



# Fox River Grove QUARTERLY

WINTER 2020

## TIS THE SEASON *Snow, Snow, Snow!*

### 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.

### 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.



### CARY-GROVE FOOD PANTRY

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. The pantry is located at 8901 Cary Algonquin Rd. in Cary. Go to [cgfoodpantry.org](http://cgfoodpantry.org) for details.



### TOY DONATIONS NEEDED

The Toys for Tots program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford them. Donation boxes will be located around town at Ace Hardware, Brunch Café, Fire District, Panera, and the UPS Store. Monetary donations are also appreciated. You can make checks payable to "Toys for Tots" and note "Fox River Grove" in the memo section. Mail to Lee Totman, 13390 Honeysuckle Drive, Huntley, IL 60142

**Donations accepted through Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**



### WINTER FUN AT PICNIC GROVE PARK

When the snow starts to fall this season, the Village has a lighted sledding hill in Picnic Grove Park. For the safety of everyone, snowboarding is not allowed and dogs must be on a leash. Be safe & enjoy!

## THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Hello Friends,

This morning I went out to get the paper, and guess what ... ice and snow on the grass. Great! I am thinking snowmobiles,

skiing, snowball fights and hockey. One of the best times of the year is here, and best of all, it is outside and safe in this difficult time.

However, back to the summer weather, we know that many of you enjoy putting around in your golf cart. Particularly going to the parks or the river. The problem is, some of the Village cannot get to these areas because there is no path for carts from Victoria Woods and Hunters Farm to the river or

the center of town. Well, good news, the Village is well on the way to creating access to these communities.

We have already connected Ski Hill Road and Gardner Road with the new "Jump Street". (Just imagine directing travelers to the ski jump ... "It's at the corner of Ski Hill and Jump Street!")

The Village is exploring the idea of enhancing the bike path between Hunters Farm and Victoria Woods. The potential project would include installing curb cuts to allow golf carts and bikes better access to



other neighborhoods and amenities, such as shopping, the river, and parks. Once again, the Village Trustees are adding to the fun and quality of life in Fox River Grove. Thank you!

Stay safe and remember the three W's at Thanksgiving and Christmas:

- \* **Wear a mask**
- \* **Wash your hands**
- \* **Watch your distance**

Have a Happy Holiday Season!

*Bob*

Robert J. Nunamaker  
President, Village of Fox River Grove



### 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.

### FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR WINTER

1. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heaters.
2. Never use your oven to heat your home.
3. Test smoke alarms at least once a month.
4. Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.



**CHECK OUT JUMP STREET** – A new Village road connecting Ski Hill Road with Gardner Road is now open.



### HOLIDAY TREE PICK-UP

Prairieland Disposal will pick up Holiday trees on **Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> & Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**. 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.





## CONGRATS FOX CHASE FINISHERS!

Fox River Grove residents and others participated in the Annual Fox Chase virtually this year in October. Runners used ground markings and signage to follow the same course in the Village and timed themselves individually through a phone app. Congratulations to all of the runners, and especially Kevin Claffey who ran a 19:45 and Linsey Medina for running a 25:07 5K. The winner for the Youth Mile was Payton Gerstung with a 8:27 mile and Stella Troxell with a 9:45 mile. Special thanks to Sheri Sepeczi for coordinating the event that benefits the FRG Rec Council.



## VILLAGE OF FOX RIVER GROVE 2020 HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

Are you missing our Pumpkin Decorating Contest already? Have no fear, a new festive contest is here! This December, the Special Events Committee is hosting a Holiday Decorating Contest.

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Submit your entry on the "Holiday Decorating Contest" Event on the **FRG Living** Facebook page.
- Submit photos and/or video of your outdoor holiday decorations.
- Entry deadline is **Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**.

Participants must be Fox River Grove residents. Winners will be announced on the FRG Living Facebook page "Live" on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and notified through Facebook Messenger. See the Facebook Event for more details and contest rules. Now, get decorating!



## 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 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 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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**Closed Christmas & New Year's**

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

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 email notifications at  
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*Wishing You and Yours*



*Peace & Health*

*this Holiday Season from the Village of Fox River Grove*

**VILLAGE EVENTS**

- December 5<sup>th</sup>** Fox River Grove Firefighters Toy Drive
- December 20<sup>th</sup>** FRG Living Holiday Contest Deadline
- January 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>** Holiday Tree Pickup
- January 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>** Norge International Winter Tournament\*

\* This event remains tentatively scheduled and may be cancelled.  
 Visit [norgeskiclub.org](http://norgeskiclub.org) for details.

The Cary-Grove Area Chamber Annual Dinner is temporarily on hold due to COVID-19. Visit [carygrovechamber.com](http://carygrovechamber.com) for updates.

The Special Events Committee has cancelled the annual Tree Lighting Festival. Please stay safe and celebrate at home!

