



## VILLAGE OF FOX POINT

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**To:** The Honorable Members of the Fox Point Village Board

**From:** Scott A. Botcher, Village Manager

**Date:** September 25, 2020

**Re:** Administrative Report for the Week Ending September 25, 2020

### ADMINISTRATION

1. Fox Point voters-- the Clerk's office is asking that you vote and return your ballots as soon as possible via the Clerk's office, utility drop box outside Village Hall or by mail.
2. Absentee voters- please be sure to **COMPLETELY** fill out your absentee certification envelope with: voter's signature and date, witness signature and full mailing address (this includes address, city, state and zip code).
3. Fall General Election absentee ballots began to return to the Village of Fox Point Clerk's office this week; the Clerk's office checked 743 returning ballots into the voter registration system (total issued ballots to-date, 2,867).
4. There were a total of 98 new registered voters processed by Clerk's staff this week; total registered voter count to-date in the Village is 5,341.
5. A total of 183 new absentee requests for the Fall General election were processed this week; 199 absentee ballots were issued by the Clerk's office (total includes new absentee ballots and reissued ballots).
6. Staff participated in a lengthy call with consultant regard comprehensive plan virtual open house.
7. Staff participated in North Shore Health Department weekly EOC briefing.
8. Village Manager conferenced with Wi Department of Revenue regarding 2021 budget strategies.

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

1. Wisconsin Emergency Management shared the notes of their meeting with FEMA with me as it relates to the Beach Drive coastal resiliency project. As noted in a recent administrative report, it appears the project that was proposed will be funded but does have to go through an Environmental Assessment. FEMA has requested that any design modifications be sent to them as soon as possible and staff has reached out to WEM to obtain clarification on whether a design consultant can now be selected (as we have been under the impression that we could not select the consultant until a formal authorization to proceed had been provided to the Village).

2. Along those lines, staff met with a consultant who has coastal engineering experience related to the project and discussed options to improve shoreline protections.
3. The Village took delivery of the new shop truck.
4. Staff have also been working to obtain quotes for the new fuel management software and pumps. The mechanic has been able to obtain two quotes and the director has been working with a third vendor to obtain a quote. A recommendation will likely be made at the October Village Board meeting (as this is one of the last outstanding 2020 capital project items remaining to be completed).
5. Staff performed the annual illicit discharge stormwater testing (otherwise known as dry weather testing). This testing can only occur after a minimum of 72 hours of dry weather. The purpose of the testing is to determine if there are sources of illicit discharges in the Village stormwater system. Per our DNR permit, only major outfalls (larger than 36-inches in diameter) are required to be tested but we have regularly observed if there are any flows from our minor outfalls (those less than 36-inches in diameter) as well. Staff observed flow in two major outfalls – both of which are located on Beach Drive and have, in the past, been associated with groundwater flows. Samples were grabbed and sent to North Shore Water for testing for total chlorine, pH, phenols, total copper, and detergents/surfactants. The test results showed nothing outside normal levels and two had a reading of non-detect. The minor outfalls along Santa Monica Boulevard (from Bradley to Indian Creek) and three minor outfalls along Indian Creek (at Seneca, Manor and Port Washington) were also observed and there was no flow in any of these locations.
6. Our painting contractor completed the painting work on the guardrails along Indian Creek and on the far east end of Fox Lane.
7. DPW staff continue to be busy with mowing, ditch work, training two new staff, installing mailboxes, completing special pickups, performing tree work and continuing with landscape bed maintenance.
8. The Water Utility Department investigated a water leak at 6808 Barnett (which appears to be from the sprinkler system), addressed a punch list item from the Calumet Road project (tracer wire), performed leak investigations for properties on Seneca and Indian Creek, assisted with the PSC rate case, attended WRWA virtual training for hydrants and valves, and located the water main on Port Washington Road in Glendale.
9. The Village Forester has observed an alarming number of Village crabapple trees that have been infected with a bacterial disease known as fire blight. Weather conditions this past spring and summer has allowed this disease to explode at the end of this growing season. Unfortunately, there is no chemical cure for fire blight. Pruning out infected branches with sterilized pruning tools is the best course of action.
  - a. Fire blight is a disease that can kill blossoms and shoots and cause dieback of branches from cankers.
  - b. Severe fire blight can cause trees to die.
  - c. Young leaves and shoots wilt and bend downward forming the shape of a hook.
  - d. Trees with multiple infected shoots may appear scorched by fire.
  - a. Village staff will not be able to determine the full extent of the damage until spring leaf out. At this point it appears that most of the damage is occurring on more recently planted trees. Homeowners can get reputable advice or

service from an International Society of Arboriculture certified arborist.  
<https://www.waa-isa.org/find-certified-arborist/>.

10. Elm removals are completed (there were not many this year – two or three).
11. Staff is still working with our consultant on the updated CMOM plan.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Officers responded to assist a resident who was dealing with an adult child who was in crisis. The subject needed mental health care and the officers were able to connect the person with crisis services.
2. Officers responded to a report of retail theft at CVS pharmacy when a male subject concealed items in their clothing, as well as carrying items out of the store without permission. The subject got into a car and fled the area before officers arrived. The case remains open as the officer attempts to identify the subject.
3. Officers responded to a report of fraud after a resident provided banking information to a subject online to repair their computer. The subject transferred funds through online banking while providing the repair services. The case remains open as the officer attempts to identify the offender.
4. Officers responded to a retail theft at Sally Beauty Supply when a male subject entered the store and removed items without payment. The subject was captured on video surveillance and the officer has a possible identity of the subject. The case remains under investigation.
5. Officers responded to a personal injury motor vehicle accident which resulted in the arrest of a driver for operating while intoxicated. The driver refused all alcohol related testing and the case will be heard in municipal court.
6. Officers responded to a report of a suicidal person who was armed with a handgun. The subject had placed a call to a suicide prevention hotline and disconnected the call. Officers were able to track the caller to a location in Milwaukee and determined the caller had placed the call as a joke. Further investigation will be handled by Milwaukee.

### NORTH SHORE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### NSHD Highlights 9/22/2020: September 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> is Fall Prevention Week

As you age, the risk of falling, and fall-related problems, increases. Many adults begin to avoid activities for fear of falling but staying active can help maintain your mental and physical health, in addition to preventing future falls. Taking a few simple steps can help reduce your risk of falling.

#### Steps to Prevent Falls

- Stay physically active – maintain muscles and strength
- Have hearing and eyesight tested – even small changes in hearing or eyesight can affect balance and cause a fall
- Know the side effects of your medication – some medications can cause dizziness or sleepiness
- Get enough sleep
- Limit alcohol intake – this can affect balance and reflexes
- Stand up slowly – standing up too quickly can cause blood pressure to drop and make you feel wobbly
- Use an assistive device – canes and walkers
- Be careful when walking on wet or icy surfaces
- Wear non-skid, rubber-soled, low-heeled shoes and do not walk on smooth surfaces with socks or smooth soled shoes/slippers

#### Fall Proofing Your Home

- Have handrails on stairs
- Keep hallways, bathrooms, and other areas well lit
- Mount grab bars on inside/outside of shower or tub and near toilet
- Keep night lights in bedroom, bathroom, and hallways for evening
- Keep cords, wires, and furniture out of walking path
- Secure any rugs or carpets
- Place skid mats on any surfaces that may get wet (bathroom, kitchen, entry way, etc.)
- Do not stand on sofas or chairs to reach items out of reach – use a grab stick or ask for help
- Watch for pets
- Keep mobile phone or medical alert device on you at all times – these can be used to contact help in the event of a fall

For additional information on how to prevent falls visit: <https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/prevent-falls-and-fractures>

For information on fall-proofing your home visit: <https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/fall-proofing-your-home>

Or contact your [local agency on aging](#).



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 Wisconsin Institute for Health Aging  
 www.wiha.org

For the most recent updates on COVID-19 in the North Shore, visit our [website](#). We also encourage you to frequently monitor the [DHS website](#) and [CDC website](#).

