



Fox River Grove QUARTERLY

SPRING 2021

VILLAGE SPRING REFRESH!

Spring is the time for new beginnings and fresh starts. Take advantage of the Village events to clean up your home and yard this season.

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 22ND

This is **not** our regularly scheduled pick up day. It is a great time to go through your house and garage to dispose of the things you have been storing and accumulating during the year. All items must be by the curb by 7 am to ensure pick up. Praireland will pick-up the following items:

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

NOTE: DUE TO COVID-19, ANYTHING FABRIC MUST BE COVERED IN PLASTIC.

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.



VILLAGE SUMMER HELP

The Public Works Department is looking for seasonal summer employees to work May through August. You must be 18 years old and able to work Monday – Friday and some special event weekends. Starting pay is \$12/hour. Applications are available on the Village website.

PARKS COMMISSION MEMBER OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in being an active member of our community? The Parks Commission currently has one spot open and we need you! The group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. If you're interested, please contact the Village at 847-639-3170.

FREE LANDSCAPE WASTE PICK-UP

APRIL 5TH & 12TH

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.

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.

HELP KEEP OUR PARKS & OPEN AREAS CLEAN

The Streets & Parks Department maintains over 130 acres of parks and open spaces for your enjoyment. Each year yard waste (grass clippings, stumps, bushes, tree limbs) and household debris is illegally dumped in our wonderful park areas. If you see this happen, or know of someone who does it, please report it to the police 847-639-2411. Our parks are a valuable resource in our community - let's keep them beautiful!

PARKS CLEAN-UP DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 24TH 8:00 – NOON

Volunteer to join the Public Works Department for this annual clean-up by picking up trash in the Village parks. Public Works will place a box of bags under the shelters at three park locations: Picnic Grove, Lions Park & Foxmoor Park. Once your bag is full, tie it up and leave it by the parking lot, and Public Works will pick it up for disposal. Remember to wear your mask and to bring gloves!

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Hello Friends and Neighbors,

I am not running again to be Fox River Grove's Village President. In a few weeks, I will leave my public service for our fair Village. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as Village President.

During this time, I am proud to point to various achievements we were able to secure for the quality of life of all Fox River Grove residents.

I point out three public buildings that stand out as important additions:

- **Fox River Grove Middle School Expansion:** Included addition of a large gym, library, and several classrooms and offices for the Superintendent and staff.
- **Metra Station:** Which now provides a coffee shop, washrooms, air-conditioning, and a warming station.
- **Public Works Building:** This houses offices for staff, shelter for storage of Village equipment, and salt storage.

Our wonderful parks have received special attention, preserving and restoring our shoreline, building shelters, and installing new playground equipment.

Economic development has pushed forward, and we achieved many new businesses. Starting from the

southwest, they are: Avante' Banquets, Dunkin Donuts, Sherwin Williams, Advanced Auto, Pep Boys, Walgreens, Brunch Café, Jewel Osco, and Culver's.

The renewal of the old downtown keeps progressing, starting with the block across from the Metra station. The Village now owns or is closing on five properties, and are in the final steps with the remaining two property owners.

I hope you love these improvements, and love this Village, as much as I do.

It has been my joy to have the continual support and warm cooperation of the residents, and I take away many fond memories and lasting friendships.

Bob

Robert J. Nunamaker
President, Village of Fox River Grove



POLICE NEWS CAR THEFT SAFETY TIPS

The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) reported about a technology being used that not only unlocks and opens vehicles, but can also start and steal them. While there is not an effective way of preventing this kind of theft at this time, drivers are advised to always lock their vehicles and take the remote fob or keys with them. Drivers should also be on the lookout for suspicious persons or activity and alert law enforcement personnel rather than confronting a possible thief.

Never invite a break-in by leaving valuables like your computers, phones, purses or cash in plain sight. And once thieves do get inside, they can easily steal a garage door opener and valuable papers such as the vehicle registration that could lead them to your home. Consider taking the garage door opener with you and take a picture of your registration card on your cell phone rather than keeping it in the glove compartment. Prevention and awareness are key.

SAVE THE DATE

PARKS FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH

The Parks Commission is planning an outdoor fundraiser at Picnic Grove Park. Look for details in the summer newsletter or go to the "Fox River Grove Parks and Playgrounds" Facebook and Instagram pages.

FIREWORKS CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, JULY 10TH

The Special Events Committee is tentatively planning this summer's fireworks celebration at Picnic Grove Park. Stay tuned to the "FRG Living" Facebook page and Village website for details. Thank you to the many businesses and residents that have made donations in the past. Please consider making a donation online at foxrivergrove.org under payments.

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM FREE WEEK

6422 MAIN ST., UNION

Once again, the Village plans to offer our residents a free week to visit the historical museum. The dates will be released in the summer newsletter once reopening guidelines are in place. In the meantime, go to mchenrycountyhistory.org for free activity kits, including quilts, pioneers, trains, and the Civil War.



CALLING ALL SENIORS

The FRG Seniors are excited to start meeting again once all members have received the COVID-19 vaccine. If you are interested in making new friends, like to play bingo and enjoy special luncheons and day trips, then stop by the Village Hall on the first and last Wednesday of the month. This lively group meets at 10 a.m. and socializes all morning. Stop by and join the fun! For more information on when the meetings will resume, contact Mary Ann Cutsforth at 847- 639-2267.

WATER & SEWER

STORMWATER POLLUTION: PROTECT OUR WATER RESOURCES

Stormwater pollution prevention begins at home. Pollution in storm water run-off threatens our drinking water supplies, swimming, fishing and other recreational water use. Stormwater run-off comes from the rain and melting snow that flows off streets, lawns, parking lots, rooftops, open fields and other exposed areas. Everyone lives in a watershed. A watershed is the area of land that catches rain and snow, which then drains into a common body of water. In Fox River Grove, the curb and gutters or drainage ditches that run along your street are the first part of your neighborhood's drainage system within the watershed. The stream or pond that receives storm water drainage from the streets of several neighborhoods is part of a larger watershed. That stream in turn flows into a larger stream, lake or river. This means that pollution in any part of a watershed can affect the quality of the receiving water body. Unlike sanitary sewers, anything dumped into the storm drain system flows directly into the nearest pond, stream or creek and ultimately the Fox River, without any treatment to remove contaminants. The Village of Fox River Grove appreciates every resident's efforts to reduce stormwater pollution.



WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP:

- Don't dump leaves or other yard waste into streets, storm drains, ditches or creeks.
- Pick up pet waste. Bacteria from pet waste is a serious threat to the quality of our water.
- Never pour used oil, paint thinners or other chemicals into storm drains, waterways or on the ground surface. Recycle used oil and dispose of chemicals properly.
- Use lawn chemicals sparingly according to directions. Organics are a good alternative.
- Keep vehicles properly tuned and repair any fluid leaks.
- Wash vehicles and equipment on the lawn to reduce runoff into storm drains.
- Keep litter and recycling contained to prevent them from entering the storm drains.
- Use a mulching mower or a mulching blade and leave grass clippings on the lawn as fertilizer.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This public notice is a requirement of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). On February 3 2021, the Village received a pH excursion Notice of Violation issued by the Compliance Unit of the IEPA for the two quarters from July 2020 through December 2020. Several times during that period, the pH of the water leaving Water Treatment Plant No. 1 decreased to as low as 7.3 pH units, 0.3 pH units below the minimum pH contained within the treatment quality permit. The required range is 7.6 pH to 8.1 pH level. The cause of the pH decrease was investigated, identified and corrected. As of December 11, 2020, the pH returned to within the required range, the same day of the corrective action, and has remained within the permit limits since that date.

The pH range contained within the permit is used as an indicator that the corrosion control chemical (to prevent the absorption of lead and copper) may be less effective at coating the interior of the water services and pipes within residences and businesses. The corrosion control chemical manufacturer has made it clear to the Village that the effective operating range (6.0 pH to 9.0 pH) of the corrosion control chemical is greater than the permit limits and the chemical remained effective at coating the pipes to prevent the absorption of lead or copper the entire time. The quality of the Village's water supply remained safe throughout the entire excursion period.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

A slightly lower pH does not affect health. However, if you have specific health concerns, please consult your doctor.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

During the excursions, the Village's potable water continued to meet all regulatory requirements for safe drinking water. The lower pH was an indicator that, if left uncorrected, there could potential be an increase of lead and copper within the Village's drinking water, which did not occur. The cause of the slightly lower pH was determined and corrected.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may have not received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing home, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or by distribution copies by hand or mail.

Should you have any additional questions or require any additional information, please contact Tim Zintl, Operations Manager, at 847-639-3170. 305 Illinois Street, Fox River Grove, IL 60021.



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Village Hall Hours:

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VILLAGE PUMPKIN AND HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTESTS

The Special Events Committee thanks the entire community for being such troopers and welcoming our contests with open arms. Things had to be switched up a bit last year when it came to the usual Fall Fun and Tree Lighting Festival events, and YOU, the community, took it all in stride! We would like to thank everyone who participated, whether you submitted an entry or enjoyed looking at the pictures on the 'FRG Living' Facebook page and/or driving by the decorated houses. Both contests were complete successes, so... THANK YOU! Congratulations to the winners:

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Mayor's Choice: Amy Weichack
 Winners: FRG Library Staff, Angela Gunn & Family, Lincoln Karlovsky, Katrina McLaughlin
 Runners Up: Aubree and Sara Erdmann, Magdy Mc, Monica May Nylen, Ariel Skof

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

Mayor's Choice: Lisa Witek Family
 1st Place: Tom Cramer Family
 2nd Place: Kellie Flores Family
 3rd Place: Joanna Lindquist Family



SPRING VILLAGE EVENTS

- April 19** Hydrant Flushing Week
- April 24** Parks Clean-Up Day
- April 5 & 12** Free Yard Waste Pick-Up
- May 1** Vehicle Stickers on Sale
- May 22** Spring Clean-Up
- June 19** Parks & Playgrounds Fundraiser