

VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW

NEWSLETTER



VIEW POINTS

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Residents:

I would like to start this message by saying the 2019 Village Picnic was a huge success! I would like to thank all the business owners in our community for their donations that contributed to its success. Also, thanks to all the workers and volunteers, public works, police department, fire department, trustees and office staff; without your help the Picnic would not have been possible.

The Picnic was also a farewell party for Bob Macha! Good luck and best wishes in your retirement!

Also, a special thanks to LeeAnn! For years, LeeAnn has been the face of Forest View. She is the one most people see when they come to the Village Office. LeeAnn goes above and beyond for our residents. She is retiring very soon and will be missed by the residents and Village staff. As President for the past few months, I have come to appreciate what LeeAnn does for the Village and myself. In closing, if you have time, please stop by the Village Office and say thank you to LeeAnn and wish her well on her retirement!

Thank you,

Lawrence Powell



FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE...



**VILLAGE OFFICE
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
LEEANN BERNBAUM
RETIREMENT**

I would like to express what a great pleasure and privilege it has been to serve you, the wonderful residents of Forest View as well as the business community since 2006. In my time here, I have seen some of your children grow into adults. Forest View has been like my second hometown and although I'm looking forward to retirement, I have to say it is certainly bittersweet. Thank you also to the Village Officials and my fellow co-workers; it's been great supporting and working alongside you.

All the best to each of you in the future and may the Village of Forest View continue to prosper and remain a quaint, friendly, hidden gem!

JOB OPENING

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

**VILLAGE OFFICE
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

The Village of Forest View is seeking an individual with the right combination of education, aptitude, skills and experience to become the next Village Office Administrative Assistant. This individual is appointed by the Village President with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees and reports directly to Village Administrator. The Administrative Assistant works closely with the Village Accountant and assists with the day-to-day operations of the Village Office. Some responsibilities, in part, include: Front counter customer service as well as incoming calls, utility/water billing, process business licenses and building permits and maintain files, coordinate preparation of newsletter.

If interested, please stop by the Village Office and pick-up job announcement, job description, and job application. Please remit cover letter, resume, work related references and job application to Village Office by 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 5, 2019.

FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE...



VILLAGE TRUSTEES

NANCY L. MILLER
MIKE GROSSI
JIM SUDKAMP

At the May 14th Board Meeting, three trustees were sworn into office. Trustees Nancy L. Miller and Mike Grossi have been re-elected to serve another four years. The third person recently elected as Trustee to the Board is Jim Sudkamp. He isn't exactly a newcomer as he is familiar with local governing having served as Trustee from 2003-2013. Trustee Sudkamp and his wife, Ranae, our long-time Village residents.

Congratulations Trustees Miller, Grossi, and Sudkamp and thank you for your service to your community!



NEW VILLAGE TREASURER **SUSY URIBE**

The Village is pleased to announce resident, Susy Uribe, has been appointed Village Treasurer and Treasurer to the Police and Fire Pension Boards and representative to the Police Pension Board filling the vacancy created by Judith "Judy" Pohanka's resignation. Susy is Director of Marketing in a privately held company in the Business Aviation sector where she develops the marketing budget and oversees and monitors their expenses. She holds an Associate degree in Liberal Science from Morton College. She and her husband, Hubaldo, and their two children have resided in Forest View since 2007. We appreciate Susy's service to our Village!

FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE...

Reminder!

BUILDING PERMITS



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, 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 many projects there is no fee at all for the permit.



Penalty for Work Started With No Building Permit: \$100.00 fine plus penalty amount equal to double the cost of the permit.

Permits are required to insure 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.

Before You Dig, Call (or Click) JULIE

If you are planning an outdoor project, call JULIE before you dig to avoid injury and/or damage to underground utilities. Simply call 811 or 1/800/892-0123. The call is free and so are the services. Call center representatives are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Or you can log on to www.illinois1call.com



Garage Sales

Spring/summer cleaning in many cases means garage sales. As a reminder, sales are limited to two (2) per household per year. There is no fee to hold a sale, but a permit is required. Permits should be obtained at the Village Office three (3) days prior to the planned sale. Sale hours are limited between the hours of **9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.** and sales cannot last more than three (3) consecutive days. Regular items found around the house are allowable in garage sales; however arts and craft items are not. All advertisements must be removed from the parkway within 24 hrs. of the completion of the sale, and at no time are signs to be placed on street light poles, stop signs or parking signs.



FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE...

ANNUAL DOG LICENSE



We would like to take this opportunity to remind all residents that per Village Ordinance **all dogs must be registered annually** with the Village Office and wear an up-to-date dog identification tag. The annual fee of the dog license/identification tag is \$1.00. To obtain a license, owners must show proof of a current rabies vaccination. No more than three (3) dogs are allowed per residence.

New this year, and continuing forward, to make it both *easier to remember* and *more convenient*, dog licenses and vehicle stickers are being sold the month of June each year. One stop! **So no matter when you registered/purchased your dog license/tag in calendar year 2018, you are required to purchase a 2019-2020 tag by June 30, 2019.**

If you haven't purchased a current 2019-2020 dog license, please be sure to stop by the Village Office soon! Failure to purchase a dog license in June each year will result in a \$50.00 citation per dog for being in violation of Village Code.

VEHICLE STICKERS

All vehicle stickers for 2019-2020 are **due on June 30, 2019** and are to be displayed on your windshield no later than July 1, 2019.

The vehicle sticker price for a passenger car is \$10.00; senior citizens 65 and older the fee is \$2.00 (one per household). Stickers purchased after due date, an increasing monthly late penalty will be imposed. Vehicles not displaying a current village sticker as of July 1st are also subject to enforcement action. Stickers may be purchased at the Village Office Monday thru Friday during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Passenger Only vehicle stickers may also be purchased in the Police Department from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday.

Only checks and exact cash will be accepted in the Police Department. No change will be given.

If during the year you purchase another vehicle, please remember to stop by the Village Office to transfer or purchase a sticker, whichever the case might be.



VILLAGE PICNIC



Cheeseburgers in Paradise! This past Saturday was not only DRY, but a warm, sunny, beautiful day for the Village Picnic not to mention first official weekend of summer. After an unusually rainy, cool spring it did feel like paradise! 375+ Forest View residents and families gathered at the Park for the Village Picnic. Kids enjoyed the magic show, trackless train, inflatable jumps, face-painting and balloon artistry provided by the Park District as well as burgers and hot dogs, refreshments, ice cream, and music provided by the Village for families. New this year, and quite popular, there were indeed cheeseburgers! The master grillers were our Village officials along with Forest View Taqueria Torta Ahogada business owner, Oscar Padilla. Department heads, staff members, employee family members, and several residents were also on deck to help. Again this year, Jim Welch from the Tool Store Go-Kart Shop donated the use of his limo golf cart which helped transport residents to and from the Picnic.

Newly retired Robert “Bob” Macha was honored during the festivities. Village President Powell presented Bob a resolution and plaque in recognition of his 50 years of service to the Village and its residents. It was announced that the Public Works garage was named “The Macha Maintenance Garage” after him.

Prior to the start of the Picnic, Fire Chief Tom Heller, was the caller to nearly 50 Bingo participants. Some of the prizes awarded included cash prizes, a popcorn/movie basket and baker’s package put together by talented resident and Park District Recreation Director, Jessica Bachman. Also, there were free coffee and donut certificates compliments of Forest View Dunkin Donuts, free oil and filter change certificates compliments of Harlem Mufflers & Brakes/California Auto, and a lot of complimentary bags of Azteca Foods chips. These goodies were raffled off at the Village Picnic as well. The lucky grand prize Bingo winner, resident Debbie Horejs, probably thought she won a small pizza, but when she opened the box the ingredients were dollar bills and quarters arranged to look like toppings, because the best of the pizza is the \$ DOUGH \$.

We hope everyone had a fun-filled afternoon and enjoyed a chance to mingle with family and neighbors.

P.S. It’s a bit of a “mystery” why some residents didn’t receive their entry wristbands in their mailbox. Apologies extended... they did get delivered....it really is a mystery. That being said, we will brainstorm as to a better registration/entry process for next year’s Picnic.

On the following page is a list of local businesses that contributed to the 2019 Village Picnic. Please be sure to thank them in person the next time you frequent their establishment.

Have a great, safe summer!





Village
of
**Forest
View**

2019 VILLAGE PICNIC BUSINESS DONATIONS

We would like to thank the following businesses for their generous contribution to the Village Picnic:

Azteca Foods, Inc.

Best Food Services, LLC

BL Duke

California Auto Sales, Parts, and Service

Convenience Foods & Liquors

Daubert Chemical Company, Inc.

Emjay Sales and Leasing, Inc.

Forest View Dunkin Donuts

Harlem Mufflers & Brakes

JDB Manufacturing Co.

Lakeshore Recycling Systems/Heartland Recycling LLC

North American Distribution Centers, Inc.

Park 'N Fly

Rosenthal, Murphey, Coblantz & Donohue

46th & Harlem Shell Gasoline Station

Synergy Logistics, LLC

Taqueria Torta Ahogada

Tool Store Go-Kart Shop

VS Printing Services, LLC

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

PUBLIC WORKS



GARBAGE COLLECTION

The garbage collection schedule remains the same during the week July 4th holiday falls in.

As usual, please place garbage out after 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday (July 2nd) or place out by 7:00 a.m. Wednesday morning (July 3rd) for pick-up. Thank you for your cooperation.



LAWN MAINTENANCE

Homeowners can help keep our community neat and attractive and reduce harborage areas for unwanted critters by regularly mowing their lawns. Please refrain from mowing/diverting the grass into the street as it will clog up the storm sewer system. **Village Code requires that grass/weeds be maintained at a height of five inches (5") or less.** Grass/weeds that are neglected and allowed to grow longer than 5 inches is considered a nuisance and the Public Works crew may cut and bill property owner or lessee \$150.00 for the 1st cutting and \$325.00 for subsequent cuttings during the same calendar year. This Code is strictly enforced. *Please be considerate of your neighbors and community by keeping your lawn mowed.*

PARKWAY TREES

Parkway trees are Village-owned. Therefore, property owners are prohibited from trimming parkway trees. Please contact the Public Works Department at 708-788-3429 if you have any concern regarding a parkway tree.

WATER RATE INCREASE



As you may recall, the City of Chicago (the Village's water supplier) shall be adjusting the water rates upwards **every year**, if applicable, by applying to the previous year's rates the rate of inflation calculated based on the Consumer Price Index. The Consumer Price Index inflation rate for 2018 was 0.82%. Regrettably, the Village cannot absorb these increases once again imposed by Chicago as we must ensure adequate funds are available for operational and maintenance needs of the water system. Therefore the rate structure has been changed to the following:

Residential users for the first 1,200 cubic feet: \$ 89.35

For excess over 1,200 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet: \$ 8.35

The minimum **quarterly** charge for residential water service shall be: \$ 89.35

The increase will be reflected on the October, 2019 cycle water bill.

PUBLIC WORKS

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
PUBLIC WORKS
JACK O'DONOHUE

The Village is pleased to announce the promotion of Jack O'Donohue to Assistant Superintendent Public Works. Jack has been with the department since 2003. His experience continues to be of great benefit to the department.

Please join in congratulating Assistant Superintendent O'Donohue on his promotion.

FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE
WORKER - PUBLIC WORKS
TANNER MILLER

The Village is also pleased to announce the promotion of Tanner Miller from Part-Time Maintenance Worker to Full-Time Public Works Maintenance Worker. Congratulations Tanner on obtaining your Class C Water Operator License and your promotion.

POLICE DEPARTMENT



FREE - VACATION
HOUSE SECURITY CHECKS

Welcome to summer! This is the time that most people take vacations. Remember to make sure that your house is secure and that either your mail is stopped, or that someone can collect your mail until your return, and make arrangements to have your lawn cut. Also, put your house lights on timers, and have neighbors keep an eye on your house. Another safety precaution, do not post travel plans on Facebook or post vacation pictures while away. **Please inform the police department when you are leaving and returning and we will do physical checks of your home. Or, if you prefer, we can just do drive-by surveillance. Please stop by the police department to let us know your preference.**

SPECIALIZED TRAINING



Congratulations to Deputy Chief Salvador Rodriguez Jr. on graduation from Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. Deputy Chief Rodriguez completed the challenging upper-level college instruction 10 week course which covered all aspects of current up-to-date administrative duties. This will enhance the effectiveness of our police department as we move forward in the 21st century.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

4th of JULY Happy July 4th

Forest View maintains a 0 tolerance!

This Community Notification is being given to all residents of Forest View as a means of communicating the law concerning the possession and discharge of fireworks within the Village and the actions and enforcement you will be seeing over the 4th of July Holiday.



The Illinois Statute (425 ILCS 30/2) defines fireworks to mean and include any explosive compound prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect explosion. It also provides that it is unlawful for any person to possess or discharge any fireworks. This does not include novelty fireworks that are commonly known as snakes, glow worm pellets, and sparklers.

The police will make arrests in all cases where probable cause exists and warrants such action. Persons arrested for violation of the fireworks statute will be brought into the police department and subject to the posting of bond, pending a court date. These are not violations that can be settled upon issuing a ticket. In addition to arrests being made, the police will confiscate all illegal fireworks.

Our goal is to keep fireworks out of the hands of children, reduce the number of fireworks-related injuries and fires, and curtail the illegal possession and discharge of fireworks, either by voluntary compliance or by police action.

Have a Safe, Happy 4th of July!

DID YOU KNOW?

TEXTING WHILE DRIVING IN ILLINOIS PENALTIES TO INCREASE



Beginning July 1st, drivers caught using cell phones in Illinois while driving will not only get fined, but it will be count as a **moving violation** now too.

A conviction for three (3) moving violations will result in a driver's license suspension.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that at least 25% of crashes involve some form of distracted driving. The new law aims to make Illinois roads safer.

MOVE OVER LAW SCOTT'S LAW



With the rise of state troopers killed on the side of the road, Scott's Law is being more strictly enforced.

While drivers may be familiar with the Move Over Law as it applies to emergency vehicles and maintenance workers, many do not know that in Illinois, **this law was expanded January 1, 2017 to require passing drivers to slow down and change lanes when approaching ANY vehicle with hazard lights flashing.** Drivers who fail to comply with Move Over Law face serious penalties.

Should you be stranded on the side of the road with your hazard lights on, the Move Over Law is intended to protect ALL OF US.



FLOOD PREPAREDNESS PLAN

During the recent Town Meeting, some questions arose about the improvements we have done since the flood that hit us six (6) years ago. We have set up an emergency plan here in the Village and made a few changes post flood. Here are some of the things that are now in place:

1. The levee has been repaired; this included replacing some of the places where the levee had eroded down to a few inches thick. It has been brought back to its original stated when it was installed over 100 years ago.
2. A manual monitoring sign has been installed on the west bank of the Des Plaines River, at the southwest side of the river on the bank just south of 47th Street Bridge - it allows us to see water level of the river. It has three rows of Red Reflectors at top and three Yellow Reflectors on the bottom. When it was installed, it was put a foot below the top of the levee. This was done so there would be time to warn residents of the overrun of the levee. When the new levee is installed, the sign will be placed at the correct height of the levee so we will have proper levels to the river and the levee.
3. Our police officers and Public Works employees are checking on the level of the river when we have heavy rainfalls. We are keeping records of the water levels. If the water level is up, the police officers will check the sign every 30 minutes or as needed.
4. National Weather Service has installed a gauge on the 47th Street bridge. That can be accessed from a computer. This is also giving us an eye on the level of the river. You can go to the website yourself and see the level of the water. The website is <https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph> once there go to Chicago IL. Then gauge for Lyons.
5. A “CodeRED” notification system is in place. This allows us to put out alerts to everyone at once. Please make sure that you are registered with the Village to receive notification. You can register by coming into the Police Station or Village Office.
6. We have list of contacts with Homeland Security, IDOT, Lyons School District, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. They will be contacted for aid in case the river starts to rise. We will contact them for assistance to bring items we would need to divert water from coming into the Village.
7. We have increased our Auto Aid response with our neighboring villages and Mutual Aid with other groups who have items to help us out with trying to divert the water from coming into the Village, if flooding happens again. They will be available for other emergencies also.
8. The levee is in the process of being repaired and improved with the help of the Army Corps of Engineers and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. It will also be maintained and inspected yearly. With a grant from Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, we are putting in a storm sewer at the end of Wenonah Avenue to relieve the flooding on the west side of the Village.



Those are some of the things we have done in case of a flood. There are other plans in place to respond to other manmade and natural disasters that could affect our Village.

Most importantly, have you started to set up your plan for a disaster? There are things that you can do to be ready if something were to happen. Everyone should have a disaster plan in place for their home. Things that you can do to preplan for evacuation: Do you have a “to go bag”? It is a bag with preplanned items in it that you will need to survive away from your home in case you have to be gone for a few days.

Some of the things to have in your “to go bag” are:

- A change of clothing, including shoes. If you can, maybe two sets of clothes.
- Phone charger
- Medications
- Personal needs, toiletries. Get small travel size bottles of toothpaste, shampoo, some wet wipes, baby wipes, spare eye glasses, etc. etc. etc.
- Paper work: Fill a zip lock bag or a water proof bag with copies of your birth certificate, marriage certificate, driver’s license, social security card, Medicare card, adoption or naturalization certificate, proof of address, insurance cards and information, Information on your credit cards and your ATM card. Cash for few days, including a roll of quarters for vending machines.
- Battery powered radio, with extra batteries, flashlight with batteries.
- Anything you can think of that you need in case you have to be away from your home for a few days.

With that being said, some of these items may not be able to be packed in advance, so pack what you can and place a list on the top of your bag so you can quickly grab and finish packing what you may need and be ready to go.

It was also brought up that some of the residents would want to volunteer to help in a disaster. So if you would like to be put on a list as a volunteer please contact me, Fire Chief Tom Heller, at the Fire Department 708-749-1110 and I will put you on list of volunteers. Volunteers would be contacted and directed to staging area and will be assigned to assist with whatever is needed.

We will continue to watch the river and keep you informed. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at the station 708-749-1110 or call the Village Office at 708-788-3429.



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.****

March 26

Approval of an Addendum Agreement between the Village and Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the replacement of the Northbound Harlem Avenue (IL 43) bridge structure over the MWRDGC Railroad.

April 9

Village Annual Appropriations Transfer Ordinance approved for fiscal year 2019.

Village Board informed of the retirement of LeeAnn Bernbaum as Village Office Administrative Assistant.

Approval of secure fence gate for the police evidence storage area from A&M Fence Corporation not to exceed \$1,300.

Acting Fire Chief informed the Board of the resignation of Thomas Cappello as Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedic.

Solicitation Request – The Salvation Army to conduct their Red Kettle Campaign between November 1st and December 24th, 2019 (Monday thru Saturday).

April 23

Approved Environmental Liability Insurance proposal from Admiral Insurance Company in an amount not to exceed \$20,500 for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago as required in the easement agreements.

Forest View Park District's request approved to hold a Village-wide Garage Sale on Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Approved Stickney-Forest View Little League Baseball's season kick-off parade through the Village on May 11th at noon.

May 14

Thomas A. Heller appointed as Fire Chief effective May 16, 2019.

Approved designation of May 15, 2019 as "Police Officers Memorial Day" and the week of May 12-18, 2019 as "National Police Week."

Police Chief informed the Board of the resignation of Robert Baker and Daniel Medrano as Part-Time Police Officers.

Acting Fire Chief informed the Board of the resignation of Matt Doyle and Ryan Slaughter as Part-Time Firefighter/ Paramedics.

May 14, cont'd.

Approved change order for the geotechnical contract with Rubio Engineering Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,300.

Town Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2019.

Approved promotion of Jack O'Donohue as Assistant Superintendent Public Works.

Approved promotion of Tanner Miller from Part-Time to Full-Time Maintenance Worker Public Works.

Nancy L. Miller, Mike Grossi, and Jim Sudkamp sworn in as Village Trustees by Village Attorney, John Murphey.

A Certificate of Appreciation presented to David Figueroa, Interim Village Trustee.

May 28

Approved Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

Ordinance approved increasing water rates 0.82% (action initiated by the City of Chicago's rate increase – the Village's water supplier) effective June 1, 2019. Increase will be reflected on October residential billing cycle.

Approved appointment of Susy Uribe as Village Treasurer and Treasurer to the Police and Fire Pension Boards.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Judith Pohanka, former Village Treasurer.

June 11

Resolution approved in recognition of the retirement of long time employee Robert Macha.

Fire Chief's request approved to appoint Alejandro Barajas and Bryant Gomez as Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedics.

Police Chief's request approved to appoint Matt Buckley as a Part-Time Police Officer.

**VILLAGE WELCOMES
NEW BUSINESSES:**



- Offer Up Auto Inc.
Used Car Dealer
5219 W. 47th Street
(March 2019)
- No Name Pub, Inc.
Tavern/Grill/Video Gaming
(NEW OWNERS)
4511 S. Harlem Avenue
(April 2019)

PLEASE NOTE: The Village Office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day and Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

JUNE / JULY EVENTS

June 27th, Thursday

Open Play, Toddler - K, 9:30 AM

Story Time Yoga, 11:00 AM

June 29th, Saturday

Family Friendly Craft & Vendor Fair in the park, 5 PM - 8 PM

Movie in the park! Lego Movie #2, Dusk/8:15 PM

July 10th, Wednesday

Senior Meet-Up, Rec Room, 9:30 AM

July 11th, Thursday

Open Play, Toddler - K, 9:30 AM



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