



Fox River Grove QUARTERLY

FALL 2021

FALL FUN

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Back by popular demand, the Special Events Committee will once again host its pumpkin contest. Choose a category and post a photo to the Pumpkin Decorating Contest event on the Special Events Committee's Facebook page "FRG Living". The contest opens Friday, October 1 and ends Saturday, October 30. Winners will be announced on FRG Living via a Facebook Live video on Sunday, October 31. Now, get carving!

FALL FUN & HAUNTED FOREST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

ALGONQUIN ROAD SCHOOL SOCCER FIELDS

The Special Events Committee and FRG Firefighters Association host this annual event. Fall Fun begins at 4:00 p.m. Grab the kids and join us for a fun filled afternoon of Halloween themed games, pumpkin decorating, face painting, balloon art, and of course the ever-popular HAY RIDE! The Haunted Forest starts with a Not-So-Scary walk from 6-7 p.m. followed by a Scary walk from 7-9 p.m. You can purchase tickets for the Haunted Forest Walk at the entrance. See the Fall Fun event on the Special Events Committee's Facebook page "FRG Living" for details.



HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING

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

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.
- Trick-or-treat only during the designated hours.



CHAMBER HALLOWEEN AROUND TOWN

During the weeks of October 16th-30th, trick-or-treaters can stop by local businesses around the community and pick up a treat! Passport cards will be available to print from the Chamber website or can be picked up at the Chamber Office (445 Park Ave. Cary) the week before. All completed cards will be entered into a drawing for prizes! Go to carygrovechamber.com for updates and the passport card.

28TH ANNUAL

Search "Fox Chase 5K" on Facebook to Register

OCTOBER 3RD AT 9AM

COST
\$25 - 5K | \$10 - Youth Mile
(Price Increases \$5 after September 15th)

INCLUDES
T-Shirt, Goodie bags, after race food & prizes to winners

LOCATION
Stanger Park
975 Algonquin Road in Fox River Grove

SIGN UP
Guarantee your tee shirt size by September 20th!
Shirt pick up on October 2nd (Outside Aira Fitness) From 9-11am

FREE YARDWASTE PICKUP

Prairieland offers 9 weeks of **free** yard waste pick-up every fall season. Each Monday, October 4 – November 29. Prairieland will pick up leaves and yard waste. Debris must be placed in brown Kraft bags or containers marked "yard waste". Yard waste collection equipment is shut down for the season after the last scheduled pick-up and reopens in the Spring. So, be sure to have your yards cleared before November 29th. 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 is illegal!

PARKS COMMISSION

Thank you to all who joined us for the 10th Annual FRG Parks & Playgrounds Fundraiser at Picnic Grove Park. Through the generous support of our amazing community, over \$15,000 was raised to support the installation of a bike path along the Fox River in Picnic Grove Park. Congratulations to Grover Beth Talkington, winner of the Golf Cart Raffle. Special thanks to the FRG Public Works Department, Cary Ale House, Brunch Café, FRG Memorial Library, DJ Lee Powers, Will & Seana Barnett, Steve & Heather Bond, Bill & Linda Conway, Paul & Jamie Dimmick, Rick & Emily McDonald, Marc & Katrina McLaughlin, Joe & Sheri Sepeczi, Chris & Lisa Spiek, and all of the food and bartender volunteers for your help in making this event so successful!



FIRE DISTRICT EVENTS

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2ND 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

Children ages 5-13 will be eligible to win one of two grand prizes. Come see the fire apparatus, videos, demonstrations, quizzes, and exhibits. Special guests this year will be the Comfort Dogs from Lutheran Church Charities. Come and join in the fun.

MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

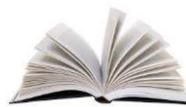
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23RD 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS OF MCHENRY COUNTY BIG FALL BOOK SALE

SEPTEMBER 27TH – OCTOBER 4TH

ALGONQUIN TOWNSHIP 3702 RT 14, CRYSTAL LAKE

Come support the great work that this organization does for our community. The sale offers a variety of books – children's, popular fiction, science, biography, and everything in-between. Go to mcdef.org to view the sale schedule. Donations of re-sellable books are also accepted year-round at The Green Read in downtown Crystal Lake.



DID YOU KNOW? September is Library Card Sign-up month. Use your library card to receive local discounts. Visit frgml.org for more information!

FOX RIVER GROVE SENIORS 50+

Make new friends and join this lively group for bingo, luncheons and daytime theater trips! All neighboring towns are welcome. Mark your calendars for the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at the Robert J Nunamaker Village Hall, located at 305 Illinois Street. Meet and greet opens at 9:00 a.m. and activities start at 10:00 a.m.

FIREWORKS THANK YOU'S

Thank you to the 2021 Fireworks volunteers: Cary-Grove Jaycees, Cary-Grove Lions Club, Fox River Grove Fire Protection District, FRG Public Works Department, FRG Staff, McHenry County Canine Team, My Funnel Truck, Wonderboys BBQ, Brick Oven Pizza, and the FRG Special Events Committee. Thanks also to all of the sponsors, as well as the residents who donated to the fireworks fund.

PLATINUM

Baxter & Woodman

GOLD

Brunch Café

Cary-Grove Area Chamber of Commerce

SILVER

Paul Dimmick @ Properties Cary-Grove Home Team

Cary Bank & Trust

Spic and Span Cleaning Corp

Tinman's Pub

ASSOCIATE

Admired Smiles

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Cary Travel Express

Leader Ace Hardware

Lint Pros

Mosquito Pros, Inc.

Norge Ski Club

Pieceful Gathering Quilt Shop

Stryker

The Animal Doctor

The Washery

Waysound Recording Studio

Whitey's Towing

FRIEND

Wauconda Door & Service

THANK YOU



A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MARC

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

I hope everyone has had an opportunity to enjoy this summer! Even though it was a little soggy, I want to thank the Special Events Committee and all volunteers for a great July fireworks event!

Whether or not you've heard the rumors or seen activity at the former Midwest Construction site, I can confirm it's finally true, downtown redevelopment is underway. As of early August, Grove Residences has begun work towards the construction of 100 apartments on Algonquin Road south of Northwest Highway. Additionally, the Village has acquired the Grayhill property, which was obtained at a discount. This property provides for a permanent municipal parking lot and an opportunity to be repurposed for redevelopment of another downtown site.

The Village is also in the process of finalizing the complete acquisition of Block B. This area includes the properties along Northwest Highway between Illinois Street and Lincoln Avenue. Once this is official, we will begin our next step in the plan, which is marketing the block surrounding the Municipal Center. The property will be marketed to the commercial/ mixed-use development community. Development proposals are expected to be received in 2022. The Village has been actively

working on this plan since 2015, with the adoption of the TIF District.

Why is this relevant to the Fox River Grove community? Increasing the concentration of residential units and viable commercial space near the train station will make the downtown a desirable place for businesses to locate because of the proximity of potential customers. This also results in more people to support all Fox River Grove businesses.

On a different note, I want to take the time to congratulate the Parks Commission for an amazingly successful fundraiser this summer. After COVID threw them a curveball, they were able to put together an outdoor event that surpassed all expectations, raising over \$15,000 for FRG parks!

As we transition into pumpkin spice season, I urge you to stay safe and continue to support our local businesses, as they have continued to support us.

Mayor Marc

Marc McLaughlin
President, Village of Fox River Grove

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Hydrant flushing is scheduled for first week 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.



PREVENT WATER LINE FREEZE

Fall is here and the time is now! Check your crawl space/basement for any small holes or gaps that will allow cold air to blow on your water lines, causing them to freeze and possibly burst. It is much easier to do this now than in January in subzero temperatures.



ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Did you know assistance programs are available through your local Township office? Many programs are available such as General Assistance, Emergency Assistance, LIHEAP, Nicor Sharing, Senior Services, Persons with Disabilities Services, Food pantry and more. Please contact your respective Township offices at www.algonquintownship.com or www.cubatownship.gov to request an appointment and see if you qualify.

SAFETY REMINDERS

SCHOOL IS OPEN – PUT YOUR PHONES DOWN!

Just a reminder that school is open and you should be aware of the children going to and from school. Per state law, you may not use your cell phone (talking or texting) while driving in a school zone. You will be ticketed. Slow down for safety!

EMERGENCY VEHICLES DRIVING ETIQUETTE

When an ambulance, fire truck or police vehicle is approaching with active lights and siren, you must yield the right-of-way and immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right-hand edge or curb of the road to permit the safe passage of the emergency vehicle. Stop and remain in your position until the emergency vehicle has passed. Let us keep our roads safe!





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Pictured: FRG Fireworks

Village Hall:

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

President:

Marc McLaughlin

Trustees:

Jennifer Curtiss
Steve Knar
Andrew Migdal
Melissa Schladt
Sheri Sepeczi
Patrick Wall



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www.foxrivergrove.org

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VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

27 – 4 Environmental Defenders Big Fall Book Sale
Algonquin Township – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

October

- 1-30 Pumpkin Decorating Contest**
- 2 Fire Protection District Open House**
- 2-3 Norge Ski Club “Jumptoberfest”**
- 3 Fox Chase 5K and Youth Mile**
- 4 Hydrant Flushing**
- 16-30 Chamber Halloween Around Town**
- 23 Blood Drive – Fire Station**
- 23 Algonquin Township Shred Event**
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Cuba Township Shred Event**
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 23 Fall Fun & Haunted Forest – ARS Soccer Fields**
- 31 Halloween Trick or Treat**

November

- 1 Fire Station Toy Drive (411 Algonquin Rd.)**
- 26-19 Holiday Decorating Contest**



FREE YARDWASTE PICK-UP DATES

October	4, 11, 18, 25
November	1, 8, 15, 22, and 29

