



FOX RIVER GROVE QUARTERLY

A newsletter for and about the Village of Fox River Grove

FALL 2011

Village News

Halloween Tricks Or Treats

Halloween falls on Monday and the Police Department recommends trick or treating from 3:30 – 7:30 p.m. to promote safety.

On Saturday, October 29th 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 beginning at Leader Ace Hardware. 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 Harris Bank.

5K Fox Chase Run

The 18th annual Fox Chase 5K & Youth Run will be held on Saturday September 10, 2011. The race starts at Lions Park with the 5K kicking off at 10 a.m. and the kids race will follow at 10:45 a.m. Kids this year have the option of running a half-mile or full-mile.

The Rec Council is excited to team up with the Lions Club and our local Boy Scouts. The Boy Scouts will be hosting a pancake breakfast at 7 a.m. and the Lions Fest starts at 11:30 a.m. For more information regarding the race, registration, prizes, etc. please go to <https://www.signmeup.com/78130> or <http://www.facebook.com/foxchase5k>

Drop Box Reminder

The Village has an after hours depository outside the front doors of the Municipal Center at 305 Illinois Street. It is a large gray box, similar to a mailbox. You may place any payments, correspondence, or Village business into this box any time the Village Hall is closed.

Our regular hours are M - F, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and 9 a.m. - Noon on Saturday. It is there for your convenience to avoid late or missed payments.

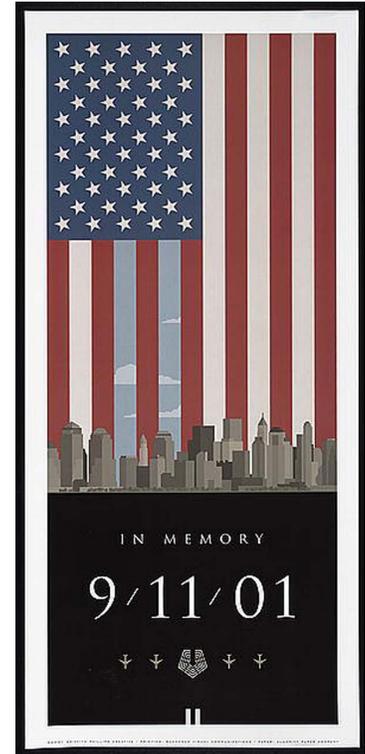
Fox River Grove Community 9/11 Commemoration Planned

Sunday, September 11, will mark the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 Terrorist Attack on America. Beginning at 1:00 p.m. that day the Fox River Grove Firefighters Association will sponsor a community memorial observance in front of the Fire Station at 411 Algonquin Road.

The observance will commemorate those who were killed in that attack – civilians as well as military, police, and fire service personnel. Participating in the event will be the Village Board, American Legion Post 119, Cary-Grove AMVETS, the Girl and Boy Scouts, the FRG Police Department, as well as the representatives of the FRG Fire Protection District.

Special music for the observance – “The National Anthem”, “God Bless America”, “America, The Beautiful”, and “Amazing Grace” will be provided by a choir, trumpeters and a bagpiper.

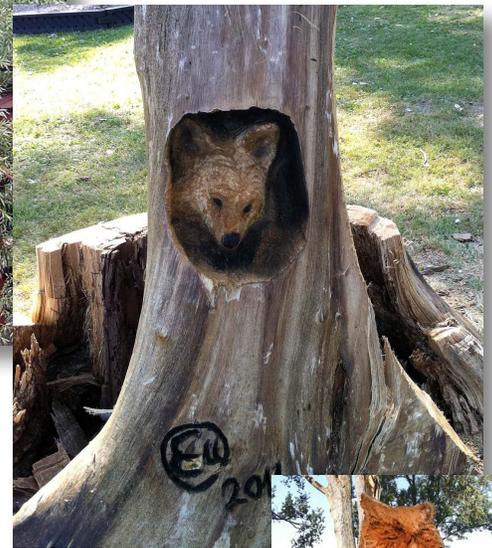
Village residents are encouraged to come together that day for this memorial observance. Algonquin Road will be closed that afternoon from Route 14 to Lexington Avenue to accommodate seating in front of the fire station. People are encouraged to walk over to the event after parking at the train station or library via Lincoln Avenue.



Storm With A Silver Lining

"A tremendous wind storm blew into town July 11th. Trees down, power out, and residents just making do and helping each other out until the clean-up was complete. There was, however, a positive side to this picture. Two little friends appeared in Lions Park and made their nest in one of the downed trees. Here's a picture but they do appreciate visitors..."

A BIG thank you to Algonquin Township for helping remove a large willow tree that fell on the shelter in Lions Park and to the Lions Club for patching the hole. The extra effort made the Arts & Crafts Fair a successful event.



P. S. Our artist is Eric Widitz of Fox River Grove, IL.

The President's Letter

Hello. Please allow me to dedicate this letter to the subject that currently is uppermost in my mind. It is the state of our economy and more importantly the financial health of our Village. Starting with good news, the issue about which I asked you to contact your State Representative, was resolved in our favor. The Village's right to part of the State Income Tax Revenue was preserved. Thanks for that!



The Village basically gets funding from the taxes you and I pay, plus taxes paid or generated by our in-town businesses. We continue to expend efforts to attract new businesses and improve the activity of existing businesses. Toward that end, we now welcome two new businesses ~ Mattress Outlet and Bella Vista Montessori School. Retail construction is also expected soon along Route 14 east of Route 22. Also, and again toward our goal, we have released our new "Buy FRG" Discount cards for use and great discounts from our local merchants. You can pick yours up at the Village Hall for just \$5.

While all this is gratifying and heart-warming, there remains an important area of our business sector that continues to woefully underperform. This is the area around the intersection of Lincoln and Route 14. A two year effort to stimulate activity in this area has not produced the improvement for which we have strived. Since this area needs to be an important part of the Village's revenue base, the Trustees have pushed to move to a stronger way to revitalize this district. The Village is currently working through a plan to create a Tax Increment Financing District in the area and also change our sales tax rate to make available funds for the necessary infrastructure improvements. As this initiative is matured, all the residents will be asked to vote on the changes.

Want to help local businesses? We have a vacancy on the Planning & Economic Development Commission. Call, write, or email me today for more information.

Have a great Fox River Grove Day!

Robert J. Nunamaker
President, Village of Fox River Grove

Thank You Everyone!

The Village would like to thank the following people, organizations and businesses for their participation in our July Fireworks event:

- ◆ Buck Brothers
- ◆ Cary Grove Masons
- ◆ Fox River Grove Fire Protection District
- ◆ Fox River Grove Lions Club
- ◆ Fox River Grove Police Department
- ◆ Fox Valley Region Jaycees
- ◆ Leader Ace Hardware
- ◆ McHenry County Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit
- ◆ Operation Click
- ◆ Marty Monti & Rick Cornwall from WFRG Mobile Radio
- ◆ Cary-Grove Jaycees
- ◆ Fairway Golf Cars, Inc.
- ◆ Fox River Grove Harbor Team
- ◆ Fox River Grove Lioness Club
- ◆ Fox River Grove Streets & Parks Department
- ◆ Lauderdale Lakes Chicago Wakeboard Show
- ◆ "Left in the Dust" Bluegrass Band
- ◆ Melrose Pyrotechnics
- ◆ Ricky Cornwall

Thanks to the volunteers that helped with glow necklace and eyeglass sales, the \$5 BUY FRG card sales and manning the entrance gates. They were:

- ◆ Miss Fox River Grove 2011 Leslie Michaelchuck
- ◆ Barb & Al Majkrzak & Caitlyn Ahrens
- ◆ Jerry & Diane Papinchock
- ◆ Melissa Schladt
- ◆ Mike Schiestel
- ◆ Art Osten, Jr.
- ◆ Chuck & Penny Toppel
- ◆ Kevin Lentz
- ◆ Jerry Menzel
- ◆ Bob & Marylou Nunamaker

We appreciate everyone's help and couldn't have done it without each of you.

Special Thank You For Fireworks 2011 Donations

- ◆ Grove Plating Company
- ◆ Baxter & Woodman, Inc.
- ◆ Fox River Grove Harbor Team
- ◆ Spic and Span Cleaning Corporation
- ◆ Sirius Technologies
- ◆ All Professional Electric, Inc.
- ◆ Eder, Casella & Company
- ◆ Grove Electric Company, Inc.
- ◆ Kondraros Family
- ◆ John R. Reader, D.D.S
- ◆ Flameco Heating & Air Conditioning
- ◆ Joseph D. Foreman & Company
- ◆ Robert D. Blumberg, CPA, LTD.
- ◆ Urban Forest Management, Inc.
- ◆ Rosenthal, Murphey, Coblenz & Donahue
- ◆ Fox Mechanical
- ◆ Mr. Beefy's
- ◆ Spring Beach Improvement Association
- ◆ Villa Bleu
- ◆ Cary-Grove Foot & Ankle Center Inc.
- ◆ Fox 14 Marina Inc.
- ◆ Kitchen Wholesalers
- ◆ Norge Ski Club
- ◆ Allan Environmental Services, Inc.
- ◆ King Pin Lanes
- ◆ Pieceful Gathering Quilt Shop
- ◆ Top Shelf Liquor

Lions Fest 2011

Fox River Grove's annual Lions Fest kicks off Saturday, September 10th in Lions Park under the pavilion with a pancake breakfast sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 166 at 7 a.m. The FRG Lions & Lioness' will be serving brats and hot dogs as well as other refreshments starting at noon. Ends at 10:00 p.m.



There will be live music and entertainment for all ages. Please come and join us for a relaxing day at the park.

Email List for Village Info & Emergencies

The Village of Fox River Grove no longer has access to free NIXLE updates. Many of our residents have signed up for the service and found it useful.

Fortunately, we were lucky to receive a generous donation from locally owned **CDI Create** to continue notifications through a similar notification system. You can visit our Village website – www.foxrivergrove.org to sign up.

Reminder About Retiring Flags

There is a box located at the Fire Station on Lucille for old flags that need to be destroyed in the prescribed manner.



Norge Fall Jump

Norge Ski Club is hosting the U.S. National Championships, which is one of the most prestigious tournaments in the nation.

Athletes from Team USA Nordic Combined and Special Jumping who participated in the Vancouver Olympic Games and hopefuls for the next Winter Games in 2014 will be in attendance along with a field of competitors that is estimated to comprise approximately 70 skiers.



These events will take place on Saturday and Sunday, October 1st and 2nd.

There will also be a Roller Ski Road Race on closed streets in the Picnic Grove Subdivision on Saturday afternoon at about 4:00 p.m. for one hour, for elite Nordic Combined athletes. Jump Tournament start times on the K70 will remain the same - 12:00 p.m. on both days. A national event of this caliber has not occurred at Norge for more than 40 years.

Art In The Barn

Juried artists will display their works of mixed media. Food, entertainment, and children's art activities will also be available, making this a great outing for all ages.

This event is Saturday and Sunday, September 24th and 25th on the Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital grounds. It is presented by the Auxiliary, with the net proceeds benefiting the hospital. In the past money has been used towards the Cardiac Care Center, new Emergency Room and scholarships for students in the medical/health care field. For more information call 847/381-2094 or www.artinthebarn.org.

Free Leaf Bag Pick-Up

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

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

Do not blow, rake or place leaves into the street or stormwater drainage ditches. This can create traffic hazards and block storm drains. Improper leaf disposal on public property is subject to fines per Village ordinances. Composting/mulching/mowing are other avenues to dispose of leaves. This can reduce the volume by more than 50% and leaf mulch is a good fertilizer.

Hydrant Flushing Again in Fox River Grove

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 assure that all fire hydrants are in good operating condition for emergencies.

Residents are urged to check for hydrant flushing signs posted at major intersections and at entrances to subdivisions. There may be some loss of water pressure at the time of the flushing. We also ask that residents check for discoloration of water before doing laundry. Turn on the cold water until it runs clear.

Environmental Concerns

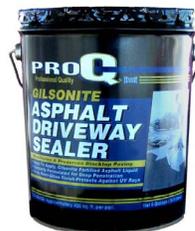
PHOSPHORUS - If you decide to fertilize your yard, avoid phosphorus or use only the amount your soil can absorb. Certain manufactured fertilizer compounds contain phosphorus that can enter our ponds, rivers and groundwater. Any phosphorus run-off results in excessive algae and aquatic plant growth. This reduces available oxygen for fish and other aquatic organisms. Phosphorus in groundwater also contaminates our drinking water.

Soil test kits may be obtained from the University of Illinois Extension, 1102 McConnell Road, Woodstock, IL 60098, phone (815)338-3737. A \$15 testing fee applies to all soil samples analyzed. Please follow instructions and avoid run-off by using only the amount necessary. Start with smaller amounts and gauge effectiveness before you use more. Many organic fertilizer products are also available. The internet is a valuable tool to gain additional information and locate these products.

COAL TAR - If you decide to sealcoat your asphalt driveway, there are a few things you should know. Seal coating makes old asphalt look new and protects its surface. However, studies by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) raise concerns about the chemicals used in various products.

Sealcoat comes in three basic varieties including: coal tar-based, coal tar/asphalt mix, and asphalt-based. The coal tar varieties are more resilient, but contain higher levels of a class of chemicals called PAH's (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons) that enter our waterways, harm fish, and with prolonged exposure, pose a risk of cancer in humans. Because of the environmental problems associated with PAH's. A number of cities have banned the use of coal tar-based sealcoat in their jurisdictions (asphalt-based sealcoat may still be used).

The Village of Fox River Grove strongly encourages residents to study product labels carefully and insist on a coal tar free product for do-it-yourself and contractor seal coating.



Beware of Unknown Solicitors

There are many scams going on and people need to be aware. If someone comes to your home offering home repair, remodeling, clean up, driveway sealcoating or some other work, do not let them into your home.

First, they should have a solicitors permit from the Village and it is your right to ask to see it! They may have an accomplice that enters your home, while the person has you engaged in conversation. You need to be alert and aware. Also, keep your car doors locked and windows closed when not in use. Don't leave items out in the open in your car.



Buy FRG Discount Cards Buy Yours at the Village Hall!

The Planning & Economic Development Commission organized the sale of discount cards with sixteen of our local FRG businesses. All profits go to the fireworks. The cards cost \$5 each and expire May 31, 2012. You can get the following discounts at our local businesses:

- Armanetti's - 10% off Regularly Priced Wine
- Auto Audit - \$100 Off Sales of \$3,000 or more
- The Bicycle Stop - 15% Off Tune - Ups (excluding parts)
- Build-A-Comp - \$99 Computer Tune-Up & Restore (Regular \$159)
- CarX - \$18.99 Full Service Oil Change
- Dead End - \$2 Off a 16" Pizza
- Dunkin Donuts - 10% off any purchase
- El Sombrero - 10% Off Orders of \$15 or more
- FRG Shell - \$2 Off All Carwashes
- Jimano's - 10% Off Regularly Priced Pizza
- Lund Automotive - Free Oil Change with any repair over \$200
- New China Restaurant - 10% off purchase
- Pamadoo's - \$1 Off Kid's & Men's Cuts; \$2 Off Women's Cuts
- Sio Garden - Buy 2 Entrees, Get One Order of Spring Rolls Free
- Top Shelf Liquors - 10% Off Regularly Priced Wine
- Wild Bird Center - \$5 Off Purchase of \$30 or more

Don't miss out. Stop by Village Hall to pick up yours today!!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ **Cruise Across the River** September 7th Car-X Parking Lot
Stop by the Chamber Cruise Night Finale at Car -X
- ◆ **Lions Fest 2011** September 10th Lions Park
Enjoy a fun family day of activities, food and entertainment.
- ◆ **CG High School Homecoming** September 17th ARS
Homecoming parade kicks off at 9 a.m. Game at 2 p.m.
- ◆ **Barrington High School Homecoming** September 24th BHS
Homecoming parade kicks off at 10 a.m. at train depot. Game at 2 p.m.
- ◆ **Jaycees River Jam** September 17th Lions Park
Enjoy a music festival in Lions Park.
- ◆ **Art in the Barn** September 24th & 25th... Good Shepherd Hospital
Enjoy this Annual Art Show with over 170 artists of varying media.
- ◆ **Norge Fall Event** October 1st & 2nd Norge Ski Club
Enjoy the National Championships and Norge's new event – a Roller Ski Road Race.
- ◆ **FRG Lioness Pasta Dinner** October 23rd FRG Middle School
Mark your calendar to enjoy this great family-oriented annual Lioness fundraiser.
- ◆ **Chamber Halloween Walk** October 29th Stone Hill Center
Join the fun from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Dress in costume.
- ◆ **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 3, 4, & 5 FRG Memorial Library
Pick up some great bargains at their annual sale.
- ◆ **FRG Firefighters Poultry Party** November 18th Algonquin Road Fire House
Support the Firefighters and win your Thanksgiving Turkey at their annual raffle!!
- ◆ **Tree Lighting** December 3rd To Be Announced
Enjoy some crafts and entertainment while waiting for your picture with Santa!



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 on your cell phone when driving in a school zone. You will be ticketed. Slow down for safety!



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.



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