



THE ANCHOR

Village of Fox Lake Newsletter



As I write this, summer is coming to a close and school is starting. We look forward to all the wonderful Fall/Autumn activities in our community. You will notice that the newsletter has been changed. Through careful purchasing, we are able to provide this improved newsletter at a price that is less than the previous newsletter.

One of my goals as your Mayor is to be completely transparent and invite you to participate in the decision making process and policy practices of the Village. I invite you to be a part of shaping the Village again on September 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Grant Community High School Auditorium, as we hold the 3rd annual Town Hall meeting. This is your chance to ask questions and make suggestions on how to improve our Village. Updates will be given on pending development, programs that are planned and some of the challenges that we face as a Village. It is also an opportunity to meet your Trustees, Village Clerk, Department Heads and Village Staff. Please try to attend.

Village Board "Packets" are now available on the Village website. Several days before a Village Board meeting, the Trustees and I get packets detailing all of the items on the agenda for that particular meeting. The packet typically includes expenditures, memos from staff detailing items up for vote, resolutions, and anything else Village staff needs to include. You'll be able to access the packets by clicking on the Village Board Agenda Packets, under the "Meetings and Minutes" tab. The Village now has three Facebook pages; "Village of Fox Lake", "Village of Fox Lake Parks and Recreation" and "Fox Lake Police Department". These were created in order to get information to our residents and are the official Village of Fox Lake Facebook pages. As always, please feel free to contact me at (847) 587-3943.

3rd Annual Town Hall Meeting

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Thursday, September 17
at 6:30 p.m.

Grant Community High School Auditorium.
Get updates on current programs and policy initiatives.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet Village Trustees, Department Heads and Staff Members!

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Daylight Savings Time Ends

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 1. Don't forget to set your clocks back by one hour at 2:00 a.m., and to **change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors!**



Video Gaming

On July 13, 2009, Governor Pat Quinn signed the Illinois Video Gaming Act making video gaming terminals legal in Illinois. The Act allows for video gaming terminals to be placed in certain liquor establishments, truck stops and fraternal/veteran's clubs throughout the state. The Illinois Gaming Board (the IGB or Board) has the responsibility of implementing and regulating video gaming in Illinois.

Initially, the Board established several administrative rules and guidelines for all businesses that apply for the required gaming license. The rules provide guidance on matters including, but not limited to, standards, testing requirements, application procedures and violation hearings. The Village of Fox Lake approved the installation of video gaming machines within permissible establishments as allowed by the Video Gaming Act on June 12, 2012.

Since the passage of the Village's gaming ordinance, there are now 23 establishments that are licensed under the Act. From the beginning of operations by the first establishment approved in October 2012 to date, the Village has received approximately \$485,520 in gaming tax. The video gaming tax has provided the Village with a revenue source that is not directly imposed on residents and will help to balance the overall budget.



Village Board Highlights

In an ongoing effort to provide open communication to the residents and business owners of Fox Lake, each edition of "The Anchor" will highlight actions taken by the Village Board during the time in-between newsletter editions. The actions taken by the Village Board include official recognitions or proclamations, authorized purchases and expenditures, approved agreements or contracts, and amended or adopted ordinances. Village Board meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, beginning at 6:30 p.m. (unless otherwise posted) and are held in the Village Council Chambers at the Village Hall. During the months of June – August, the Village Board acted on the following items:

Amended

First Amendment to the
Redevelopment
Agreement with FLXK,
LLC.

Village Code Related to
Parking Rates and Fines
and General Parking
Violation Fines.

Zoning Code to Include a
Definition of a Gunsmith
and Identified Zones for
Use of Gunsmith.

Amendment to
Agreement with RedFlex
Traffic Systems for Red
Light Enforcement.

Approved

Intergovernmental
Agreement with Lake
County for Use of
Lake County Plumbing
Inspection Services.

Contract with Maximus
for Providing the Village
a Cost Allocation Plan.

Prevailing Wage
Ordinance.

Agreement with Toshiba
Business Solutions for
Photocopy Machine
Lease and Maintenance.

Approved Cont..

Intergovernmental
Agreement with the
Village of Volo related to
Billing of Customers for
Sewer Service.

Bid to Maneval
Construction for
Hawthorne Lane Water
Main Replacement
Project, \$427,359.

Recognized

Volunteers and staff
members for Celebrate
Fox Lake and Venetian
Night.

Authorized

Replacement of a
Generator and Lift
Station Repairs on Route
12 and Eagle Point Road,
\$65,975.

Purchase of Ford F350
through the State of
Illinois CMS for the Sewer
and Water Department,
\$38,820.

Purchase of Ford F550
through NWMC
Purchasing Cooperative
for the Street
Department, \$67,218.

Business Spotlight

Welcome New Business

CREATOR'S STAINED GLASS | 123 Christopher Way
Specialty retail

RICHARDSON FARMS | 909 English Prairie
Adventure farm and corn maze

LEATHERS BY THE LAKE | 35366 N. US Route 12
Motorcycle clothing retail

GREG'S AUTOMOTIVE | 855 S. Route 12
Automotive sales

TAMMY'S PIZZA AND PASTA | 6817 State Park Road
Restaurant/carry-out/delivery

More Than Permits

The Community Development Department has been busy working on several projects aimed at improving the community. One of these projects is the creation of a Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). A UDO takes a comprehensive look at all of the adopted ordinances such as the zoning ordinance, sign ordinance and subdivision regulations and combines the ordinances into one cohesive document. It also allows the Village to incorporate many of its Comprehensive Development Plan guidelines into the UDO. Every section of the various ordinances is carefully reviewed to ensure they don't conflict with other ordinances, are easy to understand and help maintain certain characteristics of the Village while welcoming new development. The UDO project is estimated to be completed by 2017.

The Community Development Department is also in the beginning stages of designing a strategy that will revitalize the downtown area. At the direction of the Village Board, staff will be developing a Downtown Revitalization Plan to help increase foot traffic, incentivize new businesses and implement beautification projects that will enhance various areas of the downtown corridor.

Look for updates in future editions of the newsletter!

Papagus Gyros



Papagus Gyros, located at 1 Nippersink Blvd., is the second location for owner Peter Diamond. After working at his father's businesses in Chicago, Mr. Diamond decided to bring his expertise to the northern suburbs, opening the first Papagus Gyros in Lake Zurich. With the assistance of his three children, Mr. Diamond chose to open a second Papagus in Fox Lake due to the quaint, down-to-earth feel of the downtown area and the access to daily commuters from the Metra train. When asked what his favorite thing to eat off the menu was, Mr. Diamond stated, "My kids always want me to eat salads, but I enjoy my gyros more than anything!"

Did You Know...

Appliances that use fossil fuels such as natural gas give off carbon monoxide as a byproduct of burning the fossil fuel. Carbon monoxide is extremely dangerous and can be lethal if not vented properly. In 2007, Illinois adopted the Carbon Monoxide Detector Act into law to protect the lives of those persons living in a dwelling unit where carbon monoxide is produced by certain appliances and HVAC equipment.

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING



Carbon Monoxide detectors save lives...consider installing one today!

Hydrant Flushing

As a regular maintenance practice, the Village of Fox Lake Sewer and Water Department flushes all fire hydrants throughout the Village twice a year. This exercise not only ensures proper operation of each hydrant but helps to move fresh water throughout the distribution system, thereby improving overall water quality. Flushing will take place during the months of **October and November**, weather permitting.

Don't Wait. Communicate!

September is National Preparedness Month

Disaster can strike anywhere, anytime. To better prepare for emergencies, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and local emergency management agencies throughout Illinois are joining local, state and federal agencies across the U.S. during the month of September to observe National Preparedness Month. The campaign will conclude on September 30 with 'America's PrepareAthon,' a national day of action. The theme for the 2015 preparedness campaign is "Don't Wait. Communicate", which encourages families to take action now – make a plan with your community, your family and for your pets!

School's Open!

The Fox Lake Police Department would like to remind drivers that Fox Lake area schools are back in session. Please use caution when driving through the school zones. When approaching a marked school crossing zone between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., on days when school is open and children are present, a driver must discontinue wireless/cell phone use, reduce speed to 20 mph, and stop and yield the right-of-way to any children or adults in the crosswalk area.



Winter Vehicle Prep

As hard as it is to believe, the winter season is just around the corner. The Fox Lake Motor Pool Department will be very busy in the next few months preparing the Village fleet for cold and snowy weather. This includes performing preventative maintenance, installing winter windshield wiper blades, replacing batteries and inspecting brakes, lights, exhaust system, tires, cooling and charging systems. The Motor Pool Department works hard to ensure vehicle equipment is repaired or replaced before the first snowflake falls!

Cyber Security

Thanks to smartphones, tablets and other mobile devices, the Internet is almost always at our fingertips. **October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month**, a nationwide effort to increase awareness of online risks and what people can do to prevent problems. While the Internet provides almost limitless opportunities, it also creates risks that can range from mere inconveniences to serious threats such as identity theft, harassment and child endangerment. To help keep your family and business safe, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) recommends the following tips for staying safe on the Internet.

Be cautious about what you receive or read online. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

Set strong passwords and don't share them with anyone.

Limit the amount of personal information you post online and use privacy settings to avoid sharing information widely.

Cyber Security Awareness Month

For more online safety tips, visit the Ready Illinois website at www.Ready.Illinois.gov.

Avoid Seasonal Flu

Flu season is almost here and the Village encourages you and your family to be ready to combat this potentially serious disease. The flu (influenza) is caused by droplets spread into the air or on objects when a person with the flu coughs, sneezes or talks. An important step in protecting against flu viruses is to obtain the flu vaccine. With or without the flu vaccine, here are some everyday actions to help prevent the spread of germs that can cause the flu:

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue

Avoid close contact with sick people

If you are sick with flu-like symptoms, STAY HOME!

Clean and disinfect surfaces & objects

A Brief History Of The NWRWRF

In the late 1970's, pollution caused by failing septic systems surrounding the waters of Round Lake, Long Lake and the Chain-O-Lakes spurred the necessity for a regional wastewater treatment plant in the Northwest Lake County Area. The Northwest Regional Water Reclamation Facility (NWRWRF) went online in 1979. The original plant was designed to treat 6 million gallons of wastewater per day from the communities of Fox Lake, Round Lake, Round Lake Beach, Round Lake Park, Round Lake Heights, Hainesville, the Lakes Region Sanitary District and portions of unincorporated Lake County.

In the late 1980's, it became apparent that the treatment plant and process needed to expand in order to meet the needs of a growing population. The first phase of construction began in 1991 and the second phase in 1992. The upgraded facility was designed to meet regulations established by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) in the plant's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. These new regulations changed the manner in which the treatment plant operates.

The newly redesigned treatment process consists of screw pumps that lift the wastewater through three stages, perforated screens, grit removal, primary clarifiers, conventional activated sludge aeration, clarification and disc filters in order to create primary sludge. The primary sludge that is pumped from the primary clarifiers into gravity thickeners are combined for digestion in three primary anaerobic digesters. A secondary digester holds the stabilized digested sludge prior to centrifuge dewatering.

The de-watered biosolids are stored on site prior to land application.

In 2006, the facility was awarded the prestigious Illinois Section Treatment Facility Operations Award from the Central States Water Environment Association. Expansion to 12 million gallons per day was completed in the fall of 2013 to handle increasing flow and was designed to address addition regulations including nutrient removal.



NO LEAVES IN STREETS

Residents are reminded that it is a violation of Village code to deposit leaves on Village streets. This type of yard waste can lead to clogged stormwater drains and inlets, thereby increasing the potential for street flooding. Please use yard waste bags for leaves and grass clippings.



SMOKE TESTING

Throughout this fall, the Sewer and Water Department will be conducting smoke testing in areas of the Village's sanitary sewer system. These tests are not harmful and will be done to identify unwanted sources of water. The Village will provide notification to specific areas affected before the testing begins.



Ghosts and goblins will be haunting Village streets this Halloween, Saturday, October 31. Trick-or-treat hours in the Village are from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. To welcome children at your home, turn on a porch light or exterior lighting. For safety tips, visit the National Safety Council website at www.nsc.org.



SAVE WATER, REDUCE WASTE

The Village partners with SWALCO (Solid Waste Agency of Lake County) to provide recycling programs for Fox Lake residents. For a limited time, SWALCO is offering rain barrels, compost bins and accessories at a reduced price. For more information, contact SWALCO at (847) 336-9340.

Mark Your Calendar

National Drug Take Back Day

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The Village will be participating in this year's nationwide prescription drug "take-back" day on Saturday, September 26. Beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., residents can anonymously drop off any unwanted or expired medications. This one-day event will take place at the Fox Lake Police Department, 301 S. Route 59 and is available at no cost to residents.

Shred it & Forget it

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Grant Township will be hosting a mobile document shredding day at their facility on Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 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) 740-2255 for more information.

Blood Drive

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On Friday, November 6, the Village will be hosting a blood drive in the Village Council Chambers room from 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling LifeSource at (877) 543-3768 or online at lifesource.org. Please bring a photo ID with you.

Mayor's Challenge - 5K Walk/Run

Take the challenge and join the Village for a 5K Run/Walk to help find a cure for breast cancer on Saturday, September 12. All proceeds will benefit the Chicagoland Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. at Millennium Park, on Rollins Road near Grand Avenue and the race begins at 8:00 a.m. Participants who raise \$200.00 or more in pledges will receive a free hoodie sweatshirt. Before you lace up your running shoes, join the Village the night before for an All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner at the Volunteer Fire Department Bingo Hall! Located at 114 Washington Street, the elegant, sit-down dinner, followed by a raffle, will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., on Friday, September 11. For more information or to register, contact the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fire Prevention Week

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The Fox Lake Fire Protection District invites you to their "Open House" on Saturday, October 10, 11:00 a.m. The "Open House" will take place at Fire Station #2, located at 306 Washington Street. There will be chances for kids to "Touch-A-Truck", demonstrations, and more! Contact the FLFPD at (847) 587-3312 for information.

Halloween Howl

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The Fox Lake Police Department will be hosting its annual Halloween Howl on Saturday, October 31 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Bring the trick-or-treaters for hot dogs, chips and beverages. Kids will be able to view the inside of a jail cell and a police car.

Veterans Day Celebration

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Join us on Wednesday, November 11, as we honor Veterans at the annual Veterans Day Celebration at the Fox Lake Metra Train Station.

Annual Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting Ceremony

The holiday season will be arriving in Fox Lake beginning Saturday, November 28 with the Village of Fox Lake & Korpan's Landing annual Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony at Millennium Park. This year's festivities is extremely unique, as we will be hosting a **"Lighted Parade" stepping off at 5:00 p.m.**, from Grant Community High School and proceed down Grand Avenue, ending at Towne Center Plaza on Rollins Road for the Tree Lighting Ceremony. This year's theme is "A Magical Christmas" and participants are encouraged to decorate their floats or entries with the theme in mind. Following the parade, join us beginning at 6:30 p.m. for caroling & hot chocolate at the gazebo in Millennium Park. The tree lighting will be at 7:00 p.m. Santa will be greeting children at his house in Millennium Park until 7:30 p.m. after the parade.



Fall Festival



Looking for a Sunday-Funday for the whole family? Then join the Village of Fox Lake and Grant Township on Sunday, October 4 for this year's Fall Festival! **This year's fun, family-oriented event will be held at Grant Township, 26725 W.**

Molidor Road in Ingleside. The festivities begin at 11:00 a.m. and continue until 3:00 p.m. The Fall Festival features activities such as a Petting Zoo and Pony Rides, Touch-a-Truck, a Pumpkin Carving Contest, Hay Rides, Inflatable Bouncy Houses, Balloon Artist, a craft/vendor show with more than 25 participants and more! Live music will be provided by "The Hat Guys." For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department or Grant Township.

Murder Mystery



Who dunnit? And why? There's a killer on the loose and you're invited to help bring the culprit to justice for a murderously fun night! On Saturday, October 24, the Village of Fox Lake will be hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner at Maravela's, located at 4 Washington Street. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., dinner is served at 7:00 p.m. and the murder begins at 8:00 p.m. Cost for dinner and show is \$50.00 per person, tickets must be purchased in advanced. To reserve your seat and help solve the crime, contact the Parks and Recreation Department.

Shuttle Buses

The Village, in partnership with PACE, has a discounted shuttle bus service available to senior citizens and disabled residents of Fox Lake. The shuttle bus service is available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Senior citizens and disabled residents can utilize the bus service for a reduced fare of \$1.00. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department.

Senior Friends - Save the Date!

Thursday, September 17 – Luncheon at the Fox Lake Volunteer Fire Department Bingo Hall – 114 Washington St. Cost is \$8.00 per person. Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 15 – Senior Fair at Maravela's – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 19 – Fall Bus Trip – Rosewood in Delavan, WI. \$50.00 per person. Register by November 6.

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Contact Information

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Village Hall Hours

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.

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Grant for AED Machines

The Village recently received a grant from the National Safety Council and ComEd for the purchase of Automatic External Defibrillation (AED) machines and CPR mannequin sets, totaling \$9,700. These machines will be installed in squad car vehicles, at the Street Department and the Sewer and Water Department.

