



Fox River Grove

QUARTERLY

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Water Conservation in the Grove

Stormwater Pollution—Protect Our Water Resources

Pollution in storm water run-off threatens our drinking water supplies, swimming, fishing and other recreational water use. Stormwater run-off comes from the rain and melting snow that flows off streets, lawns, parking lots, rooftops, open fields and other exposed areas.

Everyone lives in a watershed. A watershed is the area of land that catches rain and snow, which then drains into a common body of water. In Fox River Grove, the curb and gutters or drainage ditches that run along your street are the first part of your neighborhood's drainage system within the watershed. The stream or pond that receives storm water drainage from the streets of several neighborhoods is part of a larger watershed. That stream in turn flows into a larger stream, lake or river. This means that pollution in any part of a watershed can affect the quality of the receiving water body. Unlike sanitary sewers, anything dumped into the storm drain system flows directly into the nearest pond, stream or creek and ultimately the Fox River, without any treatment to remove contaminants.

What you can do to help:

- Don't dump leaves or other yard waste into streets, storm drains, ditches or creeks.
- Pick up pet waste. Bacteria from pet waste is a serious threat to the quality of our water.
- Never pour used oil, paint thinners or other chemicals into storm drains, waterways or on the ground surface.
- Recycle used oil and dispose of chemicals properly.
- Use lawn chemicals sparingly according to directions. Organics are a good alternative.
- Keep vehicles properly tuned and repair any fluid leaks.
- Wash vehicles and equipment on the lawn to reduce run-off into storm drains.
- Keep litter and recycling contained to prevent them from entering the storm drains.
- Use a mulching mower or a mulching blade and leave grass clippings on the lawn as fertilizer.

The Village of Fox River Grove appreciates every resident's efforts to reduce stormwater pollution.

Simple Ways to Save Water

There are many simple things we can do to save water. See what you can do today to help protect our supply.

Turn off the Tap!

Turning off the tap while you brush your teeth or wash dishes can save as much as 8 gallons of water!

Shower Power!

Taking a shower uses much less water than filling up a tub. A shower only uses 10-25 gallons, while a bath takes up to 70 gallons.

Fix That Leak!

Fixing a toilet leak is a great way to reduce water use and boost conservation. Try this experiment: place a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl without flushing, you have a leak.

Beat the Heat!

Watering your yard first thing in the morning is a great first step to water-efficiency. Avoid watering in the middle of the day when it is hottest because most of the water evaporates before the plants have time to drink.

FOX RIVER GROVE EGG HUNT

PRESENTED BY THE FOX RIVER GROVE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD

12:00PM

LIONS PARK 102 BEACHWAY | FOX RIVER GROVE
RAIN, SNOW, OR SHINE



AGES 0 - 4TH GRADE WELCOME
FREE PICTURES WITH THE BUNNY





a message from **MAYOR MARC**

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

I hope many of you have enjoyed another mild winter (other than that short stretch!) and are enjoying 2024 so far. I wanted to take some time to update you on what we have going on in the Village.

I'm excited to announce that the planning process is well underway for a community celebration commemorating Village's 105th anniversary with carnival rides and music. The event, now called "Fox Fest" will take place from August 23-25 at Lions Park. Be on the lookout for additional information regarding the band lineup and more.

While progress has been incremental on Block B (the downtown parcels between Illinois Street & Lincoln Avenue that extend from Northwest

Highway to Opatrny Drive (not including the Municipal Center)), the Village is still optimistic that a transformative project is on the horizon for the site. As such, the Village is moving forward with demolishing the vacant buildings. Over the course of the last several months, our staff has been working with consultants to prepare bid specifications for the demolition. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) issued the permit necessary for the demolition to occur, so we anticipate work will be moving forward this spring. Block B will be in a better position for development once the site is cleared.

As you may recall, master plans were completed for both Lions Park and Picnic Grove Park in 2023. In order to bring this vision to fruition, the Village is pursuing an Open Space Lands Ac-

quisition and Development (OSLAD) grant for Lions Park. The Village could receive up to \$600,000 to complete all of the plan elements at Lions Park toward an estimated project cost of \$1.2 Million. If awarded, project construction could start as soon as 2026.

On Tuesday, April 9th, between 6:30 and 8:00 PM I will hold another Meet with Mayor Marc event at Village Hall. I 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 one, as more will be scheduled throughout the year.

Mayor Marc
Marc McLaughlin
President,
Village of Fox River Grove



Meet with Mayor Marc!

Bring your questions, comments, concerns or just stop in to say hello!

Where: Village Hall

When: Tuesday April 9th from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

There are lots of things going on around the Village - stop in and meet with Mayor Marc to discuss!

Support Our Fireworks Saturday, July 6th



The Special Events Committee is once again planning this summer's Fireworks Celebration at Picnic Grove Park. Check out our Facebook page 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. Please consider making a donation online at foxrivergrove.org/fireworks Thanks for continuing to support this annual community event—we couldn't do it without your generosity.

Spring Clean Up in the Grove



Free Landscape Waste Pick Up April 1st & May 13th

This spring, find some time to get the landscape waste together! Landscape waste is classified as household plant materials, flowers, branches and limbs not to individually exceed 4ft. by 2 inches in diameter. Branches must be bundled and tied with biodegradable twine or string and placed in distinct piles that are no bigger than 4ft. by 2ft. and weighing no more than 50 lbs. They will be picked up for free on **Monday, April 1st** and **Monday, May 13th**. You may also put out as many brown Kraft bags as needed without stickers. Please note: **this is only for yard waste!**



Spring Clean Up with LRS—May 11th

Our annual **Spring Clean Up** will be on **Sat., May 11th** (not our regularly scheduled pick up day). It's a great time to go through your house and garage to dispose of the unwanted things you have been accumulating, however, this is not for yard waste! All items must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. to ensure pick up. LRS will not come back if you are late. The types of items they **will** pick up are:

- Furniture weighing less than 50 pounds (fabric items must be covered in plastic).
- 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
- Similar types of items that are usually found in garages or basements

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

- Automobile batteries, tires or auto parts weighing more than 50 pounds
- Any liquid or hazardous waste materials such as paints, gasoline or motor oil
- Bricks, stones, concrete, roofing debris
- Appliances, air conditioners, water heaters, etc.
- Computers, computer parts or plasma TVs

Not sure about an item? Call LRS at 1-847-381-9300.

Algonquin Township Recycling Center is open 6:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Mon. – Fri. Visit Algonquin Township's website (www.algtwsp.com/recycling) for more information on what is and what is not accepted at their facility or call 847.639-2700, ext. 6 for questions.

Park Clean Up Day April 27th



The Public Works Department maintains over 130 acres of parks and open spaces for your enjoyment. Each year yard waste and household debris is illegally dumped in our park areas. If you see this happen, or know of someone who does it, please report it to the police at 847-639-2411. Our parks are a valuable resource in our community - let's keep them beautiful!

Please consider joining in the **Parks Clean Up Day Saturday, April 27th from 8:00 a.m. until noon**. We are looking for volunteers to pick up trash throughout the parks. Public works will place a box of bags under the shelters at Picnic Grove Park, Lions Park & Foxmoor Park. Once your bag is full, tie it up and leave it by the parking lot and Public Works will pick it up for disposal. Remember to bring gloves and thank you in advance for helping keep our parks clean!

Branch Chipping First Tuesday of the Month

Public Works does branch chipping on the first Tuesday of the month beginning in April and ending in November. Crews start on the south side of town and work their way through to the north. Depending on your location and how much chipping material is present throughout the community, it may take some time to get to your home. Please ensure all branches are at the curb the night before to ensure that everything is picked up.

For safety reasons, the branches must be between 1 – 5 inches in diameter and a minimum of 4ft. in length. Branches should be placed at the parkway with the cut ends toward the street and not tied up. Stumps and roots cannot be chipped. If a contractor cuts down any trees, they are responsible for the disposal of the branches.

**It's Your
Doo-ty.**

Please
Pick It Up!



PET OWNER REMINDER

Village Ordinances require that all dogs need to be on a leash and that any dog running loose is a nuisance. All pet owners must immediately remove animal waste from any street, alley, public property or private property. Noisy animals which disturb the peace by loud noises at any time of the day or night are also prohibited. Please be a responsible pet owner and respect your neighbors and visitors to our community by abiding with Village laws.



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Parks Fundraiser to Return in 2025...

Please note there will not be a Parks Fundraiser this year due to the exciting Fox Fest event being held at Lions Park in August. The Parks fundraiser will return in 2025... In the meantime, hope to see you at Fox Fest!

**SAVE THE DATES:
Aug 23, 24 & 25**



Join us 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!



Spring Calendar

- 3/23 FRG Egg Hunt
 - 4/1 Free Yard Waste Pick Up
 - 4/15 - 4/19 Hydrant Flushing Week
 - 4/27 Parks Clean Up Day
 - 5/11 Spring Clean Up
 - 5/13 Free Yard Waste Pick Up
 - 5/27 Memorial Day Parade (ARS)
- SAVE THE DATE:**
- 7/6 Fireworks Celebration
 - 8/23 - 8/25 Fox Fest – Celebrating 105 Years



Summer Help Needed

The Public Works Department is looking for seasonal employees to work May - August. You must be 18 years old and able to work Monday to Friday and some special event weekends. Starting pay is \$15.00 per hour. Stop by the Village Hall or visit our website at foxrivergrove.org/jobs for the application.