



THE ANCHOR

Village of Fox Lake Newsletter



From the desk of the Mayor...

Winter has finally ended and we look forward to Spring and Summer. We had two referendums on the latest ballot. This was to give the residents the opportunity to give us direction on the future of the Village. We could have raised the levies on items other than Ambulance and Fire Protection, but chose rather

to get direction from our residents. The annexation into the Fire Protection District passed and the sales tax referendum did not. Following the results of the referendums, we created a balanced budget that meets GASB 54 requirements for reserves. Creating a balanced budget was challenging. The Village Board had to make several difficult decisions. Staff made their proposals for personnel, equipment and programs for the upcoming budget year and we were unable to meet their requests in several areas. Some, but not all of the cuts the Village Board made are as follows:

- There will be no street repair program this year.
- Needed equipment for the Street Department will not be purchased.
- The Police Department requested five additional officers. We are only hiring four officers and doing the hiring on a staggered basis to reduce the impact on this year's budget, so the net cost will be three officers.
- The Street Department, which is already two people short, will lose another staff member when a retirement occurs this summer.
- We will no longer have a Community Service Officer.
- Certain events have been cut from the Parks and Recreation Department.
- There will be no land acquisition this year.

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Come Grow With Us!

The Community Garden of Fox Lake

The Village is excited to announce a cultivating new endeavor in the community... the Community Garden of Fox Lake! The garden is located at 17 Forest Avenue and is open to all residents of Grant Township. For more information on this sprouting community partnership, turn to page 4 of this newsletter.



FOX LAKE
COMMUNITY GARDEN

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Memorial Day Celebration



The annual Memorial Day Celebration will take place at 11:00 a.m. at the Fox Lake Train Station on Monday, May 30. Village Hall will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

Mayor's Message

Continued...

Moving forward, we will continue to work to increase our sales tax base by attracting new businesses to Fox Lake. Creating a business-friendly environment and actively pursuing new business has been, and continues to be, a priority. We will continue to seek new development. Already this year, we have issued permits for 128 new homes. The two projects are 112 units on State Park Road for CalAtlantic Homes called Country Club Hills Subdivision and 16 units in Reva Bay Subdivision, which together will total approximately twenty million dollars in value. This is in addition to the eight million dollar assisted care project that has begun in Holiday Park.

Finally, we will pursue every grant opportunity available. We are in constant contact with our state and federal representatives to ensure that no opportunities are missed.

As always, you can reach me at (847) 587-3943 or by email at schmid@foxlake.org.

Village Board Highlights

Authorized

Village's Participation in the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network.

Intergovernmental Agreement with the Fox Lake Fire Protection District for a Community Garden.

Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Lakemoor for 911 Emergency Dispatch Services.

Approved

Contract for the Prairie Site Remediation Project at the NWRWRF to Lima Contractors, Inc. in the Amount of \$249,258.74.

Contract for the Aeration Blower Improvements Project at the NWRWRF to Dahme Mechanical Industries, Inc. in the Amount of \$718,424.72.

Contract with Visu-Sewer for the Hawthorne Lane Sanitary Sewer Main Lining Project in the Amount of \$56,446.50.

Water/Sewer Rate Increase Approved

On April 13, 2016, the Village Board of Trustees approved increases to water and sewer utility rates effective on the May 15, 2016 billing statements. The following is a schedule of new water and sewer user service charges:

Service	Old Rate	New Rate
Fixed cost charge for water	\$41.80 per billing cycle	\$42.97 per billing cycle
Water usage charge	\$3.10 per 1,000 gallons	\$3.19 per 1,000 gallons
Fixed cost charge for sewer	\$41.80 per billing cycle	\$42.97 per billing cycle
Sewer usage charge	\$0.87 per 1,000 gallons	\$0.89 per 1,000 gallons

The increase in water and sewer rates is necessary to ensure the Village will be able to make repairs and perform maintenance on its aging water and sewer infrastructure. As an enterprise fund, local water and sewer revenue for repairs and maintenance is dependent solely on user fees, not taxes. The Village will be conducting annual rate reviews and adjustments, which will prevent sizable rate increases from occurring in a single year.

Residents will see an average increase of \$3.80 - \$5.60 per billing cycle (2 months), depending on their water and sewer usage.

If you have any questions regarding your water and sewer utility rates, please contact the Finance Department at (847) 587-2151.

Business Spotlight



Welcome New Business

GYORGOS CAFÉ

233 State Park Rd. | **Restaurant**

LYNN CATHERINE'S

32 E. Grand Avenue | **Deli and Tavern**

NORTHERN ILLINOIS TECH MEDIC

17 E. Grand Ave. | **Computer & Cellphone Repair**

THRIFT CENTER OF FOX LAKE

101 Towne Centre Lane | **Resale**

Lawn Maintenance

Unkept lawns detract from the overall appearance from neighborhoods, and a property that isn't well maintained attracts a host of undesirable issues. The Village of Fox Lake requires all lawns to be maintained to a height below eight (8) inches. Property owners who receive a violation notice of this Village ordinance and do not bring their lawn into compliance may be subject to additional fines, including the cost for a local contractor to mow the property. If you notice a property in your neighborhood with an overgrown lawn, contact the Community Development Department at (847) 587-3176.



Benefits of Building Permits

Building permits are very beneficial to you as a resident or business owner. A building permit gives you legal permission to start construction of a building project in accordance with approved drawings and specifications. By working with Village building officials, you will benefit from their knowledge of building codes to ensure your construction project will be built right, will be safe and will last. Building permits in the Village of Fox Lake are required for the following:

- New buildings
- Additions (bedrooms, bathrooms, family rooms, etc.)
- Residential work (decks, garages, fences, fireplaces, pools, water heaters, etc.)
- Renovations (garage conversions, basement furnishings, kitchen expansions, reroofing, etc.)
- Electrical systems
- Plumbing systems
- HVAC (heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning) systems

Your home or business is an investment. If your building project does not comply with the codes adopted by the Village, the value of your investment could be reduced. For more information on whether or not your project needs a building permit, contact the Community Development Department.

SPOTLIGHT ON...GORDON'S ACE HARDWARE

When we think about the local Ace Hardware, the first thing that comes to mind is CONVENIENCE! Home improvement projects usually involve several trips to the store and it's great to have Ace Hardware located centrally in the Village. Gordon's Ace Hardware gives back to the community in many ways too! The Village would like to thank the Ace Hardware team for partnering on the Community Garden of Fox Lake. Gordon's Ace Hardware stocked their shelves with organic gardening products for the gardeners and gave them each a 20% coupon to use on gardening products. Les Melnick, owner of Gordon's Ace Hardware, participated in the orientation for the Community gardeners and gave a presentation on all the products Ace offers and answered gardener's questions about their products. The Village is very thankful and proud to have you as a business partner in Fox Lake!

Come Grow With Us! The Community Garden of Fox Lake



A Community Garden is a neighborhood green space set aside for local residents to grow their own fresh vegetables, herbs, fruits and flowers. Community gardening revitalizes neighborhoods, promotes social and economic self-empowerment and can serve as the basis for new local entrepreneurship. Perhaps most important in today's increasingly hurried and urbanized environment, community gardens are places where people can share their love of nature.

This exciting endeavor is a true example of intergovernmental cooperation. With the aid of the Fox Lake Fire Protection District, the Village was able to lease the land at the corner of Forest Avenue and Grand Avenue as the site for the Community Garden. The Community Garden is open to any resident of Grant Township. The Village will provide basic services such as the garden site, water, initial tillage and fencing materials, if needed. A maximum of two garden beds may be issued to a Grant township resident per their address depending on availability. Large plots are 4 feet x 24 feet and small plots are 4 feet x 12 feet. The fee schedule per plot is as follows:

Fee Schedule		
	Large plot	Small plot
Grant Township Resident/ Business owner	\$40.00	\$30.00
Over 65	\$30.00	\$20.00
Non-Resident	\$50.00	\$35.00

Applications are currently being accepted for plots in the Community Garden. You may pick-up an application at Village Hall or download one from the Village's website at www.foxlake.org. A copy of the rules and regulations is also available on the Village's website.

In addition to providing a location for residents to grow their own produce and vegetation, plans for the Community Garden are continuing to unfold. Look to future Village newsletters for updates on the progress and development of this important community project.

It's An Art Thing - Inspire Hydrants

The Village of Fox Lake is seeking eligible artists to participate in our **IT'S AN ART THING - INSPIRE HYDRANTS** outdoor public art exhibit in downtown Fox Lake. Artists will be able to paint their designs on 15 fire hydrants, which will then be showcased along Grand Avenue throughout the Summer and Fall. Inspire Hydrants will be auctioned off in the Fall and artists will receive 40% of the final auction amount for their hydrant. Artists interested in participating in this colorful exhibit should submit their detailed sample art design to dayd@foxlake.org no later than May 20. Selected artists will be contacted and their names will be posted on the Village's website at www.foxlake.org. For more information, contact the Community Development Department at (847) 587-3176.



Vehicle Stickers & Pet Tags on Sale



Vehicle stickers and pet licenses are on sale, effective May 1. Village ordinance requires that every owner or operator of a motor vehicle (car, truck, motorcycle,) who resides within the Village, or whose motor vehicle is customarily garaged, stored or parked overnight within the corporate limits of the Village, must obtain a Village vehicle sticker. Village ordinance also states that every owner of a dog four (4) months of age or older must have a collar or harness with metal tag.

The deadline for residents in the Village of Fox Lake to purchase and display a new vehicle sticker without late penalties is June 30. Residents will receive a renewal letter, printed on purple paper, in the mail. The

letter must be returned with payment when paying by mail, in person or at the drop box located at the front of Village Hall. If there are any changes or additions, please complete the back of the letter and return to Village Hall.

Vehicle stickers may be purchased using any of the following methods:

- **Online**, Debit or credit card (Discover, Mastercard or Visa)
Go to the Village's website at www.foxlake.org and click Online Bill Pay.
- **Mail the letter**, along with your payment to:
Village of Fox Lake, Attn: Vehicle Stickers, 66 Thillen Drive
Fox Lake, IL 60020
- **Return the letter**, along with payment to the Village Hall during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.
- **Return the letter**, along with payment, to the drop box in front of Village Hall.

Fee Schedule	
Passenger Automobile	\$20.00
Recreational Vehicle	\$15.00
Motorcycle	\$10.00
Truck (8,000 pounds or less)	\$20.00
Truck (8,001 pounds or more)	\$25.00
Senior Citizens	\$10.00
Disabled	\$10.00
Pet Licenses	\$ 5.00

If you have any questions pertaining to the Village's Vehicle Sticker program, please contact the Finance Department at (847) 587-2151.

Curbside Brush Collection

The Village's free curbside tree branch pickup program has begun. The curbside branch pickup program is for residents who need to get rid of tree branches and limbs. Yard waste and landscape materials will not be collected under this program's criteria. Residents are required to use their regularly scheduled refuse and recycling collection through Waste Management for those items.

To schedule a pickup, contact the Street Department at (847) 587-8570 before the end of the workday on Thursdays, as pickup typically occurs on Fridays. Branches will not be collected if they are longer than 6 feet or are larger than 6 inches in diameter. Residents are reminded to place their brush for pickup at the end of the driveway or on the curb. Village staff is not permitted on private property to haul brush and limbs to the chipper. Please do not tie branches in bundles or place in any container. Do not allow branches to protrude into the street or block sidewalks.



Is My Drinking Water Safe?

With risks associated with lead in drinking water making national headlines recently, the Fox Lake Water and Sewer Department wants to reassure the community that it takes testing the Village's water supply very seriously. The Village of Fox Lake's Water and Sewer Department has a staff of licensed, trained, and dedicated individuals who ensure the Village's water supply is of the highest quality.

The current issues in Flint discussed in the media appear to have been caused by corrosive water. This kind of incident is unlikely in the Village of Fox Lake because the Village source water is typically non-corrosive. In addition, poly-phosphate (a salt solution) is fed into the water supply in order to limit any corrosion of pipes. In the past decade, the Village has consistently been in compliance with state and federal standards for lead and all other parameters as required by state and federal regulations.

Like many other communities, there are lead service lines remaining in the Village's water infrastructure system. However, lead service lines are typically only present in older homes. A certified plumber can tell for certain if your residence has a lead service line. The only way to know with certainty if you have lead at the tap is to have your water tested by a certified laboratory. If you are concerned that your family is at risk, the Fox Lake Water and Sewer Department can help you find a lab to test for lead.

If you are a property owner, there are additional steps you can take to address potential risks from lead in water, including purchasing a certified water filter to remove lead. You can find more guidance on www.DrinkTap.org. The Village also posts the most recent Consumer Confidence Reports on our website at www.foxlake.org.

If you have concerns about your water pipes, the Fox Lake Water and Sewer Department is here to assist you!

SWALCO Continues Electronic Recycling



In March, the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) announced its decision to close the five (5) electronic recycling collection sites in Lake County, effective May 1. The Village is pleased to announce that SWALCO has reversed its decision, thanks to financial contributions made by the Village of Fox Lake and other communities throughout Lake County.

Illinois law prohibits electronic items such as TVs, computers, printers and other electronic devices from being deposited in landfills. This unfunded state mandate has been subsidized by SWALCO with local tax dollars to comply with the law and provide electronic recycling options to residents. Due to rising costs and the decreased revenue from recyclable materials, SWALCO has been faced with the challenge of providing nearly \$150,000 per year in manpower and equipment to the five collection sites. The concern over the lack of recycling options for residents prompted more than 15 Lake County units of local government to donate the approximately \$62,000 needed to keep the program operating for the rest of this year.

For at least the remainder of the year, Lake County residents can continue to use the five collection sites located in Waukegan, Highland Park, Grayslake, Grant Township and Cuba Township. Information on the location and hours for the collection sites can be found on the website, www.swalco.org.



Prepare for Severe Weather

Spring is the time of year when many things change, including the weather.



Thunderstorms cause most of the severe spring weather. They can bring lightning, tornadoes, and flooding. Because northern Illinois spring weather is so unpredictable, you may be unprepared when severe weather hits; and when severe weather hits unexpectedly, the risk of injury and death increases. So planning ahead makes sense.

Advance planning for severe weather requires specific safety precautions, including keeping an emergency kit on hand. Prepare your family members for the possibility of severe weather. Tell them where to seek appropriate shelter as soon as they are aware of an approaching storm. Practice your emergency plan for every type of severe weather. Show family members where the emergency supplies are stored, and make sure they know how to turn off the water, gas, and electricity in your home.

Often by the time we are aware of an approaching storm, we have little if any time to prepare for it. So why not take the surprise factor out of severe weather and prepare yourself, your family, and your home? If thunderstorms, tornadoes, and floods do occur, you'll be ready for them.

Foxcomm E911 Expands Services To Lakemoor

Beginning May 1, the FoxComm E911 Dispatch Center began assuming public safety communication services for the Village of Lakemoor. FoxComm E911, one of only two accredited centers of excellence in Illinois, currently serves the Village of Fox Lake, Lake Villa and Lindenhurst Police Departments, along with the Fox Lake, Lake Villa and Grayslake Fire Protection Districts. The addition of Lakemoor's public safety communication services expands the abilities for all departments in the scope of interoperability. For example, FoxComm Telecommunicators are now able to directly dispatch Officers from Lindenhurst to Lakemoor for matters of police pursuits, officer assistance and other emergency matters. The Village of Fox Lake and the FoxComm E911 Dispatch Center are very honored and excited to enter into this intergovernmental agreement for public safety communication services.



Watch vs. Warning

Do you know the difference between a tornado or severe thunderstorm watch and a warning? Take a moment to review this information with your family.

WATCH - Conditions are favorable. Watch the sky and listen to the radio or television for more information.

WARNING - A tornado or severe thunderstorm has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Take shelter immediately and wait for the "all clear" announcement by authorities.

THINGS TO REMEMBER!

- Look for the following danger signs: dark, often greenish sky; large hail; large, low-lying cloud (particularly if its rotating); loud roar, similar to a freight train
- Visit www.ready.gov to learn more about how to prepare, plan and stay informed.



Mark Your Calendar

MAY
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Spring Wine Walk

The Fox Lake Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the annual Spring Wine Walk on Saturday, May 14. Sample fine wines from Host Business Members locations from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$39.00 per person and can be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce or online at www.discoverfoxlake.com. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at (847) 587-7474 for more info.

MAY
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Cop-On-Rooftop

On Friday, May 20, the Fox Lake Police Department will be participating in the Cop-On-Rooftop at Dunkin' Donuts, located at 5 E. Grand Ave., beginning at 5:00 a.m until 2:00 p.m. This event heightens awareness and raises funds for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois. Stop by Dunkin' Donuts on May 20 and make a donation to this great partnership!

MAY
21

Shred It & Forget It

Grant Township will be hosting a mobile document shredding day at their facility on Saturday, May 21 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Residents may bring up to five (5) standard banker's boxes per vehicle to be shredded on-site. Contact Grant Township at (847) 740-2233 for more information. Grant Township is located at 26725 W. Molidor Road in Ingleside.

JUNE
17

Blood Drive

On Friday, June 17, the Village of Fox Lake will be hosting a blood drive from 12:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Chamber Room. Appointments can be made by calling LifeSource at (877) 543-3768 or online at www.lifeforce.org. Please bring a photo I.D. with you.

JUNE
18

Concert By The Lake

A musical venue under the stars featuring "The New Invaders". Enjoy a night of music and dancing on Saturday, June 18 from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at Lakefront Park. Food and beverage will be available for purchase. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs and blankets! Contact the Parks and Rec Department for more information.

JULY
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Venetian Night Fundraiser

On Wednesday, July 13, there will be a fundraiser at Dockers Restaurant and Lounge to benefit Venetian Night, starting at 6:00 p.m. Join us for a silent auction, raffle and entertainment. For more information, contact the Parks and Rec Department at (847) 587-3977. Your contribution helps ensure a spectacular event!

Celebrate Fox Lake - July 2

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE IN FOX LAKE!

Celebrate Fox Lake will take place on Saturday, July 2 at Lakefront Park. The annual celebration kicks off at 2:00 p.m. with a parade along Grand Avenue, from Grant Community High School to disperse in the Towne Center Plaza. Festivities begin at Lakefront Park at 3:00 p.m. and will continue until 11:00 p.m. Fireworks will take place at dusk. Celebrate Fox Lake is a family friendly event that features food and beverage vendors, family activities, and live music performed by DUPAGE and much more!

Land and Lake Days in Fox Lake

The Village is excited to announce a new twist to a summer tradition! During the weekend of August 19 - 21, "**Land and Lake Days**" will be taking place at Lakefront Park! This weekend long festival is full of fun, family events including:

Friday, August 19: Movie by the Lake...**JAWS!** 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 20: Boat Show and Tattoo & Arts Fest - 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 21: Boat Show and Tattoo & Arts Fest - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Capping off this **sun**-sational weekend is the annual Cardboard Boat Race, sponsored by Leinenkugel and WKQK/The Loop. Registration and boat construction begins at 8:00 a.m., with the boat race to start at 12:00 noon.

For more information, contact the Parks and Rec Department at (847) 587-3944. Be sure to check out the Village's website and Facebook page for more details on this spectacular summer festival!



Venetian Night 2016 "It's 5:00 Somewhere on the Chain!"

The 9th annual Venetian Night will be held on Saturday, August 6 on Pistakee Lake. This year's theme is "**It's 5:00 Somewhere on the Chain!**" The block party begins at 6:00 p.m., with the parade of boats to follow at 7:30 p.m. and a fireworks finale at 9:30 p.m. Entry forms for the boat parade are available at the Village Hall and online at www.foxlake.org.

- 1st place: \$500.00
- 2nd place: \$300.00
- 3rd place: \$200.00

Prizes will be awarded to boats based on creativity, costumes, decorations and lighting. Advanced registration is required. Cost is \$25.00 per boat.

May is National Stroke Awareness Month

Every 40 seconds, someone in the United States has a stroke. Strokes can affect people of all ages and backgrounds. To help protect yourself and your loved ones, learn what steps you can take to prevent a stroke and how to spot a stroke if one occurs: **F.A.S.T.**

F: face drooping - one side of the face is drooping

A: arm weakness - one arm is weak or numb

S: speech difficulty - speech is slurred

T: time to call 911 - get help immediately

Lifeline Screening will be hosting stroke screenings on Monday, June 27 at Lakefront Park. Cost is \$70.00. Contact (888) 653-6450 to schedule an appointment.

Senior Friends

Save the Date!

May 19: Senior Lunch – Lakefront Park @ 11:30 a.m. Entertainment by Don Reitsma. Cost is \$8.00.

June 16: Senior Picnic - Grant Township @ 11:30 a.m. Entertainment by Edizon Dayao Hawaiian Show. Cost is \$5.00.

July 1 : Rules of the Road – Grant Township @ 10:00 a.m. Contact Grant Township at (847) 740-2233 for more info.

July 13 : Senior Lunch Trip – Diplomat West in Elmhurst – 10:30 a.m. depart from Grant Township. Cost is \$50.00, space is limited.

Electric Aggregation Program Update



In November 2012, the Village of Fox Lake contracted to aggregate electric supply for residents and small businesses via an opt-out program. The aggregation program was extremely successful during the first two years, saving the average ratepayer several hundred dollars, for a Village-wide cumulative savings approaching \$900,000. Following the expiration of the first term the Village again sought bids and selected Dynegy Energy as the new supplier. The rate was set at 7.285¢ per kWh for the first 12 months and then dropped to 6.81¢ per kWh for the last 12 months of the two-year term, which is March 2015 to March 2017.

The base default rate available through ComEd was set in 2015 at 7.00¢ with a variance of +/- 0.5¢ per kWh for the last year. The ComEd rate will reset in May at a yet-to-be announced rate to take effect June 2016 to May 2017. It may or may not be lower than the Village's rate of 6.81¢. With no early termination fee, residents are free to leave the aggregation program at any time to move to ComEd or to another supplier. After a six-month hold period, anyone vacating the program may return with no penalty fee to leave, or to re-enroll. Residents may call Dynegy at (844) 351-7691 to enroll, or to vacate the program to move back to ComEd.

Residents are always advised to review and understand electric supplier offerings. The ComEd rate is available as a default provider if a resident is so inclined to move back to ComEd. Residents may also explore other providers via a website established for this purpose by the Illinois Commerce Commission at www.pluginillinois.org. Residents are advised to review terms and conditions to understand any additional fixed monthly fees, termination fees, or variable rates with no upward cap. Again – there is never a penalty for leaving the Village's aggregation program. Residents may also call the Village's energy consultant NIMEC (800) 727-3820 for additional information.

Curfew Reminder



The Fox Lake Police Department would like to remind residents that the Village's curfew ordinance makes it unlawful for any minor to be present at, in or upon any public assembly, building, place, street or highway at the following times unless accompanied and supervised by a parent or legal guardian.

**Between 12:01 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Saturday;
Between 12:01 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Sunday; and
Between 10:00 p.m. on Sunday to Thursday,
and 6:00 a.m. on the following day.**

These curfew hours apply to all minors, under the age of eighteen (18). If you have any questions about the Village's curfew ordinance, please contact the Fox Lake Police Department at (847) 587-3100.

Stormwater Maintenance



The Street Department is responsible for the maintenance and repair of all Village-owned storm sewers. Monthly inspections are performed on draining ways and lake/pond outfall lines to reduce the risk of flooding. You can help reduce flooding risk by keeping storm sewer inlets free of obstructions. If you see leaves, paper or branches obstructing an inlet, remove the items so water from the street can flow unobstructed. Contact the Street Department to report any inlet that is not draining or causing a large volume of water to collect on the street. If any settlement is noticed around the structure, it may indicate a collapsed sewer or other problem that needs to be corrected. Working together, we can keep the Village's storm sewer infrastructure working at peak efficiency.

It's Bike Season!

May is National Bike Month and the Village encourages residents to take advantage of the warmer weather and enjoy the many benefits of biking. Whether you bike to work or school; ride to save money or time; pump those pedals to preserve your health or the environment; or simply to explore your community, National Bike Month is an opportunity to celebrate the unique power of the bicycle and the many reasons we ride.

Along with the benefits of bicycling, it is important to be aware of the safety challenges associated with traversing the community on a bike. The Village offers the following guidelines for both bicyclists and motorists to ensure everyone's safety:

Bicyclist Responsibilities

On most roadways, bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as other roadway users. In Illinois, bicyclists are required to:

- Travel in the same direction as vehicles, riding near as practicable to the right edge of the road.
- When walking or riding your bicycle on a sidewalk or along a crosswalk you must obey all pedestrian signs and signals. Bicyclists must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians on sidewalks or crosswalks
- When approaching a pedestrian from behind, slow down and announce your presence to others.
- Be visible; State law requires bicyclists to have a headlight and a rear light or reflector at night.

Motorist Responsibilities

Motorists are expected to "share the road" with bicyclists.

- Illinois law states that "Every person riding a bicycle upon a highway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of the vehicle."
- Vehicle drivers are required to stop at or before the white line at a traffic signal to prevent striking a pedestrian or bicyclist in the crosswalk.
- Illinois Rules of the Road was recently amended to require drivers to keep a minimum of 3 feet between their motor vehicle and a bicycle when trying to pass the bicycle.

For more information on [Bicycle Rules of the Road and Safe Bicycling](http://www.BikeLIB.org), visit www.BikeLIB.org.



Prevent Car Burglaries

The Fox Lake Police Department would like to take this opportunity to provide some tips on how to avoid becoming a victim of car burglaries. Intent, opportunity and action are figured into criminal behavior; if you can eliminate the opportunity, you might be able to stop the crime. Here are some helpful tips:

- ✓ Move all valuables inside of your vehicle out of sight, or remove them all together.
- ✓ Remember to lock your vehicle every time you step away from it.
- ✓ If possible, it is also beneficial to park your vehicle in a lighted area during night hours.
- ✓ Don't leave your vehicle running unattended. It takes only a few seconds for someone to take something out or to take off with your car altogether!

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8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday

Village Officials

Mayor Donny Schmit

Trustees

Jeff Jensen	Brian Marr
Bernice Konwent	Greg Murrey
Nancy Koske	Ron Stochl

Village Clerk

Niki Warden

Village Administrator

Anne Marrin

Emergency	911
Village Hall	587-2151
(Includes Administration & Finance)	
Community Development.....	587-3176
Police Dept (non-emergency)	587-3100
Street Dept.....	587-8570
Parks and Recreation.....	587-3944
Water and Sewer	587-3506
Northwest Regional	587-3694

All phone numbers are (847) area code.

The Anchor is the official newsletter for the Village of Fox Lake. Comments regarding the newsletter should be directed to the Village Administrator.

Interested in Serving on a Board or Commission?

The Village of Fox Lake has several opportunities for residents to become more involved in their local government. Currently, applications are being accepted for appointed positions to the following Boards and Commissions:

- Fire and Police Commission**
- Planning Commission**
- Police Pension Board**
- Zoning Board of Appeals**

These positions are appointed by the Mayor and serve for a select number of years. Contact Village Hall for more information or stop by to pick up an application.