

Fox Point

TIME TO GET RID OF LEAVES

The Public Works crews collect loose leaves (not in containers) from October 1st to November 30th. Leaf piles should be placed between the bottom of the ditch and the shoulder of the road, away from sign posts, mail box posts, and fire hydrants. Leaf piles should not be placed on the asphalt portion of the roadway, as doing so can cause a traffic hazard. Yard waste (small sticks, branches, plants, pumpkins, planters, and similar types of vegetation) should not be placed with leaf piles. The leaf collection machinery is not capable of picking up this yard waste. Village crews collect leaves along each street generally once a week. Unfavorable weather conditions or unexpected equipment malfunctions may adversely affect this collection routine. Should snow plows disturb leaf piles, residents must re-rake/re-stack the leaves.

INDIAN CREEK WOODS STEWARDSHIP GROUP

This fall, volunteers will again aggressively attack the remaining buckthorn plants in the woods. We are very encouraged by the results of several years work to eliminate this invasive species. We will meet on four Saturday mornings - October 30, and November 6, 13, and 20 - at 9:00 a.m. at either the Information Board near the Spooner Road parking lot or end of Mohawk Road. Our work coincides with Buckthorn Awareness Month (November) in Fox Point. In November, most native plants turn color and drop their leaves, while buckthorn remains dark green and stands out among the remaining vegetation. Check the Information Board for pictures and information on Buckthorn and Garlic Mustard. Additional information is available at the Village Hall.



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VILLAGE ANTECEDENTS: LAND SALE IN GREEN BAY

The speculators at the 1835 U.S. government land sale in the City of Green Bay were not, of course, the first inhabitants of the territory that became the Village of Fox Point or the first owners of the land. Native American sovereignty had ended just a few years before. On February 8, 1831 the Menomonee tribe signed a treaty in Washington, D.C. that ceded territories east of the Milwaukee River. The government surveyed the land in 1833. Two years later, the U.S. land office sold the territory in tracts of 160 acres or more. The price was \$1.25 per acre. A considerable portion of what became the village was purchased by William B. Slaughter. Slaughter, the Andrew Jackson-appointed register of the land office in Green Bay and the manager of the sale, is remembered as the original Fox Point insider.

The Town of Milwaukee, created in 1838, included all of Milwaukee County north of Greenfield Road - including what is now Fox Point. Fox Point acquired its name from the early surveyors who noted that the point of land at Doctor's Park that extended out into the lake resembled the head or nose of a fox. No evidence exists that the village bears the name of a Mr. Fox or that the name recalls an abundance of foxes in the area. Eventually Fox Point, like the other north shore communities, separated from the Town of Milwaukee. Whitefish Bay incorporated as a village in 1892, followed by East Milwaukee (Shorewood) in 1900 and Fox Point in 1926.

The first settler in present day Fox Point was Cephas Buttles. Buttles built a log cabin in 1843 at the present intersection of Bradley Road and I-43. Anson Buttles, his son, became the area's leading citizen from 1850 until his death in 1905. Buttles Drive, in Bayside, honors the family name.



Dutch settlers (Hollanders) arrived. They established homesteads and cleared the land. Green Bay Road and Port Washington Road were the main thoroughfares north from Milwaukee. Both were rutted and muddy wagon roads that traced the original Native American paths. Port Washington Road, in fact, was the old Sauk Indian trail. Soon all that visibly remained of Fox Point's original inhabitants were Indian mounds in what is now Kletch Park. By 1926, those were consumed by farming and gravel operations.

Signs of the early European inhabitants remain. The village has preserved the burial ground and site of an 1852 log cabin school house (The Lake School) on the bluff at the eastern end of Fox Lane. In 1848 settlers established Union Cemetery and another log cabin school house (The Lyons School) on the property just east of Port Washington Road between Sears and Pier 1. Take a walk through. It's easy to spot stones from the 1860s.

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