

VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW

NEWSLETTER



2020

VIEW POINTS

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Residents,

I would like to inform you that I will be composing a letter from me to you directly in the near future. I would like to wish you and your families a Happy 4th of July.

Stay Safe,

Lawrence Powell



FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE...

Public Re-Opening of the Village Municipal Facilities

Visitors to Village Hall

Visitors refers to all residents, business owners, contractors, meeting attendees, and any other non-Village employees. All visitors who arrive to Village Hall will enter through the main or rear entrance.

All visitors who enter Village Hall are required to wear an appropriate face mask or covering and are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer available to them. Please remind each visitor to please follow appropriate signage within Village Hall.

All visitors who enter the Village Hall will be required to provide their name, address and contact information. This information is necessary in the event it is discovered they have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus and for the Village to explore contact tracing.

Operational Hours for Elderly and Vulnerable

Per the State of Illinois, the Village of Forest View, upon opening businesses to the general public, must afford separate business hours for the elderly and vulnerable population throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic period.

Effective June 29, 2020, the Village of Forest View will reopen to the elderly and vulnerable population who need to transact business at the Village Municipal Building (i.e. Village Hall and Fire Department) from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Monday through Friday each week. Obviously, for the current time and up to the 911 Consolidation, the Police Department will remain a 24/7 operation.

The general public who need to transact business at the Village Municipal Building (i.e. Village Hall and Fire Department) can visit between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday of each week.

All residents and individuals who need to conduct business with the Village are encouraged to perform those transactions online, via mail, email, phone and any other non-contact options or utilize the Village drop box for payments or for other business-related activities.

Future Village Board Meetings

We have entered Phase four of Governor's Order. The guideline for public meetings is no more than fifty (50) attendees. Village Board meetings will be held in the second floor Art Treckler Room. Social distancing of at least six (6) feet is required at all times. Appropriate masks will be required to be worn when entering the Village Hall and may be required during the entire period of time in the meeting.

Future Use of the Art Treckler Room

The use of the Art Treckler Room by residents or charitable organizations for family gatherings or social events is suspended indefinitely.



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 July this year.



So no matter when you registered/purchased your dog license/tag in calendar year 2019, you are required to purchase a 2020-2021 tag by July 31, 2020.

If you haven't purchased a current 2020-2021 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 FORM WITH YOU. 😊



VEHICLE STICKERS

PLEASE REFER TO THE JUNE PRICING ON YOUR VEHICLE STICKER APPLICATION.



All vehicle stickers for 2020-2021 are **due on July 31, 2020** and are to be displayed on your windshield no later than August 1, 2020.

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 August 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.

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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.

PLEASE NOTE: The Village Office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day and Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day.



Remember to share your email for Village News.
Send your email address to.....
lvogt@forestview-il.org



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



Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and the social distancing directives, no Garage Sale permits will be issued, nor will Garage Sales be allowed in the Village until further notice.



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.** {Payments after-hours can be made in the Police Department which is open 24/7, entrance on 46th Street (must be exact cash in the Police Department as no change can be given)}.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

4th of JULY

Forest View maintains a zero tolerance for illegal fireworks!

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!

TEXTING WHILE DRIVING IN ILLINOIS PENALTIES TO INCREASE



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.



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 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.

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 2020 Graduates. Your graduation will be one to remember and always remain special. COVID-19 is making things different, but we will survive.

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 1200 F. That is hotter than the temperature used to melt glass. 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.

I would like to thank the Home School PTA for dropping off snacks for the Police and Fire Departments. That was very thoughtful and greatly appreciated. We look forward to working with you in the Fall.

Tom Heller
Fire Chief



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 10, 2020

Village Administrator Masciola recommended approval of the warranty renewal for the Dell PowerEdge R530 Tower Server.

Village Administrator Masciola explained that our cloud-based email system with Current Technologies will expire on April 30, 2020. Current Technologies offered a pre-payment for a one-year period. We would save money by signing a one-year agreement.

Plans have been received for the Park N' Fly car wash project. The plans have been delivered to FSCI to start the plan review process. The project value is six hundred, forty-thousand dollars.

The first annual rent payment from Verizon Wireless for their communications facility at the water tower was received. The rent for the first year was \$28,800.00. The commencement date began March 1, 2020.

Village Administrator Masciola along with Fire Chief Heller, met with Larry Sorensen of Henkel and Maurico Ortiz from GCP Applied Technologies to discuss their Fire Protection Agreement with the Village.

Fire Chief Heller along with Police Chief Wiseman Jr., attended a meeting with Stickney Township Health Department regarding COVID-19 safety measures.

Village President Powell mentioned that the Lions Club would like to donate three tables for the Art Treckler Hall. We are starting to replace some of the old, heavy tables with new, lighter ones.

Senator Celina Villanueva's legislative aide, David Ollin Pesqueria, introduced himself. He passed out his contact information. The office is located at 63rd and Archer in Summit.

May 12, 2020

Held Virtually on Zoom Due To COVID-19

There was a Motion to approve flying the flag at half-mast on May 15, 2020, "Police Officers Memorial Day" and to designate May 10th to May 16th as "National Police Week". There was a Motion to appoint Eric Willis, Jason Brunke and Cassandra Shiffletes as Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedics to the Forest View Fire Department.

Village President Powell and Chief Heller explained that the Stone Park Fire Department will be shutting down. They have a fire engine available for purchase. This would become our primary front-line engine. Fire Truck #813 would become our reserve engine and Pinky would retire. A mechanic was called to check the Stone Park Engine and general maintenance is required. This engine would work for many years on the front-line before being moved to reserve.

Village Administrator Masciola explained the details on the Waste Disposal Agreement.

There was a Motion to approve Ordinance 20-04, the Annual Appropriations Transfer Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2020.

There was a Motion to approve the FY 2020-2021 Annual Appropriations Recommendations.

Village Administrator Masciola highlighted some of the items on the Annual Appropriations Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. The budget includes funds for the Reconstruction Project on 45th Street and the Wenonah Basin Flood Improvement Project. Also included in the budget is the funding for the fire engine, 911 Consolidation, and allocations for the Pension Funds.

COVID-19 update: Public Works did a thorough cleaning of the building. We were able to receive a

deep clean, free of charge offered by Chicago Water and Fire Restoration in the Fire & Police Departments, Village Hall, Board Room and the Treckler Hall. We have purchased gloves, masks, disinfectant, a fogging machine and cleaning supplies. We have applied to FEMA for reimbursements. We are tracking COVID-19 expenditures.

A bid was opened for the 45th Street Reconstruction Project. The contract was awarded to Lindahl Brothers Inc. at the Village of Stickney Board Meeting on April 7, 2020. There was a pre-construction meeting on May 1, 2020, and the work will start on May 18, 2020.

COVID-19 update: Superintendent O'Donohue was able to secure reusable masks for the Public Works employees. They have been cleaning equipment to limit exposure.

Call Box was installed, there will be delays with the 911 dispatch center changeover.

Village President Powell stated that the Village Picnic will not take place this year due to the pandemic and the closure and hardships on many businesses.

May 26, 2020 **Held Virtually on Zoom Due To COVID-19**

Village Administrator Masciola explained that each year we receive a water rate increase from the City of Chicago. The water rate increase this year will be 2.5%. In the past, we would pass that increase onto the water customers. Village Administrator Masciola is requesting that we absorb the increase and freeze the water rate for the residential, commercial,

industrial and municipal customers. The amount we would absorb is approximately five thousand dollars.

Letters have been delivered announcing the start of the 45th Street Reconstruction Project. Email notifications were sent to all residents that have provided an email address.

On Sunday, May 17, 2020, an alert was received from the Police Department regarding the heavy rain. Superintendent O'Donohue and Public Works assisted the Police Department with the closure of North Bound Harlem at I-55. We were able to barricade Harlem, 46th street and Harlem, 45th Street and Oak Park along with 45th Street and Maple. We then assisted the Police Department with traffic control allowing only residents in and out of town.

Questions and discussion ensued regarding the river level. The level was monitored, and based on readings has now gone down. Village President Powell stated that he did call the Federal Railroad Association regarding the debris in the river.

The Fire Department has been participating in Drive-By Birthdays and Graduations for our residents.

The Fire Department went door to door on a few streets that were experiencing flooding.

Delivery of the Fire Engine should be this week.

June 8, 2020 **Held Virtually on Zoom Due To COVID-19**

Village Administrator Masciola spoke regarding Ordinance No. 20-05, the FY 2020-2021 Annual Appropriations.

Village Administrator Masciola spoke regarding the Village's Barracuda Web Security Gateway renewal.

A permit was issued for Apex Oil Company. Two bulk storage tanks will be built. The project value is three and one half million dollars.

Old Dominion is planning to start the one hundred dock expansion in August.

Surface Grinding was performed on the 45th Street Reconstruction Project.

Village President Powell wanted to thank Police Chief Wiseman Jr., Fire Chief Heller and both Departments for a great job handling themselves during the civil unrest. They kept our community safe.

Police Chief Wiseman Jr. and Fire Chief Heller commended all of our Police Officers and Firefighters for keeping our community safe during the civil unrest.

The Stone Park Fire Engine was delivered and the mechanic completed all of the required work. We are waiting for the proofs for the lettering and striping.

It was mentioned that Code Red was used well during the civil unrest.

A resident wanted to say thank you to the Police Officers for their service during the civil unrest. They were seen frequently and their presence was greatly appreciated.

Forest View Park District

4621 Wenonah Avenue Forest View, IL
www.forestviewparkdistrict.org.
708-484-3002



We look forward to welcoming residents back for classes soon!

Follow us on Facebook or check our website www.forestviewparkdistrict.org for updates as we transition into Phase 4.

Playground is open!

The playground equipment has reopened with safety guidelines posted around the area. The washrooms and drinking fountains remain closed at this time, please plan accordingly.

Boot Camp

Kick start your week with our first outdoor workout class! Jason Venckus, owner of Momentum Fitness will be leading a six week boot camp style workout in the park. This class offers a mix of cardio and strength training rotations, perfect for all fitness levels. Class is limited to ten participants to ensure social distancing, register early!

Mondays 6:00-7:00AM.

7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/10

*Rain date 8/17

Min/Max 6/10. \$30.00 per person.

Register: Jessica@forestviewparkdistrict.org

Together we are stronger

We will be passing out paper hands to be decorated for a fun art mural promoting unity within our community. If your family is interested in decorating a hand, please send an email with your address and the number of hands you would like to decorate. These will then be laminated and displayed in the park. Emails can be sent to Jessica@Forestviewparkdistrict.org