



Fox River Grove

QUARTERLY

WINTER 2023

Lead Service Line Replacements

In 2019, the Village adopted a program to replace aging water mains throughout the town, many of which have been in use for nearly a century. This initiative is a critical step in maintaining the quality and integrity of our water infrastructure.

Part of this comprehensive program includes funding for the replacement of the municipal portion of water service lines, specifically those made of lead, which extend from the water main to the buffalo box.

To provide some context, the State of Illinois passed an unfunded mandate requiring municipalities to replace their portion of all lead water service lines between 2027 and 2041. While not all water mains connected to lead service lines are ap-

proaching 100 years old, we have developed a schedule to ensure compliance with state law and to expedite the replacement process.

Our approach involves a phased plan that aligns with our ongoing water main replacement program. When a water main replacement is scheduled, we will also replace the municipal portion of the associated lead service lines. In years when a main replacement is not planned, we will focus on the replacement of lead service lines in locations not planned for water main replacement by the 2041 deadline.

It's important to note that homeowners are responsible for the maintenance and replacement cost of the portion of the water service

line that runs between the buffalo box and their home. During the period when the Village is planning to replace a service line in front of your home, we will work closely with homeowners to coordinate the simultaneous replacement of both the municipal and homeowner portions of the service lines. This coordinated approach will minimize disruptions and ensure a smooth transition to new, safer water service lines for all residents.

As this multi-year water main and lead service replacement project progresses, the Village will coordinate with the impacted residents.

The Village appreciates your understanding as we work together to improve our water infrastructure.

Village of Fox River Grove

FREE TREE LIGHTING

Community Celebration

5:30-7:30pm | Friday, December 1, 2023
FRG Metra Parking Lot | 315 Northwest Highway

Kick off the holiday season with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Mayor Marc in the lighting of the Community Tree at 5:30pm! Then join us for outdoor holiday fun for all ages including:

- Pictures with Santa
- Stories with Mrs. Claus
- Kids Games and Crafts
- Hot Chocolate & Cookies
- Local Vendors
- Holiday Caroling

Brought to you by the FRG Special Events Committee, FRG Lions Club, @properties Cary-Grove, FRG Memorial Library, FRG PTO, FRG Middle School Music Department and local businesses and organizations.

Village of Fox River Grove
Special Events Committee presents

2023 Holiday Decorating Contest



HOW TO ENTER:
UPLOAD A PHOTO OF YOUR OUTDOOR HOLIDAY DECOR TO THE 2023 HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST EVENT ON THE FRGLIVING FACEBOOK PAGE:
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/FRGLIVING
OR EMAIL YOUR PHOTO TO
FRGSPECIALEVENTS@GMAIL.COM
ENTER BY JANUARY 1ST | WINNERS ANNOUNCED JANUARY 10TH
JUDGED BY THE FRG FIRE DEPARTMENT



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 sidewalk improvement program. As you may recall, the Village planned to install segments including portions of Gladys, Millard, Grove, and Algonquin Road in 2023. Due to a substantial increase in pricing from early estimates to bids received, the Village opted to rebid this program in early 2024 for construction in the spring.

We are also undertaking a scheduled road resurfacing program next year. Every stretch of roadway in the Village approaching the end of its useful life (roughly 20 years) is evaluated on an annual basis to determine the need for replacement. Roads scheduled for replacement in 2024 include: Bridle Path, Morgan, Saddle, Grace, Grove, South River, and County Line.

Other major projects for the coming year include the widening of the bike / walking path connecting Opatrny and Windsor, sand blasting and repainting all of the fire hydrants in the Village and completing the first year of the Village's water main replacement program on Millard Avenue.

Despite the necessity of replacing the wastewater plant's \$1.6 Million rotating biological contactor (RBC) system, our team successfully secured 56% of the project cost through grant funding, including a \$400,000 appropriation from the State of Illinois and \$500,000 from Advance McHenry County! Given the critical role of the RBC system at the plant, we are pleased to have accessed additional funds at a crucial time for the replacement.

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

A redevelopment agreement was approved with the new owner of 401 Algonquin Road in early fall 2023. The Village's

approval of the RDA authorizes the project to proceed according to its current design for 100 apartments. The new owners are in the process of securing financing to complete construction of Phase IA.

In March 2023, the Village Board selected Norwood Builders as the developer for the redevelopment of Block B, encompassing properties along Northwest Highway from Illinois Street to Lincoln Avenue, and entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The proposed concept plan calls for 150 apartments, 92 indoor parking stalls, and 128 outdoor parking stalls.

Finally, we are starting to see progress at the 110-unit attached single-family Redwood site on Route 22. Grading on the site began in early October, and we expect to see some of the first buildings complete in the spring.

Happy Holidays!

Mayor Marc

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Toys for Tots Donations

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. Toys can be dropped off at the FRG Fire District, FRG Memorial Library, Culvers, Panera and Walgreens from Nov 1st through Dec. 11th (the box at the Fire Station will be out until Dec. 20th, but the earlier you can drop off the better). Toys are especially needed for boys and girls 10-14 years old, however monetary donations are also appreciated. Please scan the QR Code or make checks payable to "Marine Toys for Tots Foundation" and mail to Daniel Boucek, Coordinator, 654 Seybrooke Lane, Crystal Lake, IL 60012.



Donations for CG 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. See cgfoodpantry.org for details.





KEEP THE WREATH RED!

Every year at Thanksgiving, a wreath with red lights is placed on our fire district as part of the “Keep the Wreath Red” holiday safety program.

When the lights on the wreath remain red, it is a sign that our community has been kept fire safe during the holiday season. However, if there is a fire attributed to seasonal decorations, a white light will replace a red one. Please follow these tips to help keep all of us fire safe during this holiday season:

1. Select only a fresh tree with a deep green color and strong pine scent and use a sturdy tree stand.
2. Keep the tree well-watered.
3. Verify that an artificial tree is flame resistant.
4. Keep trees away from fireplaces and heat vents.
5. Discard any lights that have frayed or worn cords, damaged sockets, loose connections, bare wires, or operate intermittently.
6. Never use indoor lights outdoors.
7. Do not run extension cords under carpets, across doorways, or near heaters.
8. Unplug lights when you leave home or before bed.
9. Never leave burning candles unattended and keep candles away from combustible materials like clothing, books, curtains, or flammable liquids.
10. Use candle holders which are sturdy, will not tip over, are made of material that will not burn, and are large enough to collect dripping wax.



Adopt a Fire Hydrant

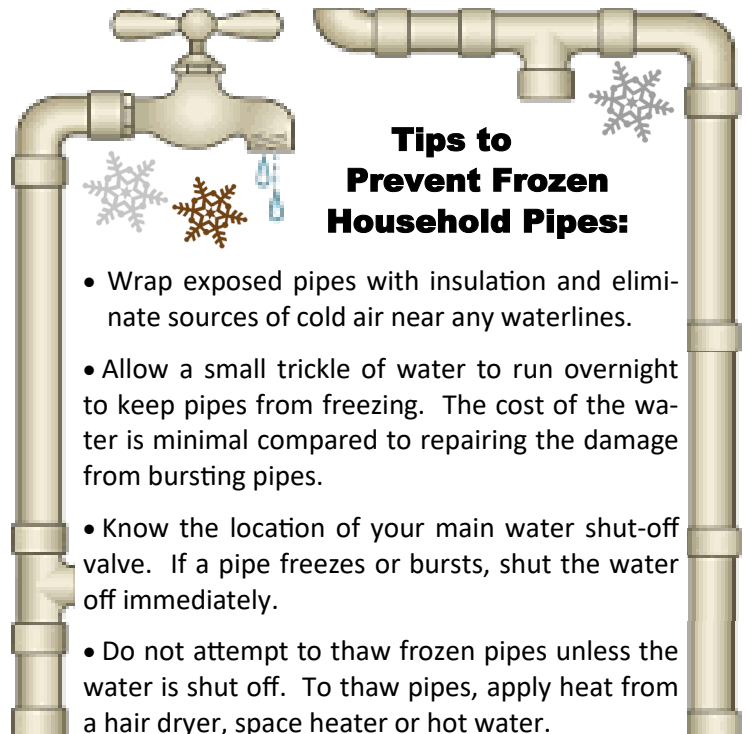
Fox River Grove Fire Protection District is inviting businesses and residents in our community to “Adopt a

Fire Hydrant” this winter. Snowfall and plowing can obscure and obstruct fire hydrants. Make it a priority to uncover your fire hydrant by clearing a three-foot area around the hydrant. This will help our firefighters save time, property, and life in case of an emergency.

Get Ready for Winter...and Snow!

When snowy conditions are forecasted, our Public Works Department makes every effort to ensure that the snow is removed from our streets and they are salted to ensure safe travel. Here are some tips to ensure safety in the snow:

- The Village enforces winter parking limits – parking is prohibited on streets for 24-hours following a snowfall of two inches or more to allow our plows easy access.
- When shoveling your driveway, push the snow to the left side of your driveway as you face your home.
- Village ordinance prohibits shoveling or blowing snow into the street.
- The Village encourages residents to shovel their sidewalks so people will not walk in the streets.
- Please remove rocks, stones, posts and decorative objects from the road easement as they are difficult for 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 inches from the curb. You may also want to consider adding reflectors to your mailbox.



Tips to Prevent Frozen Household Pipes:

- Wrap exposed pipes with insulation and eliminate sources of cold air near any waterlines.
- Allow a small trickle of water to run overnight to keep pipes from freezing. The cost of the water is minimal compared to repairing the damage from bursting pipes.
- Know the location of your main water shut-off valve. If a pipe freezes or bursts, shut the water off immediately.
- Do not attempt to thaw frozen pipes unless the water is shut off. To thaw pipes, apply heat from a hair dryer, space heater or hot water.

Sledding 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 have fun!





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TREE RECYCLING

Prairieland/Lakeshore Recycling Services (LRS) will be picking up holiday trees on Tuesday, January 2nd and Monday, January 8th. Please have your tree out on the parkway with the cut end toward the road, free from lights, decorations and tinsel. Please do not place your tree in a plastic bag. Algonquin Township will be opening tree drop off beginning December 27th and will close on January 29th. Please visit www.algtwsp.com for hours.

The Village Wishes
You and Yours
Peace and Health this
Holiday Season!

Winter Calendar

2023

- Nov 1—Dec 11 Toys for Tots Donation Collection. Drop box locations: FRG Fire Dept., FRG Library, Culvers, Panera and Walgreens (Fire District will have a box until Dec 20th)
- 12/1 Village Tree Lighting and Holiday Caroling
12/1 Holiday Decorating Contest Begins
12/10 Santa Parade 3:00 p.m. Hunters Farm to FRG Fire District

2024 Happy New Year!

- 1/1 Holiday Decorating Contest Ends
1/2 & 1/8 Tree Recycling Pickup
1/27-1/28 Norge International Winter Ski Jump Tourn.

FOX FEST 2024

Save the Dates! Join us August 23, 24, & 25, 2024 at Fox Fest to celebrate 105 years of Fox River Grove! Three days of live music, food and drinks, carnival rides, and community fun at Lions Park. Stay tuned for more details!