



THE ANCHOR

Village of Fox Lake Newsletter

From the desk of the Mayor...



As I begin my 2nd term as your Mayor, I am proud of what we were able to accomplish as a community these past four years. While we have made great progress, there is still much to do. The Village Board and Staff have been working very hard to make our town resident and business friendly and provide essential services.

Transparency has always been one of my goals. The same Village Board packet for Village Board meetings that the Trustees receive is always published the Friday afternoon before meetings. Please look at these packets and attend the Village Board meetings. We'll be happy to answer any questions or concerns that you might have. The annual town hall meeting will be held in September at the High School again.

As you will read in this newsletter, there are more activities and programs for our residents than there have ever been. 80% of the Lakefront Park construction was done through a grant. This is just one example of how our staff is able to provide for our residents.

We continue to improve our sewer and water systems. The water tower on Grass Lake Road will be operational soon. Construction of the Holiday Park water tower was completed and solved the water hammer problem in the South system and resulted in an upgrade in our insurance rating.

We have applied for and received over four million dollars in grants for our streets. Phase 1 of Sayton Road from Walgreen's to Industrial Road will begin in the Spring of 2018. Phase 1 will include a lighted bike path connecting the Lake County Bike path on Rollins Road to the proposed hotel on Route 12. Phase 2 from Industrial Road to Route 12 will be done in 2019. Other road projects are Grand Avenue, from Rollins Road to Route 59 in 2019-2020 and Nippersink Road from Oak Street to Grand Avenue in 2020-2021. In addition to these projects, we will be repairing our neighborhood streets as quickly as we can.

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2017 IT'S AN ART THING

LIGHT THE WAY

The Village of Fox Lake 2nd annual public art installation is coming soon!

For 2017, the theme is "Light the Way." Designed lighthouse will shine in the streets of downtown Fox Lake from mid-July through October 2017.

Walking tours will be available throughout the installation and an auction will be held at the end of the installation.

Area Fox Lake non-profit organizations will receive a portion of the proceeds raised from the auction.

Thank you to all of the artists and be sure to check out all of the lighthouse!

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**Village Hall
offices closed**

Monday,
September 14

FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

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Promote Fox Lake, the volunteer group that began four years ago, has the town looking better than it ever has. They are always looking for volunteers, so if you have some free time and you like to garden, contact them at <https://promotefoxlake.org>.

The American Legion Family will receive the Anchor Award this quarter. This award is given to volunteer groups that truly make a difference in our community. If you are unable to attend their event on July 15th, attend one of their many other events. On a personnel note, when my sons were stationed in Iraq, the American Legion sent much needed supplies to their units. They have done the same for many other residents who were sent overseas. I am also a member of the Sons of the American Legion.

Enjoy the Summer. As always, you can reach me at schmitd@foxlake.org or 847-875-3943

BUSINESS UPDATES

We want to thank all of our existing and new businesses for choosing to set your anchors in Fox Lake. We extend a warm welcome to the following new businesses:

- Culver's: 100 S. Route 12
- Learn and Grow Academy: 1250 S. Route 12
- T-Mobil: 1388 S. Route 12
- Unique Closet Systems: 41 S. Route 12
- Perricone's, A Soup and Sandwich Joint: 14 E. Grand Ave.
- Ray Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram: 23 N. Route 12
- Lakes Realty Group (moving): 16 E. Grand Ave.
- The Furniture Doctor (moving): 7 E. Grand Ave.

Welcome to Fox Lake!

SIGN-UP FOR THE E-NEWSLETTER

Sign-up for the Village of Fox Lake weekly E-Newsletter - The E-Anchor.

Every Friday at 1:00 p.m., receive updates to your email with Village events, news, programs and more!

To sign-up visit the Village of Fox Lake website, or Village of Fox Lake Facebook page.



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CONTACT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

(847) 587-3176

ANCHOR AWARD

HONORING THOSE THAT SERVE THE COMMUNITY OF FOX LAKE

The American Legion Family

The Anchor Award is a Quarterly Award presented to a local group or organization within our community. Organizations that receive the award will be presented with a plaque at a Village of Fox Lake Board Meeting and an article published in the Village Newsletter about the organization. Please contact Mayor Schmit at schmitd@foxlake.org if you know of an organization within Fox Lake that should receive this award. This quarter's Anchor Award goes to the American Legion Family!

History of the American Legion Family

Members of The American Legion, The American Legion Women's Auxiliary, The Sons of the American Legion, and The American Legion Riders comprise the American Legion Family, which has a combined membership of nearly 4.2 million worldwide. The American Legion is a wartime veterans' organization that was chartered by Congress in 1919. The Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion exist to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires and were founded in 1919 and 1932 respectively. They are also home to the Legion Riders motorcycle group. This band of enthusiasts is comprised of all three branches of the family.

The Legion Family has been a part of the Fox Lake community since 1936 when the property on Nippersink Lake was purchased and Post 703 was chartered. The existing boat building facility was located on the grounds prior to 1920 when the railroad was extended over the water to points north. The ramps and support beams for hoisting the newly built boats can still be seen as part of our building. The banquet room and bar have always been an important meeting place of the movers and shakers of the area. The facility is open to the public most every day and hosts Bingo on Thursday and other activities in the large ballroom all year-round.

The American Legion Family supports our Veterans and their families by being a powerful voice in Washington DC, advocating for benefits and better care at all V.A. facilities. Millions of hours and many more dollars are spent on programs started by the Legion. The American Heart Association and Child Welfare Network are two prime examples.

Local Community Involvement

On a local level, high school scholarships are awarded each year through Americanism and Oratorical contests. Legacy funds for the children of Fallen Servicemen and women are an important cause of the Legion Riders. Boy's State and Girl's State, are programs open to high school students entering their senior year to help teach the history and workings of our nation's government. It was the American Legion who stepped in to help the Boy Scouts when political correctness threatened to end the organization. Respect for our flag and the saying of our National Anthem in schools are important principles of our membership.

Additionally American Legion Baseball, a huge part of Americana, is played all over the country and is a major starting point for many major league players. Our own district team, mostly from Grant HS, brought home a second place trophy last year in the State Championship.

Upcoming Event - July 15

On July 15 2017, the Sons of the American Legion are inviting the residents of Fox Lake and surrounding areas to a Community Festival on the grounds of Post 703. This lakeside venue will feature local vendors for food, entertainment, and fun for the entire family. The American Legion Family wishes to express our support for the community and local businesses. An important part of our mission is to provide a positive influence on the community at large, as well as serve our Veterans and Country. This will be a great opportunity for residents to see what we are all about and for us to spread positive energy throughout a larger circle of friends.

Come out and meet some of your neighbors, friends, and members on July 15th, or anytime, and see if you and your family can benefit from becoming a part of our family here at the Post. Come, rain or shine, starting at noon. No outside food or coolers, please. The Sons of the American Legion would love to have you!

NEWS FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESIDENTIAL RENTAL REGISTRATION PROGRAM

Fox Lake has a residential rental certification program that requires landlords to register their rental property with the Village of Fox Lake. Additionally it is required that the rental property be inspected and certified before landlords can rent the dwelling to tenants.

When the inspector inspects the property, they are looking for life safety issues such as: proper installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, balcony/porch/deck safety, properly operating windows, HVAC system health and several other items.

The Community Development Department Inspection staff works closely with property owners to educate landlords on life safety issues, and to ensure their units are certified.

If you are a tenant, you may contact the Community Development Department to determine if your rental unit is certified. Additionally, if you have any concerns about the potential unsafe condition of the property from which you are renting, please call the Community Development Department at the contact information listed below.

If you are a landlord and were not aware that you have to have your rental inspected and certified, please give the Village a call to schedule an inspection, so the Community Development Department staff can assist in bringing your property into compliance.

Community Development can be reached at (837) 587-3176.

LAKEFRONT PARK GRAND OPENING

Lakefront Park construction is nearing completion!

Both interior and exterior renovations have been extensive.

Internal renovations have included the addition of a sports floor, basketball hoop, new walls, paint, dance studio, new lighting, offices, windows, meeting rooms and an additional front counter space.

Exterior renovations have included the addition of new facade, and a new splash pad feature.

The Village of Fox Lake is proud of the work completed, and is excited to showcase the newly renovated building by hosting a Grand Opening Event on July 1 following the Celebrate Fox Lake Parade.

Join the Village in celebrating! Festivities will continue following the Grand Opening Celebration until 11:00 p.m.

For questions, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 587-3944.



DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS

You probably know that texting while driving isn't safe, and is illegal. What you may not be aware is that distracted driving in its many forms, is one of the greatest threats to driver safety according to public health experts. When drivers engage in distracting activities such as crying, reaching for objects, and interacting with others in the car - the risk for crashing is more than doubled.

The Village of Fox Lake Police Department would like to remind drivers and passengers that distracted driving can be avoided, especially for those that are new to driving. Here are a few tips to avoid distracted driving:

- **Stay away from your cell phone:** While you are driving, a cell phone should never be utilized as it is illegal in the State of Illinois. If you need to make a call, it is best to pull over safely to the right shoulder of the road. Even hands-free devices can still cause you to miss important visual and audio cues needed to avoid a crash.
- **If you are drowsy, pull off the road:** Drowsiness increases the risk of a crash by merely four times. A government study showed that 37 percent of U.S. drivers have nodded off or actually fallen asleep at least once during their driving careers.
- **Limit the number of passengers, as well as the level of activity inside the car:** Especially for teenage drivers, limit the number of passengers within vehicles. Driving with friends can create a dangerous driving environment because novice drivers are focused on their friends rather than the road. Have a discussion with your new driver about limiting distractions.
- **Avoid eating while driving:** Food spills are a major cause of distraction and distracted driving. Decrease your risk of accident by not eating while driving.
- **Do your multi-tasking outside the car:** Everyone spends a lot of time in their vehicles, and it is important to focus on the road and the drivers around you. Prior to traveling, get everything settled to decrease your chance of distraction.

Drivers who are distracted and fail to focus their full attention on the road are the leading cause of most crashes according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Keep yourselves and others safe by remaining alert, and free of distractions.

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

The Department of Homeland Security and the Village of Fox Lake Police Department are reminding residents to "see something, say something."

If you see illegal or suspicious activity, please report to the Village of Fox Lake Police Department directly. As a reminder, do not report suspicious activity through websites, or email as they are not as frequently monitored as emergency phone lines.

To report suspicious activity, contact the Village of Fox Lake Police Department by calling 9-1-1. To assist local officers, describe specifically what you observed including:

- **Who** or **what** you saw;
- **When** you say it;
- **Where** it occurred; and
- **Why** it's suspicious.

For non-emergency situations or for questions, please contact the Fox Lake Police Department at (847) 587-3100.

WATER DEPARTMENT UPDATES

SUMMER WATER SAVING TIPS

Summer can increase a typical family's freshwater use by almost 100%.

Here are several tips to reduce your summer water use for lawn and garden maintenance:

- **Irrigate at night:** Watering your lawn at night or during the early morning hours can reduce evaporation up to 30 percent or more, depending on your location.
- **Avoid High Wind Watering:** High winds can evaporate water or blow it away from the target zone; this lowers your sprinkler's efficiency and wastes water.
- **Don't Over water Your Lawn:** Your yard only needs about an inch of water per week to stay healthy, established gardens require a little less. Watering infrequently but deeply will inhibit a deep root growth, keeping your lawn viable for years to come. Over watering has been linked to pesticide and fertilizers being introduced into streams and rivers so avoidance is the best practice all around.
- **Use Rain Barrels:** Capture the naturally occurring rain and store it for use in your garden or yard. Many systems can be hooked right up to your sprinklers using solar or traditional powered pumps.
- **Don't Water the Street:** Thousands of gallons of water are wasted each day in neighborhoods and homes that have improperly setup sprinkler heads. The street and sidewalk don't need watering, take special care to make sure your sprinkler heads and hoses put the water where it is really needed.



2016 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORTS NOW AVAILABLE

The Village of Fox Lake 2016 Consumer Confidence Reports are now available for both the Village's water systems.

These reports detail the quality of water the Village provides to residents. The Village is pleased to report no violations for 2016.

A copy of these reports can be obtained at www.foxlake.org, or a paper copy may be obtained at the Village of Fox Lake Village Hall - 66 Thillen Drive.

For any questions or concerns about your water quality, please contact the Village of Fox Lake Local Water and Sewer Department at (847) 587-3506.



WATER AUDITS

Free water audits are still being offered!

A member of the Fox Lake Sewer and Water Staff will come to your location and check for:

1. Leaks
2. Fixture and meter efficiency
3. Offer conservation and water saving tips

Audits are available Monday through Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

If interested, please contact the Sewer and Water Department at (847) 587-3506.

VILLAGE OF FOX LAKE NEWS

COMMUNITY GARDEN EVENTS

The Community Garden of Fox Lake has a variety of additions to this growing season including third Thursday of the month workshops, a Little Free Library, and social events. All events are free and open to the public.

Upcoming Events

- **July 29 at 7:00 p.m. - Music in the Garden:** Featuring Billboard musician Jim Green. Bring your own blanket, lawn chair, and snacks. There is plenty of space on the lawn!
- **September 15 at 5:00 p.m. - Fall Garden Gathering:** Stop by for a tasting of lemonades and other beverages while enjoying appetizers and snacks.

3rd Thursday Workshops

Workshops are held at 6:30 p.m. at the Village of Fox Lake Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

- **July 20:** Harvesting and Cooking from My Garden - tips and recipes for your summer crops.
- **August 17:** Pollinator Garden - learn how to attract important pollinating insects to your garden.
- **September 21:** Harvesting and Cooking from my Garden - Tips and recipes for your fall crops.
- **October 19:** Evaluating your 2017 Garden - what went right, what worked well, and what to do differently next year.
- **November 16:** Holiday Craft - supplies and instructions will be provided to create a Holiday craft.

Little Free Library

Stop by the Community Garden to “take a book, leave a book.” The Fox Lake Community Garden is home to a Little Free Library.

The Little Free Library is a nationwide program that increases access to books for readers of all ages and background. Stop by today and get involved!

ILLINOIS EMERGENCY DATABASE

If you are an Illinois resident and hold an Illinois Driver's License, Instruction Permit or Identification card you are eligible to register emergency contact information to your Illinois record for emergency responders to reference in the instance of an emergency.

This is a critical tool for public safety responders and provides your loved ones are notified.

This data base is only seen by law enforcement or emergency responders and is entered and modified by you, the identification holder. It is not public record.

This is a great resource for new drivers, persons with medical conditions, those with memory issues, high risk conditions or just piece of mind.

If you are interested please visit:

www.Cyberdriveillinois.com.



**Thank you PTA of Fox Lake
Grade School District 114!**

PARKS & RECREATION

EVENTS

JUL
1

CELEBRATE FOX LAKE / JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

1:00 p.m. Parade line up at Grant HS - begins at 2:00 p.m.
Festivities at Lakefront Park following parade / 3:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Live Entertainment, Craft/Vendor Show, Games, Food and Beer Tent. Fireworks at dusk.

JUL
12

VENETIAN NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Dockers Restaurant - 33 W. Grand Ave.

A \$25.00 donation will include two beverages of your choice and appetizers. Live entertainment will be provided.

JUL
15

MOVIE BY THE LAKE

Time: Dusk

Location: Lakefront Park

Watch the new Ghostbuster's movie on a giant 40 foot screen with refreshments for purchase.

JUL
20

SPOKEN WORD STUDIO

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Studio 25 Creations - 5 Nippersink Blvd.

Performers, display your talents! Whether poetry, music, monologues of other types of artistic expression, join Studio 25 Creations for a night of stars!

JUL
28

VENETIAN NIGHT FUNDRAISER - GOLF OUTING

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Fox Lake Country Club

The Fox Lake Venetian Night is partnering with the Fox Lake Volunteer Fire Department to host a fundraising golf outing. Proceeds will benefit the Venetian Night fireworks finale and the FLVFD Memorial Fund.

Non-golfers are encouraged to join us for dinner following the event. For more information please check out the Facebook page at Fox Lake Venetian Night - Illinois.

For questions email: foxlakevenetiannight@yahoo.com or call Chris at (847) 587-2253.

SUMMER/FALL EVENT GUIDE

**AUG
5**

VENETIAN NIGHT ON PISTAKEE LAKE "Anything Goes on the Chain"

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Dockers Restaurant

Venetian Night is an event for the whole family, though parental guidance is advised during the later hours. Dance in the street and enjoy food and beverage from local businesses before and after the parade of boats!

**AUG
19-20**

LAND AND LAKE DAYS & 20TH ANNUAL CARDBOARD CUP REGATTA

Time: Saturday (10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.) Sunday (11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Location: Lakefront Park.

Entertainment, face painter, balloonist, bouncy houses, food and more! Cardboard Cup Regatta on-site registration for the race begins at 8:00 a.m. with race starting at noon.

**SEP
8-9**

1ST ANNUAL FOX LAKE FISH FEST

Time: Saturday (4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.) Sunday (9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

Location: Lakefront Park.

Mayor's Fish Fry Saturday night. Purchase your tickets in advance! Sunday Fishing Derby for all children under the age of 16. Parents encouraged. Prizes will be awarded!

**OCT
1**

FALL FESTIVAL

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Grant Township - 26725 Molitor Rd. Ingleside, IL

Kids and Family activities including pumpkin carving contest, pony rides, hayrides, crafts, and food vendors. Admission is free.

PROGRAMS

REGISTER FOR ALL PROGRAMS BY CALLING (847) 587-3944

SENIOR LUNCHES

Senior Luncheons and live entertainment are offered every 3rd Thursday of each month.

Location: Lakefront Park

Cost: \$9.00/person

Pre-registration required by calling (847) 587-3944.



PARKS & RECREATION

FLAG FOOTBALL CAMP

Good old American classic! Enjoy the sport of football in a non-contact environment where junior sized football and flags are used as an aid for developing an understanding for teamwork and individual attitude. Players will learn the rules of the game as well as practice passing, catching, and kicking along with building strategies for both offense and defense. Games will be played at the end of each class.

Monday/Wednesday (6 classes - 3 weeks)

Date: 07/10 – 07/26

Time: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Ages: 5-7

Cost: \$50

Location: Lakefront Park

Min/Max: 06/20



SAND VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Bump, Set, SPIKE! These and other skills are learned in this camp for both boys and girls. This volleyball camp will provide boys & girls with instruction and training in the skills of passing, setting, attacking, serving and defense. Drills and games will be used to put these skills to practice. Game strategy is worked in and of course, teamwork, participation, and good sportsmanship are our top priorities! A game is played at the end of each class. The camp will be held outside. Please bring a water bottle.

Monday/Wednesday (6 classes - 3 weeks)

Date: 07/10 – 07/26

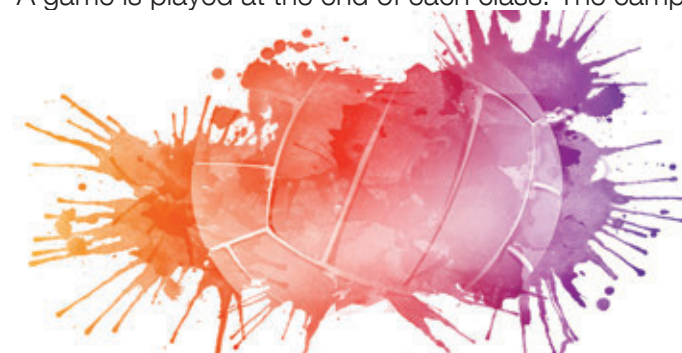
Time: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Ages: 8-12

Cost: \$50

Location: Lakefront Park

Min/Max: 06/20



GO GIRLS GO - SPORTS & CRAFT CAMP

This camp is a great way to introduce basketball, soccer, kickball, t-ball and much more in an all-girl environment. Basic skills in all sports are taught, and games are played at the end of each class. The girls will do sports for the first half of the camp and do a fun craft for the second half. The last class will be a fun sport of their choice. The camp will be held outside. Please bring a water bottle.

Monday/Wednesday (6 classes - 3 weeks)

Date: 07/10 – 07/26

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Ages: 5-7

Cost: \$50

Location: Lakefront Park

Min/Max: 06/20



SUMMER/FALL PROGRAM GUIDE

CUBS VS. BREWERS - CHARTER BUS TRIP

See the Cubs take on the Brewers at Miller Park. Ride a charter bus on Friday September 22nd to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Seats will be in Section 207 Rows 4-8. Tickets are first come first serve with a 51 person max! Game time is 7:10 p.m. Bus leaves Village Hall at 4:00 p.m.

Date: Friday, September 22
Time: 4:00 p.m. Bus leaves, Game at 7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$75/person
Location: Miller Park: Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Min/Max: Register early! Max registrants 51



celebrate Fox Lake

Fireworks & Festivities

Fox Lakes 110th Anniversary

Saturday July 1st

Parade kicks-off at 2:00pm

Parade starts at Grant High School and ends at the Towne Center Plaza on Rollins Road.
Parade is sponsored by the Fox Lake Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Festivities at the Lakefront Park Building

3:00pm-11:00pm (71 Nippersink Blvd. Fox Lake)

Festivities Include:
Bouncy Equipment/ Beer Tent/ Balloonist/
Face Painting/ Food Vendors

Live Entertainment 6pm-9pm

Featuring Country Band:
WILD DAISIES

FIREWORKS AT DUSK!

Fireworks held on the NW corner of Nippersink Lake
Excellent view from Lakefront Park!

For more information contact the Village of Fox Lake's Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 587-3944

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Contact Information

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Danice Moore

Village Administrator

Anne Marrin

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Parks and Recreation	587-3944
Water and Sewer	587-3506
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