



# FOX RIVER GROVE QUARTERLY

A newsletter for and about the Village of Fox River Grove

FALL 2008

## Village News

### "Park It on the Fox"

The FRG Parks Commission hosted another successful Classic Car Show fundraiser!!

More than 60 exhibitors from near and far showed their primed and polished cars on June 14th. Spectators enjoyed seeing a variety of cars, celebrity DJs, and the trophy awards!

The proceeds from the car show will go towards the parks in FRG. A huge thank you to all the organizers and volunteers who helped make this wonderful event possible!

A special huge thanks to our sponsors for the 2008 "Park It on the Fox" Classic Car Show fundraiser for the parks:

- ◆ Costco Wholesale, Lake Zurich
  - ◆ Leader Ace Hardware, Fox River Grove
  - ◆ Scala Promotions, Fox River Grove
  - ◆ Tinman's Pub of Fox River Grove
- See you again next year!!

### Services Offered

The Village Hall offers several services to our residents:

- ◆ Handicap Parking Placard – Temporary Placards and applications are available at the Village Hall. Once approved by a physician, we can provide the placard for up to 90 days.
- ◆ Notary Public services are available at no charge for residents.
- ◆ RTA applications for reduced fare for seniors
- ◆ Voter Registration
- ◆ Drop-off box for used eyeglasses collected by our FRG Lions Club and donated to health care professionals for distribution.

## Fun at Fox Fest 2008

A lot is happening—fun, games and entertainment. Much of the entertainment is being sponsored by our local businesses— Top Shelf Liquors, The Wild Bird Center, A. Robert Abboud & Associates and the Rotary Club of Cary-Grove.

Food and drinks are being served by the FRG Lions Club, Cary-Grove Area Chamber of Commerce, FRG Memorial Library and Cub Scout Pack 357. Music groups will include the FRG Middle School Band and Choir, Rock U and Alex and the All Stars. Children's games and crafts are being presented by FRG Lioness Club, Girl Scout Troop 403, FRG Harbor Team, Norge Ski Training Center, FRG PTO and FRG Recreation Council. Mack Manor will be back again this year. Fox River Grove Fire Department will be bringing a fire truck to check out. The Pocket Lady will be there. And new this year will be Rolling Thunder Car Racing. The Village Special Events Committee has been working very hard preparing this event. Thanks to **Audra Smith, Cindy Cramer, Terri Pagels, Peter Strand, Grace Primdahl and Donna Brouder.** The tentative schedule for the day is:

Noon – FRG Middle School Band & Choir

12:30 - Kid's Bingo

1:00 - Rolling Thunder Car Racing

1:00 - 3:00 – Balloon Art & Stilt Walking by the Fugle Family and sponsored by Andy Patel at Top Shelf Liquors

1:00 - 3:00 – Airbrush Tattoos by Head2Toe Body Art

1:00 - 2:00 – Owls & Raptors presented by Stillman Nature Preserve and sponsored by The Wild Bird Center

1:30 - 2:00 – Mad Science Stage Show sponsored by A. Robert Abboud & Associates

2:00 - 4:00 – Mad Science Experiment Table sponsored by Rotary Club of Cary-Grove

2:00 - 2:30 – Gangi Martial Arts Demonstration

3:00 - 4:00 – Dr. Gesundheit's Clown Therapy

3:00-4:00–Senior Bingo

4:00 – Pie Eating Contest

5:00 - 7:00 – Rock U Music Group

7:00 - 10:00 – Alex & the All Stars

Be sure to make this part of your weekend activities! Invite your family and friends, too!



### Mack Manor Presents: The Dead End

*A decade of imagination,  
A monster congregation.  
Lion's Park was transformed and amazing,  
Especially when the Dragon's mouth was ablazing.*

*The Vortex with spinning walls,  
Buried Alive and scary halls.  
Seemed never enough,  
Always crafting new stuff.*

*The patrons kept coming, year after year,  
To face what they love and mostly they fear.  
A Kastle, a Prison, Pirates and Cowboys,  
Area 51, Hollywood Monsters and a Cirkus with toys.*

*The success was staggering,  
Volunteers never lagging.*

*The village support was generous,  
The frenzy we will miss.*

*Our farewell we send  
So aptly named: The (Dead) End.  
We must bid Adieu,  
From The Skeleton Crew*

For the 10th and FINAL year, the Fox River Grove Recreational Council will present the fundraiser:

#### Mack Manor in Lion's Park.

Operating dates & hours:

- October 17, 18, 24 & 25
- Non-scary 6 - 7 p.m., \$3/person
- Scary 7 - 10 p.m., \$7/person

Any Interested Breathing Bodies please see [www.mackmanor.com](http://www.mackmanor.com) for volunteer information.

Mistress of Mack Manor

## Halloween Tricks Or Treats

The Cary-Grove Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Halloween Walk at Stone Hill Center on Saturday, October 25th from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

The parade will begin at Leader Ace Hardware and continue through Stone Hill Center to Dominick's and end at Merle Norman Cosmetics. Children should dress in costume for the parade and trick or treating. Parents, please be sure to park in the large lot next to Harris Bank.

Here are a few safety tips for all the ghosts and goblins:

- ◆ Avoid costumes with flimsy materials and big, baggy sleeves or skirts.
- ◆ Costumes, masks, beards and wigs should be made of flame-resistant materials.
- ◆ Costumes and bags should be bright and easily visible to motorists.

## Celebrate Community!

It takes a village to raise a child -But it takes a COMMUNITY to sustain a church!!! The Community United Methodist Church is hosting a three-day celebration and all are invited to participate in our events.

- ◆ Friday, September 12th: 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Rummage Sale featuring Free Ice Cream
- ◆ Saturday, September 13th: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Rummage Sale featuring Free Food

- ◆ Add reflective tape that will glow in a car's headlights.
- ◆ Be sure costumes fit and do not drag on the ground. Make sure shoes fit, too.
- ◆ Masks, hats and scarves should fit well and provide adequate ventilation without obstructing vision.
- ◆ Have children carry flashlights.
- ◆ Do not eat any treats before an adult has examined them for evidence of tampering. Throw away candy not properly wrapped.
- ◆ Children should always be supervised by an adult.

Halloween is on Friday this year. The Police Department recommends trick or treating from 3 p.m. to dusk to promote safety.

HAVE FUN and enjoy Trick or Treating !!

- ◆ Sunday, September 14th ~ 9:30 a.m. Invited to Church for Cookies & Drinks

Donations of clothing and household items may be dropped off at the Church on September 8th – 10th from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

*(Ripped clothing, broken items, items with missing pieces, electronics, or large appliances or furniture will not be accepted.)*

### Community United Methodist Church

400 Opatrny Drive, Fox River Grove, IL 60021  
847-639-7737

- ◆ Fox Valley Engineering is currently renovating the building at 104 Northwest Highway (next to our quilt store).

The Village is looking forward to welcoming each of these businesses to our community.

In the meantime, Fox River Grove is continually working to help support local business. The Village works through Zoning Ordinances and other support programs to create a positive atmosphere for business development in town. We actively support the Cary-Grove Area Chamber of Commerce, which works very hard to promote its member's businesses.

If you are interested in work that is going on in town, I recommend you attend a meeting of the Planning & Economic Development Commission (PEDC) which meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

We are also looking for volunteers for the PEDC and Parks Commission. If you are interested in working on one of these commissions, please send a letter or e-mail to me at the Village Hall. Explain your qualifications and reasons why you are interested in a particular committee. Fox River Grove has always depended on citizen involvement to help develop improvements and correct problems in our town.

See you at Fox Fest!

## Foreclosure Aid

Times are tougher for many homeowners in the Chicago area. If you or someone you know might be at the risk of foreclosure, try these resources:

- 1-888-995-HOPE (4673) or [www.995hope.org](http://www.995hope.org)
- HUD list of approved housing counseling services
- Illinois Housing Development Authority or [www.ihda.org](http://www.ihda.org)
- Affordable Housing Corporation of Lake County
- Joseph Corp. of Illinois

## Hydrant Flushing – Village Of Fox River Grove

The Water & Sewer Department flushes, inspects and flow tests all fire hydrants twice a year – spring and fall. The entire water distribution system is flushed clean to improve water quality and assure that all fire hydrants are in good operating condition for emergencies.

Residents are urged to check for hydrant flushing signs posted at major intersections and at entrances to subdivisions. There may be some loss of water pressure at the time of the flushing. We also ask that residents check for discoloration of water before doing laundry and turn on the cold water until it runs clear.

## The President's Corner



Our Special Events Commission has been working hard to make Fox Fest 2008 an entertaining event for children and adults alike! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there. Look for the Village Board members and myself at the Village booth. Please feel free to stop and visit and ask any questions you may have.

We have new businesses coming to town including ~

- ◆ Armanetti's Beverage Mart has a target opening date of November 1st in the location next to Brunch Café.

- ◆ Dunkin Donuts / Baskin Robbins is waiting for the correct light poles to be delivered and installed before they can open. We anticipate that to be soon.

- ◆ Moretti's Restaurant has been waiting for Three Chefs Catering to move to their new location before they begin construction. They will be expanding into this additional space. Work should be beginning soon.



President Laube reading a Village Proclamation for Dr. Jackie Krause, on her retirement as Superintendent from School District #3. We wish her the very best!!

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



## FRG Lioness Club Pasta Dinner

The Fox River Grove Lioness Club will be hosting their annual major fundraiser ~ the Pasta Dinner. This is a "family friendly" evening of delicious pasta, a silent auction, activities for the kids, 50/50 raffle and a great time.

It is Sunday, October 26th from 4 – 7 p.m. at the Fox River Grove Middle School. Advance ticket sales are \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids, children 3 and younger are free. Tickets purchased at the door are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids. Tickets can be purchased from any Lioness member or at the Village Hall.

The Lioness are very excited to host this event. We hope you'll bring your children, parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors to enjoy a delicious meal and your checkbook to bid on the great auction items that have been donated. Proceeds of the dinner will benefit local causes.

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

## Do You Know Where Your Water Shut-Off Valve Is?

The shut-off valve is located where the water pipe enters the building. It is usually a red or blue wheel type valve. The valve may be located on a vertical pipe leading from the point of entry inside your basement wall or crawl space or in your utility room.

The shut-off valve can be used to control water flow when plumbing repairs or installations are necessary. It should be used in the event of a burst pipe, which can happen during freezing weather if pipes are not properly insulated.

If you do not have a main shut-off valve, you should install one. If you ever have an emergency, it can help to prevent costly water damage.

## McHenry County Historical Museum

The McHenry County Historical Museum is hosting a free day for the residents of Fox River Grove. It will be on Sunday, October 19th from 1:00 – 4:00. This is a great opportunity to visit the museum grounds. They have several interesting preserved buildings on the property, too - an 1843 log cabin, 1867 limestone schoolhouse, an 1885 town hall. What a great family day! Show them that we care!

## School Is Open, Drive Safely

Just a reminder that school is open and you should be aware of the children going to and from school. Slow down for safety!

## Fireworks Thank You

The Village would like to thank the following people, organizations and businesses for their participation in our Fireworks event.

- ◆ Cary-Grove Jaycees
- ◆ Cary Grove Masons
- ◆ Fairway Golf Cars, Inc.
- ◆ Fox River Grove Fire Protection District
- ◆ Fox River Grove Harbor Team
- ◆ Fox River Grove Lions Club
- ◆ Fox River Grove Lioness Club
- ◆ Fox River Grove Police Department
- ◆ Fox River Grove Streets & Parks Department
- ◆ Fox Valley Region Jaycees
- ◆ Marty Monti and Rick Cornwall from WFRG Mobile Radio
- ◆ McHenry County Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit
- ◆ Melrose Pyrotechnics
- ◆ Raging Buffalo & the Wakeboard Team

There were many volunteers that helped with set-up, clean-up, necklace sales, and wiping down the tables and chairs and loading them onto the trailers. They were:

- ◆ Miss Fox River Grove 2008 Jamie Sarius
- ◆ Stephanie Fritz
- ◆ Nina Mack
- ◆ Colleen Ludford
- ◆ Duane Figurski
- ◆ Cindy Cramer & Madelyn, Emily & Miah

## Special Thank You For Fireworks 2008 Donations

- ◆ Peter Rosenthal
- ◆ Grove Plating Company
- ◆ Fox Waterway Agency
- ◆ Jimano's Pizzeria
- ◆ Baxter & Woodman, Inc.
- ◆ Bryant Automotive
- ◆ Chalets of Fox River Grove
- ◆ Comcast
- ◆ M. J. Petroleum, Inc.
- ◆ Top Shelf Liquors
- ◆ Fox River Grove Harbor Team
- ◆ All Professional Electric
- ◆ Cary-Grove Foot & Ankle Center, Inc.
- ◆ Dr. John Reader
- ◆ Dr. Michael Zgoba
- ◆ Eder, Casella & Company
- ◆ Five O'Clock Steak House
- ◆ Fox 14 Marina
- ◆ Fox Mechanical
- ◆ Fox Valley Engineering
- ◆ Grove Electric Company, Inc.
- ◆ Oh's Cleaners
- ◆ Sirius Technologies, Inc.
- ◆ Urban Forest Management
- ◆ Villa Bleu / Mr. Beefy's
- ◆ Allan Environmental Services
- ◆ Dovetail
- ◆ Dr. Bruce Bell
- ◆ Joseph Foreman & Company
- ◆ Robert D. Blumberg, CPA, LTD.
- ◆ Suburban Electric of Cary, Inc.

## Car Seat Check

The Fox River Grove and Lake Zurich Police Departments are teaming up to do car seat checks on Saturday, September 20th. They will be at the Wal Mart Shopping Center in Lake Zurich from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Officer Simcoe** will be there to answer any questions and check your child's car seat. If you are unable to make this date, you can make an appointment with Officer Simcoe at the FRG Police Department.



- ◆ Penny Toppel
- ◆ Jeanette, John, Stephanie, Katie LoBosco
- ◆ Jerry Menzel
- ◆ Matt & Terri Pagels
- ◆ Paulette & Chase Pelletier
- ◆ Audra & Mike Smith
- ◆ Mike Schiestel
- ◆ Mary Lu Seidel
- ◆ Mike Richardson
- ◆ Cub Scout Pack 357

We appreciate everyone's help and couldn't have done it without each of you.

## Congratulations!

Our Deputy Clerk, **Barbara Majkrzak**, has recently received her Registered Municipal Clerk designation from the Municipal Clerks of Illinois. This is a great career accomplishment for her. She is a valuable asset to the Village. Be sure to congratulate her next time you see her!



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ Fox Fest 2008..... September 6th .....Stanger Park  
Enjoy a fun family day of activities, food and entertainment.
- ◆ Cary-Grove Chamber Golf Outing ..... September 11th ..... Chalet Hills Golf Course  
Join the Chamber for a great time at their annual golf outing.
- ◆ Norge Fall Jump..... September 20th & 21st .....Norge Ski Club  
Watch the daring jumpers fly through the sky.
- ◆ Fox Chase 5K Run ..... October 19th ..... Algonquin Road School  
Support youth sports by entering this challenging race.
- ◆ FRG Lioness Pasta Dinner ..... October 26th ..... FRG Middle School  
Bring the family to enjoy this annual Lioness fundraiser.
- ◆ Mack Manor Haunted House..... October 17th, 18th, 24th & 25th ..... Lions Park  
Check out "The Dead End" ~ Mack Manor's last haunted house!
- ◆ 9th Annual Fall Book & Holiday Sale November 6, 7, & 8th ...FRG Memorial Library  
Donations can be dropped off beginning October 1st!
- ◆ FRG Firefighters Poultry Party ..... November 21st.....Algonquin Road Fire Station  
Support the Firefighters and win a Thanksgiving Turkey at their annual raffle!!
- ◆ Tree Lighting..... December 6th ..... New Hope Church  
Take a ride, talk with Santa, do a craft and enjoy cookies and hot chocolate at this annual Village event.

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. @847.639.7710.

## Free Leaf Bag Pick-Up

Because of our Village contract with Waste Management, there will be nine weeks of free leaf pick up during the months of October and November. Each Friday (except after Thanksgiving, which will be Saturday) Waste Management will pick up your leaves that are placed in kraft bags or containers. You do not need to place stickers on them. The dates are:

- ◆ October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
- ◆ November 7, 14, 21, and Saturday the 29th

Do not rake leaves into the street or drainage ditches. This can block storm drains and create additional hazards. Improper leaf disposal on public property is subject to fines.

Composting/mulching/mowing are other avenues to dispose of leaves. This can reduce the volume by more than 50% and leaf mulch is a good fertilizer.

## 5k Fox Chase Run

The Fox River Grove Recreation Council is hosting their 15th Annual Fox Chase 5K Run on Sunday, October 19. The start time is 9 a.m. with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. The Youth mile starts at 10 a.m. A brochure and on-line registration is also available ~ the link is [www.foxchase5k.com](http://www.foxchase5k.com).

This event includes music, food, prizes and shirts to all race participants. Proceeds benefit youth athletic programs in Fox River Grove. Over 300 participants from throughout the Chicago area are expected. This is a USATF certified race.



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