



Fox River Grove

QUARTERLY

Fall 2022

Online Utility Bill Payment Upgrade: Village now accepts credit/debit cards for recurring payments!



Did you know that the Village now accepts credit/debit cards for recurring payments on utility bills? New this fall, residential and commercial water and sewer customers in Fox River Grove have the ability to self-manage their automatic payment options – which now includes the ability to use a credit/debit card.

Previously, recurring payments were only available via checking or savings account and arrangements for participation in Auto Pay had to be completed in person at Village Hall. With the new payment system, customers can choose to make a one-time payment or register their water/sewer account for recurring payments. Customers may create a profile to access their account online by visiting www.foxrivergrove.org and clicking payments to start the process (customers will need their utility bill account number).

Utility bill payments may continue to be made in person at Village Hall or placed in the 24-hour drop box outside Village Hall.

In addition to the new payment options, registered customers can also choose to switch to paperless billing via email. To enable this option, a customer will need to enter a paperless pin number, which will be printed on their utility bill postcard beginning in September. Emailed bills save on paper, postage, and time during the mailing process.

Assistance Programs

Did you know assistance programs are available through your local township office? Programs 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 for an appointment to see if you qualify; algonquintownship.com or cubatownship.gov.

CGHS Homecoming Parade 2022

Village residents are invited to gather along the parade route and cheer on Cary-Grove High School's kick off to their Homecoming weekend with their annual Homecoming parade Saturday, September 17th. The parade route will start in Fox River Grove, on Old Hunt Road at 9:00 A.M. The parade will make its way over to Cary with an approximate start time of 10:00 A.M., commencing at the high school football field where the Trojans will host the Homecoming Football game.

29th Annual Fox Chase 5k & Youth Mile

The 29th Annual Fox Chase 5K and Youth 1 Mile run will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2022. The 5K will start at 9:00 A.M. followed by the Youth 1 Mile (13 & under) at 10:00 A.M. The event will start and finish in Stanger Park, which is the park adjacent to Algonquin Road School in Fox River Grove (975 Algonquin Road). Register at <https://raceroster.com/events/2022/59862/fox-chase-run> to come and run on the beautiful streets of Fox River Grove! Registration includes a t-shirt.



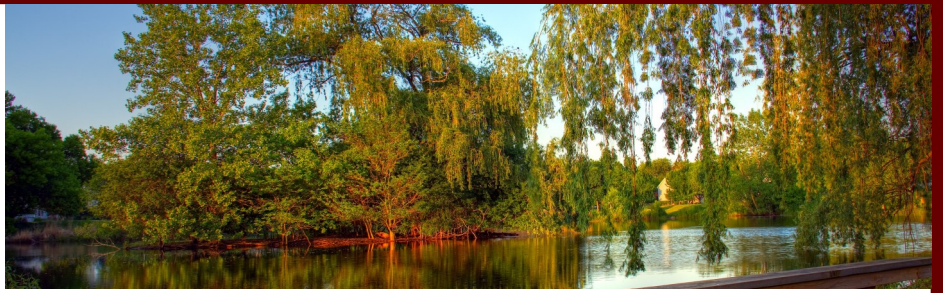
To our fireworks sponsors & volunteers, many thanks! We couldn't do it without you ...



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a message
from
**MAYOR
MARC**



Hello Friends and Neighbors,

I hope everyone had an opportunity to enjoy this summer! I want to thank everyone who attended our Parks Fundraiser and Fireworks Celebration, especially our volunteers. It's great to have these events at our gorgeous park along the river.

I want to update you on the status of some of the things the Village currently has in the works to better serve our residents.

First, as you may have noticed in the newsletter, the Village is adding the ability for residents to sign up for automatic payments on water / sewer bills using a credit or debit card. We've received several requests for this option over the years, and we're excited to offer this option to all of our residential and commercial water and sewer customers in Fox River Grove.

Next, you'll soon see a refresh to the Village's digital presence, with a new website and request for service. Both systems had been in place for over nine years, and will be replaced with ones that make content easier to find, and that will allow staff to respond more quickly and accurately to resident requests. On the website, you'll notice a more robust calendar feature that allows you to categorize by meetings or events. It will also allow you to choose what type of email

notifications that you receive, such as meeting agendas, event information, job notices, emergency alerts, etc. The central change is the website will be focused on the search feature, which should direct visitors to exactly the content they want based on the keywords they enter.

As far as the request for service system, residents will have the ability to track the progress of their request and follow along as it is in progress. Staff will have the ability to communicate directly with the resident through the open request and provide status updates as needed. Provided the Village has the ability to resolve the request, it will remain open until work is complete.

Finally, an update on the Village's construction projects. Many of the Village's capital projects are either underway, or will be at some point this fall. The following projects scheduled for completion by the end of fall:

- 1. a bike path connecting both Spring Street and Ski Hill Road to the paved areas at Picnic Grove Park;*
- 2. the addition of sidewalks on South River, Gladys, Lucille, and Glenice as well as bike paths through Lions Park, Foxmoor Park, and Hunters Farm Park;*

- 3. the road resurfacing program, which includes Melrose, Elder, Paul, Concord, Maple, Pleasant, and all of Picnic Grove Subdivision;*
- 4. shoreline restoration at Picnic Grove Park; and*
- 5. a new water supply well*

While this is a busy year for FRG projects, I'm confident that they will all add to the overall quality of life for our residents.

I hope to see you this fall at the new "Makers Market" at Stanger Park September 10th and the revamped "Fall Fun" on October 22nd at ARS Soccer Fields! Check out FRG Living on Facebook for more info.

Mayor Marc

Marc McLaughlin
President, Village of Fox River
Grove



Attention FRG Seniors 50+! Join local seniors for a variety of activities on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at the Robert J. Nunamaker Village Hall, 305 Illinois St. in FRG. Neighboring towns are welcome! Meet and greet begins at 9:00 A.M. and activities begin at 10:00 A.M. Join the fun!

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Fall Fun and Haunted Forest - Kids Care Court & Soccer Fields, Saturday, October 22**2:00 - 5:00 P.M. Fall & Halloween-themed activities****5:30 - 7:00 P.M. "Not-so-scary" Haunted Forest Walk****7:00 - 9:00 P.M. "Scary" Haunted Forest Walk**

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The Special Events Committee and FRG Firefighters Association host this all ages annual event. Grab the kids and join us for a fun-filled afternoon of pumpkin decorating, kids' games and balloon art, as well as a host of new and exciting additions to the fun this year – a chili cook-off, costume contest, petting zoo, pony rides and more! You can purchase tickets for \$5 (cash only) at the Haunted Forest Walk at the entrance. All proceeds from the Haunted Forest benefit the FRG Firefighters Association. Look to the FRG Living Facebook page for details and event updates.

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Chamber of Commerce Annual Halloween Walk**Saturday, October 29, 1:00 - 2:00 P.M.**

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It's BACK!! Trick-or-Treaters can stop by local businesses and pick up a treat! The parade will be led by 2022 Miss Cary-Grove. In FRG, start at J.C. Licht Ace Hardware, 980 Rt. 22, and end at Wonderland Kids Academy, 750 NW Hwy. Kids must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Bring a canned food item for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Additional information is available at <https://business.carygrovechamber.com/events>.

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Halloween Trick-or-Treating**Monday, October 31, 3:00 - 7:00 P.M.**

The Police Department recommends trick-or-treating during scheduled hours. We have included some safety tips to ensure a Happy Halloween.

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Fall Decorating Contest**Saturday, October 1 - Sunday, October 30**

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Do you have Fox River Grove's most BOO-tacular home? Submit your FANG-tastic photos and videos to the Fall Decorating Contest event on the FRG Living Facebook page or email to FRGSpecialEvents@gmail.com. Winners for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be announced on the FRG Living Facebook page on Monday, October 31. Happy Decorating!

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Safety Tips

- Children should always be supervised by an adult
- Use bright & easily visible bags and costumes
- Masks should provide adequate ventilation without obstructing vision
- Costume should be made of flame-resistant materials
- Be sure costumes fit and do not drag on the ground and wear proper footwear
- Examine candy for signs of tampering and throw away anything not properly wrapped

Pumpkin Decorating Contest**Saturday, October 1 - Sunday, October 30**

The Special Events Committee will once again host its Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Choose a category (Cutest, Funniest, Most Creative, and Mayor's Choice) and post a photo to the Pumpkin Decorating Contest event on the FRG Living Facebook page or email to FRGSpecialEvents@gmail.com. Winners will be announced on the FRG Living Facebook page on Monday, October 31. Now, get carving!

Did You know ...

We have the Irish to thank for popularizing Halloween! During the mid-1800s, a flood of Irish immigrants fled from the potato famine to the U.S., bringing the tradition of Halloween with them. Happy Halloween!





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FRG FIRE DISTRICT NEWS

FRG Fire District Open House

Saturday, October 1, 1:00 - 3:00 P.M.
411 Algonquin Rd., Fox River Grove

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 providing a fire sprinkler demonstration. Come and join in the fun.

Memorial Blood Drive

Saturday, October 22,
9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
411 Algonquin Rd., Fox River Grove

FRG Firefighters Turkey Raffle

Friday, November 18
Doors Open at 6:30 P.M.
411 Algonquin Rd., Fox River Grove

The Fox River Grove Firefighters Association (FRGFFA) welcomes all to the 2022 Turkey Raffle. Come out and support our Firefighters and have a great time doing it!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/17	CGHS Homecoming Parade
9/24 - 25	Norge Ski Jump "Jumtoberfest"
9/26 - 30	Hydrant Flushing
10/1 - 30	Fall Decorating Contest
10/1 - 30	Pumpkin Decorating Contest
10/1	Fire Protection District Open House
10/2	Fox Chase 5K and Youth Mile
10/3 - 11/28	Free Yard Waste Pick-up—no stickers req'd
10/22	Fall Fun & Haunted Forest
10/22	Cuba Township Shred Event 8:30 - 11:30 A.M. (Residents only)
10/23	Memorial Blood Drive
10/29	Chamber Annual Halloween Walk
10/31	Halloween Trick or Treating
11/11	Toys for Tots donation collection begins Drop box locations: Village Hall, FRG Fire Dept., ARS & FRGMS, Ace Hardware, Brunch Café, and I.S.O Salon & Suites
11/18	FRG Firefighters Turkey Raffle
11/25	Holiday Decorating Contest Begins
12/3	Holiday Tree Lighting
12/14	Toys for Tots collection ends
12/17	FRG Santa Parade



*School is in session—
Please drive safely!*

