

VILLAGE OF FOX POINT

Winter 2014

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VILLAGE HOURS

VILLAGE HALL

Monday through Thursday
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday
8 a.m. - noon
Closed Saturdays,
Sundays, and Holidays

POLICE STATION

Monday through Thursday
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday
8 a.m. - noon
Closed Saturdays,
Sundays and Holidays



DATES TO NOTE

Wednesday, December 24

Village Hall Closed

Thursday, December 25

Village Hall Closed

Thursday, January 1

Village Hall Closed

Tuesday, February 17

Spring Primary Election

Tuesday, April 7

Spring Election

THE NEW WEBSITE IS HERE!!

The Village of Fox Point has a new virtual look which will be launched between December 18 and December 20. Website highlights are provided on page 3. Please note that the web address will remain the same. Check it out at:

www.vil.fox-point.wi.us

PAYING REAL ESTATE / PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES:

Payments are due by close of business and postmarks will not be accepted. Payments are considered received when they are received in the Treasurer's office. Payments placed in the drop box after the close of business will be considered received the following day.

All checks should be made payable to the Village of Fox Point and include the tax bill number or tax parcel number in the memo portion.

Payments may be made by the following methods:

1. Via Federal Mail.
2. Dropped in the Village's drop box by the front door of Village Hall.
3. In person during normal business hours. Avoid delays – please have a copy of your tax bill and a check written out prior to arriving at Village Hall.

4. By credit card using Official Payments Corp at 800-272-9829 or officialpayments.com, Jurisdiction Code 5832

Please note: There is a charge for this service. **The Village does not accept credit card payments except via Official payments.**

If you wish to receive a copy of your receipt, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed business envelope. Payment and tax/assessment information is also on the Village's website:

www.vil.fox-point.wi.us.

Tax Payment Due Dates

1st Installment of Taxes Due
January 31, 2015

2nd Installment of Taxes Due
March 31, 2015

3rd Installment of Taxes Due
May 31, 2015

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

The Village of Fox Point Police Department wants to remind residents that pushing, blowing or plowing snow and ice onto or across Village streets is prohibited under Village Code 292-7.

Please consider helping the elderly neighbors with snow and ice removal this winter. Also, please help the North Shore Fire Department by shoveling out the fire hydrant nearest to your home. This will help speed up the fire department access and fire suppression in the event of an emergency.



Village Ice Rink



The Village has hired Katie Bennett as the new Ice Rink Manager for the 2015 season. You may recognize Katie as she was the Assistant Pool Manager this past season. She just can't get enough of Fox Point!

Please note: The Village Ice Rink does not open until there is at least six inches of solid ice, which is determined on a daily basis by our DPW crew.

Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday, 3:30pm - 9:00pm

Saturday, 10:00am - 10:00pm

Sunday, 11:00am - 9:00pm

THE VILLAGE OF FOX POINT'S MUNICIPAL CODE IS NOW AT YOUR FINGERTIPS!

As part of the Village's overall efforts to improve services to our citizens, the Village recently completed a recodification process, in which the Code of Ordinances was updated, reorganized, and reformatted. Part of the process involved putting the complete municipal code online.

The new online Code provides access to the Village's ordinances in a format that has been specifically designed to be easy-to-use and search-friendly. By simply entering a keyword or two, users will find the information they need within seconds, including color-coded search term results. Additionally, the Village's online code is available with multiple viewing options providing flexible access for our citizens.

To access the new electronic version of the code, visit the Village's website and click "Village Code".



EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB) INITIATIVE

This year (2014) is the fourth year of our EAB management initiative. During the coming winter, Village forestry crews will remove approximately 140 lower-condition ash trees (those that are 12" in diameter at breast height (DBH) or smaller) from the public right-of-way. Additionally, the Village has hired a private arborist firm to remove approximately 180 larger diameter low-condition ash trees identified from our public tree inventory, conducted this past summer, as being in poor health/vigor.

In the spring, new diverse species of trees will be planted in appropriate planting locations in the Village. Many of the ash trees that will be removed are located in wooded areas where replacement plantings are not suitable. The removal of low-condition ash and replanting with diverse species will continue during the 2015 season.

We are also treating some ash trees. In 2014, a private contractor treated approximately 500 public ash trees that have a high-condition/vigor rating. Treatment will continue again in 2015. There are currently 915 ash trees under either an annual or every other year treatment program.

Do you have an ash management strategy for your own property? Do you know how to identify an ash tree? Do you know which treatment programs work best? If not, check out the Forestry section of the Village website for more information:

www.vil.fox-point.wi.us



INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR THE VILLAGE BOARD??

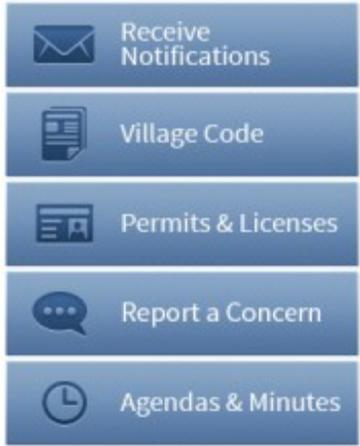
The Village of Fox Point will be holding an election for the office of Village Trustee on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. If necessary, a primary will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015. There will be two seats available, each for a three year term. The terms will begin on Tuesday, April 21, 2015.

In order to be placed on the ballot for this election, interested persons will need to file a Declaration of Candidacy, a Campaign Registration Statement, and Nomination Papers in the office of the Village Clerk. The Campaign Registration Statement must be filed as soon as intent to run has been determined and prior to the receipt of any money. The first day to circulate Nomination Papers is December 1, 2014 and the final day for filing Nomination Papers and the Declaration of Candidacy is 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 6, 2015. All necessary paperwork may be obtained by scheduling a meeting with the Village Clerk at tomalley@vil.fox-point.wi.us or (414) 351-8900.

WEBSITE HIGHLIGHTS

Report a Concern:

The Report a Concern function allows residents to report issues such as potholes that need to be filled, property maintenance concerns and dead or fallen trees. When a report is submitted, an email will be sent to the appropriate Village staff member so that each issue can be addressed as soon as possible. The Village will continue to add to this section of the website, expanding the list of reportable items.



Agendas & Minutes:

The Agenda Center allows the Village to effortlessly display all of Fox Point's Committee, Commission and Board agendas/minutes on the Village website. Agendas will be posted at least 24 hours in advance of all meetings. Once minutes have been approved, they will be linked with the corresponding agenda. Residents will have the ability to sign up for immediate notifications (through the Receive Notification function) when new agendas/minutes are posted.

Permits & Licenses:

Fox Point will now offer residents and contractors the ability to obtain permit and license applications online. Through this function, the Village will provide permit and license applications that can be printed and completed prior to submittal. Although the Village does not have the ability to receive online payments at this time, many applications and payments can be submitted through the mail.

Receive Notifications:

Through the Receive Notifications function, residents will have the option to receive notifications from the Village sent directly by email and/or text message. Residents will have the ability to select from a list of notifications that may be of interest. Notifications may include Pool or Ice Rink closures, agendas/minutes, emergency alerts or any other Village notifications.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WORKING AT FUTURE ELECTIONS?

The Village of Fox Point is looking to expand its list of Election Inspectors (also known as poll workers). Election Inspectors help ensure an open, accurate, and fair election. Some of the duties include issuing ballots to registered voters, registering voters, monitoring the voting equipment, and completing required paperwork. Training is provided.

If you are interested in serving the Village of Fox Point in this capacity, please provide the Village Clerk/Treasurer, Tanya O'Malley, with your name and address so she can provide you with an Election Inspector Interest/Availability Form. The Village Clerk may be reached at tomalley@vil.fox-point.wi.us or 414-351-8900.

Utility Rate Notifications

- ◆ The Village Board approved a Water Utility rate increase as calculated and authorized by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. The increase is due to increased water supply costs, and increased water operations costs due to the harsh winter in 2013/2014. The overall rate increase for the Water Utility is 5.5%; the average residential customer should see a \$5.00 per quarter increase on their water utility bill.
- ◆ A resolution to amend the Storm Water Utility service charge was adopted on December 9, 2014 and will take effect February 1, 2015. The increase from \$10.56 per ERU (Equivalent Runoff Unit) per month to \$10.72 per ERU per month, or just over a 1.5% increase, was deemed necessary in order to support the cost of the Storm Water Management services, systems and facilities. For more information, please visit the Storm Water Utility page, located in the Public Works section of the website.

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MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

Michael A. West, President
Eric Fonstad
Beverly Bell
F.R. Dengel III
Douglas H. Frazer
Christine Symchych
Terry McGauran

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Thomas Tollaksen, Interim Village Manager
Scott Brandmeier, Public Works Director
Steve Cain, Village Prosecutor
Christopher Freedy, Police Chief
John Gall, Village Forester
Eric Larson, Village Attorney
Scott Miller, Building Inspector
Tanya O'Malley, Village Clerk/Treasurer
Scott A. Wales, Municipal Judge

2014 WINTER NEWSLETTER

Fox Point Police Department

EMERGENCY
- 911

Non-Emergency
- 414-351-9900

Administrative Calls
- 414-351-8911

Village of Fox Point Mission Statement

The mission of the Village of Fox Point is to protect and enhance the quality of life of its residents by providing cost-effective, efficient and innovative services, preserving and maintaining Village neighborhoods and public amenities, fostering community pride and spirit, and encouraging active citizen participation.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS WEEK				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
December 22	December 23	December 24	December 25	December 26
Regular Monday Pick Up	Regular Tuesday Pick Up	Wednesday Pick Up By 11:00	Holiday No Pick Up	Regular Thursday Pick Up

NEW YEAR'S DAY WEEK				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
December 29	December 30	December 31	January 1	January 2
Regular Monday Pick Up	Regular Tuesday Pick Up	Regular Wednesday Pick Up	Holiday No Pick Up	Regular Thursday Pick Up