



Fox River Grove QUARTERLY

SUMMER 2021

FIREWORKS CELEBRATION SATURDAY, JULY 10TH PICNIC GROVE PARK

Fox River Grove's annual Fireworks event kicks off at 5:30 p.m. with food, drink and music. The Cary-Grove Jaycees and Lions will be selling good eats and drinks. Each of our community groups generously donates half of their profits back to the fireworks fund. So, bring your family and friends early to have dinner, visit with friends and neighbors and listen to the music before the fireworks.

- **No entry after 9 p.m.** For safety purposes, you may not enter through the front gate once the fireworks are about to begin.
- **No carry-in food or drink.** Other than a non-alcoholic drink in one hand, there will be no carry-ins of alcohol, pop, or snacks. Please make it easy on the volunteers policing the grounds and support the local groups that are donating their time and profits to help pay for the fireworks.
- **No pets.** You may love your dog, but they may scare others in attendance or make a mess in a crowded area, so no pets please.
- **Be aware of private property.** Do not trespass as you make your way to and from the park. Many wooded areas are private, so please stay on designated walking areas.
- **Don't litter.** Pick up your area before you leave to keep our parks clean.

FREE SHUTTLE BUS ROUTES

No parking is allowed in or near the park. You may walk to the park or take a free shuttle bus starting at 5:30.

Route #1: Victoria Woods/Hunters Farm

Victoria Dr./Tiffany Ln.
Camilla Pl./Jasmine Way
Victoria Dr./Jasmine Way
Bridle Path Ln./Saddle Ln.
Bridle Path Ln./Morgan Ln.
Saddle Ln./Morgan Ln.

Route #2: Foxmoor

Old Hunt Rd./Plum Tree Rd.
Old Hunt Rd./Lexington Rd.
Foxmoor Rd./Yorkshire Dr.
Fire Station (Algonquin Rd.)

Route #3: South

Algonquin Road School
Lion's Park
Commuter/Metra Lot



CELEBRATE 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!



BOAT & TRAILER PARKING

Boating season has begun! The following are Village's regulations for boats & trailers:

- Parking on residential lots that border the Fox River: Minimum of 3 feet from the sidewalk or 10 feet from the street – unless parked in a garage.
- Parking on residential lots that don't border the Fox River: December 1 – March 31, no parking in the front yard unless within a garage. April 1 – November 30, minimum of 3 feet from the sidewalk or 10 feet from the street – unless parked in a garage.
- Motorized boat launching is prohibited in Village parks.

'Boats' are considered sailboats, motorboats, kayaks, canoes, & rowboats.



2021 PARKS CLEAN-UP

Thank you to the residents, families and community organizations that worked in the parks on Saturday, April 24th. It was a great turnout and many things were accomplished. Thirteen bags of trash were collected and the Lions Club painted the Lions sign in the park.



SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2021

7PM – SUNSET (RAIN OR SHINE)

PICNIC GROVE PARK PAVILION

Join us for an evening of fun with your neighbors while supporting the Fox River Grove Parks and Playgrounds. \$35 per person includes appetizers and 2 drink tickets (beer, wine, liquor, and soft drinks).

50/50 Raffle & Door Prizes *FRG Street Signs & Memorabilia*

Golf Cart Raffle winners drawn

Cary Ale House Cash Bar & Brunch Café Appetizers

This is an outdoor event and hand sanitizing stations will be available. Tables will be spaced to allow social distancing and food/drink will be prepared to order (not buffet/passed). Ticket sales close at 5pm on Monday, June 13th. Follow us on social media @frgparksandplaygrounds for auction item sneak peeks.



Scan here for a direct link to purchase your event ticket.

PARKS COMMISSION GOLF CART RAFFLE

Purchase a ticket for your chance to win a street legal 48V Electric Club Car! Proceeds from the raffle will support the installation of a bike path through the Picnic Grove Park to provide greater pedestrian and bicycle access to the entire community.



Scan here for more details and a direct link to purchase your raffle ticket.

Contact FRGParksFundraiser@gmail.com with questions about the event, the Golf Cart Raffle, or to donate a raffle prize.

VEHICLE STICKERS

The Fox River Grove Village Board voted to end vehicle sticker requirements, saving the average household approximately \$40 per year.

WATER CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

To view the 2020 Fox River Grove Water Quality Report, go to foxrivergrove.org/waterquality. This report contains important information about source and quality of your drinking water during 2020. If you would like a paper copy mailed to your home, call 847-639-3170.

SUMP PUMP CONNECTIONS TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM PROHIBITED

A sump pump discharge line that is connected to the Village's sanitary sewer system is not permitted under Village Code and in general is not a good idea. Why you should care:

- It's illegal & punishable by a fine of up to \$500 per day.
- Sump pump connections to the sanitary sewer system add water flow. The system and waste water treatment facility has to treat all the water flowing through it and can quickly reach extremely high levels during a period of heavy rainfall. This can cause sewers to back up into homes or the treatment plant to release partially treated sewer water into local streams and rivers.
- A sanitary sewer service clog is a fairly common problem, especially in yards with trees, and it usually happens without warning. Adding the extra sump pump water flow can cause a greater problem.

MCHENRY COUNTY EMERGENCY UTILITY AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The McHenry County Emergency Utility and Rental Assistance Program aims to reduce or eliminate pandemic-related evictions, prevent homelessness, avoid damaged credit that could hurt future housing opportunities for renters, and repair landlord/tenant relationships strained because of lack of payment.

Renters (and landlords) who qualify can receive rent and utility assistance for up to 6 months in arrears, and up to 3 months in advance. Awarded funds are paid directly to the landlord or the utility company.

DO I QUALIFY FOR THE PROGRAM?

Qualifying households must be at or below 80% of their area median income. Households at 50% or lower or that include dependents or seniors 62 years and older will get priority. They also must be able to demonstrate a loss of income or employment as a result of COVID-19. Immigration status is not a factor in determining eligibility. For more information and to apply, go to mchenryrent.com.



Additional resources for families experiencing hardship are available through your township. Go to Algonquin Township algonquintownship.com/services/financial-assistance or Cuba Township cubatwpil.gov/assistance-programs for details.





A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MARC

Hello Neighbors,

I appreciate the trust that was placed in me when I was elected as the new President of the Village of Fox River Grove. I look forward to serving all the residents of our Village, and I am up for the challenge.

I want to take a moment to thank former Village President Bob Nunamaker and his family for all his service to the Fox River Grove community. Bob was a dedicated public servant. He served as Village President for 12 years, and on the District 3 Board and the Village's Planning & Economic Development Commission. It was an honor to serve with him on the Village Board as a trustee and he will be missed.

At this time, I want to update you on the progress of some things that are going on in the Village:

Water Main Replacement The Village Board recently took action to begin a multi-year water main infrastructure replacement program. With most of the mains in the older sections of the Village approaching 100 years old, we needed to take action to improve water quality, avoid future breaks, and maintain the system. At a cost of roughly \$14 Million in today's dollars, the Village opted to fund water main replacements over approximately 30 years on a "pay as you go" basis with cash on hand and maintain our debt free status.

Vehicle Stickers have been eliminated! The Village Board wants to find ways to reduce costs to residents and recently took this action to make that happen. The average savings per household is roughly \$40. However, there are some households that will save over \$100 annually because of this decision.

ARP Funding The Village is set to receive \$282,492 in American Recovery Plan (ARP) funding in the coming days, and a second installment of the same amount around this time next year.

Small Business Relief The Village Board recently took action to create the Fox River Grove Business Financial Assistance Program (BFAP) with the goal of helping businesses recover more quickly from the impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The intent of the program is to issue grants to qualifying small businesses in Fox River Grove.

Finally, it was great seeing many of you at the Memorial Day parade and ceremony. As the State transitions from the Bridge Phase toward Phase V, we will no longer be subject to capacity limits. This means that we can hold our annual fireworks celebration July 10th. Hopefully, we will see you there!

Mayor Marc

Marc McLaughlin
President, Village of Fox River Grove



DO I NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

Why does the Village require permits? The permit process helps to ensure quality work in the Village, maintains the integrity of homes, and helps ensure the safety of your family and those in your home.

Permits are required for:

- New construction such as garages, additions or remodeling (kitchens, bathrooms, basements)
- Structural alterations & repairs like brickwork, adding a dormer, drainage, foundation work
- Electrical wiring/outlets, service upgrades
- New/relocated plumbing supply, drain, waste, vent or gas piping
- Furnace, air conditioning or water heater replacement
- Installation of a fireplace or wood stove
- Enlarging windows and door openings
- Finishing a basement or attic
- Driveways, patios, decks, sidewalks & fences
- Roofs
- Swimming Pools (over 24" in depth)
- Storage Sheds

If you have questions, contact the Village.



FRG LIBRARY NEWS

Join the Park Explorer Challenge this summer. This program encourages you to learn about all the parks in our Village by completing quick activities and trivia. Visit each park this summer to earn digital badges and a certificate of completion. Once you've completed all the fun activities, call the library to schedule a certificate pickup. Register at frgml.beanstack.org or by downloading the Beanstack app on your phone.

The Library's Youth and Teen & Adult Summer Reading programs are going digital this year. Participants can log reading, participate in activities to earn badges, and win weekly drawings for many fantastic grand prizes! For more details, contact the library or go to www.frgml.org.



HISTORY MUSEUM FREE ADMISSION

The McHenry County Historical Society is offering free admission to Fox River Grove residents June 15th – 25th. They offer several events and programs throughout the year. Go to mchenrycountyhistory.org for details.





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VILLAGE EVENTS

6/19 PARKS FUNDRAISER **7/12** STREET SWEEPING WEEK
7/10 FIREWORKS 2021 **8/2** E-WASTE PICK-UP @ CURB

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

HOUSE WATCH: It's summer and many families plan vacations! You can request that your house is checked by the Police Department while you are away. To make a request, go to foxrivergrove.org, click *Request a Service > Police > House Watch Request* to complete a form a week before you plan to be gone. As time permits, an officer will check your home to see that it is secure and in the event of an emergency, they will have a way to contact you.

PETS: A reminder to pet owners – it is against Village Ordinance to allow your cat or dog to go on your neighbor's property. Please be a good neighbor and keep your pets in your yard.

GARBAGE CANS: Garbage containers should be placed at curbside no earlier than 3 p.m. Sunday and must be removed within 24 hours of pick-up. At all other times, containers need to be stored out of sight. Cans left along the street detract from our community's appearance and increase the chance of being tipped over. Violators are also subject to a fine, so please make arrangements if you are away.

FIRE STATION DRIVEWAY: It is illegal to block the driveway at the Fire Station on Algonquin Road. There is a flashing signal stating "Do Not Block Driveway" and painted lines across the entrance. When you are waiting at the light on Algonquin, stay clear of the driveway until your light changes. This enables the fire trucks to be able to leave in an emergency.

RESPONSIBLE STREET PARKING: During the summer months, many residents have get-togethers or parties at their homes. Many of the Village streets are narrow. It would be greatly appreciated if residents would try to park all the cars on one side of the street or stagger them. When they park on both sides of the street directly across from another car, it makes the street very difficult or impossible for our emergency vehicles (fire trucks, and ambulances) to get through. This causes a delay in police response time when your family or neighbors need help.



IS YOUR ADDRESS VISIBLE?

Ensuring your address is visibly present will help our police and fire department deploy with accuracy and in a timely manner. A visible address on homes and businesses is required per Village Ordinance.

