



# From The Desk of The Mayor

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Spring/Summer  
2014

The Village Focus



As I near the end of my first year as your Mayor, I would like to review the past twelve months, and give you a look ahead.

This year has been an especially challenging weather year. We had record flooding last April and June, a Polar Vortex that resulted in the coldest temperatures since the early eighties, and the largest snowfall in over 40 years.

These weather events were not only a challenge for you, but also a challenge for our Street Department as well as the Sewer & Water Department.

Frugal management of our salt supply and the use of sand minimized our material costs, however, a tremendous expenditure in labor was needed to keep the streets open and safe. Similarly, an alarming number of water and sewer lines that had never frozen, were freezing. Our crews were kept busy seven days a week serving our residents. As the first thaw was occurring, the ground movement resulted in many sewer and water lines breaking.

This again was a major expense to our Village. While we budget for contingencies, the cost of these extraordinary events has been substantial. I must express a debt of gratitude to our interim Village Administrator Bill Ganek. Bill stepped in after the Administrator had retired. He not only earned my respect and admiration, but that of the department heads and staff as well. Having Bill allowed us to conduct a thorough search for a permanent Administrator. In addition to managing staff, he assisted in balancing the budget and preparing a much needed Capital Improvement Program, these were just a few of the projects he participated in during his brief tenure in Fox Lake.

While Bill will be missed, we are very fortunate to have hired Anne Marrin as our new Village Administrator. Anne was selected after an extensive search for Administrator was completed. She was selected by the Village Board and staff from over fifty applicants. Anne brings a wealth of experience, a strong background in development, finance and acquiring funding for projects. Anne is a very welcome addition to our Village.

To update you on development, we are meeting with developers regularly, regarding a variety of projects. Some of the projects include: an assisted care center, a hotel, new retailers and residential developments. In addition, we are working with our retail development company to acquire businesses for the Dominick's site and areas of opportunity in our Village.

Yes, it is true Ace Hardware is coming back to Fox Lake. They will be located in the Town Center, close to the movie theater. Their anticipated opening date is in July.

Enjoy the Spring and Summer. As always, e-mail me at [schmitd@foxlake.org](mailto:schmitd@foxlake.org) or call me at 847-587-3943.

# Village News

## Village Administrator - Anne Marrin

Well it has been a little over a month since I started my position at the Village of Fox Lake. It is a great community with so many possibilities. Most of my time has been dedicated to getting to know our Mayor, Village Board and the different departments as well as familiarize myself with the different areas of the village, the businesses and residents.

I know it has been a long cold winter, but the Village Board and staff have worked very hard on a budget that includes some much needed Capital Planning. It is with this planning that the Grand Avenue Resurfacing Project was completed. This was a grind and over-lay of the street from York to Rushmore and included 2000 square yards of pavement. It looks great and was completed in two days.

I have attended several meetings in Lake County and we are planning for 2014 and 2015 grant programs that include the Sayton Road Reconstruction Program (2015) and our Fire Hydrant Replacement Program (2014). The hydrant replacement program has received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). These grants provide communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. The CDBG Fire Hydrant Replacement Grant will replace 30 fire hydrants throughout the Village. We anticipate this project beginning in June of this year.

Another CDGB project is the Livingston Street Project (from Kingston Boulevard to the southern terminus). This project will also encompass Broadway, Castle, Hooks and Fortress. The project will include milling, pavement patching, binder and surface course and some drainage improvements. We hope to begin this project by mid-June of this year.

We also have several resurfacing projects that will be worked on this summer and they include:

- Westshore Drive (entire length) – approximately 0.39 mile
- Deerpath Court (entire length) – approximately 0.16 mile
- Mallard Court (entire length) – approximately 0.08 mile
- Chris Larken Road (from the frontage road north to Talisman Way) – 0.10 mile

The Sayton Road Project has received funding through the Lake County Surface & Transportation Program (STP) and is currently undergoing Phase II Engineering. The project is due to be let by IDOT in January of 2015. What this means is that this project will begin in early Spring of 2015.

I am thrilled to be a part of such a great village and will continue to work on grants and funding for future projects not only for roads but much more. We have a terrific Village Board a great knowledgeable staff and a lot of planning and prioritization that we are working on. I look forward to getting out and about to meet the residents and businesses in our community!

If you have any questions or concerns, I am always available via e-mail or by phone: [marrina@foxlake.org](mailto:marrina@foxlake.org) or 847-587-3942.

# Village News

## Building Department

Spring has sprung! It's time to get out of the house and into our yards. Let's pick up all that winter has left us and begin the home improvement projects we have been dreaming about all winter long. As building season has begun, provided below are general permit guidelines to get you started.

### Permit Application Guidelines

#### Permit Submittal:

Complete an application for all projects. Along with the permit application, please provide the following:

- Plat of Survey- dimensionally locating the project (2 copies)
- Drawings/Plans (2 copies)
- Copy of Contractors proposal (where applicable)
- Letter of Approval from Homeowner's Association (where applicable)
- Watershed Development Permit (if located in Floodplain)
- Contractor Requirements:
- The majority of contractors must provide the following:
  - \$10,000 Bond
  - Certificate of Liability Insurance, listing the Village of Fox Lake as additionally insured.
  - Contractors where requirements differ;
  - Plumbers only need to provide a Letter of Intent and a copy of the State License.
  - Roofer's must supply a copy of the state roofer license, in addition to the requirements above.

Permit requirements may vary depending on the project. Additional submittals may be required. Please contact the Building and Community Development Department for additional information.

Please call the Building Department at 847-587-3176 if you have questions as to whether or not a permit is needed.

## Police Department - Chief Mike Behan

### 3rd Annual "Guns & Hoses" Golf Outing (Police/Fire)

Friday – July 25, 2014

Shotgun Start 11:00 a.m.

Fox Lake Country Club

For more information call 847-840-0029



# Village News

## Sewer and Water Department - Supervisor Rocky Horvath

The Sewer and Water Department has had a busy winter responding to frozen pipes, sewer lines and other cold related issues. The last time the Village experienced a winter such as this year's was the winter of 1981-82. Just like most residents, the Sewer and Water Department is looking forward to beginning its spring projects!

Starting in April, the Sewer and Water Department has started on three programs of their annual maintenance.

1. Hydrant flushing program - Hydrants are flushed two times per year to rid sediment from the water mains and ensure hydrants are working properly.
2. Sewer cleaning program - All sewers are cleaned on a regular schedule. This ensures correct operation and reduces the risk of sewer backups.
3. Sewer televising program - All sewers are inspected with video equipment on a regular schedule. Defects are located and repaired. This ensures the Village's sewer collection system operates correctly.

The Sewer and Water Department is still offering free water audits as a service to our residents. Please contact the Fox Lake Sewer and Water Department at (847) 587-3506 to schedule an appointment for an audit. A member of the Fox Lake Sewer and Water staff will come to your location and check for:

1. Leaks
2. Fixture and meter efficiency
3. Offer conservation and water saving tips

Audits are available Monday-Friday, 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

The chart below shows how much a small leak can cost residents:

Water Loss In Gallons					
Leak this Size	Loss Per Day	Loss Per Month	Leak this Size	Loss Per Day	Loss Per Month
.	120	3,600	●	6,640	199,520
•	300	10,800	●	6,964	209,520
•	693	20,790	●	8,424	252,720
•	1,200	36,000	●	9,585	296,640
•	1,920	57,600	●	11,324	339,720
•	3,095	92,880	●	12,750	361,600
•	4,295	128,880	●	14,952	448,560

# Village News

## From the ESDA Desk - Supervisor Annette Wolf

The promise of spring's warmer weather and longer days is in sight however; the Fox Lake emergency services staff is focusing on watching out for the heavy rains, and severe weather that can increase the risk of flooding, to which Fox Lake residents are all too familiar with. Don't be caught off guard. Take action to protect yourself, your family, your business and your hard earned dollars before the conditions present themselves.

Here are some tips from FEMA on Spring Flooding: Risks and Protection

### SPRING FLOOD RISKS

**Spring Rains.** Spring storms can bring several inches of precipitation in just hours or can stall out over an area for days. These heavy rains can lead to severe flooding by oversaturating the ground, overflowing storm drains, or causing rivers to spill over their banks or levees.

**Flash Flooding.** A flash flood is a rapid flooding of low-lying areas in less than six hours, which is caused by intense rainfall from a thunderstorm or several thunderstorms. Flash floods can also occur when there are drought-like conditions.

**Levees and Dams.** The U.S. has thousands of miles of levees and dams that are designed to protect against a certain level of flooding. These structures can erode and weaken over time, and they can also be overtopped or even fail during larger flood events.

### KNOW YOUR RISK

Everyone is at risk for spring flooding, yet many remain unprotected. Just a few inches of water can cause tens of thousands of dollars in damage. Between 2006 and 2010, the average flood claim was nearly \$34,000. That's more than many survivors can afford to pay out of pocket for damages due to flooding, and without flood insurance, many must cover the costs to repair or rebuild on their own. Consider your risk and the consequences of a flood event, and make the choice to protect yourself.

### BE FLOODSMART – REDUCE YOUR RISK

A flood does not have to be a catastrophic event to bring high out-of-pocket costs, and you don't have to live in a high-risk flood area to suffer flood damage. Around twenty percent of flood insurance claims occur in moderate-to-low-risk zones. Property owners should remember:

**The time to prepare is now.** Visit [ready.gov/floods](http://ready.gov/floods) for more on family preparedness for flood and other emergencies. There are a number of steps individuals and families can take to better prepare themselves for flooding and reduce their risks. Remember to have a family evacuation plan, put an emergency kit together, and keep important papers and valuables in a safe, dry place. Gather supplies in case of a storm, strengthen your home against damage, and review your insurance coverage.

Only flood insurance covers flood damage. Most standard homeowner's policies do not cover flood damage. Remember: it typically takes 30 days for a new flood insurance policy to go into effect, so get your policy now. Flood insurance is also affordable. An average flood policy costs around \$600 a year, and rates start at just \$129 a year for homes in moderate-to-low-risk areas.

# Village News

## FoxComm 911 Center - Supervisor Annette Wolf

Cellular phones are quickly replacing the copper phone lines that were a staple in every household. Cellular Phone technologies are ever changing with better features every year, but what do you do with your old cellular devices? Here are some options to consider.

**Recycling Cell Phones-** There are plenty of great fund-raising organizations that recycle your donated cell phone for payments to a school or organization. The organizations will be able to collect anywhere from \$1 to \$300 towards their organization. The companies that sponsor these programs are required to meet the “Guidelines for Media Sanitization” published through National Institute of Standards (NIST) which presents this option as viable and safe.

**Trade In or Buy Back-** Most cellular companies will take a trade in or buy back option in terms of credit towards the purchase of the new device. Please check with your service for these conditions as they may have restrictions. Some companies are now coming forward to purchase old, damaged and outdated technologies for a pre-determined payment to the owner. It is cautioned that when you do this that you wipe your information from your phone to insure that you are protected in the instance that your device can be resold.



The above options are in your favor or working towards the good of donation. There is one option that is all too common which is the use of an old device for play with children. It is no small wonder that children love to play with the cellular devices as it performs all the tasks that entertain them, but did you know that over 2,500 calls a year to our 911 center are generated by infants and toddlers playing with a cellular phone?

A cellular phone that is charged and powered must be able to dial 911 with or without a service plan. Letting the kids play with an outdated phone is convenient because it keeps them entertained but if the battery is in and the device is on when 911 is dialed or the emergency button is depressed that call is being transmitted. We are sending police units and 911 dispatchers to track down the calls and respond to the misdials when this happens.

The 911 center is required to send response to all 911 calls; cellular or land line to insure that there is a response to a call for help. Of the 2,500 misdials that we have responded to in 2013 the time utilized by responders diverting them from true emergencies is over 12,500 minutes or 208 hours a year.

If you are choosing to let your child use a cellphone you are no longer using PLEASE REMOVE THE BATTERY. By removing the battery you have disabled the ability for the phone to dial 911 and allowing public safety units to concentrate on responding to true emergencies.

# Village News

## **Police Department - Chief Mike Behan**

Fox Lake Police Department Annual Bike (bicycle) Rodeo

Saturday, June 7th

Lakefront Park Building, 71 Nippersink.

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Kindergarten through 5th grade



There will also be prizes, hotdog and chips and a raffle for a new bicycle.

## **Parks and Recreation Department - Amy Serafin, Coordinator**

The Village Board recently approved the Parks and Recreation Department to move forward with the application for the PARC grant. The application process has been completed, and we are looking forward to being informed if we are one of the recipients of the grant in the coming months.

We are currently looking for public opinion of our Lakefront Park Building and would like you to fill out a survey. The survey is available on our website, [www.foxlake.org](http://www.foxlake.org) or copies are available at Village Hall and Lakefront Park. We value your input, and want to improve our facilities to meet our community's needs.

Residents recently received the Spring & Summer Parks and Recreation Program Guide in the mail. It is packed with information regarding events and programming for the upcoming season!

As always, if you have a question about programs or events, please feel free to contact Amy at 847-587-3944 or e-mail at [serafina@foxlake.org](mailto:serafina@foxlake.org).

# Parks and Recreation News

## **CELEBRATE FOX LAKE**

**Saturday, July 5th 2014**

**Lakefront Park, 71 Nippersink Blvd.**

The parade kicks-off at 10:00 a.m. beginning at Grant High School. The parade is sponsored by the Fox Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

**Festivities begin at Lakefront Park at 11:00 a.m. and continue until 4:00 p.m.**

**Celebrate Fox Lake is a family friendly event that features:**

\*Live music by R GANG from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

\*Craft & Vendor Show

\*Obstacle Course

\*Trackless Train

\*Face Painting

\*Food & Beer Garden

\*Strolling Magician

\*Balloon Artist

\*and MORE!



**THERE IS NO ADMISSION FEE FOR THIS EVENT!**

## **Senior Friends~ Save the date for upcoming luncheon's and trips!**

Grant Township Senior Picnic ~Thursday, June 19, 2014 Join us for our Annual Senior Picnic. A B-B-Q lunch will be served. Entertainment by: Nick Willet. There is limited seating, and registration is required. To register, call Grant Township at 847-740-2233.

July 17, 2014 ~ Trip to the Dancing Horses & Exotic Bird Show in Delavan, WI. Cost is \$70.00 per person and includes: coach bus transportation, lunch and admission to the show.

Registration must be received by June 27th.

# Parks and Recreation News



## “Concert by the Lake”

**A Musical Venue under the Stars**

June 21, 2014 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Lakefront Park, 71 Nippersink Blvd. Fox Lake

Entertainment by: Johnny Russler and the Beach Bum Band!

Enjoy a night of Live Music & Dancing!

Food and Beverage will be available for purchase

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets!

(Children under the age of 18 must remain with adult at all times)

## Teen Jammin’ Dance & Social Is Back!

Join us on the following Fridays:

June 13, July 11, and August 8, 2014

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Lakefront Park Building, 71 Nippersink Blvd.

\$3.00 admittance fee

There will be refreshments and pizza for sale.

DJ Bob from Soundwave Entertainment will run contests and more!

Don’t miss the fun!

**\*\*\* For your child’s safety this is a lock-in event\*\*\***

## Movie By The Lake

**Saturday, July 19, 2014 at DUSK**

Lakefront Park, 71 Nippersink Blvd.



We will be showing Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2, Rated PG

There will be complimentary popcorn. Beverages will be available to purchase.

Bring your blanket or lawn chairs!

# Village News

## Northwest Regional Water Reclamation Facility - Supervisor Steve Vella

### Reclaimed/Reuse Water, Not as Absurd As It Sounds

As the public comes to terms with the expense and scarcity of water, our most precious (next to oxygen) commodity, new mind sets need to evolve to the sources of water supply. Natural and man made effects sometimes cause negative impacts on our water resources. Extreme weather patterns are the new norm that includes droughts. The drought in California will soon be hard felt by all of us at the grocery store. Urbanization also creates a stressed demand on the water supply due to usage, and runoff of paved areas and rooftops. Let's not forget contamination naturally occurring and man made. Natural sources of contamination in groundwater are in the form of radium, barium and salts. Industrial pollutants such as the Duke Energy coal ash spill in North Carolina polluting the Dan River are threatening drinking water for Danville, Virginia. Road salt used to melt ice is now showing up in yearly elevated concentrations of chlorides in our aquifers.

Locally here in Fox Lake much attention is on the water rates and the treatment possibilities. Lake Michigan as a water source is a pricey proposition. So other alternatives need to be explored. It may seem futuristic and absurd but reclaimed or reused water may be a consideration for a water source.

Reclaimed water or recycled water is former wastewater (sewage) that is treated to remove solids and certain impurities, and used in sustainable landscaping irrigation or to recharge groundwater aquifers. The purpose of these processes is sustainability and water conservation, rather than discharging the treated water to surface waters such as rivers and lakes. In some cases, recycled water can be used for stream flow augmentation to benefit ecosystems and improve aesthetics.

If you think about it downstream user's such as Elgin and Aurora already reclaim water discharged by our treatment plant be it comingled with the Fox River. Cycled repeatedly through the planets water cycle, all water on Earth is recycled water, but the terms "recycled water" or "reclaimed water" typically mean wastewater sent from a home or business through a pipeline system to a treatment facility, where it is treated to a level consistent with its intended use.

St. Petersburg, Florida constructed their reclaimed water reuse system in the 1970s, as an alternative to constructing expensive upgrades to their WWTP to meet more stringent discharge requirements. Now the City's reclaimed water satisfies about 40 percent of the communities total water demand, with many of the city's parks, schools, golf courses, residential lawns, fire hydrants, and commercial buildings drawing reclaimed water for non-potable uses. Other examples; Los Angeles County's sanitation districts have provided treated wastewater for landscape irrigation in parks and golf courses since 1929. The first reclaimed water facility in California was built at San Francisco's Golden Gate Park in 1932. Further, the Orange County Water District, located in Orange County California, and in other locations throughout the world such as Singapore, water is given more advanced treatments and is used indirectly for drinking.

Good news, it's not all doom and gloom. Although there are no current plans, thinking "outside of the box", Fox Lake has an abundant water resource at the NWRWRF wastewater plant that with innovative thinking and planning could be a cost effective safe alternative means to future water resource needs.

# Village News

## Street Department - Supervisor Dan Miller

### **What a winter!**

The 2013-14 winter season was one for the record books and, like most residents, the Street Department is more than pleased that it is over with. Although the crippling cold and exhausting snow storms have come to an end, in its place are street and parkway damage that absorbed the brunt of the extreme weather. This means that the Street Department is gearing up for a very busy spring season!

### **Pothole Repairs:**

The harsh winter wreaked havoc on Village streets and the Street Department is working to repair potholes in Village streets as quickly as possible. Potholes are caused by a combination of factors, including gradual aging and deterioration of the roadway, an unusually high level of moisture affecting roadways and frequent freeze - thaw cycles that can cause potholes to form overnight. The formation of potholes is worsened by cold temperatures, as water expands when it freezes to form ice and puts stress on cracked or weakened pavement. Moisture that has seeped through cracks and joints in pavement freezes and expands causing the pavement to bulge, heave and fracture. The damage is amplified by wear and tear from traffic. Crews are responding to known potholes and working tirelessly to repair them using cold-patch asphalt materials. To report a pothole, please contact the Street Department at (847) 587-8570. Your patience and cooperation is much appreciated during this emergency repair time.

### **Curbside Brush Collection**

While the goal of the Street Department is to repair the damage from this past winter, staff is eager to resume regular service programs as soon as feasibly possible. One of these programs is the Curbside Brush Collection program. Although this program typically begins in mid-April, residents are advised to contact the Street Department to verify the actual start date. As a reminder, this program is for branches and limbs ONLY. Yard waste and landscape materials will not be collected under this program's criteria. Residents are required to use their regularly scheduled refuse and recycling collection through Waste Management for those items. Additional information can be found under the Street Department's page on the Village's website at [www.foxlake.org](http://www.foxlake.org).

### **Street Improvement Program**

During the winter, the Village was immersed in planning for next year's budget cycle. As noted in previous newsletters, the focus of next year's budget was to develop a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for street repairs and maintenance. The new budget, which began on May 1st, contains a CIP dedicated strictly for this type of activity and includes a 5-year plan for improving Village streets. More information on this plan and a schedule for street improvements will be available in future newsletters and Village correspondences.



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**Village Meetings**-Agendas and minutes are available on-line at [www.foxlake.org](http://www.foxlake.org)

## Welcome to our New Businesses!

Subway ~ 1398 S. Route 12  
Welding Apparatus Company ~ 87 Honing Road  
Fox Lake Express Lube LLC ~ 16 N. US Hwy 12  
HVC Plumbing d/b/a Ex-Stink Plumbing & Sewer ~ 16 N. US Hwy 12  
Ash Kickers Inc. ~ 2 W. Grand Ave, #101  
Sit Means Sit Dog Training ~ 103 Christopher Way  
Bella Bouncies Inc. ~ 99 Christopher Way  
Kodiak Automotive ~ 90 S. US Route 12

**Reminder - Vehicle Stickers are available for purchase at the Village Hall, website, or by mail. Vehicle stickers are due to be on your vehicle by July 1, 2014.**