

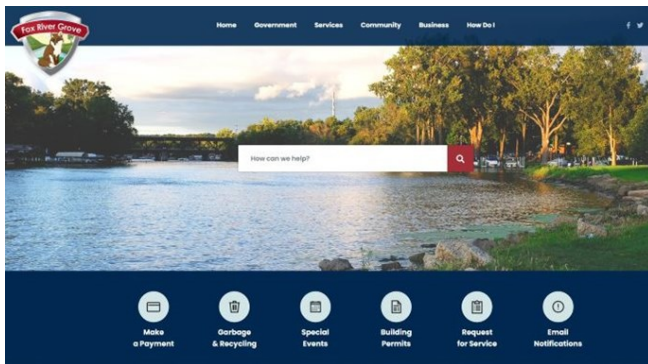


Fox River Grove QUARTERLY

Winter 2022

New Website & Request For Service System Now Live

The Village is pleased to announce that its new website and request for service system are now live. Both the previous website and request for service system had been in place for over nine years, and have been replaced with ones that make content easier to find, and that will allow staff to respond more quickly and accurately to resident requests. For more information, visit the website at foxrivergrove.org



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IMPORTANT

Water service survey if your house was built before 1975.

The Village is requesting your assistance! The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requires that the Village inventory the material composition of all water service lines in the Village. In almost all cases, service lines are constructed of copper, galvanized steel, or lead. Please visit www.foxrivergrove.org/service-line-survey to learn more and report your water service material type today.

New Site Features

- Calendar that allows you to view everything, or categorize by meetings or events.
- Email notification that allows you to receive only the alerts you want, such as Village news, emergency alerts, Village Board meeting agendas, event information, etc.
- Improved search feature that will get you to the information you want on the site as quickly as possible
- Improved service request tracking, clarity, and communication options

Village of Fox River Grove
Special Events Committee presents

TREE LIGHTING 2022

Saturday, December 3, 2022
2:00pm-4:30pm
Kids Care Court & Soccer Fields at
Algonquin Road School 975 Algonquin Rd.
Pictures with Santa!
Stories with Mrs. Clause!
Swing Choir Performance!
Kids' Games and Outdoor Fun!
4:15pm Tree Lighting!

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weather permitting



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.

TREE RECYCLING

Prairieland / Lakeshore Recycling Services (LRS) will be picking up holiday trees on Monday, January 2nd & Monday, January 9th. 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. Algonquin Township will be opening tree drop off beginning December 27 and will close on January 30, 2023. Please visit www.algtwsp.com for hours.





a message from MAYOR MARC

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

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 connecting some remaining missing links in our sidewalk network as part of the Village's 2-year sidewalk improvement program. Segments to be added in 2023 include portions of Gladys, Millard, Grove, and Algonquin Road.

We are also replacing some important components of our sewer infrastructure. The Village received a community development block grant in the amount of \$148,400 from McHenry County to replace the existing sewer line on Lincoln Avenue as it leaves the Bayview Lift Station which will increase system capacity during periods of high flow.

The Village also received a \$400,000 appropriation from the State of Illinois to help fund the replacement of the rotating biological contactor (RBC) system at its wastewater plant. The RBC system is one of the critical systems at the plant, as it is an effective way to remove biochemical oxygen demand /

ammonia from wastewater in a limited amount of space.

Shifting gears, I wanted to update you on the current status of development projects in the works at this time.

The Village is pursuing all of the available options at its disposal to motivate Grove Residences to continue construction of the project at 401 Algonquin Road. While final plans for construction are approved, the developer has not requested the issuance of a building permit to continue construction. Although the village is pushing for signs of progress, it has no direct control over the progress of construction as the land and structure is owned by the developer. Although progress ceased, the Village is committed to pushing the project forward or seeking an alternative, potentially time consuming solution.

In the spring of 2022, the Village identified a developer for a mixed-use project on Block B, which includes the properties along Northwest Highway between Illinois Street and Lincoln Avenue, earlier this year. The developer made the decision to pause for a 12-month period due to current economic conditions.

While the Village retains the option to resume these plans with the identified developer at a future date, the Village continues to seek an alternative developer that is interested in pursuing a project now with the assistance of a commercial real estate broker. The Village is seeking a viable developer to construct a mixed-use project on Block B that is ready to pursue entitlements and commence with construction as soon as possible.

Finally, we expect Redwood to begin construction on its 110-unit attached single-family one-story apartment neighborhood on Route 22 beginning this summer. Redwood has final plan approval, and has indicated it will be ready to proceed at that time.

Happy Holidays!

Mayor Marc

Marc McLaughlin
President, Village of Fox River Grove



Toys for Tots is a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve, which collects and distributes toys to less fortunate children during the holiday season. Donation boxes are located at the Village Hall, Ace Hardware, Brunch Café, Jewel, Panera, Walgreens, and the Fire District. Monetary donations are also appreciated, Please make checks payable to "Marine Toys for Tots Foundation." Mail checks to Daniel M. Boucek, Coordinator, 654 Seybrooke Lane, Crystal Lake, IL 60012, or scan the QR code to donate online.

SLIDDING AT PICNIC GROVE PARK

Picnic Grove Park has a great, lighted sledding hill. Please keep in mind, for the safety of everyone, snowboarding is not allowed and all dogs must be leashed. Enjoy the season and stay safe!



KEEP THE WREATH RED



Ever wonder why, after Thanksgiving, the Fire District puts up a wreath on the firehouse with nothing but red holiday light bulbs? It's to signify their "Keep the Wreath Red"

campaign for holiday safety during the holiday season. With the first day of the holiday season traditionally starting on the Friday following Thanksgiving, the Fire District hangs a holiday wreath on their fire station. This signifies that Fox River Grove is fire safe for the current holiday season. Should there be a fire in town over the holiday season that is attributed to holiday decorations one red bulb will be replaced with one white bulb. The goal is to keep the wreath red for the entire holiday season, which ends on January 3rd.

The Fire Protection District offers these tips: select only fresh trees that are deep green in color and have a strong scent of pine, use a sturdy tree stand, keep tree stands filled with water. Verify that artificial trees are flame retardant and keep all trees away from fireplaces or heating vents. Discard any lights that have frayed or worn cords, broken or cracked sockets, loose connections, bare wires, or operate intermittently. Do not run extension cords under carpets, across doorways, or near heaters. Never use indoor lights outdoors. Do not overload electrical outlets. Unplug lights when you leave home and before going to bed. Never leave burning candles unattended. Keep candles away from combustibles such as clothing, books, curtains and flammable liquids. Use candleholders that are sturdy, will not tip over easily, are made from a material that cannot burn, and are large enough to collect dripping wax. Happy Holidays!

FRG WINTER TO DO LIST

When the weatherman forecasts snowy conditions, our Public Works Department makes every effort to ensure that the snow is removed from our streets and salted to ensure safe travel for everyone.

The Village enforces a winter parking ban – Parking is prohibited on streets for 24-hours following a snowfall of two (2) inches or more to allow our plows easy access through town.

When shoveling your driveway, push the snow to the left side of your driveway as you face your home.

Village ordinance prohibits the shoveling or blowing of snow into the street.

The Village encourages all residents to shovel their sidewalks, so people will not walk in the streets

Please remove all rocks, stones, posts and other decorative objects from the road easement. These items are difficult for the drivers to see when covered with snow.

As the plows pass through the neighborhoods clearing the streets, mailboxes may suffer under the weight of the displaced snow. Inspect your mailbox and post to ensure it is securely planted with the face of the mailbox at least nine (9) inches from the curb. Consider adding reflectors to your mailbox.



ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT

The Fox River Grove Fire Protection District is encouraging residents and businesses to "Adopt-a-Fire Hydrant".

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 will help our firefighters save time, life, and property in the event of an emergency.



DETECT AND CHASE DOWN LEAKS

Did You Know ... that easy-to-fix water leaks account for more than 1 trillion gallons of water wasted each year in U.S. homes? In fact, the average household leaks more than 10,000 gallons of water per year, or the amount of water it takes to wash 270 loads of laundry, and could be costing you an extra 10 percent on your water bills. In just 10 minutes, you can search your home for leaks and crack down on water waste. Many common household leaks are quick to find and easy to fix. Worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and leaking showerheads all are easily correctable and can save on your utility bill expenses and water in your community. So put on your detective hat, lace up your running shoes, and take this 10-minute challenge to detect and chase down leaks!

- 1. Check Your Utility Bill** - A good place start is to examine your utility bill for January or February. It's likely that a family of four has a serious leak problem if its winter water use exceeds 24,000 gallons per bill cycle.
- 2. Read Your Water Meter** - Find your water meter. You will have to wake up your meter to take initial reading. This is done by using a flashlight with the cover open. Take a reading during a period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read the same after two hours, you probably have a leak.
- 3. Take a Toilet Test** - Put a few drops of food coloring into the tank at the back of your toilet and let it sit for 10 minutes. If color shows up in the bowl, you have a leak. Make sure to flush afterward to avoid staining, and consider replacing your old toilet flapper if it is worn.



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FOX RIVER GROVE
SANTA PARADE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022
PARADE STEPS OFF AT 3PM IN HUNTERS FARM AND
CONCLUDES AT THE FRG FIRE DEPARTMENT

Village of Fox River Grove
Special Events Committee presents

PARADE ROUTE

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**HOLIDAY DECORATING
CONTEST 2022**

VILLAGE OF FOX RIVER GROVE
SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE PRESENTS

LAST DAY TO ENTER IS DECEMBER 31ST
PRIZES AWARDED TO 1ST, 2ND, 3RD, & MAYOR'S CHOICE
JUDGED BY THE FRG FIRE DEPARTMENT
Limited to homes in Fox River Grove - non-school sponsored event

HOW TO ENTER
SUBMIT A PHOTO AND/OR VIDEO OF YOUR OUTDOOR HOLIDAY
DECOR TO THE HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST 2022 EVENT ON
THE FRG LIVING FACEBOOK PAGE: WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/FRGLIVING
OR EMAIL TO FRGSPECIALEVENTS@GMAIL.COM

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FALL FUN



Thank you to all those that volunteered and participated in the fall fun activities. Congratulations to all the winners! Chili Cook off Paul S., Dustin V., and Marc M. House Decorating Joe S. & Diane H., John A., and Jake L. Pumpkin Decorating: Jen S., Trevor H., Mike U., Stella T. Mya H and the Oppegard Family.



Fox River Grove Parks Commission

Thank you to all who attended the 11th annual FRG Parks Fundraiser! Thank you also to all who purchased golf cart raffle tickets, donated baskets and auction items to support our event. A special thank you to DJ Lee Powers and to Cary Ale House. Congratulations to the Miller Family for the big win of the night (golf cart)!

Put our 12th annual fundraiser on your calendar now! Friday, June 23, 2023!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/2/22	Community Holiday Caroling 5:00 p.m. - FRG Library
12/3/22	Tree Lighting 2:00 - 4:30 Kids Care Court
12/17/22	Santa Parade 3:00 p.m. Hunters Farm to FRG Fire District
12/31/22	Holiday Decorating Contest Ends
1/3/23 & 1/10/23	Tree Recycling Pickup
1/28/23-1/29/23	Norge Intl. Winter Ski Jump Tournament

