



FOX RIVER GROVE QUARTERLY

A newsletter for and about the Village of Fox River Grove

FALL 2015

Village News

School Is Open, Please 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 use your cell phone (talking or texting) while driving in a school zone. You will be ticketed. Slow down for safety!



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 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
- November 6, 13, 20 and Saturday, November 28th

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

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 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 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!

Fun Halloween Happenings in FRG

Trick-or-Treat!

 On Saturday, October 24th from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m., the Cary-Grove Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its 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.

 The Fox River Grove Firefighters Association and Special Events Committee will be hosting a **Haunted Forest** that same afternoon (Saturday, October 24) next to the soccer fields at Algonquin Road School.

Festivities will begin at 3 p.m. and include fun activities for the kids like a face painter, balloon artist, hay ride, costume contest, pumpkin decorating, and Halloween themed games. There will also be hot chocolate and Halloween treats by the **Flour Shoppe** available and a bonfire at dusk.

The Haunted Forest Walk will begin at 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. with the Not-So-Scary and 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. for Scary. Entrance to the festivities will be FREE. Tickets for the walk will be available for purchase.

 **Halloween** is on a Saturday this year and the Police Department recommends trick or treating from 3:00 – 7:00 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!!



New Shelter at Picnic Grove Park!

Thanks to the hard work and perseverance of the Parks Commission, Village Board and staff, we now have a shelter in the Picnic Grove Park. It is a great addition to the park and will be enjoyed by many throughout the years.



The President's Letter



Hello Friends,

Wow, school is back in session and Summer is over. That sure went fast!

The good news is that we closed out many of the Village projects that we had planned to accomplish. The parks playgrounds have new mulch, the new park shelter is done, the entry-way signs are up, the road program is complete and new banners are up along route 14. Good job by the Public Works team.

The Village, as I suspect you know, has been evaluating ways to promote business and investor interest in the area around Lincoln and Route 14.

This study has led to creating a Tax Increment Financing district in the surrounding neighborhood. This district, also known as a TIF district, will allow businesses to participate in the use of funds that are created from the business's own investment in the area.

There is no impact on any homeowner's taxes or Village obligations. The meetings with the local taxing bodies and the public hearings are now complete and approved, so this plan will go forward.

A developer continues to work with the Village and local property owners to realize a three building housing development at the site of the train station. The initial plans and drawings for the project have been brought before the Planning and Economic Development Commission.

That group has approved a special use permit, subject to suggested modifications, for the developer to proceed to the next stage of approvals. At this point, a public meeting and a presentation to the Village Trustees have been accomplished. The full Board will consider the matter for a special use and, once this is approved, the developer will be in a position to begin the detailed engineering plans that will need Village approval.

Finally, please join me in welcoming Douglas Automotive as a new business in town at the old Bryant location.

Have a great Fox River Grove day!

Robert J. Nunamaker
President, Village of Fox River Grove

Fireworks 2015 A Success!

A very big thank you to everyone who helped make this another great family night: Cary-Grove Jaycees & Ambassador Jaycees, Cary-Grove Masons, 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 great sponsors this year and the residents that added \$2 and 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
- FRG Firefighters Association Haunted House
- PSIMET LLC Bike Race

GOLD

- Baxter & Woodman, Inc.

SILVER

- King Pin Lanes
- Spic & Span Cleaning Corporation

ASSOCIATE PLUS

- Fox River Grove Harbor Team
- Fox River Grove United Methodist Church

ASSOCIATE

- Allan Environmental Services Inc.
- Brunch Café
- Cary Bank & Trust
- Eder, Casella & Company
- John R. Reader D.D.S.
- Karma Yoga+
- Kondraros Family
- Mr. Beefy's
- Pieceful Gathering Quilt Shop
- Ringers Landscape Services
- Villa Bleu

FRIEND

- Blohm Children Lemonade Stand
- Cary Travel Express
- Waysound Recording Studio



Art in the Barn is celebrating its 40th year on Saturday and Sunday, September 26th and 27th 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.

Lion's Fest 2015

The Annual Lions Fest kicks off at noon Saturday, September 12th in Lions Park. It is sure to be a fun-filled day! Alex & the All Stars, the Hicky Bava Band, two high school bands, a karate demonstration, Bingo, and kids games and activities – something for everyone!



There will be delicious food (heard a rumor that the Lions are trying something new and adding turkey legs to the menu) and ice cold drinks all day!

Our Fox River Grove Lions and Lioness Clubs are dedicated service organizations that work tirelessly for the betterment of our community. Hope to see you there!



Fire District Turkey Raffle

The Fox River Grove Firefighters Association (FRGFFA) welcomes all to the 2015 Turkey Raffle on Friday, November 20st at 7 p.m. Per State law, 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!

Metra Pre-Pay

The Metra Prepay Parking program is working well for many commuters. The cost is \$30 per month for unlimited parking at the Fox River Grove Metra Station.

To enroll in the program, complete the Prepay Parking form, pay \$30 for the first month of parking and provide a voided check that is linked to a valid checking or savings account. You will then receive a hangtag that must be displayed in your vehicle. The initial \$30 payment covers the first month of parking. After that, the monthly fee will be automatically withdrawn on the first of each month. This is convenient and can save you a few minutes on your daily commute!



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 4th.

The 5K kicks off at 9 a.m. and the Youth Mile at 10 a.m. The race is chip timed and USATF certified.

The cost is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children (add \$5 after 9/20/15) and includes a Sport Tek shirt and a goodie bag! It is fun for the whole family! Check out their website www.frgc.org for more information, updates and to register.

Norge Ski Club

The annual Autumn Ski Jump Tournament and Music Fest is scheduled for October 3rd & 4th. 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 \$11.00 each and available to order at www.norgeskiclub.com. After 4 p.m. Saturday, Music Fest tickets can be purchased at the gate for \$10. Children 12 and under are free. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs. No carry-ins or dogs allowed. Another great "Family Weekend" event in the Grove!



Cruise Night

The Cary Grove Young Professionals (CGYP), an affiliate of the Chamber of Commerce, is hosting "Cruising the Grove" Cruise Night every Wednesday in September.

It will be at the corner of Routes 22 & 14 at the Stone Hill Center from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. All cars are welcome. There will be businesses and vendors. The event is completely free!

For more information, contact them at carygroveyp@gmail.com.

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 8th 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 purchased

at the door will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. 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.

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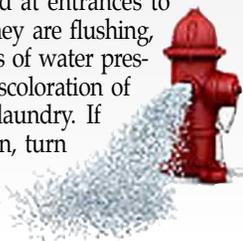
Be sure you are signed up for e-blasts from the Village and Police Department. The Village offers a free notification program to help keep you up-to-date and aware of happenings in the area letting you know of news, events, local road closures, etc.

Visit our website at www.foxrivergrove.org, and click on "Email Notifications" to sign up.

Hydrant Flushing in FRG

It is hydrant flushing time! The Public Works 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. This Fall it is scheduled for the week of September 28th.

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.



Is Your Sewer Backed Up?

If you are experiencing a sewer back into your basement, what should you do first?

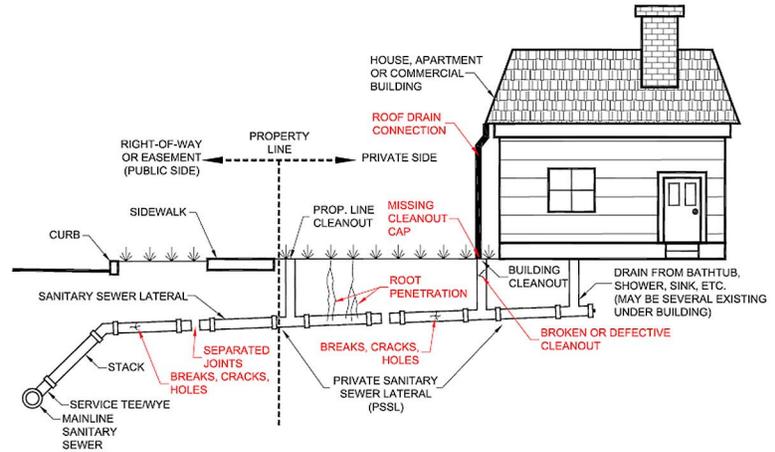
Call first, we encourage residents to call the Village hall first, prior to paying a plumbing contractor to come out and rod your private sewer service line.

The Village Hall will contact the Public Works Department and they will come out and inspect the Village's sewer main fronting your property to assure that the obstruction is not in the main sewer line. This step can help you save hundreds of dollars for work that may not be required. The Village regularly inspects, cleans and flushes the sanitary sewer collection system to help prevent sewer line backups.

Homeowners are responsible for their own sewer service line from the house to the connection at the sewer main under the street or parkway.

Some common problems found:

- roots in the sewer line from near by trees
- broken or cracked sewer pipes, ground shifting
- obstruction from debris clogging drain lines, small toys etc.



- poorly sloped or settled sewer lines.
- collapsed sewer pipes

If it is determined that a sewer line is collapsed and requiring excavation to repair, a permit is required before you begin work and inspection is required before covering the work. The contractor doing the work must call for utility locates.

Illinois law requires anyone digging regardless of the depth to Call J.U.L.I.E. Joint Utilities Locating Information Excavators, this is a one call System at 1-800 892-0123 this prevents damages to underground utilities.

If you have any questions during a sewer backup please feel free to contact us at 847 639-3170 or after hours at 847 639-2411.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ **“Cruising the Grove** September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30..... Stone Hill Center
Stop by every Wednesday to see this showcase of cars!!
- ◆ **Lions Fest 2015** September 12th Lions Park
Enjoy a family day full of fun, activities, food and entertainment.
- ◆ **Art in the Barn**..... September 26th & 27th Good Shepherd Hospital
Enjoy this Annual Art Show with over 180 artists of varying media.
- ◆ **Free Yardwaste Pick-Up** October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 Your House
Clean up your leaves and gardens for free pick-up.
- ◆ **Norge Autumn Jump & Music Fest** October 3rd & 4th.....Norge Ski Club
Watch the daring jumpers fly through the sky.
- ◆ **Fire Protection District Open House** October 10th Algonquin Road Fire House
Check out the life saving equipment at the fire station from 1 – 3 p.m.
- ◆ **Chamber Halloween Walk** October 24th Stone Hill Center
Join the fun from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Dress in costume.
- ◆ **Fire District Blood Drive** October 24th Algonquin Road Fire House
Donate blood from 9:00 – 3:00 p.m. in honor of the 20 year Anniversary of the Train/Bus Crash.
- ◆ **Haunted Forest**..... October 24thARS Soccer Field
Take a stroll through the Haunted Forest with your favorite ghouls!
- ◆ **Halloween Trick or Treats** October 31stFox River Grove
Suggested Hours ~ 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.! Have Fun!!
- ◆ **Free Yardwaste Pick-Up** November 6, 13, 20 & 28 Your House
Clean up your leaves and gardens for free pick-up.
- ◆ **FRG Lioness Pasta Dinner** November 8th FRG Middle School
Mark your calendar to enjoy this great family-oriented annual Lioness fundraiser.
- ◆ **Friends of the Library Book Sale** November 12, 13 & 14FRG Memorial Library
They will begin accepting donations October 1st.
- ◆ **Firefighters Poultry Party** November 20th Algonquin Road Fire House
Support the Firefighters and win your Thanksgiving turkey at their annual raffle!!
- ◆ **Tree Lighting** December 5thARS
Enjoy some crafts and entertainment while waiting for your picture with Santa!

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

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