



# Fox River Grove QUARTERLY

WINTER 2018



## WINTER FUN IN THE VILLAGE

The Village maintains a lighted sledding hill in Picnic Grove Park. For the safety of everyone, snowboarding is not allowed and dogs must be on a leash. There will also be an ice rink at the Kids Care Courts near Algonquin Road School. Please only use the rink once it has been cleared of snow. Be safe & enjoy the season!



## SEASON OF GIVING

The Cary-Grove food pantry needs your help during the annual Season of Giving. There are many families in need and the food pantry supplies get low this time of year. Items and cash donations are appreciated. There is also a collection box at the Village Hall for year-round donations. Go to [cgfoodpantry.org](http://cgfoodpantry.org) for details.

## CALLING ALL SENIORS 50+

If you are interested in making new friends, like to play bingo and enjoy special luncheons and day trips, then come to the Village Hall the 1<sup>st</sup> & last Wednesdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. and join the FRG Seniors. There is also a festive Holiday Party in December. Please come and join the fun!

## ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING FESTIVAL

Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>  
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Location: Algonquin Road School

The Special Events Committee is hosting its annual Tree Lighting Festival. Come for an afternoon of festive family fun:

- 2:30 Santa's firetruck arrival
- 2:30 - 4:30 Pictures with Santa
- 5:00 Tree lighting outside
- Performances by the Cary-Grove High School Swing Choir, Brass Ensemble, and Viva Voce an a cappella group
- Balloon artist, face painting, train rides, cookie decorating, games & crafts



## Battery Recycling Reminder

You can recycle your dry cell batteries (AA, AAA, AAAA, C, D, watch/camera batteries, 9-volt, 6-volt) by putting them in a clear bag on the lid of your recycling bin each week. The driver will take them back to Waste Management for recycling. Batteries are no longer accepted at the Village Hall.

## NEW TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

Beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, residents can use the MCRide transportation service. This is a dial-a-ride program that provides low-cost rides for work, school, shopping, medical appointments or just to visit a friend throughout McHenry County. You schedule trips in advance and the vehicle provides curb-to-curb service. Vehicles may make stops for other passengers during your trip. The cost to ride is based on distance. Fares must be paid in exact cash when you board the vehicle.

	Base Fare first 5 miles	Each Mile after first 5
General Public	\$2.50	\$0.25
Senior 60+ & Disabled	\$1.25	\$0.25

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. No Service Sunday or Holidays



More Information: [www.McHenryCountyDOT.org](http://www.McHenryCountyDOT.org)



## KEEP THE WREATH RED

The Fire Department puts up a wreath after Thanksgiving for the "Keep the Wreath Red" campaign to promote holiday season safety. To do your part:

- Select only fresh trees & keep tree stands filled with water. Verify artificial trees are flame retardant and keep all trees away from fireplaces or heating vents.
- Discard lights that have frayed or worn cords, broken or cracked sockets, loose connections, bare wires, or operate intermittently and be safe with cords & outlets.

## THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Friends,

Welcome to the Holiday Season. Thanksgiving has been celebrated, snow is coming and Christmas is right around the corner.

The Fire District held their great gathering of the Village and raffled off many tasty turkeys. The Special Events Committee and Lions Club will host the Tree Lighting and Photos with Santa.

Next year will be a special time for Fox River Grove. The Village was incorporated in 1919, so that means that the Village is 100 years old next



year. A committee has already been formed to begin planning the various events. Should you wish to volunteer to help, please contact the Village Hall.

Already, I can tell you of some of the plans. There will be a parade from Stonehill to Lions Park. All of the Village organizations and businesses are invited to have a float or group in the line-up. There will be a carnival on the riverfront, complete with food and music. We will host an "old time" baseball game at the ARS field. Trolley tours of the Village will run in the summer. A booklet describing the

historical sites in the Village will be available. The year will finish up with a special themed New Year's Eve Party. Many souvenirs and gifts will be offered for sale. The library and schools also have many things planned to make this a year to remember!

Be safe and have a special Fox River Grove day!

*Bob*

Robert J. Nunamaker  
President, Village of Fox River Grove

## WINTER HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY



### Safe Driving & Parking:

When the meteorologist forecasts snowy conditions, the Village makes every effort to clear snow from streets and salt. The Village uses salt conservation, so allow extra driving time and be cautious. Parking is prohibited on streets for 24 hours after a snowfall of 2 inches or more.

**Shoveling:** Shoveling or blowing snow into the street is prohibited. Push the snow to the left side of your driveway as you face your home to prevent the plow from dragging more snow across the front of your drive. Be a good neighbor and shovel the sidewalk around your home too!

**Curb Safety:** Remove any stones, posts or decorative objects that are difficult to see covered in snow and may damage a plow. If you don't have a curb, consider adding reflecting rods near the edge of your street and mailbox.

**Mailboxes:** Mailboxes can be damaged by heavy snow. Check that your mailbox is securely planted with the face of the mailbox at least 9 inches from the curb. The Village will repair mailboxes hit by the plow itself, but repairing mailboxes that succumb to the weight of snow is the homeowner's responsibility.

**Salt Use:** Please use salt sparingly to melt ice. This run-off ultimately ends up polluting our valuable water resources.

**Outside Faucets:** As part of your winter clean-up, be sure to check your outside faucets for any leaks.



### Adopt-a-Fire Hydrant:

Make it a priority to uncover hydrants near your home after every snowfall and clear a 3 foot path around the hydrant to help firefighters save time and life in an emergency.

**Businesses:** The Village requires businesses & building owners to remove snow/ice from sidewalks next to their building within 24 hours of accumulation. During a major snowstorm, try to maintain a 4-foot path along your front sidewalk.



**Garbage Service:** Waste Management vehicles weigh more than 38,000 pounds empty, and do not handle the same as your car in snowy conditions. Trucks may not be able to service a particular road to protect everyone from injury or property damage in bad weather. On garbage day, make sure the area around your containers are clear of snow and ice so drivers can service it safely.

### Answering Your Door:

Be aware that criminals can pose as couriers delivering gifts. They may

also take advantage of the generosity of people during the holiday season by soliciting donations door-to-door for fraudulent charitable causes. Always ask for identification and be cautious. Solicitors should have a license provided by the Village.

**Package Delivery:** If you order online and won't be home at the time of delivery, instruct drivers where to leave packages, such as at the back or side door. Other deterrents are having a visible security camera and sign.



### Celebrate Responsibly:

The holiday season is a time of celebration and revelry. If you drink alcohol at a party, don't drive. Use ride sharing or a designated driver. Have fun, but remember to celebrate responsibly.



**WATER & SEWER AUTOPAY:** Save time mailing your checks or bringing payment to the Village Hall. When you are enrolled in AutoPay, your payment is automatically withdrawn from your account on the due date. Because payment is automatic, there are never postage costs or penalties for late payments. Fill out the form below to enroll today!



## Auto Pay Enrollment Form

Mail to: Village of Fox River Grove  
305 Illinois Street  
Fox River Grove, IL 60021

I hereby authorize the Village of Fox River Grove to initiate debit entries, and if necessary, credit entries/adjustments for any debit entries in error to my account indicated below for payment of Water/Sewer bills and the depository (bank/credit union) named below, to debit and/or credit the same to such account. This authority is to remain in effect until the Village has received written notification from me of its termination, bank and/or account change, 15 days prior to the due date of a water/sewer bill, as to afford the Village and the bank a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Water Bill Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Depository Name (Bank/Credit Union) _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Routing No. _____		
Account No. _____	Account Type: (circle one) Savings or Checking	

**\*\*Please attach a voided check to this form.\*\***



## PREVENTING FROZEN WATER PIPES

Unprotected pipes are susceptible to cold temperatures because water expands when it goes from liquid to solid. Here are some tips to help prevent your water pipes from freezing:

**Power Outage:** If the power goes out and you aren't receiving a water supply, the best thing to do is shut off the main water supply valve (coming into your home) and open all taps so that the remaining water in the pipes trickles out and leaves no pressure in the system.

**Garages:** Bathrooms over a garage are a common source of trouble. If you have an attached garage, keep your garage door closed. Unheated garages can be 20°+ warmer than outside and even if you don't have water pipes over the garage, keeping it closed will keep the adjoining rooms of your home warmer.

## 2018 HAUNTED FOREST

The Special Events Committee and the Fox River Grove Firefighter's Association would like to extend a BIG thank you to everyone that attended the Fall Fun & Haunted Forest event in October. The committee would also like to thank Fox River Grove Community Church, the Mack Family and AJz Kettlecorn Company. Proceeds will be used for the skating rink and Village Parks.

**Insulation:** If your home has water supply lines running on the outside walls, insulate the pipes with pipe insulation or pipe heaters.

**Vacationing:** If you're gone, never turn your heating system off or below 55°. Unless there is a source of heat for the pipes, they can freeze if the room temperature drops low enough. Frozen water pipes occur in unused rooms where heat has been shut off. Arrange to have someone check on your home frequently if you are away.

As an additional precaution during cold periods, leave one of your faucets, farthest from the supply of your home's water, open and running slightly. If the water is running, the pipes will be less likely to freeze. It might be a waste of water, but in an extreme case, it is a better alternative than a frozen or busted pipe.





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Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Closed Christmas & New Year's**

12/24-12/25 & 12/31-1/1

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## VILLAGE EVENTS

### December

- 12/1 Tree Lighting**  
Algonquin Road School 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Enjoy crafts, refreshments and entertainment while waiting for your picture with Santa!
- 12/13 Winter Chorus Concert**  
FRG Middle School 7:00 p.m.
- 12/17 K-2 Winter Concert**  
Algonquin Road School 2:00 p.m.
- 12/19 3-4 Winter Concert**  
Algonquin Road School 2:00 p.m.
- 12/20 Winter Band Concert**  
FRG Middle School 7:00 p.m.

### January

- 1/17 Fox River Grove Business Roundtable**  
Village Hall 12:00 p.m.  
Register at [carygrovechamber.com](http://carygrovechamber.com) or call 847-639-2800 to reserve a spot.

- 1/25 Cary-Grove Chamber Annual Dinner**  
Avanté Banquets 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.  
Dinner, a silent auction and networking opportunities.

- 1/26-27 Norge Ski Club International Winter Tournament**

**CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 11 & FRIDAY, JANUARY 18**

Waste Management will pick up Christmas trees placed on the parkway with the cut end toward the road. Make sure to remove lights, decorations and tinsel & do not place in a plastic bag.



### March

- 3/9 Annual Parks Fundrasier**  
Brunch Café 7:00 p.m.

**11/30 FREE YARD WASTE PICK-UP (LAST DAY)**

