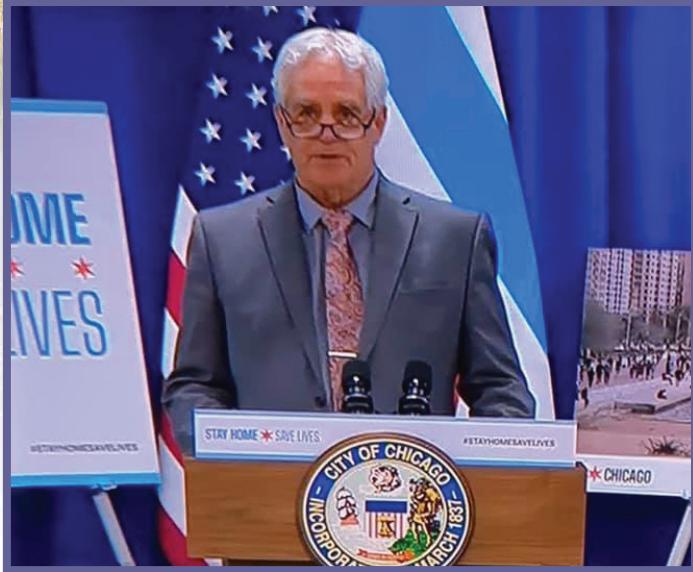


# THE ANCHOR

## Village of Fox Lake Newsletter

### From the desk of the Mayor



I hope everyone had a great holiday season. As the weather changes and we see signs of the promise of spring, the village is also seeing signs of a very promising and prosperous year.

The Village Board, Planning Board and staff are in contact with many developers, ranging from new businesses, to hotels, to entertainment districts, to housing projects in addition to a major Lakefront Park development plan. We meet with each developer and make sure they are a fit for Fox Lake and assist them in any way we can. Before I talk about some of these exciting new developments, I want to speak about our streets, how the streets to be repaired are chosen and how they are funded.

Fox Lake owns and maintains slightly over 55 miles of streets. The village had an inventory of the roads done in 2019. Each road was analyzed for condition, traffic count and future sewer and water projects. The roads were rated from 1-10, with 1 being a road in poor condition and 10 being a road needing no repairs. Over 26 miles of roads were rated 3 or worse. Each mile of road rated 3 or worse costs roughly \$1 million dollars to repair.

The way roads are chosen for repair is by the condition of the road, how many vehicles travel on the road each day, if a sewer and water project will take place in the near future, (we do not want to repair a road that is going to be part of a project), the availability of funds, and if grants are available. Most neighborhood roads are not eligible for grants.

Since 2013, when I became mayor, the Village has repaired most of the major arteries that are Village owned. Grand Avenue, Sayton Road, Holly Avenue, the frontage roads at Routes 12 & 134 and Nippersink Boulevard has been completed. Washington Street is the next major road to be repaired. It had been planned in conjunction with Lake County Highway Department project for this year, but due to delays from the federal government, it will take place in 2023. We will continue to do patches in the meantime.

We have tried to repair the worst roads throughout the town and have done repairs in the neighborhoods of Round Hill, Dunns Lake, Hickory Cove, and Eagle Point, Lotus Woods, Reva Bay and several other streets. This year, thanks to a grant, we will repair the roads in Knollwood Subdivision and from the general fund; we will repair several neighborhood streets. Again, the neighborhood streets to be repaired were chosen by the criteria above.

I wish I could repair every street in town. I visit the neighborhoods and know the condition of the roads. It pains me when I have to tell someone their road will not be repaired this year. Every spring, after the final freeze / thaw cycles have ended, I receive many calls and emails regarding the streets and our repair program. Some of the communications are pleasant, others are belligerent and I am reminded of the taxes people pay and threatened with class action lawsuits and other actions. I pay the same taxes that all of you do also. Unfortunately, the village only receives 8.25% of the total property tax we all pay. So for every \$100 you pay in property taxes, the Village receives \$8.25. The village services provided in part from the property taxes include police, 9-11 service, parks and recreation, sidewalks and streets. This year, the village received \$2.64 million in property taxes. From that, our police pension and insurance obligation was slightly over

# FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

continued...

\$1.5 million. At \$1 million dollars a mile to repair roads, you can see how difficult it is to do street repairs with our limited resources. So how do we find the funding necessary to repair our roads and provide all the services needed to serve our residents? There are two avenues for the Village to raise funds; 1) by raising taxes, permits and fees, or 2) by increasing development. I choose to raise funds by increasing development. Two of the main sources of revenue of the general fund for the Village are property taxes and sales tax. In 2013, when I was elected, property tax revenue was \$1.67 million and sales tax was \$2.69 million (\$4.36 million). Last year, property tax revenue was \$2.64 million and sales tax was \$3.24 million (\$5.88 million). These additional funds allow us to provide more services, like street repair, to our residents and attract future development.

The increase in these two revenues is a direct result of the increased development. Property tax increases include the 140 new residences in the north, Country Club Hills and Reva Bay. New buildings at the businesses of Ray Dodge, Antioch Pizza, Dunkin Donuts, and Culvers have also contributed not only to the increase in property tax, but also an increase in sales tax.

The creations of the business development districts and façade programs have allowed for business enhancement and have attracted new businesses to town. Two housing project developers have contacted the Village about possible projects. Housing developments provide short-term revenue through permit, connection, and impact fees while providing long-term revenue in user fees, income taxes and property taxes. The village has been contacted by three hotel developers pursuing projects in town. We are meeting with all three hotel developers. The Lakefront Park expansion is one of the main reasons that the hotel developers are considering Fox Lake for their projects. There will be a Town Hall at Lakefront Park this spring to get public input from our residents before the Lakefront Park design is finalized. Staff is also in contact with several businesses also looking to move to Fox Lake.

I hope to see you all at one of the many summer events. As always, you can contact me at (847) 587 3943 or by email at schmitd@foxlake.org

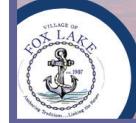
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*Mayor Donny Schmit presents Laura Linehan with the Anchor Award. Linehan served the village for over five years and streamlined a number of human resources processes, enhanced village communications, implemented strategic plan initiatives, and advanced several parks initiatives. She and her family are moving to Minnesota and she accepted a role in private sector consulting. We are grateful for her service to the community and wish her all the best.*



Please participate!  
**Fox Lake Resident Survey**  
<https://www.foxlake.org/398/Resident-Survey>



# Fox Lake welcomes new businesses to the community

Thank you to all businesses for anchoring in Fox Lake and supporting the community. Please remember to shop local and take a moment to welcome our newest businesses.

## Chapel Hill Bodyworks Wellness Center 62 E. Grand Ave. Unit A

• Offering massage therapy and other services to activate the body's para-sympathetic nervous system, allowing the body to de-stress and breath more fully, providing oxygen to starved tissue and organs, allowing them to function at their optimum capacity.

## Renee Ryan Salon & Spa 62 E. Grand Ave. Unit B

• Providing haircuts, facials, perms, color, and micro current facial rejuvenation.

## True Tattoo & Bodyworks 208 S. Route 12

• Services include tattoos, piercings and permanent makeup.

## Mythix Performance 111 Christopher Way

• Vehicle and boat repair.

## The Covid Testing Center – 23 S. Route 12

• Free rapid and PCR testing.

## Shopko Optical – 2 W Grand Ave.

• Formerly Lake Optical, Inc., Shopko offers eye exams, shopping for eyewear, and contact lenses. Stop by and support these local businesses!

Interested in opening a business in Fox Lake? Call Economic Development Director Donovan Day at (847) 587-3942 or email [dayd@foxlake.org](mailto:dayd@foxlake.org)



## Help shape the future of Lakefront Park

One of the biggest park projects is about to start in Fox Lake with the redevelopment of the Lakefront Park. The process began with the creation of the Master Parks Plan in 2019 where scope meetings were held and stakeholders provided their feedback on the priorities for the site. These priorities were included in the conceptual plans. This spring, the village will hold town hall meetings to review the plans and get further feedback from the community and refine the concept. This is an important opportunity for community members to share their vision and take part in shaping the future of Lakefront Park. We anticipate construction to take approximately 12 months beginning this October. Vibrant parks are essential in building community and nurturing physical and mental wellbeing. This investment ensures our children and grandchildren will be able to continue to enjoy the natural beauty and lakes of our village.



Please watch for the town hall announcement and participate in creating the future of Lakefront Park.

# Fox Lake wins prestigious APWA award for Nippersink Boulevard project

The Village of Fox Lake was recently awarded the American Public Works Association (APWA) – Lake Branch 2021 Public Works Project of the Year for the Nippersink Boulevard Reconstruction Project. The project now moves into the next round for consideration in the Chicago Metro Chapter awards. The reconstruction of Nippersink Boulevard between Grand Avenue and East Oak Street made a significant impact to this corridor of the community.

The construction included the new roadway base and hot-mix asphalt, drainage improvements, new curb and gutter, new lighting, and a 330-foot long retaining.

New bike lanes and sidewalks were also included in the project promoting walkability and bikeability. Nippersink Boulevard serves as a pathway for bicyclists and pedestrians with primary access to the Fox Lake Metra Station and Lakefront Park.

This project was administered and awarded through Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) with Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for construction.

The Village of Fox Lake is honored to be awarded the APWA project of the year award from the Lake County Branch.



## FoxComm 911 Center earns award for dispatch excellence

The Village of Fox Lake's FoxComm 911 Center has been recognized by the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch® (IAEDTM) as an Accredited Center of Excellence (ACE) for emergency medical dispatching. FoxComm first received this award in 2016 and was the second 911 Center in Illinois and the first in Lake County to earn this recognition. FoxComm has continued to receive its reaccreditation since that time.

IAED is the standard-setting organization for emergency dispatch services worldwide. Accreditation (and subsequent re-accreditation) from the IAED is the highest distinction given to emergency communication centers, certifying that the center is performing at or above the established standards for the industry. Centers who earn ACE status are the embodiment of dispatch done right, and have demonstrated strong local oversight, rigorous quality processes, and a commitment to data-driven continuous improvement.

IAED Accreditation is the culmination of a lengthy, arduous process that includes the completion of the 20 Points of Accreditation, a detailed evaluation of performance by industry experts, and a final review and ruling by IAED.

Over 3,500 emergency communication centers worldwide use the medical, fire, police, and emergency nurse triage protocols developed and maintained by the IAED. The protocol-based system, known as the Priority Dispatch SystemTM, is recognized as the standard of care and practice for emergency dispatch and is used in 46 countries.

FoxComm is the 211th Medical ACE in the world.



# Officer Joshua Lisenby and Telecommunicator Kalee Covganka named employees of the year

Fox Lake public safety professionals honor outstanding staff members through a unique peer-nominated program and the selection by an awards and commendations committee. Officer Joshua Lisenby and Telecommunicator Kalee Covganka were awarded employees of the year for their outstanding service to Fox Lake in 2021.

Nominated by Sergeant Richard Howell, Officer Lisenby is honored for his capacity to recognize and react to suspicious acts to prevent criminal activity. He is also known for his ability to deescalate tense situations as well as his initiative and dedication to serve the community. Officer Lisenby has been a Fox Lake police officer for two years. Prior to this, he served as a corrections officer with the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Telecommunicator Covganka is recognized for exceeding expectations in her handling of emergency medical calls and exceeding Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) standards. She also received FoxComm's 2021 EMD of the Year award. Telecommunicator Covganka began her service with Fox Lake eight years ago. Nominated by FoxComm Manager Lindsay Szafran, Covganka is known for her active leadership, mentorship, and involvement in many dispatch committees. She is an effective leader and mentor.

Both Lisenby and Covganka are known for going "above and beyond" and are well respected by their peers. Fox Lake is fortunate to have excellent staff members working in public safety – as well as all village departments.

## The Village of Fox Lake welcomes Meagan Blue

The Village of Fox Lake welcomes Meagan Blue.

She was sworn in on March 14, 2022 and will be attending SLEA on March 28, 2022 for her basic law enforcement training.



Officer Joshua Lisenby



Telecommunicator Kalee Covganka



Meagan Blue

## Village of Fox Lake receives donation of smoke detectors

This is a collaborative partnership with  
Home Depot® and the Fox Lake Fire Protection District

The Village of Fox Lake received a generous donation of 200 carbon monoxide detectors from Home Depot® for distribution to the community.

"This donation raises awareness about the increased risks this gas poses," said Fox Lake Mayor Donny Schmit. "It also helps protect our residents from breathing this dangerous gas."

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that is only detectable by special devices. Breathing in this dangerous gas at high levels or for an extended period of time, can cause illness and even death.

CO detectors are available to interested residents, at

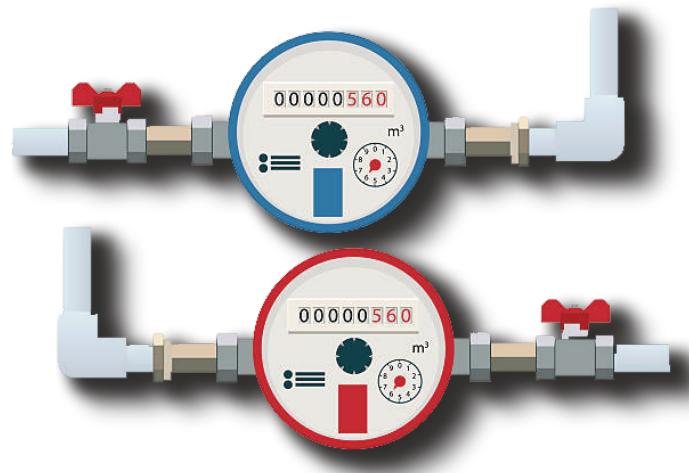
no cost, while supplies last. Detector units may be picked up at Fox Lake Village Hall or the Lakefront Park Building.

Residents needing assistance with installation or have questions about carbon monoxide can call the Fox Lake Fire Protection District at (847) 587-3312.



## Fox Lake continues to inventory lead service lines

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) is mandating an inventory of all lead water service lines in the United States. In order to comply with this mandate and seek federal funds for the replacement of these lines, we are asking for your help in determining whether you have lead, copper, plastic or galvanized steel service lines in your home. If you haven't completed already, we are asking that residents **take a picture of your water meter with approximately two feet of pipe on either side of your meter and the pipe coming into the house from the outside** and email or text the photos and property address info to [meters@foxlake.org](mailto:meters@foxlake.org)



If you are unable to email or text the pictures, please feel free to call (847) 587-3506 to schedule a quick 10 minute in-home inspection with one of our staff to identify the piping inside your house. If we need more information or need to inspect your property further, we will contact you. Thank you for helping our department complete this federal mandate as quickly as possible.

# Residential rental housing program reminders for property owners

In 2000, the Village of Fox Lake adopted an ordinance which established an inspection program for rental housing. The purpose of the program is to ensure tenants and property owners maintain safe living conditions and property values.

## Program Overview

- 1. Register your unit:** The registration form is available on the village website or in the Community Development Department at the Village Hall.
- 2. Inspection:** Inspections are scheduled through the Community Development Department. Inspections are conducted in accordance with the 2015 IRC, 2014 NEC, State and local Fire code, Illinois State Statutes and Village Ordinance. The maximum occupancy is calculated based on the number of bedrooms and square footage.
- 3. Certificate of Rental Occupancy:** Once compliance is established, a certificate will be issued. A new certificate is required when there is a change in occupancy.



## FAQ

### What is the cost of registration?

There is no fee associated with the registration.

### Is there a cost for the inspection?

Yes, for new rental units a \$50 fee for each dwelling unit inspected applies. For units with a change of occupancy, a \$25 fee applies.

### What if I fail my inspection?

If it fails, you will receive a copy of the inspection report which will note all requirements to bring the dwelling into compliance.

### Where do I need smoke detectors/ Carbon Monoxide Detectors?

- Smoke detectors in all bedrooms, outside each sleeping area in the immediate vicinity, on each story of the dwelling, including basements and habitable attics.
- Carbon Monoxide Detectors are required within 15 feet of all sleeping quarters, unless;
  - (1) the unit does not rely on combustion of fossil fuel for heat, and
  - (2) is not connected to a garage.

### What must I do if ownership information changes?

In the event owner information changes, a new registration application will be completed and returned to the Community Development Department.

If you have additional questions about this program, call the **Community Development Department** at **(847) 587-3176**.

# Parks and Recreation

## Spring Youth Sports

Keep the kids active this spring with youth sports. The Village of Fox Lake will be offering baseball and soccer for ages 3 - 8 starting Wednesday, April 20, 2022. Youth Sports classes are \$57 per kid for each class. Spring Youth Sports will be held at Lakefront Park Building and Stanton School Field. Registration forms can be found on the Village of Fox Lake website under applications & forms.

## Pickleball

Stay active with Pickleball at Lakefront Park Building. Indoor pickleball takes place Monday & Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Thursday nights from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Friday from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Pickleball is \$2 for residents and \$4 for non-residents daily. New players are welcome.

## Open Gym

Come enjoy Open Gym at Lakefront Park Building! Monday - Friday from 3:00 p.m. - 4:50 p.m. with a daily cost of \$2 per participant. Monday & Wednesday are for grades 8 and under, Tuesday & Thursday for High School and up, and Friday for elementary age. Participants 5th grade and under must be accompanied by an adult. Participants 17 and younger must have a parent/guardian signed waiver form to participate. Waivers can be found on the Village of Fox Lake website under applications & forms.

## Senior Drop-in Game Center & Puzzle Lending Library

Seniors! Stop by Lakefront Park Building every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. for the Senior Drop - In Game Center. The program is \$1 per person. Enjoy board games, dominoes, playing cards and more.

New at the Lakefront Park Building, there will be a senior lending library for jigsaw puzzles in the upstairs game room. Simply bring a jigsaw puzzle to leave and select a new one to take home! You can also stop in and work on one if you prefer! If you know a senior who would enjoy a puzzle, but cannot pick one up themselves, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at (224) 225-1404.

## Upcoming events

### Senior Luncheon

Senior Luncheons are back at the Village of Fox Lake! Senior Luncheons are in partnership with Grant Township and take place on the third Thursday of the month. Cost is \$10 at the door and includes a meal with drinks and dessert along with live entertainment. Senior Luncheons are held at the Village of Fox Lake's Lakefront Park Building located at 71 - Nippersink Blvd. Fox Lake, IL 60020. To reserve your seat, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at (224) 225-1404.

### Community Garden

The Fox Lake Community Garden is accepting gardeners for the 2022 growing season. Interested in purchasing a Community Garden plot? Please contact the Village of Fox Lake at (847) 587-2151 to check plot availability.

### Egg-citing Egg Hunt & Bunny Breakfast

**Date: Saturday, April 9, 2022**

**Time: Breakfast 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m.**

**Location: Lakefront Park 71 Nippersink Blvd. Fox Lake, IL**

Come to the Egg-citing Egg Hunt & Bunny Breakfast on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at Lakefront Park. The breakfast will be hosted by the Fox Lake Lions Club this year. The event will go from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. with a free egg hunt at 10 a.m. for ages 10 and under. The Bunny Breakfast will include pancakes, eggs, sausage links, coffee, juice & milk for \$9 per person, \$8 for seniors 65+, \$6 for kids ages 4 - 10, and FREE for ages 3 & under. Cash, credit/debit are all accepted at the Bunny Breakfast.



# Parks and Recreation continued...

## Fox Lake Pelican Palooza

**Date: Friday, March 25 - Friday, April 15, 2022**

**Location: Fox Lake, IL**

The Pelicans are on their way to Fox Lake and the Chain O' Lakes. This event will have a take home craft kit and photography exhibit at the Fox Lake District Library, a business scavenger hunt, a photo contest, and a pelican education class with the Lake County Forest Preserve. To see activities, please visit the Village of Fox Lake Facebook Page or website.

Please call the Parks and Recreation Department at (224) 225-1404 if you have any questions.

## Mom and Me Craft Day

**Date: Saturday, May 7, 2022**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Location: Lakefront Park 71 Nippersink Blvd.  
Fox Lake, IL**

Celebrate Mother's Day with mom at Lakefront Park Building with a morning full of crafts, activities and quality time together. Registration for this event is required and costs \$12 per resident family and \$15 per non-resident family. Please call the Parks and Recreation Department at (224) 225-1404 if you have any questions.

## Police Bike Rodeo

**Date: Saturday, May 14, 2022**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Location: Police would like this event at  
Lakefront Park Building 71 Nippersink Blvd.  
Fox Lake , IL**

Get your bike ready for summer with the Fox Lake Police Department. Enjoy a bike course, a free bike tune up, snacks and swag while meeting your Fox Lake Police Officers and Police Bike Patrol Unit. No registration required. Please call the Parks and Recreation Department at (224) 225-1404 if you have any questions.

## Fox Lake Triathlon

**Date: Sunday, June 12, 2022**

**Time: 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

**Location: Lakefront Park 71 Nippersink Blvd.  
Fox Lake, IL**

Swim (1K), bike (12.5 Miles) and run (5K) at the Fox Lake Triathlon! Register at <https://raceroster.com/events/2022/54140/fox-lake-triathlon>

## Fox Lake Farmers Market

**Dates: Every Tuesday, June - September**

**Time: 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: Fox Lake Community Garden Green  
17 E. School Ct. Fox Lake, IL**

Come shop at the Fox Lake Farmers Market this summer for crafts, fresh produce, food and more. The Fox Lake Farmers Market will be entering its 5th year. Held every Tuesday from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. June - September at the Fox Lake Community Garden Green located at 17 E. School Ct. Fox Lake, IL 60020. Interested in becoming a vendor? Please call the Village of Fox lake Parks and Recreation Department at: (224) 225-1404.

## Fox Lake Friday Night Concert Series

**Dates: Every Friday, June - September**

**Time: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Location: Fox Lake Community Garden Green  
17 E. School Ct. Fox Lake, IL**

Enjoy your Friday nights this summer by visiting the Fox Lake Community Garden Green at 17 E. School Ct. Fox Lake, IL for a live music performance. These Friday Night Concerts consist of live solo, duo, and band performances every Friday, June - September from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. with free admission.



# Parks and Recreation continued...

## Rentals at Community Center & Lakefront Park

Need a place to host a business/club meeting, birthday party, or family gathering? Try renting out one of the Village of Fox Lake's indoor facilities. Lakefront Park Building offers a large gym space suitable for up to 150 guests with access to tables, chairs, and the use of a microwave and refrigerator. Lakefront Park Building also offers meeting rooms holding up to 40 people. The Fox

Lake Community Center also offers a large space for parties or gatherings of up to 150 people. Rental fees may vary depending on weekend or weeknight rentals as well as resident or non-resident. For more information please visit the Village of Fox Lake Website or call (224) 225-1404.

## Public Works resumes brush pick up

Public Works resumes brush pick up now through the first week in November. As a reminder, the limbs should be no longer than 6 feet in length, or larger than 6 inches in diameter. All cut ends should be facing the street with the pile stacked neatly at the curb. Brush pickup guidelines are available online at [www.foxlake.org](http://www.foxlake.org). If you have any questions regarding the guidelines or would like to schedule a brush pick up, please contact Public Works at: **(847) 587-8570**.



## Simple steps to reduce flooding

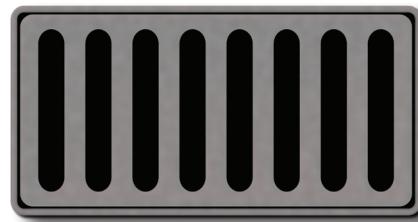
With spring upon us, the potential for flooding increases. Village residents can take some simple steps to reduce the risk and impact of flooding on their property. Storm drains are the grates or culverts you see on a street corner and they allow water to drain from village streets.

These drains are the entryway to the village's storm water system. On rainy days, rainwater and anything else on the streets can enter storm drains. Storm drains typically have grids to prevent large objects from falling into the system. However, the bars are spaced apart so the flow of water is not blocked.

Consequently, many objects can fall through. If these basins get clogged with items such as leaves and other debris, water cannot be drained from the street. This can cause flooding. By keeping debris

off your storm sewer grate, you can help keep water flowing, and decrease the likelihood of flooding. Do not attempt to remove the grate, only the debris on top of the grate. When the forecast calls for heavy rainfall, remove debris from the catch basin before a storm and maintain drainage by keeping it clear.

Together we can reduce the impact of flooding. For questions or concerns regarding your storm water system, please contact the Street Department at (847) 587-8570.



# Consumer Confidence reports are available online

The Village of Fox Lake 2021 Consumer Confidence Reports are available for both water systems.

Consumer Confidence Reports provide consumers with information about the quality of their drinking water. This information has always been available to consumers who requested it from their water supplier. Now it is provided in an easy-to-read format. The Village is pleased to report NO violations for 2021.

A copy of these reports can be obtained at:

**South (0970200) System Report**  
[www.foxlakesouth.us](http://www.foxlakesouth.us)

**North (0975780) System Report**  
[www.foxlakenorth.us](http://www.foxlakenorth.us)

A paper copy may also be obtained at the Village Hall at 66 Thillen Dr. or upon request. For questions or more information about Consumer Confidence Reports, please contact the Sewer and Water Department at 847-587-3506.

## Know your history about the NWRWRF

In the late 1970s, pollution caused by failing septic systems surrounding the waters of Round Lake, Long Lake, and the Chain-O-Lakes. This 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. The original plant design incorporated rotating biological contractors (RBCs) as the secondary treatment process for organic removal. In the late 1980s, it became apparent that the RBCs were incapable of providing adequate treatment. The time had come to redesign the treatment plant so it could 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. Waste-activated sludge is run over two gravity belt thickeners. The now thickened primary sludge that is pumped from the primary clarifiers into gravity thickeners is 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, facility operators received the prestigious Illinois Section Treatment Facility Operations Award from the Central States Water Environment Association. Expansion to 12 million gallons per day average and 30 million gallons per day maximum was completed in the fall of 2013 to handle the increasing flow and was designed to address additional regulations including nutrient removal.

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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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### STAY CONNECTED

Stay up to date with Village news through social media. The Village of Fox Lake is on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook using the handle @foxlakeil.

Updates can also be obtained via email in our weekly e-newsletter - the E-Anchor.

News and updates can also be found on the Village's website at [www.foxlake.org](http://www.foxlake.org).

For more information please contact the Village at (847) 587-2151.