



Fox River Grove QUARTERLY

What's Happening Around Town: Fall Events in FRG!

Fall 2023

Fox Chase 5k and Youth Mile

The 30th Annual Fox Chase run will be held on Sunday, Oct. 1st. 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. Participants can register at <https://raceroster.com/events/2023/74951/fox-chase-run> and come and run on the beautiful streets of Fox River Grove! Registration includes a t-shirt.



Pumpkin Decorating Contest



Put your pumpkin carving/ decorating skills to the test! From Oct. 1st - Oct. 31st you can share a photo of your decorated pumpkin to the Pumpkin Decorating Contest event on the FRG Living Facebook page or you can email FRGSpecialEvents@gmail.com. Winners will be announced on the FRG Living Facebook page on Nov. 10th.

CG Annual Homecoming Parade

Residents are invited to gather along the parade route and cheer on Cary-Grove High School students as they celebrate Homecoming! The parade will be held Saturday, Oct. 7th and will start in FRG on Old Hunt Road at 9:00 a.m. It will then make its way over to Cary around 10:00 a.m., finishing up at the high school before the annual Trojan homecoming football game.



Halloween Decorating Contest

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 FRGSpecialEvents@gmail.com from Oct. 1st - Oct. 31st. Winners for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be announced Nov. 10th on the FRG Living Facebook page.

Fall Fun

Join us at the Kid's Care Court and ARS Soccer Fields from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21st for Fall & Halloween-themed activities. The Special Events Committee is sponsoring a fun-filled afternoon including pumpkin decorating, games, chili cook-off, costume contest, petting zoo, pony rides, live music, food and drinks—fun for all ages! Admission is free. Check out the FRG Living Facebook page for details.



Chamber of Commerce Halloween Walk



Trick-or-Treaters can stop by local businesses and pick up a treat! The event will be held at Stonehill Shopping Center from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 28th and will be led by 2023 Miss Cary-Grove! Please bring a canned food item to donate to the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times during the event.

Haunted Forest



Enter if you dare on Oct. 21st from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for the "Not-so-scary" Haunted Forest Walk or 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. for the "Scary" Haunted Forest Walk. Entry is \$5 (cash only) and can be purchased at the entrance of the Haunted Forest Walk located at the ARS soccer field. All proceeds benefit the FRG Firefighters Association.

Halloween Trick-or-Treating



The FRG Police Department recommends trick-or-treating during the scheduled hours of 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 31st and following these tips to ensure a safe and happy Halloween:

- Children should be supervised by an adult.
- Costumes should be bright and easily visible to motorists.
- Masks should not obstruct vision.
- Costume should be flame-resistant.
- Be sure costumes fit and do not drag on the ground.
- Have an adult examine candy for evidence of tampering.
- Throw away any candy that is not properly wrapped.



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.

As you may recall, the Village recently completed master plans for Picnic Grove Park and Lions Park in order to find the ideal locations for park features which will best serve the community over the long term. You may also be aware that there has been a rise in the popularity of these parks with people outside the Fox River Grove community. On hot summer weekends, at Picnic Grove Park specifically, it tends to draw more visitors, which has negatively impacted the experiences of other visitors.

In order to improve the experience for all park users, the Village Board felt it was important to take action

and implement a two-avenue approach to address multiple concerns at Picnic Grove Park:

1. Make everyone more aware of the rules we already have in place

-Construct new signs with the major park rules

-Install temporary signs making visitors aware of changes so that they have time to adjust and avoid getting tickets

2. Make a few small rule changes

-No camp stoves or personal grills may be used in the parks. Like many other parks in the area, grilling will be limited to the permanent grills at the parks

-Trailer parking and storage at the parks is prohibited. No motorized watercraft (boats, jet skis, etc.) launching has ever been allowed at the park

-Gas cans are no longer allowed in the parks. We have experienced several

issues with jet skis being brought on-shore and refueled using gas cans, blocking space that could otherwise be used for picnics and other activities

Additionally, the Village recently installed a gate at the Picnic Grove Park to control access on an as needed basis.

I hope to see you this fall at the FRG Makers Market at Stanger Park September 9th and Fall Fun on October 21st at ARS Soccer Fields! Check out FRG Living on Facebook for more info.

I'll also be hosting a "Meet with Mayor Marc" open house on November 14th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Village Hall if you would like to stop by and say hello.

Mayor Marc

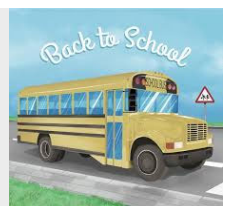
*Marc McLaughlin
President,
Village of Fox River Grove*

Assistance Programs

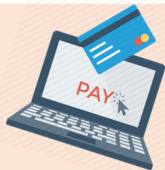
Did you know assistance programs are available through your local Township office? Many programs are available such as General Assistance, Emergency Assistance, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Nicor Sharing, Senior Services, Persons with Disabilities Services, Food Pantries and more. Please contact your respective Township offices at www.algonquintownship.com or www.cubatownship.gov to request an appointment and see if you qualify.

School is in Session!

Please put your phones down and drive safely!



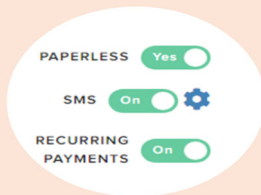
Say YES to Paperless! Pay Your Utility Bill Online!



Did you know that you can set up an automatic online payment to pay your utility bills? Water and sewer customers in Fox River Grove have the ability to self-manage their payment options and can pay their bills either with a credit card or bank account.

If you wish to receive text message reminders, make sure to enable the "SMS" text messaging option on your online account. You will receive SMS text message alerts to your cell phone when payments are preparing to process, and once payments have been completed.

You can also help the Village save money by choosing to go "paperless". Paperless bills save on paper, postage, and time during the mailing process. To enable this option, customers will need to enter a paperless pin number, which is printed on their utility bill postcard. If you have questions, need to know your paperless pin, or need help setting up your online payment, please contact Village staff for assistance.



Free Yard Waste Pickup



LRS offers 9 weeks of free yard waste pick-up every fall. On Mondays, starting October 2nd and continuing thru November 27th, LRS will pick up leaves and yard waste without a pre-paid sticker. Debris must be placed in brown Kraft bags or containers marked "yard waste". Please note that it is illegal to dispose of yard waste in the regular garbage, parks, ditches, culverts, ponds, or the river.



Free Curbside Electronic Pickup

The Village has scheduled a free electronic pick up day for Monday, Sept. 18th. Residents are limited to 5 electronic items and of those 5 - only 1 can be a tv or computer monitor. Be sure to get your items out to the curb early that morning to ensure pick up! Please call LRS with questions at 847-381-9300.

Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant flushing is scheduled for the first week in October. Check for hydrant flushing signs posted at major intersections and at entrances to the subdivision.

What Does Fox River Grove Mean to You?



Your Friends of the Library want to know what Fox River Grove means to you. Help us show-off our hometown with photographs! Starting Sept. 1st through Oct. 31st the library will be accepting submissions for "Fox Tales" - our 2024 Fox River Grove Calendar. All contest rules are available on the Facebook page "Friends of the Fox River Grove Library" or in printed form at the library.

Fox River Grove Seniors 50+



Make new friends and join this lively group for bingo, luncheons and daytime theater trips! All neighboring towns are welcome. Mark your calendars for the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at the Village Hall, located at 305 Illinois Street. Meet and greet opens at 9:00 a.m. and activities start at 10:00 a.m.

Parks Commission Thank You!

Thank you to all who attended the 12th Annual FRG Parks Fundraiser! We could not have asked for better weather or location to host the event. 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 for doing an amazing job keeping the night going with great music, live auction and fun. Congratulations to the Romozzi Family for the big win of the golf cart!



Thank You to All of our Fireworks Supporters!

FRG Fire Protection District • FRG Memorial Library • Brothers BBQ • Girls Got Balls
Mario's Taco Cart • My Funnel Truck • My Sister's Tomato • Brandy Braxton • Yolo Glow • Glowby the Bubbler
Magic Mark Presley • McHenry County Sheriff K-9 Unit • FRG Special Events Committee
PLATINUM: Baxter & Woodman **SILVER:** Cary-Grove Area Chamber of Commerce • Douglas Automotive
Fox River Grove Lions Club • King Pin Lanes • Spic & Span Cleaning Corporation • Whitey's Towing
ASSOCIATE: Admired Smiles • Brunch Café • Cary Ale House • Cary Travel Express • Culver's • Dead End Bar & Grill
Feece Oil Company • Fox River Grove Harbor Team • Fox Waterway Agency • Lint Pros • Mosquito Pros • Norge Ski Club
Pieceful Gathering Quilt Shop • Spring Beach Improvement Association • The Washery • Waysound Recording Studio
FRIEND: Emerald Mortgage • Joseph D Foreman & Co.



Village of Fox River Grove

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Fall Calendar of Events

September

- 9 Makers Market at Stanger Park (www.frgmakersmarket.com)
- 16 Cuba Township Shred Event 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. (Residents only)
- 18 Free Curbside Electronic Pickup

October

- 1 – 31 Halloween Decorating Contest (See FRG Living on Facebook for details)
- 1 – 31 Pumpkin Decorating Contest (See FRG Living on Facebook for details)
- 2-6 Hydrant Flushing
- 1 Fox Chase 5K and Youth Mile
- 7 Cary-Grove Homecoming Parade
- 14 Fire Protection District Open House, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- 14-15 Norge Ski Club “Jumptoberfest” Ski Jump and Food Truck Festival
- 21 Fall Fun & Haunted Forest – ARS Soccer Fields, Fall Fun - 2:00 p.m.
Not-so-scary walk, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., Scary Walk, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- 21 Memorial Blood Drive 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. FRG Fire Station
- 28 Chamber of Commerce Halloween Walk 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Stonehill Center
- 31 Halloween Trick or Treat hours: 3:30 – 7:30 p.m.

November

- 14 Meet with Mayor Marc 6:30–8:00 p.m. at the Village Hall
- 15 Toys for Tots Donation Collection Begins. Drop box locations: FRG Library, FRG Fire District, ARS & FRG MS, JC Licht Ace, Brunch Café, and I.S.O Salon
- 17 FRG Firefighters Association Turkey Raffle, doors open at 6:30 p.m.

December

- 1 - 31 Holiday Decorating Contest
- 1 Holiday Tree Lighting & Caroling
- 10 Toys for Tots Collection Ends for all location except FRG Fire District
- 22 Toys for Tots Collection Ends for FRG Fire District

FREE YARDWASTE PICK-UP - No Stickers Required

October	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	November	6, 13, 20, 27
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Fire District Events

Fire Prevention Week Open House

Help us celebrate our fire departments 100th birthday on Saturday, October 14th, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Children ages 5-13 can win a ride to school on a fire engine. See the fire apparatus, videos, demonstrations, and exhibits. Special guests this year are the Comfort Dogs. Get your picture taken on the 1923 Model-T fire engine. Come and join in the fun!

Memorial Blood Drive

Saturday, Oct. 21st, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
411 Algonquin Rd, Fox River Grove.

Fire District Turkey Raffle

The Fox River Grove Firefighters Association (FRGFFA) invites all to the 2023 Turkey Raffle on Friday, November 17th at 6:30 p.m. Come out and support our firefighters—it is always a fun evening!

Emergency Vehicles Driving Etiquette

When an ambulance, fire truck or police vehicle is approaching with active lights and siren, you must yield the right-of-way and immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right-hand edge or curb of the road. Stop and remain in your position until the emergency vehicle has passed for safety.