

Village Vision

Progress  Pride  Community

Happy Thanksgiving!



Forsyth Veterans Memorial Dedication & Ribbon Cutting

Wednesday, November 11 - 11:00 a.m.

740 W Forsyth Pkwy - All Are Welcome

Join the Village of Forsyth as we dedicate our new Veterans Memorial—a lasting tribute to the men and women who have served our country.

This special ceremony will include a ribbon cutting, recognition of our veterans, and a flag-folding presentation by our local FFA students. We are honored to welcome local veteran Ed Culp as part of the program.

Together, we will honor the service, sacrifice, and dedication of those who have worn our nation's uniform and celebrate a place where their contributions will be remembered for generations.

Veterans, active-duty service members, military families, and the entire community are invited to attend. Please help us spread the word and invite a veteran to join you.

We look forward to sharing this meaningful occasion with our community.

Village Hall, 301 US-51, Forsyth 62535 - 217-877-9445 - forsyth-il.gov - facebook.com/Forsythil/

Forsyth Public Library, 268 S Elwood St, Forsyth, IL 62535 - 217-877-8174 - forsythlibrary.com
forsythpubliclibrary1@gmail.com - <https://www.facebook.com/ForsythPublicLibrary>



Feed the Need Food Drive

Beginning Monday, November 2 through Saturday,

November 7, FPL will be holding a food drive in support of our Feed the Need Food Shelf. We've noticed that the need within our community continues to grow and the library is very appreciative of all those who have made it their mission to keep the shelves stocked and ready.

Non-perishable donations including cereal, pasta and sauce, peanut butter, jelly, canned chicken or tuna, soups, pancake mix, flavored rice packets, and baking mixes are requested. Prefer not to grocery shop? FPL is happy to accept cash and check donations that our staff will use to purchase items to fill the Feed the Need shelf.

Looking to make an even bigger impact on your community? We would be thrilled to talk to you about setting up a regular monthly donation in an amount of your choosing to help us keep the shelf stocked year-round. Please call FPL at 217-877-8174 or email Library Director Melanie Weigel at mweigel@forsyth-il.gov for more information.

Feed the Need is designed to be a "Take What You Need, Leave What You Can" resource. The shelf is located just inside the library available during normal library hours:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

For questions, visit our circulation desk or call 217-877-8174.

Upcoming Family Events at FPL

Story Time at the Library

Fridays at 10:00 a.m., Ages 2 to 5, siblings welcome

Nov 6 - Owls are a Hoot

Nov 13 - A Bear-y Good Time

Nov 20 - Happy Thanksgiving!



Nov 27 - **NO** Story Time;
CLOSED for the
Thanksgiving Holiday

Library Lapsit for 2 & Under

Wednesdays, 9:30 am. - Siblings Welcome
(No lapsit on Nov. 11 and 25)

Join us for our parent and toddler program, Library Lapsit.

Parents participate in interactive activities with their

children such as stories, finger play and music. Caregivers and parents can also enjoy some adult time while the littles play and socialize with others.



Legos with Lainey - Builders Club

1st Thursday of each month

5:30 p.m. - All Ages Welcome

Join our resident Lego fan and Master Builder, Lainey, for lots of brick-building fun. She might suggest a specific theme, maybe a member challenge, or simply a random build night.



Kids' Club for Grades K-6

Mondays @ 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

(No Kid's Club Nov. 23)



Join us every Monday afternoon for our Kids' Club! Kids in Kindergarten through 6th Grade will participate in a variety of activities including art projects, STEM experiments, creative crafts and engineering & building challenges led by our FPL Youth Services staff. We can't wait for your kiddo to join the fun!

Registration Required at:

<https://www.forsythlibrary.com/o/fpl/page/registration>

Saturday Family Drop-ins - All Ages Welcome

All Drop-ins 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays - Everyone Welcome

Nov 7 - Tissue Paper Pumpkin Pie Drop-in: We're getting excited about Thanksgiving & pumpkin pie. Create a slice of the season with tissue paper & glue!

Nov 14 - Pop Goes the Turkey Drop-in: Have some fun creating an inflatable Thanksgiving turkey from a rubber glove. All it takes is a little breath and up he goes!

Nov 21 - Winter Tile Coasters Drop-in: Make a decoupage drink coaster from a tile and napkins or design the tile yourself using Sharpies and Mod Podge to seal it.



Family Reading Night at FPL

Thurs, Nov 19 - 4 to 7 p.m.
with a visit from Pawprint Ministries
5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Snuggle up and enjoy a book or two with your family during Family Reading Night, an annual statewide event held to encourage families to read together. From 5:00 to 6:00, meet some of the comfort dog teams of Pawprint Ministries. You'll have the chance to return the love that these wonderful canines and teams bring to the community.

Snacks will be provided. Families can enter to win a special Family Reading Gift Basket, valued at \$75.

Lofi Cafe
GRADES 7TH THRU 12TH

**3RD TUESDAY OF
THE MONTH
5:30 P.M.
DRINKS & SNACKS
PROVIDED**

Teens - come unplug and put your phone away at our Lofi Cafe. Get creative with your hands and enjoy low-key activities, chat with your friends and enjoy plenty of snacks in this teens-only environment.

No sign up required - just come hang out!

Adult Programs and Events

Chair Yoga at the Library

Mondays & Wednesdays - 11:00 a.m.
(No yoga on Nov. 11)

Get your yoga on twice a week at the library in the Community Room! If you have your own gear, please bring it as our supplies are limited. Ages 16 and up are welcome to attend.



Coffee Talk

Every Thursday at 9:30 a.m.
NO CoffeeTalk November 26

Coffee Talk is going strong at the library and you're welcome to join our regulars. Don't miss a morning of hot coffee and warm conversation. There will be tasty snacks, as well, so stop on in and become a Coffee Talk regular!!

Mahjong Monday

1st & 3rd Monday
each month, 1:00 p.m.
Registration Required

Interested in giving the game of Mahjong a try? FPL is offering Mahjong Mondays. New and experienced players alike are invited to join. Call the library at 217-877-8174 to register.



Final Bingo! at the Library for 2026

Tuesday, November 10 - 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
Registration Required

Games, prizes, raffles, tasty snacks and fun with friends - you can't ask for more! We look forward to seeing you.

Register online at: <https://www.forsythlibrary.com/o/fpl/page/registration>

Adult Winter Berry Snowman Program

Monday, November 2 - 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Registration Required

Join us to transform a recycled paper tube into an adorable snowman ornament. Everything you need to complete the project is provided. Think it looks difficult? This whimsical winter craft is much easier than it looks. Registration is required for ages 18+ as spots are limited.

Register online at:

<https://www.forsythlibrary.com/o/fpl/page/registration>





Rudolph's Village Market is back!

**Join us December 4 & 5 from 4:00–8:00 p.m.
each evening for holiday shopping and
festive fun in Forsyth!**

- Shop local vendors for unique gifts, handmade items, and delicious treats
 - Celebrate the season with a Christmas tree lighting
 - Enjoy activities for the kids
 - Make s'mores and sweet holiday memories
 - Get into the Christmas spirit with caroling
- Plus more holiday fun!**

The market is an outdoor event, with vendors gathered under one large tent. Bundle up, bring your family and friends, and enjoy the magic of the season!

Follow our Facebook page for the tree lighting time, activity schedule, vendor updates, and more details as we get closer!





4th Annual Forsyth Public Library Tree Decorating Party

Tuesday, December 1

5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Bring the Family!

The holidays are upon us and we're inviting our patrons, friends and neighbors to join us for a memorable evening of family fun. Stop in between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 1 to help us decorate our holiday trees, as well as share in holiday treats and beverages.

Santa will start off the festivities with a reading of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* at 5:15 p.m. Following the story, FPL staff will be on hand to take photos with Santa. Printed photos will be available to take home. There will be paper ornaments for the kids to decorate and hang on our tree, as well as beautiful traditional ornaments.

Join us and watch the library come alive with holiday spirit. Be sure to bring the family and become a part of our library holiday tradition.

Adult Programs and Events continued...

Mobile DMV hosted by Rep. Deering

Monday, November 23 - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

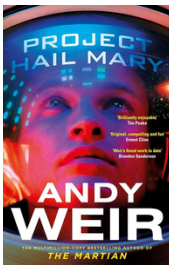
Registration Required

Representatives of the Secretary of State's office will be on hand to assist with renewing or correcting driver's licenses, converting existing standard driver's licenses into REAL ID driver's licenses, obtaining renewed or first time Standard or REAL state IDs, issuing free state IDs for seniors aged 65 or older, and purchasing license plate stickers. Attendees can also register to be an organ donor/tissue donor and register to vote while applying for a driver's license or identification card.

Registration will open 1 month before the event. Please contact Rep. Deering's office directly at (217) 876-1968 with further questions.

FPL Book Clubs

Food for Thought Book Group - 2nd Thursday at 6:00 p.m.



Food for Thought book discussion group meets in-person at FPL to review the chosen book of the month while also enjoying a light snack. Any interested adults are encouraged to join the group.

The Food for Thought book for November:

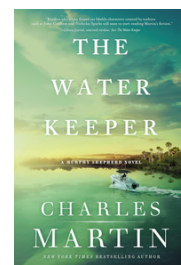
November 12 - We will discuss the novel and now a popular movie, *Project Hail Mary* by author, Andy Weir.

Bookkeepers Book Group - 3rd Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Bookkeepers discussion group meets in-person to talk over the book chosen for that month. All interested adults are welcome to join the group.

Our Bookkeepers book for November:

November 20 - We will talk about the book, *The Water Keeper* by Charles Martin.



In Other News...

Village of Forsyth Holiday Closings

Village Hall, Forsyth Public Library and Public Works will be **CLOSED** on Wednesday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day and will reopen on Thursday, November 12 with regular hours for all.

All three Village entities will also be **CLOSED** on:

- Thursday, November 26, Friday, November 27 and Saturday, November 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday. All will reopen with regular hours on Monday, November 30.
- Thursday, December 24, Friday, December 25, and Saturday, December 26 for the Christmas Holiday. All will reopen with regular hours on Monday, December 28.

Coats for Kids Donations at FPL

Founded in 1992 by Barb Blakey in partnership with WAND, Coats for Kids has grown into a community tradition made possible through the generosity of local cleaners, businesses, organizations, volunteers and donors.

This year, Forsyth Library is proud to serve as a collection spot for Coats for Kids. **Beginning in November**, there will be a drop box inside the library where we'll accept gently worn or new coats of any size, plus hats, gloves, mittens and scarves. **Volunteers with Dove, Inc. will pick up the coats weekly** and distribute them to local cleaners. Last year Coats for Kids was able to provide over 400 freshly laundered items to kids and adults due to the generosity of those in our community.



Warm a body and a heart this winter - donate to Coats for Kids



November Celebrations

November
Nat'l Family
Literacy Month



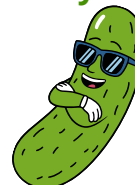
November
No-Shave
November



November 11
Veteran's Day



November 14
National Pickle
Day



November 26
Happy
Thanksgiving!



A Reminder Regarding the Village's FREE Limb Pickup Program

Limb pickup occurs every Monday from the first Monday in April through the first Monday in December. This service is intended to assist residents with normal residential limb cleanup and storm debris.

To help crews complete pickups safely and efficiently, residents are reminded of the following program guidelines:

- Limbs must be no larger than 10 inches in diameter and 8 feet in length
- Limbs should be placed near the street, not in the street
- Limbs should be stacked neatly to allow for safe pickup
- Smaller limbs and brush that fit inside your garbage receptacle or lawn bags should be disposed of through your regular garbage service
- The program is not intended for full tree removals or large-scale clearing projects
- If a professional tree service or contractor performs the work, the contractor is responsible for removal and disposal
- Following significant storm or high wind events, special consideration may be given based on circumstances and staff availability.

In recent years, Village crews have often attempted to assist residents by collecting items outside of the program guidelines. However, the increasing volume and size of pickups is significantly impacting other Public Works responsibilities throughout the Village. As a result, staff will be more strictly enforcing the existing program requirements moving forward.

Residents should also be aware that excessively large piles may require heavy equipment, such as a backhoe, for removal. Use of this equipment may result in damage to grass or sod areas near the pickup location.

The Village appreciates the cooperation and understanding of residents as we work to continue offering this valuable service at no additional cost to the community.



2026 SAVE THE DATE



Success!

MAY 1-2

Village Rummage Sales

Success!

MAY 4-9

Clean Up Week

Success!

JUNE 19-20

Forsyth Fest

Success!

OCTOBER 2

Forsyth Fall Fest

DECEMBER 4-5

Rudolph's Village Market

CALLING ALL VENDORS!

Our **2026 Forsyth Event Calendar** is set, and we are excited to start planning for another great year!

If you are a craft, baked goods, or item vendor OR a food truck vendor, we invite you to sign up to receive more information about upcoming opportunities.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49ABAD2DA2FB6-63379187-2026>

Signing up does not commit you to participate—it simply ensures you will receive event details as they become available. It also does not guarantee a spot, as we work to balance vendor variety and space for each event.

A few quick notes:

- Craft/Baked Goods/Item vendors – there is no charge for most events (with the exception of Rudolph's Village Market)
 - Food Truck vendors – details will be shared as events are finalized.
- We love supporting local vendors and hope to work with you again in 2026!

*Watch for spam posts - you will only sign up with Jill and do not pay any money online!

Please feel free to share with others who may be interested.

Food Pantries in Macon County

Macon County Food Pantry 2025

- AMELCA 1st Evangelical Lutheran Church - 250 W. Decatur St., Decatur IL - (217) 423-7783
Every Wednesday 10 a.m.-Noon (Bring photo ID)
- Catholic Charities Decatur Pantry - 239 W. Prairie St., Decatur IL - (217) 428-3458 ext. 237
Mon., Tue., Wed., & Friday 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
- Helping Hands 1st Church of the Nazarene (behind the church) - 1177 W. Hickory Point Rd., Forsyth IL - (217) 875-0616
3rd Thursday 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 2nd & 4th Saturday 10 a.m.-Noon
- Hopeful Heart Ministries - 1645 S. 44th St., Decatur IL - (217) 423-4264
Saturday after the first full week of each month, 10:30 a.m.- Noon (ID required)
- Northwest Christian Church - 1306 N. Stanley Dr., Decatur IL - (217) 429-4278
Tuesdays 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
- Old King's Orchard Community Center - 815 N. Church St., Decatur IL - (217) 428-2782
Check website/Facebook for dates and time(s)
- Community Food Pantry - 833 W. Pershing Rd., Decatur IL - (217) 877-7224
Life Builders Church, November 3 and December 8, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
<https://www.lifebuilderscog.org/>
- New Vision Food Pantry - 550 N. Van Dyke, Decatur IL - (217) 423-7333
Mondays 3 p.m.-7 p.m. (two times monthly) ID required.
- Northeast Community Fund - 839 N Martin Luther King Jr Dr, Decatur IL - (217) 429-5846
Mon-Tues, Thurs-Fri 9:00 am - 2:30 pm (2 visits within 30 days) (ID required)
- The Salvation Army Pantry - 137 S. Church St., Decatur IL - (217) 429-8050
Tuesdays and Thursdays 4 p.m.-6 p.m. & Saturdays 8 a.m.-10 a.m. (Bring ID)
- Mt. Zion United Methodist - 1220 W Main St., Mt. Zion IL - (217) 864-4813
3rd Thursday of the month, 5 p.m.-6 p.m. 3rd Saturday, 9 a.m. -11 a.m.
(Must be a district resident & ID required)
- Water Street Mission Pantry - 758 N Water St, Decatur IL - (217) 424-2381
Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No ID required. Drinks and snacks available EVERY DAY

Macon County Prepared Food Location Delivery

- Good Samaritan Inn - 920 N Union St., Decatur IL 62522 - (217) 429-1455
Free Hot Lunch for all 11:30 am- 1:00 pm 7 days a week
- Elim House - 829 N Water St., Decatur IL 62523 - (217) 358-3354
Free soup, sandwiches, coffee, and tea Every Day, 5 p.m.-8 p.m.
- Empowerment Senior Center - 360 E Marietta St, Decatur IL - (217) 428-4148
Lunch for individuals aged 55+ Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Meals on Wheels - (217) 422-6611
Meals for individuals aged 60+ delivered by dedicated volunteers
Monday-Friday 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Meals on Wheels Congregate Program - (217) 428-3459
Seniors 60+ can enjoy a hot, healthy lunch served in a group setting
Lunch available Monday-Friday, noon-1:00 p.m. at various locations in Macon County

Macon County Household/Hygiene Supplies

- Helping Hands 1st Church of the Nazarene (behind the church) - 1177 W Hickory Pt Rd, Forsyth IL - (217) 875-0616
3rd Thursday 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 2nd & 4th Saturday 10 a.m.-Noon
- Empowerment Opportunity Center - 260 E Marietta St, Decatur IL - (217) 358-3354
Essential product pantry on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday and Thursday of each month (Once monthly)
9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. or until 100 bags are issued (Income verification required)

Village of Forsyth Tree Limb Pick Up

As a reminder, we must follow the below rules for the safety of our team, and we appreciate your help in these efforts:

- The Village can take limbs up to ten (10) inches in diameter and eight (8) feet in length. If your limbs are larger, please call a professional service. We do not have the equipment necessary for larger tree removal.
- If the limbs are too small, it is risky for our crew to load them in the chipper; please bag them up and leave them for the garbage companies.
- If you have limbs that are not collected, please consider the size and rules!

CURB SIDE TREE LIMB COLLECTION POLICY

Objective: To provide the Village of Forsyth residents and business owners with an economical way of disposing of tree limbs and to reduce burning within the Village of Forsyth limits.

Goal: To Collect and chip tree limbs placed in the Village of Forsyth-owned Right-Of-Way each Monday (except Holidays) and on any additional days as needed.

Exceptions: The Village of Forsyth may assist with clean-up following a major storm(s).

RULES:

1. The collection period starts on the first Monday in March and ends on the last Monday in November.
2. Tree limbs must be placed in the Village of Forsyth's Right-Of-Way for collection by 8:00 AM of the collection day.
3. If a resident or business owner hires a commercial tree trimming company to cut down a tree, trim a tree, or remove branches and/or limbs, the commercial contractor is responsible for removing ALL the tree, limbs, branches, etc. The Village of Forsyth will not remove the tree, limbs, or branches.
4. If a resident and/or family member (or acquaintance) cuts down a tree, the resident is responsible for the removal of the tree. The Village of Forsyth will not remove the tree.
5. Tree limb is defined as a limb removed from the trunk of a tree. The Village of Forsyth will not remove trunks and root balls.
6. The Village of Forsyth has a right to refuse the removal of any landscape/yard waste deemed not to be a tree limb. Some examples of landscape/yard waste (but not limited to) are: grass clippings, pine needles, mulch, shrubs, flowers, plants, bushes, small sticks, and twigs. The Village of Forsyth will not pick up anything with thorns.

Note: Your waste removal provider may offer yard waste totes for use, and the Village of Forsyth allows the burning of these items (see burn ordinance for additional information).

Lawn Clippings

It's hard to believe that something as natural as grass clippings can be harmful. While organic and healthy for your lawn, grass clippings can cause problems if they enter the Village's storm sewers. Since this is the season of moving and mulching, it is an excellent time to remind residents that we can help reduce pollution by keeping litter, including grass clippings, off our streets.

This is a simple way for anyone to pitch in and do their small part to reduce the number of pollutants in our Village storm sewers. The Village of Forsyth complies with federal mandates regarding stormwater management. Dumping any waste into catch basins is prohibited and subject to a fine.

With that in mind, residents are encouraged not to leave grass clipping in the street and on sidewalks. Any waste that doesn't get cleaned up - even when it seems as harmless and natural as grass clippings - will likely make its way to our storm sewer system and potentially cause backups. Thanks for your help in this critical matter!

Know the Rules Ride Safe. Ride Smart. Ride Ready.

Device Type	Image	Description	Speed Capability	Current Law	SB 3484
Low-Speed Electric Bicycle*		A bicycle with fully operable pedals and electric motor less than 750 watts. Class 1 Pedal-Assist (Up to 20 mph): Motor only works when you pedal. No throttle. Class 2 Throttle-Assist (Up to 20 mph): Motor can power the bike without pedaling. Class 3 Pedal-Assist (Up to 28 mph): Motor only works when you pedal. Fastest current classification.	20–28 mph	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed on streets, bike lanes, bike paths, and shared-use trails. Prohibited on sidewalks. Class 3 rider must be at least 16 years old. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed on streets, bike lanes, bike paths, and shared-use trails. Prohibited on sidewalks. Class 1 and 2 operators must be 15; Class 3 operators must be at least 16 years old; must be 18 to have a passenger unless they are a sibling, stepsibling, child, or stepchild of the operator.
High-Speed Electric Bicycle		Pedal bicycle with an electric motor of 750+ watts that can travel faster than 28 mph.	Up to 50+ mph	NO REGULATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulated as a motor-driven cycle. Valid driver's license, title, registration, and insurance required. Prohibited on sidewalks, bike lanes, and bike paths
E-Moto		Electric motor bike with a 750+ watt motor that can travel faster than 28 mph.	Up to 50+ mph	NO REGULATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulated as a motor-driven cycle. Valid driver's license, title, registration, and insurance required. Prohibited on sidewalks, bike lanes, and bike paths.
Electric Unicycle*		Self-balancing one-wheeled device with an electric propulsion system.	Up to 50+ mph	NO REGULATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulated as an electric micromobility device. Operators must be 16. Prohibited from operating over 28 mph and on sidewalks Allowed on bike lanes, bike paths, and roads with speed limits up to 35 mph; allowed on roads with speed limits over 35 mph IF there is a bike lane.
Electric Skateboard*		Skateboard powered by an electric motor that can travel 15–40 mph.	14-40 mph	NO REGULATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulated as an electric micromobility device. Operators must be 16. Prohibited from operating over 28 mph and on sidewalks Allowed on bike lanes, bike paths, and roads with speed limits up to 35 mph; allowed on roads with speed limits over 35 mph IF there is a bike lane.
Low-Speed Electric Scooter*		A device with 2–3 wheels, handlebars, and a floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, powered by an electric motor and human power with a maximum speed over 20 mph.	10-20 mph	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulation limited to scooters capable of traveling up to 10 mph. Rider must be at least 18. Use on streets, bike lanes, bike paths, and shared-use trails, regulated locally. Prohibited on streets with speed limit over 35 mph and state highways. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes scooters up to 15 mph, regulated as an electric micromobility device. Must be 16. Prohibited from operating on sidewalks. Allowed on bike lanes, bike paths, and roads with speed limits up to 35 mph; allowed on roads with speed limits over 35 mph IF there is a bike lane.
High-Speed Electric Scooter*		A device with 2–3 wheels, handlebars, and a floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, powered by an electric motor and human power with a maximum speed over 20 mph.	Up to 50+ mph	NO REGULATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes scooters up to 15 mph, regulated as an electric micromobility device. Must be 16. Prohibited from operating over 28 mph on sidewalks. Allowed on bike lanes, bike paths, and roads with speed limits up to 35 mph; allowed on roads with speed limits over 35 mph IF there is a bike lane.
Toy Vehicle		Battery-powered toy device operating up to 10 mph, specifically designed for children under 8.	Up to 10 mph	NO REGULATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed on sidewalks and bike paths unless prohibited locally.