



Fox River Grove QUARTERLY

FALL 2020

FALL FESTIVITIES PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

In place of the annual Fall Fun event, the Special Events Committee will host a Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Choose a category and upload photos to the "Fall Fun Event" on the Facebook page **FRG Living!** There are four categories: Cutest, Funniest, Scariest, and Most Creative. (Multiple entries accepted per family, one entry per pumpkin.) **Submission deadline is October 26th.** Winners will be announced October 31st. See the Facebook event for contest rules and details. Join the fun ... get those creative juices flowing and break out those decorating and carving supplies!

CHAMBER HALLOWEEN WALK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

The Cary-Grove Area Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Halloween Walk at Stone Hill Center and Foxmoor Crossings. Children should dress in costume and can trick-or-treat at the participating stores. Parents, please be sure to park in the large lot next to Harris Bank. The walk starts at Leader Ace Hardware and ends by Sport Clips.



HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST 3:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

The Police Department recommends trick-or-treating during scheduled hours. A few safety tips:

- Children should always be supervised by an adult.
- Costumes should be bright and easily visible to motorists, made of flame-resistant materials, and fit well (avoid flimsy or baggy materials). Make sure shoes fit, too!
- Have an adult examine candy for evidence of tampering. Throw away any candy that is not properly wrapped. Don't let your kids eat candy until they get home and have thoroughly washed their hands.

Contactless Trick-or-Treat Options:

- Place a table in your driveway with a candy bowl or pre-made bags. Sit in your garage or porch to distantly welcome trick-or-treaters.
- Leave candy on your porch and monitor from inside if you have a glass door or can view from a window.
- If you do not wish to have trick-or-treaters, place a sign at the end of your driveway or on your door: "Due to Covid-19, we are not participating in Trick-or-Treating. Happy Halloween!"



DECISION2020

NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

Due to COVID-19, voters are encouraged to cast a ballot before Election Day, either by mail or during early voting. You can request a vote-by-mail ballot through email, mail, or in-person. You may have already received an application from the McHenry County Clerk's office (or Lake County if applicable). You can also print an application at: www.elections.il.gov/electionoperations/VotingByMail.aspx

Vote-by-mail ballots must be mailed or placed in a secure drop-box at 667 Ware Rd, Woodstock (McHenry County) or 18 N County St., Waukegan (Lake County) by November 3rd.

Election Day and Early Voting sites will be available for in-person voting. Be aware that polling sites must follow the IDPH safety guidelines, which could slow the process. It is also possible that staffing may be affected by the virus which may cause delays or last-minute polling location changes. Considering this, election authorities across Illinois anticipate lines at voting sites.

To register to vote or check your registration status, go to: <https://ova.elections.il.gov>



FREE YARDWASTE PICKUP

Prairieland offers 9 weeks of free yard waste pick-up every Fall season. Each Monday October 5 – November 30. Prairieland will pick up leaves and yard waste. Debris must be placed in brown kraft bags or containers marked "yard waste". **Note: Yard waste collection sites shut down for the season after the last scheduled pick-up and reopen in the Spring.** So, be sure to have your yards cleared before November 30th. Yard waste may not be disposed of in the regular garbage or dumped in Village parks, ditch lines/culverts, ponds, wetlands or the river – it's illegal!

FREE YARDWASTE PICK-UP DATES

October 5, 12, 19, 26

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Friends,

I recently had the treat of enjoying a warm breakfast in a cool breeze on the patio of Bruch Café. I loved it! Later that week, I lifted a cold one with a big tasty burrito in the garden of El Sombrero. Summer at its best.

But, you ask, what is the point of my bringing this up now? Simply put, if we don't stop the increase in the percentage of our residents testing positive for COVID-19, these pleasures may be lost to us, as we rise above trigger points in the states rules and go back to tight restrictions. We were doing better, but now we are backsliding.

Even if you are one who believes they will not get sick, you should wear a mask. Why? Because if we can't get everybody feeling comfortable and safe in public with a mask on, then nothing is getting better (i.e. schools, weddings, social clubs, sports, movies).

Many of us Village Presidents and mayors in McHenry worked hard to get our area measured separately from the rest of the state. We now have that, Area 9, McHenry and Lake Counties. So, let's all work together to keep our area healthy! Wear a mask and wash your hands ... please!

On another issue, please note that the Board of Trustees will discuss the potential of allowing chickens within the Village via a remote system on October 6th.

Please stay well,

Bob

Robert J. Nunamaker
President, Village of Fox River Grove



26TH ANNUAL FOX CHASE 5K AND YOUTH MILE

Sunday, October 6th
9:00 a.m. / Youth Mile 10:00 a.m.
Algonquin Road School



The Fox Chase benefits youth sports & provides sports scholarships to kids in need. The race is professionally timed and USATF certified. Cost is \$25 Adults & \$10 Children (add \$5 after 9/20) and includes a t-shirt and goodie bag. There will also be fantastic food provided after the race. Go to www.frgrc.org/foxchase to register. Please check back to confirm race details and social distancing options due to COVID-19.



FIRE DISTRICT EVENTS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fox River Grove Fire District will not be able to host the annual Poultry Party in November. Many people are hurting during these difficult times, so the department is launching "FRG CARES". There will be donation drives to support families in our community. All events are at the Fox River Grove Fire Station on Algonquin Road.

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| 10/24 | 9 am – 3 p.m. | Annual Memorial Blood Drive
Donate blood in honor of the Fox River Grove Train/Bus Crash |
| 11/14 | 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. | FRG Cares #1: Food Drive
Cary-Grove Food Pantry items |
| 12/5 | 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. | FRG Cares #2: Toy Drive
Toys for Tots items |

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FIREWORKS THANK YOU'S

A big thank you to all of the sponsors and residents who donated to the fireworks fund with their vehicle sticker purchases this year. All donations will be applied to the 2021 Fireworks. We hope to have a spectacular celebration next year when we can all be together!

THANK YOU

WATER & SEWER

COLD WEATHER TIPS FROM DRINKTAP.COM

Every winter, many homeowners face the expense and inconvenience of frozen water pipes. Make sure you're not one of them by taking a few simple precautions.

- **Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses**
Detaching the hose allows water to drain from the pipe so an overnight freeze doesn't burst the faucet or the pipe it's connected to.
- **Insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas**
It's best to wrap all water pipes in unheated areas (such as the garage, attic or crawl space) before temperatures plummet. You can find pipe wrapping materials at any hardware or building supply store.
- **Consider installing "heat tape" or "heat cable"**
Install "heat tape" or similar materials on all exposed water pipe (i.e. exterior pipe, or pipe located where the temperature might drop below freezing). It is relatively easy to install and can be found at your local hardware or building supply store. Be sure that you use only UL-listed products and follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully.
- **Seal off access doors, air vents, and cracks**
Winter winds whistling through overlooked openings can quickly freeze exposed water pipes. **DO NOT** plug air vents used by your furnace or water heater.
- **Find the master shutoff valve**
Usually located where the water line enters your house (or near the water heater or washing machine), the master shutoff valve turns off the water to the entire house. Paint it a bright color and make sure everyone in the household knows where it is.



HYDRANT FLUSHING

Hydrant flushing is scheduled for the end of September/start of October. **Check for hydrant flushing signs posted at major intersections and at entrances to subdivisions.** The Village flushes, inspects and flow tests all fire hydrants twice a year. The water distribution system is flushed to improve water quality and ensure that hydrants are in operating condition for emergencies. When flushing occurs, you may experience some loss of water pressure. Also, check for discoloration of the water before doing laundry. If you notice discoloration, turn on the cold water until it flows clear.

FROZEN PIPES: WHAT IF IT'S TOO LATE?

During an extended cold spell, your pipes can freeze, even if you take all the proper precautions. If you think you know where the freeze occurred and want to try thawing it yourself, the easiest tool to use is a hair dryer with a low heat setting or a portable space heater. **DO NOT** use an open flame. Using the hair dryer, wave the warm air back and forth along the pipe. **DO NOT** heat only one spot on the pipe, as this can cause it to burst. If you don't have a hair dryer or a space heater, wrap the frozen section with rags or towels and pour hot water over them. Be careful when heating the pipe. It may already be broken and just not leaking because the water is frozen. When you thaw it out, the water could come gushing out. Be ready to run for the master shutoff valve if necessary.



ALGONQUIN TOWNSHIP SHREDDING, RECYCLING AND FOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17TH 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. 3702 U.S. HIGHWAY 14, CRYSTAL LAKE, IL



- For your safety, there will be a one-way entry through the Hollows and exit through the Township parking lot
- Shredding: Limit 2 bags or banker boxes per vehicle.
- Batteries & Bulbs:
 - Household batteries will be collected at \$1.00/lb
 - No charge for car/motorcycle and sump pump batteries.
 - Fluorescent bulbs and tubes will be collected at a fee of \$.50-\$1.00 each.
 - Clean Styrofoam will also be accepted.
- Please bring a non-perishable food item to help the local food pantry.

CUBA TOWNSHIP SHREDDING

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24TH 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. 28000 W CUBA RD, BARRINGTON

For the residents within Cuba Township, there is also a shredding event. There is a limit of 4 paper shopping bags per vehicle. Check the township website for details.



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Pictured: Picnic Grove Park Playground

President:

Robert J. Nunamaker

Village Hall:

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

Trustees:

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



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VILLAGE EVENTS



COMMUNITY NEWS

VILLAGE HALL SERVICES & PAYMENTS

The Village Hall is currently 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. The Village also accepts online payments at www.foxrivergrove.org and has an Auto Pay option for Water & Sewer bills.



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COMED BILL ASSISTANCE

As the economy reopens, ComEd recognizes residents may be experiencing financial hardship. They are offering additional energy bill assistance to eligible residents. For eligibility information, go to ComEd.com/BillAssistance or call 800-EDISON-1 (800-334-7661).

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Fox Chase 5K and Youth Mile
Algonquin Township Shred Event
Fire District Blood Drive
Chamber Halloween Walk
Cuba Township Shred Event

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