



FOX RIVER GROVE QUARTERLY

A newsletter for and about the Village of Fox River Grove

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Village News

Local Successes

In the past few weeks, we have read about or seen some of our young adults in the media. Resident **Justin Kulovsek**, 2000 graduate of Cary-Grove, was the head creative editor of a film making its debut at the Sundance Film Festival in Utah. Another film that Justin edited was recently shown at the Gene Siskel Film Center in Chicago.



Another Class of 2000 Cary-Grove graduate and former FRG resident is **Evan Dollard**. Evan competed on the American Gladiator Show and won! He was breaking records and doing an awesome job!! Next season you may see him as one of the American Gladiators!



Another resident **Jason Siska** is appearing on "Survivor". His "day job" is working as a student teacher at Barrington Middle School and as a gymnastics coach at Kids in Action.

Congratulations and Good Luck to the three of you!!

Branch Chipping

The branch chipping schedule has changed. The Village will chip branches April through November, on the first Tuesday of the month. Please make note of this new schedule.

Free Yard Waste

While cleaning out the house and garage, find some time to get the yard waste together. Friday, May 9th and Friday, May 16th will be free yard waste pick up. For those two weeks, you may put out as many brown kraft bags as needed without stickers.

Spring Clean-up

Our annual Spring Clean-up will be Saturday, May 17th. This is a Saturday, not our regularly scheduled pick up day. This is a great opportunity to "clean house" and dispose of the "stuff" you've been accumulating.

Waste Management **will** pick up the following types of things:

- Bundled construction debris of not more than one cubic yard and weighing less than 50 pounds
- Furniture weighing less than 50 pounds
- Lawn and garden items, but not landscape waste
- Plumbing fixtures
- Similar types of items that are usually found in garages or basements
- Small auto parts drained of oil and gasoline

They **will not** pick up the following items:

- Automobile batteries
- Auto parts weighing more than 50 pounds
- Any liquid or hazardous waste materials such as paints, gasoline or motor oil
- Bricks, stones, concrete
- Computers, computer parts or plasma TV's
- Landscape Waste
- Roofing debris
- Tires
- White goods, such as appliances, air conditioners, water heaters, etc.



If you are not sure about an item, please call Waste Management at 1-800-447-1066.

E-Cycling

Landfills are quickly filling up with E-waste. Old TV's and computer monitors are particularly hazardous because they contain lead, cadmium and other heavy metals, many of which are carcinogenic. 2005 EPA figures show that nearly 90% of all E-waste, including camcorders, cellphones and iPods, is deposited into landfills or incinerators, in most cases legally.

Toxic chemicals and metals then leak into the ground or are disseminated skyward. And it turns out that the new flat-panel HDTV's contain mercury.

Dell will recycle any product with their name on it at no charge. Apple will, too, as long as the consumer purchases another Apple product. For a fee of \$10 - \$15, chains like Staples and Office Depot will recycle electronics in accordance with EPA standards.

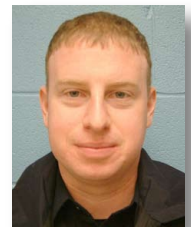
New Faces Around Fox River Grove

As you are out and about in town, you might see a few new Village employees. Please help us welcome these four new police officers: **Alex Panvino, Cory Coss, Eric Waitrovich, Colin Gaffney**; **Jeanette LoBosco** (not pictured) from the Clerk's Office & Police Department; and three new Public Works employees, **Scott Churchill, Chris Reinhard** and **Mitch Rogalski**.

Police Department



Alex Panvino



Colin Gaffney

Public Works



Chris Reinhard



Mitch Rogalski



Scott Churchill



Eric Waitrovich



Cory Coss

The President's Corner



This has been a tough winter season. I am sure that everyone is as tired of shoveling and driving in the snow as my husband and I are.

We want to thank the Fox River Grove

Lioness Club for organizing our holiday Tree Lighting event. They did a terrific job along with help from our Fox River Grove Lions Club and Fox River Grove Seniors. Our horse and wagon ride took place this year in the most unfortunate weather. We look forward to our event next year, hope for better weather, and know that the Lioness will present another great event for the children of our community.

All of us are eagerly watching the construction of the new **Dunkin Donuts / Baskin Robbins** and looking forward to the opening of the **Brunch Café**. For those of you taking the train each day, **Vicki's Cup O' Joe** will be selling coffee from a cart at the train station during the morning rush hour.

Fox River Grove is very sorry to lose Officer **Mark Slovacek**, who has retired after serving our community for 29+ years. Many of us remember Mark as the "D.A.R.E Officer" at District 3 Schools. We wish Mark, his wife Cindy, and their two sons all the best and hope they continue to drop by and join us for the fireworks or Fox Fest.

Everyone is looking forward to Spring, especially after this long, snow-filled winter. Make sure you mark your calendar for Spring Clean-Up Day, (May 17th) free yard waste days (May 9th & 16th) and the new branch chipping policy.

If you have questions about the Village's services or would like to volunteer for one of our events or committees, please contact the Village Hall at 847/639-3170.

Kay Laube

Village President of Fox River Grove

FRG Recycling

Last year FRG residents recycled 507 tons of materials. There were 241 tons of newspaper, mixed papers and cardboard with another 152 tons of aluminum, tin, plastic and glass. We also disposed of more than 1,857 tons of solid waste and 476 tons of yardwaste. About 95% of our residents participate in recycling. Great job everyone!

Tree Lighting

The Fox River Grove Lioness did a great job organizing the annual Tree Lighting on December 1st. **Michele Drage** and **Nona Arnold** co-chaired this special event.

The Fox River Grove Lions Club arranged to have Santa come by for photos and many children took advantage of his visit to fill him in on what they'd like to see under their Christmas tree.

The entertainment provided by **Mrs. O'Reilly-Green** and the **FRG Middle School Choir** was awesome and everyone enjoyed the story telling. Thanks to Village President **Kay Laube**, District 3 Superintendent **Jackie Krause**, and Sunshine School Teacher **Danielle Alarcon**.

Our Fox River Grove Seniors were represented by **Emily Richards**, **Sophie Krzcuik** and **Mary Ann Cutsforth**, who served the cookies, hot chocolate and coffee. The delicious cookies were donated by them and many of the members of our **Lioness Club**. Our local coffee shop, **Vicki's Cup O' Joe**, very generously supplied the hot chocolate and coffee.

The horse and wagon ride was paid for by proceeds from the Special Events \$100 Raffle hosted by our **FRG Lions Club**. We also want to thank **Laura Mack** for the use of her wonderful Christmas decorations that were displayed by Lions Park.

Even with the real winter weather, everyone enjoyed the event! There were so many activities and everyone had a great time!



"Park It On The Fox" Classic Car Show

Mark your calendar for June 14th, 12 - 3 p.m. at Stone Hill Center! The FRG Parks Commission will be hosting the 2nd annual "Park It on the Fox" Classic Car Show to benefit the parks in Fox River Grove.

Volunteers are needed for pre-show organization, flier distribution, day of event set-up, parking attendants, concession and t-shirt sales, clean-up crew, etc. Event sponsors are also needed! This is a great opportunity to become involved ~ contact **Cindy Cramer** at the Village Hall at 847/639-3170, ext. 231. Any time given is greatly appreciated!!

The Picnic Grove's Natural Gems

Friday, April 25, 7:00 pm

Come out for this special opportunity to learn more about the ancient oak forests, rare wildflowers, and hidden stories to be found at Picnic Grove Park.

Dave Brooks, a Fox River Grove resident and professional naturalist will talk about what makes these natural areas special and unique and will describe efforts by citizens to manage these areas and improve their beauty and ecological health for future generations.

No registration or fee necessary - meet near the playground. NOTE: in case of rain, the program will be rescheduled to the following Friday, May 2, 2008. For more information, please call Dave Brooks at (847) 516-8122. Thanks Dave!

Crime Stoppers Donation To Police Department

The Cary-Grove Area Crime Stoppers have made a donation to our Police Department for the purchase of two new computers.

The Crime Stoppers Organization is a not-for-profit group that relies on donations from private citizens and local businesses. No funds are received from government agencies or programs, nor are tax dollars used to pay rewards. For more information, call **Jeff Kolota**, 847/951-8166. Thank you Crime Stoppers!

Building Department News

The Village of Fox River Grove has received the official results from the most recent Building Department evaluation conducted by Insurance Services Office (ISO). We are pleased to announce that the Village has improved its ISO rating from the previous category 3 to category 2 in accordance with the ISO Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS). Currently there are no communities in the State of Illinois that have a better rating than Fox River Grove for residential or commercial construction.

This designation is based on the administration of building codes, the review of building plans and field inspections on projects. In addition, ISO collects underwriting information, including natural hazards common to the area, number of inspection permits issued, number of inspections completed, the building department's funding mechanism and date of establishment, size of the jurisdiction and population, and the fair market value of all buildings.

We are very proud of this achievement as our Village Building Department joins company with the select few that lead the rest of the state by administering comprehensive and effective building code enforcement programs. Congratulations to Building and Zoning Superintendent **Curt Ulrich** for a job well done!

New Resident Bags

The Village has teamed up with the Cary-Grove Area Chamber of Commerce and has new resident bags available at the Village Hall. There are coupons, magnets, maps, business information ~ all kinds of things ~ in a reusable shopping bag! Stop by to pick yours up!!

Local History

Do you have Fox River Grove or Crystal Lake artifacts in your attic or basement? If you have pieces of local history that need a good home, please consider donating them to the Local History Section of the Fox River Grove Memorial Library or the Crystal Lake Historical Society. Especially wanted are yearbooks, class photos, town photos, postcards, etc. Contact **Linda Stengele** at 847/639-4904 to discuss donations.

Hydrant Flushing

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. Running your cold water until it runs clear will remove any discoloration.

FRG Lions Special Events \$100 Raffle

Tickets are now on sale for the \$100 Raffle with all proceeds going to the Special Events Programs for Fox River Grove. The date for the raffle will be Sunday, April 27th at the Cary Country Club from 6 – 9 p.m.

You have twelve chances to win cash. First prize is \$4,000 cash, first number drawn is \$250, loser ticket is \$500 and nine \$100 winners. You can buy a ticket yourself; split it with a friend or a group of friends. Each ticket allows one person entry for open bar (beer, wine, soda) and pizza. Additional guests are \$10 each.

To purchase a ticket or for more information contact **Donna Brouder** ~ 847/639-3170.

Wanted...

Our Fox River Grove Senior Citizens Club needs new members. You only need to be 55 to qualify. They meet every Wednesday at the Village Hall to visit, play cards and Bingo. Come and join the fun! Questions, call **Mary Ann Cutsforth** at 847/639-2267.

Call J.U.L.I.E. Before You Dig

Spring is the season for digging and with it comes the lure of outdoor projects. All outdoor digging projects, including the smallest tasks, require a call to J.U.L.I.E. at 1-800-892-0123. One free call does it all to protect you from digging where utilities are buried – it's simple, safe and the law.

Have the following information ready when you call:

- Your name, address and phone number
 - County and city or county and unincorporated area of township
 - Your company's name and address (if applicable)
 - Location of the dig site
 - Extent of the work involved (reason for dig)
 - Date work will begin
 - Permit number (if applicable)
 - Section and quarter numbers (if available)
- After providing J.U.L.I.E. with the above

Rain Barrels

With thoughts running to conservation ~ Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District and the Land Conservancy of McHenry County are promoting the use of Rain Barrels. Rain barrels are very beneficial – they allow you to collect "soft water", free of chemicals found in tap water. Summer watering can account for almost 40% of domestic water consumption, so they may also save you money by lowering your water bill and since you'll have water available, they will help decrease the demand for water during the sweltering summer months.

Both organizations are selling rain barrels for \$79. These barrels are 39" tall, 23" wide and will

Water Conservation

Here are five easy ways to conserve one of our most valuable resources...and your money.

- 1) Check every faucet in your home for leaks. Just one slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day.
- 2) Put a couple drops of food coloring in your toilet tank. Without flushing, watch the bowl water to see if any color shows up in the bowl. A leak like this can cause a loss of up to 100 gallons a day.
- 3) Keep your shower time to five minutes and only fill your tub to five inches.

Exterior Home Repair Checklist

Keep your home maintained and keep your property value secure. Do it now, so you can enjoy the whole summer.

Walls: Look for holes, decay, peeling paint, missing brick or mortar.

Roof: Look for leaks, worn shingles, broken gutters and downspouts.



information, the J.U.L.I.E. operator will give you a "dig number". Be sure to write this number down as it serves as proof of your call. You will also need to reference this number if subsequent calls to J.U.L.I.E. are necessary (e.g. to have utility marks refreshed).

The call to J.U.L.I.E. and service provided by members are free to the excavator. Operators are available to receive and process calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

In Illinois alone there are more than two million miles of underground utility lines. The smallest job could cause a huge problem if you were to hit a line. Even before putting up a yard tent, you should call. Please do not dig without marks. It could save your or your neighbor's lives!

hold approximately 60 gallons. They are recycled plastic barrels that have been thoroughly cleaned inside and out and then polished with several coats of UV polish.

The rain barrels have a screw-on perforated top with inside screen mesh to keep out debris, bugs, pets and children and also include two top overflow hose connections, a brass spigot and a bottom drain plug. You can visit www.lakeswcd.org or www.conserveMC.org for pre-ordering and pick up information or contact their offices at 847/223-1056 for Lake County or 815-337-9502 for McHenry County. The deadline for ordering is April 7, 2008.

4) Run your dishwasher or washing machine only when you have a full load. Even when your washing machine has a short cycle, it's a more efficient use of water when there are enough dirty clothes for a full load.

5) Water your lawn and garden early or late in the day – not in the midday heat. Avoid windy days. Be sure you're watering your grass and not the sidewalk or driveway. A single lawn sprinkler spraying five gallons per minute uses 50% more water in just one hour than a combination of ten toilet flushes, two five-minute showers, two dishwasher loads and a full load of clothes.

Chimney: Structurally sound, look for any loose or missing bricks.

Doors: (including garage) Check for weather tightness and secured hinges and locks.

Foundation: Check for any holes and cracks.

House Address Numbers: At least 6 inches high, visible from the street, in numerals only.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ Easter Egg Hunt..... March 22.....Noon at Lions Park
Bring your basket and camera to hunt for eggs and a photo with the Easter Bunny!
- ◆ Spring Sale Days April 16.....Stone Hill Center
The Chamber is organizing this event. Stop by for fun, food, entertainment and sales!
- ◆ Natural Gem Program..... April 25..... Picnic Grove Park
Learn about the ancient oak forests, rare wildflowers, and hidden stories to be found at Picnic Grove Park.
- ◆ Special Events \$100 Raffle..... April 27.....Cary Country Club
Get your group together to win big and support FRG events!
- ◆ Free Yard Waste Pick-Up May 9th & 16thAll Around Town
Take advantage of free yard waste pick-up.
- ◆ Spring Clean-Up May 17 Your House
Time for the annual clean out the garage and basement.
- ◆ Memorial Day Parade May 26 Algonquin Road School
Be there to pay tribute to our Veterans.
- ◆ "Park It on the Fox" Classic Car Show... June 14Stone Hill Center
Join us at this annual fundraiser for the Fox River Grove Parks.

Visit the Village of Fox River Grove web site at 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.

Miscellaneous Info

- Please don't place your garbage containers in the street for pick-up. That is a violation of Village Code and an obstacle to traffic.

- Stay safe and don't walk in the street. Regs say a sidewalk must be used if it's available plus it's hard for drivers to see you and impedes traffic flow.

- School District 3 is planning for the 2008-2009 school year, and one of the most important aspects of the planning process is to determine the number of kindergarten class sections that will be needed next year.

Parents of incoming kindergartners that missed registration days are strongly encouraged to call Algonquin Road School at 847-516-5105 as soon as possible. (In order to be eligible for kindergarten next year, a child needs to be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2008.)



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