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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

26 & 27 **Thanksgiving Holiday** (Village Offices Closed)

27..... **H-F Park District's Sixth Annual ButterBall Burner Fun Run**
Homewood Estates Park, 9:00 AM
Call the H-F Park District at (708) 957-0300

DECEMBER

4 **Holiday Lights in Homewood & Radiance on Ridge**
Downtown Homewood / Irwin Park, 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Call Village Hall at (708) 798-3000

21..... **Winter Begins**

24, 25, 26... **Winter Holiday** (Village Offices Closed)

31..... **New Year's Eve Day Celebration**
Village Hall Auditorium / 2010 Chestnut Road, 11 AM to 1 PM
Call Village Hall at (708) 798-3000

JANUARY

1 & 2 **New Year's Day Holiday** (Village Offices Closed)

18..... **Martin Luther King Day** (Village Offices Closed)

31..... **Community Auction, Save Your Receipts Purchasing Deadline**

FEBRUARY

14..... **Community Auction**
H-F High School, 999 Kedzie Avenue (Flossmoor)
South Building Cafeteria, Noon to 4:00 PM
Call the Homewood Area Chamber at (708) 206-3384

18..... **Presidents Day** (Village Offices Closed)

20..... **Chocolate Fest**
H-F Park District Auditorium, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Call Village Hall at (708) 798-3000



VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Village Hall Board Room, 2020 Chestnut Road. Committee of the Whole meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays, as announced. The public is invited to all meetings and they may introduce appropriate items not listed on the agenda.

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Richard A. Hofeld

VILLAGE CLERK
Gayle Campbell

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Trustee Ray Robertson
Trustee Joe Casella
Trustee Thomas W. Kataras
Trustee Glenn Tienstra

BOARD, COMMISSION & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings are held at the Village Hall, 2020 Chestnut Road. A monthly schedule of all meetings is posted in the lobby of the Village Hall or visit the calendar online at homesweethomewood.com

Appearance Commission
Beautification Committee
Cable TV Commission
Committee of the Whole
Community Relations Commission
Economic Development Committee
Fire and Police Commission
Heritage Committee
Homewood Rail Committee

Plan Commission
Police Chief's Citizens Advisory Committee
Senior Advisory Committee
Stormwater Resource Committee
Tree Committee
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Village Board of Trustees
Zone Board of Appeals

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Public Works Dept.	206-3470
Building Dept.	206-3858
Community Development	206-3385
After Hours Water Emergency.....	798-2131
Prop. Maint./Code Enforcement	206-3858
Homewood Public Library	798-0121
Homewood Post Office	798-5762
Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce	206-3384
Homewood-Flossmoor Park District	957-0300
Marie Irwin Community Center.....	957-7275
H-F Senior Activity Center	957-7275
Racquet & Fitness Club.....	799-1323
Ice Arena.....	957-0100
Dolphin Lake Pool.....	798-0085
Lions Club Pool.....	799-2223
School District 153	799-5661
School District 161	647-7000
Homewood Flossmoor High School.....	799-3000
St. Joseph School.....	798-0467
Homewood Community Academy.....	799-6912

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Richard A. Hofel
Village President

As 2009 winds down it is good to reflect upon a few unique Homewood business opportunities. In spite of an economy where some businesses are not expanding and others have closed their doors, we in Homewood, have been very fortunate. We do have

stores. The former Baker's Square on Dixie Highway and Texas T-Bone on Halsted Street are also prime sites for future development. Wouldn't a Famous Dave's, Potbelly's, Sonic or T.G.I. Friday's fill those sites nicely? It isn't for lack of trying.

always about the desirability of being in Homewood.

Recently I was in a western suburb, where on one street there were at least five restaurants, one right next to the other, offering a variety of food choices. Customers there have a choice of Italian,

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some business vacancies in the downtown, most notably the former Three Brothers and Balagio's restaurant sites, where we continue to work with property owners and prospective tenants, but compared to other towns we have fewer empty

Whenever I meet someone associated with the food industry I try to “spread the word” of the restaurant opportunities in Homewood. Whether the person is a restaurateur or business associate of someone who is, the message is

Mexican or Cuban food, Sushi or a Chicago style hot dog or beef sandwich. All were prospering and providing diners with many options

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President's Message

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at mid-level to inexpensive prices.

I believe that the Three Brothers site lends itself well toward a desirable breakfast stop; one that would have choices such as large brunches or specialty waffles, eggs and omelets. Balagio's remains a perfect site in our charming downtown for evening dining. In my visits to developers and retailers I continue to accentuate these properties and I ask that you to do so as well. If you know of someone who may be a chef or restaurateur, or a business that you think would be interested in a Homewood location, please have them contact me. Should you frequent a restaurant or business that you would like to see in town, encourage them to do so, or seek me out. I am at the Village Hall every Saturday morning from 9:00 AM until noon. No appointment is needed, just stop on in.

Now that the winter season is here I would like to remind you of some special Homewood activities.

- Our family New Year's Eve day celebration begins at 11:00 AM on Thursday, December 31, at the Village Hall Auditorium (2010 Chestnut Road). In addition to family entertainment and healthy snacks, the annual countdown and balloon drop will take place at noon.
- The annual Chocolate Fest will be held on Saturday, February 20, again at the Village Hall Auditorium. This should give you time between now and then to perfect your best chocolate creation to enter in the chocolate bake-off contest. The contest will serve as a fundraiser for the Homewood Girl Scouts.

As this article is going to print,

I am in discussions with the ownership of Ravisloe Golf Course to see if the

course could be made available for cross-country skiing and snow-shoeing. You would provide your own equipment, but the clubhouse would be open for serving light food and warm drinks.

Information will be made available to you as soon as plans are finalized. The Homewood-Flossmoor Park District will host its Celebration of Winter event on Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Coyote Run Golf Course for those seeking outdoor activities instead of

hibernating.

Homewood's winter snowflakes are now atop the streetlights in several business districts. Watch closely, one snow-flake is different than the rest. Come to the Village Hall on a Saturday morning and tell me where it is and I'll give the first twenty five respondents a Panera Bread gift card. Good Luck!

Have a great Holiday season and a happy and healthy new year.



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SPECIAL EVENTS

6th Annual ButterBall Burner Fun Run

Friday, November 27
9:00 AM

Homewood Estates Park

Put down those leftovers, grab your running shoes and head over to the H-F Racquet & Fitness Club the morning after Thanksgiving for this annual fun run. Make fitness a gift to yourself this season! Race check in begins at 8 a.m. Club membership is not required. Registration forms are available at any park district facility or online at hfracquetandfitness.com. Advanced registration: \$10 Club Member / \$12 R / \$17 NR. Day-of-race registration: \$15 Club Member / \$15 R / \$20 NR. Code: 356515-01.



Live Nativity

Sunday, December 6
5:00 to 8:00 PM

Homewood Church

Homewood Church will host its annual Live Nativity on Sunday, December 6 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Participants will walk through the Christmas Story and gather inside for an old-fashioned Christmas party with carols, cookies, hot chocolate and a variety of crafts to take home or make as gifts. The event is free. Homewood Church is located at 18301 Governors Highway. For event details call 708-799-9360.



Santa's Calling

Monday, December 7
5:00 to 7:00 PM

Imagine your child's face when he or she receives a personal call from Santa or Mrs. Claus! Santa's elves will deliver the information



forms to the North Pole. Deadline for forms is Tuesday, Dec. 1, so Santa, Mrs. Claus and the elves have time to organize the lists! Forms are available at the Irwin Community Center, Goldberg Center and at hfparks.com. Code: 420725-02

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 12
9:00 to 10:15 AM

Irwin Community Center

Music, merriment and wishes for holiday toys will be found at this event. Children can visit with Santa and enjoy donuts, milk and orange juice. Get in the spirit with a sing a long! Digital pictures with Santa included in your fee. Register by Dec. 9. Max: 100 per session. Fee: \$6 R / \$9 NR for ages up to 6. Ages 6 month & under are free! Code: 420302-02.

Skate with Santa

Sunday, December 20
1:00 to 2:30 PM

H-F Ice Arena

Take a spin around the ice rink with Santa Claus! Event features exhibitions by our Icette Synchronized Skating teams. Refreshments will be provided. Admission: 6. Skate rental: \$4.



New Year's Eve DAY Celebration

Thursday, December 31, 2009
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

H-F Park District Auditorium

The world may tune in to Time Square (NYC) at midnight, but the Village of Homewood holds its own countdown and balloon drop – at the stroke of noon – on Thursday, December 31. The event is planned so that the entire family can bid



that special little girl(s) in your life. Daddy Daughter Date Night is packed with dancing, pictures, corsages, frame decorating and a take-home keep sake to remember the night. Digital pictures will be available at hfparks.com. Register by Thursday, Feb. 4, so you don't miss out! Max: 350 per session. Fee: \$15 R couple / \$23 NR couple; Additional girls \$7.50 R / \$11.50 NR. Code: 420301-01 for ages 4-8 (6:30-8:30)

Annual Chocolate Fest

Saturday, February 20, 2010
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

H-F Park District Auditorium

Sample scrumptious chocolate creations from renowned chocolatiers as they offer the latest and most decadent recipes. The Community Relations Commission will host its annual bake-off contest. This year, the open tasting will benefit the Homewood Girls Scouts. Bake-off applications will be available at Village Hall or online in January. Enjoy live music by the Kenneth E. Band, demonstrations from professional dessert chefs, and delicious activities for the entire family.

farewell to the departing year, and usher in the new together – with horns, hats, and balloons. Doors open at 10:30 AM. Circus Boy takes the stage at 11:00 AM, performing his unforgettable brand of stunts and physical comedy. Family photos will be available.

Celebration of Winter

Saturday, January 23, 2010
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Coyote Run Golf Course

Come on out of the house for a fun Saturday in the snow! Enjoy a winter bonfire, winter bingo, cross country ski demos, musher dog presentation, snowball accuracy throw contest, plus food specials at Northwoods Restaurant and much, much more! Go to hfparks.com for full activity schedule.

Daddy Daughter Date Night

Friday, February 5, 2010
6:30 PM (Ages 4-8)

8:30 PM (Ages 9-13)

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Hall of Fame 2009

The Heritage Committee held its annual Hall of Fame Inauguration Luncheon in October. Village President Richard Hofeld, Heritage Committee Chair Elaine Egdorf, and committee members Maureen Kelly, Joan Brazzale, Martin Monahan, and Karen Schillings inducted the following:

RICHARD R. CASEY (1925 – 1996)

Actor; Historian; Trustee, Veteran; Volunteer

Casey had a wide area of civic interest and activity. He not only served his country well during World War II and served on Village boards and committees.

For many years, he brought entertainment to area residents by bringing a drama group to Homewood.



JAMES A. COWING (1869-1946)

Banker; Citizen; Fireman; Mason; Village Clerk



NELLIE COWING (1869-1946)

Citizen; Communicator; Leader; Mason; Postmistress

The Cowings were investors in Homewood's



future. The couple was not only central to the real estate and financial development of the village, but also laid the groundwork for today's communications network.

FATHER STEPHEN SULLIVAN (1880 – 1961)

Fundraiser; Leader; Networker; Pastor; Planner

Father Sullivan's sense of duty extended far beyond his own church and parishioners. He was truly the Village's pastor during very trying times.



ARTHUR WELSH (1916 – 2008)

Businessman; Rotarian; Umpire; Veteran; Volunteer

Art Welsh was truly passionate about Homewood and supported a wide variety of area causes; athletic, civic, commercial, educational and patriotic.



DR. BERTRAM AND DR. MARY WOODLAND

(1922 –)
(1921 –)
Educators; Gardeners; Geologists; Historians; Volunteers



This team made Homewood a much more livable place with their conservation activities and education of the public on the local environment.

Homewood Hall of Fame Nominees were selected based upon their contributions to, and impact upon, not only the Village of Homewood but also the community beyond.

The Homewood Heritage Committee has been charged with the responsibility of highlighting the heritage and special qualities of the Village of Homewood. Its efforts, to date, have resulted in:

- Dixie Highway Recognition, including the Illinois State Historical Society Marker, located in Bicentennial Park (Dixie at Hickory); Historic Dixie Highway route signs; decorative Dixie Highway banners; and Drivin' the Dixie, an annual, day-long celebration with the towns from Blue Island to Danville.

- Sister Cities Project, which has introduced Villagers from Homewood, Illinois with counterparts in Homewood, Alabama, a Birmingham suburb, which shares many surprising similarities with Home Sweet Homewood.

- Homewood Hall of Fame inaugural with annual review of nominations from the public, including establishment of archival record book.

There are currently openings on this committee.

2010 At-a-Glance

Subscribe to receive the e-Newsire for detailed information about Homewood's Special Events Calendar

February

14 – Community Auction
20 – Chocolate Fest

May

15 – Rail Fest

June

19 – Art & Garden Street Fair, Drivin' the Dixie, and opening day of the Downtown Farmers' Market

July

Second weekend – Homewood Days

August

15 – Dog Days of Summer

September

25 – Fall Fest and Annual Chili Cook-Off

October

16 – Hobo Tales at the Rail Park

November

Second weekend – Downtown Merchants Open House

December

3 – Holiday Lights in Homewood
31 – New Year's Eve Day Celebration

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POLICE AND FIRE NEWS

Holiday Safety Tips with Officer Curt Wiest

Don't let a crook ruin your holidays! The holidays are a special time of year, but they are also a time when busy people become careless and individuals are especially vulnerable to theft and other crimes.

Out and About

Even though you're rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.

- Lock your car and close the windows, even if you're only gone a few minutes. Lock packages in the trunk.
- Wait for public transportation or rides from friends in busy, well-lit places.
- Walk confidently. Be alert-notice who passes you and who is behind you.
- Teach your children to go to a store cashier/clerk and ask for

help if you become separated in a shopping mall. They should never go into the parking lot to look for you or the car.

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible. Keep your eye on the credit card to be sure that it's used to print one slip only.
- Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse close to your body-in front of you where you can see it and cover the clasp or flap with your hand or forearm (Don't carry open-weave bags or purses without flaps or zippers). Keep a wallet in a front pants pocket or coat breast pocket.

Beware of Con Games and Frauds

- When someone asks you for a donation on the street, ask to see official identification for the

organization or the solicitor. Find out what the purpose of the charity is and how your donation will be used. Ask if contributions are tax deductible. If you're not satisfied with the answers, don't give!

- Give only to charities that you know, for those you don't, ask for a brochure or other written documentation describing the charity and how its funds are used.
- Be suspicious of charities that accept only cash. And when you send a check, make it out to the organization, not to an individual.
- When a solicitor reaches you by phone, offer to mail your donation. Don't give your credit card number over the telephone.

Protect Your Home

- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway.

• Make sure your house has the "lived in look," leaving lights and a radio on when you leave the house. Lock the doors and windows.

• If you go away, get an automatic timer for your lights and radio. Ask someone to watch over your house, shovel snow, pick up mail or stop mail and park in the driveway from time to time.

Enjoy the Holiday Season!

Keep your Fire Hydrant Clear

The Fire Department thanks all Homewood residents who maintain the fire hydrants in their yard free from snow during the winter months. Visible hydrants are imperative for the Fire Department to locate and connect when needed in a fire emergency.

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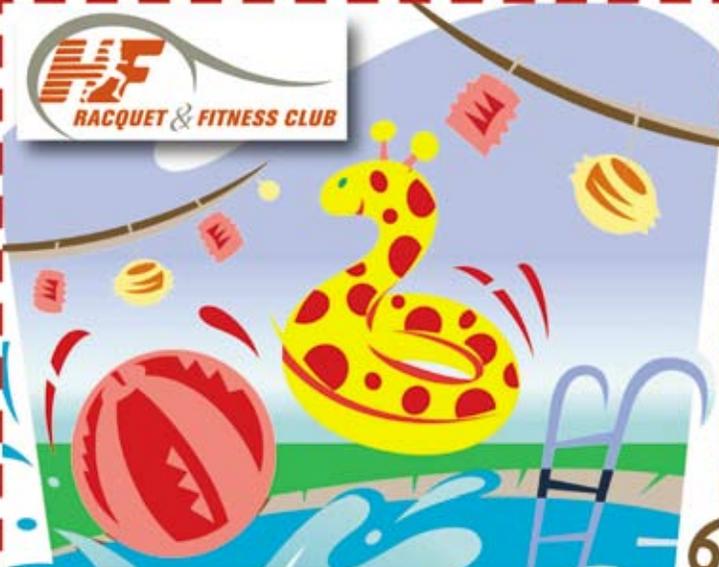
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Deputy Chief James Gannon Retires

After 35 years of distinguished service, Deputy Chief James Gannon is retiring from the Homewood Police Department on November 26, 2009. Deputy Chief Gannon joined the police department on November 11, 1974. During his career he has had many special assignments including tactical officer, tactical unit sergeant, patrol commander and support services commander. Deputy Chief Gannon has also been the supervisor of the reserve

officers and the school crossing guards.

Deputy Chief Gannon is a long time Homewood resident and as a testament to his dedication to the community he has served, Jim will immediately begin serving as a reserve officer.

We wish Jim the best of luck in his retirement.



Keep the Wreath Red

This holiday season, be sure to practice fire safety. The holiday wreath on the front of the Fire Station will contain red bulbs throughout the season, unless a fire is caused by holiday decorations in Homewood.

For each such incident, a white bulb will be added. Let's Keep the Wreath Red! The United States Fire Administration has fire safety recommendations on their web site: www.usfa.dhs.gov

Vehicle Snow/Tow Ordinance

It is mandatory that citizens remove their cars from the street for safe plowing when snowfall exceeds two (2) inches. The Department of Public Works continues to plow streets even after the snow has stopped. Repeated plowing ensures adequate removal of snow and proper salting. Do not return your vehicles to the roadway until plow trucks have ceased repeated plowing and salting. Violators are subject to ticketing and towing.

Home Heating Safety

Do you have a wood-burning fireplace? The Fire Department reminds you to have the chimney checked this heating season. This simple act can help prevent chimney fires in your home. Contact a

chimney sweep to schedule an inspection. It's also a great idea to have the heating system inspected each heating season to make sure it's up to snuff and there is no hazard of carbon monoxide in your house.

Snow Removal

When clearing your own sidewalks or driveways, it is illegal to deposit the snow on a public place such as a street or sidewalk. It is usually best to wait to clear your driveway until after Village

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Holiday Lights in Homewood

The Evening of Friday, December 4, 2009
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM • Downtown Homewood

Irwin Park (Ridge and Gottschalk)
Independence Park (Hickory and Dixie Highway)

On the evening of Friday, December 4, come out for a winter wonderland of fun in Homewood's charming downtown. This year promises to be a wonderful event creating a lifetime of memories for you and your family.



From 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, musical trolleys will take you to merchant open houses for special promotions and unique gift ideas you won't find in any mall; each merchant will host raffles and feature holiday refreshments, games and activities, and live entertainment. Trolley stops will be at designated spots throughout the downtown, and at all public parking lots, including St. Joseph's Church parking lot, Irwin Park and Independence Park.



Visit Irwin Park at 6:00 PM for hot cocoa, caroling and a bonfire, followed by the annual tree lighting ceremony, Radiance on Ridge, sponsored by the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District.



At 7:30 PM, Santa will walk with families to Independence Park located at Hickory Road and Dixie Highway for exciting ice sculpting demonstrations, warm holiday food, music, a bonfire, and an opportunity to sit and take pictures.



As part of the holiday experience, antique car owners from the Model A Ford Club will parade their bright and decorated rides for all to see, and many local churches and service groups will carol and do take-home crafts with children.

For details on trolley stops, event times and details, go to homesweethomewood.com, or call 798-3000.

Trolley rides are free, courtesy of Boggs and Schrader, CFP, Art 4 Soul, Bella Vita Home Accents, Creative Seeds, Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce, Homewood Florist, Nathalie Interiors and Gallery, Nielsen's Bakery, Super Loot, Suzie's Hallmark Shop, the Village Door, and the Homewood Economic Development Committee.

Legend

- Open House Location (throughout)
- Tree Lighting Location (Irwin Park)
- Santa Location (Irwin Park and Hickory Rd)
- Ice Sculpting Location (Hickory Road)
- Decorated Antique Car Parade Location (Hickory Road)
- Indoor Farmer's Market Location (Village Hall)
- Bonfire (Hickory Road)
- Trolley Stop (throughout)

Merchant Open Houses

Throughout Friday evening, hop on a trolley and hop off at each merchant open house. Promotions, unique gift ideas, complimentary services, raffles, and entertainment at each location. Many merchants will also hold special hours and discounts on Saturday and Sunday too. Call merchants directly for details.



Look for the open house flag at these locations



3 Creative Seeds
1948 Ridge Rd
708-799-1150

Stop in for tasty treats, great sales, wonderful inspirational gifts, unique gift baskets, home accent pieces, custom made jewelry, and so much more! Enter our raffle to win a wonderful gift basket. We also offer Event Planning Services for all occasions.

Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce
2023 Ridge Road, 2nd Floor
708-206-3384

homewoodareachamber.com
...wishing you a happy holiday! Remember to Save Your Receipts! Every purchase in town is eligible dollar for dollar at the Community Auction in February.

George Boggs, CFP and Fran Schrader, CFP
2001 Ridge Road
708-798-1508
Happy Holidays!



1 Art 4 Soul
18135 Harwood Ave
708-206-1026

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4 Homewood Florist
18064 Martin Avenue
708-798-0326

Come share the magic of the season with us! Check out our extensive line of holiday giftware and enjoy refreshments while browsing for that one-of-a-kind gift—whether an ornament or a silk centerpiece—at 20% off it's sure to put you in the spirit of giving.



2 Bella Vita Home Accents
18111 Dixie Highway
708-798-2355

Step into an "absolutely fabulous" atmosphere to help get your Christmas celebrations started—spectacularly decorated trees, and one-of-a-kind gift and party ideas. Save an additional 10% off on Christmas merchandise that is already 20% off on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Some restrictions apply. We will be serving hot chocolate and cookies. Enter our raffle for a chance to win a beautiful gift basket (one entry per family).



5 Nathalie Interiors & Gallery
2009 Ridge Road
708-647-1177

View new Vera Bradley patterns and rolling luggage; 30% off Edna Hibel litho collection; shop specials from exclusive designers, including She Beads (bracelets, necklaces, and earrings), Thyme's Lotion, Crislu Jewelry, Vance Kitira Candles, and Possible Dreams. Through Sunday, we will offer specials on home accents, accessories, and Christmas décor.





 **6 Nielsen's Bakery**
 2053 Ridge Road
 708-957-8899
 Come in and visit our store and enjoy our holiday decorations and wonderful variety of bakery products. All children under 12 can decorate their own holiday cookie, compliments of Santa and Nielsen's Bakery. Parents can sip on eggnog and browse Nielsen's wonderful products while the children work on their cookie.

gift wrapped for free. Stress free shopping in your neighborhood. Come in, your shopping will be a wonderful experience!

by and register to win a Swingin' Snoopy. On Friday from 5PM to 8PM and all day Saturday, receive \$5.00 off any purchase of \$35.00 or more.

 **11 Village Hall**
 2020 Chestnut Road
 708-798-3000
 Village Hall will host an Indoor Farmers' Market for a chance to stock up on your favorite items: canned goods and homemade hot sauces, fresh produce, organic and specialty coffees, jams and jellies, gourmet desserts and cheeses, and great 'green' gift ideas. Come and see familiar faces from the summer's market. Also, see a holiday train display.

 **7 Super Loot**
 2025 Ridge Road
 708-957-7714
 Perfect presents for yourself and every other gal on your list. Many gifts priced under \$10.00, including scarves, necklaces, bracelets, earrings and gloves. All beautifully

 **8 Parish of St. Joseph**
 1795 I Dixie Highway
 708-798-0622
 Join the Celebration of Saint Nicholas at 6:00 PM. Learn about the story of Saint Nicholas and the history of the candy cane. Following the celebration, a trolley will take you to Irwin Park for the tree lighting ceremony.

 **10 The Village Door**
 2019 Ridge Road
 708-798-8665
 We've decked the walls with bounds of holly, now it's time to be fun and jolly! Celebrate the season with The Village Door and take 20% off Holiday items throughout the store. Come in from the cold for treasures galore. Enjoy 10% off select furniture, crystal, paintings, kitchenware, china and so much more! Sales benefit the free programs at the Cancer Support Center in Homewood and Mokena.

 **9 Suzie's Hallmark Shop**
 18065 Harwood Avenue
 708-799-2810
 Hop off the trolley for hot spiced cider, cheese and crackers. Stop

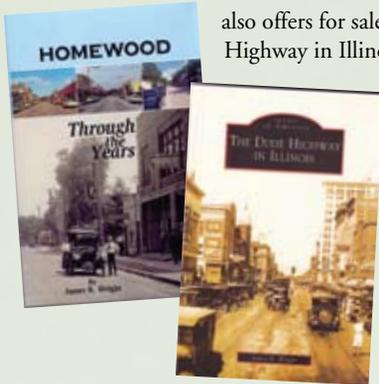


Finance & Manager's Office News

Homewood Historical Society Offers Holiday Gifts

Looking for the perfect holiday gift for a past, current or future Homewood resident? Why not consider giving a copy of the books Homewood Through the Years or The Dixie Highway in Illinois.

Homewood Through The Years is a 256 page hardcover history of Homewood filled with over 250 photographs and is available for



purchase for \$30 at the Homewood Village Hall, Homewood Library and the Homewood Historical Society Museum, 2035 –183rd Street. The historical society also offers for sale, The Dixie Highway in Illinois, a new book by Homewood author Jim Wright, chronicling the history of the highway in Illinois through over

200 photos. The Dixie Highway in Illinois and Homewood Through the Years will be gifts that will be treasured for years to come.

The Homewood Historical Society has a number of other items to fit your needs. In addition to these books, the historical society offers a variety of other holiday gift ideas including holiday cards, decorative Homewood crockware and coverlets, cookbooks and a commemorative bronze medallion. To purchase these items, visit the museum Tuesdays or Saturdays from 1:00-3:00 p.m., or contact 708-799-1896 for more details.



New Website

Remember to visit the Village website: homesweethomewood.com

- Submit or print documents and forms
- Pay your water bill
- Review ordinances or home improvement guidelines
- Check the community calendar, and more

Historic Home Reveals Details About Past Homewood Resident

By Kim Mance-Doran, contributing writer and Homewood resident

When my husband Peter and I began house hunting last year for a place to accommodate our blended family with five children, certain criteria were kept in mind – but we never expected to fall head over heels in love with the first home we saw. Yet that is exactly what happened.

We were both drawn to the home's charm and originality. I also loved it for being one of the most unique Sears Roebuck Catalog home models, packed



A Sears Roebuck Catalog Kit Home: the "Verona" model

full of architectural details. The catalog kit homes were popular with homeowners in the 1920s who built their own houses with numbered kits shipped to them by train.

Yet something even more special about the house came to light while going through the meticulously

preserved historic documents recounting the home's construction. They revealed the house was purchased from Sears and built by the owner himself for a whopping \$4,050 in 1921. I then noticed the Sears letters were all addressed to the original owner, Dr. J Harlen Bretz, at the University of Chicago's Geology Department. I called Peter (a geologist and UIC professor who works in Antarctica for a month each year studying climate change) over to take a look, on the off chance he'd heard of him.

Then, something magical happened. Upon reading the professor's name, my usually composed and reserved Canadian man just about lost his mind: "Wow! J. Harlen Bretz?! He's a world famous geologist, and one of my heroes!"

That very night, we found there was a PBS documentary airing all about Dr. Bretz's work.

Apparently many of Bretz's revolutionary theories were very unpopular with the scientific community until well after he'd retired from academia. But satellite images confirmed his hypotheses decades later and his ideas changed geology forever. He was so vindicated in fact that at age 96, he received the Penrose Medal – the



A 1920s letter from Sears Roebuck's to Dr. Bretz

Geological Society of America's highest award.

Peter sent around an email to colleagues scattered across the country, and many wrote back with anecdotes of things they knew about the unconventional Dr. Bretz, who died peacefully in our living room in 1981. His wife, Fanny, had been active in the local community and a member of the Homewood Weavers Guild. A recent biography about him also revealed all sorts of fun details about the quirky things he'd done while building the house, which he named "Boulderstrewn".

We learned that the thousands of rocks and boulders throughout our half acre property were brought back from field research around the globe. He numbered and built pedestal displays for the rarest of them and quizzed his graduate students during dinner parties by having them identify each rock by



Backyard view of some of the boulders and stones collected during Bretz' field research

type. Our kids now have a great time exploring the garden pathways to uncover various fossils, volcanic rocks, and minerals. The backyard cabin has a fireplace built entirely from stones collected at the Niagara Escarpment.

His biographer notes that Bretz was a prankster and pretty eccentric when it came to the house, even building booby traps, intricate trick locks and a false wall to hide a secret basement cellar – where he made his own cherry wine during prohibition. The room still holds wooden boxes chock-full of dusty bottles and corks. The basement door has a foot pedal attached to pulleys which open the latch.

After nearly a year in the home there's still more to discover at Boulderstrewn, and we are ever grateful to have found such a Homewood gem. There's still no sign of Bretz' ghost, but his memory certainly lives on.

Department of Finance & Manager's Office
2020 Chestnut Road
798-3000

Leaving for the Winter?

Vehicle Stickers

If you expect to be away from your home through next April, you may submit a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Village Hall so that we can mail your vehicle sticker applications to you. Please be sure to include your Homewood address with your request. For more information contact Sandy at 206-3368.

during the cold season should contact the water-billing clerk for two reasons: 1) so the Village can expect low usage in their water, avoiding an estimated bill, and 2) they can request their next bill be mailed to their winter address. If a change of a winter billing address is requested, please remember to call and have it changed back to the service address upon your return to the Village. For more information contact Debbie Gaston at 206-3365.

Water-Billing

Residents who "fly south"

Going to Chicago for the day?

The Village Hall parking lot at Chestnut Road and Harwood Avenue may have one to five parking spaces available for rent on any given day. The Village also

offers two parking spaces for seniors who periodically need to travel to Chicago. Daily rental is \$2.00 and spaces are available for Homewood residents only.

Homewood's annual Fall Fest and Chili Cook-Off

The Community Relations Commission held its annual Fall Fest and Chili Cook-Off in September. The annual event fell on a perfect autumn day in downtown Homewood, bringing residents together both young and old alike, to further strengthen Homewood's close-knit way



Photoleft to right: Community Relations Commissioner Tony Brown; Hank Baldwin and Dave Staebelin for the H-F Band Parents Association; Village President Richard Hofeld; James Hughes for Boy Scout Troop #342, and Chuck Mokijewski for Homewood Bunco Babes.

of life. Family-friendly activities included pedal tractor races, pumpkin painting, a petting zoo, live music, horse drawn wagon rides, bean bag tournament, face painting, an outdoor movie, bonfire, and the spirited Chili Cook-Off Contest, which rose over \$860.00 for the South Suburban Family Shelter.

Important Election Dates

Gubernatorial Primary Election February 2, 2010

Date	Event
12/24/2009	First day absentee ballot applications are accepted.
1/5/2010	Last day to register to vote.
1/6/2010	First day of grace-period registration and voting.
1/11/2010	First day of early voting.
1/26/2010	Last day of grace-period registration and voting.
1/28/2010	Last day military and overseas voters may make application for ballot and send out ballot.
1/28/2010	Last day of early voting.
1/29/2010-2/1/2010	In-person absentee voting at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office only.
2/1/2010	Last day voted mail absentee ballots can be postmarked for acceptance by the Clerk's office.

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2009 BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

The Beautification Committee is proud to be involved in the beautification awards program, which rewards diligence, personal commitment, and community involvement. Founded in 1989, the annual awards program recognizes outstanding property maintenance by homeowners and businesses, as well as the volunteers who maintain adopted planters throughout Homewood.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

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Joe Jakubowski

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Marnel Scott

RESIDENTIAL BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

The Rodgers Family
2820 Willow Road

The Thomas Family
3011 Fresno Lane

The Browne Family
18136 Dolphin Lake Drive

The Borger Family
17922 Sacramento Avenue

The Rice Family
3124 Olive Road

The Pyle Family
2350 Maple Road

The Hackett Family
2166 Ridge Road

The Cimino Family
17828 Howe Avenue

The Groboski Family
1911 Cedar Road

The Ford Family
1730 Pine Road

The Yukich Family
18024 Highland Avenue

The Darman-Ulrich Family
1945 Pine Road



The Hogan Family
17922 Gottschalk Avenue

The Figueroa Family
1547 Tienstra Court

The Bove Family
1400 Linden Road

The Jones-Bell Family
18134 Aberdeen Street

The Masleid Family
18631 Marshfield Avenue

The Garza Family
18849 Highland Avenue

The Logan Family
18544 Highland Avenue

The Sulek Family
1717 187th Street

The Smailes Family
18846 Queens Road

The Spoor Family
18807 Delta Road

The Osby Family
19122 Loomis Avenue

The Dantico Family
1252 191st Street

The Burrows Family
1311 Jamie Lane

The Frick Family
17935 Beth Court
The Baker Family
18359 Dundee Avenue

The Green Family
18433 Stewart Avenue

The Muehlbauer Family
18130 Rockwell Avenue

The Walker Family
18300 Stewart Avenue

The Liebler Family
18540 Klimm Avenue

The Gersch Family
18404 Dixie Highway

The Pellegrini Family
1829 Terrace Road

The Morris Family
18433 Morris Avenue

The Lukowski Family
18424 Morris Avenue

The Lo Bue Family
18528 Palmer Avenue

The Wood Family
1922 187th Street

The Harstad Family
18625 Lexington Avenue

BUSINESS BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

Accurate Dispersions
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Balagio Ristorante
B'nai Yehuda Beth Shalom
Boston Market
Chili's
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Comcast
Culver's
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Faith Lutheran Church
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& Mirror
Homewood Library
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Kohl's
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Midas Auto Service Experts
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St. Joseph's Parish
State Farm Insurance
Target
Tews Funeral Home
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Corrine Coventry
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Team Clover/4-H Club &
U of I Master Gardeners
Ruth Thomas
The Welsh Family
Kathy Jakubowski



Shop Home Sweet Homewood

We want to thank the following businesses for appearing on Meet Your Merchants at recent Homewood Village Board Meetings:

Prairie State College
202 Halsted Street
Chicago Heights
2010 183rd Street
Batteries Plus
17958 Halsted Street

Ebel's Ace Hardware
18410 Governors
Highway
FedEx/Home Office
17952 Halsted Street

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850 183rd Street

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COMMUNITY AUCTION 2010

Save Your Receipts for the Community Auction 2010

Since October, shoppers of Homewood, Flossmoor, and Glenwood businesses are saving their receipts to earn bidding dollars to participate in the Community Auction. If you haven't started saving your receipts, you still have time to earn dollars to bid on exciting items (vacation packages, fine jewelry, home entertainment) at the Community Auction on February 14, 2010 at Homewood-Flossmoor High School.

The Community Auction is a local stimulus program to encourage residents of Homewood, Flossmoor, and Glenwood to support their neighborhood businesses by shopping locally, first.

Five Reasons to Support Neighborhood Businesses

- They say "YES" when residents ask for support for schools, teams, and causes.
- When they need service, they shop local, too.
- They employ local residents, so payroll tax dollars return to the community.
- They're close by, so you save on gas and lessen your carbon footprint.
- New businesses come to town and existing businesses continue to expand.

Four simple steps

- When you shop in town, keep your receipts.
- Bring them to a tally location.
- Receive an Auction Voucher.
- Come to the Community Auction on Sunday, February 14, 2010.

Shoppers receive dollar-for-bid dollar on all purchases made from October 17, 2009 through January 31, 2010. Qualifying purchases include groceries, gas, school and pet supplies, holiday gifts, doctor and dental visits, prescriptions, haircuts, attorney fees and more. When shopping on the 17th day of each month, shoppers will earn double points. (Single purchases under \$5,000 will be tallied as double points for purchases of goods and services on the 17th. Points will be doubled during tallying and not by the merchants). To help you keep track of all saved receipts, branded envelopes are available at most stores, Village Hall, Library, and the Homewood Area Chamber located at 2023 Ridge Road (2nd floor).

Bidding dollars are calculated when receipts are tallied, February 3 through February 11 (see tally dates and locations below). At tally locations, volunteers will review and count all qualifying receipts

and will issue a voucher, for the value spent, to be used at the Community Auction.

If you forgot to collect receipts in October, when the campaign started, simply bring your credit card statement (account numbers blacked out) to show any qualifying purchases made in Homewood, Flossmoor, and Glenwood.

The Community Auction will feature both a silent and live auction on February 14, 2010, as well as raffles throughout the day. Homewood-Flossmoor High School is located at 999 Kedzie Avenue in Flossmoor.

Those interested in participating are encouraged to become a fan of the Community Auction on Facebook: www.facebook.com/communityauction2010. For complete rules, auction item list, and tally times and locations, visit the Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce's website at www.homewoodareachamber.com, or call 708-206-3384.

A Message About Shopping Locally...

Shopping locally not only helps the businesses in our community to flourish but it supports local services through sales tax and property taxes

generated from the businesses. Over 60 percent of the Village's budget is funded through sales and property tax receipts. Other taxing bodies such as the library, park districts, and school districts are funded more heavily by property taxes. That means that the community services you enjoy, such as street maintenance, Village festivals, book rental, quality schools, exciting park programs, are funded based on your support of businesses in the community.

Shopping locally is a lifestyle and a commitment. Shopping in Homewood is convenient, environmentally-friendly, and is a self-sustaining approach to retaining and recruiting retailers. Local merchants chose Homewood to open their businesses based on the demographics and the needs of the population. That's right, they chose you. The Village works hard to recruit quality businesses to provide goods and services that are desired in the community. We study retail trends and sales leakage reports and attend events marketing the fact that our residents have buying power and support businesses in the community. It is your choice where to spend your hard earned dollars but ultimately you support your community when you choose to shop local.



Community Auction Receipt Tally Locations

- Receipts are tallied February 3 through February 11.
- Receipts are only tallied at the official tally locations listed below; merchants do not tally receipts, and receipts will not be tallied at the Community Auction.
- The voucher issued is for the value spent on qualifying purchases October 17, 2009 through January 31, 2010.
- A voucher is necessary to bid on items.

Wednesday, February 3rd
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Living Springs Church
19051 Halsted Street, Glenwood

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Flossmoor Public Library
1000 Sterling Avenue, Flossmoor

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Homewood Village Hall
2020 Chestnut Road, Homewood

Thursday, February 4th
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Living Springs Church
19051 Halsted Street, Glenwood

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Flossmoor Public Library
1000 Sterling Avenue, Flossmoor

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Homewood Village Hall
2020 Chestnut Road, Homewood

Friday, February 5th
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Flossmoor Village Hall
2800 Flossmoor Road, Flossmoor

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Homewood Public Library
17917 Dixie Highway, Homewood

Saturday, February 6th
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library
19901 Stony Island Ave, Lynwood

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Homewood Village Hall
2020 Chestnut Road, Homewood

Monday, February 8th
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Flossmoor Village Hall
2800 Flossmoor Road, Flossmoor

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Homewood Village Hall
2020 Chestnut Road, Homewood

Tuesday, February 9th
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Homewood Public Library
17917 Dixie Highway, Homewood

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library
19901 Stony Island Ave, Lynwood

Wednesday, February 10th
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Living Springs Church
19051 Halsted Street, Glenwood

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Homewood Village Hall, 2020
Chestnut Road, Homewood

Thursday, February 11th
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Living Springs Church
19051 Halsted Street, Glenwood

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Flossmoor Village Hall
2800 Flossmoor Road, Flossmoor

**All dates and times are subject to change
Call the Homewood Area Chamber with any questions about tally times and locations at 708-206-3384.

Department of Community Development

2020 Chestnut Road | Planning / Zoning - 206-3385
Building / Code Enforcement - 206-3858

Department of Public Works

17755 South Ashland Avenue
206-3470

2010 Census

The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States. All households should complete and mail back their questionnaires upon receipt. Every year, the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data. Census data are used to determine locations for retail stores, schools, hospitals, new housing, and community facilities. Census data also determines the boundaries for state and local legislative and congressional districts.

With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Households are asked to provide key demographic information, including: whether a

housing unit is rented or owned; the address of the residence; and the names, genders, ages, and races of others living in the household. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

Between February and March 2010, census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households. Additional census questionnaires will be available at the Village Hall in March for any household that did not receive one in the mail. 2010 census questionnaire language guides are available in a variety of languages or large-print. Contact the Village Planner Beth Barron at (708) 206-3386 if you require special forms.

Homewood's Snow Plowing Crews Are # 1

"Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow," is a favorite tune sung by Holiday Carolers, but a grueling refrain for those shoveling their winter wonderlands and for Homewood's Public Works Snow Plowing Crews who are responsible for clearing the 70 lane miles of roadway throughout the Village. So, before you pull out the shovel this year we have some important and helpful information to help this upcoming winter season.

#1 How and where you shovel snow will save you extra work and help Public Works efficiently handle large accumulation of snow. When facing the street, push or blow snow to the right side of the driveway entrance. Please DO

NOT push or blow snow into the street as this negates the work of the snowplow and is a safety hazard to traffic. The Village does not remove snow from sidewalks (except the Central Business District) or driveway entrances.

#2 Please give our snowplow drivers a break if they happen to push some of the snow back on your drive while keeping the streets clear of ice and snow for the safety of drivers and pedestrians. Help the drivers out. They've been up throughout the night and into the wee hours of the morning, and remember - when they get home, they have to shovel their way into their own driveway... "so be good for goodness sake."



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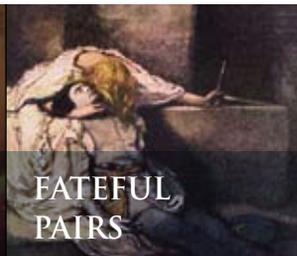
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Homewood Through The Years is a new 256 page hardcover history of Homewood written by former Village trustee Jim Wright who currently is president of the Homewood Historical Society. Publication of the book was made possible through generous contributions from Aurelio's Pizza and the Great Lakes Bank and all proceeds from the sale of the book will go to benefit the Homewood Historical Society. The book is filled with over 250 photographs and is available for purchase for \$30 at the Homewood Village Hall, Homewood Library, Suzie's Hallmark and the Homewood Historical Society Museum, 2035 -183rd Street. For more information contact 708-799-1896. In this and future editions of the Key, excerpts from the book will be printed chronicling Homewood's history. In this issue read how the right to vote and a flu epidemic changed the life of one Homewood women in the second decade of the 20th century.

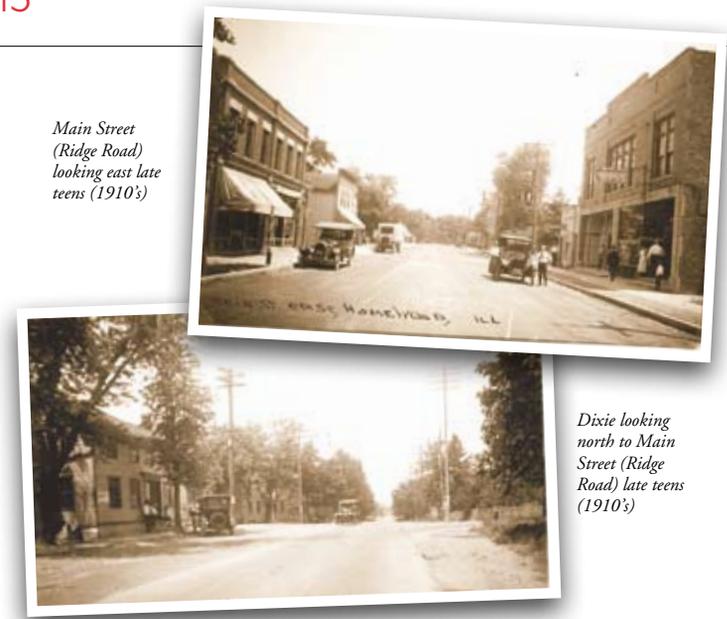
After the turn of the 20th century, the women's suffrage movement gained significant headway. In Illinois, suffrage groups lobbied the state legislature intensively on the issue of allowing women the right to vote. These efforts proved fruitful when, in June 1913, the Illinois House and Senate both passed bills giving women this right. Illinois was the first state east of the Mississippi

to do so and women in the state responded by turning out in force on election day.

The municipal elections of April 1914 were the first elections in which women could vote. In Homewood, out of a total of 392 votes cast in this election, 159 were cast by women. Ice cream and candy shop owner Clara Nieburger held the distinction as being the first woman to cast a vote in the Homewood election. It wasn't until August 1920 that the 19th amendment to the United States Constitution took effect allowing women across the country the right to vote in all elections.

Nieburger, unfortunately, would figure prominently in another main event of the decade—the Spanish Influenza Epidemic of 1918. The epidemic, which started unknowingly in March on an army installation in Kansas, spread with great speed. Public health officials were helpless to control it. They distributed masks, closed schools and forbade large indoor public assemblies, but nothing seemed to help. Over the course of nine months, the death toll was enormous. In October alone, 195,000 Americans succumbed to the flu. By the end of November the number of deaths began to plunge and the epidemic faded away as inexplicably as it started.

Nieburger died of the flu in October and she was one of a



Main Street (Ridge Road) looking east late teens (1910's)

Dixie looking north to Main Street (Ridge Road) late teens (1910's)

number of victims in Homewood. Other victims included Henry Stolzenbach Jr., sisters Alvina Dahlmann and Josephine Meyer and Andrew Chellar and William Nuessle, who both contracted the flu while serving in the U.S. Army. At the time of the epidemic, America was a nation at war. Draft call-ups, bond drives and troop shipments were all in high gear and these certainly may have helped to exacerbate the flu's spread. The Great War, ultimately known as World War I, had been raging in Europe since July 1914. The war pitted Germany and Austria-Hungary against France, the United Kingdom and Russia and subsequently involved many more nations.

This was an uneasy time in

Homewood as many residents were German immigrants and still had family in Germany. Some even secretly supported the "Kaiser". The United States tried to remain neutral but the sinking of the British passenger liner Lusitania and similar aggression by German U-boats against American ships changed public opinion. President Woodrow Wilson signed a joint resolution of Congress declaring a state of war between the United States and Germany on April 6, 1917. In May, the Selective Service Act was passed requiring all young men between the ages of 21 and 31 to register for the "draft". The draft increased the size of the armed forces from 200,000 people to almost 4 million by the end of the war.

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