

Village of Forest View

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

2026



Forest View Park District—

Our very own Paramedic/Firefighter Katie lead us in story time for Paramedics in the Park!

From the desk of the Village President...



As summer arrives in Forest View, our neighborhood comes alive with, block parties, ballgames, cookouts, and gatherings with family and friends. This season reminds us of the strength, resilience, and community spirit that make Forest View such a special place to call home.

Tuesday August 4th our Police Department is teaming up with Stickney for “National Night Out”, watch for details. July 23rd will be the 2nd Annual Battle of the Badges, Heroes on the Field Softball Game. Please join us at 5:30 pm in the park to see our Fire and Police

Departments battle it out on the field for bragging rights. Save the date for the Village Picnic - September 19th , 2026.

As we enjoy the summer months ahead, let us be considerate by keeping noise and music down in the late evening hours. Wishing you and your loved ones a safe, joyful, and memorable summer.

Dave Liska
Village President





Zachery Creer, Village Administrator

Zachery Creer, the newly appointed Village Administrator, comes to the Village of Forest View with more than 15 years of service in municipal government management. He holds a Master's in Public Administration from Northern Illinois University and is a certified Senior Human Resources Professional by SHRM. Most recently, he served as Village Manager in the Village of Clarendon Hills but has also served, City of Rolling Meadows, City of Geneva and Lake County in management, human resources and financial roles. He is most proud of his work on downtown Clarendon Hills economic development which was recognized by the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce in 2024 by naming him to their Regional 30 under 40 list. Administrator Creer looks to continue a tradition of professional management in the Village of Forest View.

Jim Ritz, Police Chief

Chief Ritz grew up in the area and brings over thirty (30) years of law enforcement and teaching experience to the Forest View Police Department. After graduating from Morton West High School, Jim went on to earn an Associates in Applied Sciences Degree in Law Enforcement from Morton College, and then proceeded on to earn a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree in Criminal Social Justice from Lewis University in Romeoville, Il. After graduating from the three (3) month FBI National Academy (FBINA) Law Enforcement Executive Leadership Development program in Quantico, Va. Jim then went on and earned a second Master of Science Degree from DePaul University in Public Service Management. Jim also brings an extensive teaching background in several executive leadership and management disciplines, which includes being an Adjunct Faculty Professor in Criminal Justice at Morton College, Leadership and Organizational Management Studies in Public Administration in undergraduate and graduate studies, and as a Certified Trainer in Crisis Communications and Critical Incident Management. Jim has attended the following nationally acclaimed Law Enforcement Executive Leadership Development training programs:

- FBI National Academy United States Department of Justice, Quantico, VA
- Executive Leadership and Management for Law Enforcement Executives
- Midwest Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (MLEEDS)
- Legal and Liability Issues for Command Level Officers
- Chief Executive Officers, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
- Enhanced Incident Management and Unified Command – Department of Homeland Security

Mark Stewart, Fire Chief

Chief Stewart brings more than 30 years of fire service experience to the position. He began his career in 1994 as a Firefighter/Paramedic and has served in the ranks of Lieutenant, Battalion Chief, and Fire Chief throughout his career. Prior to joining Forest View, Chief Stewart served as Fire Chief of the Franklin Park Fire Department. His experience includes emergency operations, emergency medical services, training, leadership development, fire prevention, and organizational management.

Chief Stewart holds a Master of Science degree in Fire Executive Leadership with a concentration in Human Resource Management from Columbia Southern University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Fire Administration. He is a certified Illinois Chief Fire Officer and holds numerous professional certifications in fire service leadership, emergency management, training, and incident command. Chief Stewart remains committed to professional excellence, continuous improvement, and providing the highest level of service to the residents and businesses of Forest View.

VILLAGE OFFICE NEWS

BUILDING PERMITS

You will be fined \$250.00 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. Or you can log on to www.illinois1call.com and click e-request to enter your request.

PLANNING ON RESIDING YOUR HOME?

PLEASE REMEMBER – This box, called an “MXU”, is how the Village reads your water meter. When siding is being removed from your house, be careful not to break/lose this device. Cost of replacement will be the responsibility of the homeowner. You may also call the Village Office to request Public Works to remove and store during a siding project.

ORDINANCE REMINDER

E-BIKES: 3 CLASSES			E-SCOOTERS
CLASS 1 PEDAL-ASSIST ONLY Up to 20 mph	CLASS 2 THROTTLE-ASSIST Up to 20 mph	CLASS 3 PEDAL-ASSIST ONLY Up to 28 mph RIDER MUST BE 16+	 RIDER MUST BE 18+ NO SIDEWALK RIDING
BANNED: NOT ALLOWED ANYWHERE E-MOTOS MINI BIKES MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES BANNED ON STREETS, SIDEWALKS, BIKE PATHS & ALL OTHER AREAS			 NO DEVICES ON SIDEWALKS Sidewalks are for pedestrians.
			 PENALTIES Penalties can include temporary seizure and fines.



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.



Congratulations Graduates! If you have a child that has graduated from private school, please let the Village office know.



Forest View Police Department

7000 W. 46th Street, Forest View, Illinois 60402

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT:

The Forest View Police Department would like to invite our residents, families, and community members as we team up with our friends from the Stickney Police Department in hosting our first ever National Night Out event. National Night Out is a great opportunity to strengthen our police-community partnerships as we promote neighborhood safety in bringing our Forest View and Stickney communities together for an evening of fun.



Attendees can meet our police officers, learn about crime prevention, participate in many child and family fun activities in support of our local organizations, business partners, and neighbors. We look forward to seeing everyone there as we work together in further building a strong sense of community.

- The National Night Out event will take place on Tuesday, August 4th from 5:00pm until 8:00pm along the 4100 block of Ridgeland in Stickney, IL. See you there as we make a difference in our communities.

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS:

As we start to enjoy the warm summer months and spend more time outdoors, the Forest View Police Department offers you a few safety tips to enjoy safe and fun summer activities:

- Be aware of your surroundings when attending parks, festivals, or community events – stay alert and report any suspicious activities.
- Drive safely as summer brings increased traffic, more pedestrian traffic, bicyclists and e-bikes and scooters, and many children playing outdoors. Drive carefully and slow down and eliminate distractive driving.
- Secure your home and lock your doors and windows when you leave your homes. Consider purchasing outdoor lighting or security cameras for added protections.
- Practice water safety – especially if you own a pool. Always supervise your children around pools, lakes, and other bodies of water. Make a practice of wearing life-jackets when boating and follow all water safety regulations.

The Forest View Police Department would like to recognize the following officers for outstanding service in being promoted or presented with the following awards:

Department Promotions:

- Deputy Chief Erik Kulaga
- Corporal Jesus Carrillo
- Corporal Jamie Annen

Department Life-Saving Award:

- Police Officer Jonathan Rodriguez

Department Commendation Award:

- Police Officer Antonio Whitfield

Department Years of Service Awards:

- Deputy Chief Erik Kulaga for 23 years of service
- Sergeant Bianel Zarate for 17 years of service
- Corporal Jesus Carrillo for 5 years of service
- Police Officer Daniel Mulica for 5 years of service

Welcome to our New Police Officers:

- Police Officer Hector Chavez
- Police Officer Antonio Whitfield



Forest View Fire Department

7010 W. 46th Street, Forest View, Illinois 60402 708-749-1110

Summer Safety Reminders from the Forest View Fire Department

As the newly appointed Fire Chief for the Forest View Fire Department, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and thank the residents and community for the warm welcome I have already received. It is truly an honor to serve the Village of Forest View and to work alongside the dedicated members of this department.

With the arrival of summer, our department would also like to remind everyone to take a few simple precautions to help keep your families and neighborhoods safe during the warmer months.

Grilling Safety

Outdoor grilling is a summertime favorite, but it is also one of the leading causes of preventable residential fires during the summer season. Always keep grills at least 10 feet away from homes, garages, fences, or any combustible materials. Never leave a grill unattended while cooking, and ensure children and pets remain a safe distance away from hot surfaces.

Fireworks Safety

Residents are reminded to use caution around fireworks. Even small consumer fireworks and sparklers can cause serious injuries and fires. The safest way to enjoy fireworks is by attending a professional public display. Please remember that fireworks should never be used near homes, dry grass, vehicles, or crowds.

Hydration & Heat Safety

High temperatures can quickly become dangerous, especially for children, older adults, and individuals working outdoors. Stay hydrated, avoid prolonged exposure to extreme heat, and check on family members and neighbors during heat advisories. Never leave children or pets unattended inside vehicles, even for a short period of time.

Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Summer is a great time to check your home smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Test alarms monthly, replace batteries as needed, and ensure every level of your home is properly protected. Early notification saves lives.

Emergency Access

Please remember to keep fire hydrants accessible and avoid blocking roadways or intersections during outdoor gatherings and celebrations. Quick access is critical during emergencies and can make a significant difference in response times.

The Forest View Fire Department remains committed to protecting the lives and property of our residents through emergency response, fire prevention, public education, and community partnership. We are proud to serve this community and look forward to building strong relationships with our residents and local businesses.

On behalf of the members of the Forest View Fire Department, we wish everyone a safe, enjoyable, and healthy summer season.

Sincerely,
Mark W. Stewart, Fire Chief



Public Works Reminders

LAWN MAINTENANCE

Homeowners can help keep our community neat and attractive and reduce garbage areas for unwanted rodents by regularly mowing their lawns.



Please Note: We perform weekly blight checks. Our ordinance states that grass/weeds over 5 inches is considered a blight. If you have a landscaper, please schedule them accordingly.

PLEASE ADVISE YOUR LANDSCAPERS

Please advise your landscaper: **DO NOT** rake or blow your leaves or grass clippings into the street. When it rains, this clogs up the sewer inlets and flooding can result. Therefore, please advise your landscaper to place leaves in a **PAPER** yard waste bag or garbage can with a Compost Sticker affixed to the can. (Stickers & Paper Compost Bags are available at the Village Hall free of charge)

PARKWAY TREES

We will be doing another round of trimming this year and next year to address the overgrowth since the last trimming. **Please Note:** Parkway trees are Village owned, therefore, property owners are prohibited from trimming their trees. Please contact Public Works if you have any concerns with your tree. Our contact number is 708-749-7911.



GARBAGE PICK-UP

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

Tires and electronics will not be picked up by the garbage /recycling collectors or by the Village.

FYI - The Village is looking into setting up an "Electronics Pick-up" Day. More info will come once we have everything set up and a date picked out.

GROOT Will only take branches and bushes bundled into piles no thicker than 2 feet, no longer than 4 feet and not exceeding 45 lbs.

CCR REPORT

The Village of Forest View 2025 Consumer Confidence Report was sent out to each water user this year. Please contact the Village Office for a copy or visit www.forestview-il.org to view the report on our website.

HYDRANT FLUSHING



Public works will be flushing all fire hydrants once this summer and again in fall. This helps prevent rusty colored water that can build up in the water main leg that feeds each hydrant. A Code Red call will be sent out on the days we are flushing. During the flushing you may experience slight loss of water pressure, cloudy/milky water, or orange/red colored water. If you experience any of those, please allow your water to run for a few minutes and check the screens on faucets. If you are still experiencing issues, please call the Village office and ask for the Water Dept.

LED & COPPER SAMPLES

This year we are back to 1 set per year. If you are one of the sample sites, expect to receive a letter in the coming weeks with more information and dates for bottle delivery and due date. If you are unable to participate in the sampling, or are interested in becoming a sample site, please contact our Water Department.

AS ALWAYS, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE CONTACT US HERE AT PUBLIC WORKS (708-749-7911) AND LEAVE A VOICEMAIL. IF IT IS URGENT, PLEASE CALL THE VILLAGE OFFICE OR 911 FOR AN EMERGENCY.

FOREST VIEW PARK DISTRICT

4621 Wenonah Ave, Forest View, IL 60402



2026

**Forest View
Park District**

Everyone
is
welcome!



Walking Club

- We will walk together around the Park's walking path, from 10-11am (amount you walk is up to you)
- Walking as a group helps encourage, inspire and makes the time go faster!

Every Thursday in the
Forest View Park...
10 am

Kids under
16 must be
with adult

Please observe all parking
signs if non-resident

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

4621 Wenonah for parking



55 and Older? Join us...

Forest View Park District's

2nd Wed. of month
10am - noon

Coffee,
Food,
Conversation
& FUN!

Senior Coffee



4621 Wenonah, Forest View



Forest View Park District's

*Happy Place
Cafe*

Special
Date
this
Month

Mon. July 20th
6:30-8:30pm

\$2 donation
at door

Join us for Coffee, Dessert,
Conversation & Laughs!



**\$20 per
shirt**

Sizes Adult
XSmall - 4X
available

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE SHIRTS WILL BE
DONATED TO THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW
VETERANS' MEMORIAL!**



Contact Dawn for
ordering through text
or phone at 708-800-
1654,
or through email at
recreation@forestview
parkdistrict.org.

Help build our Veterans' Memorial

SHIRTS STILL AVAILABLE

Forest View Park District presents...

SHARK WEEK
in the Park

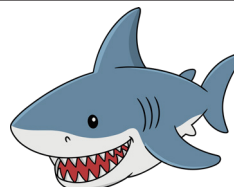
**THURS. JULY 30TH
6:30-7:30 PM**

- Join us for some Shark - themed FUN in the park

- Pinata
- Games
- Bubbles & Chalk

FREE for kids of all ages!

Fun in the Forest View Park!



FOREST VIEW PARK DISTRICT PRESENTS...

Heroes on the Field

SOFTBALL GAME



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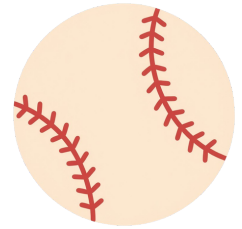


2nd ANNUAL "BATTLE OF THE BADGES"

Thursday, July 23rd
5:30 pm

Come together as a community to cheer
on our FAVORITE First Responders!

Forest View Park Field



Hot Dogs,
Chips,
& Drinks
for SALE!
CASH/ZELLE

Split the
Pot
Raffles!

Color
Commentary
by T&D!

MEET
OUR
SUPERFANS!

FREE
EVENT!

Bring your
chairs &
blankets!

Be part
of the
FUN!



SUMMER FUN

Word Search Puzzle



W	A	T	E	R	P	A	R	K	V	A	C	A	T	I	O	N
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BAREFOOT	FISHING	PICNIC
BASEBALL	FLIP FLOPS	POPSICLE
BEACH	FRIENDS	ROAD TRIP
BICYCLE	FRISBEE	SPRINKLERS
CAMPING	GAMES	SUNSHINE
COOKOUT	ICE CREAM	SWIMMING
FAIRGROUND	LEMONADE	VACATION
FIREWORKS	OUTDOORS	WATER PARK



FOREST VIEW VETERANS MEMORIAL

Our Village was founded in 1924 exclusively by veterans of World War I. More than a century has passed, and it is long overdue to erect a memorial to honor all those who have served in the U.S. military throughout the years.

The Village Board has designated the vacant lot at 4601 Wenonah (across from the Fire Station) to be the location for the new **Forest View Veterans Memorial**.

Our fundraising goal is \$75,000 to complete Phase 1 for dedication this Veterans Day, November 11, 2026.

A working committee has been authorized to bring the project to fruition:

- Mike Grossi Committee Chair
- Laura McGuffey Committee Secretary
- Tim Kutt Project Manager
- John Marbes Resident Veteran Advisor
- Gary Pohanka Resident Veteran Advisor

***This Memorial project is being funded entirely by grants and donations.
No additional taxpayer dollars will be involved.***

We ask for your financial support in this worthy endeavor.

Please make checks payable to: **'Forest View Veterans Memorial'**

A dedicated account has been set up to receive checks or cash donations at the Forest View Village Hall. For more information, please send email to vetmemcom@forestview-il.org.

- **Cash or Check (may be mailed or dropped off)**

Forest View Veterans Memorial

**Forest View Village Hall
Attn.: Laura McGuffey
7000 46th Street
Forest View, IL 60402-4300**

- **Zelle 708-522-5052 or scan the QR code**
There are no charges to use Zelle



Sincerely,
David Liska
Village President



ATTENTION!!!

FOREST VIEW RESIDENTS

2026 SAVE THE DATE EVENTS:



- **BINGO NIGHT IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Forest View Park District & Stickney-Forest View Lions Club

Text Down to Purchase Presale Cards at 708-800-1654

All proceeds will go to the building of the

Forest View Veterans Memorial

Village Hall Friday, July 10th, 7:00 pm -10:00 pm



- **Heros on the Field Softball Game**

2nd Annual "Battle of the Badges "

Police vs Fire Department

at the Forest View Park: Thursday, July 23rd 5:30 pm



- **Forest View Annual Bingo in the Village Hall**

Friday, September 18th

PICNIC

- **Forest View Annual Picnic in the Park**

Come out and Celebrate Americas 250th Year

Saturday, September 19th

"Please note that the dates mentioned are tentative and may be subject to change."

Visit the Village of Website at www.forestview-il.org for updates

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Village Hall Business Hours: Monday - Friday, 9am-5pm

IMPORTANT NUMBER: Police Department Non Emergency: 708-788-0318
Fire Department Non Emergency: 708-749-1110