



FOX POINT

files

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Fox Point Foundation



The Fox Point Foundation

The Fox Point Foundation is a philanthropic organization that supports special village projects and events. The Foundation funds various programs – from sponsoring the Fourth of July parade and ice cream social and the Farmer’s Market, to the more recently added events of the Summer Serenade concerts and the Winter Blast at the Longacre ice rink. The Foundation also supports the community in more general terms through funding of various causes such as the Fox Point Farmer’s Market, Friends of Doctors Park, the North Shore Library, buckthorn removal by the Indian Creek Stewardship Group, the recently rebuilt Bridge Lane footbridge, and activities associated with the Fox Point pool.



The Fourth of July parade starts at 9am outside the police station and continues on to Longacre pavilion for a free ice cream social. Police cars, fire trucks, bands, and convertibles conveying higher ranking elected officials will be in the parade, and children are encouraged to decorate their bikes or wagons and join in the parade. The village trustees, wearing their distinctive hats, march on foot. Everyone meets at the pavilion for a morning of ice cream, drinks, games, and music.

In short, the Fox Point Foundation and village residents work together to make Fox Point a special place to live.

The Fox Point Foundation was organized in 1976 as a non-stock corporation. It is a tax exempt, not-for-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3). Its board of directors consists of twelve members. Chris Mehring has been a board member since 2007 and has served as president since 2013. Jaime Druck has been a board member since 2009 and is serving her first year as vice president. The board meets on the first Thursday approximately every other month taking the summer off. The annual meeting is in December. All of the Fox Point Foundation’s meetings are open to the public.

The Foundation aims to sponsor an event each quarter. Originally, the Foundation sponsored the Fourth of July festivities and that was basically it. Since then, sponsorships have expanded to include the Summer Serenade concerts on the lawn outside of Longacre pavilion, which will consist of two separate concerts this summer, July 13 and August 17. The Summer Serenade includes musical entertainment, picnic facilities, and food trucks. It’s a great place for the community to come together in the summertime and hang out with other residents as the kids run around to the music.

The Winter Blast takes place in January at the Longacre ice rink. There are live demonstrations by staff (and birds of prey) from the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center Raptor program, pizza, hot chocolate and cookies, and other fun activities.

The Farmer’s Market runs from June to October every Saturday morning outside of Stormonth School. The Foundation supports the market financially and sponsors musical entertainment. The Foundation also provides caramel apples and cider on the last day of the market in October.

The Foundation raises money through its annual appeal. It has an operating budget of approximately \$8,000 per year. Its endowment stands at about \$25,000.

The Foundation exists for all of us—something to get involved with and support. For more information, please visit the Fox Point Foundation Facebook page at Facebook.com/FoxPointFoundation or at its soon to be launched website at FoxPointFoundation.com.

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