



Fox River Grove QUARTERLY

Summer 2023

SPECIAL EVENT: PARKS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars and get your event tickets to this year's 12th annual Fox River Grove Parks Fundraiser! Join us at Picnic Grove Park on **Friday, June 23rd from 6:30-10:00 p.m.** The event tickets are \$50 per person and include a night full of music, dancing, chances to win fabulous prizes, and food and drink from "Fork and Fry Mobile Poutinerie" food truck. Don't forget to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win a brand new 2023 Evolution EV golf cart! The battery operated golf cart is lifted, street legal, has a touchscreen, backup camera, integrated cooler, and is valued at over \$10,500! 2nd prize is \$1,000 cash! Raffle tickets will be in an envelope waiting for you to put in the ticket drum at the event and winners do not need to be present to win. Come and get your bids in for our silent and live auctions for a chance to win some great gift baskets, including iconic FRG signs and memorabilia. Need some new FRG swag? We've got newly designed t-shirts and sweatshirts that would look great on you! Place your order with the QR codes below and we will distribute the night of the event! Follow our Facebook and Instagram pages: "Fox River Grove Parks and Playgrounds" for more details. We hope to see you at this fun event!!




Scan to Purchase:
Event Tickets
\$50 each




Scan to purchase:
Golf Cart Raffle
\$100




Scan to Purchase:
Sweatshirt
\$30



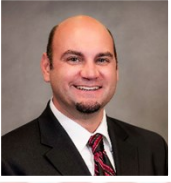

Scan to Purchase:
T-Shirt
\$20

FRG FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SENIOR LUNCHEON

The FRG Fire Protection District invites the district's seniors to a luncheon and a fire prevention presentation on **Wed., June 7, at 10:30 a.m.** at Fire Station #1 at 411 Algonquin Rd. Special guests will be comfort dogs from Lutheran Church Charities. This is also the department's 100th birthday! To RSVP, please call: 847-639-9232.

44th Annual Lions Club Arts & Crafts Festival

The Lions are excited to once again host the annual Arts and Crafts Festival! This fun event will be held on **Saturday, July 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at Lions Park in Fox River Grove. This will be the first time since 2019 the Lions are putting on this event! Vendors are needed — email Natalie Woods or Carrie Jones at FRGLionCrafters@gmail.com.



a message from **MAYOR MARC**



Hello Friends and Neighbors,

As you may recall, I previously provided an update regarding the Village working on the development of new master plans for Picnic Grove Park and Lions Park. I am pleased to announce these plans were approved by the Village Board in May 2023. These master plans are an effort to find the ideal locations for some potential features which will best serve the community over the long term. The approved plans include the following proposed additions and changes:

Picnic Grove Park: *New “Riverside Café/Event Space” in place of the existing concrete pad along the river, New multi-purpose event space akin to a band shell, Reconfigured parking to allow for roughly 150 additional spaces, Enhanced playground, New warming shelter and overlook on the sled hill, New pedestrian access trail from Barberry Trail entrance*

Lions Park: *New pickleball/tennis court(s), Additional bike/walking path along river, Enhanced playground, Additional parking*

The approved versions of the plans are available on the Village website at foxrivergrove.org/parks-master-plans

As a reminder, a great way for you to support our parks is to attend the Village’s annual parks fundraiser, which will be held June 23rd at Picnic Grove Park. This year’s grand prize is a road-ready 2023 Evolution EV golf cart! Please see the front page for more details.

On a side note, in March 2023, the Village Board entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Norwood Builders and Compasspoint Development for the redevelopment of Block B. The proposed concept plan calls for a 182,000 sq. ft. building / 5 stories, 8,600 sq. ft. of commercial space with outdoor dining opportunities, 150 apartment units (60 studios, 60 one bedroom, & 30 two bedroom), 92 indoor parking stalls, and 128 outdoor parking stalls. These details are subject to change during the public process which is required for the proposed project to move forward.

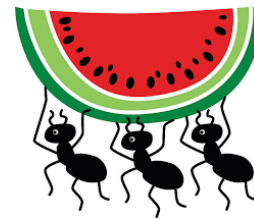
Hope to see you all at the Parks Fundraiser and fireworks!

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Marc McLaughlin

President,

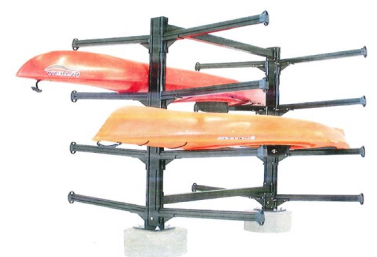
Village of Fox River Grove



WHATS HAPPENING AROUND TOWN: VILLAGE SUMMER PROJECTS

If you see village employees around town this summer, they may be working on one of these new projects:

- Phase #2 of new sidewalks will be installed on Grove Ave., Millard Ave., and Algonquin Rd. Depending on bids, the project may also include S. River Rd., Beachway and Gladys Ave.
- Parking lot sealcoating will be done at Lions and Foxmoor Parks. Striping will be completed on the Hunters Farm walking path and a Kayak Rack will be installed at Lions Park.
- Some roofs have reached their life expectancy and will be replaced at the Village Hall, Water Treatment Plant #2 and sludge storage garage at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- New LED parking lot lights will be installed in the commuter parking lots.

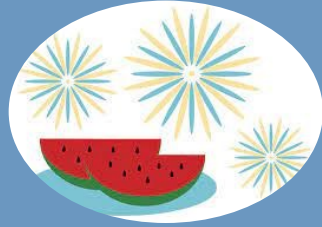


FRG ANNUAL FIREWORKS!

Join us to kick off Fox River Grove's annual fireworks event **Saturday, July 8** at Picnic Grove Park at 6:00pm! DJ Powers will be there setting the scene with fun music and you can buy glow accessories before dark and let the kids enjoy the evening fun! Our Cary-Grove Jaycees, Masons, and Fox River Grove Lions will be selling treats and cold drinks along with My Sisters Tomato, Brother's BBQ, Girls Got Balls, Mario's Taco Cart, & My Funnel Food Trucks.

Reminders...

- No entry after 9 p.m.
- No carry-in food or drink.
- No pets.
- Please don't litter — pick up your area before you leave to help keep our park clean.
- Be aware of private property and please don't trespass as you make your way to and from the park.



PARKING AND BUS ROUTES

Golf cart parking will be available at the entrance to the park. 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. No parking is allowed in or near the park — walk on over or take the free shuttle buses (see the routes below):

Route #1 ~ Victoria Woods/Hunters Farm (one bus)

Victoria Drive/Tiffany Lane, Camilla Place/Jasmine Way, Victoria Drive/Jasmine Way, Bridle Path Lane/Saddle Lane, Bridle Path Lane, Morgan Lane, Saddle Lane/Morgan Lane

Route #2 ~ Foxmoor Route (two buses)

Old Hunt Road/Plum Tree Road, Old Hunt Road/Lexington Road, Foxmoor Road/Yorkshire Drive, Algonquin Road Fire Station

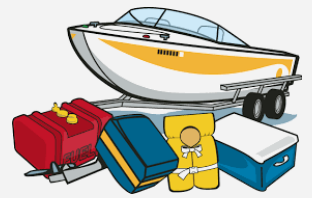
Route #3 ~ South Route (one bus)

Algonquin Road School, Lion's Park, Commuter/Metra Lot

Thank you to the many residents and businesses who donated money to the fireworks, it truly helps us provide this great family evening! Event updates can be found by searching @FRGLiving on social media sites.

BOAT AND TRAILER PARKING

Boating season has begun! 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!

FOX RIVER GROVE SENIORS

AGES 50+

W **H** **E** **N** **!**

WHEN: Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday
Meet and greet at 9:00am
Activities start at 10:00am

WHERE: Fox River Grove Village Hall
305 Illinois Street, Frg, IL, 60021

Join us for bingo, luncheons, & daytime theater trips!
(Seniors from nearby towns welcome)

MCHEMRY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The McHenry County Historical Society located in Union, is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year! A benefit of the Village's membership is *free year-round admission to Fox River Grove residents!* If you have never visited, you should make time to visit the museum and see its interesting exhibits including 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! Several events and programs are offered throughout the year, be sure to check out their website at www.mchenrycountyhistory.org for event details.



Village of Fox River Grove

305 Illinois Street
Fox River Grove, IL 60021

Village Hall Hours:

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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GOLF CART PARADE



Come one and come all to FRG's first Golf Cart Parade on **Sunday August 6th** at noon! The Parade steps off from the Lions Park baseball fields and travels down South River Road to Algonquin Road School, just in time to catch the vintage baseball game. Participants are encouraged to decorate their cart and themselves!



Scan to register for
Golf Cart Parade.



Vintage Baseball

If you've ever wondered what baseball was like in the Civil War era...now is 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 and the McHenry County Independents on **Sunday, August 6th** at 1 p.m. at Algonquin Road Elementary School. Come enjoy the summer day with family, friends and neighbors spectating a baseball game that follows rules established over 150 years ago. This is a FREE event to attend and parking is available in the school lot. Bleacher seating is limited, so attendees are encouraged to pack chairs, blankets, shade and snacks for comfort. Refreshments will also be available for cash purchase. No pets allowed.



SUMMER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 6/7 FRG Fire Protection Senior Luncheon
- 6/23 Parks & Playgrounds Fundraiser
- 7/8 Annual FRG Fireworks
- 7/22 Lion's Club Arts & Crafts Festival
- 8/6 Golf Cart Parade
- 8/6 Vintage Baseball Game

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT FOR 2022

Please visit foxrivergrove.org/waterquality to view the 2022 Fox River Grove Water Quality Report. This report contains important information about source and quality of your drinking water during 2022. If you would like a paper copy mailed to your home, please call (847) 639-3170.