



Fox River Grove QUARTERLY

SUMMER 2022



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FIREWORKS

Join us to kick off Fox River Grove's Annual Fireworks Event Saturday, July 9, at 5:00 p.m. at Picnic Grove Park! This year we are bringing you even more than years before! Our Cary-Grove Jaycees and Fox River Grove Lions will be back selling delicious eats and drinks, along with a variety of savory and sweet food trucks to purchase additional food. Come admire the creations of the balloon artist and face painter. Don't forget to wear your dancing shoes so you can get-down to the lively tunes of DJ Powers. So mark your calendars and plan to have dinner down at the riverside and enjoy life with friends and neighbors. Be sure to get there in time to purchase your glow accessories before the dark descends, and the fireworks dazzle! Handicap parking will be available in Windsor Court and guests will be transported via golf cart to the pavilion at Picnic Grove Park where there will be designated tables and seating.

REMINDERS...

- 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 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.

BUS ROUTES

No parking is allowed in or near the park. Walk on over or take the free shuttle buses. The routes are ~

Route #1: Victoria Woods/Hunters Farm (One bus)

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 (Two buses)

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

Route #3: South (One bus)

Algonquin Road School
Lion's Park
Commuter/Metra Lot

The Fox River Grove Police Department would like to remind everyone that fireworks are illegal in Fox River Grove, even those that many consider to be "safe". Each 4th of July, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using illegal fireworks. Nationally, there are more than 18,000 fires each year caused by fireworks, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Fireworks are typically defined by two categories. Approved consumer fireworks include sparklers, cones with showers of sparks, fountains and repeaters/cakes, in addition to mines, comets, tubes, shells, fancy florals and parachutes. Prohibited consumer fireworks are illegal to use and possess in Illinois, but are legal in some neighboring states. These include sky lanterns, all hand-held fireworks, bottle rockets, firecrackers of any size or type, sky rockets, roman candles, chasers, buzz bombs, helicopters, missiles, pin wheels and planes.

All fireworks should be considered dangerous, as the associated risks include devastating burns, eye injuries, fires, loss of appendages and even death. Firework use should be left to the professionals!

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Please visit <http://www.foxrivergrove.org/waterquality>. This report contains important information about source and quality of your drinking water during 2021. If you would like a paper copy mailed to your home, please call (847) 639-3170.



A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MARC

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

We've been through a lot over the course of the past 12 months, but it seems like things are finally headed in a positive direction—both in terms of economic recovery after the COVID-19 pandemic, and in terms of development in the Grove. At this time, I want to update you on the status of the Village's plan for the area along Northwest Highway between Illinois Street and Lincoln Avenue, otherwise known as "Block B". As of the date of this letter, the proposed concept plan for Block B calls for a 141,000 sq. ft. building / 3 stories, 14,000 to 15,000 sq. ft. of commercial space, 80 apartment units (50 one bedroom & 30 two bedroom), 83 indoor parking stalls, and 73 outdoor parking stalls. These details are subject to change during the public process which is required for the proposed project to move forward. At the Board's May 3 meeting, the Village entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with American Construction Services (Developer) to pursue the proposed concept plan. The MOU commits the Village as well as the Developer to certain obligations as the project makes its way through the development process. In this case, the Village has committed to nine (9) months during which the Village cannot negotiate with other developers.

In return for this exclusive consideration, the Developer will work to develop detailed plans for the Village's consideration. The MOU is the first step in the development process and is not an approval of the development concept plan. Once a complete set of plans is developed, it will be reviewed at a public hearing of the Village's Planning & Zoning Commission, prior to making its way back to the Village Board for final consideration and approval. While the Board understands that the redevelopment of this block has been a long time coming, we know that the project is critical to the revitalization of downtown FRG, and thus deserves the Village's full consideration. We all want a downtown of which we can be proud. Hope to see you all at the fireworks!

Mayor Marc

Marc McLaughlin

President, Village of Fox River



VINTAGE BASEBALL

Saturday, June 11th

If you've ever wondered what baseball was like in the Civil War era...Now's your chance to experience it! On behalf of the Fox River Grove Special Events Committee and the McHenry County Historical Society, we invite you to attend an 1858 baseball game featuring the Chicago Salmon at 1 p.m. at Algonquin Road Elementary School, 975 Algonquin Road, Fox River Grove. Come enjoy the summer day with family, friends and neighbors spectating a baseball game that follows rules established over 150 years ago. That means no gloves, lemon-peel baseballs, no pitched balls from the "hurler", and called strikes only if "striker" swings and misses. Watch a game where a ball caught on the first bounce is considered an "out", and a ball is ruled fair or foul based solely on where it first touches the ground. Cheer on the Chicago Salmon and be a "krank," "bug" or "rooter" and tell the players to "lay that willow on that onion," and "hit the apple out of the orchard." Rules and terminology of the era will be passed out to spectators to help the crowd in the spirit of the times. This is a FREE event to attend. Parking is available in the school lot at 975 Algonquin Road, Fox River Grove, IL, and along neighborhood streets. Bleacher seating is available but limited, so feel free to pack chairs, blankets, shade and snacks for comfort. Refreshments will also be available for purchase. No pets allowed.



MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The McHenry County Historical Society located in Union, is offering free admission to Fox River Grove residents during the weeks of June 12th – 25th. If you have never visited, you should make time to attend. Besides the museum, there is an 1843 log cabin, an 1867 limestone schoolhouse, an 1885 town hall, an 1895 one-room schoolhouse, an 1898 country church and a 20th century modern tourist cabin. They offer several events and programs throughout the year, check out their website at www.mchenrycountyhistory.org for event details. It is definitely worth the visit to find out about our local history.

DO I NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

Especially, if it is only replacement of an existing water heater. For a water heater, an inspection is needed to ensure proper combustion air, and ventilation. The dielectric fittings used on the water piping need to be verified and that the proper gas piping connections are made. The inspection checks that the pop-off valve is in place, and the metal discharge pipe is directed to near the floor. Also, that the electrical power is correct. This is all for the safety of your family and home.

PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR:

- Any new construction such as garages, additions or remodeling (kitchens, bathrooms, basements).
- Structural alterations and repairs like brickwork, adding a dormer, drainage, foundation work.
- New electrical wiring/outlets, service upgrades.
- New or 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 (to check for proper header).
- Finishing a basement or an attic space.
- Driveways, patios, decks, sidewalks and fences (For Zoning Review).
- Roofs
- Swimming pools over 24" in depth.
- Storage sheds (for zoning review).

If you have questions, contact the Village.



FOX RIVER GROVE SENIORS

- New meeting location and times for the summer.
- Welcomed two new members, and hoping to welcome many more.
- Holiday dinner theatre night out and many more social events planned.
- Happy 100th Birthday to Sophie and many more years of good health and happiness!!!

VILLAGE SUMMER PROJECTS

1. New sidewalk and bike path installation S. River Rd., Gladys Ave., Glenice Parkway and Lucille – (sidewalks); Lions Park & Hunters Farm baseball field – (bike path)
2. Roads Resurfacing Program Norge Pkwy. from Barberry Trail to Ski Hill Rd., Harding Ave. from Lincoln to Birch Ln., Pleasant St. from Barberry to Foxanna Cir., Melrose Ct., Elder Ln., Paul Ct., Barberry Trail, Birch Ln, Ellington Cir., Foxanna Cir., Windsor Cir., Concord Ave., and Maple Ave.
3. Picnic Grove Park Shoreline Restoration 300 feet of rock to be installed
4. Picnic Grove Park Bike Path Installation Spring Street to Ski Hill Road

GARBAGE CAN REMINDER

Residents are reminded that garbage containers should be placed at curbside no earlier than 3p.m. Sunday and must be removed within 24 hours of pick-up. At all other times garbage and recycling containers shall be stored out of sight. Garbage cans 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 observe this regulation and make arrangements if you are away.

Lakeshore Recycling Services has acquired Prairieland Disposal, the Village's garbage, recycling and yard waste provider. All Village services stay the same, even the name Prairieland will remain. However, on Monday April 25, 2022, the customer service center relocated to 1350 N Old Rand Rd. Wauconda, IL 60084. Drop off services were relocated to the new address effective, Thursday April 28, 2022. Prairieland's phone number, 847-381-9300 will not change. Yard waste stickers can be purchased locally at Jewel, Ace Hardware or at Prairieland's new location in Wauconda.

BOAT AND TRAILER PARKING

Boating season has begun. Boats are considered sailboats, motorboats, kayaks, canoes, and rowboats. Watercraft means 1-2 person vessel powered by a water jet or propeller. The following are the Village's regulations regarding boats and trailers:

-Parking on residential lots that border the Fox River: Minimum of three (3) feet from the sidewalk or ten (10) feet from the street – unless parked in a garage.

-Parking on residential lots that do not border the Fox River: December 1-March 31, no parking in the front yard unless within a garage. April 1-November 30, minimum of three (3) feet from the sidewalk or ten (10) feet from the street-unless parked in a garage.

There is no motorized boat launching allowed in any of the parks. Enjoy a safe and fun boating season!



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PARKS FUNDRAISER

Please join us for a fun evening under the stars in picnic grove park for the 11th annual parks & playgrounds fundraiser, Saturday, June 18th, from 7:00 p.m. – 10 p.m. New this year, the event is all-inclusive!!! \$50 includes drinks from Cary Ale House and delicious food from brothers BBQ food truck for the evening. Other fun things planned. Follow us on Facebook at Fox River Grove Parks & Playgrounds for sneak peaks in the coming weeks!



Scan to download an
entry ticket.
\$50 per person

11TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR THE FRG PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

**18
JUNE**

**Picnic Grove Park Pavilion
JOIN US FROM 7:00PM-10:00PM**

Tickets: \$50 (includes drinks and food for the evening)



Enjoy Brothers' BBQ
Food Truck



Full bar provided by
Cary Ale House



Auction for FRG street
signs and memorabilia



Prizes, raffle and a chance
to WIN a 6-person golf cart



Scan QR code to purchase a
golf raffle ticket. Only 200
tickets will be sold.



RETIRED AMERICAN FLAG DISPOSAL

When an American flag is frayed, torn, or faded, its owner may wonder what is the correct way to dispose of our nation's symbol. AMVETS Post 245 of Cary-Grove has drop boxes to properly dispose of America flags that are no longer fit for flying. The retired flag drop boxes are located in front of FRGFPD fire station at 400 Lucille Avenue (across the street from the Village Hall) and the Algonquin Township at 3702 Rt. 14 in Crystal Lake. On Flag Day, June 12th veterans' organizations will host a flag incineration ceremony to respectfully dispose of our nation's flag. If you have questions, contact Bob DePaul at 847-639-0267.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6/11 VINTAGE BASEBALL GAME

6/12-25 MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

6/18 FOX RIVER GROVE PARKS COMMISSION FUNDRAISER

JULY STREET SWEEPING

7/9 FIREWORKS 2022

8/8 E-WASTE PICK UP AT CURB

10/1 FOX RIVER GROVE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE