



# THE ANCHOR

## Village of Fox Lake Newsletter

### *From the desk of the Mayor...*



It is with a heavy heart that I begin this Winter newsletter. On November 15th, the Village of Fox Lake lost a true pillar in our community and I lost a close friend with the passing of Trustee Greg Murrey. Greg's enthusiasm, passion and love of our community will surely be missed.

Just as you have to delay vacations or projects when the car breaks down or the furnace goes out, the Village has had to delay some projects and purchases due to the flooding costs incurred and cuts from the State. While it is disappointing to have to delay projects, mainly street repairs and equipment purchases, it is only a delay and we will move forward.

We will still maintain a balanced budget and continue to provide the essential services that our community expects from us. The Village has once again received the Distinguished Budget Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This is the fifth year in a row Fox Lake has received this award.

The economy is improving and Fox Lake is experiencing an increase in development. Construction of homes, condos, and new businesses has seen a dramatic increase. In addition, older buildings and businesses on Route 12 and Nippersink Boulevard have been purchased and major improvements are occurring. Grand Avenue has seen some major upgrades on some of our older structures.

Our Community Development Department has been contacted for several new development and business possibilities in Fox Lake. The Village has reached out to the Chamber of Commerce and we will be working together to make Fox Lake a desirable place to do business.

The Sayton Road project from Route 12 at Walgreens to Industrial is scheduled to be bid in April, construction to start in June, with substantial

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### **Remembering Trustee Greg Murrey**

Trustee Greg Murrey, served the Village of Fox Lake as Trustee for over a combined total of eighteen years.

Greg was instrumental in a number of municipal projects during his tenure on the Village Board.

Greg also was a longtime member of the Fox Lake Volunteer Fire Department, a head mechanic for the Grant Township Highway Department, and was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 703.

Greg embodied what it truly means to be a public servant, and will be missed by the Fox Lake community.

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# FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

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completion to be in November. Nippersink Boulevard improvements will begin next year also.

I hope everyone was able to enjoy our Holiday Parade this year. It was wonderful to see so many of our residents come together. Thank you to all the sponsors that made this a great event. If you missed it this year, make sure you put it on your calendar for next year.

As always, you can contact me at (847) 587-3943 or e-mail me at [schmitd@foxlake.org](mailto:schmitd@foxlake.org) with any questions or comments.

Enjoy the holidays,

Donny

## FOX LAKE 2018 CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Fox Lake Police Department is now accepting applications for the Citizens Police Academy (CPA), scheduled to start Wednesday January 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. and meet every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. until March 14, 2018 at the Fox Lake Police Department. There are no physical requirements for most activities and no costs charged to the participants.

The CPA provides participants with a unique and informative look inside the Fox Lake Police Department and the law enforcement community. Participants will be presented with a variety of topics including:

- Recruitment and Hiring of Fox Lake Police Officers -FLPD Field Training Program for New Officers
- Constitutional Law and Legal Concepts
- 911 Communications Center Operations
- Patrol Concepts – Traffic Stops – DUI Enforcement/Sobriety Testing
- Crime Prevention/Crime Free Programs – Identity Thefts and Diversion Scams
- Investigations Overview and Crime Scene Processing – Accident Reconstruction
- Arrest Procedures – Use of Force Basics – Defensive Tactics
- K-9 Handling – Drug/Gang Interdiction Operations
- School Policing Concepts – SRO – Community Service Officer Responsibilities
- Additional Law Enforcement Related Topics will be Presented and Discussed

A tour of the police facility is included in the first session along with introductions to Fox Lake Village Officials and Fox Lake Police Command Personnel. There will also be opportunities for a “ride-along” with Fox Lake patrol officers. Classes are free of charge and open to anyone who lives or works in Fox Lake who is at least 21 years of age.

The application is available for pick-up at the Fox Lake Police Department, 301 South Illinois Route 59, Fox Lake, IL 60020, anytime, 24 Hours. The completed application submission deadline is December 22, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Please check The Village of Fox Lake’s Facebook Page, ENEWS, or NIXEL for additional information when it becomes available.

If you have any questions about the Citizens Police Academy, please contact Sergeant William Monsen at: (847) 587-3933 or at [monsensb@foxlake.org](mailto:monsenb@foxlake.org).



# ANCHOR AWARD

*HONORING THOSE THAT SERVE THE COMMUNITY OF FOX LAKE*

## SANTA KEN WARD

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](mailto: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 Ken Ward, for his dedication and volunteerism within the Fox Lake community.

Ken Ward, aka Santa as he is better known, began his Santa Visits in 1995 for the Island Lake Lioness Club. It became a yearly commitment for Ken and his joy for spreading Christmas cheer has continued for 22 years.

Ken Ward became Fox Lake's Santa in the 2006, participating in the Korpan's Annual Christmas Parade and the official opening of the Santa Cottage in Fox Lake's Millennium Park. Since that time, thousands of children (and adults) have visited Santa there. Inside the cottage, the walls and ceiling are decorated with photos and wish lists of children who have visited since the very beginning.

On a visit to Santa's Cottage, each child gets to sit on Santa's lap for a chat on how their year has been and what they want for Christmas. They receive a stocking filled with candy, a special toy and are invited to take their picture with Santa. For many years Mrs. Santa, aka Ken's wife Carol Ward, would print the pictures of the children from the memory card of a digital camera. Today, cell phones instantly capture the joyful moment for sharing and making memories.

In addition to being our Santa, Ken also visits numerous day care centers, senior centers, park districts, schools, businesses, boy scouts, girl scouts, a pet rescue center and the Lindenhurst Polar Express Train. Santa Ken and Mrs. Santa have attended every Village of Fox Lake Shop-with-a-Cop event since 2008, bringing along one of his restored antique sleighs for photos with the children. It is a labor of love and a very busy time of year for Santa, but it doesn't end there.

Throughout the year, Santa Ken continues donating his time by visiting numerous events including the Polar Plunges benefiting Special Olympics athletes and Fox Lake's Annual 4th of July Parade.

In July of 2017, Ken received the Santa's Heart Award for the 2016 Central Region Charitable Santa of the Year from the IBRBS, the International Brotherhood of Real Bearded Santas.

The Village of Fox Lake recognizes Santa Ken's commitment to children everywhere and to the spirit of giving of one's self, not just at Christmas, but always.

Thank you Santa Ken Ward for your dedication to the Village of Fox Lake and the Residents it serves.



# BUSINESS UPDATES

We want to thank all of our existing and new businesses for choosing to set your anchors in Fox Lake.

- Dunkin Donuts- New Location at 8 S. Route 12. Building plans have been approved and they will be open by Spring of 2018.
- Studio Hotrods Roadhouse-44 S. Route 12. The owners are transforming the old Patio Motel/Lagoon Lounge into a restaurant and entertainment venue.
- Congratulations to Vichy Salon who opened the doors at their new location, 17 E. Grand Avenue and have completely transformed the space. Thank you Vichy Salon for reinvesting in Fox Lake!
- Lucky Bernie's has opened at 1 Nippersink Boulevard. Lucky Bernie's specialize in deli sandwiches and rolled ice cream.
- Perricone's A Soup & Sandwich Joint at 14 E Grand Avenue is open.
- Culver's restaurant is on schedule to open in mid-January at 100 S. Route 12.
- Ray Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram is open for business during construction at their new 20,000 sqft. building at 23 N. Route 12.
- Fox Lake Auto has moved into 133 S. Route 12 and offers used vehicles for sale.
- My Mail Box moved into their new location at 123 S. Route 12.

Welcome to Fox Lake, and congrats to our existing businesses that are expanding!

# FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Village of Fox Lake continues to offer the Facade Improvement Program to local businesses.

Studies have shown that restoration and thoughtful design improvements often lead to greater business success by attracting more customers. The Village of Fox Lake Facade Improvement Program offers grants up to \$4,000 for local businesses to improve the facades of their buildings. Thousands of dollars in grant funding has been given to Fox Lake businesses, and funds are still available for the 2017-2018 budget year.

Facade improvements which may be eligible include: awnings, painting, siding/masonry, signage, windows/doors, permanent exterior lighting, and permanent landscaping.

Within the last year, many members of the Fox Lake business community have taken advantage of the Facade Improvement program including: Sign Appeal, Lakes Realty, Vichy Salon, Bigelow Insurance, Lucky Bernie's and many more!

Contact Community Development Director, Donovan Day at (847) 587-3176 for more information.





# WINTER REMINDERS

With winter fast approaching, the Public Works Department has some reminders and information to share.

## From the Street Division

- The Street Division is responsible for removing snow from approximately 60 miles of streets, (8) Metra parking lots, (6) Village parking lots, and numerous sidewalks.
- As a reminder, Route 12 and Route 59 belong to and are maintained by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).
- Rollins Road is maintained by the Lake County Division of Transportation. Wilmot Road is maintained by the McHenry County Division of Transportation.
- Village Ordinance requires no parking on Village streets within a two inch or more snowfall and until snow plowing operations are completed. This includes not only the initial pass of a snow plow, but also returning to widen the full width of the street.
- After an accumulation of snow, the Street Division will display temporary "No Parking for Street Cleaning" signs. These are yellow with black lettering. Vehicles not in compliance will be towed.
- Please refrain from allowing children to play in snow piles.

For questions please call the Public Works Department at (847) 587-8570

## From the Water & Sewer Division

- The Public Works Department - Water Division is responsible for maintaining over 47 miles of watermain throughout the Village. Here are a few reminders and tips to keep your pipes from breaking this winter.
- We are asking Residents to "adopt" their hydrant and keep the area around them free of snow. Having a hydrant clear and visible will help the Fire Department and the Water & Sewer Division in case of emergencies.
- When temperatures are severely cold, run the cold water faucet at a minimal rate.
- In extremely cold weather, leave cabinet doors under sinks open.
- Locate your home's main valve so you can shut off the water temporarily if a line does break.

If your pipes do freeze

- Use a hair dryer set on low, heat lamp, or light bulb to gradually warm and thaw the frozen pipe.
- Too much heat in one spot, can burst the pipe, so be sure to evenly distribute the heat over a large area.

For questions please call the Public Works Department at (847) 587-8570



# VILLAGE OF FOX LAKE NEWS

## REMINDER FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT

All solid waste and recycling collection will be delayed by one day following the Christmas and New Year's day holidays. Holidays will be observed on December 25 and January 1, therefore there will be no solid waste or recycling on both Mondays. All collection will be delayed one day from customer's normal pickup day.



## 2016 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORTS

### NOW AVAILABLE

The Village of Fox Lake 2016 Consumer Confidence Reports are now available for both water systems. These reports detail the quality of the water the Village provides to our Residents.

The Village is pleased to report no violations for 2016.

A copy of these reports can be obtained at <http://www.foxlake.org>, select "Government" then "Water and Sewer" A paper copy may be obtained at the Village Hall Office located at 66 Thillen Drive.

For any questions or concerns about your water quality please contact the Village of Fox Lake Public Works Department at (847) 587-8570.

## SBA OFFERS FLOOD RELATED LOW-INTEREST LOANS

After the flooding that took place in July 2017, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is providing low-interest loans for certain homeowners, renters, and businesses within the Fox Lake community.

Applications relating to economic loss must be completed by May 16, 2018 in order to be eligible.

To apply for a loan with the Small Business Administration please visit <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

For additional information and questions - applicants can call 1 (800) 659-2955, or email SBA at [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov).

## CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

During the first two weeks of January 2017, Waste Management will pick up Christmas trees free of charge. Simply haul your Christmas tree to the curb! Please follow these guidelines to ensure proper disposal:

- Live Christmas trees will be accepted only.
- Removal all lights and decorations.
- Remove all tree stands.

For questions call Waste Management at (866) 570-4702.





# PARKS & RECREATION

## EVENTS

**FEB**  
**25**

### FOX LAKE POLAR PLUNGE

**Time:** 1:00 p.m..

**Location:** Lakefront Park - 71 Nippersink Blvd.

The 2018 Polar Plunge event benefits Special Olympics, Illinois. Pre-registration will be held on February 24, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.

**MAR**  
**24**

### EGG-CITING EGG HUNT & BUNNY LUNCHEON

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Veterans Park

Free egg hunt for children up to the age of 10 starting at 10:30 a.m. Photos, an Easter activity, and lunch with the Easter Bunny will be held at the Bunny Luncheon.

## FOX LAKE SANTA HOUSE SCHEDULE 2017

The Fox Lake Santa House is located at Millennium Park (off Grand Ave. and Rollins Rd.)  
December dates for the Fox Lake Santa House include:

Date	Time	Location
Friday, December 22	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Fox Lake
Saturday, December 23	11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Fox Lake
Sunday, December 24	12:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Fox Lake

## STAY TUNED! NEW EVENTS ARE COMING

Several new events are currently being planned for Summer of 2018.

Stay tuned for announcement of new events!

Visit the Village of Fox Lake Social Media Pages (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) and the Village website for updates and information.

# WINTER/SPRING PROGRAM GUIDE

## PROGRAMS

**REGISTER FOR ALL PROGRAMS BY CALLING (224) 225-1404**

### INDOOR LIL'PINT SOCCER

Kick in some excitement with this instructional soccer program. With the use of smaller sized soccer balls, players will learn the basic skills of dribbling, passing, shooting, and goaltending. Instructors will work with participants on good sportsmanship, participation, and teamwork. This is a great class for both boys and girls!

Friday (5 weeks)  
Date: 1/26 – 02/23 / 03/09 - 04/13 (no class 03/30)

Time: 4:30- 5:20 p.m.  
Ages: 3-4  
Time: 5:30- 6:20 p.m.  
Ages: 5-6

Cost: \$45  
Location: Lakefront Park  
Min/Max: 06/16



### INDOOR SOCCER / SPEED AND AGILITY TRAINING

Join us for a non-competitive, skill development program. We will go over the basic skills of dribbling, passing, shooting, goal tending, and positions. There will be weekly progress on the technical aspects of the game. Our speed and agility training session is built to make our participants faster, stronger, and more agile athletes. We use SKLZ equipment for our class which is highly recommended by multiple coaches and trainers.

Friday (5 weeks)  
Date: 1/26 – 02/23 / 03/09 - 04/13 (no class 03/30)  
Time: 6:30- 7:30 p.m.  
Ages: 7-9  
Cost: \$45  
Location: Lakefront Park  
Min/Max: 06/16



### SENIOR LUNCHESES

Senior Luncheons and live entertainment are offered every 3rd Thursday of each month. Pre-registration required by calling (224) 225-1404

Location: Fox Lake / Lake Front Park  
Cost: \$9.00/person





# PARKS & RECREATION

## ICELESS HOCKEY

Calling all you Blackhawks Fans out there! All the action of hockey on a floor! This class is for both the experienced player and the beginner. This fast paced, low competition class will promote shooting, passing, teamwork, positions, and some game strategies. We provide the sticks and pucks; safety goggles and mouth guards are recommended but not necessary.

Wednesday (5 weeks)  
Date: 01/24 - 02/21  
  
Time: 5:00 - 5:50 p.m.  
Ages: 4-6  
Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Ages: 7-9  
  
Cost: \$45  
Location: Lakefront Park  
Min/Max: 06/16



## LIL PINT HOOPS

Slam-dunk fun in this pint-sized class. With the use of age appropriate equipment, participants will start building the fundamentals for simple drills. Participants will learn skills in passing, shooting, dribbling, and rules of the game. Teamwork, participation, and good sportsmanship are all stressed throughout the class.

Friday (5 weeks)  
Date: 03/07-04/11 (No class 03/28)  
Time: 5:30- 6:20 p.m.  
Ages: 4-6  
Cost: \$45  
Location: Lakefront Park  
Min/Max: 06/20



## BASKETBALL / SPEED AND AGILITY TRAINING

This 5-week basketball class will help you to the next level. We will enhance the basics you may have learned, along with advancing your skills that will concentrate on more teamwork and game strategies. Our speed and agility training session is built to make our participants faster, stronger, and more agile athletes. We use SKLZ equipment, ladders, hurdles and cones. Be the fastest kid on the court!

Friday (5 weeks)  
Date: 03/07-04/11 (No class 03/28)  
Time: 6:30- 7:30 p.m.  
Ages: 7-9  
Cost: \$45  
Location: Lakefront Park  
Min/Max: 06/20



# WINTER/SPRING PROGRAM GUIDE

## PICKLEBALL

A fun sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong. Played both indoors or outdoors on a badminton-sized court and a slightly modified tennis net. Pickleball is played with a paddle and a plastic ball with holes.

There is limited court space at Lakefront Park so patrons will take turns using the court space.

Mondays/ Wednesday

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Fridays

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Daily Cost: \$2.00 - Resident \$4.00 - Non-resident

Location: Lakefront Park



## SENIOR CARDIO DRUMMING

Cardio drumming brings together drumsticks, an exercise ball, and an exercise ball stand which creates one of the most fun workouts you'll ever do. Using the exercise ball as your drum, and mixing in fun moves, cardio drumming turns keeping a rhythm into a workout you won't want to stop. Cardio drumming will raise your heart rate and help you burn hundreds of calories, improve your coordination and ability to focus, and help strengthen many muscle groups, including your core. The best part about cardio drumming? It's fun!

Every other Friday

12/15, 12/29, 1/12, 2/9, 2/23, 3/9, 3/23

Time: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Location: Lakefront Park

Min/Max: 25 max



## WICKED - CHICAGO THEATRE TRIP

Join us for a theatre trip to Chicago at the Oriental Theater for the hit Broadway Musical - Wicked. Included in your ticket is transportation, a boxed luncheon, and seats located by the orchestra section.

Date: January 10, 2018

Time: Bus leaves the Village Hall at 11:00 a.m.  
Show starts at 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$150.00 per person

Max: 52 tickets are available





# 2018 POLAR PLUNGE

To Benefit Special Olympics Illinois



LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN  
**POLAR PLUNGE.**

FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS

50 YEARS  
1968-2018



## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 | 1:00PM

Fox Lake | 71 Nippersink Blvd, Fox Lake, IL

**Jump into the chilly waters for Special Olympics Illinois!**

Create a team and raise money to earn incentive prizes!

All plungers **MUST** raise a minimum of \$100 and will receive a  
**FREE** Polar Plunge sweatshirt! Team costumes encouraged!



Plunge with the  
athletes of Special  
Olympics Illinois!

Register today  
at [www.plungeillinois.com](http://www.plungeillinois.com)

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## Contact Information

### Village of Fox Lake

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Fox Lake, Illinois 60020  
[www.foxlake.org](http://www.foxlake.org)

### 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      Ron Stochl  
Nancy Koske

### Village Clerk

Danice Moore

### Village Administrator

Anne Marrin

Emergency .....	911
Village Hall .....	587-2151
<i>(Includes Administration &amp; Finance)</i>	
Community Development .....	587-3176
Police Dept <i>(non-emergency)</i> .....	587-3100
Public Works .....	587-8570
Parks and Recreation .....	(224) 225-1404
Northwest Regional .....	587-3694

**All phone numbers are (847) area code, except for  
Parks and Recreation which is (224).**

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## FOX LAKE WINS DISTINGUISHED BUDGET AWARD

The Village of Fox Lake is pleased to have received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This is the fifth year in a row Fox Lake has received this award.

In order to receive the budget award, the Village of Fox Lake had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation.

