



Fox River Grove QUARTERLY

SUMMER 2020

GROVERS "IN IT TOGETHER"

During these unique times, Fox River Grove residents have found ways to continue to come together, celebrate and inspire each other. Being together is part of the human experience and is what makes our Village special.

Thank you to the first responders in our community, healthcare workers, essential workers and everyone for playing their part in the wellbeing of our residents these past few months.



A resident's sidewalk was decorated with kind messages, teachers at Algonquin Road School drove around town to 'visit' students, Miss Carol from the library was given a parade to celebrate retirement.



Swing choir students at Cary-Grove Performing Arts Centre performed "One Word, One Voice, One Song" through a virtual recital, Ryan Bolf (grandson of retired Village Clerk Donna Brouder) graduated from Fox River Grove Middle School.

Cary-Grove Seniors, Lars Petersdorff and Samantha Caesar, participated in a graduation parade at the High School.



Maxim Caesar was awarded Cary-Grove Male Athlete of the Year (son of current Village Clerk Shelley Caesar), Students raised \$1,100 for the Cary-Grove Food Pantry in honor of Swing Choir Director Rob Boncosky's birthday (presented by Fox River Grove resident Amy Krigas).

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Congratulations to the many graduates of Fox River Grove: preschoolers, Algonquin Road School milestones, Fox River Grove Middle School, Cary-Grove High School, Barrington School District 220, college graduates and all others. It is an accomplishment that teachers, students, and families worked to adjust to "e-learning" and finish the year.



THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Neighbors,

This summer is clearly going to be different due to the virus, and our attempts to correctly navigate our way through the crisis. We have seen the cancellation of graduations, parades, picnics, fireworks, sports ... all of the things that bind our community together.

We have experienced marked slowdowns in our effort to rebuild our downtown area. Shoreline restoration and road resurfacing projects were also delayed.

They are not the happiest of times. I don't like this, and I know you don't either, so we are trying to plan a safe way forward.

I was appointed to represent us in planning for reopening our area back in March. I am contributing to the Chicago Area Taskforce, and the McHenry County Taskforce.

As you know, the two common tasks are "A Road Map with Goals" to trigger phased relaxations, and required actions/conditions to be met for any reopened sectors.

I want to share with you where things stand now, while noting that things are quickly evolving and may change by the time this is published.

- Hospital admissions, infection rate, and the utilization of hospital equipment (ICU beds and ventilators) must all be at adequate levels.
- We need to implement more testing that is quick and reliable. It is critical to know who has it, who doesn't, and identify "hot spots."
- The availability of a treatment therapy or vaccine will speed up the opportunity to move quicker. The Remdesivir therapy is an important first step.

The work on defining the necessary conditions for activity reopening is ever-changing. In the meantime, I hope that you and your family are finding ways to cope and be well. Following guidelines and keeping up with the latest recommendations can be a daunting task, but one that is necessary for those that are part of a community.

And finally, our Summer newsletter last year showcased our Centennial Celebration. Research had uncovered details for a cocktail called "The Fox River Cocktail", invented and served at Fox River Grove's historic Louis' Place. It seems fitting we share this with you again! Please stay safe and wear that mask!

Bob

Robert J. Nunamaker
President, Village of Fox River Grove



THE FOX RIVER COCKTAIL

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| 2 oz Bourbon Whiskey | 1 sugar cube |
| 1 TBS Cream De Cacao | 1 lemon peel |
| 4 dashes peach bitters | 1 ice cube |

STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The Village contracted with Geske and Sons to provide street maintenance. Construction began in May and is expected to be completed by July. Some work will consist of curb and sidewalk replacement as needed and a multi-step process to resurface the streets listed below.



Asbury Rd. from Jacqueline Ln. to Foxmoor Rd.
Lexington Ave. from Algonquin Rd. to Doverton Ln.
Lincoln Ave. from Opatrny Dr. to N. River Rd.
Old Hunt Rd. from Algonquin Rd. to Foxmoor Rd.
Bayview from Bayview Ct. to Bayview Rd.
Opatrny Dr. from Lincoln Ave. to Rt.14
Orchard St. from School St. to Skyline Dr.
Pine St. from Algonquin Rd. to end of road
New road between Ski Hill Rd. & Gardner Rd.
Excy St. from Gardner Rd. to Gardner Ave.
Gardner Ave. from Excy St. to 8717 Gardner Ave.
Gardner Rd. from Rt.22 to Excy St.

Construction signs are displayed where construction is occurring and a Village employee will be on site. Please do not park on the street or parkway during construction, as the contractor requires access for repairs. Driveway access may also be interrupted during the repairs. If you have questions, please contact the Village at 847-639-3170.



VEHICLE STICKERS DUE PURCHASE & PLACE ON WINDSHIELD BY JUNE 30TH

Vehicle stickers are now on sale. If you have not purchased stickers for your vehicles yet, you have until the end of June.

The late penalty is 50% after June and 100% after July.

Stickers can be purchased on the Village website, by mail, or by placing payment in the Village Hall drop box. Stickers will then be mailed to your home.

WATER & SEWER

ENROLL IN WATER & SEWER BILL AUTO PAY

With Auto Pay, the Village does not need to open payment envelopes, enter payments in our system, or calculate deposits for the bank. This saves several hours a week. If you are someone who used to mail in your payment, you can save yourself the cost of a stamp too.

Once your registration is complete, your recurring bill will be withdrawn from your account on the bill's due date. You will continue to receive your water bill postcard in the mail for filing purposes, but it will indicate "Auto Pay".

To print the form, go to foxrivergrove.org/autopay.



WATER QUALITY REPORT

The 2019 Fox River Grove Water Quality Report has details about the source and quality of Village water. Go to foxrivergrove.org/waterquality to view the report. To receive a paper copy, call the Village at 847-639-3170.



RETIRED AMERICAN FLAG DISPOSAL

When an American flag has flaunted its last star, flapped its last stripe, is frayed, torn, or faded, its owner may wonder what is the correct way to dispose of our nation's symbol.

AMVETS Post 245 of Cary-Grove has drop boxes to properly dispose of American flags that are no longer fit for flying. The retired flag drop boxes are located in front of FRG Fire Station at 400 Lucille Ave. (across the street from the Village Hall) and the Algonquin Township at 3702 Rt. 14 in Crystal Lake.

On Flag Day, June 14th, veterans' organizations will host a flag incineration ceremony to respectfully dispose of our nation's flag. If you have questions, contact Bob DePaul at 847-639-0267.



CUL-DE-SAC MAINTENANCE

If you live on a street with a cul-de-sac, please be a good neighbor and cut the grass in the center islands as appropriate. Many residents already do this regularly and have added to the beautification of their neighborhood by maintaining these spaces.



GARBAGE CANS & SERVICE UPDATE

Garbage Cans: Containers should be placed at curbside no earlier than 3 p.m. the day before pick-up and must be removed within 24 hours of pick-up. At all other times, garbage and refuse containers need to be stored out of sight. Garbage cans detract from our community's appearance and increase the chance of being tipped over.

Drop-Off Service: As a precautionary step, Prairieland Disposal's drop-off service at their facility in Lake Barrington is currently closed until further notice.

Bulk Item Pickup: All items outside of the containers need to be bagged or wrapped in plastic. For example, mattresses, couches, chairs, carpeting, bathroom fixtures (including toilets), etc.

MISSED PICKUP OR ISSUE?

Call Prairieland Disposal at 847-381-9300 or visit the website.



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED

The Cary-Grove Food Pantry needs your help during this time. There are many families in need and food pantry supplies are low. Please consider making a donation if you are able.

Why Monetary Donations really make 'CENTS'
Did you know that cash donations help the most? Discounted food can be purchased from the Northern Illinois Food Bank and local suppliers. This translates into more buying-power for every dollar donated, which helps ensure the pantry always has the proper assortment on its shelves. Please mail contributions to:

Cary-Grove Food Pantry
8901 Cary-Algonquin Rd.
Cary, IL 60013

Pantry Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 4:00 - 6:00 PM
1st, 2nd & 3rd Saturdays 8:30 - 10:30 AM

Food donations can be made at the Food Pantry during open hours. Go to cgfoodpantry.org for details or call 847-516-3602.



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Village Hall Hours:

Monday – Friday
 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
 Phone: 847-639-3170
 Email: village@foxrivergrove.org

The Village Hall is now open to the public. Please use the drop box for payments when appropriate. If entry is necessary, please respect public health by wearing a mask prior to entering the building. Thank you for your understanding in this effort.

President:

Robert J. Nunamaker

Trustees:

Jennifer Curtiss
 Jacob Fleischmann
 Marc McLaughlin
 Andrew Migdal
 Melissa Schladt
 Patrick Wall

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POSTPONED & CANCELLED EVENTS

Many Village events are cancelled or postponed this summer. Please follow Village notifications or check the website to confirm details closer to the date if tentatively postponed:

- **PARK USE:** Village Parks are currently 'open,' however playground equipment, volleyball and basketball courts and restrooms are closed. Please call the Village at 847-639-3170 if you have questions.
- **LIONS ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR:** Event is cancelled this year (originally scheduled for July)
- **FRG FIREFIGHTERS WATER FIGHTS:** Event is cancelled (originally scheduled for July)
- **LIONS FEST:** Event is tentatively scheduled for **August 29th**. Go to the Fox River Grove Lions Facebook page for updates closer to event date.

CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY RESPONSIBLY

Each 4th of July, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using fireworks. Nationally, there are more than 18,000 fires each year caused by fireworks. In general, all fireworks should be considered dangerous, as risks include burns, eye injuries, fires, loss of appendages and even death.

The Village reminds residents that fireworks are illegal in Illinois. Permitted consumer fireworks include sparklers, snake or glow worm pellets, smoke devices, trick noisemakers and caps.

Please have a fun and safe 4th of July holiday!



**FIREWORKS CELEBRATION
 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH**

The Village fireworks originally scheduled for July are tentatively postponed until September.

Thank you to those who have already donated through your Vehicle Sticker purchase.