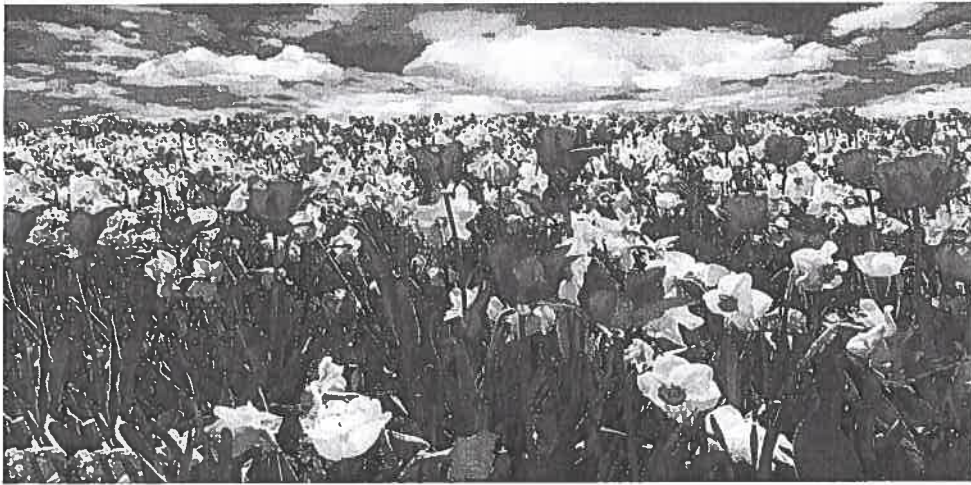


VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW

NEWSLETTER



SPRING 2020

**THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW IS
WORKING TOWARD GOING GREEN!**

Moving forward, we will be distributing the Village Newsletter and additional information by email. If you have not shared your email with us, please send your information to lvogt@forestview-il.org.

If you do not have an email address, we will have copies of the Newsletter available for pick-up in the Village Hall, starting with the Summer Newsletter.

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VIEW POINTS

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Residents:

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and healthy. Regarding COVID-19, I wanted to inform you that our departments are continuing to stay updated with training and provide appropriate protective equipment for response. We are asking our residents to follow the recommendations of the Health Department, the State and the CDC.

Due to the resignation of Village Treasurer, resident Susy Uribe, the Village is looking to appoint a new Village Treasurer who also will sit on the Fire and Police Pension Boards. If you are looking to be more involved in "your" community, and preferably have an accounting background, please consider this role and contact Village Administrator, Mark Masciola, or myself.

Memorial Day, and each day, we are grateful and honor Forest View veterans as well as all armed forces veterans. May we never forget their sacrifices.

Wishing each and every one of you, a safe and healthy Spring!

Respectfully,

Lawrence Powell
Village President

FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE...



April 1st was the 2020 Census Day. Residents should have received a letter from the Census Bureau with your Census ID code. Please go online and respond to the 2020 Census questionnaire. If you are unable to complete your 2020 Census questionnaire online, the Census Bureau will send you a paper questionnaire for you to complete and mail back.



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, 2020-2021 dog license/identification tag(s) should now 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!**



VEHICLE STICKERS SALES

Looking ahead, vehicle stickers for 2020-2021 will go on sale in the Village Office on **Monday, June 1, 2020**. Applications for vehicle stickers will be delivered around June 1st. 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, 2020. **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
New Vehicle Purchased During the Year...within 30 days of purchase (after penalty charges will apply)	

PLEASE NOTE: The Village Office will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE & PARK DISTRICT...

BUILDING PERMITS



Most indoor and outdoor home improvement 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 and plumbing work, HVAC, basement finish-out, 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 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.



Penalty for Work Started With No Building Permit: \$100.00 fine plus penalty amount equal to double the cost of the permit.

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.

Garage Sales



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

Forest View Park District
4621 Wenonah Ave
708-484-3002

www.forestviewparkdistrict.org

A message from the Recreation Department

The well-being of our community and those around us is, and will always be our top priority. The department will continue taking all the necessary precautions to protect residents, families, and staff alike.

In accordance with CDC guidelines for preventing the spread of COVID-19, along with Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-10 requiring all Illinoisans to stay at home beginning Saturday, March 21, at 5:00 p.m. until further notice, we have made the disappointing but very necessary decision to close off the play structures and park equipment.

Because the order specifically states that individuals may leave their residence to engage in outdoor activity such as walking, hiking, running, or biking and may go to public parks and open outdoor recreation areas if they comply with the Social Distancing Requirements the track and field will remain open unless otherwise stated at a later date.


Our entire staff is committed to providing the best possible experiences for residents and their families. During this time, we are continuing to work on program and event options to make available once we can resume our normal schedule.

Updates relating to the park, class schedules, and events will be shared on our website along with our Facebook page as they become available.

We are in this together and wish you and your loved ones continued safety and good health.


PUBLIC WORKS

YARD WASTE




Yard waste pick-up officially began on **Wednesday, April 1st**. 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**. 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. **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.

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. 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 NEWS....

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 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.



CodeRED – Sign-Up Today

Remember: If you previously enrolled in CodeRED but have subsequently changed your home or cell phone number or email, you must re-register/update your contact information in order to receive messages.

The Police Department encourages **ALL** residents to subscribe to this **FREE** program. Please stop by the Village Office or Police Department to fill out an application or call the Village Office at 708-788-3429 and we can email you the application.

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.



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*

From the Desk of the Fire Chief:

This is the Fire Department’s 65th Anniversary. I would like to thank all of our residents, it has been an honor to serve the Village. We look forward to continued service and we are here for you.

Please do not be offended if the Police or Fire Department Personnel ask you to wear a mask during a call for assistance. Due to the Coronavirus Disease, we are taking all necessary precautions.

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 in the Village. This system is a secured steel box which will hang on your door, allowing access to your home in time of an emergency without causing 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.

Sincerely Yours,

Tom Heller
Fire Chief
Forest View Fire Department



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.****

December 10, 2019

An Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Stickney for the 45th Street improvements was presented. Work is planned to start in the summer when school is closed.

Village Administrator Masciola discussed the need for computer equipment and software updates. Microsoft announced they will no longer provide security updates or support for computers with Microsoft Windows Version 7 after January 14, 2020.

January 14, 2020

During a Public Hearing, Mark Daniel presented the proposal for 4609 and 4615 S. Harlem located south of the Shell Gas Station to create a multi-unit use with a car wash and two commercial units.

Chief Wiseman acknowledged the hard work and dedication of Detective Ryan Wagner. Detective Wagner was assigned to conduct criminal investigations with the Police Department since 2017. Since his assignment he has exceeded expectations of supervisor and colleague.

Village Administrator Masciola spoke regarding the redevelopment of 4609 and 4615 South Harlem Avenue.

Village Administrator Masciola explained the need for an additional computer in the communications area of the Police Department. One computer must be dedicated to LEADS (Law Enforcement Administrative Data System) only.

A three (3) year support and cloud storage maintenance agreement with Current Technologies was approved.

Video Gaming has started at Hot Shot Gaming Café on January 8, 2020.

We have received plans from D.F. Chase Inc. on behalf of Old Dominion Freight regarding a 100 truck terminal expansion. The project is an \$8–\$10 million-dollar project.

Our Fire Department has installed 18 of the 24 free smoke detectors in homes for our residents.

The second winner from the Color Run enjoyed Breakfast and a ride to school in the Fire Truck.

January 28, 2020

A request was received from two of our business owners, Convenient Food & Liquor Mart and Chicago's Liquors to revise Video Gaming times.

Computer Equipment Installation was initiated on January 22, 2020.

On January 24, 2020 there was a water main break on Canal Bank Road. Public Works was able to isolate it and had only five hydrants out of service. No businesses or residents were affected.

There was an armed robbery at the Shell Gas Station. Police will be following up with fingerprints left at the scene. One suspect has been caught.



February 11, 2020

Village Administrator Masciola addressed the approval of Ordinance No. 20-02 to increase or decrease the number of Licenses and to change the pour hours of the Class A and Class D license classifications.

The Board authorized the purchase of used SCBA Survivor Air Bottles for the fire Department.

The northbound bridge on Harlem Avenue over the MWRD railroad track is scheduled for replacement. Construction should start in August or September.

Village Administrator Masciola met with Mayor Walik of Stickney. They finalized the 45th Street Reconstruction Intergovernmental Agreement. They will acquire bids in March and are expecting an early summer construction start.

Plans were submitted from Kinder Morgan for the addition of two forty thousand-gallon tanks for biodiesel fuel.

Plans were submitted from Petroleum Fuel Terminal for two new bulk storage tanks. Each tank will hold approximately 3.38 million gallons of liquid asphalt.

February 25, 2020

Village Administrator Masciola discussed the annual audit and is recommending that we award another three year contract to Selden Fox for the preparation of the audit for fiscal years 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Police Chief Gary Wiseman Jr, stated we are getting closer to the joint dispatch with Justice, and he is seeking approval for the purchase of a hands-free call box to be installed by Mercury Systems.

All computer equipment has been installed and completed on February 12, 2020.

APEX Oil Company resubmitted their project plans for three new bulk storage tanks.

Received a request for a Building Permit Application for Park N' Fly to pursue a car wash project.

Fire Chief Heller, together with Village Administrator Masciola, completed and submitted the Grant for the new Air Packs.

