



# FOX RIVER GROVE

## QUARTERLY

A newsletter for and about the Village of Fox River Grove

FALL 2006

### Village News

#### Com Ed Assistance

Commonwealth Edison educational information on energy efficiency, low-income programs and electricity rates is available on their web site [www.ComEdCARE.com](http://www.ComEdCARE.com). This site allows you to submit questions, buy products at a discount, or get a customized online energy audit. You can also contact them at a new toll free hotline (888) 806-CARE (2273).

#### Fox Ornaments

We are always on the lookout for any "fox" Christmas tree ornaments. If you see one and would like to donate it to the Village Hall's Christmas tree, we would appreciate it.

#### Free Leaf Pick Up

The Village's contract with Waste Management includes nine weeks of free leaf pick up during the fall. The dates for "no sticker bags" will be the following:

- ◆ October 6, 13, 20, 27
- ◆ November 3, 10, 17, 25 (Saturday pick-up because of Thanksgiving)
- ◆ December 1

#### Trick or Treat

Halloween is just around the corner. Here are a few safety tips for all our ghosts and goblins:

- ◆ Make sure you trick or treat in your own neighborhood
  - ◆ Have an adult accompany the children
  - ◆ Be sure your child's costume fits properly and their vision is not obstructed
  - ◆ Check the treats before eating. Throw candy not properly wrapped away.
- Best of all - HAVE FUN and enjoy Trick or Treating !!

## Fox Fest 2006 Coming to Lions Park

The committee has been hard at work and planned an eventful day for our residents and friends. Fox Fest will open at Noon on Saturday, September 9th with a Flag Ceremony and Welcome from President Laube. We have a full schedule:

- ◆ Noon - Opening Ceremony
- ◆ Noon - Antique Car Show
- ◆ 12:15 - 12:45 Middle School Band & Chorus
- ◆ 12:30 - 1:00 Kids Bingo!
- ◆ 1:00 - 2:00 Family Magic Show presented by **Mark Presley**
- ◆ 2:00 - 3:00 Live Owl Viewing
- ◆ 3:00 - 4:00 Scales & Tales Traveling Zoo
- ◆ 3:00 - 4:00 Senior Bingo!
- ◆ 4:00 - 6:00 Teenage/ Adult Karaoke
- ◆ 6:00 - 10:00 Alex and the All Stars

There will also be a Kids Games, the Pocket Lady, Punt, Pass & Kick, Eating Contests and lots

more family fun! A great variety of food choices will be available as well. The **Cary-Grove Area Chamber of Commerce** will have hot dogs, brats, beverages and chips. The **Boy Scouts** will be serving Italian beef and Italian sausage sandwiches as well as snow cones and cotton candy. The **Cub Scouts** will be selling popcorn. The **FRG Lions** will be serving up roasted corn and beverages. **FRG Library** and **Friends of the Library** will be selling Dairy Queen treats. In the evening, the Chamber will be selling pizza. Bring the family!



## Mack Manor Returns This Fall!

by *Laura Mack*

During the month of October, Lion's Park in Fox River Grove is transformed into a haunting, chilling site for adults and kids. This non-profit fund raiser for the Rec Council, Mack Manor, is in its 8th year. Themes in the past included *BringUm Brothers*, *BurnEm and BakeUm Sirkus*, *Captain Carnages Crew of the Damned at Mackagascar's Fortress of Despair*, *Mack Department of Corrections*, *Area 51* and *Kastle El Distortquo*. This year's theme will be disclosed, as in the past, during the C-G Homecoming Parade: where the float is a major attraction. Past floats include: A spinning, smoke spewing Skull, 35 foot Fire Breathing Dragon and Floating Spaceship. The 'haunted house' includes an outdoor maze, sway room, a two-story, pitch-black maze and a spinning vortex. 2006 has planned a secret event that has been in design and construction for 12 months. It is guaranteed to take your breath away!

Help! It takes over 60 volunteers per evening to 'put on' this display. Many of these 'monsters' are the teenagers who actually benefit from the proceeds. This provides these young adults with a sense of pride and ownership as they also assist in the construction and tear down of this event. The Mack Manor Skelton Crew is always recruiting mature 'bodies' (breathing or not) for assistance. The crew can be found at the park after Oct. 1st most evenings and weekends until opening day. If you feel a deadly desire to assist, please feel free to e-mail



[mackmanor@yahoo.com](mailto:mackmanor@yahoo.com) for dates and times of construction. Teenagers and adults are welcome.

Attendance has averaged over 2,000 guests over the 2-1/2 weekends in October. The event is geared with 2 audiences in mind: 'Non-scary' is for those families with children under the age of 10 and runs an hour before the 'Scary' hours start. Non-scary has many lights on, friendly monsters and tour guides for those faint of heart. Flashlights by the kids are also allowed. 'Scary' is intended for teenagers and adults. The house is very dark, loud, confusing to navigate and enshrines many live creatures to ensure screams and shrieks.

Tentative dates for 2006 are Oct. 14, 20, 21, 27 & 28, with Non-scary 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. and Scary 7:30-10 p.m. All proceeds go to the improvement of fields, purchase of sports equipment and to offset the rising costs of insurance. Please see [www.mackmanor.com](http://www.mackmanor.com) for volunteer information and dates/times of operations.

## The President's Corner



I hope everyone is enjoying their summer in spite of the recent heat wave. Our fireworks were fun, but unfortunately a little WET! We are hoping that our Fox Fest event has great weather, no bees and lots of people.

Expect a day full of fun, games, food, music and entertainment. Please join us ~ we are looking forward to seeing you there.

I would like to inform you of a couple activities the Board of Trustees are involved in at this time.

In March 2004, the Federal Government and the Division of Homeland Security produced a program/document for all state and local governments called the National Incident Management System (NIMS). In order for Fox River Grove to qualify for federal assistance for preparedness or relief, we must conform to certain standards. The Board is committed to doing this. It requires all staff, police and Board members to take a series of tests.

Our first test, the NIMS Awareness Course, is being completed at this time. NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable all governments, private sectors, and non-government organizations to work together during domestic incidents. It is a daunting task and we are hopeful that these courses will not only make us more efficient and better prepared to respond to any incident, but also make us eligible for grant monies. We will keep you informed as this process goes forward.

Secondly, we are very interested in finding a way to recognize and keep the community informed of the activities of our young men and women in the Armed Forces, those serving here and abroad. We are considering putting up a bulletin board in the lobby of the Village Hall to display photographs, letters, news articles, etc. If you are interested or know someone else who might be interested in seeing this happen, please contact the Village Hall at 639-3170 or e-mail me at [k.laube@foxrivergrove.org](mailto:k.laube@foxrivergrove.org). I'm looking forward to hearing from you. I know this community cares about our young people serving and they would very much like to know who is serving and how they might offer their support.

**Kay Laube**  
*Village President of Fox River Grove*



## FRG Lioness Club Pasta Dinner

The Fox River Grove Lioness will be holding their first major fund raiser ~ a "family friendly" evening of great pasta, a silent auction, activities for the kids, 50/50 raffle and camaraderie. It's the Fox River Grove Lioness's 1st Annual Pasta Dinner!!

It will be Sunday, October 15th from 4-7p.m. at the Fox River Grove Middle School.

## Fox River Grove Hosts Cycling Challenge at Norge

Experience the thrills and chills of a bicycle race in our very own FRG. On Sunday, September 3rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. there will be racing challenges for all ages and skills. There's free admission and parking. Parking is available in Dominick's west parking lot and Stone Hills east lot with a free shuttle to the race area by Norge. There will be food, fun and entertainment for the entire family. Both amateur and professional racers will be testing their speed and strength especially up Violet Avenue. For more information see [www.foxrivergrove.org](http://www.foxrivergrove.org) or [www.visitmchenrycounty.com](http://www.visitmchenrycounty.com)

## Library News

◆ The Friends of the Library will hold their 7th Annual Fall Book and Holiday Sale November 16, 17 and 18. You may donate your Gently Used Books and Holiday Items beginning November 1. We will also be accepting Christmas decorations, ornaments or other items with the holiday spirit.

◆ **Karl Gates**, antique appraiser, will visit the Library on Saturday, October 21, from 1-3 p.m.

◆ **Chef Jonathan Bean** will present his 'Fall in New England' cooking program on Saturday, November 11, from 1-3 p.m.

◆ The Library's Knitting Circle will meet again beginning in September.

◆ Kids in grades K-4 can come in and make 'Back-To-School' crafts on Wednesday, September 13, from 3-5 p.m.

◆ Halloween Family Bingo will be on Monday, October 23 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

◆ The Youth Services Department will hold a Puzzle Marathon on Saturday, November 25 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

For additional information about all library programs, please call the Fox River Grove Memorial Library at (847) 639-2274 and look for their upcoming Fall Newsletter.

Donation is \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids, children 3 and younger are free. Tickets will be sold in advance or can be purchased at the door. To order tickets please call Lioness Dawn Richter-Yokup at (847)462-8642.

The Lioness are very excited to host this great event. We hope you'll bring your parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors to enjoy a delicious meal and do some bidding on the great auction items being donated. Proceeds of the dinner will go to a local scholarship fund the Lionesses are establishing

For more information on the Lioness and what we do, check out our web site: [www.frglioness.com](http://www.frglioness.com)

## 5K Fox Chase Run

The 13th annual Fox Chase 5K will be held on October 1, 2006 at Algonquin Road School. This event that benefits youth sports in FRG features a 5K run over a challenging, hilly course through the streets of town, and a kids one-mile cross-country race. We are a CARA registered race and CARA members receive a discount. Advanced registration is available by downloading the application from [Foxchase5k.com](http://Foxchase5k.com). Race day registration is between the hours of 7:30-8:45 a.m. The 5K starts at 9:00 a.m. and the youth mile will be at 10:15. All details are available on the web site or by contacting Race Director, Dawn Richter at (224) 520-0901.

## Emerald Ash Borer Info



An emerald ash borer is a beetle-type insect about a half-inch long and metallic green in color. It is destroying ash trees. Currently there haven't been any sightings in McHenry County, but we want people to be aware. This insect attacks ash trees by boring into their bark and trunk.

The most visible sign of infestation is crown dieback where the branches at the top of the tree die. Also, look closely at holes and borings, newer growth on the trunk, woodpecker activity and splits in the bark.

Residents can help by not bringing any firewood in from out of the area. Purchase firewood locally from a known source. The borer can easily be transported in ash logs. Be sure to use all your firewood in the cold months so that no hidden emerald ash borer larvae or adults can survive on logs left through the spring. More information is at [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info).



## Special Thank You For Fireworks 2006 Donations

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And to all our residents who added \$2 (and more) to their vehicle sticker purchases and dropped money into the many donation jars around town. THANK YOU!!

## Moving Beyond Congestion

The Regional Transportation Authority, working with Metra, Pace and the CTA, are holding a community workshop for their Moving Beyond Congestion project on Monday, October 16th from 7:00-8:30 pm. The Moving Beyond Congestion project will seek community input on a proposed transit expansion to address the \$4.2 billion annual cost of severe road congestion in Northeast Illinois. The presentation will also detail how transit agencies have been using capital funds to finance operating needs for the last two years, and the need for a new arrangement for transit in our region. If you can not attend the workshop, please visit [www.MovingBeyondCongestion.org](http://www.MovingBeyondCongestion.org) for details.

## Drop Box Reminder

The Village has an after hours depository, a large gray box similar to a mailbox, outside the front doors of the Municipal Center at 305 Illinois Street. You may place any payments, correspondence, or Village business into this box any time the Village Hall is closed. We are open M-F 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. and 9 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. on Saturday.

## Fireworks Thank You!

The Village would like to thank the following people, organizations and businesses for their participation in our Fireworks event. We appreciate it and couldn't have done it without everyone's help.

◆ Cary-Grove Jaycees for brats, hot dogs, chips and drinks.

◆ Cary Grove Masons for the delicious corn on the cob.

◆ Fairway Golf Cars, Inc. for the use of two golf carts.

◆ Fox River Grove Fire Protection District for providing the tables, chairs and bleachers, as well as providing emergency medical staffing.

◆ Fox River Grove Harbor Team for their assistance patrolling the river during the Badgerland Water Ski Show.

◆ Fox River Grove Lions Club for beer and hard lemonade.

◆ Fox River Grove Lioness Club for popcorn and candy.

◆ Fox Valley Region Jaycees for Dairy Queen.

◆ Marty Monti and Rick Cornwall from WFRG Mobile Radio for the great music!

◆ McHenry County Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit.

Also thanks to the many other workers that helped to make this a successful event.

## New Miss & Little Miss FRG

Congratulations to our new "Queens." Jill Smialek, daughter of Bill and Terrie, is the new Miss Fox River Grove. Jill is a senior at Cary-Grove and is the oldest of triplet girls.

She plans to attend college next year majoring in broadcast journalism and aspires to become a TV anchorwoman.

Our Little Miss Fox River Grove is Dianna Cox. Her parents are Frank and Kim and she has an older brother, who's ten, and a twin brother. This summer she learned to kneboard and loves to dance, swim and be outdoors. This fall she'll be entering kindergarten. Watch for both of our Queens at Fox Fest.

We would also like to thank Katie Quid, Miss Fox River Grove and Miss McHenry County 2005 and Maddie Keeler, our Little Miss 2005. We appreciate your representing Fox River

## Recycling Or Trash??

Don't be fooled. In order to increase efficiency, Waste Management uses One-Pass trucks that collect both recycling and trash. These trucks have multiple compartments that keep the trash and recyclables separate.

At the end of the day, the trucks return to Waste Management's Material Recovery Facility

◆ Set-up, manning the entrances, and clean-up thanks go to Duane Figurski, Fred Lobo, Jerry Menzel, Bob Nunamaker, Art Osten, Bill Pierpont, Jim Tuman, the Fox River Grove Lions, Cary-Grove Jaycees and Fox River Grove Streets & Parks Department.

◆ Our glow in the dark necklace sales ladies ~ 2006 Miss Fox River Grove, Jill Smialek, 2005 Miss Fox River Grove and Miss McHenry County, Katie Quid, 2006 Little Miss Diana Cox, Heather Szeliga, Stephanie Cooke, Michelle Cooke, Caitlyn Cooke, President Kay Laube and Treasurer Penny Toppel.

◆ Streets & Parks Superintendent Jon Huizinga, Village Administrator Art Osten, Police Chief Polston and Village Clerk Donna Brouder who planned and organized the event.

◆ Streets & Parks employees, John Reese, Mike Frey, Mark Stockley, Matt Hauck, Jason Frey, Tyler Hopfauf, Bryan Newbold, Brian Rintz, and Will Yocius who helped prepare the park and worked all day to insure all went smoothly.

◆ Chief Polston, Lieutenant Lukasik and Officers Diskin, Domagala, Mlekush, Simcoe, Slovacek and Sykes who were present and patrolling.

Thank you to everyone ~ this is really a community event and so many help to put it on!



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Grove and are proud you are residents of our wonderful community!

where the recyclables are unloaded, separated and sorted while the garbage stays in the truck. The truck then takes the garbage to the landfill.

So, next time you see both your bins being emptied into the same truck, don't worry ~ your recycling is still being recycled.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ **FRG Cycling Challenge** .....September 3 .....Norge Area  
Participate by viewing or racing in FRG's inaugural bike racing challenge.
- ◆ **Golf Outing** .....September 7 ..... Chalet Golf Course  
Enjoy a great time at the Cary-Grove Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing.
- ◆ **Fox Fest 2006** .....September 9 ..... Lion's Park  
Enjoy a fun filled family day of activities, food and entertainment.
- ◆ **Norge Fall Jump** .....September 17th .....Norge Ski Club  
Watch the daring jumpers fly through the sky.
- ◆ **Fox Chase 5K Run** .....October 1st ..... Algonquin Road School  
Support youth sports by entering this challenging race.
- ◆ **FRG Lioness Pasta Dinner** .....October 15th ..... FRG Middle School  
Bring the family to enjoy this Lioness event.
- ◆ **Mack Manor Haunted House** .....October 14, 20, 21, 27 & 28 ..... Lion's Park  
Check out this annual "frightening" event.
- ◆ **"Moving Beyond Congestion"** .....October 16th ..... Village Hall  
RTA is seeking your input on transit expansion. Be sure to attend the presentation.

Visit the Village of Fox River Grove web site at [www.foxrivergrove.org](http://www.foxrivergrove.org) for all the latest information on events, regulations, policies, etc. This web site is a service provided by Rick Gallas, Angel Street Enterprises, Inc. @639-7710.

## Parking Of Boats And Trailers

We have had several calls recently, so we are printing the Village's regulations regarding boats and trailers. (Village Code: Chapter 14-7)

◆ **Parking on residential lots that border the Fox River:** Minimum of three (3) feet from the sidewalk and ten (10) feet from the street -- unless parked in a garage.

◆ **Parking on residential lots which do not border the Fox River:** December 1 -- March 31, no parking in the front yard unless within a garage. April 1 -- November 30, minimum of three (3) feet from the sidewalk and ten (10) feet from the street -- unless parked in a garage.

## Public Works Tours

Hear Ye!! Hear Ye!! School Groups, Scouts, Clubs or just interested citizens ~ you can tour the Village's Public Works Area. Just call **Jon Huizinga**, Superintendent of Streets and Parks at 639-6165 or **Dan Hughes**, Superintendent of Water & Sewer at 639-8360. They will be happy to arrange a tour of this very integral part of our community.

## Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to work on a committee to raise funds for Park development, projects, buildings, equipment and open space. Anyone interested in working with our committee members, please contact **Dan Otto** (847)875-0762 or **Sheri Sepeczi** at (847)462-9828.



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