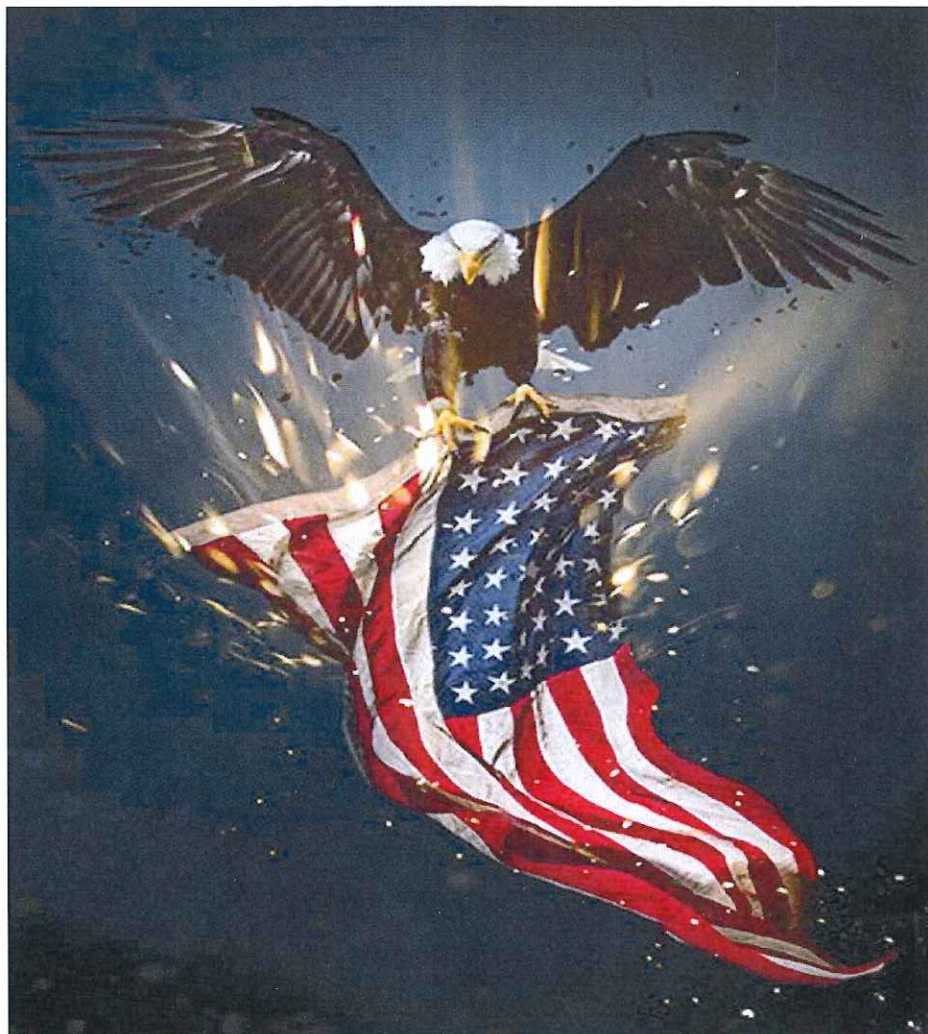


VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW

NEWSLETTER



*Summer*

*2021*

## VIEW POINTS

### FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



I wish to thank the residents for their support and confidence in selecting me to become your Village President. I am truly honored to have been given this opportunity, as I am the first female to achieve this roll.

My service to this Village started 23 years ago in 1991. I was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board until it's dissolution in 2014. I was then elected Trustee in 2015 and re-elected in 2019.

As many of you know, I have been active in many organizations and civic groups. Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, PTO, PTA, Little league, St. Pius X Church and on the committee for Domestic Violence Awareness. I believe my involvement in these organizations will help me in my new role as President and public servant to this Village.

We have a new Village Administrator starting soon. He is going to play an integral part in getting Forest View in the right direction. I look forward to working with him and being part of many positive changes for our First Responders and our residents. We've already started to implement some of these changes, one being, adding another officer to the shifts.

We have work to do. There are areas that need immediate attention. We will focus on these areas keeping in mind, community needs and setting priorities.

As I have stated before, my door is always open. Feel free to call me, email me or stop by the village office in the evening. (Although you'll have to call, so I can let you in if after 5:00 pm).

Warm Regards,

Village President Nancy L. Miller

## SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW



### **TRUSTEE DAVID LISKA**

Trustee David Liska became a Trustee in April 2021. Trustee Liska is not new to the Village Board. He has served two terms as Trustee in the 1990's. Trustee Liska mentioned that he is working with the Board on some areas to improve the Village, one of them being a website.

After graduating from Morton West High School and Morton College with an AA in Science, he attended Washburn Trade School for a Carpentry Apprentice program. Trustee Liska is retired after thirty-seven years with ComEd. He has worked Operations, Engineering Assistant and Distribution Engineering.

Trustee Liska has lived in Forest View since 1983 with his wife of forty years. They have two children. He enjoyed coaching youth baseball for thirty years. In his free time, he enjoys gardening, photography and travel. He loves traveling with his family and has been to forty-seven states. In 2018 they took a seven-week road trip to the west coast, visiting fourteen states and five national parks.



### **TRUSTEE MARIA A. RAMIREZ**

Trustee Maria A. Ramirez was appointed to the Board in April. She is looking forward to working closely with our Village Trustees and Department Heads to serve this community and make a difference.

Trustee Ramirez has employment experience with Consulting Firms and Law Firms in a leadership role capacity. She is excited to bring this professional experience to her position, serving and helping our community.

Trustee Ramirez has lived in Forest View for many years with her husband, three children and dog. She is proud to say she has a beautiful granddaughter. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends. If you ask Trustee Ramirez what the most important thing in life is, her reply will be, spending time with family, friends and meeting new friends in the community. After losing her brother suddenly, she has realized just how precious time is. It is her priority to make time for family, friends and community. She wants to make a positive impact on people's lives, serve and help others.

**Reminder!**

## FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE...

### BUILDING PERMITS

**You will be fined \$100.00 plus double the cost of the Building Permit 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 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.

### 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](http://www.illinois1call.com)

### GARAGE SALES



Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the homeowner is responsible for following masks and social distancing guidelines per State CDC.

Spring/summer cleaning in many cases means garage sales. Just 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 hours of the completion of the sale, and **at no time are signs to be placed on street light poles, stop signs or parking signs.**



### VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALE

We are happy to announce that the Forest View Park District is sponsoring a Village Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, August 28, 2021. Please see the attached flyer and application.



**PLEASE NOTE: The Village Office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day and Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day. Have a safe holiday!**

# 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.

To make it both *easier to remember* and *more convenient*, dog licenses and vehicle stickers are being sold the month of June.

**So, no matter when you registered/purchased your dog license/tag in calendar year 2020, you are required to purchase a 2021-2022 tag by June 30, 2021.**

If you haven't purchased a current 2021-2022 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.

**FOR FASTER SERVICE BE SURE TO BRING YOUR FILLED-OUT FORM WITH YOU. 😊**



## VEHICLE STICKERS

All vehicle stickers for 2021-2022 are **due on June 30, 2021** and are to be displayed on your windshield no later than July 1, 2021.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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.

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The Drop Box is available for water bill payments, police ticket fines, and other Village business, located by the back entrance (parking lot side) of the Village Hall. **Please do not put cash in the outside box. Payments dropped in the box must be by check.**

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## JUSTICE 9-1-1

### **CALL 9-1-1 FOR ANY EMERGENCY**

For all Non- Emergency situations, you can still call the Forest View Police Department @ 708-788-0318 Monday–Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for assistance. If you need assistance after hours, you will be transferred or directed to call Justice P.D. **Non- Emergency @ 708-458-2191.**

### **4<sup>th</sup> of JULY**

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 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday.

For the Safety and Wellbeing of our residents, the Forest View Police Department will be enforcing state and local fireworks ordinances.

The Illinois Pyrotechnic Use Act (PUA) bans the sale, possession and use of all consumer fireworks that can be bought illegally in some states such as firecrackers, bottle rockets and roman candles. Possessing, selling and using consumer fireworks may be punishable by a fine.

Novelty fireworks, such as sparklers, snakes, party poppers and caps are not regulated but are available for retail purchase in Illinois. Young children should be supervised when using sparklers, which can reach temperatures of up to 1800 degrees Fahrenheit. The sparkler wire also presents a serious danger because of the high temperature of the wire during and after use.

Forest View residents can call 911 or the non-emergency police number at **708-458-2191** (use your best judgement) to report excessive use of illegal consumer 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.

**Have a Safe, Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!**

## 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.



## 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.**

## PUBLIC WORKS

### LAWN MAINTENANCE



Homeowners can help keep our community neat and attractive and reduce harborage areas for unwanted rodents 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 and 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### Please Advise Your Landscaper

Please advise your landscaper..... **DO NOT** rake or blow your leaves into the street. When it rains, this clogs up the sewer inlets and flooding can result. Therefore, 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.



Happy Graduation to all our 2021 Graduates.

Now that summer is here we want to get out and enjoy the nice weather. We still need to keep safety in mind. One of the things I would like to talk about is fire pits. I know a lot of residents have them or are thinking about getting one for the yard. Here are a few things to keep in mind with fire pits:

- 1) Never leave it unattended. An adult should be present when the pit is lit and burning.
- 2) Don't allow other adults or children to play around the pit. Someone can fall into the area of the pit and get hurt.
- 3) Have your garden hose close to the pit when its burning. Extinguish the fire when you are done with it.
- 4) Allow time for it to cool before starting clean up. Hot ashes will cause secondary fires.

Fireworks are illegal and please follow the police guidelines. Be cautious when allowing the use of sparklers. They are a novelty firework typically given to children, but they burn at 1800 F. When placed against clothing or skin, it can cause serious injuries. Please watch your children with them, and leave the fireworks to the professionals. Let's be safe and have a good Fourth of July.

Forest View Fire Department



**Seasonal Public Works Employees**

The Village of Forest View is seeking qualified applicants to join our **Public Works** Department as a **Seasonal Worker**.

Public Works is looking to hire seasonal summer help for the remainder of the 2021 summer. Approximately 20 – 25 hours per week. Compensation is \$17.03 per hour.

Applications available at the Village Hall.



Rich Golf from Lakeshore Recycling has a request for our residents. 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. Your help is greatly appreciated.





## PRESIDENT PICKS.....

A Fun recipe to share.....



# Start your morning with a grassy, green kick!

You may have heard a lot these days about matcha, the bright green powder making its way into mugs, lattes, and desserts around the world, and maybe even a café near you. But what exactly is matcha? And where did it come from?

Matcha is a tea, and it has a rich history. Since the 10th century, matcha has been used in Japanese tea ceremonies called “chanoyu.” Matcha and green tea both come from the *Camellia sinensis* plant, but to grow matcha, farmers will cover the tea plants to avoid direct sunlight before harvest. This increases

chlorophyll production and gives matcha its distinctive green hue. After the tea leaves are harvested, the stems and veins are removed, and what’s left is ground up into a powder. This antioxidant-rich powder is then whisked into hot water (traditionally) or milk and sweetener (like you’d find at Starbucks).<sup>1,2</sup>

Like loose-leaf tea, matcha has a grassy, herbal flavor; however, it is considered to be less astringent and smoother than regular green tea. There are two main grades of matcha available today: traditional or

“ceremonial” grade and culinary grade. Traditional matcha is made from the youngest tea leaves, and is the best for drinking straight. Culinary matcha is made from older green tea leaves and is best used for cooking, flavoring cakes, or blending into smoothies.<sup>2</sup>

Unsure of how to bring this chartreuse comestible into your kitchen? For the best flavor, start by purchasing a high-quality matcha powder. Then, whip up one of these delicious beverages.



If you have a Fall Recipe to share for the Fall Newsletter, please forward to the Village Office..... [lvogt@forestview-il.org](mailto:lvogt@forestview-il.org)



## How to Make Matcha

Serves 1

### Ingredients

- ¼-1 teaspoon matcha (depending on your preference)
- 2 ounces boiling water
- 6 ounces additional boiling water or steamed milk of choice (almond milk, oat milk, coconut milk, dairy milk, etc.)
- Maple syrup, honey, or another sweetener (optional)

Sift the matcha into a mug or small bowl to get rid of any lumps.

Pour in the 2 ounces of boiling water. Using a matcha whisk or small regular whisk, whisk briskly from side to side until the matcha is fully dispersed and there is a foamy layer on top.

Add the remaining 6 ounces of boiling water or steamed milk and whisk again until foamy. Sweeten to taste, if desired.

Recipe adapted from BonAppetit.com<sup>2</sup>

## Vanilla Matcha Protein Smoothie

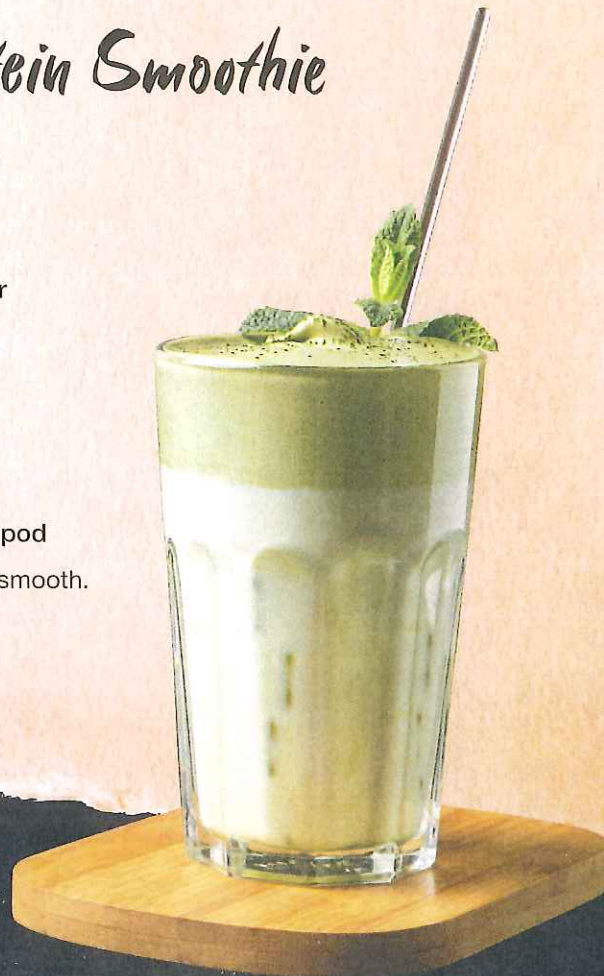
Serves 1

### Ingredients

- 1 cup unsweetened almond milk
- 2 scoops (39.8 grams) vanilla protein powder
- 1/2 cup ice
- 1 banana
- 2 teaspoons matcha green tea powder
- 1/2 teaspoon maple syrup
- Fresh vanilla bean, scraped from 1 inch of a pod

Combine all ingredients in a blender and mix until smooth.

Recipe adapted from DailyBurn.com<sup>3</sup>



1. Healthline.com, February 25, 2020
2. BonAppetit.com, March 20, 2018
3. DailyBurn.com, July 13, 2014

## REMEMBER WHEN.....



Smokey the Dalmatian is one of the puppies that our Firehouse Dog had back in the late 50's. (The little all black dog is "Lady", but no relation to Smokey.)

Our Forest View Fire Department had a contest. If you were interested in owning the puppy, you had to write an essay on why you think you should get the dog. My Aunt, Uncle and two cousins lived on 44<sup>th</sup> & Wisconsin Avenue at the time and decided to write the essay. They won! I received these pictures from my cousin Pam. (pictured above) I am guessing she was four or five years old at the time, judging from the picture.

Smokey was a Dalmatian, just had a lot of black, not as many spots as you can see in the picture. Her mother was a purebred, but I do not know what breed her father was. Gee, maybe the essay is still in the firehouse somewhere!

If anyone has some old pictures, along with a story from our early Forest View days, please bring them to the Village Hall and we'll try to put them in a future Newsletter.

Village President Miller

## SMILE.....

- ❖ In his late 80s, my father-in-law went to the DMV to renew his driver's license. At one point during the road test, he approached a four-way stop, looked to his left, and cruised straight through the stop sign. "Sir! You didn't look to your right," yelled the frightened inspector. My father-in-law calmly shook his head. "That's Mum's side."
- ❖ What did they give the guy that invented the door knocker? A No-bell prize

**THEN AND NOW.....**



HAPPY RETIREMENT VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR MARK MASCIOLA

Due to COVID restrictions, a small employee lunch was provided by the staff.





## 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.\*\***

### **April 13, 2021**

Superintendent O'Donohue recommended approving the quote from Magana Concrete to repair / replace concrete at various locations in town.

Village Administrator Masciola spoke regarding permits. There are approximately fifteen active commercial projects at this time.

### **April 27, 2021**

Village Administrator Masciola mentioned that Old Dominion turned in a new set of plans to rebuild their existing dock area. The plans were given to FSCI for review. This is the area where they had the roof collapse back in February. The project is valued at ten million dollars.

Village President Nancy L. Miller and Village Trustees Richard M. Hubacek, Mark E. Augspurger and David Liska were sworn in.

Village President Miller received a gift from Tanner Miller, thanked everyone who voted and thanked everyone for their support. Village President Miller mentioned that she is looking forward to a fun-filled and prosperous four years. She has many exciting things planned and is hoping everyone can come together to accomplish them. Village President Miller will try and make it a point to be in the Village Office in the evenings after her full-time job. She also noted that everyone is welcome to call and set up an appointment with her, or feel free to just drop-in.

### **May 11, 2021**

Village Attorney John Murphey swore in Maria A. Ramirez as Village Trustee. She will finish the balance of Village President Miller's two-year term in office as Trustee.

On Friday April 30, 2021, a large branch fell off of a parkway tree onto a fence at 4601 Kenilworth. Public Works did cut the fallen branch and remove it off of the property.

This week we received the new Scott Air-Pak's. We have the company doing service training this week and next week. The Air-Pak's should be in service the following week.

### **May 25, 2021**

President Miller presented a letter regarding Resolution # 21-05 supporting the restoration of Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) revenue urging the Governor to restore LGFD payments to the promised 10% rate so the municipalities across Illinois may provide basic levels of service and lessen the reliance on property taxes.

Superintendent O'Donohue spoke regarding the water rate increase. The City of Chicago has informed the Village of a 1.10% water rate increase which will take effect June 1, 2021. The increase would be reflected on the October 2021 residential bills based on water usage from the end of July and thereafter.

Village President Miller spoke regarding the Village Clerk and Village Treasurer positions. In the interest of making the appointment of a

Village Treasurer more appealing, and to facilitate a better transition of board activities, Village President Miller would like to ask the board to consider making a change to Village Clerk and Village Treasurer positions. It would be beneficial for one individual to address the needs of both the Village Clerk and Village Treasurer rather than hire two people for these positions separately. In doing so, this would allow us to have someone in an appointed position who would be available to handle all clerking and treasurer duties as assigned.

Regarding the seven OSHA violations, six have been rectified. OSHA has retracted the six out of seven violations. We should be able to rectify the seventh violation before the June 11, 2021 deadline.

Illinois Department of Transportation has sent a pre-construction letter regarding the replacement of the bridge structure northbound on Harlem Avenue, over MWRD, the Greater Chicagoland Railroad and the Village of Lyons. Work should start early June 2021.

### **June 8, 2021**

President John Graham of Graham Enterprise, Inc. presented a proposal to the Village Board regarding an investment opportunity for economic growth. He has proposed the option of investing in the expansion / project which would potentially increase revenue through taxes for the Village of Forest View.

Village President John Murphey requested that Graham Enterprise submit a proposed agreement or proposed concept with specific projections on local sales tax shares and property tax for the Board to review.

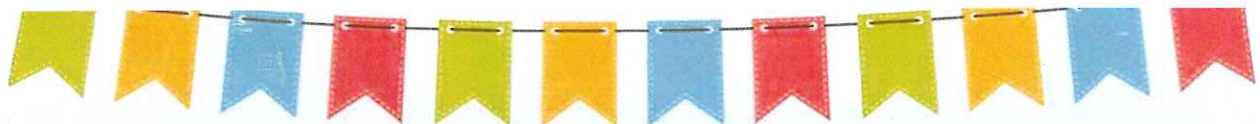
Howard Gadorus from Mercury Solutions spoke explaining the intercom system in the Police Department. By removing the old system, we would need something to control the doors and intercom system. It was explained that there are options available. He spoke regarding forwarding phone numbers to Justice, installing a network, converting numbers and options to complete the 9-1-1 transfer.

Regarding Annual Fire Inspections for the businesses in town, Lieutenant Rick Musil (Fire Prevention Officer) has come up with a plan to inspect seven (7) businesses per month starting July 1, 2021. He will follow up with the businesses for reinspection.

The Board was notified of the passing of longtime resident Stanley Zajac. We came across a Resolution from 2016 Honoring Stanley Zajac on the Occasion of his Ninetieth (90<sup>th</sup>) Birthday, and here are some of the highlights from the resolution:

- Stanley was a longtime resident of Forest View.
- Stanley has been a fine, upstanding citizen of the Village of Forest View.
- The Village has benefited by the services faithfully and efficiently performed by Stanley as a Translator for the Village and a Bingo caller for the Village Picnics.
- Stanley was an active member of the Golden Panthers.
- Stanley was a Volunteer Firefighter and Police Officer.





# COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE

Forest View Park District is sponsoring  
a village wide garage sale

Saturday Aug 28th  
9AM-5PM

Please fill out the attached application and return to the village  
office Monday through Friday between the hours of 9AM-5PM

If adding an additional day, a garage sale permit  
will be **REQUIRED**

There is no fee for a permit.

Yards must be free of sale items, tables, and trash no later than  
6:00pm on Saturday, Aug. 28th.

Failure to do so may result in a fine.

### **Permit Applications**

The Village of Forest View  
7000 West 46th Street  
Forest View, IL 60402  
708-788-3429

### **Questions or comments**

Forest View Park District  
4621 Wenonah Avenue  
Forest View, IL 60402  
708-484-3002  
[Jessica@forestviewparkdistrict.org](mailto:Jessica@forestviewparkdistrict.org)



**DO NOT MOUNT PROMOTIONAL SIGNS ON MUNICIPAL LIGHT POLES,  
PARKWAY SIGNS OR TREES**

*(To be Completed by Village Office Staff)*

PERMIT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_

(Application must be received by Aug. 25, 2021)

RESIDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENT'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENT'S PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ITEMS BEING SOLD AT GARAGE SALE:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that items sold at a garage sale are limited to such items as found around the house, garage, yard and not merchandise/goods manufactured or produced for resale.

**It is unlawful to place garage sale advertisements on street light poles, stop or parking signs, traffic control signals or parkway trees. All advertisements must be removed from parkway within 24 hours after completion of the sale.**

Please have this garage sale permit available for verification should a village representative request proof of application for permit.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Resident**