### VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW









I hope this Newsletter finds you well and enjoying the last days of summer.

It has sure been a busy 4 months since taking office in May. As I am getting acclimated to being Village President, I am enjoying the progress we are continually making for our Village. The 46<sup>th</sup> street resurfacing project looks amazing. We also have handled and worked through the Apex tank fire and 3 summer rain storms which prompted us to have many meetings with our Officials to research and put a plan in place to secure the well being of our residents to the best of our ability. All in all, there is never a dull moment as each day is surprisingly different.

We also have hired our new Village Administrator Melissa Wiak. I would like to welcome Melissa and wish her all the best as she leads the Village of Forest View. She has been doing an amazing job and we look forward to her ongoing leadership and commitment to our village. Please stop by the Village Hall on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> between 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm for a cup of coffee or cider and Meet our Village Administrator Melissa Wiak.

Now the arrival of Fall, my favorite time of the year. Fall is a time I always thought of as a new beginning coming off of vacation, the return to school and the anticipation of the holidays. I hope you enjoy this season as much as I do. Please call the village office if you need any leaf bags. We would be happy to deliver them to you.

If you have a high school student in need of service hours, please call the village office with your contact information. We may have some residents that could use a hand raking leaves during the Fall season.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Village Picnic on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Come on out and enjoy a day filled with food, music, games and take some time to enjoy visiting with neighbors.

Stay informed @ www.forestview-il.org, signing up for our Code Red program or submitting your email to have on file with the village so you can receive important information in our email blasts.

Where is President Liska... Find President Liska throughout the newsletter.

#### **HAPPY FALL**

President David Liska





The Village of Forest View is excited to welcome Melissa Wiak as our new Village Administrator. Melissa brings a wealth of experience in public service and municipal management to her role.

Melissa earned her Master of Public Administration (MPA) from American University in Washington, D.C. and holds a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and Political Science from Saint Mary's College–Notre Dame. Over the years, she has held a variety of positions across Illinois and Maryland, gaining valuable expertise in both large and small communities. Her past roles include serving as Administrator for the Village of Thornton, working in municipal contract positions throughout Cook County, serving as Management Assistant for the City Manager in Rockville, Maryland, Correspondence Manager for the County Executive of Montgomery County, Maryland, and Community Liaison for Chevy Chase Village, Maryland.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Melissa brings a friendly and down-to-earth energy to Forest View. In her free time, she enjoys playing trivia, baking up sweet treats, catching the latest movies, and cheering on Chicago sports teams—with one small exception: don't expect her in a Cubs hat anytime soon!

Melissa looks forward to getting to know residents, working alongside Village staff, and helping Forest View continue to grow as a strong, safe, and welcoming community.





Village Administrator Melissa Wiak and Mayor David Liska recently met with U.S. Representative Jesús "Chuy" García to discuss Forest View's top priorities and opportunities for federal and state support.

#### Key initiatives included:

- Water System Upgrades Pump House: Pursuing \$2 million in funding to modernize the Village's water infrastructure and ensure long-term reliability for residents and businesses.
- Harlem Avenue Drainage Project: Urging IDOT to advance work to expand the drain pipe along Harlem Avenue to 60 inches. Currently, the Village's 48-inch pipe flows into a 30-inch pipe, leaving the community vulnerable to flooding until IDOT's project is completed.
- 47th Street/Central Avenue Red-Light Camera: Continuing advocacy for improved traffic safety at this high-volume intersection, despite IDOT's denial of the initial proposal.
- **E-Cycling Event:** Seeking support to host district-wide electronics recycling event, giving residents safe and sustainable disposal options.
- **Veterans Memorial:** Emphasizing the need for funding to create a lasting tribute to honor Forest View's veterans.

The Village values Congressman García's partnership and advocacy and will continue working to secure resources that strengthen infrastructure, safety, and community pride in Forest View.

#### Mayor Liska and Administrator Wiak Tour Stickney Water Reclamation Plant

Recently, Mayor Liska and Administrator Wiak toured the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's (MWRD) Stickney Plant. Following recent storms, they sought to better understand how Forest View's sewer system operates. Here's what they learned:

#### 1. What is a combined sewer?

A combined sewer system carries both sanitary sewage and stormwater in the same pipes. Homes, businesses, and street drains connect to local sewers, which are owned and maintained by municipalities like Forest View. These local sewers flow by gravity into MWRD's larger intercepting sewers, which convey the water to reclamation plants such as Stickney for treatment.

#### 2. What is a combined sewer overflow (CSO)?

During heavy rain, when intercepting sewers or water reclamation plants reach capacity, local sewers continue to drain and can overflow into waterways.

#### 3. Why do our sewers overflow into waterways?

Forest View's sewers were designed this way more than 100 years ago—before wastewater treatment existed. They were built to carry sanitary flow and a limited amount of stormwater directly to the river. Today, they are required to handle much more flow than originally intended, which can cause capacity issues and backups.

#### 4. What is the "Deep Tunnel" or TARP (Tunnel and Reservoir Plan)?

The Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (TARP) is designed to reduce flooding and pollution from combined sewer overflows. Large tunnels capture excess sewer flow before it reaches waterways, storing it until it can be pumped to water reclamation plants. The tunnels were completed in 2006; the reservoirs are still being built.

#### 5. How will the reservoirs help?

The reservoirs provide additional storage for combined sewage during storms. Together, the three reservoirs will hold 17.5 billion gallons once fully complete. Two are operational, and McCook Reservoir is partially in service, with Stage II still under construction.

#### 6. What happens if TARP is full?

TARP is not unlimited. The tunnels can store 2.3 billion gallons, and the reservoirs will add another 15.15 billion gallons. During extreme storms, even this system can reach capacity, causing overflows into waterways as before TARP was built.

#### 7. What causes sewer backups?

Backups occur when the sewer system cannot drain water as fast as it enters. This can happen at any point in the system, including private property connections.

#### 8. What is a lateral connection?

A lateral connection is the pipe (usually 6 inches in diameter) that connects a home to the local sewer under the street. It is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain it. If it is clogged, damaged, or overwhelmed, backups can occur on private property even if the main sewer is not at capacity.

#### 9. Can sewer backups affect entire neighborhoods?

Yes. During intense storms, stormwater can enter sewers faster than they can flow to TARP or waterways, causing water to back up into streets and unprotected basements.

#### 10. What can residents do to help prevent backups?

- Hire a qualified plumber to inspect your basement and consider installing a check valve or overhead sewer.
- Disconnect downspouts from the sewer system and direct them to permeable surfaces, rain barrels, or rain gardens (while avoiding your or neighbors' foundations).
- Replace paved surfaces like driveways with pervious materials that absorb stormwater.
- Inspect and maintain your lateral connection regularly to avoid blockages or damage.

#### 11. What are Forest View and the MWRD doing?

- Regular inspection, maintenance, and cleaning of local sewers.
- Completion of McCook Reservoir Stage II, which will add 6.5 billion gallons of capacity to the 3.5 billion already available in Stage I.







#### From the Desk of Village Clerk Laura McGuffey:

I wanted to take a moment to share a little piece of Forest View history.

My grandmother kept a scrapbook full of local news articles, and one in particular stood out—a *Life* newspaper clipping from October 14, 1953. It featured a photo of a brand-new street sign being installed, with Officers Ray Kluge and Edward Horak, along with village employee Bessie Visensky, proudly standing by in front of the old Forest View Hall at 46th & Home Avenue.



Now, nearly 72 years later, history has repeated itself in the best way.

Our Public Works department just completed the installation of new Forest View street signs throughout the village. To mark the occasion—and honor the past, we recreated that vintage photo with today's team: Police Corporal Erik Kulaga, Chief Bianel Zarate, and myself, Village Clerk Laura McGuffey.



#### RAFFLE TICKETS - JUST \$1 EACH!

As part of the celebration, we are raffling off **authentic**, **old street signs**—a one-of-a-kind keepsake from Forest View's history!

All proceeds benefit the Stickney Forest View Lions Club.

Where: Village Picnic on September 20<sup>th</sup> Cost: \$1 per ticket What: A chance to win a genuine Forest View street sign!

Come out, grab a ticket (or a few!), and support a great cause while owning a memorable piece of our village's story. Let us continue making memories—just like those from 1953.

#### FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE

#### MEET & GREET

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#### **SALUTE TO OUR HEROES**

Not only on Veteran's Day in November, but each and every day, we would like to salute all our active, inactive, and retired military residents who have so bravely served our nation!

#### **COMPOST**

11-26-25 Last Day for Pick-Up

Please call the village office if you would like a package of compost bags delivered to your home.



#### **HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

Do not hesitate to contact the Police Department at **708-788-0318**, or if emergency, dial **9-1-1**, of any suspicious activity. PLEASE NOTE: The Village Office will be closed on Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday.

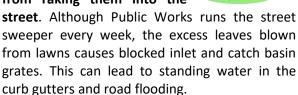
You can recycle more than you may think, but maybe not everything that you want.

- Pizza Boxes Probably not. While some municipalities might accept them, ours doesn't recycle them due to the soiling that results from...pizza. Including them in your recycling may mean they will be moved to the trash and collected with other trash, or they will be a recycling materials contaminant.
- What about Egg Cartons If they are cardboard or clear plastic, then, yes! If they are Styrofoam, then, no.
- The Cardboard Box for my new [TV, appliance, monitor, etc.] Yes! The box is definitely recyclable but the Styrofoam or packing peanuts inside are NOT. Please remove these, flatten the box and put the box in recycling, and the non-cardboard packing materials in the trash. Kids of all ages can have fun popping air pockets or bubble wrap before tossing them in the trash or taking them to a local grocery store for recycling!
- As a reminder, plastic bags can never go in our recycling bins -- this includes the large plastic garbage bag (or other plastic bag) used to contain the recycling materials.
   Doing so may result in the entire load going into the trash. Simply put rinsed-out recycling materials loose in your bin, or you can put them in a paper bag.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **Falling Leaves**

When you start raking those colorful leaves, please refrain from raking them into the



For new residents, leaves are to be placed in <a href="PAPER">PAPER</a> yard waste bags or garbage cans with a "Compost Only" sticker affixed to it. "Compost Only" stickers are available at the Village Office at no charge. Place full bags or garbage cans at the curb for Wednesday morning pickup.

#### **RESIDENTS WITH LAWN SERVICE:**

Please make sure your landscaping company does NOT blow the leaves into the street.

Please advise your landscaper to place leaves in a garbage can with a Compost Sticker (available at the Village Office free of charge) affixed to the can or to bag the leaves in paper yard waste bags or to mulch the leaves with the mower.

#### **Hydrant Flushing**

Public Works will be flushing hydrants again this fall. We will notify via CodeRed phone alert on the days we plan to do this. Flushing hydrants is a highly recommended procedure that helps flush out stagnant water from dead-ends in the water main system. It also allows us to keep up with maintenance and ensuring all hydrants are operational. During the flushing its possible you will experience discolored (orange/red) water, or cloudy water. This is normal and will clear up by running a faucet for 5-10 mins. Limiting water use during the flushing will decrease this possibility.

#### WATER DEPARTMENT

#### New Emergency Cross-Connection with McCook

We are working on getting a new water main connection with the Village of McCook. Their main transmission line runs parallel to ours down 45<sup>th</sup> Street. This new connection would be used in emergency situations, such as us having a water main break on our transmission line that would require the water to be shut of to the entire town. This will also be needed during major infrastructure work on the water tower and underground reservoir at the pump station. We already have a connection with Stickney, however it is only a 6 inch connection, and we feel that is not sufficient enough to maintain pressure and flow for extended periods. This will be installed somewhere near the 45<sup>th</sup> and Oak Park Ave intersection.



#### **2025 SAVE THE DATE EVENT DATES:**

FOREST VIEW BINGO IN VILLAGE HALL

Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

**VILLAGE of FOREST VIEW PICNIC IN PARK** 

Saturday, September 20th

**CINDERS 2<sup>ND</sup> BIRTHDAY - FIRE DEPT OPEN** 

**HOUSE** 

Sunday, October 26<sup>™</sup>

**VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION** 

Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

FIRE DEPARTMENT CPR/FIRST AID CLASSES

**COMING THIS FALL!** 





#### Introducing Our New At-Risk Resident Registry



The Forest View Police Department is proud to introduce a new community safety initiative to better serve members of our community who may benefit from a specialized approach based on a variety of developmental, cognitive, mental health, or physical challenges during a response from our officers.

Our At-Risk Resident Registry, powered by Frontline Public Safety Solutions, is a free, voluntary, and confidential program designed for:

- Individuals with autism or developmental disabilities
- Those living with Alzheimer's, dementia, or other cognitive conditions
- Residents with medical, mobility, or mental health challenges
- Community members who live alone and may need additional support

By registering, you're helping first responders be more informed and prepared when responding to calls involving you or your loved ones. This allows us to provide a **safer and more compassionate service.** 

All information is securely stored and only used by first responders when responding to an incident.

Let's work together to keep our community safe! To learn more info visit: www.forestview-il.org

register today, please click the link below:

Frontline - www.frontlinepss.com/forestviewil







#### FORESTVIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

Did you know you no longer have to call our non-emergency number for parking permission or a vacation watch?

We are now a part of the Frontline Public Safety Solutions public portal, which offers residents an additional, convenient way to request overnight parking, Vacation watch, Pet management or add information for at risk residents. Visit <a href="https://www.frontlinepss.com/forestviewil">https://www.frontlinepss.com/forestviewil</a> for more info.

#### Forest View Police Department

As a resident, you have the ability to request your own entries that will be directed right to your Law Enforcement Agency. Simply choose the selection below and fill out a form for your request.



#### OVER NIGHT PARKING

Provide us the details of your vehicle and the location it will be parked over night. We will add your request to our database to ensure a ticket is not given.



#### **VACATION WATCH**

Provide us the details of your property and the date ranges you will be gone. Once added to our database, your property will be added to our list of vacation watches for officers to check on (time-permitting).



#### PET MANAGEMENT

Provide us the details of your pet.

Once added to our database, your pet information will be available to the police department in case of lost or stolen.



#### AT RISK RESIDENTS

If you are an At Risk Resident, or the primary contact, enter your contact information here for our records. In the event of an emergency, we will have quick access to your details.

For additional information to Frontline, visit our website https://www.forestview-il.org Forest View it's that time of year again to fall back! Just a reminder that Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 A.M. on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025. Let's remember to turn our clocks back one hour. Changing your clocks means changing the batteries in both your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors!





The Forest View Fire Department wants to make sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home.

Having working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors can save lives and we want to remind you of a few safety points.

At a minimum, we recommend having 10-year lithium batteries in your detectors. It's recommended that each floor of the house has one smoke and carbon monoxide detector.

We at the Forest View Fire Department would like to invite you to our Fire Prevent Week Open House / Cinder's Second Birthday event, Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 2025 from 11:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. We will have firehouse tours, safety talks, food/drinks and of course a lot of fun! Blood pressure and Blood sugar checks will also be available upon request. Finally, we will have take-home bags for the kids!

If you are interested in ordering a Cinder Shirt, please ask for details during the Open House / Cinders 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Party





#### VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW

# FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2025 Recommended Trick-Or-Treat Hours: 3:00 P.M. – ending at 7:30 P.M.

#### **HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS**

- Always use common sense
- · Young children should always trick-or-treat with an adult
- Never trick-or-treat alone
- Plan your entire route and make sure your family knows what it is
- Wear a flame-retardant costume
- Have your parents check your candy before you eat it
- Be careful of strangers
- Accept treats only in the doorway, NEVER go inside the house
- Don't play near lit jack-o-lanterns
- Visit only houses where lights are on
- Walk on sidewalks
- Cross the street at the corner or crosswalk
- LOOK both ways before crossing the street
- Carry a flashlight



Do not hesitate to contact the Police Department at 708-788-0318 or if emergency dial 9-1-1, of any suspicious activity.



# THE VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW HALLOWEEN HOME DECORATING CONTEST

Show off your holiday spirit and enter the Village of Forest View's Halloween Outdoor Home Decorating Competition.

REGISTRATION BEGINS ON OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> ENDS OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

We will be awarding the top three houses for Halloween

Winners will receive a gift card

YOU MUST REGISTER - NO REGISTRATION FEE.

TO REGISTER, CALL (708) 788-3429 OR

EMAIL INFO@FORESTVIEW-IL.ORG

THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOUSE MUST BE DECORATED BY OCTOBER 26TH.







# TRICK-OR-TREATERS









Please stay safe!





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Have a safe & Happy Halloween - see you next year!

#### ORDINANCES OFTEN REFERRED TO......

#### TO ACCESS THE FOREST VIEW CODE BOOK ONLINE:

- Website: codelibrary.amlegal.com
- Click Illinois
- Click Forest View

Building Permits: Title 4; Chapter 1

Siding Permits: Please call the village office to have the MXU box removed before starting any siding work.

This box is needed for water reading.

Grass/Weeds Growth Restriction: Title 6; Chapter 7

Garbage & Leaves: Title 7; Chapter 2

Parking: Title 9; Chapter 2 Noise: Title 6; Chapter 8

Snow Removal: Title 9; Chapter 2-4

During the month of August 2025 there were several updates to our Adjudication Ordinances that we would like our residents to be aware of.

- 1) Ordinance No. 25-18 Fines for Handicapped Parking Violations.
- 2) Ordinance No. 25-19, Certain Traffic Cases (Obstructing Windshields and drivers view).
- 3) Ordinance No. 25-20 Prohibiting Underage Drinking.
- 4) Ordinance No. 25-21 Prohibiting Disorderly Conduct.
- 5) Ordinance No. 25-22 Fees associated with Fleeing and Eluding Motor Vehicles.
- 6) Ordinance No. 25-23 Prohibiting Retail Theft.
- 7) Ordinance No. 25-24 Prohibiting Purchase, Possession and Consumption of Tobacco Products and Alternative Nicotine Products by Minors, Prohibiting underage vaping.

These ordinances are available on the Village of Forest View Website at www.forestview-il.org

#### DO I NEED A PERMIT.....

Residential permits needed for, in part:

Alterations involving moving or adding walls

Basement Finish-Out

**Electrical Work** 

Plumbing Work

**HVAC Work** 

**Roof Siding** 

Window Replacement

Driveway

Shed

Fence

Deck & Patio

Sprinkler System

Swimming Pool

Drainage System, e.g. Permaseal (however if you have one crack, no permit is required)

No permit needed for cutting down trees on private property, landscaping, painting, replacing flooring (no construction), seal coat driveway (however permit required if replacing asphalt, concrete).

Please call the Village office to inquire about the need for a Building Permit @ 708-788-3429.





#### WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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APPLE AWARD BEACH BOTTLE CAMEL CELLAR ELEGANT GUARANTEE HELMET ISLAND JACKET

JELLYFISH

LARGE LEISURE MOLECULE PENCIL POTATO REASON REINDEER RIDDLE SADDLE SALMON SLICE STONE TEAM TELL THREE TURTLE UNIQUE VOYAGE





On the 'eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month' of 1918 - the war to end all wars was over.

JOIN US FOR A SHORT CEREMONY AND REFRESHMENTS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025 11:00 AM

FOREST VIEW VILLAGE HALL, 7000 W. 46TH STREET



FOREST VIEW PARK DISTRICT PRESENTS...

for Forest View Residents Only!

Decorate a pumpkin at home, any table top size. (Decorated NOT carved!) Looking for creativity & originality.

Pumpkins can be dropped off on Oct. 20th and 21st (time will be arranged through email, and will be on display at the **Village Hall, 7000 46<sup>th</sup> Street**, Oct. 20th-28th. Winners will be announced on Oct. 29th.

Anyone that stops by Village can vote. Gift Card Prizes awarded for 1st and 2nd place winners. Winners determined by most votes received.

REGRISTATION REQUIRED TO ENTER A PUMPKIN! Email family name, address, phone number, and pumpkin title to recreation@forestviewparkdistrict.org or text Dawn at 708-800-1654.









2 upcoming classes

SEPT. 13TH SAT. OCT. 25TH both @ 10am



**FREE CLASSES** 

Great Music, Great Workout, Great Fun!

Forest View Village Hall Art Treckler Room

7000 W. 46<sup>th</sup> Street, Forest View

NO EXCUSES! Suitable for all levels will adjust for all!

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED!** Welcome! Please email your name and phone number to recreation@forestviewparkdistrict.org, or text Dawn at 708-800-1654.



Guys &

Gals

#### CANDY CANE WREATH CRAFT NIGHT

Join us for a festive night...get in the holiday spirit and make the perfect candy cane decor for your front door! We have everything you need, including instructions for all levels...everyone can do it!

#### \$10 PER ADULT

PREPAYMENT BY CASH OR CHECK DROPPED OFF AT THE PARK REC BLDG, (MAILBOX) 4621 WENONAH OR THROUGH ZELLE (708) 800-1654

> REGISTRATION REQUIRED: PLEASE EMAIL NAME TO RECREATION@FORESTVIEWPARKDISTRICT.ORG OR TEXT TO 708-800-1654

> > 4621 WENONAH, FOREST VIEW

#### SENIOR COFFEE FIELDTRIP AT THE FIREHOUSE

Wed. Sept. 10th

And, of course, see Cinder!

Our September Senior Coffee will be held at the Forest View Fire House, 7010 46th St.

Learn about our awesome Fire Department with a Fire & EMS demonstration, along with a tour of the station and equipment.

Parking on side of Fire Dept., Park Rec lot, or on Wenonah



Still the usual...

Contact Dawn with questions at (708) 800-1654







## HALLOWEE

WED OCT 8TH 10AM – NOON

BEST COSTUME



THERE MAY BE TRICKS. HERE WILL BE TREATS!







Held at our Happy Place, 4621 Wenonah, Forest View





invite you to our 4th Annual Candy Cane Hunt & Christmas in the Park

Sat. Dec. 6th, 2025, fun starts at 3pm in the Village Hall with Santa and our Sing-a-long

- Family Sing-a-Long with Dennis Motyka
- Visit with Santa
- Hot Chocolate & Cookie Bar
- Candy Cane Hunt @ 4pm
- Tree Lighting
- Take your Family Photo inside our New Giant Snowglobe

Family friendly event for all ages from 3-5pm!!

7000 46th Str./4621 Wenonah



