



Fox River Grove QUARTERLY

WINTER 2021



*The Village of Fox River Grove
Special Events Committee presents*

TREE LIGHTING 2.0

weather permitting

**2:00pm-5:00pm on Saturday,
December 4, 2021**

**Kids Care Court & Soccer Fields
at ARS ~ 975 Algonquin Rd., FRG**

**Socially Distant Pictures with Santa,
Kids' Games, and More Outdoor Fun!
Tree Lighting at 5pm**

**Use your Smartphone to scan the
QR code & reserve your picture
time with Santa and avoid the line!**



*Follow us on social media for updates
and announcements about this event*



non-school sponsored event



Toys for Tots is a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve which distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford gifts for Christmas. There are donation boxes located at the Village Hall, Ace Hardware, Brunch Café, Jewel, Panera, Walgreens, and the Fire District. Monetary donations are appreciated online or by check. (Checks made payable to Marine Toys for Tots Foundation mailed to Daniel Boucek, Coordinator, 654 Seybrooke Ln., Crystal Lake, IL 60012). You can also scan the QR code to donate online.

**Toy Donation
Deadline:
December 20th**



SLEDDING FUN

Once the snow falls, the Village has a lit sledding hill at Picnic Grove Park. For the safety of everyone, snowboarding is not allowed. Also, dogs must be on a leash. Be safe & enjoy!

TREE RECYCLING

Prairieland will pick up holiday trees on Monday, January 3rd & Monday, January 10th. 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.

In addition, Algonquin Township will be recycling trees from December 28 to January 31st from 6:30am - 3pm in the brush drop off area.



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. Cash donations help the most because the pantry can purchase 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 for details.



A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MARC



Hello Friends and Neighbors,

It's a beautiful time of the year in Fox River Grove.

As we transition into a new year, I wanted to let you know about some upcoming capital projects the Village will pursue in the coming year.

First, we are completing shoreline restoration at Picnic Grove Park. The first portion of this project was completed a couple of years ago, but this section is vital to ensuring the remainder of the shoreline at Picnic Grove Park is protected from erosion so that we can all enjoy the park for years to come. The Village also intends to hire a consultant that will help master plan for potential improvements at Picnic Grove Park.

Other park projects for next year include the replacement of the walking path at Stanger Park and seal coating the parking lot at Lions Park, as well as the extension of a new asphalt path through Lions Park and the addition of a bike path connecting both Spring Street and Ski Hill Road to the paved areas at Picnic Grove Park.

We are also undertaking a scheduled road resurfacing program next year. Every stretch of roadway in the Village

approaching the end of its useful life (roughly 20 years) is evaluated on an annual basis to determine the need for replacement. Roads due for replacement in 2022 include: Melrose, Elder, Paul, Norge, Barberry, Birch, Ellington, Foxanna, Harding, Windsor, Pleasant, Concord, and Maple.

You may also notice some changes at Village Hall in the spring or summer. The building was constructed over 20 years ago, and the interior is due for some minor maintenance. With a new coat of paint and some fresh carpet, the building should be in good shape for several years.

Finally, the Village Board elected to connect certain missing links in the Village's sidewalks and bike paths over the course of the next 2-3 years. The areas for improvement were selected to improve connectivity in various locations throughout the Grove.

These projects are all part of the 2022/23 Fiscal Year, which begins May 1, 2022.

Hope to see you on the sled hill. Happy Holidays!

Mayor Marc

Marc McLaughlin
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 trees away from fireplaces & heating vents.
- Discard lights that have frayed or worn cords, broken or cracked sockets, loose connections, bare wires, or operate intermittently. Be safe with cords & outlets.

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



HOW TO PREPARE YOUR OUTSIDE FAUCETS FOR WINTER

Before the cold weather kicks in, you can prepare outdoor pipes and faucets to keep them from freezing. Without protective wrapping, the water can freeze, which can break the pipes or cause flooding.

Materials Needed: caulk, foam pipe insulation (available at hardware stores) and duct tape.

#1. Fill in any spaces between the wall and the exterior pipes with caulk.

#2 Disconnect and empty any garden hoses from outside faucets.

#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.*

#4 Wrap foam pipe insulation around exterior pipes and secure with duct tape.

#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.

In this case, shut off the main water valve and contact a plumber for assistance in locating and thawing the line.



THE VILLAGE OF FOX RIVER GROVE
SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE PRESENTS

Holiday Decorating Contest 2021



ENTRIES DUE BY DECEMBER 19TH AT NOON | WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 23RD
PRIZES AWARDED TO 1ST, 2ND, 3RD, & MAYOR'S CHOICE

HOW TO ENTER

UPLOAD A PHOTO/VIDEO OF YOUR OUTDOOR HOLIDAY DECOR
TO THE HOLIDAY DECORATING 2021 EVENT ON THE FRG
SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE'S FACEBOOK PAGE,
[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/FRGLIVING](https://www.facebook.com/FRGLIVING)
OR EMAIL YOUR PHOTO TO FRGSPECIALEVENTS@GMAIL.COM

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR UPDATES
AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT THIS EVENT



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MAILBOXES & FIRE HYDRANTS

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 helps the firefighters save time, life, and property in an emergency.

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.

'Tis the Season

VILLAGE WINTER REMINDERS



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.



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.



Village of Fox River Grove

305 Illinois Street
Fox River Grove, IL 60021



Village Hall Hours:

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Closed Christmas & New Year's

12/24-12/27 & 12/31-1/3

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Peace & Health

this Holiday Season from the Village of Fox River Grove



VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

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| 12/3 | Family Holiday Caroling
5:30 p.m. FRG Memorial Library |
| 12/4 | Village Tree Lighting
2-5 p.m. Algonquin Road School |
| 12/10-11 | Holiday Book Sale
FRG Memorial Library |
| 12/19 | Holiday Decorating Contest
Entry Deadline |

January

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| 1/3 & 1/10 | Holiday Tree Pickup |
| 1/29-30 | Norge Winter Tournament |

February

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| 2/3 | FRG Business Roundtable |
| 2/25 | Cary-Grove Chamber Annual
Dinner & Silent Auction
Wild Onion Pub |