

VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW

NEWSLETTER



Winter 2019



FROM THE DESK OF
PRESIDENT POWELL....

It is hard to believe another year has come to an end. I would like to take this moment to reflect on this wonderful Village. We are blessed in so many ways. I hope this Holiday Season brings you joy, peace and time shared with family and friends.

I look forward to the exciting things happening in our Village throughout 2020.

Watch for Santa's visit through the Village. He will ride through town on the Fire Truck on Christmas Eve.

On behalf of our Village Staff, I wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Lawrence Powell
Village President



**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
6:00P.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)**

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. This allows the Police Department to quickly notice suspicious vehicles in your area. On the occasion that you have overnight guests or work being done on your driveway, permission to park on the street can be received by calling the Police Department.

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.

WINTER DRIVING

Winter is upon us again and the Police Department would just like to remind residents to take due caution driving during the winter months. Remember stopping on snow and ice is very hazardous, so slow your speed on snow covered streets and watch for the infamous black ice. Keep a greater distance between your vehicle and the one in front of you. If you're driving an all-wheel or 4-wheel drive vehicle you may be able to pull away from that stop sign or red light faster but when it comes to emergency stopping, your vehicle will respond the same as everybody else's! So let's be a safe and cautious driver this winter season.

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

Stickney-Forest View Lions Club Holiday Lights Recycling for Sight Program

There will be a container in the hallway outside the Village Office until Wednesday, January 15, 2020, to collect any holiday lights (functioning or not) residents wish to donate. This recycling event will not only benefit the environment, but will also benefit the programs and services offered by the Lions of Illinois Foundation. The Foundation offers support to individuals with vision and hearing impairments throughout the state of Illinois.

STICKNEY TOWNSHIP

The Village is located in Stickney Township and as such Forest View residents are eligible for those activities and services provided by the Township. Some of their fine services/programs are listed below; however, others are available.

- Medical Exams and Immunization Services
- Dental Services
- Podiatry Services
- Vision and Hearing Services
- Phlebotomy (blood work) Services
- Aging & Disability Services
- Mini-Bus for residents over 60 years of age (or under 60 & disabled)
- Senior Citizen's Luncheons
- Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Program
- Preschool and Recreation Programs

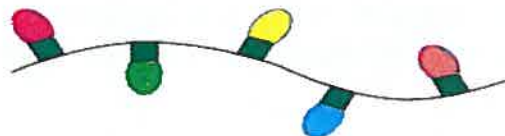
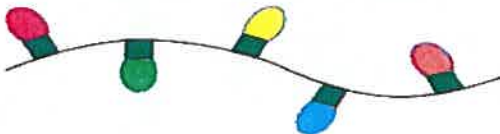
For further information, please call the Stickney Township Main Office at 708-424-9200 or visit their websites:
www.townshipofstickney.org
www.stickneypublichealthdistrict.org

STICKNEY TOWNSHIP ANIMAL CONTROL

Please call the Stickney Township Animal Control Department at 708-424-9200 Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. if you notice persistent rodent activity or to report animal concerns.

Reminder!

Reminder!



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.

Please avoid being subjected to a parking ticket fine and then the additional costs of towing this winter season. Obey the snow removal parking ban.

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.



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 plus submit a doctor's verification explaining medical condition to be eligible.

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

- Let hot and cold water trickle at night from a faucet on an outside wall.
- 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 knows 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.



FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE...

Due to work commitments, our Village Treasurer Susie Uribe has resigned. We would like to thank her for her time and dedication to our Village.



BUILDING PERMITS



Most home improvement indoor and outdoor projects and structural remodeling projects (whether doing the work yourself or by a contractor) require building permits obtained from the Village Office before any work can begin.

Examples of projects requiring a permit include (but not limited to) the following: electrical upgrade, roof, windows, siding, fence, swimming pool, shed, patio, deck. If you're not sure if a permit is required,

please call the Village Office at 708-788-3429. Some building permits require a nominal fee, however for many projects there is no fee at all for the permit.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Work which is started without first obtaining a proper building permit (if any applicable) will be assessed a \$100.00 fine plus penalty of an amount equal to double the cost of the permit. In addition, work must conform to all Village Building Regulations.

RE-APPLY SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION

The due date for the Tax Year 2019 First Installment property taxes is Friday, March 1, 2020. The Cook County Assessor's Office will be mailing out tax bills the last week of January, 2020.

Remember:

- 1) Senior citizens must re-apply annually for the Senior Citizen Exemption. Therefore, it is important that seniors watch for the Senior Citizen Exemption application in their mail. The reduction/savings will be reflected on the Second Installment property tax bill.
- 2) 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.



PET PEEVES

Dog owners are reminded to be considerate of their neighbors and community.

- Owners should clean-up after their dogs when walking them on public sidewalks or parkways.
- Pets shouldn't be allowed to trespass on private property.
- Remove dog feces on your property on a timely basis; this is a source of food for unwanted critters.
- No more than three dogs are allowed per residence.

GARBAGE **COLLECTION**

Garbage and recycling collection will be one day later on Thursday, December 26th, 2019 and Thursday, January 2nd, 2020, due to the Holidays. Christmas trees will also be collected during regular refuse removal. Trees must be placed at the curb and free of any decorations.



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.

OUTSIDE DROP BOX



For your convenience, residents are now 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. **Please do not put cash in the outside box. Payments dropped in the box must be by check.** Cash payments, or any payments for that matter, can still be made in the Village Office during normal business hours as we always enjoy seeing residents!
{Payments after-hours can be made in the Police Department which is open 24/7, entrance on 46th Street by check or cash (must be exact cash in the Police Department as no change can be given)}.

“HEADS” UP

On occasion, a resident will come to the Village Office and maintain their water bill is “never that high”. Their water history is checked and sure enough the bill reflects inordinately high water consumption. When water department personnel go inside the home to re-check the meter reading, it is confirmed to be the correct reading; however they hear a very faint running water sound. 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 such faint water flow sounds.



PLEASE NOTE: The Village Office will be closed on Tuesday December 24th & Wednesday December 25th 2019 for the holiday. We will also be closed on Wednesday January 1st and Monday February 17th 2020 in observance of the New Year & Presidents Day.

Happy Holidays



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.
- We have FREE SMOKE DETECTORS available at the Fire Station. Please call the station at **708-749-1110** to arrange a time for the smoke detector to be installed in your home.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

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





FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 5, 2019

CONTACT:
Mike Matulis 217-785-1719 (IDOL)
Rebecca Clark 217-557-4756 (IEMA)

State Agencies Encourage People to Prepare for Winter Weather

November is Winter Weather Preparedness Month in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – While the official start of winter is not for several weeks, parts of Illinois have already experienced the first snowfall of the season. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), Illinois Department of Labor and the National Weather Service (NWS) are encouraging people to begin preparing now for extreme cold, snow and ice.

“In Illinois, it’s not a question of if, but rather when will snow, ice and sub-zero temperatures occur,” said **Acting IEMA Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau**. “Being unprepared for winter weather is not only inconvenient, but it can be dangerous. That’s why we are encouraging all Illinoisans to take a few minutes to put together your home and vehicle emergency supply kits and review the steps you should take to stay safe during hazardous winter weather.”

In terms of weather, 2019 has been a record-breaking year in Illinois. The new year brought a Polar Vortex that crippled most of the Midwest, including blanketing Illinois with life-threatening temperatures for several days. According to the NWS, the coldest temperature on record occurred this year (January 31) when the mercury dropped to negative 38 degrees near Mt. Carroll in Carroll County. The previous record of negative 36 degrees was set in 1999.

From 2008-2018, there were 788 fatalities related to cold temperatures in Illinois, which is more than heat (227), tornadoes (23), floods (38) and severe storms/lightning (17) combined. In the United States, about 700 deaths occur each year from hypothermia. Infants and the elderly are particularly at risk of hypothermia.

“There are several dangerous health conditions that can occur specifically in winter weather,” said **Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike**. “It’s important to watch for signs of extreme cold. Hypothermia, when a person’s body temperature drops below 95 degrees Fahrenheit, can occur both outdoors and indoors and can be fatal. Frostbite occurs when your extremities (fingers, toes, nose, and ears) are exposed to cold weather. The skin may

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become stiff and numb leading to severe tissue damage. Also, watch for symptoms of chest pain when shoveling snow which can be associated with overexertion. Know the warning signs of dangerous cold weather health conditions in order to stay safe and healthy during the winter.”

Unfortunately, no matter how low the temperature dips, many Illinois workers will face the frigid elements to do their jobs. Cold weather is never pleasant, but by taking some precautions, workers can minimize the dangers.

“Freezing, snowy weather is a fact of life in Illinois during the winter, and some people feel they can tough it out,” **said Illinois Department of Labor Director Michael Kleinik.** “But if you’re required to work outdoors, you’re tempting fate by not dressing properly on frigid days.”

Caution and self-awareness are the keys to cold weather safety. Workers should know the signs of hypothermia, not push their bodies to an extreme, layer clothing and make sure they have plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration.

“The signs of danger initially may be subtle but once they hit, they can hit like a snowplow,” **said Mitch Rogers, administrator for Memorial Health System’s Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Services in Springfield.**

Preventative maintenance is also a good idea. Rogers suggests people who must work outside regularly in the winter weather consider scheduling a physical exam before that winter work begins.

To help Illinois residents prepare for winter, IEMA and the NWS developed a winter weather preparedness guide that covers winter weather terms and tips for staying safe at home, in the car and at school. The guide is available on the Ready Illinois website at www.Ready.Illinois.gov.

“Preparing well in advance of winter weather is really the best way to cope when snow, ice and cold temperatures affect us,” **said Chris Miller, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the NWS office in Lincoln.** “Now is the time to prepare your vehicle and house for winter conditions. Make sure you have blankets, non-perishable food, boots, extra clothing and other items in your car in case you are stranded or waiting for a tow. At home, make sure you have enough essential items to ride out a storm, or if you are without power, for at least three days.”

For more information about winter weather preparedness, including the *Weathering Winter* guide from the Illinois Department of Public Health, visit the Ready Illinois website at www.Ready.Illinois.gov.

SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW



FULL-TIME - PUBLIC WORKS
VIC DANTINO

Congratulations Vic

Vic has been in Forest View his entire life. His parents owned a business in town for many years. He graduated from Morton West High School and then attended Morton College for two years. Vic studied Business while in college.

He began working for the Forest View Park District in 2008 and joined the Public Works Department in 2012.

Vic's favorite part of the job is working in the Village where he grew up.

Vic enjoys spending time with Doreen, his wife of 26 years and their sweet dog Vinnie. He also enjoys playing pool on a league and working out at the gym in his spare time.



FULL-TIME - PUBLIC WORKS
TANNER MILLER

Congratulations Tanner

Tanner was born and raised in Forest View. He attended Home School, George Washington Middle School and graduated from Morton West High School.

He began employment at Julian Electric, rapidly advancing in position to a line leader in charge of twelve employees. He received a certificate for "Team Lead Training" from the University of Illinois.

Tanner has been with the Village of Forest View since the spring of 2017, starting off as a seasonal employee. He stayed on through the winter and started school working toward his Class C Water License. Upon receiving his license, he became a full time employee and now he is a full time water operator.

Tanner's favorite part of the job is working outdoors.



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 ****

September 24

Approved the purchase for road salt for the 2019/2020 winter season from Morton Salt at a cost of \$87.36 per ton delivered.

Attorney John Murphy explained the cannabis legislation as of January 1, 2020 and what this means to our Village.

Shell Gas Station reopened 09/20/19. Two Certificates of Occupancy were issued; one for the Gas Station, one for Hot Shot Gaming.

Pinky was present for pictures at the 6th Annual Lions Club 5k Walk.

Discussion regarding how we could identify fire hydrants as some may be blocked by parked vehicles. Discussion ensued regarding painting the curbs in front of the hydrants.

October 8

Vickers Consulting Services will write and apply for the Assistance to the Firefighter Grant. If approved this Grant will be applied toward new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).

Approved a Lease with M Rugged Mobile Technology for a new laptop which will be used to communicate with Loyola from the ambulance.

Fire Chief Heller attended the Annual Fire Chiefs Conference. One current topic that was addressed was the Active Shooter.

Official Appointment of Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Kuzmick was approved.

The Board was informed of the resignations of Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedics Jeff Werner and Dylan Duncan. Thank you for your service to our Village.

The Policy was approved as written for the 50/50 Driveway Apron Replacement Program. The residents eligible first will receive a letter informing them of this opportunity.

Approval to hire Badger Daylighting to locate Kinder Morgan utilities as it relates to the Wenonah Avenue Basin Flooding Relief Improvements Project.

Ordinance 19-17 Prohibiting Recreational Cannabis Establishments within the Village of Forest View was approved.

The Board is discussing the hydrants being painted different colors to represent diseases and address awareness.

October 22

Village Administrator Masciola explained the first Cook County Multi- Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was developed and adopted in 2014. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that the plan be updated every five years.

Village Administrator Masciola, Village Attorney John Murphey and Village Engineer Brad Clark will attend a meeting with MWRD downtown. The Intergovernmental Agreement for the Wenonah Avenue Basin Flooding Relief and Improvement Project will be discussed.

The access road on top of the Lyons Levee was built within the last couple of weeks. The guard rail is up and the levee is almost complete on that portion.

There will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Shell Gas Station on Friday November 8th at 4:00 p.m.

Fire Chief Heller is requesting to hire three Firefighter/Paramedics. We have 31 active members, 2 on leave that should be back in December or January. We have 1 on medical leave with a total of 34 members on the roster.

The injector on pump 3 was rebuilt on October 10th. The pump is up and running. It is back to normal and on-line.

On November 1st, the Police Department will be involved with Home School's Color 3K Run.

Regarding the Home School Color Run, Fire Chief Heller and Deputy Chief Sal Rodriguez will offer a prize for the student with the highest amount of money pledged. They will organize a breakfast for the student and their immediate family hosted at the Firehouse. The food will be supplied by

Fire Chief Heller and Deputy Chief Rodriguez. The Firefighters will cook the breakfast then the student will ride to school in the Fire Truck with the lights on.

There was a call regarding a crash in front of the Tool Store. The vehicle jumped the curb, damaged property, landed on and ruptured the gas meter. After Nicor arrived, the vehicle was removed and the leak was capped off.

Regarding the 50 /50 Driveway Apron Replacement Program, six aprons were chosen based on the grading scale of 1-5 with 1 being in the worst condition. In the six aprons, one of the aprons is at the rear Village Hall entrance. Our residents will be notified based on the 1-5 grading scale. The cost for replacement will be presented at the next Board Meeting.

November 12

There was a presentation from Attorney Mark Daniel representing Shell Gasoline Station. They would like to purchase the property to the south of the Shell. Plans show a car wash, vacuum stations and a two unit retail oriented center. A Gaming Café will be in one of the units. All units are intended to have tax generating use.



November 12 (continued)

The Illinois Gaming Board approved the Gaming License for Hot Shot Gaming on November 7, 2019. The Gaming Board will be reviewing the Gaming License for Chicago Liquors located on 47th Street. The gaming revenue to the Village for September 2018 through September 2019 was almost \$113,000.00. This money goes toward funding the Police & Fire Pension liability.

At the next meeting we will have a presentation from Lauterbach & Amen regarding the Fire and Police Pension actuarial reports. They will be presenting the recommended contribution amount to each of the pensions.

An accelerated payment exemption from IMRF for two former employees was obtained. The Village saved \$32,785.00.

Brookfield & McCook Police Departments requested that we send a dive team from our division to the Canal for help with an ongoing search for a missing Brookfield woman.

November 26

Robert Reitz from Lauterbach & Amen, LLP, provided a presentation regarding the Fire & Police Department Actuarial Reports.

Village Administrator Masciola explained that many factors are involved with figuring out the tax levy. We are currently considering the 2019 tax levy which will be paid in 2020.

A new video surveillance multi-lens camera was approved for the Police Department Lobby.

The Village received \$10,000.00 from Verizon Wireless for a signing bonus. We

will receive \$28,800.00 rent for the first year of the lease agreement. Over a 15 year period, the Village has the potential to realize \$535,000.00 in additional revenue.

There was a moment of silence for our former Fire Chief Edward Mikel. He was one of our Founding Members.

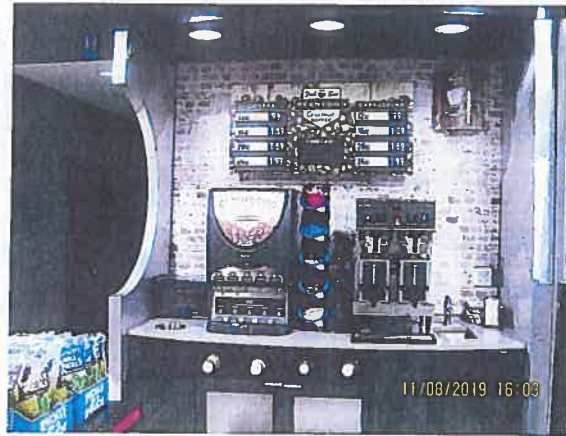
The Color Run Winners had breakfast at the Fire House, a tour and a ride to school in the fire truck. They were met outside by their classmates and loved wearing the plastic fire helmets.

Merry
Christmas



SHELL & HOT SHOT GAMING CAFÉ RIBBON CUTTING November 8, 2019







14TH ANNUAL

METRA SAFETY POSTER AND ESSAY CONTEST



OBEY the SIGNS



Who: Students K-12
Theme: Obey the Signs
Deadline: January 31, 2020

Awards:
1st place - iPad
2nd place - \$250
3rd place - \$100

Poster Contest:
One 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winner will be selected from each grade.

Essay Contest:
One 1st-place winner will be selected from three grade groups: elementary, middle and high school.

For more information, visit www.metracontest.com.

Forest View Park District
4621 Wenonah Ave. Forest View, IL 60402

Registration for all activities and events can be done by emailing
Jessica@forestviewparkdistrict.org

Senior Meetup 9:30AM

January 8th, February 5th, & March 4th

Meet up in the reaction building for coffee and conversation. Additional activities may include Bingo, cards, games, or a craft. Free to attend; no registration required.



Moms night out

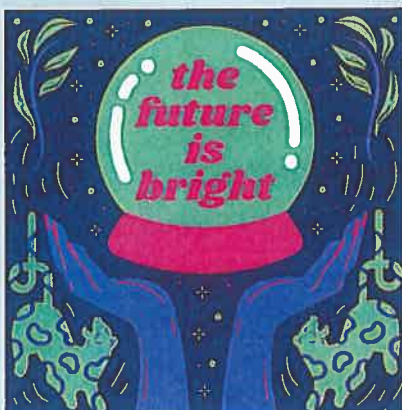
Friday, January 24th

7pm-10pm \$15/person

Interested in hearing what the cards have to say about your upcoming year? If so, this Moms night can offer just that! We've invited local reader Deidra to inspire you to live your best year by providing 10 minute readings to those interested.

If tarot isn't your thing, don't fret, we will also be making sarcastic mom quote canvases. You'll receive a list of quotes to choose from upon registering.

Next Ladies night will be held February 21st.



Pretty in Pink Art Class

Wednesday's January, 8th, 15th, 22nd

4:30-5:30PM

This three session class provides the supplies and instruction to create a flower canvas, fancy soap bar, and more!

Open to ages 6+ \$10 per child.

Registration required.



Spy Party

Tuesday, January 14th

4:30-5:30pm

Does your child have what it takes to play the role of super spy and crack the codes needed to get to their reward? If so, this is an event they won't want to miss! Open to kids 8+ \$5 per child. Registration required.

String Art Hearts
Monday, February 3rd
4:30-5:30pm

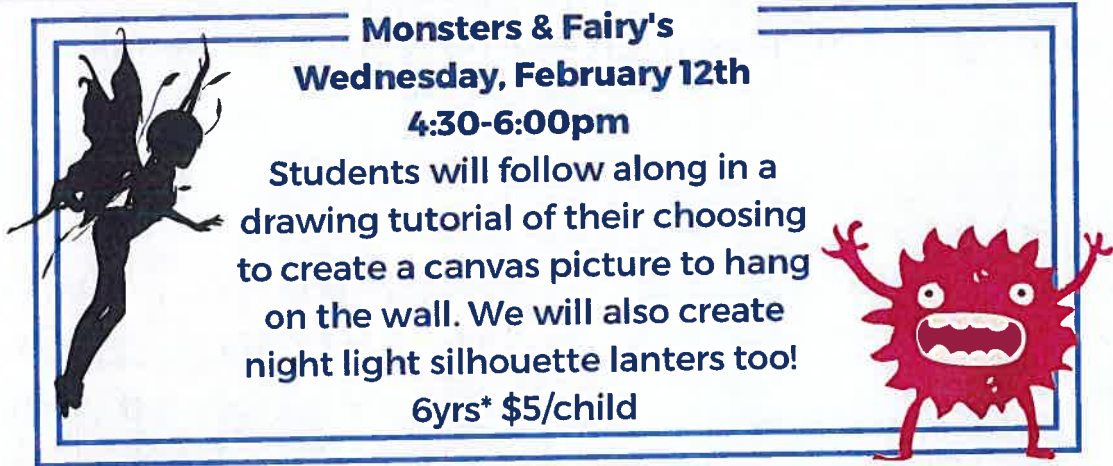
Using a template, string, and large tacks, kids will create a heart on canvas to hang up just in time for Valentines Day! Open to kids 6+ \$5 per child. Registration is required.



Monsters & Fairy's
Wednesday, February 12th
4:30-6:00pm

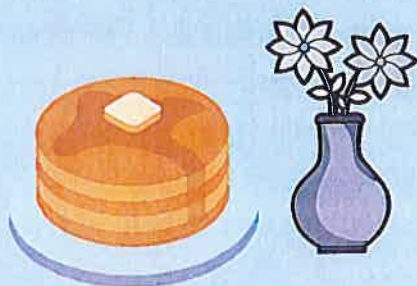
Students will follow along in a drawing tutorial of their choosing to create a canvas picture to hang on the wall. We will also create night light silhouette lanterns too!

6yrs* \$5/child



Pancakes for Parents
Sunday, February 16th
9:30-11am

This fun class will provide kids with an opportunity to mix, cook, and plate a meal to enjoy with Mom, Dad, or any relative they choose at a table set up by them! Open to kids 4+ \$5 per child. Registration is required.



Paper Mache Art Class
Wednesday's 4:30-5:30PM
March 4th, 11th, & 18th

Its Paper Mache time again! This time we will spend three classes creating small figures and book marks. Class is open to students aged 7+ \$10 per child. Registration is required.

St Patrick's Day Party
Tuesday, March 17th
5-7PM

Drop the kids off for some St Patricks day fun! We will play games, work on a project, and have pizza for dinner. Open to kids ages 4+ \$5 per child. Registration is required.



United States[®] Census 2020

Your Community Counts



A new school to ease overcrowded classrooms. A new road to ease overcrowded commutes. There are many ways the 2020 Census can shape your community. The results of the census, which is taken once a decade, help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding is distributed to states and communities every year.

Did you know that U.S. Census Bureau data helps communities respond to natural disasters and secure funding for hospitals and fire departments?

Your 2020 Census Questions Answered

Responding to the 2020 Census is easy, safe, and important. Learn more about the questions we'll ask and how your answers will be used.

What Happens to My Answers?

Your personal information is kept *confidential*. We are bound by federal law to protect your information, and your data is used only for statistical purposes.

We combine your responses with information from other homes to produce these statistics, which never identify your home or any person in your home.

When Is the 2020 Census?

In March, most households in the U.S. will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You are encouraged to respond as soon as possible. The Census Bureau will begin following up with homes that have not responded in May 2020.

How Can I Complete My Census?

You have three options for responding:

- Online
- By phone
- By mail



What Will I Be Asked?

As required by the Census Act, the U.S. Census Bureau submitted a list of questions to Congress on March 29, 2018. Based on that list, the 2020 Census will ask:

- **How many people are living or staying at your home on April 1, 2020.** This will help us count the country's population and ensure that we count people once, only once, and in the right place according to where they live on Census Day.
- **Whether the home is owned or rented.** This will help us produce statistics about homeownership and renters. The rates of homeownership serve as one indicator of the nation's economy. They also help in administering housing programs and informing planning decisions.
- **About the age of each person in the household.** Similar to the recording of other demographic data such as the race and sex of each person, the U.S. Census Bureau creates statistics to better understand the size and characteristics of different age groups. Agencies use this data to plan and fund government programs that support specific age groups, including children and older populations.

What Won't I Be Asked?

The Census Bureau will *never* ask you for:

- Your Social Security number.
- Money or donations.
- Anything on behalf of a political party.
- Your bank or credit card account numbers.

If you've been asked to provide any of these, call **800-923-8282** to speak with a local Census Bureau representative.

Avoiding Fraud and Scams

The U.S. Census Bureau is committed to making the 2020 Census quick, easy, and safe for all participants. Here are some tips to help you stay safe.

Avoiding Scams Online

Phishing is a criminal act in which someone tries to get your information by pretending to be an entity that you trust. Phishing emails often direct you to a website that looks real but is fake—and may be infected with malware.

It is important to know that the Census Bureau will not send unsolicited emails to request your participation in the 2020 Census.

Staying Safe at Home

If someone visits your home to collect a response for the 2020 Census, you can do the following to verify their identity:

- First, check to make sure that they have a valid ID badge, with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.
- If you still have questions about their identity, you can call **800-923-8282** to speak with a local Census Bureau representative.

Reporting Suspected Fraud

If you suspect fraud, call **800-923-8282** to speak with a local Census Bureau representative. If it is determined that the visitor who came to your door does not work for the Census Bureau, contact your local police department.