



FOX RIVER GROVE QUARTERLY

A newsletter for and about the Village of Fox River Grove

FALL 2012

Village News

Fox River Grove Cruise Night Slated for Sept. 5

Hot rods, classic cars, muscle cars and more are invited to attend the second annual Fox River Grove Cruise Night on Wednesday, September 5 at the Car-X Auto Service lot at 915 Illinois Route 22 in Fox River Grove, hosted by the Cary Grove Area Chamber of Commerce.

The show runs from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. and trophies and ribbons will be awarded for Best of Show cars. The event is free to car show drivers and the public. The Fox River Grove Cruise Night will also include giveaways from Car-X, food and refreshments and music by Stax O Wax DJ.

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Art in The Barn

Art in the Barn celebrates its 38th year on Saturday and Sunday, September 22nd and 23rd on the grounds of Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Route 22, Barrington.

The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with 170 artists presenting their works in many different media. Children's activities include pony rides, easel painting and pumpkin decorating. The main stage features entertainment throughout the weekend to include musicians, and dancers.

Admission is \$5.00 for everyone over the age of 12. Parking is free. Sponsored by the hospital auxiliary, net proceeds will benefit the hospital.



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Lost Your Ride?

Throughout the year, the Police Department acquires bicycles. If yours has been lost or stolen and not reported, contact the Police Department at 847-639-2411. They may have yours!!

FRG Fall Fireworks 2012!

Our Fireworks Show was postponed this year due to the very dry weather, so now it will be an "End of the Summer" blast held on Saturday, September 8th at Picnic Grove Park. Since it is later in the year, and the sun will be setting earlier, the park will open at 4:30 p.m. with food, drink and music! Marty Monti will be there with music and announcements throughout the evening. The FRG Lions and Lioness Clubs, the Cary-Grove Jaycees, Jaycee Ambassadors and Cary-Grove Masons will be selling good eats and drinks. Without your purchases, they can't do the good work they do. The Cary-Grove Chamber will host a children's activity area (that will include a huge slide from Pump It Up). Village volunteers will be selling glow-in-the-dark necklaces and rings. Each of our community groups generously donate 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. And, thanks to McHenry County Sheriff's Department, we will also be having a Police Canine Demonstration at 6 p.m. Be sure to be there for this interesting demonstration.



about to begin, no one will be allowed to enter through the front gate - safety first.

- **No carry-ins of food or drink are allowed.** Other than a non-alcoholic drink in one hand, there will be no carry-ins of alcohol, pop, water, snacks, etc. Food and drinks are available to purchase. Please make it easy on the volunteers policing the grounds and support the local groups that are donating their time, half their profits to help pay for the fireworks, and half their profits to helping others. Prices are very reasonable!

- **No pets are allowed.** You may love your dog or cat, but they may scare others that are attending, or make a mess in a crowded area, so no pets are allowed.

- **Please do not trespass on private property as you make your way to and from the park.** Many

wooded areas are actually private property. Call the Village Hall if you are uncertain.

- **Please don't litter!** Let's keep our parks clean and make it easier for the Sunday morning volunteers.

Thank you to all the residents who have donated money to the fireworks with their vehicle sticker purchase (many have donated \$5, \$10 and \$20) and those that have dropped it into the donation jars around town. It really helps us provide this great family evening!

Reminders.....

- **No entry after 7:45 p.m.** Once the fireworks are

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Bus Routes

There is no parking in or near the park. Walk on over or take the free shuttle. The routes are:

Route #1: Victoria Woods/Hunters Farm/Welch's Subdivision (one bus) Victoria Drive/Tiffany Lane, Camilla Place/Jasmine Way, Victoria Drive/Jasmine Way, Bridle Path Lane/Saddle Lane, Bridle Path Lane, Morgan Lane, Saddle Lane/Morgan Lane

Route #2: Foxmoor Route (two buses)
Old Hunt Road/Plum Tree Road, Old Hunt Road/Lexington Road, Foxmoor Road/Yorkshire Drive,

Algonquin Road Fire Station

Route #3: South Route (one bus)

Algonquin Road School, Lion's Park, Commuter/Metra Lot



The President's Letter

Hi Guys,

I use that greeting advisedly. Are you as mystified as I am that suddenly we are all "Guys"? This seems to be the new greeting at all area restaurants and sporting events. Just so you know! Well, it is football time again and I was feeling honored to now have reserved seats at Cary-Grove High School games. That was until I found out that anyone of you can order your own from the Booster Club. So, if I see you at the games, I will be the one calling out to you" Hi Guys"



This year there is a one time special "End of Summer" Fireworks display and food fest (Thanks to the complete failure of my rain dance.) at Picnic Grove Park September 8th. Also, as some of you may know, you have a neighbor in the Grove who is a beautiful and expertly trained po-

lice dog. He and his McHenry County Sheriff Police companion will give us a half-hour demonstration of their amazing abilities before the fireworks.

Speaking of rain dances, I thank all of you for quickly changing your habits and observing the necessary odd/even water restrictions we put in place last month. It was a big help and we are studying conditions as to allow us to return to the normal requirements.

Did you happen to drive by the train station on August 20th? All that activity that you saw was the official Groundbreaking Event for Fox River Grove's new train station. The station will be an excellent addition to our Village, offering such amenities as coffee, air conditioning and bathrooms. The new station, platforms, parking lot, landscaping, etc., fit in well with our "New Downtown" thrust, which started with the Tax Incentive District. We applaud and thank Metra for the multi-million dollars invested in our Village.

The Emerald Ash Borer has infected our beautiful trees, causing many to die and infecting many more. Our Public Works Department is cutting down all the dead and badly infected trees in the parkway.

Trees on private property remain the responsibility of the landowner.

Questions have been posed regarding possible treatment for ash trees to prevent their dying. Your arborist can advise you on this possibility, although my personal investigation told me that it was expensive, was required every year for the life of the tree, and had only mixed results. Unfortunately the Village does not have a tree replacement program at this time. If homeowners wish to replace the tree, the Streets and Parks Department will provide assistance by excavating and planting your tree. Village Ordinance Chapter 21, Section 21-17 provides an acceptable tree list that is available on the Village website @ www.foxrivergrove.org. Also, the Village requires a Park/R-O-W permit application to do work in the right-of-way. That way Public Works can review existing utilities, distance from existing trees, site lines, driveways, nursery stock type to location (ie: power lines, short tree), intersections, etc.

I hope to see you at the Poultry Party on November 16th. Have a great Fox River Grove Day!

Robert J. Nunamaker
President, Village of Fox River Grove

Prevent Sewer Back-Ups

Sewer overflows and back-ups can cause health hazards, damage home interiors, and threaten the environment. A common cause of sewer overflows is pipes blocked by items flushed down the toilet. When you use your toilet, shower, washing machine or dishwasher, wastewater leaves your home through pipes that connect to the Village sanitary sewer system.

Recently the Village has had problems with mop heads being flushed down toilets. This has happened several times and has caused serious damage to our system. Putting the wrong things down the drain can damage the sewer system, cause sewer backups in your home, and sewer releases to the environment. Anyone who uses the sanitary sewer system is responsible for what they flush or pour

down drains.

Flushing non-human waste down the toilet wastes water. Every time you flush the toilet, it uses about three gallons of water, depending on the toilet. It also increases your water bill if you're a habitual trash-flusher.

Do not flush the following items:

- Disposable diapers (dispose of in the trash)
- Cigarette butts (contain chemicals and should be thrown in the trash)
- Floss (not biodegradable)
- Cotton balls and swabs
- Mini or maxi pads, tampons, condoms (dispose of in the trash)
- Unused medications (can be disposed at the FRG Police Department)

- Cleaning wipes of any kind
- Facial tissue
- Bandages and bandage wrappings
- Hair
- Mop heads
- Motor oil, transmission fluids, anti-freeze
- Unused chemicals, paints, and cleaning supplies

Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG)

Grease in sewer pipes causes sewer maintenance problems for property owners and the Village. Never pour grease in your toilet or sink drain and try to use your garbage disposal less. Instead, freeze it and throw it out with the trash.

Following these guidelines will help maintain the integrity of the sanitary sewer system and also reduce water usage.

Buy FRG Discount Cards -- Purchase at Village Hall!

The Planning and Economic Development Commission once again did an excellent job organizing the discount cards with our local FRG businesses. This year there are 28 local businesses participating. All profits from the sale of this card go toward the fireworks. The cards cost \$5 each and expire May 31, 2013. You can get the following discounts at our local businesses:

- **A.D. Specialty Sewing** - 25% off all fabrics
- **Armanetti's Liquors** - 10% off regularly priced wine
- **A Tobacco Shop** - 10% off non-tobacco items
- **Auto Audits** - \$100 off sales of \$3,000 or more
- **Bamboo Garden King** - spend \$20, get two free egg rolls
- **Bicycle Stop** - 15% off tune-ups (excluding parts)
- **Build-A-Comp** - \$99 computer tune-up & restore
- **Car X** - free tire rotation with oil change
- **Dead End** - \$2 off a 16" pizza

- **Doc Woods** - 5% off all accessories
- **Dunkin Donuts** - 10% off any purchase
- **El Sombrero** - 15% off orders of \$20 or more
- **FRG Shell** - \$2 off all car washes
- **Jimano's Pizza** - 10% off regularly priced pizza
- **Karma Yoga** - 10% off class sign-up
- **King Pin Lanes** - free shoe rental
- **Lund Automotive** - free oil change with repair over \$200
- **New China** - 10% off non-specials food and drink
- **Northwest Acupuncture** - 15% off acupuncture treatments
- **Pamadoo's** - \$1 off kid's and men's cuts and \$2 off women's
- **Pep Boys** - \$17.99 oil change; \$49.99 alignment
- **Riverside Collision** - \$100 off repair of \$1,500 or more
- **Sherwin Williams** - 10% off for preferred customers

- **Subway** - \$1 off foot-long subs and \$0.50 off 6" subs
- **The UPS Store** - 10% off all printing services
- **Top Shelf Liquors** - 10% off regularly priced wine
- **Wholesale Carpets** - 10% off anything in the store
- **Wild Bird Center** - \$5 off purchase of \$30 or more

Cards are available at the Village Hall. Come by and get yours!! This is a win-win for everyone. You can purchase what you need at a discount and support a business in your hometown!!





2012 Fox Chase 5K & Youth Mile Races

Saturday September 15

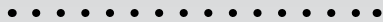
Please consider helping support youth sports in Fox River Grove by participating in this year's Fox Chase 5K and Youth Mile! Runners and walkers are welcome! 5K starts at 9:00 a.m. Youth Mile starts at 8:40 a.m.

The race, which boasts one of the best road courses in the Chicago area, kicks off at Lions Park in Fox River Grove next to the scenic Fox River. New to the race this year is CHIP TIMING and SPORT TEK t-shirts for 5K participants!

Stick around to join us for a Pancake Breakfast free to race participants & Lions Fest! All proceeds will benefit the Fox River Grove Rec Council.

For all the details AND to register, visit:

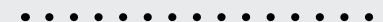
<http://www.onestoprace.com/search/event.aspx?id=13383>



Hydrant Flushing – Village Of Fox River Grove

The Water & Sewer Department flushes, inspects and flow tests all fire hydrants twice a year – spring and fall. The entire water distribution system is flushed clean to improve water quality and assure that all fire hydrants are in good operating condition for emergencies.

Residents are urged to check for hydrant flushing signs posted at major intersections and at entrances to subdivisions. There may be some loss of water pressure at the time of the flushing. We also ask that residents check for discoloration of water before doing laundry. Turn on the cold water until it runs clear.



FRG Lioness Club Pasta Dinner

The Fox River Grove Lioness will be hosting their annual major fundraiser - the Pasta Dinner. This is a "family friendly" evening of delicious pasta, a silent auction, activities for the kids, 50/50 raffle, and a great time to visit with friends and neighbors!

This year it will be Sunday, October 14th from 4 – 7 p.m. at the Fox River Grove Middle School. Advance ticket sales are \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids, and children 3 and younger are free. Tickets can be purchased from any Lioness member or at the Village Hall.

The Lioness are very excited to host this event. We hope you'll bring your children, parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors to enjoy a delicious meal and your checkbook to bid on the great auction items that have been donated. Proceeds of the dinner will benefit local causes. For more information on the Lioness check out ~ www.frglioness.com.



Halloween Tricks Or Treats

Halloween falls on Wednesday this year and the Police Department recommends trick or treating from 3:30 – 7:30 p.m. to promote safety.

On Saturday, October 27th from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m., the Cary-Grove Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their annual Halloween Walk at Stone Hill Center and Foxmoor Crossings. Children should dress in costumes and can trick or treat at the participating stores. Parents, please be sure to park in the large lot next to Harris Bank.

A few safety tips for all the ghosts and goblins:

- Children should always be supervised by an adult.
- Costumes and bags should be bright and easily visible to motorists.
- Add reflective tape that will glow in a car's headlights.
- Masks, hats and scarves should fit well and provide adequate ventilation without obstructing vision.
- Costumes, masks, beards and wigs should be made of flame-resistant materials.
- Be sure costumes fit and do not drag on the ground. Make sure shoes fit, too.
- Avoid costumes with flimsy materials and big, baggy sleeves or skirts.
- Have an adult examine the candy for evidence of tampering. Throw away any candy not properly wrapped.

HAVE FUN and enjoy Trick or Treating !!



Water Meter Replacement

The Village of Fox River Grove will soon replace all of the water meters in our service area. We have contracted with Ferguson Waterworks to complete the installation of these meters. You will receive a letter within the next year from Ferguson asking that you schedule an appointment with them to complete the installation of your new water meter.

We realize that our residents and business owners lead busy lives. Your time is valuable and that time is at a premium, as life only seems to get busier. To respect that, we have required Ferguson to provide a streamlined scheduling process. One phone call or email is all that will be necessary to set up your appointment. The communication will go directly to Ferguson with no remote "middleman".

The installer will arrive and complete the meter installation work within a two-hour time frame. The actual installation should take approximately 20 minutes. Please make sure the area around your water meter is clear so that the technicians can quickly do

ENJOY THE FALL COLORS...

and keep leaves out of the street and storm water drainage ditches

If you listen carefully, you may soon be able to hear the first golden leaf quiver, quake and fall to the ground. Not too long after that, you'll look out the window one day to find your entire yard covered in a patchwork mosaic of yellow, orange and red leaves and you'll wonder, "Where has the summer gone?"

Beautiful as the fall leaves are, they mean lots of yard work for homeowners. One option for reducing your workload is to use a mulching lawn mower to mulch leaves into your yard. It is less time intensive than raking and the shredded leaves act as a natural fertilizer during the fall.

While you are tending to your yard, take a moment to sweep or rake leaves and branches out of the street in front of your house. Left in the street, they can clog storm drains, contributing to localized flooding. When washed into nearby creeks, streams and the Fox River or ponds via storm drains or ditches, the leaves become a major source of phosphorus, the nutrient that allows algae to bloom in the summer. Dispose of leaves by composting them in your yard, or bagging them for curbside pick-up.

There will be nine weeks of free yardwaste pick-up during the months of October and November. Each Friday (except after Thanksgiving, pick-up will be Saturday), Waste Management will pick up your leaves that are placed in kraft bags or containers. You do not need to place stickers on them. The dates are:

- October 5, 12, 19, and 26
- November 2, 9, 16, Saturday, November 24th and 30th

Please keep leaves and yardwaste out of the regular garbage, and never dump them in parks, streets, ponds, wetlands or the river – it's illegal!



their work.

Your safety is paramount. All installers are experienced contractors. They will have ID badges, wear uniforms, and travel in marked vehicles. We insist on the utmost professionalism by the installer. If you experience anything less than that, please let the Village know.

We apologize for any inconvenience by this project and thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation. With your help, the meter upgrade project will ultimately provide us with quicker reading times and more accurate and detailed consumption records, all of which will allow us to give you an even higher level of customer service. Please feel free to contact our Water & Sewer Department at 847-639-8360 or t.zintl@foxrivergrove.org if you have questions.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ **FRG Fireworks Celebrations**..... September 8th Picnic Grove Park
Come to the park for dinner and enjoy a great show!!
- ◆ **Lions Fest 2012**.....September 15th Lions Park
Enjoy a fun family day of activities, food and entertainment.
- ◆ **Art in the Barn**September 22nd & 23rd..... Good Shepherd Hospital
Enjoy this Annual Art Show with over 170 artists of varying media.
- ◆ **Norge Fall Jump**September 29th & 30thNorge Ski Club
Watch the daring jumpers fly through the sky. www.norgeskiclub.com
- ◆ **Fire Protection District Open House** October 6th Algonquin Road Fire House
Check out the equipment at the fire station from 1 – 3 p.m.
- ◆ **FRG Lioness Pasta Dinner**October 14thFRG Middle School
Mark your calendar to enjoy this great family-oriented annual Lioness fundraiser.
- ◆ **Chamber Halloween Walk**October 27th Stone Hill Center
Join the fun from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Dress in costume.
- ◆ **Halloween Trick or Treating**October 31Fox River Grove
Suggested Hours: 3:30 – 7:30 p.m.! Have Fun!!
- ◆ **Friends of the Library Book Sale**..... November 1, 2, & 3.....FRG Memorial Library
They will begin accepting donations October 1st.
- ◆ **FRG Firefighters Poultry Party**.....November 16th Algonquin Road Fire House
Support the Firefighters and win your Thanksgiving Turkey at their annual raffle!!
- ◆ **Tree Lighting**.....December 1stARS
Enjoy some crafts and entertainment while waiting for your picture with Santa.

Village Hall hours: Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Visit the Village of Fox River Grove web site at www.foxrivergrove.org for all the latest information on events, regulations, policies, etc.

2012 Fireworks Sponsors

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- Grove Plating Company, Inc.
- Rosenthal, Murphey, Coblenz & Donahue

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- Baxter & Woodman, Inc.
- BMO Harris Bank - Fox River Grove
- Cary – Grove Area Chamber of Commerce
- Fox Waterway Agency
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- FRG Harbor Team
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