



Fox River Grove QUARTERLY

WINTER 2019

NEW FOR 2020: PRAIRIELAND DISPOSAL & RECYCLING

Starting in February, Prairieland will be the Village's garbage provider. Please review the timeline below so you are aware of the upcoming changes. Go to prairielanddisposal.com for information on services.

December/ January	Prairieland will mail a brochure & welcome letter
Week of January 20	New Prairieland cans will be dropped off Program Details will be attached to your can.
January 27	Last Waste Management pick-up
Week of January 27	Waste Management cans will be removed*
February 3	First Prairieland pick-up

* Please leave out your cans following pickup on the 27th.
They will be picked up either January 27th or 28th.



NEW YEAR'S EVE FINAL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST 7:00 PM – 1:00 AM
AVANTE' BANQUETS, FOX RIVER GROVE

Come join in as we close out our Centennial Year on New Year's Eve at our very own Avante' Banquets. There will be dinner, dancing to the Tony Ocean Band, a midnight champagne toast – all with a Roaring 20's theme!

The evening includes passed hors d'oeuvres, 5 hours of premium open bar, 4 course dinner – soup, salad, filet and lobster, dessert and unlimited wine service. Party hats, favors, balloon drop & champagne toast are included. Reserve a table of 10 and get a FREE wine upgrade on your table wine at dinner. Grab your fedoras and headbands and dance the night away!

To make a reservation, call Avante' at 847-287-1006.
Mention "FRG 2020" to get the special discounted price of \$135/person.



HOLIDAY TREE PICK-UP

Waste Management will pick up holiday trees on Monday, January 13th & Monday, January 20th. Please have your tree out on the parkway with the cut end toward the road, free from lights, decorations and tinsel. Do not have your tree in a plastic bag.



TOY DONATIONS

The US Marine Corps Reserve program "Toys for Tots" distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford them. If you want to donate, collection boxes are located at the Village Hall, Fire Department, Ace Hardware, Panera and UPS Store. Unwrapped, new toys will be accepted through December 20th.



TREE LIGHTING

VILLAGE CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH 2:00 – 5:00 PM
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

- Cookies & hot chocolate provided by the Cary-Grove Jaycees
- Holiday performances by the Cary-Grove High School Swing Choir, Brass Ensemble, and Viva Voce a cappella group
- Balloon artist, face painting, train rides, cookie decorating with ARS teachers, games & crafts
- **New this year:** Centennial themed holiday mugs! Buy one for yourself or a few for gift-giving.



SEASON OF GIVING

The Cary-Grove Food Pantry needs your help during the Season of Giving. There are many families in need and food pantry supplies get low this time of year. Did you know that cash donations help the most? The pantry purchases the majority of its food from the Northern Illinois Food Bank at a discounted rate. There is also a collection box at the Village Hall for donations. Go to cgfoodpantry.org for details.



SNOW, SNOW, SNOW TIS THE SEASON

SAFE DRIVING & PARKING: The Village makes every effort to clear snow and ice from streets. The Village uses a salt conservation approach, 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

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



WINTER FUN IN THE VILLAGE

The Village has a lighted sledding hill in Picnic Grove Park. For everyone's safety, snowboarding is not allowed and dogs must be on a leash. Be safe & enjoy!

BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16TH
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM VILLAGE HALL

Residents and business owners are invited to attend the annual Business Roundtable. President Nunamaker will discuss the current happenings in town and include an open forum for questions. Register through the Chamber by calling 847-639-2800 or at carygrovechamber.com.



THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Hello Neighbors,

As I sit here writing this letter, I am looking out on a sea of white snow. It's not supposed to be like this so early. Let's save the snow for a White Christmas please! I have received a warning from the weather forecaster that we are already committed to spring flooding in the Fox River Valley.

Our new Culver's is struggling to get a paved parking lot in before the snow and hard freeze. By the time you read this, we will know. What a fall: the year when the fall clean-up is trumped by the Halloween snowfall.

On a more upbeat note, the Trustees have finished the Capital Spending Plan for next May. There will be a road resurfacing program next year which is

a solid step forward for our committed twenty year road renewal schedule. This will bring us first class streets.

Now hear this! The Trustees have carefully controlled our spending in the past years and thus can now pay off all of the Village's outstanding debts. Yes, that is right – Fox River Grove will be debt free and one of the very few villages our size or greater that can say that in our state. Thank a Trustee as you meet them around town.

And as far as meeting them in town, I remind you all of the Tree Lighting Ceremony we hold at the Algonquin Road School where everyone is invited to attend.

I'd like to take a moment and congratulate our Fire District on their new ISO Class 2 rating. Previously they

were a Class 3. The ISO fire score is a rating that determines how well our local fire department can protect our community and homes. In the ISO rating scale, a lower number is better, with 1 being the best possible rating. In Illinois, only 3% of fire departments are a Class 2 or better.

We will close out our Centennial Celebration Year on New Years Eve. Come to Avante' Banquets in your Roaring 20's attire, where the fun goes all night for the Grovers. Hope to see you there!

Have a Happy Holiday Season!

Bob

Robert J. Nunamaker
President, Village of Fox River Grove



PREPARING OUTSIDE FAUCETS FOR WINTER

Prior to the cold weather, prepare your exposed outdoor pipes and faucets to keep them from freezing. Without protective wrapping, the water can freeze, breaking the pipes and even causing flooding inside or around the house. Before freezing temperatures set in, take precautions to protect your pipes. Foam pipe insulation is available at hardware stores.

Things you will need: caulk, foam pipe insulation or newspaper and duct tape.

Step 1 Fill in any spaces between the wall and the exterior pipes with caulk.

Step 2 Disconnect and empty any garden hoses from outside faucets.

Step 3 Shut off the water valve controlling the water to the outside faucets only and then turn on all of the outdoor faucets to drain them of

water. Some houses do not have a separate water control for the outdoor faucets. If you only have a main water valve for indoor and outdoor faucets, skip this step.

Step 4 Wrap foam pipe insulation or newspaper around exterior pipes and secure with duct tape.

Step 5 Turn on the outdoor water faucets after freezing weather has ended to check for freezing in the pipes. If the water flows freely, you properly protected your pipes, but if it does not flow and you have both the main water valve and the outside valves open, you might have a frozen or burst pipe. Shut off the main water valve and contact a plumber for assistance in locating and thawing the line.

ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT

With winter snow approaching, the Fox River Grove Fire Protection District is encouraging residents and businesses to "Adopt-a-Fire Hydrant". Make it a priority to uncover your fire hydrant after every snowfall and plowing, and clear a path approximately three feet around the hydrant. This will help our firefighters save time, life, and property in the event of an emergency.





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 305 Illinois Street
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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

- 12/7 Tree Lighting, Algonquin Road School at 2:00 p.m.
- 12/12 Winter Chorus Concert, FRG Middle School at 7:00 p.m.
- 12/16 K-2 Winter Concert, Algonquin Road School 2:00 p.m.
- 12/18 3-4 Winter Concert, Algonquin Road School 2:00 p.m.
- 12/19 Winter Band Concert, FRG Middle School at 7:00 p.m.
- 12/31 New Years' Eve Celebration, Avante'

January

- 1/13 Holiday Tree Pickup
- 1/16 FRG Business Roundtable, Village Hall at 11:30 a.m.
- 1/20 Last Holiday Tree Pickup
- 1/24 Cary-Grove Chamber Annual Dinner
- 1/25-26 Norge International Winter Tournament



KEEP THE WREATH RED

The Fire Department puts up a wreath for the "Keep the Wreath Red" campaign to promote holiday 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.

