



# Fox River Grove QUARTERLY

Spring 2023

## LET'S **SPRUCE** UP THE GROVE: ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP!

Our annual Spring Clean-Up will be on Saturday, May 20th (not our regularly scheduled pick up day). It is a great time to go through your house and garage to dispose of the things you have been storing and accumulating during the year. All items must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. to ensure pick up (they will not come back if you are late). If you are not sure about an item, please call Prairieland at (847) 381-9300.



The types of items they **will** pick up are:

- Furniture weighing less than 50 pounds
- Lawn and garden items, but not landscape waste
- Plumbing fixtures
- Small auto parts drained of oil and gasoline
- Bundled construction debris of not more than one cubic yard and weighing less than 50 pounds
- Mattresses and box springs (need to be wrapped in plastic)

They will **not** pick up the following items:

- Items weighing more than 50 pounds
- Automobile batteries
- Any liquid or hazardous waste materials such as paints, gasoline or motor oil
- Bricks, stones, concrete, roofing debris
- Tires
- White goods such as appliances, air conditioners, water heaters, etc.
- Computers, computer parts or plasma TV's

Please note that the ALGONQUIN TOWNSHIP has a Recycling Center that is open 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Visit Algonquin Township's website for more information on what is and what is not accepted at their facility. Their website is found at: [www.algtwsp.com/recycling](http://www.algtwsp.com/recycling) or call (847) 639-2700, extension 6 for questions.

### BRANCH CHIPPING

Branch chipping is on the first Tuesday of the month April - November. Public Works starts on the south side of town and works their way north. Depending on your location and the quantity of branches, it may take some time to get to your home. Please ensure all branches are at the curb the night before the first Tuesday of the month.

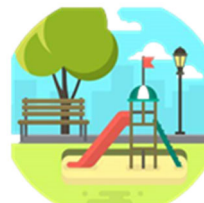
Branches must be between 1-5 inches in diameter and at least 4 feet in length and should be placed at the parkway with the cut ends toward the street. Stumps and roots cannot be chipped. If a contractor cuts down trees, they are responsible for branch disposal.



### HELP KEEP OUR PARKS CLEAN!

We are looking for volunteers to help pick up trash in the parks. Please consider joining the Parks Clean-Up Day Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am - noon. Public Works will be placing a box of bags under the shelters at Picnic Grove, Lions, and Foxmoor Parks. Once your bag is full, tie it up and leave it by the parking lot and Public Works will pick it up for disposal. Thanks for helping and remember gloves!

The Streets & Parks Department maintains over 130 acres of parks and open spaces for your enjoyment. Each year yard waste and household debris are illegally dumped in our parks. If you see this happen please report it to the Police at (847) 639-2411.



### FREE YARD WASTE PICK UP

While cleaning out the house and garage, find some time to get the landscape waste together! Landscape waste is classified as grass, brush, garden/plant materials, small shrubs, weeds, flowers, branches (not to individually exceed four feet in length or two inches in diameter). Branches must be bundled and tied with biodegradable twine and placed in piles that are no longer than 4 feet in length, 2 feet in diameter and weighing no more than 50 lbs. They will be picked up for free on **Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** and **Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**. You may put out as many brown Kraft bags as needed without stickers. **Please note this is only for yard waste!**



## a message from **MAYOR MARC**

*Hello Friends and Neighbors,*

*I hope many of you have enjoyed the milder winter and found ways to enjoy the start of a new year. I wanted to take some time to update you on what we have going on in the Village.*

*As you may know, the Village is working on the development of new master plans at Lions Park and Picnic Grove Park as part of the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget. These master plans, which incorporate several priority projects, are an effort to find the ideal locations for the features which will best serve the community. The Village contracted with consultant Gary R. Weber Associates to assist with creating the plans. Over the course of the past couple of months, the Parks Commission evaluated the first draft concept plan for each*

*park, and the public had the opportunity to ask questions and provide input at an open house. The Village Board also provided direction, which the consultant will use to update the plans prior to final adoption.*

*On Tuesday, April 11th, between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. I will hold another Meet with Mayor Marc event at Village Hall, and will be available to discuss any topic you may wish relating to the Village. Bring your questions, comments, concerns, or just stop by to say hello. If you can't make it to this event, try to make it to a future event, as more will be scheduled throughout the year.*

*Finally, I'd like to announce that we're in the process of developing a program that will help businesses looking to lo-*

*cate to Fox River Grove by providing grants of up to \$10,000 to cover initial expenses. Ultimately, we're hoping that this new recruitment tool will attract new businesses to current vacant commercial spaces within the Village, create and retain jobs locally, and promote overall economic development.*

*As you may recall, we're planning a community celebration for the Village's 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary to take place in 2024. Initial coordination will begin this summer.*

*Mayor Marc*

Marc McLaughlin  
President,  
Village of Fox River Grove

## **SUMMER HELP**

The Public Works Department is looking for seasonal summer employees to work May through August. Applicants must be 18 years old and able to work Monday – Friday and some special event weekends. Starting pay is \$14.00 per hour. To pick up an employment application, stop by the Village Hall or visit our website: [foxrivergrove.org/jobs](https://foxrivergrove.org/jobs)

## **MEET WITH MAYOR MARC**

Calling all residents and business owners! Come meet with Mayor Marc on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. at Village Hall. The Mayor will be available to discuss any topic relating to the Village. Please bring your questions, comments, concerns, or just stop by to say hello. If you can't make it to this one, there will be additional events scheduled throughout the upcoming year.

## **SENIOR FUN**

If you are 50+ and interested in making new friends, like to play bingo, watch movies and enjoy special luncheons and day trips, then stop by the Village Hall Community Room on the first & third Wednesdays of the month! This lively group meets at 10:00 a.m. and socializes all morning. Stop by and join the fun! For more information call Mary Ann Cutsforth at (847) 639-2267.



## PARKS FUNDRAISER

Save the date for Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> for the annual outdoor fundraiser at Picnic Grove Park and come have some fun! There was a great turn out last year and the Parks Commission hopes to see everyone again this summer. Please note there are all new park inspired grand prizes this year! Watch for details in the Summer Newsletter or check out the Facebook and Instagram pages: "Fox River Grove Parks and Playgrounds".



## PET OWNER REMINDER

Don't let your dog be a nuisance by running loose! Village Ordinances require that all dogs need to be on a leash and that all pet owners must immediately remove animal waste from any street, alley, public property or private property. Please be a responsible pet owner and respect your neighbors by abiding by Village ordinances.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS: FIREWORKS CELEBRATION: SATURDAY, JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>

The Special Events Committee is already planning this summer's Fireworks Celebration at Picnic Grove Park! Check out their Facebook page called "FRG Living" and the Village website for more details. We truly appreciate the many businesses and residents that have made donations in the past and hope that you will consider contributing again this year. Donations of all amounts can be made online on our website at: [www.foxrivergrove.org/fireworks](http://www.foxrivergrove.org/fireworks)

## Mandatory Water Service Survey

The Village needs 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. If your home was constructed before 1975 and you haven't already responded, please complete the online survey at your earliest convenience at: [www.foxrivergrove.org/service-line-survey](http://www.foxrivergrove.org/service-line-survey)

## POLICE NEWS

The Fox River Grove Police Department politely requests that residents make sure to lock their vehicle doors when parked in the street and driveways. Do not leave any valuables visible within the parked vehicles and lastly, please remember to close your garage door every night. These simple actions will help deter burglaries and thefts within the Village.

## JAYCEES' EGG HUNT

Get your baskets ready for the annual Cary-Grove Jaycees' Egg Hunt at Lions Park on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at noon. This is a fun activity for families and kids of all ages and there will even be a special visit by the Easter Bunny! There is no fee for this event but the Jaycees will be collecting non-perishable items for the food pantry.



A poster for the "Fireworks!" celebration on Saturday, July 8th at Picnic Grove Park, which opens at 6 PM. The poster features a grid of logos for participating food and drink vendors. The logos include: Fox River Grove 2023, World Winning Events Brothers' BBQ, Girl's Gone Balls, Jaycees, My Funnel Truck, Cary-Grove Masons, Lions International, and Hot Sisters of the Wood-Fire Pizza. At the bottom right, there is a Facebook icon and the text "FOLLOW US @FRGLIVING".



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## MCRide's hours expanding for 2023, Rates Remain the Same

McHenry County and Pace's dial-a-ride service is even more awesome in 2023! **MCRide** Dial-a- Ride is a great way to get around McHenry County. Whether you need transportation for work, school, shopping, medical appointments or just to visit a friend, MCRide provides an affordable and flexible way to travel. MCRide's service hours are now 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily (except major holidays), but better yet, the fare for trips is remaining the same! The base fare remains at \$1.50 for seniors and people with disabilities, and \$3 for all other riders, with a 25-cents-per-mile charge after the first five miles. Up to two children ages 7 and younger travel for free with a fee-paying adult rider. Seniors and individuals with disabilities can reserve their trips up to seven days in advance; the general public can reserve their trips two days in advance. Scheduling a ride is as easy and affordable; call (800) 451-4599 (or use 711 for the Illinois Relay Service) to schedule a ride.

### Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)

Do you need financial assistance with paying your water/sewer bill? The McHenry County Housing Authority has temporary funding assistance available for qualified households through August 31, 2023. If you or someone you know is low-income and has fallen behind on a water/sewer bill and needs assistance, please contact Lisa at the McHenry County Housing Authority at (815) 338-7752 to begin the application process. For additional information on assistance programs please visit McHenry County Housing Authority's website: [www.mchenrycountyhousing.org/](http://www.mchenrycountyhousing.org/)



## SPRING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 4/1 Easter Egg Hunt at Lions Park
- 4/3 Free yard waste pick-up
- 4/11 Meet Mayor Marc @ Village Hall
- 4/17 Hydrant flushing week
- 4/29 Parks clean-up day
- 5/15 Free yard waste pick-up
- 5/20 Spring clean-up from Prairieland
- 5/29 Memorial Day Parade @ Algonquin Road School
- 6/23 Parks & Playgrounds fundraiser
- 7/8 Fireworks celebration