

THE ANCHOR

Village of Fox Lake Newsletter

From the desk of the Mayor...



As we experience the last few weeks of fall in Fox Lake, I want to take a moment to first and foremost wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! This time of year always has me thinking not only about the many things I am thankful for, but also has me looking forward to the upcoming season of giving. Once again the Village of Fox Lake will be participating in the Angel Tree Tag program. Please stop by Village Hall to select your Angel Tree Tag! Gifts must be returned to the Village by December 3. Gifts remain local!

This fall was filled with new and enhanced events. We hosted our first ever Pumpkin Jubilee and encouraged attendees to carve and light as many pumpkins as possible. Our community ended up carving 200 pumpkins which stayed lit all evening. It was wonderful watching people drive by, stop, and leave their vehicles to see all of the pumpkins carved. This was yet another new event held in downtown Fox Lake. Our goal of hosting these new events within our downtown district is not only to enhance tourism and dollars spent within Fox Lake, but also spur economic development.

The Halloween Howl held on October 29th saw record number of attendees. This event was hosted by the Fox Lake Police Department and allowed the community to meet members of the department and see our facilities. Volunteers from the current and past classes of the Fox Lake Citizens Police Academy assisted with the event, cooking over 900 hot dogs for guests.

Saturday, November 24, is Small Business Saturday. As always, I encourage you to shop locally within Fox Lake, and especially on this important day dedicated to small businesses within communities. Additionally, it is the annual holiday parade – now called the Festival of Lights. This year, we are adding several new components including a Kris Kringle Winter Market and hosting a grand opening for the new outdoor ice rink (weather permitting).

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December
24 & 25

January 1

FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

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Both of these new components will be at the Community Garden Green in the center of downtown. The parade will start at 5:00 p.m. and the Tree Lighting will occur immediately following the parade. Santa will be back from the North Pole starting the evening of the Festival of Lights. The entire schedule for the holiday season can be found on page eight of this newsletter.

In addition to our many special events, I wanted to touch on some of the daily and monthly programming the Village offers and subsides for Fox Lake's senior population. The Village runs a PACE shuttle van weekly Tuesday – Thursday for seniors and well as disabled individuals. We offer a variety of weekly programs such as pickleball, senior cardio drumming, yoga, core fitness, and better balance. On an annual basis, we host the Florence Fischer Luncheon, and on a monthly basis - the senior luncheons. We also offer a variety of programs for our youth including the upcoming Children's Holiday Party, seasonal sports programs, Halloween Howl, Daddy-Daughter Dance, Easter Egg Hunt, Mom and Me Craft Day, and more.

Many of our residents, several of them seniors, have said that the "Places for Eating Tax" placed an undue hardship on them. The Village Board listened to our residents and reduced the "Places for Eating Tax" by 1.00%. It is hoped this will ease the burden on our seniors and encourage even greater patronage of our outstanding restaurants.

This quarter, the Anchor Award is going to a family who has been a constant supporter of the business community in Fox Lake, and along the Chain in its entirety. What started as a Facebook Page promoting local business has grown into a source of news, and guidance within the community. Tim and Diane Foster started the Facebook page "Your Link to the Chain – Fox Lake," in 2015. The page has grown since, with over 5,000 "likes" Learn more about "Your Link to the Chain – Fox Lake" on page three of this newsletter.

I hope to see you at some of our upcoming special events, including the annual Florence Fischer Dinner, which honors the volunteerism of Mrs. Fischer in the best way possible - a full turkey dinner.

Enjoy the upcoming holiday season. As always, you can reach me at (847) 587-3943 or at schmitd@foxlake.org.

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ANCHOR AWARD

HONORING THOSE THAT SERVE THE COMMUNITY OF FOX LAKE

“Your Link to the Chain - Fox Lake”

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 about the organization will be published in the Village Newsletter about the organization. Please contact Mayor Schmit at schmidt@foxlake.org if you know of an organization within Fox Lake that should receive this award. This quarter's Anchor Award goes to “Your Link to the Chain - Fox Lake.” “Your Link to the Chain - Fox Lake” will also serve as the upcoming Holiday Parade Marshals!

“Your Link to the Chain – Fox Lake” is a Facebook community page started by the Foster family – Tim and Diane Foster. Tim and Diane Foster are positive, driven people who are always willing to get involved and lend a helping hand. Their mission to create and “Foster” more positivity in the Village was the idea behind starting “Your Link to the Chain – Fox Lake.”

Their goal and mission was to create a place on social media that could connect every Fox Lake area business, restaurant, bar, resident, visitor and consumer to create and drive the awareness, understanding, and knowledge of what opportunities exist to improve everyone's experience, attitude, perception, and overall quality of life in Fox Lake and the Chain.

Diane Foster stated, “It was encouraging to see a week when our page had 120,000 views. No doubt that means a lot of Fox Lake residents are tuning in to find out what's happening, but also a lot of people from outside our community are checking in to see what's happening! This is exactly what we are all working for – to make Fox Lake a true destination place.”

The Fosters stated, “We fell in love with Fox Lake, started a family, and will call it home for a long time. We simply want to make Fox Lake a better place to live, visit, or operate a business. “Your Link to the Chain - Fox Lake” will be the “go to” place to find out what's happening in the area. Our Community page is not trying to sell anybody anything. We have no desire or need to in any way profit from this endeavor.”

Our goal is to promote all of the amazing aspects of Fox Lake – the Chain, the amazing sunrises and sunsets on the water, the unique bars and restaurants, the diverse businesses, and the unique and interesting people. By working together, we can all make Fox Lake a great place to live and visit!

To contact “Your Link to the Chain” - Fox Lake please email:
yourlinktothechain@gmail.com



BUSINESS UPDATES

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

- Mail Drop Shoppe - 123 S. Route 12
- Chain O Lake Detailing and Restoration - 125 S. Route 12
- Fox Lake Dental - 1402 S. Route 12
- Studio 17 Salon and Spa - 17 W. Grand Ave.
- JD Marine Services of the Chain O'Lakes - 123 Christopher Way
- MD Auto Solutions - 716 East Grand Ave.
- Northern Illinois Foot & Ankle Specialist - 1288 S. Route 12
- Johnny's Cafe - 89 E. Grand Ave.

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

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 Tuesdays. All collection will be delayed one day from customer's normal pickup day.

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



CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

During the first two weeks of January 2019, 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.
- Remove all lights and decorations.
- Remove all tree stands.

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



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, eight Metra parking lots, six 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 OUTDOOR ICE RINK

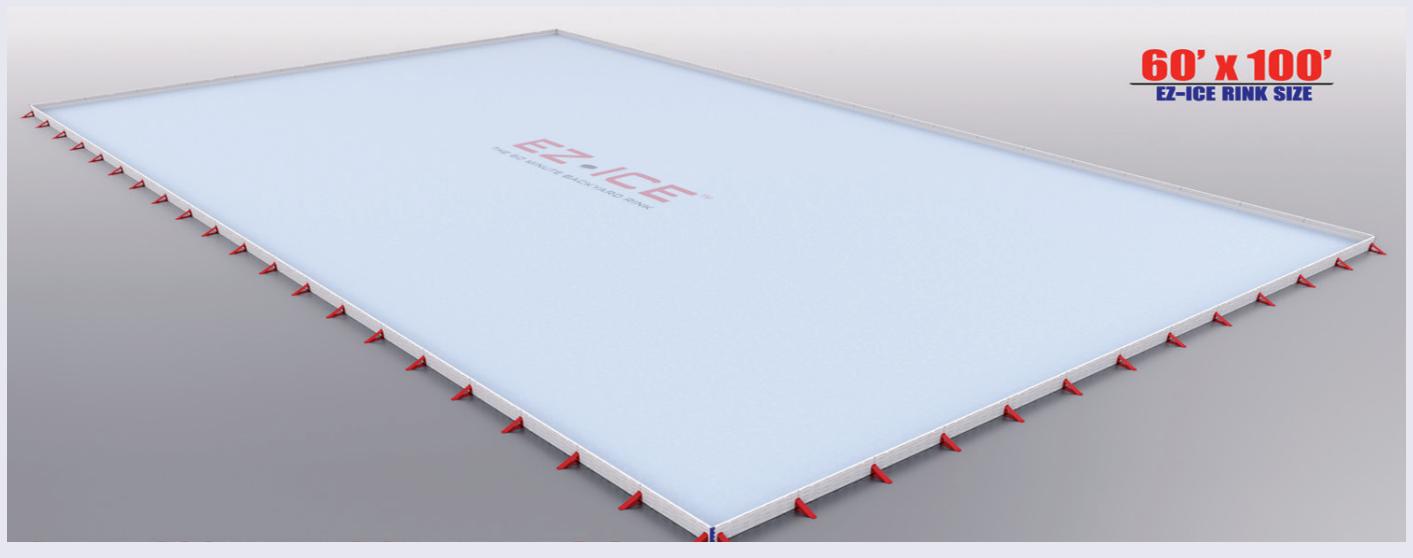
As part of the Festival of Lights and new Kris Kringle Winter Market on Saturday, November 24, 2018, starting at 2:00 p.m., the Village of Fox Lake will be opening an outdoor ice rink (weather permitting).

This 60' by 100' EZ Ice ice rink will be located at the Community Garden Green (17 E. School Ct.) and will operate until it is too warm to operate. Hours may vary due to weather conditions, snow, and condition of the ice on the rink. Rules and regulations of the ice rink can be found by visiting www.foxlake.org. Staff will be monitoring ice and weather conditions on a daily basis.

Planned hours for the ice rink will be posted on the Village website upon approval. The ice rink will be open when a green flag is present. The ice will be closed when a red flag is present. Status will be posted daily on the Village of Fox Lake Parks and Recreation Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/VFLparksandrec/>. Status will be posted daily on the Village website in the “spotlight news” section at: www.foxlake.org. Rules and polices for the ice rink will also be posted in this section.

The Village of Fox Lake ice rink is unsupervised. Rules and regulations, in addition to open and closed notices, must be adhered to.

For questions about the new Village of Fox Lake outdoor ice rink, please call Village Hall at (847) 587 – 2151.



FOX LAKE ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

Once again, the Village of Fox Lake is requesting assistance providing holiday gifts to local children in need. The goal for this year is to provide forty (40) gifts through the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program.

In order to participate, please visit Village Hall at 66 Thillen Drive and select your Angel Tree Tag. Please return the gifts unwrapped by Monday, December 3, in order to have your gift taken to the Salvation Army for distribution and wrapping.

Please help support a local child and family in need!
For questions, please call Village Hall at (847) 587 - 2151



Fox Lake Santa House Schedule 2018

The Fox Lake Santa House is located at Millennium Park (Grand Ave. & Rollins Rd.

SATURDAY	November 24th Parade 4PM
SUNDAY	November 25th Noon to 3PM
FRIDAY	November 30th 6 PM to 8 PM
SATURDAY	December 1st CLOSED **
SUNDAY	December 2nd Noon to 3 PM
FRIDAY	December 7th 6 PM to 8 PM
SATURDAY	December 8th 11 AM to 3 PM
SUNDAY	December 9th Noon to 3 PM
FRIDAY	December 14th 6 PM to 8 PM
SATURDAY	December 15th 11 AM to 3 PM
SUNDAY	December 16th Noon to 3 PM
FRIDAY	December 21st 6 PM to 8 PM
SATURDAY	December 22nd 11 AM to 3 PM
SUNDAY	December 23rd Noon to 3 PM

** First Saturday in December is **Always Pet Pics** @ Nature Feeds in Spring Grove (Next to Post Office)
Come get pictures of **pets and/or kids in Santa's Sleigh** and Help support "Helping Paws" in Woodstock



PARKS & RECREATION

EVENTS

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

NOV
24

Kris Kringle Mart

Time: 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Location: Community Garden Green
Artisan market, food, music, ice skating

Parade

Time: 4:00 p.m. (lineup at Grant HS)

Time: 5:00 p.m. Parade starts

Location: Grand Ave.

Tree Lighting

Time: Following Parade

Location: Millennium Park
Music, hot chocolate, treats

Santa's Cottage

Time: Following Parade

Location: Millennium Park

NOV
29

FLORENCE FISHER TURKEY DINNER

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Maravelas Restaurant - 4 Washington Ave.

Cost is \$15.00 per person (complete tables of 10 persons only). Cash Bar. For availability call (224) 225-1404.

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CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Lakefront Park

Kids' activities including holiday crafts, games, treats and more! Annual coloring contest judging will take place with prizes awarded.

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24

FOX LAKE POLAR PLUNGE

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Lakefront Park - 71 Nippersink Blvd.

The 2019 Polar Plunge event benefits Special Olympics, Illinois. Pre-registration will be held on February 23, 2019, from 10:30 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.



WINTER/SPRING PROGRAM GUIDE

PROGRAMS

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL (224) 225-1404

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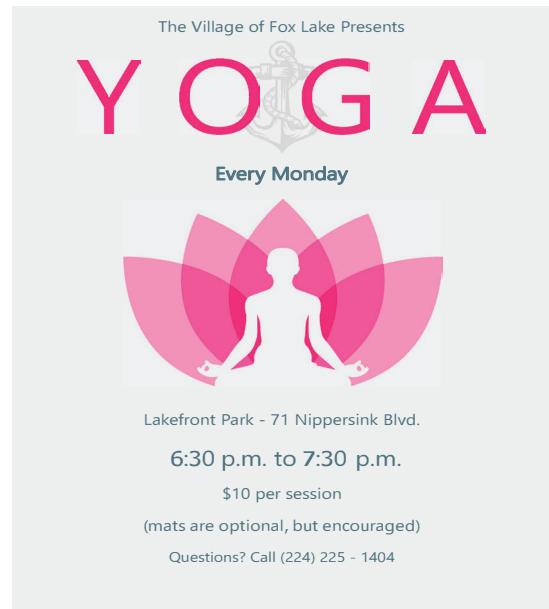
Join the Village of Fox Lake and certified Yoga instructor Megan Michel for Monday night evening Yoga at Lakefront Park.

Classes are drop-in style - no registration required. This class begins with mediation, then goes into yoga, and finishes with meditation.

It is optional to bring your own mat - mats will be available for use.

Mondays

Time: 6:30- 7:30 p.m.
Ages: All ages
Cost: \$10 per session
Location: Lakefront Park



FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Come out and enjoy a night with the family playing different games including, puzzles board games, cards, and much more. Feel free to bring your own dinner, snacks, and non-acholic beverages!

Fridays

Date: 1/18/19 and 2/15/2019
Time: 5:00- 8:00 p.m.
Ages: All ages

Cost: Free
Location: Lakefront Park



Wii BOWLING

Looking for something new to do? Come out and try your skills with Wii bowling. Every month, you get to be on a new team and bowl in a tournament-style format. Come as an individual or as a group. It's a fun time and great exercise. Program will start in December and will follow Senior Lunches (12/20, 1/17, 2/21) and will be from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. at the Lakefront Park Building in the upstairs meeting room.

Cost: \$1.00 per person

WINTER/SPRING PROGRAM GUIDE

BETTER BALANCE

Balance is key to all functional movement. It helps your postural equilibrium, muscular balance, joint dynamics, neuromuscular and stability. This class focuses on building muscle tone, strength, endurance and flexibility. Certified Instructor Deb Motts will help you reach your goal of enhancing your balance.

Date: Every Tuesday
Time: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Daily Cost: \$5.00 per class
Location: Lakefront Park Building



SENIOR CARDIO DRUMMING

Using an exercise ball as your drum combined with fun moves, cardio drumming turns keeping a rhythm into a workout you won't want to stop. Cardio drumming will raise your heart rate, burn hundreds of calories, improve your coordination, and help strengthen many muscle groups, including your core.

Date: Every Friday
Time: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Cost: \$5.00 per person
Location: Lakefront Park Building



CORE CHALLENGE FITNESS PROGRAM

Join us for a fitness program dedicated to strengthening your inner core. This class is geared toward seniors, and provides a fun workout focused on improving overall strength and balance.

Date: Every Wednesday
Time: 11:00 - 11:40 a.m.
Cost: \$5.00 per person
Location: Lakefront Park Building



SENIOR LUNCHES

Senior Luncheons and live entertainment are offered every third Thursday of each month. Pre-registration required by calling (224) 225-1404. Upcoming dates are December 20, January 17, and February 21.

Location: Fox Lake / Lakefront Park Building
Cost: \$10.00 per person



2019

POLAR PLUNGE

To Benefit Special Olympics Illinois



LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

POLAR PLUNGE



FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 | 1:00 PM

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
Polar Plunge sweatshirt! Team costumes encouraged!



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Debra Dolis

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Anne Marrin

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(Includes Administration & Finance)	
Community Development	587-3176
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Parks and Recreation	(224) 225-1404
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linehanl@foxlake.org.