



Fox River Grove QUARTERLY

SPRING 2020

United States® Census 2020

The Village of Fox River Grove encourages all residents to complete the 2020 Census. The census is very important for communities. The data gathered helps determine political representation & funding for health care, jobs, roads, schools, libraries, businesses and more. More than \$675 billion in federal funding flows back to local communities each year.

- Your household will receive a letter from the U.S. Census Bureau with a unique census I.D. number mid-March. There are 3 ways to complete the census:



ONLINE



PHONE



PAPER

- April 1, 2020** is the big date to be counted. Make sure you count everyone living in your home as of April 1.

Note: Your personal information can only be used to produce statistics. It is kept confidential by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency. *It cannot be shared with immigration or law enforcement agencies.*

FREE LANDSCAPE WASTE PICK-UP ON APRIL 6TH & 13TH

Landscape waste includes grass, brush, garden clippings, small shrubs, weeds, garden & household plant materials, flowers, branches & limbs. (Branches/limbs must be bundled with biodegradable string, placed in piles that are no more than 4 ft. long/2 ft. thick & less than 50 lbs.) You may put out as many brown Kraft bags as needed. Yardwaste stickers are not needed on these days.

Where can I purchase Yardwaste stickers for use outside of the free days?

You can purchase Yardwaste stickers at **Jewel-Osco**, **Ace Hardware** or directly at the Prairieland Disposal facility at 21988 N Pepper Road. Stickers are no longer sold at the Village Hall. Prairieland will accept the red Waste Management stickers if you have any remaining.

Congratulations to two long-time employees of the Village of Fox River Grove who retired in January:

- Barb Majkrzak**, who worked in the Clerks office for over 20 years.
- Don Kublank**, who worked in the Public Works department for over 30 years.

The Village thanks Barb & Don for their dedication to Fox River Grove!



CALLING ALL SENIORS

The Fox River Grove Seniors are looking for new members! If you are interested in making new friends, like to play bingo and enjoy special luncheons, then stop by the Village Hall on the first and last Wednesday of the month. This lively group meets at 9:00 and socializes all morning. Stop by and join the fun!

VEHICLE STICKERS GO ON SALE MAY 1ST PURCHASE & PLACE ON WINDSHIELD BY JUNE 30TH

Fox River Grove requires that Village residents purchase & display a vehicle sticker. The funds collected for stickers are used for capital improvement projects throughout the community. Residents will receive a postcard. You can purchase vehicle stickers online at foxrivergrove.org under "Payments", mail a check, or drop-off payment in the Village Hall drop box. Residents also have the option to purchase stickers at the Village Hall during business hours.

Note: Stickers purchased after June 30th incur a 50% penalty. The penalty increases to 100% August 1st. Failure to purchase a sticker may result in a \$100 fine.

2020 VEHICLE STICKER RATES

Automobiles/R.V.'s	\$ 20	Trucks A & B Plates	\$ 26
Non-Highway Vehicles (golf carts)	\$ 10	Trucks C+ Plates	\$ 60
Motorcycles	\$ 10	Senior (age 65+, 1 per address)	\$ 2

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Happy Spring! Wow, that winter wasn't that bad, was it? It made my staycation very enjoyable.

The Village has now contracted with a new waste collection company, Prairieland. Through the process of researching companies, I have learned surprising facts about our efforts toward recycling and sustainability. Let me share the highlights with you:

We are winning ... and we need to keep focused on the task.

Paper: We are recovering 60% of the paper in the waste stream. More importantly, new paper production source material is now 33% recycled paper.

Metals: We are recovering 61% of the metal in the waste stream. Because of this, new metal mills use 40% recovered metals as input materials.

Yard Waste: All of those twigs, grass clipping and trimmings you put in bags account for over 65% of the

items put in composting sites.

These are improvements from 10 years ago. But there are two areas where we fall short:

Plastics: Account for 16% of Village waste, but only 6% is recycled. That being said, it is 3x more than 10 years ago. So, be sure to look at the recycle triangle on the bottom and always recycle numbers 1 through 7.

Contamination: All items must be clean, not through the dishwasher, but rinsed so all foreign material is off.

Did you know if a recycling truck has a contaminant in it, the ENTIRE load is dumped in a landfill!?

Thank you for your continued efforts in recycling in the Village.

Have a great Fox River Grove Spring!

Bob

Robert J. Nunamaker
President, Village of Fox River Grove

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL SPRING BOOK SALE

FRIDAY, MAY 1 9:30 AM – 7:30 PM
SATURDAY, MAY 2 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

FOX RIVER GROVE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Find terrific deals on books, CDs, DVDs and more! Saturday is a \$5 plastic bag sale day. Help raise funds by donating gently used books during regular library hours April 6 – 27. Encyclopedias, magazines, VHS tapes and textbooks are not accepted. Proceeds from the sale will be used to support programs and purchase new materials for the library.

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

FREE WEEK

JUNE 20 – 26 6422 MAIN ST., UNION

Fox River Grove residents are welcome to visit the museum free of charge during this week. Explore the Gannon Cabin (1843), West Harmony Schoolhouse (1895), and Exhibits: *From Prairie Trails to Strange Tales: McHenry County's Earliest Years, Made in McHenry County, Mail Delivery, Mark Your Calendars and Adopt-an-Artifact.*



PARKS FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH
7:00 – 10:00 PM BRUNCH CAFÉ

This annual fundraiser helps "raise green to preserve the green." Tickets are \$30 at the door and include unlimited food & 2 drink tickets. There is a silent auction, 50/50 raffle and lots of fun.

Each year the proceeds help improve the Village parks and playgrounds. The Parks Commission, in conjunction with Fox River Grove School District 3, was able to use funds from previous years' fundraisers for a large upgrade to Stanger Park near the elementary school. Shoreline restorations along the Fox River are also being completed with these funds. Well done, Parks Commission!



COP ON TOP

FRIDAY, MAY 15TH
5 A.M. – 12:00 PM DUNKIN' DONUTS

The FRG Police Department is raising funds for Special Olympics through this annual rooftop challenge. Plan on stopping by the Fox River Grove Dunkin' Donuts to show your support!



SAVE THE DATE FIREWORKS CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, JULY 11TH PICNIC GROVE PARK

This year's celebration is going to be one to remember. In addition to the fireworks, there will be bands, food & drink, face painting, a balloon artist, bags tournament and shuttle service. Please consider making a donation to help contribute to this event. Go to foxrivergrove.org under "Payments" or include a donation with your vehicle sticker purchase.



SPRING CLEAN-UP SATURDAY, MAY 23RD

All items must be by the curb by 7 am to ensure pick up. Prairieland will pick-up the following items:

- Furniture
- Lawn & Garden items
- Basement & Garage items
- Plumbing fixtures
- Bundled construction debris <1 cubic yard

Exclusions: **All items must be less than 50 lbs.** Tires, chemicals, paint & propane are not accepted. Electronics (such as TVs and computer monitors) are also excluded. There will be a separate E-Waste disposal date in August.

Go to www.prairelanddisposal.com under the Municipalities tab > Village of Fox River Grove or call 847-381-9300 with questions.



BRANCH CHIPPING

1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH (APRIL – NOVEMBER)

Public Works provides free branch chipping to residents. Crews start on the south side of town, so it could take a few days to get to your home, depending on your location and how much chipping material is present. Branches must be between 1 – 5 inches in diameter and 4 – 10 feet in length for collection. Stumps and roots cannot be chipped. Place branches curbside with the cut ends toward the street. Note: If a contractor cuts down a tree, the contractor is responsible for the disposal of the branches.

STORMWATER POLLUTION: PROTECT OUR WATER RESOURCES

Stormwater pollution hurts our drinking water, swimming, fishing and more. Stormwater run-off occurs when rain and melting snow flows off streets, lawns, parking lots, rooftops, open fields and other exposed areas. This pollution threatens our watershed.

A watershed is the area of land that catches rain and drains into a common body of water. The ditches that run along streets are the first part of the drainage system in the watershed. The stream or pond that receives drainage from the streets is part of a larger watershed.

Anything dumped into the storm drain system flows directly into the nearest body of water and ultimately the Fox River, without any treatment to remove contaminants.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP:

- Don't dump yard waste into streets, storm drains, ditches or creeks.
- Pick up pet waste. Bacteria in the waste is a serious threat to our water.
- Never pour oil, paint thinners or chemicals into storm drains, waterways or the ground. Properly recycle or dispose of chemicals.
- Avoid using lawn chemicals. Organics are a good alternative.
- Keep your car tuned & repair any fluid leaks.
- Don't overflow your garbage & recycling cans to prevent trash from entering drains on a windy day.
- Use a mulching mower & leave grass clippings on the lawn as fertilizer.



PARKS CLEAN-UP DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH 8:30 – NOON

Join the Public Works Department for this annual clean-up. Last year was very successful and a lot was accomplished. Residents are encouraged to get a group together and spend time outside helping clean the parks. To sign up, contact the Village at 847-639-3170 or village@foxrivergrove.org.



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Village Hall Hours:

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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STOP THE WASTE: CHECK YOUR HOME FOR WATER LEAKS

Household water leaks can account for nearly 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year. Did you know 10% of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day? Common types of leaks found in the home are worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. These types of leaks are often easy to fix, requiring only a few tools and hardware that can pay for itself in water savings.

You may not know you have a leak. Here are some tips for finding leaks:

- Take a look at your water usage during a colder month, such as January or February. If a family of four exceeds 12,000 gallons per month, there could be serious leaks.
- Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak. You may need a flashlight to “wake-up” the meter screen to view it.
- Identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak.
- Examine faucet gaskets and pipe fittings for any water on the outside of the pipe to check for surface leaks.



VILLAGE EVENTS

April

4/4

Jaycees Egg Hunt

Lions Park 12:00 p.m.

4/6 & 4/13

Free Yard Waste Pick-Up

4/18

Parks Clean-Up Day

4/25

Parks Fundraiser

Brunch Café 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

4/27

Hydrant Flushing Week

May

5/1

Vehicle Stickers on Sale

5/1 & 5/2

Library Annual Book Sale

5/15

Cop on Top

Dunkin' Donuts 5:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

5/23

Spring Clean-Up

Items must be curbside by 7:00 a.m.

5/25

Memorial Day Parade