

# Hainesville Village News



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## **Fox Lake Sanitary Sewer District SEWER RATE INCREASE**

All properties in Union Square Townhomes, Cranberry Lake (both Single Family Homes and all Townhomes) and the Commercial corridor on Routes 120 and 134 are within the Fox Lake Sanitary Sewer District. They have declared a rate of service increase starting this January and will appear on your February bill and thereafter. The new increase is simply an increase in the rate of service and is as follows: Currently \$3.58 per 1,000 gallons will change to \$3.67 per 1,000 gallons effective January 1, 2017.

**COURTESY SNOW ASSISTANCE:** Senior Citizens and Physically Disabled may get assistance from the Village in clearing snow from the “**END of the Driveway**” after snow plowing is **COMPLETED** after a snow event. Please note that if you are required to report to a job or some commitment by a certain time the next day the Village cannot guarantee this courtesy service in time for your needs. In these situations you will need to make your own arrangements to guarantee consistent removal by a certain time. Never try to drive yourself or a household member to the hospital during a major snow event or after. Call 911 and be assured that emergency vehicles have close communication with our plow staff and they will get to you promptly regardless of whether your street has been plowed yet. They will get through and you may not! Please contact the Village Hall at 847-223-2032 to be placed on the list.



**Please dial 911 for any after-hours Public Works emergencies!**

## **Cold Weather Safety Tips**

### **Make Sure Smoke Alarms and CO Alarms are Working**

This will give you the earliest possible warning that something is wrong so you can escape safely.

### **Loss of Power**

Consider going to the home of a friend or relative who has heat rather than relying on alternative heating sources.

### **Space Heaters**

Space heaters need space, so use them in a 3-foot circle of safety; free of anything that catches fire. Space heaters are not designed to replace your central heating system, they are only designed to provide a little extra heat on a temporary basis. So be sure to turn them off when you leave the room or go to bed at night.

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Overloaded extension cords cause many space heater fires. It is best not to use extension cords with heat producing appliances, but if you must, make sure it is rated for the same wattage as the appliance and use only one.

### **Wood, Coal and Pellet Stoves**

Many serious fires start from the improper disposal of ashes from fireplaces, wood and pellet stoves. A single ember can remain hot for days, so put ashes in a metal container with a lid away from the house, the garage, the deck. Don't over fire your woodstove; an overtaxed woodstove can easily start a chimney fire.

### **Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning**

Carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning is a great risk at times like these. Using propane or charcoal grills or generators inside the garage – even with the door open – poses a serious risk of CO poisoning. Never use a gas oven for heat.

### **Generator Safety**

Use generators outdoors away from windows, doors and vents with the exhaust pointed away from the home. Don't use them inside the garage, basement or partially enclosed areas no matter how well ventilated. Never plug a generator into a wall outlet. This practice known as "backfeeding" can cause an electrocution risk to utility workers and others served by the same transformer. Plug appliances directly into the generator or use a heavy-duty outdoor-rated extension cord. Make sure the entire cord is free of cuts or tears and the plug has all three prongs including the grounding pin. Gasoline for generators should be stored outside the home in small quantities in approved containers. Remember to allow equipment to cool before refueling to prevent vapors from being ignited.

With the freezing weather now is a good time to make sure your outside spigots are turned off for the winter. Freezing could snap the unit and cause wasted water or some flooding. This is also a good time for all residents to make sure that heat in your home is maintained at a minimum of 60 degrees, especially if you plan to leave the area for the holidays. Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Water piping that runs along garage walls and outside the normal heat zones of the house can burst in these below zero temperatures. Have a neighbor or friend check your home periodically while you are away.

If your SUMP PUMP LINE is discharging in the STREET please move it as this freezes & creates dangerous ice.

**SNOWMOBILING OR ATV'S ARE NOT ALLOWED ANYWHERE WITHIN THE VILLAGE LIMITS!**



**Holiday lights and decorations should be taken down by January 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

**Mayor Soto, The Board of Trustees, and the Village Staff would like to wish all of you a safe and Happy Holiday Season!**

**VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

**December 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**