



The Village News

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The **VISION** for the Village of Forrest is that it be known for its small community values in which its residents are known for their friendliness and hospitality.

The MISSION statement for the Village of Forrest is to be committed to preserving, protecting and enhancing our unique rural community character, values, and quality of life. It's sound fiscal management, attention to improving our resident's property values and providing the community with excellent services, safety, and recreational needs shall be our guiding principles.

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We are on the Web!

www.forrestil.org

We are on Facebook

[@villageofforrest](https://www.facebook.com/villageofforrest)

Increase Water/Sewer/Garbage-June 2021

The last increase to Water Service was May 2007 & Sewer Service May 2012. Each year the landfill raises its garbage rates approximately \$1.00/ton. The Village has not increased garbage rates since May 2009. In addition, the Village has many updates that need to be done at the Water Plant and Water Tower. The cost for these updates is approximately \$500,000.00. We did studies to get the best solution for our residents.

The minimum usage will be lowered from 2500 gallons/month to 1500 gallons/month. Charges over 1500 gallons/month will stay the same at \$2.50/1000. Residential will increase \$1.50/month & Commercial Garbage will increase \$1.50/dump.

Changing the minimum gallons used

WATER

NEW

1,500 gals.....\$9.00
1,500 gals.....\$2.50 per 1,000

SEWER

NEW

1,500 gals.....\$7.50
1,500 gals.....\$5.00 per 1,000

Changing the Garbage Rate

Residential Garbage

NEW \$9.00/month

Commercial

NEW \$10.00/dump

Example:

2500 gallons **before** increase- Water \$9.00, Sewer \$7.50 & Garbage \$7.50 = \$24.00

2500 gallons **after increase** - Water \$11.50, Sewer \$12.50 & Garbage \$9.00 = \$33.00

This will go into effect for the July Utility Billing Cycle

A Reminder:

*Burn Days in the Village are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. **Bagged leaves and sticks;** and loose branches will be picked up by Village employees if set on the curb.*

DO NOT Burn in the street it is a violation, you will be fined.

DO NOT place brush, sticks, etc. on the street.

Please clean up grass clippings that are mowed into the street

VILLAGE OF FORREST 2020
WATER QUALITY REPORT
CCR REPORT (CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT)

You can find the report: on line at <https://tinyurl.com/Forrest2020CCR>

There are also copies in the Village Office located at 323 S Williams St

FRIENDLY REMINDER

As Spring is here and summer approaches, we have a lot of children playing and many residents out for morning and evening walks in the village. It is very important for drivers to be mindful of the speed, and be on the alert for our children and those out for their walking exercise. Although the speed limit is unmarked, residential streets are 20mph. It is our responsibility to make sure we drive in a reasonable and safe manner.

WEB BILL PAY & DEBIT/CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

The Village of Forrest offers online bill pay by debit/credit card payments. The link is www.allpaid.com and the payment location code (PLC) is a000za. (there is a minimum fee for this service) You can always call the office at 815-657-8226 and Lori can help you make this payment by phone.

AUTOMATIC DEBIT FROM CHECKING/SAVINGS ACCOUNT

If you would prefer to have your checking/savings auto debited for your Utility Bill, contact the Village Office and get this set up.

MOWING

We thank all who are mowing their lawns on a regular basis and complying with our "Yard Maintenance" ordinance, as we get several compliments from visitors on how "neat" the village always looks. However, as a reminder don't blow your grass in the street as it clogs the storm drains and will cause storm water backups and flooding when it rains.

FORREST PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library is located at 301 W James St. If you would like to reserve the Community Room you would need to contact the Library at 815-657-8805. You can go to a FREE YOGA class every Tuesday & Thursday starting at 5:00pm. Follow their FB page and their website www.forrestlibrary.com

Dates to Remember

1. May 31st
(Monday)
Memorial Day-
No Garbage
pick up
2. June 20th
Father's Day
3. July 1st -5th
Village Office
will be closed
4. July 4th
Sunday- Fourth
of July
5. July 5th – No
Garbage pickup
6. July 6th-
Garbage pickup
7. August 9th
Village Board
Meeting
7:00pm
8. September 6th
Labor Day-No
Garbage pick
up
9. September 7th
Garbage pick
up
10. September 25th
Wabash
Festival (will
notify if
cancelled)
11. October 31st –
Halloween
12. November 25th-
Thanksgiving

VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall is located at 323 S Williams St.

The Monthly Board Meetings are held here the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm (unless posted otherwise). We encourage the residents of Forrest to come to these meetings. Gives everyone a chance to hear what is happening in town.

FORREST FOOD PANTRY

Where: 301 W James St- Forrest Public Library (Basement)
When: Second Saturday of the month
Time: 9:00am -11:00am
Contact: Shirley Meenen if you need assistance 815-657-8385

SOLICITORS

The Village of Forrest frequently receives inquiries regarding persons going door to door and soliciting. Please review the following information about our solicitation guidelines and some suggestions for interacting with solicitors. Solicitors within the Village of Forrest must apply for and be approved for a permit to solicit in the Village.

Per Village Ordinance solicitors must adhere to the following guidelines and rules regulating door-to-door solicitation:

- No Soliciting prior to 9:00am in the morning or after sunset
- No Soliciting on Saturdays or Sundays
- Must carry and display their permit while they are soliciting
- Solicitors are to respect our residents by being courteous and not to pressure anyone into a contract sale
- If a solicitor does not display and cannot produce a permit, they may not be licensed to solicit within Forrest and may be reported to the Fairbury Police Department by calling 815-692-3347

VILLAGE SERVICES

Yard waste (sticks, branches, leaves, etc.) are normally picked up on Wednesday or Thursday. The branches may be loose, but we require the sticks, leaves, etc. be containerized either in bags or trash can to be dumped.

For your convenience, the Village dumping site will be open every day for disposal of yard waste only if you prefer to haul it yourself. NO FURNITURE, BUILDING MATERIALS, APPLIANCE, ETC. (\$500.00 fine plus cleanup costs) are to be taken there. If this becomes a problem, we will discontinue leaving open.

DUMPSTER RENTALS

If you are cleaning out a house/garage, etc. the Village of Forrest has 2 cubic yard dumpsters to rent. You will need to contact Lori in the office to fill out the rental agreement. Rental fee is \$25.00 per dump or \$40.00 per dump of shingles/construction materials.

PARK RESERVATIONS

Anyone wishing to reserve the park for your upcoming event may contact Lori at the Village Office (815-657-8226). The park will be reserved for your use for a donation usually \$25.00 for the open pavilion or for a set fee of \$50.00 for the closed. In addition, the pavilion by the hotel will also be available for a \$50.00 fee.

STREET LIGHT OUTAGE

If there is a street light out in your area you may call Ameren at 800-755-5000

- There will be an option to report Street Light, you will need to make sure you give them the address of the street light and they will have it taken care of.
- If you would rather contact the Village Office at 815-657-8226, please make sure you have the following information:
Location of street light (an address in proximity to light)

How to Connect with Upcoming Events in Forrest

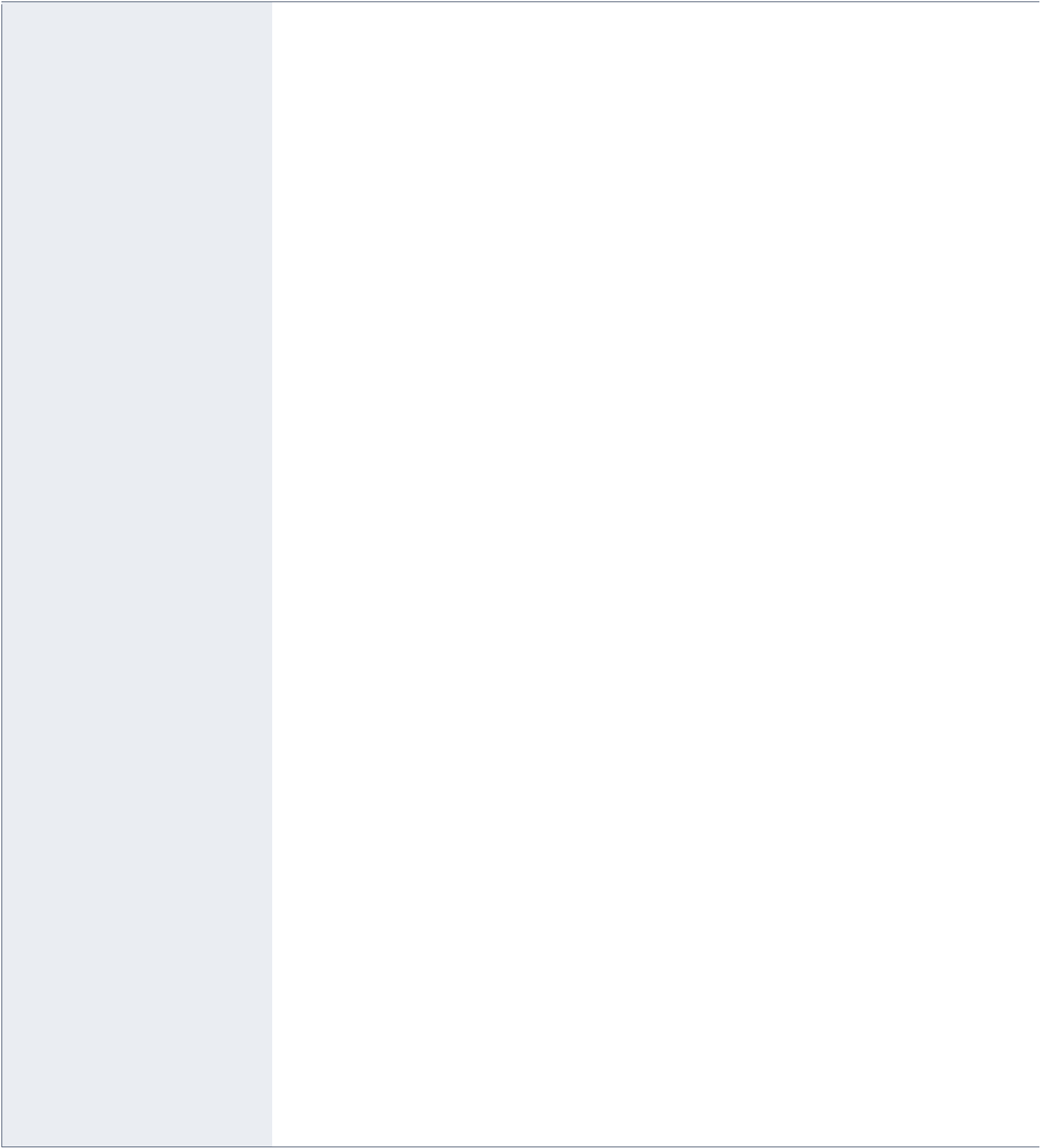
If you are able to log into Facebook, the Village has a page. Search @villageofforrest once there like our page and stay up to date on current news in or around our community.

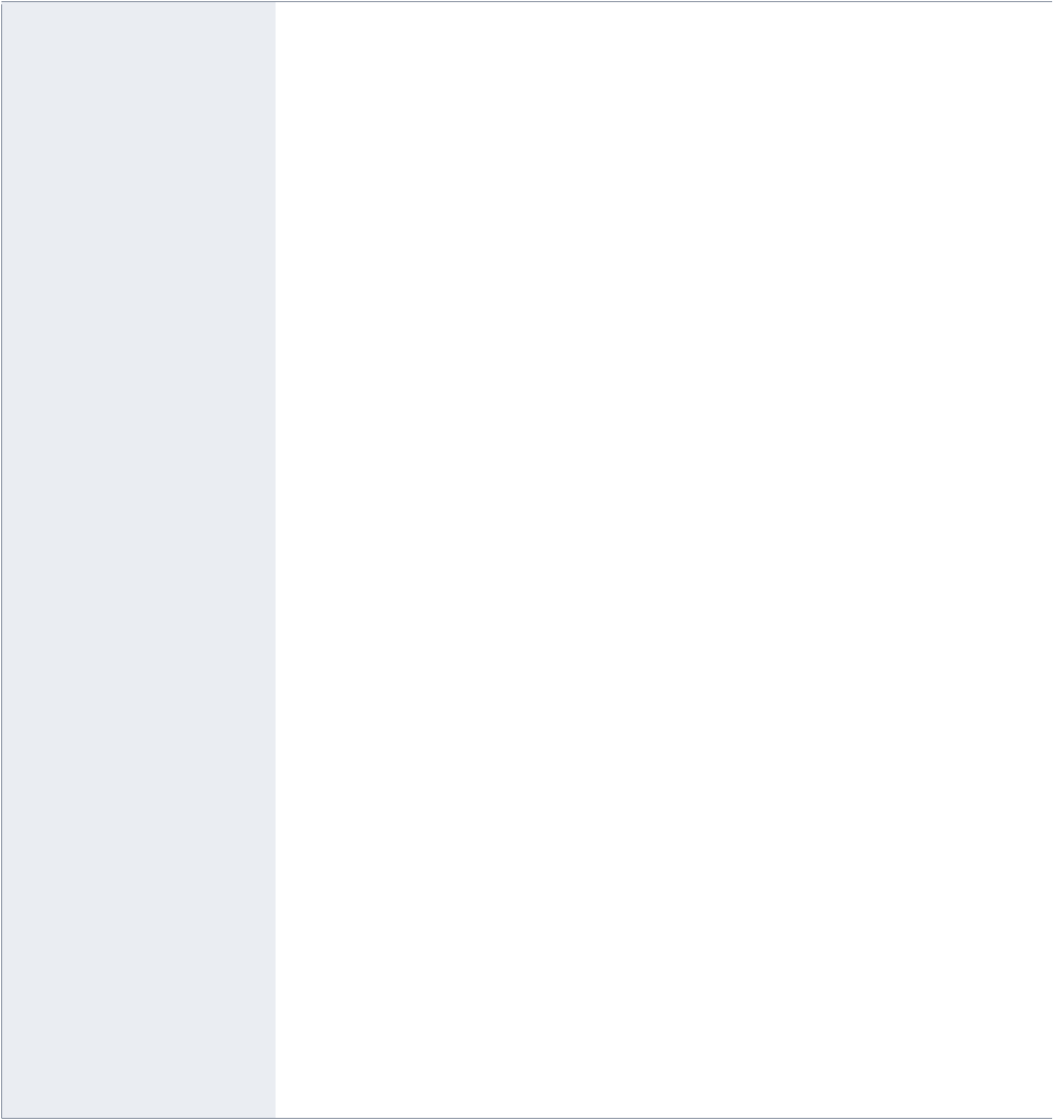
Also check out the Village of Forrest Website at www.forrestil.org or www.centralilattractions.com

Reminder:

- Utility Bills are due the 20th of each month
- Please keep your dogs on a leash while walking them and clean up after them
- Please clean up mowed grass clippings from the street

Have a safe and happy Spring and Summer from all of us at the Village of Forrest





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