

Village of Forest View

NEWSLETTER



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

2024



Holiday Greeting!

Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. This year, I was able to watch the National Dog Show without having to flip back and forth to a football game. After the show ended, I was tempted to watch, "Men in Black". I immediately thought of that movie after the winner was announced...Vito the Pug. Growing up with Lassie, my heart and votes always go out for the Collie. Maybe next year!

I'm seeing a lot of lovely Christmas decorations appear throughout the Village. Don't forget to call or email to register. (see flyer inside) You must register to be included in the contest. There is no fee. You have a chance to win a gift card for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. We will call or email you the night the judging will occur so you can make sure your lights are on.

And kids, get those letters to Santa in ASAP. The postal service is not what it used to be as time for mail delivery has increased. Santa will personally answer all letters received. And parents, please make sure your child's letter has a complete return address and that it is legible including child's name. Last year Santa was very upset that some letters could not be answered due to names that could not deciphered, lack of proper address or an address that was not readable.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be touring our Village on Christmas Eve (see flyer inside). You must come to curb to receive a special gift this year. We don't want to wear Santa out before he makes his midnight rounds to our homes. If there is a handicap situation and you cannot come to the curb, please call Village Hall and give your address.

Wishing you all a safe and warm Christmas filled with love and pleasant surprises!

Nancy L. Miller
Village President

One day your life will flash before your eyes. Make sure it's worth watching.



VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW CHRISTMAS HOME DECORATING CONTEST

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

REGISTRATION BEGINS ON NOVEMBER 25TH ENDS DECEMBER 18TH

We will be awarding the top three houses for Christmas.

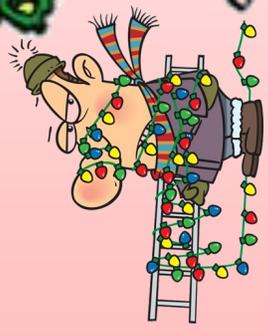
Winners will receive a gift card.

YOU MUST REGISTER - NO REGISTRATION FEE.

TO REGISTER, CALL (708) 788-3429

OR EMAIL info@forestview-il.org

**THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOUSE MUST
BE DECORATED BY DECEMBER 18TH.**





November, 2024

Happy Holidays - An Important Update for All Children on Santa Claus

Dear Children and Parents of the Village of Forest View:

As President of the Village of Forest View, I am proud to announce that **after years of negotiations with the North Pole**, our Village has created a direct line of communication between the **Village of Forest View and Santa Claus himself!**

For many years, my office has been working on building a connection with the North Pole, and I am happy to report that **the magic and the believers in this village have made it possible!** Thank you for your help in making it happen!

Because of this connection, I invite all of you to write your letters to Santa Claus. Then, **stop by Village Hall, 7000 W. 46th Street by Friday, December 13th.**

We will get your letters up to Santa himself, and he will even provide you with a response!

Please see the sample letter that Santa sent to us to get to you to fill out. **Don't forget to put your address on your letter so that Santa can respond to you!**

Thank you all for believing - I offer you and your family my warmest thoughts and best wishes during this holiday season. All the best to you in 2025!

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Miller
President, Village of Forest View



Dear Santa,

Hello! This Christmas, I will be ____ years old, and my teacher is _____ at _____ School!

This year I have been...



- Good all of the time
- Good some of the time
- Naughty (but I can explain)

I am proud of myself, because this year, I did some nice things - including: _____

What I would like most for Christmas this year is _____ and _____, and I promise to leave out _____ for you!

Merry Christmas Santa!

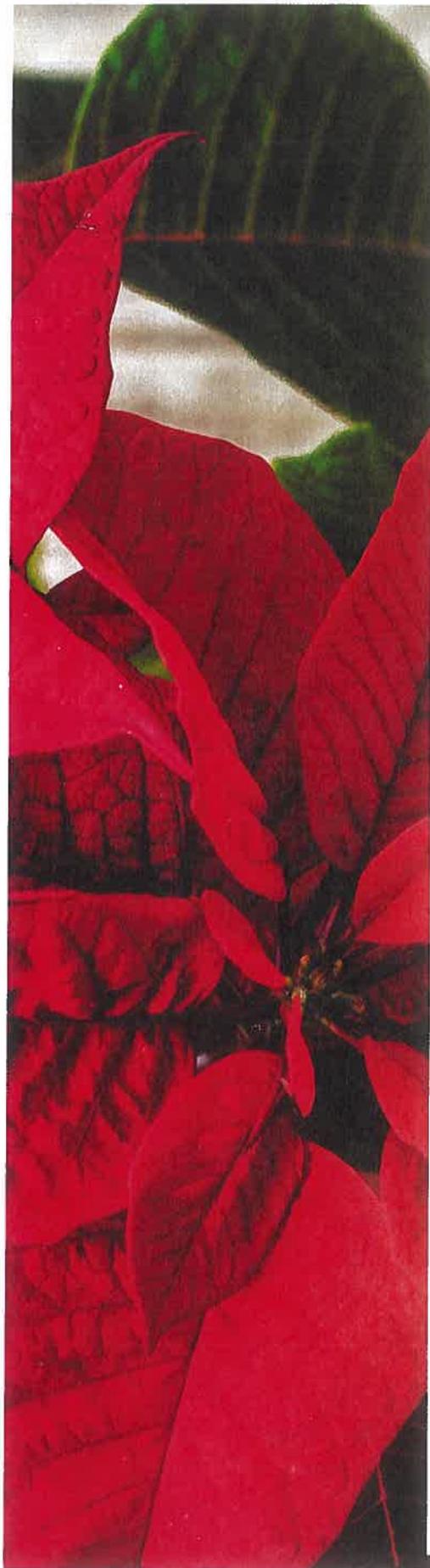


Love,

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

P.S. Please tell _____ I said hello!



HOLIDAY PLANTS

Holiday plants such as poinsettias, Christmas cacti, and amaryllises are traditional gifts that can be enjoyed long after the Christmas season is over. How do we care for them so that they thrive now—and later?

These longtime favorites require similar care and can be coaxed into blooming for future holiday seasons.

How to Care for Poinsettias

To rejuvenate your poinsettia for next year's holiday season, move it outside when night temperatures are not apt to fall much below 50°F (10°C) and prune to keep it bushy and compact. To initiate flowering, the poinsettia needs long nights in complete darkness starting in early October. Cover the plant with a cardboard box or keep it in a closet from about 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 A.M. and water sparingly. When buds form in early December, stop the dark treatment.

How to Care for Christmas Cacti

Like poinsettias, Christmas cacti are available in a kaleidoscope of colors including red, white, pink, cream, and fuchsia. Long-lived, they may produce bountiful blooms for 20 to 30 Christmases to come. You can force a Christmas cactus into bloom in much the same way as a poinsettia, by providing long nights starting around October 1. You can also persuade it to flower by subjecting it to cool night temperatures of 50° to 55°F (10° to 13°C) starting in early November.

How to Care for Amaryllis

Although the amaryllis can be purchased at any stage of development, for many the real fun is growing their own plant from a bulb. Most amaryllis bulbs are sold already potted and with complete growing instructions. Once watering is started, you can expect magnificent lily-like blooms of red, pink, white, or orange in 4 to 6 weeks. After flowering, grow the amaryllis as a foliage plant until the leaves turn yellow. Then store the potted bulb on its side in a cool, dark room or basement to rest for 8 to 10 weeks. When new growth appears, replot the bulb and return it to the light to start the cycle again.

Once your holiday plants are back on track, display them away from drafts in a bright room, but not in direct sunlight; they all prefer 60° to 70°F (16° to 21°C) temperatures and like moist but not soggy soil. As with many of us, these colorful plants are already looking forward to next year's holiday season.



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24th

(CHRISTMAS EVE)

**CAPTURE THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT
AS SANTA ARRIVES FROM THE
NORTH POLE AND WILL TRAVEL THRU
THE FOREST VIEW COMMUNITY
BY FIRE TRUCK
GREETING THE YOUNG AND OLD.**

**SANTA'S TOUR WILL BEGIN
5:00P.M.**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24th

**The Fire Truck Will Start in the
4600 Block of Maple and
Continue Thru Town Ending in the
4600 Block of Oak Park.**

**(Bundle Up and Watch for
Santa at the Curb)**

**A RESOLUTION OF STICKNEY TOWNSHIP HONORING
THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF
FOREST VIEW, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the Village of Forest View was incorporated pursuant to an election on December 10, 1924, with a vote of the residents being 46 in favor of incorporation and none against; and,

WHEREAS, attorney Joseph W. Nosek founded the Village in memory of those who participated in the armed services on behalf of the United States of America in World War I; and,

WHEREAS, the Village has elected to be a home rule unit of government; and,

WHEREAS, the residents of the Village have enjoyed a well-run government with financial stability and premium services due to 90% of the area being developed as industrial; and,

WHEREAS, the Village is the location for the Chicago Portage National Historic Site which marks the western end of the historic portage linking the Great Lakes to the Mississippi River and was used in 1673 by explorers Marquette and Joliet.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Board of Stickney Township, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1

That Stickney Township, and the residents therein, hereby congratulate the Village President, Trustees, officials, and employees of Village of Forest View upon the 100th year of incorporation and declare that the centennial of the Village shall instill pride in all the residents thereof.

Section 2

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from after its adoption.

This Resolution was adopted and deposited in the office of the Township Clerk of the Stickney Township this 29th day of April, 2024



Louis S. Viverito, Township Supervisor

ATTEST:



Ettore "Hector" Cesario, Township Clerk

FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE...

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Garbage and recycling collection will remain the same through the Holidays. Christmas trees will also be collected during regular refuse removal. Trees must be placed at the curb and free of any decorations.



Compost pick up extended through December 11, 2024.

During the winter season, it would be helpful to place garbage cans behind the curb line – not in the street, so the snow plows can effectively clear the streets. We thank you for your cooperation.

SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION

If you turned 65 years of age during the tax year for which you are applying, remember you must complete the Senior Citizen Exemption application in order to receive reduction/savings.

If you have applied for a Senior Citizen Exemption in the past, that will roll over. Senior Citizen Freeze will need to be re-applied for annually.

Please call the Township of Stickney Assessor's Office for assistance at 708-788-9100.

"HEADS" UP



On occasion, a resident will come to the Village Office and maintain their water bill is "never that high". Immediately, the first thing that is checked is the flushing mechanism inside the toilet water tank. Frequently it reveals the rubber flap or cone is hung-up or did not "seat" properly and allowed the water to flow continuously. As a result, considerable water usage occurred without the resident's awareness, thus the high bill. Consequently, it pays to exercise a "heads" up for faint water flow sounds.

PLEASE NOTE:



In observance of the upcoming holidays, the Village Office will be closed: Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24th & December 25th
Tuesday & Wednesday, December 31st & January 1st
Monday, February 17th

EXCITING NEWS

We now have a website! Please visit us at <https://www.forestview-il.org> for exciting information and to make any payments.

For your convenience, the Village Office is now accepting credit and debit cards for all payments.

OUTSIDE DROP BOX

For your convenience, residents are able to drop-off water bill payments, police ticket fines, and other Village business, in the locked drop box located by the back entrance (parking lot side) of the Village Hall.

Dinner Dance

We would like to inform you that the Dinner Dance originally planned for this month has been cancelled. We are hoping to plan a Centennial recap in the new year.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

LEAVING HOME DURING THE HOLIDAYS???

Just a reminder, the Forest View Police Department offers free house security checks if you're leaving town over the holidays. Please contact the Police Department at the non-emergency number 708-788-0318 for more information.

HOLIDAY GUESTS - PARKING

Parking on some streets in Forest View is "residential only". Therefore, should you have guests gathering at your home for the holidays please notify the Police Department at the non-emergency number 708-788-0318 when a non-resident visitor(s) will be parking on the street and then the vehicle(s) will not be ticketed. Also, residents are reminded that overnight parking on Village streets is prohibited. All vehicles must be off the street between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.



HOLIDAY CRIME

Holidays are the easiest times for burglars to score. Once the house is empty, criminals know that you will be gone for hours, and that they don't have to rush to take all your precious property. Many burglaries occur on holidays such as Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and the best one, believe it or not, is the Super Bowl. If you're not home when the game begins, you're probably not coming back until the game ends! Sad but true. See following holiday safety tips.

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

The holidays are a special and joyous time of year. Taking a few prevention measures can help keep your holiday season joyous. The following tips from the Forest View Police

Department can help reduce your chances of becoming a victim of crime:

Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, garage, or vehicle even for a few minutes.

When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house, shovel snow, pick up the mail and newspapers. Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer.

Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.

Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home.

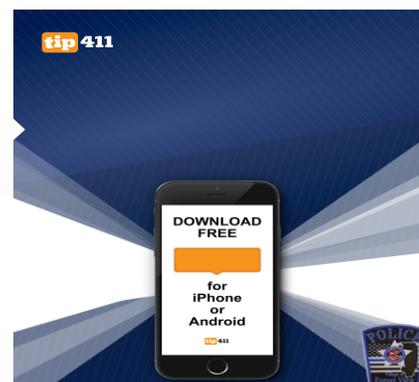
Don't post travel plans on Facebook.

While on vacation, don't post vacation pictures on Facebook.

tip 411

If you notice any suspicious activity, send anonymous tips directly to our Police Department.

Text keyword FVPD to 847411, add a space, type your message, hit send.



Please visit our website @ <https://www.forestview-il.org> for latest updates in our area.

The men and women of the Forest View Police Department would like to wish all of our residents a wonderful and safe Holiday Season!



On behalf of our Fire Fighters and me, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope your holidays are extra special.

I would like to take a moment to remind everyone to have a safe and happy season.....

- While putting up the lights both inside and on the tree, check to make sure they are in good condition. Check for bare wires and missing bulbs. Be aware of how many sets you are connecting; you do not want to overload the circuit.
- Be careful where you run extension cords. You do not want to run an extension cord under a rug or through any doorways; they may crimp or become damaged with the closing of the door.
- If you have a live tree, remember to keep it watered.
- Watch the use of candles. Do not leave them burning unattended.
- Test your smoke detectors to make sure they are working.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

LET US LOOK TO A HAPPY AND GOOD NEW YEAR TO COME

 *Happy
Holidays*




PUBLIC WORKS



SNOW REMOVAL/ PARKING BAN

Snow removal is vital to safe driving. **After a snowfall of two inches (2") or more, it is unlawful to park any vehicle, or to permit any vehicle to remain parked on the street until the snow has been removed, and provided that the snowfall has stopped.**

Observe "NO PARKING AFTER 2" SNOWFALL/TOW-AWAY ZONE" signs. The NO PARKING ban WILL be enforced! Cars parked illegally WILL be subject to tow. The Public Works crew works long and hard to keep the Village streets clear and safe. We need and appreciate your cooperation.

GARBAGE CANS

In the event of snow, please do not place garbage/recycling cans in the street.

SHOVELING/SNOW BLOWING



Please do not throw snow back into the street after public works has completed their snow plowing. You innocently may be trying to cause the snow to melt faster, however the newly formed snow mound may create a hazard for unsuspecting drivers. Instead we ask that you use the deflector on your snow blower to direct the snow onto the parkway. Pile it up, do not push it out.

Also, during major, wet snowfalls (only), public works will push aside furrows at the end of driveways which were caused by previous snow plow runs.



SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL ASSISTANCE

Public Works offers snow removal to senior citizens who are disabled, handicapped and/or have severe health problems and have no one else who is able to help them with snow removal. The public works crew will make one shovel width pass from the street to the front door thus providing exit route in an emergency situation. This work will be done *after* all the roads have been cleared first, followed by end of driveways, and then eligible senior sidewalks. Those in need of snow removal must complete an application available at the Village Office.

Sidewalk Snow Removal

Public Works will be cleaning Village sidewalks with our smaller Bobcat and brush attachment for all of our residents. This will only take place after significant snowfalls have finished and the streets have been cleared. ***Please note that parked cars and holiday decorations may result in sections of sidewalks being skipped over.***



PUBLIC WORKS



WINTERIZE YOUR WATER PIPES

Frozen water pipes are not life-threatening; however, frozen or broken water pipes do cause damage to homes each winter. If pipes in the walls aren't properly insulated, they can freeze and rupture. An eighth-of-an-inch crack in a pipe can release up to 250 gallons of water a day, soaking floors, rugs, and furniture. To prevent the mess and aggravation frozen pipes cause, protect your home by following these simple steps:

BEFORE COLD WEATHER

Locate and insulate pipes most susceptible to freezing – typically those near outer walls, in crawl spaces, or in the attic. Wrap pipes with heat tape (UL approved). Seal any leaks that allow cold air inside where pipes are located. Disconnect garden hoses, shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets.

WHEN IT'S COLD

Open cabinet doors to allow heat to get at uninsulated pipes under a sink or appliance near an outer wall.

Make sure heat is left on and set no lower than 55 degrees.

If you plan to be away short term, have someone check your house daily to make sure the heat is on to prevent freezing. For a prolonged period of time, drain and shut off the water system (except indoor sprinkling systems).



IF PIPES FREEZE

Make sure you and your family know how to shut off the water if pipes freeze to minimize damage. Call a plumber and contact your insurance agent.

Never attempt to thaw a pipe with an open flame or torch.

Always be careful of the potential for electric shock in and around standing water.



Here is another recipe written by my cousin Jimmy. Evelyn was his mom and my Aunt on my dad's side. (Noting again, that our Miller humor is an *acquired humor*)



EVELYN'S FAVORITE ONION SOUP, EASY (4 servings)

This soup is a favorite of your Auntie Evelyn's, so long as somebody else chops the onions, minces the garlic, cooks the soup, grates the cheese and makes the topping. She even likes it without the topping, though the French-bread-browned-cheese topping adds a touch of class and refinement seldom seen in Miller households.

SOUP

- 4 large onions, sliced thinly, about 4 cups
An extra cup (or more) of onions is OK for a thicker, onionier soup.
- ¼ cup butter (½ stick) (olive oil is a very good substitute)
- 6 cloves garlic, minced, chopped, or put through a garlic press
Use more than 6 cloves if the soup is for garlic-lovers or Italians
Use no garlic if soup is for garlic-haters or Scotsmen
- 6 cups homemade beef broth (or 3 cans prepared beef broth)
If you have no homemade beef stock/broth, you can use beef bouillon cubes to make 6 cups of broth, instead of using the canned stuff.
- 1 ½ TBSP Worcestershire sauce
- ¼ tsp fresh black pepper (or more if you want)
- Roux Mix equal parts olive oil and flour in a heavy saucepan and cook on medium-low heat, stirring regularly, til the flour turns brown; add this to the soup as a thickener after the onions have finished cooking—how much you use depends on how thick you want the soup to be, 3 or 4 TBSP each of flour/oil works fine, and you can add more beef broth if too thick

Cook onions, butter, garlic, covered, over low heat for 20-25 minutes in saucepan, stirring occasionally. Stir in broth, pepper, Worcester and simmer covered for 30 minutes or more.

TO TOP

- 4 slices French bread, quartered, ½ inch slices
- 1 cup Swiss or Gruyere cheese, or any good-melting cheese, shredded
- 2 TBSP grated Parmesan cheese

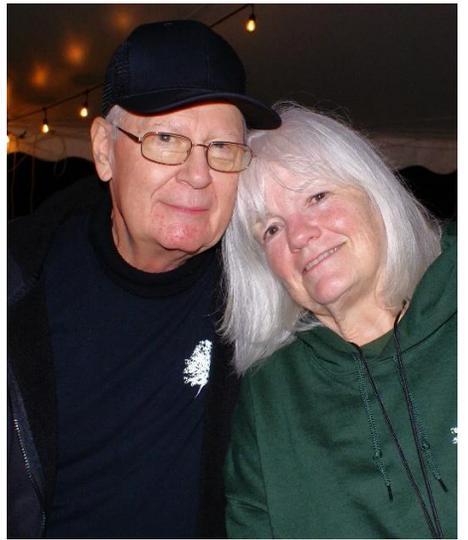
Put soup into 4 ovenproof bowls, top each with bread and cheese, bake at 500 degrees F for 1-3 minutes. The cheese should melt and brown slightly.

If you have no ovenproof bowls, place bread on cookie sheet, top with cheese, and broil for 45-60 seconds. Put the cheese-topped bread atop the bowled-but-unovened soup. Your guests will be easily deceived by this ruse and go home wondering how the hell you broiled the cheese on that terrific onion soup without melting the cheap plastic bowls that you served it in.

Centennial Picnic

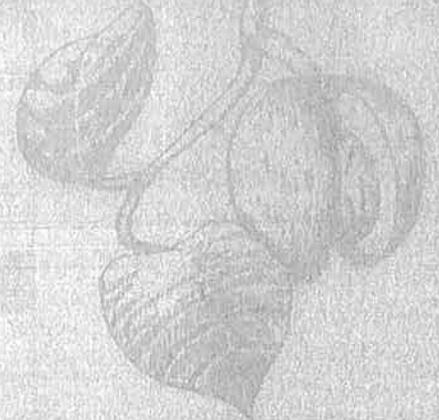


HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY FOREST VIEW





Word Search 5: Herbs & Spices



- BASIL
- BLACK PEPPER
- CARDAMOM
- CHILI POWDER
- CILANTRO
- CINNAMON
- CUMIN
- DILL
- FENNEL
- GARLIC
- GINGER
- MARJORAM
- NUTMEG
- OREGANO
- PAPRIKA
- PARSLEY
- ROSEMARY
- SAFFRON
- THYME
- TURMERIC

Sudoku 9 & 10

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SUDOKU 9

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SUDOKU 10

Crossword 5: Highways

ACROSS

1. Fastener
5. Dorothy's dog
9. Open areas
14. Volcano
15. Tel ____ (former Israel capital)
16. Hair care product brand
17. Menacing animal noise
18. Narrow country road or part of city road
19. Italian "dollars"
20. Attire
22. Rootstalk
24. Disallow
25. Cast a ____
26. Composer Francis ____ Key
28. Title of respect
29. Motor vehicle
32. Blame
33. Turn over
35. Tint
36. Not urban
37. Unused
38. 1996 Madonna movie
40. Air Cushion Vehicle (abbr.)
41. Comforts
43. English architecture style
44. Ball holder
45. Marry
46. Tree trunks
47. Espy
49. Carry
50. Bituminous substance used mainly for paving
53. Venezuela capital
57. People who get things done
58. Country in SE Asia
60. Wealthy
61. Aleutian
62. Designated place where vehicles can leave on expressways or other major roads
63. Opp. of early
64. Gradually moving together
65. Fox holes
66. Meditation

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DOWN

1. Zeus's wife
2. On top
3. Join together
4. Satellite dish shape
5. Natural ability
6. Elliptical
7. Can metal
8. General reviews
9. Parted
10. Winner's token
11. Air (prefix)
12. Chowder ingredient
13. Otherwise
21. Faze
23. French ____, instrument
26. Food covering
27. Arc
28. Rate of movement
29. Scold
30. Vehicles
31. Bring up
32. Fellowship (abbr.)
33. Made uneasy
34. Bypass or alternate road
39. Rawly
42. Absent without leave
46. Blows up
47. Express indifference
48. Stick together
50. Eden dweller
51. Only
52. Equal
53. Money
54. Goodbye! (Italian)
55. Acting (abbr.)
56. Popular stadium (former)
59. Chops wood

Columbus Day Parade Italian Heritage



Trick or Trunk



FD Open House / Cinders 1st Birthday

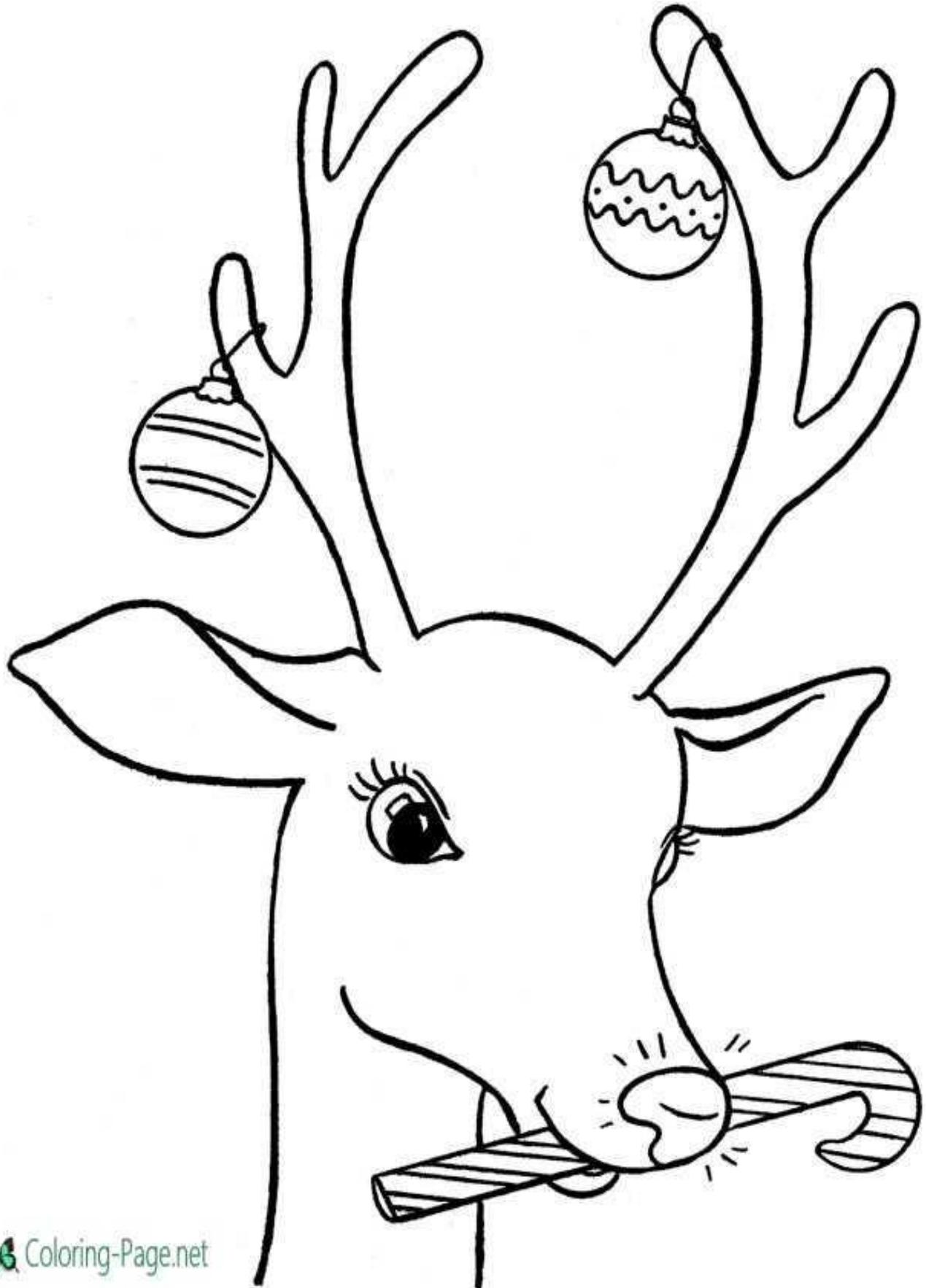


Veterans Day Ceremony



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.



PARK DISTRICT PAGES



55 and older

Senior Coffee Christmas Party

Wed. Dec. 11th, 10am - noon

Show your spirit with your favorite Christmas attire!
COME READY FOR SOME FUN!

★ Breakfast, Coffee &
★ Christmas Cheer

CONTACT DAWN AT
RECREATION@FORESTVIEWPARKDISTRICT.COM
WITH QUESTIONS

FOREST VIEW PARK DISTRICT
4521 WENONAH, FOREST VIEW

2025

Senior Coffee

at the Forest View Park District
Coffee - Bakery - Conversation - Fun

Second Wednesday of every month (for 55+)

10-12 pm

January 8th	July 9th
February 12th	August 13th
March 12th	September 10th
April 9th	October 8th
May 14th	November 12th
June 11th	December 10th

4621 Wenonah Ave. Forest View

**FOREST VIEW PARK DISTRICT & STICKNEY-
FOREST VIEW LIONS CLUB INVITE YOU TO OUR
3rd ANNUAL**



**CANDY CANE HUNT &
CHRISTMAS PARTY IN THE PARK**

Sat. Dec. 14th, 3-5pm

**Fun starts at 3 pm with Candy Cane Hunt
for kids 12 and under**

**Visit with Santa
Hot Chocolate Bar
S'Mores Stations**



Lighting of the Christmas Tree

**Feel free to bring an ornament
to hang on our tree!**

Forest View Park

**Please register through email with
name and ages of children at**

recreation@forestviewparkdistrict.org

