

# VILLAGE OF FALL CREEK

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Village of Fall Creek Newsletter

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## A Time of Thanksgiving

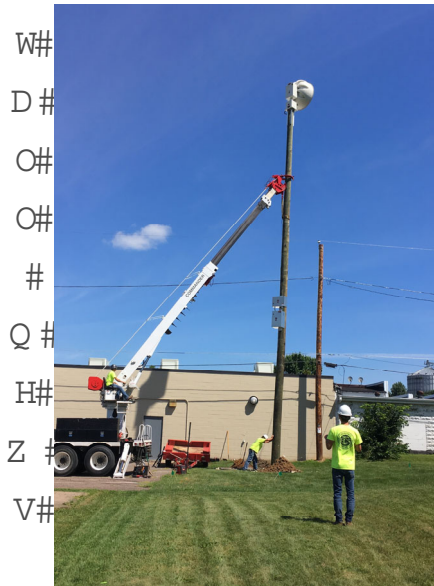
We recognize and are thankful for many things about living in Fall Creek.

Groups & organizations that do so much,  
School leaders, parents, & students,  
Scouting programs,  
Fall Creek Area Fire District,  
Fall Creek Area Foundation  
(who help fund this newsletter),  
American Legion & Ladies Auxiliary,  
Lions Club,  
Historical Society,  
Churches,  
Public Library, Board, & Friends of FCPL,  
Village leaders and staff,  
and unsung heroes around town.

We'd like to give special thanks to:

- ♥ Schumann Cheese for providing a group of their employees to do volunteer work in the Village! Much was accomplished. Thanks to the workers & the company for giving to the Village in this way!
- ♥ Richard Ziemann for his generous financial contribution to pay for supplies for the volunteer projects and for professional upgrades to the Village Clerk's Office.
- ♥ Businesses & groups for product donations for the Welcome Baskets that are delivered to new homeowners in the Village.
- ♥ Those who gave monetary donations for the new winter street light decorations.
- ♥ The volunteer who serves all year long in the capacity of Zoning Administrator making sure building permits comply with zoning ordinances.
- ♥ The Summer Rec Coordinator/Team and coaches who volunteer for the baseball and softball programs.
- ♥ Those who donate their time and skill to troubleshoot computer problems, assist with mailing of the newsletter, and other clerical duties.
- ♥ Volunteers who plant & weed the park flower beds and water the flower baskets along Hwy 12.
- ♥ Those who serve on committees—Plan Commission, Board of Appeals, Fire District Board, Police Committee, Blue Ribbon Committee.

**The Village Board, on behalf of its residents, salute you!!**



The Village got a little safer on July 19 when a new public safety siren was installed. Workers were thankful for the calm weather as they secured the 500# horn onto the large 55' pole, then hoisted it upright and set it into an 8.5' deep hole. No small feat!

Vast improvements in warning siren technology over the years mean that this new siren gives a much louder and broader notice when bad weather threatens to strike. Rather

than numerous smaller stationary horns placed around the circumference of the pole, the new siren is one horn that is MUCH LARGER (producing sound at a larger decibel level) that ROTATES 360° to carry the sound throughout the Village. Also, new technology allows the siren to be AC/DC, which means it has a battery backup. So if the power goes out because of a storm, we can still sound the siren to let you know if further danger is coming.

Strategic financial planning on the part of the Village Board resulted in a financing package for this needed expense, saving over \$5,000 as the project was allowed to be added into a loan financing package in which the Village was granted 30% loan forgiveness!

**The Village Board — Working for you... for the betterment of the community!**

## THE VILLAGE BOARD IN ACTION

**Community & Economic Development:** Worked with local businesses regarding starting a Business Association to promote economic events in the Village, working to get new businesses, meets with realtors & developers to encourage economic development, holds Open Forums to hear citizens' ideas, supports input for the newsletters.

**Finance & Personnel:** Working on 2019 budget, handling annual employee reviews, implementing a debt paydown strategy to reduce interest charges & enable sooner payoff to coordinate with future capital needs, revising Capital Plans to find capacity for projected ambulance service needs, obtained financing package providing 30% loan forgiveness (basically a grant) for the Well #3 & #4 projects.

**Parks & Rec:** Created policy & procedures for EAB plan, removal of problematic Ash trees, coordinated volunteers to plant replacement trees, secured coordinator/team for Summer Rec Program, replacement of bleachers at ballfield, added *Music in the Park* event, working on plans to resurface Keller Park parking lot.

**Public Property & Health:** Researched & contracted for best prices for Village Hall roof repair, warning siren, winter street light decorations, & directional sign for Keller Park, instrumental in Volunteer Projects for upgrades to Village Hall & Clerk's Office.

**Public Safety:** Maintains contact with police department regarding safety of the Village, considered staffing solutions, assisted with National Night Out.

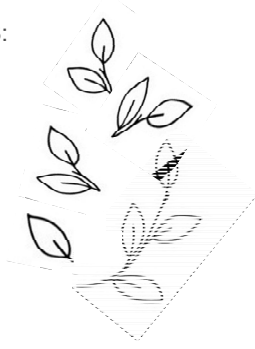
**Public Works/Streets & Sidewalks:** Working on Capital Projects Plan to facilitate timely replacement of streets & infrastructure.

## BURNSITE-COMPOST SITE

Operating Dates/Times for remainder of 2018:

OCTOBER	6th (Sat)	9-Noon
	10th (Wed)	4-6PM
	20th (Sat)	9-Noon
	24th (Wed)	4-6PM
NOVEMBER	3rd (Sat)	9-Noon
	10th (Sat)	9-Noon

The site is then closed until April of 2019.



## SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION

As you know, school has started again for the year so be careful when driving. Pay attention and slow down—the children and their safety is important to everyone.

Check the athletic schedule for games. Visit Facebook for other events, and then PARTICIPATE! The kids need and deserve our support since the school district is the largest part of our community.

Also, check out updates on the upcoming building and improvement projects. A large part of it will start this spring.

## SNOW BUSINESS

Remember to keep snow and ice removed from your sidewalks. Don't blow snow into the Village streets as it is unsafe, and removal can be costly and cumbersome. Thanks for your consideration of our Public Works crew!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCT 5 Library Movie:  
Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom 6:30PM
- 12 Library Book Sale 9AM-4PM
- 13 Library Book Sale 9AM-1PM
- 13 Downtown Merchant Fest
- 24 Library Author: Thomas Pearson 7PM
- 29 School Academic Banquet
- 31 Trick-or-Treat Hours 5-7PM
- NOV 7 Public Open Forum 6:30-8:30PM
- 8 Public Open Forum 6:30-8:30PM
- 10 Library Event:  
Photography Tips & Tricks 10AM
- 22 Thanksgiving
- 27 Winter Street Lighting Ceremony 5PM
- DEC 1 Annual Christmas Fair  
@ the Fire Station 9AM-2PM
- 14 Library Movie: To Be Determined 6:30PM
- 24-Jan 1 School Christmas Vacation

## WINTER PARKING RULES

Safety and work efficiency for the Public Works crew has become an issue. Therefore the Village Board has decided to return to the winter parking regulations that had been in place for years. **NO VEHICLES ALLOWED ON THE ROAD WHEN IT HAS SNOWED.** No more odd/even parking.

\* Support Local Businesses and Schools \* Donate to Local Groups \* Volunteer \*  
***Your Involvement Makes a Strong Community!***

**Music in the Park 2018 Season a success! Watch for it next summer!**



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