

VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW NEWSLETTER



SPRING 2024



Greetings!

The Village has been very busy planning events for it's 100th birthday. Our next event is a Pet Parade on Saturday May 18th, followed by a block party outside the Village Hall. "Cinder" our new Fire Dog, will be "*marching*" in the parade. So, if you haven't met her, come out and shake her *paw*. See flyer in newsletter.

We'll be ordering new vehicle stickers with a Centennial theme. Please read the Newsletter so you are aware of upcoming licenses you may need to purchase, vehicle stickers and dog licenses being on the top of list. These are provided at a very nominal fee, BUT the citations for failure to purchase are not. Get them early so you don't forget.

Please update or add your email to our list. We send out reminders and notices of fun, upcoming events in the Village or in the area. Our Code Red Alerts can also be emailed. Don't get caught in the shower with a head full of shampoo and have the water suddenly stop. (true story, it happened to me many years ago) Code Red is used to notify residents if their water is to be shut off for a period of time, among other emergency alerts. Contact our Village office if you would like to be on our list.

We are working on plans to pave more streets in town. We will keep you notified as plans progress.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12th. Don't forget to celebrate and thank your mother, grandmother and/or aunts. They sacrifice for their children and love unconditionally. And no matter how old you are, you will always be mom's little baby!

Village President

Nancy L. Miller



“FIND YOUR COFFEE”

I read this recently, it was written by a guest columnist in a local newspaper. I thought I would share.

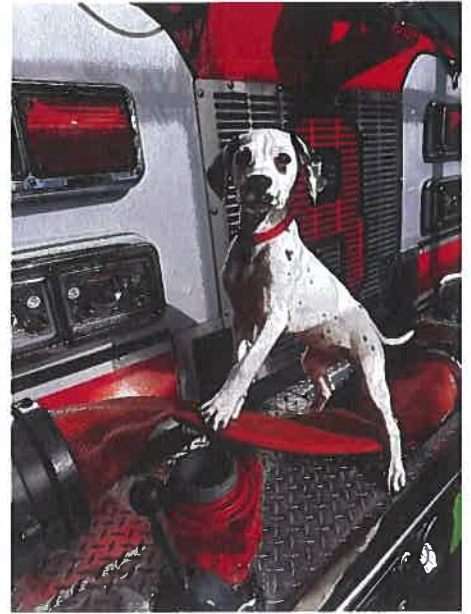
I visited a coffee shop and told the owner Matthew a story. A few years back, on a bitterly cold December evening, there was a visitation at the funeral home across the street from his bakery. The people, bundled up in coats, scarves, and blankets, were lined up around the building waiting to hug the family of the deceased. Seemingly out of nowhere, a man showed up and began giving away hot coffee to the people outside. People who entered the funeral home with coffee in their hands whispered of a mysterious man handing out free coffee, and how much they appreciated it. I looked at Matthew and said, “I have a suspicion that you were that man. Is that right?” Matthew very humbly replied, “Yes. I felt so bad for them and wanted to do something, but all I could do was make coffee, so I made coffee.” I responded that he had blessed so many people that night by helping them warm up and by showing there’s good in the world. He added a positive note to a devastating situation. I paused and then added, “That visitation was for my 16 year old son. Thank you for being so kind.”

That conversation has stuck in my head since then. “All I could do was make coffee so I made coffee.” Somedays, I am burdened with reality that I can't do everything to help everybody. I truly do want to make a difference in people’s lives and change their world. I dream big, but I can't do it all. Matthew's words came back to me recently, “All I could do was make coffee so I made coffee.” I repeatedly ask myself what is my coffee in life? I can't do everything but I can do something. None of us can do it **all** but we can **all** do something, and if we do, we can make a difference in the world. I challenge you to ask yourself often, “What is my coffee?” and then go make your coffee.



CINDER

The Forest View Fire Department is so excited to introduce their newest member.





Scales and Tails all Welcome!

FOREST VIEW FUN RUN PET WALK

SATURDAY MAY 18TH starts at 10:00 AM

- 9:30 AM Participants line up on the 4600 Block of Maple
- Participants must bring bags to clean up after their pets
- Water stations and pet snacks will be provided

Please Register Your Pets to Participate Online at www.forestview-il.org

Block Party to follow on 46th Street in front of Village Hall after the Fun Run Pet Walk from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

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 for 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, seven days a week. Or you can log on to www.illinois1call.com and click e-request to enter your request.

COMPOST

Compost pick up started 04-03-24. If using a garbage can for compost, you must place a compost sticker on the can. Stickers are available at the Village Office. Biodegradable bags do not require a sticker.

ORDINANCE REMINDER

Per Village Ordinance Chapter 2, Section 9-2-3, Vehicles blocking sidewalks 2 feet or more will be ticketed. Please do not block the sidewalk.

Additionally, please make sure you or your guests do not drive up on the curb and park your vehicle on the courtesy walk. The courtesy walk is there for convenience when parking on the street. Any vehicle parked on the courtesy walk will be ticketed.

02-14-2024 Senior Valentines Day Coffee



GARAGE SALES

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 OFFICE



I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to our Centennial Planning Committee - Midalia Nevarez, John, Marbes, Nancy Miller, Cristina Medina, and Mike Dropka for their exceptional dedication and hard work in ensuring the success of our Centennial Historical Event. Their tireless efforts in piecing together 100 years of Forest View's rich history truly made the occasion memorable.

I also want to express my heartfelt appreciation to longtime resident John Marbes, retired Forest View Firefighter Lester Antos Jr., and retired Stickney Police Chief Mike Holub for their insightful contributions. Their narratives about the village's history not only stirred fond memories but also instilled a sense of pride in all of us for being part of the great community of Forest View.

Thank you to everyone involved for your invaluable contributions and for making our Centennial Historical Event an unforgettable celebration of our village's legacy.

Kind regards,

Laura D. McGuffey
Centennial Planning Committee Chairperson
Village Clerk / Treasurer



Please check our website and watch for upcoming Centennial Events throughout the year. Happy 100th Year Anniversary to the Village of Forest View.



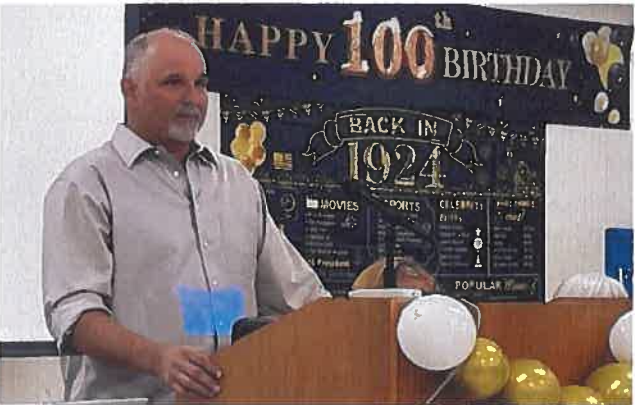
Please stop in the Village Hall to purchase your commemorative Centennial Shirt. All of the shirts come in forest green or black. We have sizes running from small through 3x.

T-Shirts	\$15.00
Sweatshirts	\$20.00
Hooded Sweatshirts	\$30.00

GALLERY WALK / STATE OF THE VILLAGE



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FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE...



ANNUAL DOG LICENSE/TAG



We would like to take this opportunity to remind all residents our Village Ordinance requires that **all dogs be licensed annually** with the Village Office and wear an up-to-date dog identification tag. To make it not only **easier to remember** but also more **convenient** to do so, 2024-2025 dog license/identification tag(s) should be purchased along with the purchase of your vehicle sticker(s) in the **month of June** per Village Code. One stop! So please look for Dog License Registration form(s) along with Vehicle Sticker Application(s) in your mailbox around June 3rd. To obtain a license, owners should bring registration form and must show proof of a current rabies vaccination to the Village Office. The dog license/identification tag is only \$1.00. Dog identification registration tags are helpful to the pet owner should the dog get lost. As a reminder, per Village Code, no more than three (3) dogs are allowed per residence. Don't be subject to a \$50.00 citation, **please remember to purchase your dog license(s) this June...and every June thereafter!**



PLEASE NOTE: The Village Office will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

VEHICLE STICKERS SALES

Looking ahead, vehicle stickers for 2024-2025 will go on sale in the Village Office on **Monday, June 3rd, 2024**. Applications for vehicle stickers will be delivered around June 3rd. If you do not receive an application for a vehicle sticker, please contact the Village Office or stop by and obtain a blank application. It is the responsibility of each resident to purchase the appropriate vehicle stickers each and every year. **License plate numbers are required on all vehicle sticker applications.** The new stickers should be displayed on your windshield no later than July 1, 2024. **Stickers purchased after June 30th will be subject to a late penalty fee.**

VEHICLE STICKER PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:	
Passenger Car:	\$ 10.00
Recreational Vehicle:	\$ 15.00
Trucks: Class B	\$ 25.00
Class D	\$ 45.00
Class F,H,J, K, and Bus	\$100.00
Class N and up Plus, weight tax vehicles	\$140.00
Senior Citizens: 65 and older (one per household)	\$ 2.00
Veterans:	\$ 2.00
New Vehicle Purchased During the Year...within 30 days of purchase (after penalty charges will apply)	

We are excited to announce that we will be offering a discounted vehicle sticker for our Veterans in June. The Veterans Vehicle Sticker will cost \$2.00. Should the individual have one vehicle, and already qualifies for the senior discount, the vehicle sticker fee shall be waived.
Thank you for your service.

PUBLIC WORKS

YARD WASTE

Yard waste pick-up has officially begun on **Wednesday, April 3rd**. Grass, branches, leaves, and other natural waste can be put into brown yard waste bags or into containers not exceeding 35-gallon size with a **COMPOST ONLY** sticker on the container. **BIODEGRADABLE YARD BAGS DO NOT NEED A STICKER. PLASTIC BAGS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.** If you need stickers for a container, they are available free of charge in the Village Office.

LAWN MAINTENANCE



Homeowners can help keep our community neat and attractive by regularly mowing their lawns. Please do not mow/divert the grass into the street as it will clog up the sewer system. **Please make sure your landscaping company does NOT divert the grass into the street.** **Forest View Village Code requires that grass/weeds be maintained at a height of five inches (5") or less.** Grass/weeds that are neglected and allowed to grow longer than 5 inches is considered a nuisance and the Public Works crew may cut and bill property owner or lessee \$150.00 for the 1st cutting and \$325.00 for subsequent cuttings during the same calendar year. ***Please be considerate of your neighbors and community by keeping your lawn mowed.***

PARKWAY TREES



Remember, trees that are located on the parkway belong to the Village and **cannot be cut or trimmed by residents.** If you have a concern about a tree on your parkway, please contact the Public Works Department at 708-788-3429.

STREET SWEEPER:

Keep an eye out for our new sweeper!

Although we do not have parking restrictions for sweeper days, if you notice the sweeper is out, please try to keep cars off the street until the sweeper has finished your block.



UPCOMING PROJECTS

Wenonah Sewer Project: This project includes installing a new sewer line from the dead-end of Wenonah south under the tracks, then west to Harlem. Once completed it should alleviate some of the flooding during heavy rainfalls.

STREET PAVING

This year we will be paving 4 streets.

- 4500 block of Maple
- 4500 block of Wisconsin
- 4600 block of Kenilworth
- 4600 block of Grove

Please be mindful of signage, parking restrictions, and workers during construction. More info will be passed out when we have an official project start date.

GROOT will only pick up glass if it is taped or placed between two pieces of cardboard.



TICKET FINES

Please watch your speed in town. Ordinance 23-14 has been approved to protect the Forest View residents from speeders through town. The fine for speeding will be \$250.00. The fine for speeding 26 miles per hour or over will be \$500.00. Keeping our residents safe is our number one priority. These fines will be enforced through our park and school zones.

SPEED BUMPS

Due to the excessive speeding through town, the Department Heads with Board approval, have implemented the use of speed bumps through various streets in Forest View.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

All tickets can be paid online through the Village's website. Please visit www.forestview-il.org to make a payment.

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.

CodeRED – Sign-Up Today

The Police Department encourages **ALL** residents to subscribe to this **FREE** program.

Please go to www.villageofforestview-il.org to register. If you need assistance or prefer a paper copy please call the Village Office at 708-788-3429.

SOLICITORS

As the weather breaks, look out for home repair scams and fraud. Remember, door-to-door solicitors must first obtain a Solicitor's Badge from the Police Department that must be worn around their neck. Please note that just because a solicitor is wearing a badge does not mean the Village sanctions the product or solicitation cause. Solicitors may operate only Monday - Saturday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and are not allowed on Sundays or holidays. **"NO SOLICITORS"** decals are available at the Village Office free of charge. Please report any solicitation without a badge or during non-soliciting hours or disregard of posted **"NO SOLICITORS"** decal to the Police Department at non-emergency number 708-788-0318.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM



We are happy to inform you that we now have a locked prescription drug drop box. The box is located in the Village Hall next to the Police Department. Please remove personal labels and thank you for participating in the Prescription Drug Take Back Program.



From the Desk of the Fire Chief:

As we welcome spring, we change our clocks forward, please remember to also change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Your detectors are only good for a ten-year life span. If you are not sure how old your detector is, you may want to replace it.

One last thing to keep in mind, if you have a medical alert system or a residential fire alarm system, we have the Knox Box System in place here in the Village. This system is a secured steel box that hangs on your door and allows us access to your home in the event of an emergency without causing entry damage. Once the emergency is over, we can re-secure your home. If you have any questions, please contact me at the station to discuss the system.

Sincerely,

Mark Jones

Fire Chief

Forest View Fire Department



The Village has a tornado siren which is tested the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. The siren wails for one (1) minute. If you hear the siren at other times, it is a warning that a tornado has been sighted and may be headed towards our Village. If this happens, you should move to a safe place.

Although tornadoes can occur at any time of the year, they most frequently occur in spring and summer. By reviewing the following basic tornado safety points, you will be better prepared to protect yourself and minimize chance of injury:

- Remain inside – go quickly to a safe area **away** from windows, doors, corners and outside walls. The basement is a safe place; if none, go to **lowest-level, interior room**, with **NO windows** (such as closet, bathroom, or interior hallway).
- Listen to the radio or TV for severe weather alerts and updates. Keep a battery-operated radio.
- Be aware of flying debris. *Crouch down* under a heavy/sturdy piece of furniture such as a table, *bend over*, and *cover your head and neck with your arms* and use pillows, cushions, or any other cushioning materials.
- If you are in a car, get out right away. Get inside a sturdy building.
- If you are outside and cannot get inside, lie flat in a ditch or another low-lying area. Cover your head with your arms.

*Source: National Fire Protection Association

Drinking Coffee May Reduce the Risk of Neurologic Disease

Most Americans—62 percent—love their morning cup of coffee or afternoon pick-me-up, according to a 2022 study by the National Coffee Association. And some of them may wonder about the health benefits. In fact, new research suggests it may be good for the brain, says Marilyn C. Cornelis, PhD. So far, most research shows a link between coffee consumption and a reduced risk of disease but no clear cause and effect.

In particular, studies indicate that coffee is associated with a lower risk of Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, and stroke. Its relationship to migraine is more complex, but for some people coffee is linked to fewer attacks, says William B. Young, MD, FAAN.

Several studies looking at Alzheimer's showed a link between consuming coffee and a reduced risk of the disease. A 2021 study published in *Frontiers in Aging Neuroscience* found a connection between drinking more coffee and a slower cognitive decline and less accumulation of beta amyloid, a marker of Alzheimer's disease. In another study, published in the *Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry* in 2023, researchers looked at espresso in lab tests and found that the ingredients could potentially stop the clumping of tau proteins linked to Alzheimer's disease. Adding coffee to tau proteins in test tubes appeared to prevent the formation of structures associated with memory loss. In a third study, published in *Annals of Neurology* in 2022, caffeine intake correlated with lower levels of Lewy bodies in the brain, says Dr. Cornelis. Lewy body dementia is characterized by abnormal deposits of alpha-synuclein, a protein in the brain. "The result suggests that coffee may have an impact on a specific type of dementia," she says. To learn more about the link between coffee and Parkinson's disease, a researcher at the National Food and Nutrition Institute in Warsaw, Poland, conducted a meta-analysis of 90 coffee-related studies. The results, published in *Archives of Medical Science* in 2017, found that men who drank at least one cup of coffee a day had a lower risk of dying from Parkinson's than those who abstained. In addition, male coffee drinkers had a 30 percent lower risk of developing the disease than nondrinkers.

The research on coffee's effect on MS suggests that it may lower the risk of developing the disorder. A study published in the *Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry* in 2016 found that people who didn't drink coffee were about one and a half times as likely to develop MS as those who drank four or more cups of coffee per day. A meta-analysis in 2018 in *Frontiers in Nutrition* concluded that coffee and especially caffeine in high doses might have a preventive effect on MS.

Evidence for caffeine's potential role in reducing the risk of stroke comes from a study in *PLOS Medicine* in 2021. Researchers followed 365,682 participants from the UK Biobank, an extensive database and resource for researchers, from 2006 to 2020 and concluded that drinking coffee and tea separately or in combination was associated with a 32 percent lower risk of stroke.

For some people with migraine, caffeine can ease pain in the early stages of an attack. For others, it can trigger a headache or aggravate symptoms, says Dr. Young. Caffeine, which has long been an ingredient in over-the-counter pain relievers, is known to narrow blood vessels. During a headache or migraine, blood vessels in the brain may dilate or widen, which contributes to increased blood flow and pressure in the head that can cause pain. Medications that narrow these blood vessels reduce blood flow and can alleviate the associated pain.

People who regularly consume caffeine may become dependent. If they stop completely, they may experience withdrawal, which can trigger headaches. Dr. Young recommends that people pay attention to their bodies' responses to caffeine or talk to a health care professional about whether to start or stop drinking coffee or other caffeinated beverages.

Researchers are still trying to understand how coffee may protect against some neurologic disorders. Its high caffeine content is one clue, says Sandra Weintraub, PhD. When absorbed in the bloodstream, caffeine travels to the brain, where it blocks the action of adenosine, a neurotransmitter responsible for promoting sleep and relaxation, according to a 2021 study published in *Cureus*. This leads to increased levels of other neurotransmitters like dopamine (a “feel good” messenger) and norepinephrine (the brain's “fight or flight” messenger), which temporarily provide an energy boost and mental alertness.

Despite coffee's potential protective effects, consuming caffeine should be an individual decision, says Dr. Weintraub. “Everybody's looking for the one health tip, like ‘If I eat more blueberries’ or ‘If I exercise this particular way,’ that will be the secret to a long, healthy life,” she says. “The research can help guide us, but you also have to think about your own body.”

Tolerance to caffeine varies, and some people may be more sensitive to its effects, which can include insomnia, jitteriness, increased heart rate, digestive trouble, and in some cases anxiety, according to the U.S. FDA. People who are pregnant or have certain health conditions, such as insomnia and sleep disorders, anxiety disorders, or gastrointestinal or cardiovascular issues, should talk to their doctors to determine an appropriate level of caffeine intake.

The general rule is to pay attention to how your body responds to caffeine and adjust your intake accordingly.



STICKNEY TOWNSHIP ANIMAL CONTROL....

RODENT/WILDLIFE CONTROL

To deter unwanted critters, following are guidelines recommended and provided by Stickney Township Environmental Health Department:

Notify the Environmental Health Department if you Notice Rodent or Wildlife Activity on your Property.

Burrows and tracks are signs of rodents in your yard.

Starve rats and wildlife out.

Remove pet foods and water immediately after feeding. Remove dog feces on your property, this is a source of food for rats. Don't put out food for squirrels or birds. Keep garbage in sound containers with tight-fitting lids, this lessens the chance of wildlife disturbance. Plastic bags alone are not enough. Rats can't eat what they can't get to.

Keep animals out.

Seal all openings in your home, garage, or shed larger than ½ inch in diameter. Block openings under decks, elevated sheds, concrete slabs and porches. Secure outside access to crawl spaces and repair broken, weak or rotted areas on your roof, soffit and fascia.

Eliminate rat and wildlife hiding places.

Remove all unused items, car parts, junk, debris, and building materials from around the yard and don't forget to keep the grass short and bushes trimmed.

Use poison and rat traps.

The Stickney Township Environmental Health Department can provide assistance in setting traps and bait stations provided by the township. **For further information or assistance, call the Environmental Health Department at**

708-424-9200 x 2123 Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Source: Stickney Township Environmental Health Department

Stickney Township does not pick up dead animals on private property either with the exception of domestic animals, e.g. dogs and cats so they can be scanned. They will, however, pick-up injured or sick looking animals.

The Stickney Township Animal Control Department has advised the Village that raccoons right now are coming down with distemper. They advise residents to keep their dogs up-to-date on their distemper and rabies shots.

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. to report animal concerns.

PLEASE NOTE: Please direct all calls to Stickney Township Animal Control for **WASP NEST REMOVAL.**

PLEASE NOTE: The Public Works Department will only pick-up dead animals located on a Village street, sidewalk, or parkway. It is the responsibility of property owners to collect a dead animal on their own property. It is suggested to wear gloves and use double bags when doing so and dispose in garbage tote.



LAUGH OUT LOUD

**I have a fear of
speed bumps.**

**But, I am slowly
getting over it.**

**How many times
can you subtract
10 from 100?**

**Once. The next
time you would be
subtracting 10 from 90.**

Teacher asks the student:
“Why are you so late?!”

Student: “Well I was
crossing the road and
suddenly it says “School ahead, go slowly!”



Father: Why is your mom so quiet today?

Son: It's because of me.

Father: What did you do to her?

Son: She asked me to give her lipstick, but I gave her glue stick by mistake.

Father: (almost in tears) Proud of you my son!



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.****

November 14, 2023

Village Administrator Dropka is requesting Board approval to amend Ordinance No. 23-14, Section 9-3-1 of the Forest View Village Code “Speed Restrictions,” in school and park zones in the village, clearly define those areas and increase the penalties for speeding in those areas.

We had 6 houses participate in the Halloween Home Decorating contest. All of the homes looked beautiful.

- 1st place winner - 4503 Wenonah Ave.
- 2nd place winner - 4501 Grove Ave.
- 3rd place winner - 4526 Wisconsin Ave.

Superintendent Filec reported that Riccio Construction is working on the scheduled 2023-2024 excavations at Forest View Terminal Drive.

Our IEPA Inspection for the water system is scheduled for the end of the month.

Concrete has been poured for the Salt Dome.

November 28, 2023

President Miller is requesting the Board approve Resolution No. R 23-17 honoring long-term resident Anthony Faikus, Jr. on his hundredth (100th) birthday.

Superintendent Filec reported Metropolitan Industries has been working at our pumphouse regarding the switchover to our new SCADA system.

Our EPA inspection which is done every three years, will take place November 15, 2023.

Novotny Engineering and Bulk Storage are moving on pace and hope to get the Salt Dome storage bin completed before Spring.

President Miller asked the Board if we could honor Mrs. Elizabeth Marbes who was a big part of our village. She was an Election Judge and Police Commissioner. It was agreed to name the Board Room after Mrs. Elizabeth Marbes.

December 12, 2023

Village Administrator Dropka is working with the Village Attorney on putting together the Special Service Area tax on the businesses around Central and 47th Street. The additional tax dollars would go into the water and sewer fund to help pay for any issues that occur with the newly acquired sewer lines.

Police Chief Zarate reported that three (3) Flock Cameras have been installed in the Village. The Police Department is getting live information online, plate reads and additional information needed for the Village to be secure. We are waiting for IDOT to approve one more camera to be installed on Terminal Drive.



January 9, 2024

Village Administrator Dropka requested that the Board authorize the Village Engineer to prepare an application and continue to seek funding for roadway improvements on 46th Street from Harlem Avenue to Oak Park Ave.

The Business Christmas Party on December 13th, 2023 was a nice event giving the business owners a chance to get together and meet with each other.

We have been having routine Centennial Planning Committee meetings and things are progressing.

Village Administrator Dropka has been in contact with MWRD regarding the ongoing levee project. MWRD has finalized the scope of work with their consultant, they expect that the remaining work on the levee should begin this summer.

The Christmas House decorating contest had nine entries. The First-Place Winner was 4500 Maple; the Second-Place Winner was 4603 Clinton; and Third-Place Winner was 4608 Maple. Judging was done by a fireman, a policeman, and a resident during the week of Christmas. The winners received a Christmas gift package which included a gift card for Shell.

January 23, 2024

Village Administrator Dropka met with our Village Engineer regarding the landscaping around the Village Hall. He stated that we would like to beautify the grounds, which includes the light project that was initially presented to the Board in December 2022.

Fire Chief Jones presented the new 12-week-old Dalmatian puppy at the Board meeting. She is adapting well with the other

Fire Department members. Her vest has been ordered and the Uniform company has offered to embroider her name free of charge.



Police Chief Zarate is requesting the Board approve the revised Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT) Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement with thirteen (13) area police departments.

February 13, 2024

Village Administrator Dropka stated he continues to work on the Special Service Area Tax to put in place for the businesses around Central and 47th Street and is looking forward to bringing it to the board meeting in March for approval.

Village Administrator Dropka announced that the State of the Village will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2024. This will be combined with a historical lecture, presentation and a gallery with many historical displays.

The Centennial Planning Committee is planning a Fun Run – Pet Walk for all of our residents on May 18th. We have invited Home School cheerleaders and basketball players to participate. The Activity Director with Morton West HS has reached out and is interested in participating also.

Superintendent Filec reported that they opened bids on the Wenonah Avenue Sewer Project.

The salt dome is 97% complete. We are waiting for ComEd to run the electrical line.

Forest View Park District Spring 2024 Classes & Events



APRIL

4th

Drawing Class, 7-8 PM, No Fee, YOUTH 6-13
Three Sessions, 4/4, 4/11, & 4/18 Registration Required
Join local artist & resident Mike Grossi, and learn to draw some of your favorite characters.

10th

Senior Coffee, 10-Noon, No Fee. 55+
Forest View Residents & Friends gather for coffee, socializing, and games. 2nd Wednesday of the month.

10th

Freestyle Needlecraft, 4-5:30 PM, \$15, AGES 10+ thru Adult
Three Sessions: 4/10, 4/17, & 4/24 Registration Required
Join us for embroidery & stitch art instruction! Led by fiber artist Amy Hibbard, includes all materials.

28th

Mother's Day Craft, 2-4 PM, \$5/person, FAMILY FRIENDLY
Moms! Join us for a craft session where you & your child/children can create a unique photo frame together, enjoy some treats, and have your portrait taken! *Registration Required/not a drop-off event*

MAY

8th

Senior Coffee, 10-Noon, No Fee. 55+
Forest View Residents & Friends gather for coffee, socializing, and games. 2nd Wednesday of the month.

10th

BUNCO ...around the world! 6-9 PM, \$5/person, ADULT EVENT
Bunco is an easy to learn social dice game played in rounds.
Registration Required (max player limit 32)

19th

Loteria In the Park (weather permitting) 2-4 PM, \$1/person, ALL AGES
Everyone is welcome @ Loteria! We'll provide everything you need to enjoy several rounds of this traditional Mexican game of chance, similar to bingo. Prizes too! *Registration Required*

JUNE

Save the Date!

6/7- Red, White, & Wreath! Door Decor Event
6/9- Father's Day Craft, Family Friendly
6/12- Senior Coffee, 55+
6/22-Paint Night!

Forest View Park District
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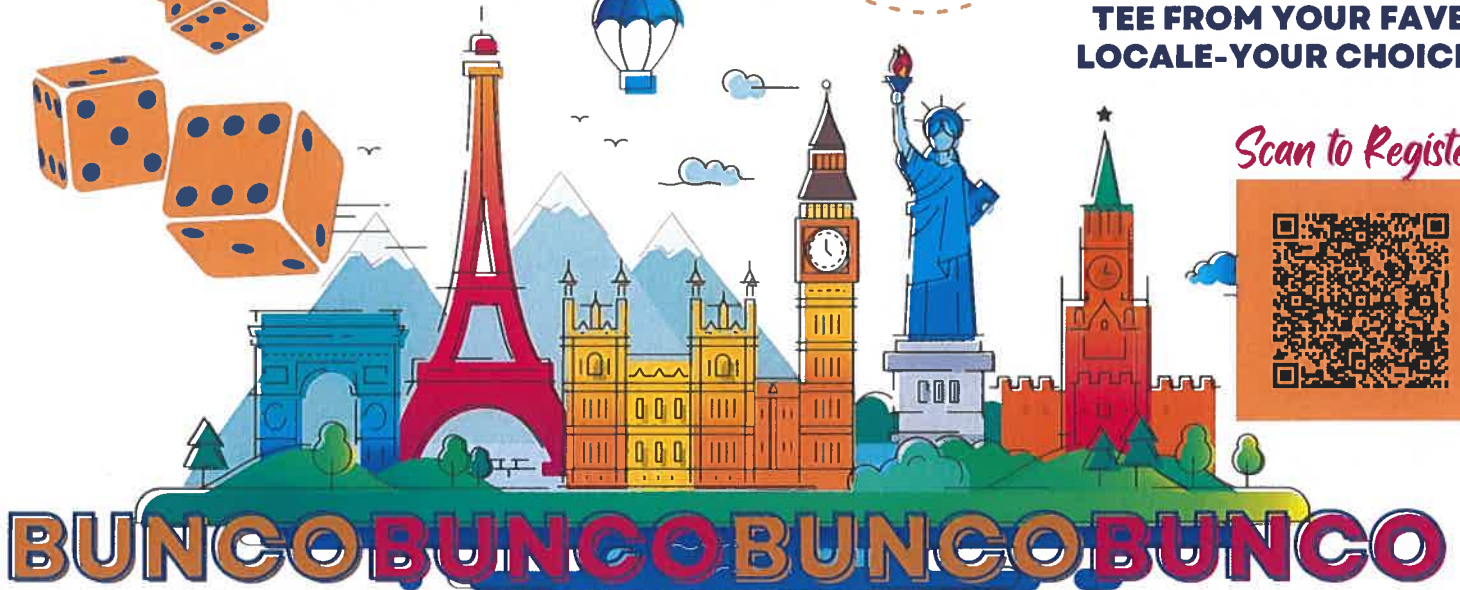


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Mother's Day Craft Party



Join us for a magical craft session where you and your child/children can create a unique photo frame together. Make sure to wear your favorite color, because we'll also capture a cherished moment in a portrait for that frame! While the little ones immerse themselves in creativity, Moms can enjoy some special treats. Register early for our event celebrating you!

Date: Sunday, April 28th

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Fee: \$5 per person

Age: Family Event (not drop-off)

More Info & to Register SCAN:



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Park Monitor Seasonal Part-Time Position

Overview:

Park Monitors are the eyes and ears of the park. Their primary responsibility is to ensure the safety and well-being of all of the park's guests as well as provide assistance and guidance where needed. Park Monitors are to assist in monitoring that the Park rules and ordinances are being observed for the safety of all guests.

Position Details/Duties:

Monitors are responsible for observing guests and providing general park information and direction Responsible for instructional safety tips. Monitors observe and assist guests as they enjoy the park, ensuring that guests are using equipment properly and safely. Monitors observe that guests are following the Park's rules and ordinances. Monitors perform daily visual inspections of playground equipment and bathrooms, reporting general problems to the Board and/or the Park Commissioner working with the Monitors. Monitors are responsible for reminding guests to enjoy the Park in a safe manner. Park Monitors work with Police, when needed, and answer to one or more Park Commissioners.

Requirements:

Must have attention to detail and dedication to safety Park monitor must possess a friendly disposition and professional demeanor at all times; a passion for working outdoors and be able to handle all weather conditions Must have regular weekend availability; ideal candidates will also have flexible weekday availability and be able to commit to the full season (spring-summer-fall). Must be reliable with strong work ethic and personal integrity Monitors must be able to quickly and competently pick up new skill sets both in training and on the job while maintaining the highest quality standards of performance Must have strong communication skills and patient approach to working with people. Candidates should be able to work on their feet for several hours at a time. Candidates should have some prior customer service work experience. There is a mandatory paid training session required of all candidates. Candidates must be 21+, able to stand on concrete/asphalt, lift up to 20 lbs, and communicate effectively via phone, email, and sms.

Schedule:

This is a part-time, seasonal position. Candidates should have a flexible schedule with both weekday/evening and weekend availability. Monitors should reside within a 10 mile radius of the Forest View Park District.

PLEASE NOTE:

This position requires mandatory training which includes visits to Fire and Police Stations adjacent park property. A finalized schedule will be provided to candidates once they have been hired.

To Apply: If interested, please email us with your letter of interest, and be sure to highlight skills related to position as described. Multiple positions available. Return via mail or email:

secretary@forestviewparkdistrict.org or Board of Commissioners Forest View Park District 4621 Wenonah Ave Forest View IL 60402



