

VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW

NEWSLETTER



FALL 2021



VIEW POINTS

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



We've been very busy these past few months. We've hired 3 new full-time Police officers. We have Valerie back part time in the Police Station, monitoring the desk after hours for the convenience of the residents and for emergency situations in the PD. We are looking for 1 or 2 additional part-timers to fill additional shifts on the weekends.

We have hired a new Fire Chief. Mark Jones officially starts September 16th. Look for his intro in the next newsletter. Many thanks to AJ Aiardo & Alan Dudek for sharing the duties as Deputy Chiefs during our search for a Fire Chief.

Midalia Nevarez was appointed Trustee to fill the open position.

We have purchased a new 2021 Ford Explorer Police Squad.

Laura (Luznicky) McGuffey, life-long resident has joined the Village Team as Clerk/Treasurer. Her bio will also be in next newsletter.



Check out the bulletin board in the Village foyer. The "Mayors Corner" features events in other areas such as golf outings, job opportunities, government help sites, Midway Airport Noise Commission Meeting dates etc. If you see something of interest, please feel free to take the add as we can always print more.

We are also adding a "Kid's Corner" on the opposite wall. We will display the children's art submitted for the various holidays. Bring those pumpkin's in so we can proudly display!

We are planning our first Oktoberfest to be held, Saturday, October 16th. Beer, brats, potato pancakes & live polka band to name just a few of the highlights. More info in this newsletter. Hope to see you there!

Warm Regards,

Village President, Nancy L. Miller



FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE

SALUTE TO OUR HEROES



Not only on Veteran's Day in November, but each and every day, we would like to salute all our active, inactive, and retired military residents who have so bravely served our nation!

FLU VACCINES



Sign up for your Flu Vaccine on the Oktoberfest RSVP. Walgreens will be setting up a Flu Shot Clinic from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. during the Oktoberfest event. Remember to bring your insurance card. If you are uninsured, please speak with the pharmacist or technician. Additional information in this newsletter.

PLEASE NOTE: The Village Office will be closed on Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th for the Thanksgiving holiday.



PLEASE NOTE: Late Fees will go back into effect for the October water billing which will be due November 30th. (fees were waived during the pandemic)

We have a drop box located by the parking lot door for your convenience. (checks only please)

☺ Earlier today, I saw a bumper sticker that said, "I'm a veterinarian, therefore I drive like an animal". Suddenly I realized how many proctologists are on the road..... ☺

BUILDING PERMITS

You will be fined if you start work without obtaining a Building Permit. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** A building permit must be obtained *prior* to the construction, alteration/remodel



or repair of any house/property whether doing the work yourself or by a contractor. Permits are needed for, but not limited to, the following: alterations involving moving or adding walls, basement finish-out, electrical and plumbing work, HVAC work, shed, fence, deck, patio, roof, driveway, window replacement, siding, solar panels, swimming pool. **If you're not sure if a permit is required, please call the Village Office at 708-788-3429.** Some building permits require a fee, however for many projects, there is no fee at all for the permit.

Permits are required to ensure that the work adheres to Forest View Building Codes. Also permits can guarantee that a contractor is insured and bonded and the homeowner is protected from fraud.

Stickney Township Office on Aging

Stickney Township Office on Aging serves as the designated Aging and Disability Resource Center for those living within Stickney Township. Help is available to those wanting assistance with benefit eligibility and application assistance for various benefit programs. Stickney Township Office on Aging staff have the resources to assist and connect you to all of the services you may need to address your financial and emotional well-being. For assistance or further information please contact Stickney Township at 708-636-8850.



PUBLIC WORKS

FALLING LEAVES

When you start raking those colorful leaves, please refrain from raking them into the street. Public Works already has a difficult time keeping the leaves that naturally fall into the street from entering sewer intake basins. As you may have noticed, when intake grates and basins become clogged, localized street flooding occurs.



For new residents, leaves are to be placed in paper yard waste bags or garbage cans with a "Compost Only" sticker affixed to it. "Compost Only" stickers are available at the Village Office at no charge. Place full bags or garbage cans at the curb for Wednesday morning pickup.

We ask for your support by not raking the leaves into the street, and when possible, to rake the leaves out of the gutters as you're cleaning your yard.

RESIDENTS WITH LAWN SERVICE:

Please make sure your landscaping company does NOT blow the leaves into the street.

Please advise your landscaper to place leaves in a garbage can with a Compost Sticker (available at the Village Office free of charge) affixed to the can or to bag the leaves in paper yard waste bags.

Friendly Reminder

If Groot forgets to stop by your home on pick up day, please call them at 888-485-0900
You will be added to the schedule.

Compost
11-24-21 Last Day For Pick-Up

☺ Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer you get to the end, the faster it goes.



POLICE DEPARTMENT



HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Do not hesitate to contact the Police Department Dispatch at 708-458-2191, or if emergency, dial 9-1-1, of any suspicious activity.

SNOW REMOVAL PARKING BAN



And looking a little further down the road.....Please remember that the snow removal parking ban and towing ordinance is in effect when a snow fall of 2 inches or more occurs. Cars in violation of this ban will be ticketed and towed. NO EXCEPTIONS!! Any questions contact Police Department at non-emergency number 708-788-0318 weekdays 9:00-5:00. You may call Justice PD non-emergency after hours at 708-458-2191.



DOG OWNERSHIP

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all residents that per Village Code all dogs must be licensed ANNUALLY (in the month of June each year) with the Village Office and wear an up-to-date dog identification tag. To obtain a license, owners must show proof of a current rabies vaccination. Please remember that no more than three (3) dogs are allowed per residence. If a dog in in your future plans, registration must occur within 30 days after acquiring, maintaining or harboring new dog. Failure to abide by Village Code will result in penalty for being in violation.



Once again, the Forest View Fire Department wants to make sure you have a working smoke detector AND carbon monoxide detector.

Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are required by law. At a minimum, we recommend detectors that have 10-year lithium batteries. Hardwired, interconnected devices are the best solution. Every house is different, but you should have both detectors on every floor of your home.

A home without working detectors could cost you your life. Why not make sure your home is safe and get some today!



Just a reminder that Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 A.M. on Sunday, November 7th. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour. Change your clocks...Change your smoke detector & carbon monoxide batteries!



Village of Forest View Oktoberfest!



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

1:00 TO 7:00 PM

FOREST VIEW PARK

FREE EVENT FOR ALL FOREST VIEW RESIDENTS.

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER BY OCTOBER 8TH.

BRATWURST, HOT DOGS, POTATO PANCAKES, SODA & BEER WILL BE PROVIDED, WITH OTHER VENDORS ON SITE.

LIVE MUSIC BY PALOMA. KIDS GAMES, ACTIVITIES, AND FUN ALL AFTERNOON.



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FOREST VIEW PARK

VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM

We are inviting residents who have a craft or who are business representatives for a company to set up their tent or tables and display / sell their items. Reserve your spot by October 8! Fill out, and return to: Village Hall, 7000 W. 46th Street with \$30.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

COMPANY YOU REPRESENT: _____

PRODUCT YOU WILL DISPLAY / SELL: _____

Please walk to the Oktoberfest. Municipal Lot will be reserved for handicapped residents. EVENT IS FREE, BUT LIMITED TO VILLAGE RESIDENTS AND FAMILY ONLY. Commemorative cup needed for unlimited beer or wine is \$10. Soda is \$1 per can. Cups can be purchased at the event, or before at Village Hall. CASH ONLY.

RESIDENT RSVP FORM

You must pre-register for planning purposes and to receive your entry wristbands. Reserve your spot by October 8! Fill out, and return to: Village Hall, 7000 W. 46th Street.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

ADULTS ATTENDING: _____ **CHILDREN ATTENDING:** _____ **Total Attendees:** _____

I AM HOMEBOUND, AND WOULD LIKE A FOOD DELIVERY: _____

I AM HANDICAPPED AND WOULD LIKE TO BE PICKED UP IN A GOLF CART: _____

WALGREENS WILL BE ON SITE OFFERING VACCINES. BRING YOUR MEDICAL INSURANCE CARD IF YOU ARE INTERESTED. PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE GETTING SHOTS.

FLU SHOT (AGE 65+): _____ **FLU SHOT REGULAR:** _____ **PFIZER COVID-19 VACCINE:** _____

Flu shot clinic @ Oktoberfest

FREE with most insurance



By getting a flu shot, you help defend yourself from the flu and are less likely to spread the virus to those around you. We're making it easier for you and your family by dedicating pharmacy staff to a special flu shot clinic.

Location: Village of Forest View Oktoberfest

Day/Time: Saturday, October 16, 2021 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sign up here: Sign up on your Oktoberfest rsvp (bring your insurance card)

or contact the Village Hall @ 708-788-3429

SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW.....



VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR MIKE DROPKA

Mike Dropka is no stranger to working in local government, or to the area. He is a lifelong resident of North Riverside. He has a B.A. Degree in Political Science from North Central College, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

He has been employed for 15 years in various roles with state government. Those roles included being responsible for monitoring local government financials, community development, public policy and outreach, as well as public relations. He also recently worked with the Village of Summit for three years.

Mike Dropka has also served as an elected member of the Komarek School District 94 School Board in North Riverside, and has served on several community, ethnic and political boards.

When asked what you like most about your job, Mike said "I am incredibly honored to be working for the Village of Forest View. After 2 months here, I can honestly say that the residents of the Village of Forest View are lucky to have such dedicated Village officials. Everyone has been so welcoming! I can't thank everyone enough for their assistance in bringing me up to speed and helping with the many old and new projects that we have been working on, and have accomplished in 2 short months. The Village President and Village Trustees have been wonderful, and I am truly happy to be here."

On a personal note, Mike Dropka is very involved in promoting his Polish and Czechoslovakian heritage, and belongs to several community and ethnic organizations as well as the Shriners International fraternity.

He is married to wife Christiana, and has a 2-year-old daughter, Kamila.

Mike's hobby, collecting polka records, started from working with Judy Baar Topinka for a number of years.

He encourages residents to drop by the Forest View Village Hall any time to say hello. "We are never too busy for our residents and would love to see and meet all of them!"



OFFICER JESSE CARRILLO

Welcome back Officer Jesse Carrillo. Officer Carrillo was with the Forest View Police Department from October 2015 until July 2019. We are happy that Officer Carrillo has returned as a Full-Time Police Officer in June, 2021.

When asked what he likes most about his job, Officer Carrillo said, "I like the fact that I can be a part of the team who is here to help others when they need it the most."

Officer Carrillo has past experience as a Police Officer working for Cook County Hospital, Summit, Bull Valley, Lakemoor and he was a Chicago Technology Consultant with Andromeda Tech Systems.

Officer Carrillo has graduated from De La Salle Institute, has attended Chicago City Colleges and trained in Computer Network Engineering.

When Officer Carrillo is not at work, he enjoys spending time with his wonderful daughter and very cute dog.

When not at work or spending time with family, Officer Carrillo enjoys traveling. He also enjoys attending music festivals and concerts.

We are very fortunate to have another dedicated Police Officer here in Forest View. Welcome back Officer Jesse Carrillo.

Remember When.....

Feb. 1953

FOREST VIEW MAIL SURVEY TO BEGIN

Frank Luznicky, president of Forest View, was recently informed by Jerome Bor-kovec, Berwyn postmaster, that a survey will be conducted in the village during the latter part of March to determine whether or not the community is eligible for house to house mail deliveries.

At present, Forest View does not have house to house mail deliveries since the requirement for such service is that one-half of the lots within the village must be occupied, Luznicky said. The information concerning the survey was made known at the Monday meeting of the village board.

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FOREST VIEW TO HAVE PLAYGROUND FOR CHILDREN

Forest View village children will have a playground and park in the near future, according to present plans. The latter has been brought up for discussion several times during the past few months, and last month it was decided to conduct a survey of the residential area. This survey has now been completed, Frank Luznicky, village president, said, and it is hoped that one of the first spring projects started will be the playground.

The survey showed that about 200 children reside in the area and a playground is inevitable, the president said. He expects the first step of purchasing approximately 1½ blocks of land in a Forest View site, as yet undetermined, will be made in the very near future.

The present plans include a two-section playground, one section to include a ball park and basketball court for the older children and the other half to be equipped with slides, sand boxes, swings, etc. for the younger children.

PRESIDENT PICKS.....
A Fun recipe to share.....

SCOTLAND

COCK-A LEEKIE - STEW/SOUP

This is a Scottish dish that is traditionally a thick soup.

(Leeks need to be cleaned very carefully to get all dirt/grit out)

Ingredients:

2-3 lbs chicken- I use 3 thigh/leg part of chicken which is about 3 lbs (w/skin & bone)

1-1/2 cup sliced carrots

1-1/4 cup barley (**if you use quick/instant barley, don't add until you add carrots and leeks)

6-7 cups water (+ if you want a bit thinner)

6-7 chicken bouillon cubes (1 per cup of water)

*or use chicken stock
and do not add bouillon*

Salt and pepper to taste

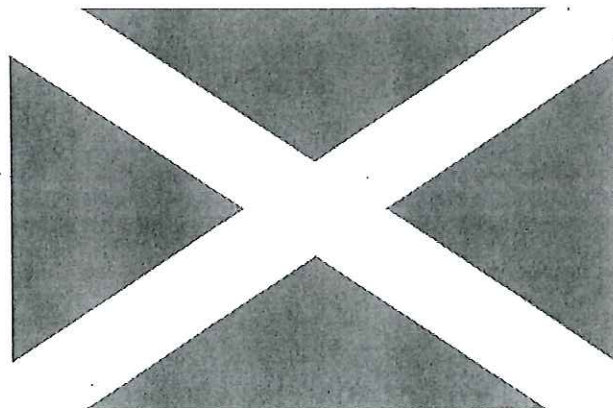
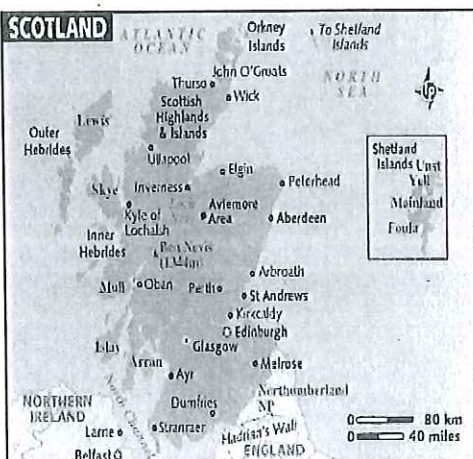
1 Leek sliced into 1" pieces (or your preference)

In large pot combine chicken, water, bouillon and salt & pepper. Bring to boil-add barley**

Reduce heat cover and simmer for 30 mins or until chicken is cooked through and no longer pink inside.

Remove chicken from pot and add leeks and carrots.(and barley if instant) Bring back to boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer until carrots and leeks are cooked.

Meanwhile, skin and debone cooked chicken. Cut into pieces. Return meat to stew and cook for about 5 mins until heated through. Serve hot.



If you have a Recipe to share for the Winter Newsletter, please forward to the Village Office..... lvogt@forestview-il.org



BOARD BRIEFS

**** The Board meets in the Municipal Building on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month and the meetings begin at 7:00 P.M and are open to the public.****

June 22, 2021

Village President Miller is requesting the boards' approval to appoint Michael C. Dropka as the Village Administrator.

Village President Miller mentioned that Rich Golf from Lakeshore Recycling did have a request during the visit. He has requested that we ask our residents to place cans or bottles in paper bags for recycling and not Jewel bags. The plastic bags become tangled in the belts of the equipment. The bags can be recycled at Jewel. We will put this information in the newsletter.

July 13, 2021

Village President Miller mentioned the resignation of Police Chief Gary Wiseman, effective June 22, 2021. Village President Miller is recommending the appointment of Marcelo Perez as Interim Chief of Police.

Interim Police Chief Perez is seeking the Boards' approval to hire three Part-Time Record Clerk/Radio Operators to expand coverage of the dispatch window service hours to a longer schedule.

Village Clerk Conklin spoke regarding a proclamation request from Operation Life Saver to promote Rail Safety Week. Resolution No. 21-06 was drafted, proclaiming that Nancy L. Miller, Village President, of the Village of Forest View does hereby attest her full support proclaiming September 20th to 26th, 2021, National Rail Safety Week and encouraging all

citizens to recognize the importance of rail safety education.

In May, the Illinois Department of Labor /OSHA issued a few citations during their visit. All citations have been abated. We are in good standing with OSHA.

Village Administrator Dropka had a very busy two weeks and mentioned "I had the opportunity to meet with many people, everyone has been wonderful. I would like to thank you for your confidence in me and I am happy to be here."

Village Administrator Dropka spoke about signing a contract with Azavar. Azavar is an audit company that audits primarily our revenues. An example is the businesses located with the Chicago address and zip code may be paying taxes to Chicago instead of Forest View. In addition to property tax, the businesses pay gas, utility, telecom and business tax in which the Village of Forest View should be receiving a percentage of.

Village President Miller and Village Administrator Dropka completed a ride-along with the Police Department. It is very amazing to witness the stops our Police Officers make and the things they find and encounter.

July 27, 2021

There was a motion to approve Ordinance No 21-05, amending section 3-19-2 "Parking Lot Tax" of the Forest View Village Code.

Village Administrator Dropka spoke regarding the push tax for video gaming establishments Ordinance 21-06.

August 10, 2021

There was a motion to appoint Midalia Nevarez as Village Trustee.

Discussion ensued regarding beautification, weed control and a future option to lay sod on the village Hall grounds. The stone and mulch are a part of phase one. In the spring, we will look into phase two, planting additional flowers and bushes to continue beautifying the Village Hall property.

On July 28, 2021, we experienced a slight water break in a service line. The break was isolated, no residents were affected and estimated water loss was minimal.

Fire Prevention Bureau updates; six inspections for August with very positive feedback from the business owners. We will be updated on the inspections.

Checking into a couple of squad cars. One squad was confirmed, once approved, we will send it to Crestwood to be outfitted. We will look into a possible grant for the second police vehicle.

August 24, 2021

Village President Miller is requesting the appointment of Laura McGuffey as the Village Clerk/Treasurer, Treasurer to the Fire & Police Pension Boards and Village Representative to the Police Pension Board.

There was a motion to appoint Mark Jones as the Fire Chief of the Forest View Fire Department.

There was a motion to approve purchasing a new 2021 Ford Explorer Interceptor Utility AWD for the Police Department.

Village Administrator Dropka sent a letter to MWRD regarding the possibility of using their truck scale to begin implementing an overweight truck ticketing program with the Police Department.

Village Administrator Dropka is working with Brad Clark on putting together a plan to televise and clean the storm and sanitary sewer and water pipes. A request for proposals will be put together by Hancock Engineering.

FOREST VIEW PARK DISTRICT

Remember to check the Village of Forest View Park District's Facebook Page for upcoming Fun Fall Activities.



😊 I like to listen to Bee Gee's music when I cook Chinese. You can tell by the way I use my wok. 😊

Thank you to everyone who supported the McDonalds Fundraiser hosted by Home School PTO.



A fun visit from the Forest View Fire Department during the Grove Avenue Block Party.



THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW HALLOWEEN HOME DECORATING CONTEST

Show off your holiday spirit and enter the Village of Forest View's Halloween Outdoor Home Decorating Competition.

REGISTRATION BEGINS ON OCTOBER 1st ENDS OCTOBER 22nd

We will be awarding the top three houses for Halloween.

Winners will receive a gift card.

YOU MUST REGISTER—NO REGISTRATION FEE.

TO REGISTER, CALL (708) 788-3429

The outside of your house must be decorated by

October 23rd



VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021

Trick-Or-Treat Hours:

1:00 P.M. – ending at 7:30 P.M.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

- Always use common sense
- Young children should always trick-or-treat with an adult
- Never trick-or-treat alone
- Plan your entire route and make sure your family knows what it is
- Wear a flame-retardant costume
- Have your parents check your candy before you eat it
- Be careful of strangers
- Accept treats only in the doorway, NEVER go inside the house
- Don't play near lit jack-o-lanterns
- Visit only houses where lights are on
- WALK, DON'T RUN
- Walk on sidewalks
- Cross the street at the corner or crosswalk
- LOOK both ways before crossing the street
- Wear a watch
- Carry a flashlight



Do not hesitate to contact the Police Department Dispatch at 708-458-2191, or if emergency dial 9-1-1, of any suspicious activity.

TRICK -OR- TREATERS WELCOME!



Please stay safe!



NO



**TRICK
-OR-
TREATERS**

please!

**Have a safe &
Happy Halloween -
see you next year!**



CALLING ALL LOCAL ARTISTS.....COLOR & DECORATE, THEN DROP YOUR MASTERPIECE OFF AT THE VILLAGE HALL. YOUR ARTWORK WILL BE DISPLAYED IN OUR LOCAL ARTISTS CORNER. DON'T FORGET TO INITIAL YOUR ART.

