERLY

A newsletter for and about the Village of Fox River Grove

FALL 2014

Village News



Art in the Barn is celebrating its 40th year on Saturday and Sunday, September 27th and 28th on the grounds of Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Route 22, in Barrington.

The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with 180 artists presenting their works in many different media. Children's activities include pony rides and an art tent. The main stage features entertainment throughout the weekend.

Admission is \$5.00 for everyone over the age of 12. Parking is free. Art in the Barn is sponsored by the hospital auxiliary and all net proceeds will benefit the hospital.

Norge Ski Club

The annual Tournament is scheduled for October 4th & 5th. Tournament starts at Noon both days. Admission is \$15.00 each at the gate. The pre-sale buttons will be available at local merchants (to be listed on Norge's website) for \$10.00 each and "Will-Call" admission will be available for purchase at \$11.00 each at www.norgeskiclub.com.

Additional information will be on Norge's website. This Tournament will follow the same format as last year. A Small Hills and K70 Large Hill competition will be held on Saturday and just a K70 Large Hill competition will take place on Sunday. They expect some U.S.A. Team athletes to compete this year. Be sure to mark your calendar to attend!

FRGFD Open House

Check out all the equipment at the Fox River Grove Fire District's Open House. It will be held on Sunday, October 11th from 11:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Firefighters will be there and can answer your questions and tell you what it is like to be on their team! Mark your calendar!

Halloween Tricks Or Treats in FRG

Halloween is on Friday this year and the Police Department recommends trick or treating from 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. to promote safety.

A few safety tips for all the ghosts and goblins:

- Children should always be supervised by an adult.
- Costumes and bags should be bright and easily visible to motorists.
- Add reflective tape that will glow in a car's headlights.
- Masks, hats and scarves should fit well and provide adequate ventilation without obstructing vision.
- Costumes, masks, beards and wigs should be made of flame-resistant materials.
- Be sure costumes fit and do not drag on the ground. Make sure shoes fit, too.
- Avoid costumes with flimsy materials and big, baggy sleeves or skirts.
- Have an adult examine the candy for evidence of tampering. Throw away any candy that is not properly wrapped. HAVE FUN!!



On Saturday, October 25th from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., the Cary-Grove Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their annual Halloween Walk at Stone Hill Center and Foxmoor Crossings. Children should dress in costumes and can trick-or-treat at the participating stores. Parents, please park in the large lot next to Harris Bank.

A Big Thank You for FRG Fireworks!

Well, we made it before the rain hit!! A very big thank you to everyone who helped make this another great family night: **Cary-Grove Masons, Cary-Grove Jaycees & Ambassador Jaycees, Fox River Grove Lions and Fox River Grove Lioness Clubs, Fox River Grove Firefighters Association and the Cary-Grove Area Chamber of Commerce.**

Thanks also to all the wonderful sponsors this year and the residents that added \$2 or more to their vehicle sticker purchases. We would not be able to host this event without all of you! THANK YOU!

PLATINUM

- Cary-Grove Area Chamber of Commerce
- Fox River Grove Firefighters Association Haunted House
- Grove Plating Company
- Law Offices of Rosenthal, Murphey, Coblenz & Donahue

GOLD

- Baxter & Woodman, Inc.

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- King Pin Lanes
- Spic & Span Cleaning Corporation

ASSOCIATE PLUS

- Capeesh Construction LLC

- Fox River Grove Harbor Team
- Fox Waterway Agency
- Fuel Zone
- Spring Beach Improvement Association

ASSOCIATE

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- Car-X Auto Service
- Cary Bank & Trust
- Cary-Grove Foot & Ankle Center
- CL Graphics
- Dr. John Reader
- Dr. Michael Zgoba

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- Eder, Casella & Company
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- Mr. Beefy's
- Pieceful Gathering Quilt Shop
- Robert D. Blumberg, CPA, LTD.
- Urban Forest Management
- Villa Bleu Restaurant
- Waysound Recording Studio
- Winters Insurance Group

The President's Letter



Hello Everybody,

What a great summer! As I walk around I see all the excellent flower gardens that you have planted and the Grove looks like an ad for Home and Garden. Thanks for that.

This Spring, I took on the job of cleaning out the garage and had to get rid of the things that don't work for me anymore like my inline skates and broken storage units. The new stuff now is a pleasure to work with.

This reminded me of our Village. Over time we collect old things that don't work for us anymore and one of the biggest things has been our "downtown" area. It has had a function of providing income for the taxpayers and attractive shopping and dining for all of us.

The Trustees and I have been hard at work to bring forth a revitalized area that provides the things that our "downtown" formerly provided and bring forward something that you will be proud of and increase all of our property values.

Another function of the plan is to increase our tax base with new business and condo/apartments. As it stands, the state agencies are putting more and more high cost requirements upon the Village taxpayers with things like pensions, water treatment requirements and others. Other Villages are addressing this situation by converting the next cornfield to housing or corporate use.

FRG is a community completely surrounded by other Villages and thus must work with what we have in front of us. Our opportunity to keep our taxes in line is to make our "downtown" work for us again.

You have seen in the papers that we have an investor and developer who are developing plans to spend about \$250 million to revitalize the "downtown". These plans will follow the prescribed process of submissions to the Planning Commission, Zoning Commission, Public Hearing and final Village Board approval.

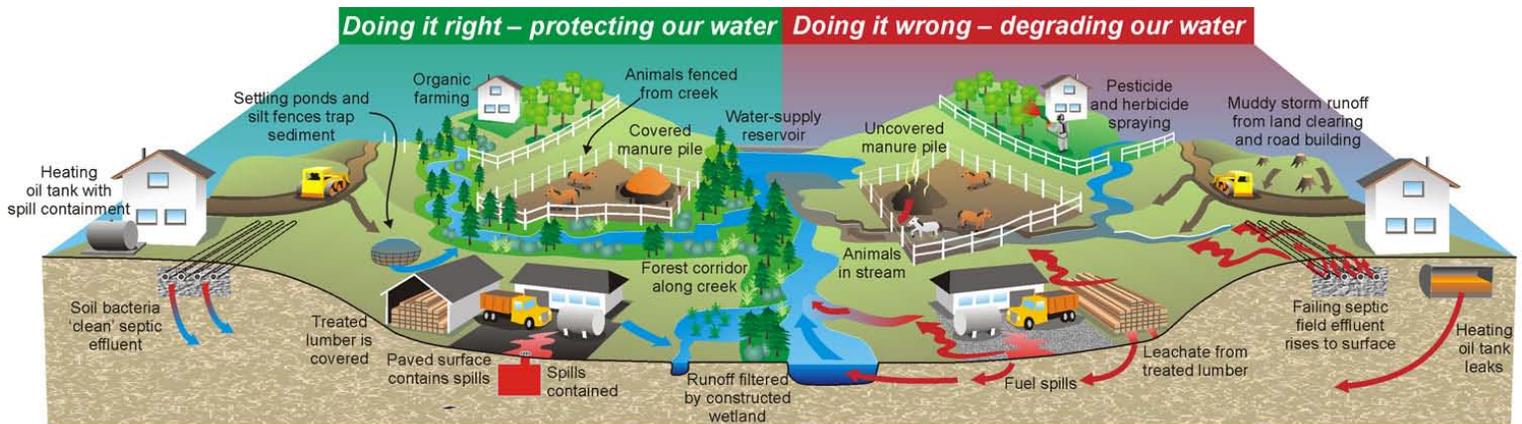
What I can share with you at this early stage (certainly subject to change) is that apartments/condos are planned at the station site. These could be about five stories high and contain nearly three hundred units. These would be fully priced, or as the industry calls them "market rate" units. Initial ideas call for underground parking with substantial green areas around the attractive buildings. Following this construction of dwelling units will be the building of retail shops and eating places on the North side of Route 14.

This is what we think we know at this time. As things develop we will keep you informed here, but also follow this on our website.

Have a great Fox River Grove day!

Robert J. Nunamaker
President, Village of Fox River Grove

Stormwater Pollution – Protect Our Water Resources



Stormwater pollution prevention begins at home. Pollution in storm water run-off threatens our drinking water supplies, swimming, fishing and other recreational water use. Stormwater run-off comes from the rain and melting snow that flows off streets, lawns, parking lots, rooftops, open fields and other exposed areas.

Everyone lives in a watershed. A watershed is the area of land that catches rain and snow, which then drains into a common body of water.

In Fox River Grove, the curb and gutters or drainage ditches that run along your street are the first part of your neighborhood's drainage system within the watershed. The stream or pond that receives storm water drainage from the streets of several neighborhoods is part of a larger watershed. That stream in turn flows into a larger stream, lake or river.

This means that pollution in any part of a watershed can affect the quality of the receiving water body. Unlike sanitary sewers, anything dumped into the storm drain system flows directly into the nearest pond, stream or creek and ultimately the Fox River, without any treatment to remove contaminants. What's in that run-off water?

What you can do to help?

- Don't dump leaves or other yard waste into streets, storm drains, ditches or creeks.
- Pick up pet waste. Pet waste bacteria is a serious threat to the quality of our water.
- Never pour used oil, paint thinners, or other chemicals into storm drains, waterways or on the ground surface. Recycle used oil and dispose of chemicals properly.

- Use lawn chemicals sparingly according to directions. Organics are a good alternative.
- Keep vehicles properly tuned and repair any fluid leaks.
- Wash vehicles and equipment on the lawn to reduce runoff into storm drains.
- Keep litter and recycling contained to prevent them from entering the storm drains.
- Use a mulching mower or a mulching blade and leave grass clippings on the lawn as fertilizer.

The Village of Fox River Grove appreciates every resident's efforts to reduce stormwater pollution.



Emergency Vehicles Driving Etiquette

As a reminder, when an ambulance, fire truck or police vehicle is approaching with active lights and siren, you must yield the right-of-way and immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right-hand edge or curb of the highway to permit the safe passage of the emergency vehicle. Stop and remain in your position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed. Let's keep our roads safe!



Special Cruise Night

A special Fox River Grove Cruise Night sponsored by the Cary-Grove Area Chamber will be held on Wednesday, September 3rd at the Car-X Auto Service lot at 914 Illinois Route 22 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. All cars are welcome and trophies and ribbons will be awarded for Best of Show cars. There will be music, food and free giveaways. The event is completely free!

Sign Up For Free Notifications

Be sure you are signed up for e-blasts from the Village and Police Department. The Village offers a free notification program to help keep you up-to-date and aware of happenings in the area letting you know of news, events, local road closures, etc. Visit our website at www.foxrivergrove.org, and click on "Email Notifications" to sign up.

School Is Open, Drive Safely

Just a reminder that school is open and you should be aware of the children going to and from school. A state law says you may not talk or text on your cell phone driving in a school zone. You will be ticketed. Slow down for safety!

Congratulations

Great job, Miss Fox River Grove, Magalie Baker. Magalie won First Runner-Up Miss McHenry County at the McHenry County Fair this summer. And, eleven years ago, Magalie won the Lil' Miss Pageant in Fox River Grove. Congratulations on your many accomplishments!

Free Yardwaste Pick-Up

There will be nine weeks of free leaf and yardwaste pick-up during the months of October and November. Each Friday (except the Friday after Thanksgiving, pick-up will be Saturday), Waste Management will pick up your leaves and yardwaste that are placed in brown kraft bags or containers. You do not need to place stickers on them. The dates are:

- October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
- November 7, 14, 21 and **Saturday, November 29th**

Please keep leaves and yardwaste out of the regular garbage, and never dump them in parks, ponds, wetlands or the river – it's illegal!



20th Annual Fox Chase 5K And Youth Mile

The Fox Chase Run is an annual event to benefit youth sports in Fox River Grove. It will be held on Sunday, October 5th. The 5K kicks off at 9 a.m. and the Youth Mile at 10 a.m. This fun-filled morning is planned by the FRG Recreation Council. The race is chip timed and USATF certified. The cost is \$25 (add \$5 after 9/21/14) and includes a Sport Tek shirt and a goodie bag! It is fun for the whole family! Check out their Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/FoxChase5kAndYouthMile or their website www.frgrc.org for more information and updates.

Hydrant Flushing – Village Of Fox River Grove

It is hydrant flushing time! The Water & Sewer Department flushes, inspects and flow tests all fire hydrants twice a year – spring and fall. The entire water distribution system is flushed clean to improve water quality and ensure that all fire hydrants are in good operating condition for emergencies.

Check for hydrant flushing signs posted at major intersections and at entrances to subdivisions. When they are flushing, there may be some loss of water pressure. Also check for discoloration of the water before doing laundry. If you notice discoloration, turn on the cold water until it runs clear.

FRG Lioness Club Pasta Dinner

It is time for the Fox River Grove Lioness' annual Pasta Dinner. This has been a wonderfully successful family friendly event for our community. It includes a yummy pasta dinner, a silent auction, activities for the kids, 50/50 raffle, and an all-around great time shared with friends and neighbors!

This year it will be held on Sunday, November 16th from 4 – 7 p.m. at the Fox River Grove Middle School. Advance ticket sales are \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids, and children 3 and younger are free. Tickets can be purchased from any Lioness member or at the Village Hall.

They hope to see you and your family, friends and neighbors there enjoying a delicious meal and company. Be sure to bring your checkbook to bid on the great auction items that have been donated. All proceeds of the dinner benefit local causes. To learn more about the dinner and the Lioness Club, check out www.frglioness.com.



Fire District Turkey Raffle

The Fox River Grove Firefighters Association (FRGFFA) welcomes all to the 2014 Turkey Raffle on Friday, November 21st at 7 p.m.

New this year, the FRGFFA can not provide "free liquor" during the event. In accordance with the Illinois Liquor Commission Happy Hour Law, this benefit can no longer be provided to our patrons. Beer tickets will be sold for \$1.00 at the time of the raffle in accordance to the Illinois LCC [from subsection (b) of 235 ILCS 5/6-28].

Please come out and support our Firefighters and enjoy free sloppy joes, chips and many wonderful raffle items!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ **FRG Car Show** September 3rd Car-X Auto Service
 Check out the awesome cars and enjoy the food, music and fun at 914 Route 22.
- ◆ **Lions Fest 2014**..... September 6th Lions Park
 Enjoy a fun family day of activities, food and entertainment.
- ◆ **Art in the Barn** September 27th & 28th Good Shepherd Hospital
 Enjoy this Annual Art Show with over 180 artists of varying media.
- ◆ **Norge Fall Jump** October 4th & 5th Norge Ski Club
 Watch the daring jumpers fly through the sky.
- ◆ **Fire Protection District Open House** October 11th..... Algonquin Road Fire House
 Check out the equipment at the fire station from 1 – 3 p.m.
- ◆ **Chamber Halloween Walk** October 25th Stone Hill Center
 Join the fun from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Dress in costume.
- ◆ **Haunted Forest** October 31 & November 1..... ARS Soccer Field
 Take a stroll through the Haunted Forest with your favorite ghouls!
- ◆ **Halloween Trick or Treating** October 31 Fox River Grove
 Suggested Hours: 3:30 – 7:30 p.m.! Have Fun!!
- ◆ **Friends of the Library Book Sale**..... November 6, 7 & 8..... FRG Memorial Library
 They will begin accepting donations October 1st.
- ◆ **FRG Lioness Pasta Dinner** November 16th FRG Middle School
 Mark your calendar to enjoy this great family-oriented annual Lioness fundraiser.
- ◆ **Firefighters Poultry Party**..... November 21st..... Algonquin Road Fire House
 Support the Firefighters and win your Thanksgiving turkey at their annual raffle!!
- ◆ **Tree Lighting**..... December 6th ARS
 Enjoy some crafts and entertainment while waiting for your picture with Santa



Lion's Fest

The annual Lions Fest kicks off Saturday, September 6th in Lions Park. It is sure to be a fun-filled day for all! The Middle School Choir and Band will be performing as well as Alex & the All Stars! There will be delicious food and drinks all day!

Our Fox River Grove Lions Club is a dedicated service organization that has been around for many, many, years and gives back to our community. Hope to see you there!

Village Hall hours: Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Visit the Village of Fox River Grove web site at www.foxrivergrove.org for all the latest information on events, regulations, policies, etc.