



FOX RIVER GROVE QUARTERLY

A newsletter for and about the Village of Fox River Grove

FALL 2016

Village News

Free Leaf & Yardwaste Pick-Up

The Village offers nine weeks of free leaf and yardwaste pick-up every Fall season. 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 for this year's program are as follows:

- September 30
- October 7, 14, 21, 28
- November 4, 11, 18
- Saturday, November 26th

Yardwaste collection equipment is shutdown for the season after the last scheduled pick-up and reopens in the Spring. So, be sure to have your yards cleared before November 26th.

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

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Lion's Fest 2016

Lion's Fest is on Saturday, September 10th. It begins at 3:00 p.m. and ends at 10:00 p.m. Musical entertainment this year will include the FRG Middle School Band, Blind Robbins, and the headliner is Hickey Bava Band.

Other activities will include a bounce house, Birds of Prey demonstration, A Heart for Animals Shelter, Bingo, and Coins in the Sand. They will be having brats, dogs, corn, nachos, pickles and a new addition this year...SOFT PRETZELS!

Food and beverages are available for purchase by TICKETS ONLY. In addition, there will be a raffle whose proceeds will go to the scholarship fund for the Lion's Club. Master Card, Visa, Discover and American Express via Square are all accepted.

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!



Chamber Walk

On Saturday, October 29th from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., the Cary-Grove Area Chamber of Commerce will again 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 be sure to park in the large lot next to BMO Harris Bank.

Fall Fun And Haunted Forest

After the Halloween Walk at Stone Hill Shopping Center come by the soccer fields at Algonquin Road School for Fall Fun and Haunted Forest 2016!

The Special Events Committee and the Fox River Firefighters Association will again be hosting this fun annual event. The event will begin at 3:00 p.m. with fall activities and lots of fun stuff for the kids.

The Haunted Forest will be 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. with a Not-So-Scary portion for the littles 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Back this year will be last year's very popular hay ride as well as the bonfire at dusk! Entrance to the Fall Fun event and activities are FREE! Tickets for the walk will be available for purchase the day of at the entrance to the forest.

There will also be sweet treats and hot chocolate available for purchase. Don't miss this fun annual Halloween



23rd Annual Fox Chase 5k and Youth Mile

The Fox Chase Run is an annual event that benefits youth sports and provides sports scholarships to kids in need. This year it will be held on Sunday, October 2nd. The 5K kicks off at 9 a.m. and the Youth Mile at 10 a.m. The race is professionally timed and USATF certified.

event! Last year the Haunted Forest raised \$1,840 that was donated to the 2016 Fireworks by the Firefighters Association.

Trick or Treating on October 31st

The Police Department recommends trick or treating from 3:00 p.m. – 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!!

The cost is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children (add \$5 after 9/12/16) and includes an athletic shirt and a goodie bag! It is fun for the whole family! Check out the Rec Council website www.frgrc.org for more information, updates and to register.

The President's Letter



Hello Friends,

As our Fall quarter begins, I am happy to report that the Village continues to perform within our budget targets and will maintain a small surplus.

I will again call on all of you to watch out for the school children. Yes, the kids are back in school again! Give them a break, we love them.

As you know, we are still working with developers to bring change in the downtown area so as to unlock the value in the area for our residents and the Village. I need to tell you that the schools, both elementary and high school, have been excellent partners in all our necessary agreement thus far, so a great big shout out to the school boards!

In our last issue, we talked about our water supply and the lead service located at some of the older homes in the community. I am delighted to report that the EPA required lead and copper testing, which is conducted every three years with a sampling of twenty of our homes, has passed with flying colors. Good job by the Public Works staff!

Some new things happening in town that will interest you. First, for all of you who use the Metra Train Station, there is a new option for paying for your parking. No longer the panic of coming late, searching for the correct change, folding your dollar and then realizing that you forgot the number on your space, with no time to go back. Yes, friends, there is a new app called Passport that you can

download and use it to pay for your parking as you relax on the train in comfort. More information is included in this newsletter.

Next, our Public Works Garage Building is beginning to rise up from the ground to be ready for this winter. Drive down Hillcrest Avenue and check it out.

Lastly, we lost a pizza store on Route 14, but are more than excited to welcome an excellent new pizza parlor, La Pizza Via, which is located in the Stone Hill Shopping Center next to Yummy Asian Bistro, in the old Little Caesar's location.

Yea! It is football season, Halloween Trick or Treat and all that Fall has to offer in the Grove! See you over at the high school!

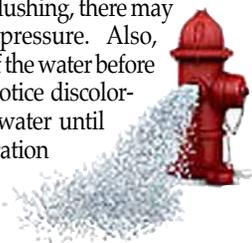
Have a great Fox River Grove day!

Robert J. Nunamaker
President, Village of Fox River Grove

Hydrant Flushing – Village Of Fox River Grove

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 to begin the week of September 26th.

Check for hydrant flushing signs posted at major intersections and at entrances to subdivisions. When Public Works crews 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 there is no more discoloration in the water.



Fire District Turkey Raffle



The Fox River Grove Firefighters Association (FRGFFA) welcomes all to the 2016 Turkey Raffle on Friday, November 18th 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 patrons. Beer tickets will be sold for \$1.00 at the time of the raffle in accordance to the state law.

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

FRG Lioness Club Pasta Dinner

Each year the Fox River Grove Lioness' Club hosts a Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction to raise funds that benefits local causes in the area. This has been a wonderfully successful family friendly event for our community. It includes a delicious pasta dinner, a silent auction, activities for the kids, 50/50 raffle, and an all-around great time shared with family, friends and neighbors!

This year it will be held in early November 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.

The Lioness work hard in our community and hope you will come out and support the Club. Be sure to bring your checkbook to bid on some of the great auction items that have been donated by local businesses as well as Lioness members. Again, all proceeds of the dinner benefit others. To learn more about the dinner or information about joining the Lioness Club, check out www.frglioness.com.

Illinois Housing Development Authority Announcement of the I-Refi program

IHDA is pleased to announce I-Refi, the first-of-its-kind refinance product for homeowners who owe more than their home is worth.

Starting August 1st, income-eligible homeowners can apply to receive up to \$50,000 to buy down the principal balance on their current mortgage and refinance into a new, 30-year fixed rate mortgage that will be within 90 to 97% LTV based on the current appraised value.

For more information visit www.ihda.org/IRefi or call 1-877-456-8656.



FRG Firefighters Open House

Check out all the equipment at the Fox River Grove Fire District's Open House. It will be held on Sunday, October 1st 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!



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



Public Safety Reminders

Lock Your Doors

The Police Department wants to remind residents to lock their vehicles when not in use and to keep their garage doors closed and locked if not outside, as well as their house doors. If you notice something unusual, call the police. If you think you have been burglarized, please report it to the Police even if nothing appears to be missing.

Visible Address

The Police and Fire Departments want to remind you it is very important to have your home address visible from the street. Our ordinances require the numbers to be able to be seen from the street, and be at least two and one-half (2-1/2) inches high. Being able to see the address, helps them protect you and your home.

Sidewalks And Trees

There are thousands of feet of sidewalks in our Village and hundreds of trees. The sidewalks are used for walking, running, children playing and riding bikes, etc. We want to encourage people to always use the sidewalks when on foot instead of the street.

It is important for residents to be sure the sidewalks are clear around their home. Cars should not be parked over them. They should be kept free of any tree limbs and bushes to allow easy passage.

Parkway trees should be kept trimmed so people can walk by. Trees can be trimmed by a reputable company hired by the homeowner. Please make keeping your sidewalks and areas clear a priority!



Trash Can Reminder

Residents are reminded that garbage and recycling containers should be stored in a location that is not in plain view from the street. The containers should not be in front of the garage doors, on the front porch, or anywhere else in the front of your home.

Please note that garbage and recycling containers may be placed at curbside no earlier than 3 p.m. Thursday and must be removed within 24 hours of pick-up.

Residents could be subject to a fine so please observe this regulation or make arrangements with your neighbors to bring your containers in if you are out of town. The Village thanks you for helping to keep our neighborhoods looking good!

Fireworks 2016



A very big thank you to everyone who helped make this another great family night: Cary-Grove Area Chamber of Commerce, Cary-Grove Jaycees, Cary-Grove Masons, Fox River Grove Lions and Fox River Grove Lioness Clubs and our United Methodist Community Church.

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!

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Ways To Conserve Water

Are you using more water than you thought? Take a look at your bill. You would be surprised at how much water you are using and money you can save by following these water saving tips:

- Never pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it such as watering a plant or garden, or for cleaning around your home.
- Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. If your faucet is dripping at a rate of one drop per second, you can expect to waste 2,700 gallons per year.
- Check for toilet tank leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If the toilet is leaking, color will appear in the toilet bowl within 30 minutes. Check the toilet for a worn out flapper. Most replacement parts are inexpensive, readily available and easily installed. (Flush as soon as test is done, since food coloring may stain tank.)
- If the toilet handle frequently sticks in the flush position letting water run constantly, replace or adjust it.



- Take shorter showers by two minutes and save an hour of running water per month. Replace your showerhead with an ultra-low-flow version.
- Operate automatic dishwashers and clothes washers only when they are fully loaded. Set the water level for the size of load you are using.
- Try to do one thing each day that will result in saving water. Don't worry if the savings are minimal. Every drop counts. You can make a difference!



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Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 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.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ **“Cruising the Grove”** September 6, 13, 20, 27 Stone Hill Center
Stop by every Tuesday to see this showcase of cars!!
- ◆ **Lion's Fest 2016**..... September 10th Lions Park
Enjoy a family day full of fun, activities, food and entertainment from 3 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Norge Autumn Jump & Music Fest** September 24th & 25thNorge Ski Club
Watch the daring jumpers fly through the sky.
- ◆ **Art in the Barn**..... September 24th & 25th..... Good Shepherd Hospital
Check out the variety of talented artist’s work at this annual show from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- ◆ **Hydrant Flushing**..... Week of September 26th All Around Town
Semi-annual flushing of all the hydrants throughout town.
- ◆ **Free Yardwaste Pick-Up**..... September 30th Your House
The first of nine weeks of free yardwaste pick up!
- ◆ **Fire Protection District Open House** October 1st Algonquin Road Fire House
Learn about the fire district and check out their equipment from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- ◆ **Free Yardwaste Pick-Up**..... October 7, 14, 21, & 28 Your House
Clean up your leaves and gardens for free pick-up.
- ◆ **Fire District Blood Drive**..... October 22nd Algonquin Road Fire House
Donate blood from 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. in honor of the Train/Bus Crash.
- ◆ **Chamber Halloween Walk** October 29th Stone Hill Center
Join the fun from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Dress in costume.
- ◆ **Fall Fun and Haunted Forest**..... October 29thARS Soccer Field
Begins at 3 p.m. with fun activities, a hay ride and the Haunted Forest (opens at 6 p.m.)
- ◆ **Halloween Trick or Treat** October 31st Fox River Grove
Suggested Hours: 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.! Have Fun!!
- ◆ **Friends of the Library Book Sale** November 3, 4, & 5 FRG Memorial Library
Shop the library sale for some great bargains!
- ◆ **Free Yardwaste Pick-Up** November 4, 11, 18 & 26 (Saturday)..... Your House
Clean up your leaves and gardens for free pick-up.
- ◆ **FRG Lioness Pasta Dinner** November 6thFRG Middle School
Mark your calendar to enjoy this yummy family-oriented Lioness fundraiser.
- ◆ **Firefighters Poultry Party** November 18th Algonquin Road Fire House
Support the Firefighters and win your Thanksgiving turkey at their annual raffle!!
- ◆ **Tree Lighting**..... December 3rdARS
Enjoy some crafts and entertainment while waiting for your picture with Santa!

Metra Parking

The Village is now providing a mobile payment application called Passport Parking as a new, very convenient way to pay for parking at the train station. You can add the app to your smartphone and pay with your phone, or you can pay by web at m.ppprk.com or if neither of those options work for you, you may call 847-380-4332 to pay by phone.

Please note that the app requires commuters to load a minimum of \$10 into an account which may be used to pay for parking. Payment should be made immediately to avoid a parking citation.

Facebook And Twitter

Are you on Facebook or Twitter? Would you like to receive updates and reminders on community events and Village services? If yes, then like us on Facebook.com/FoxRiverGrove and follow us on Twitter @FoxRiverGrove. The Police Department (facebook.com/FRGPD) and Special Events Committee (facebook.com/FRGLiving) also have Facebook pages to help you keep up with everything Fox River Grove.

