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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Subscribe to the e-News community for bi-weekly reminders on the events and happenings around town, or visit the Village Web site: [homesweethomewood.com](http://homesweethomewood.com).

## NOVEMBER

**Merchant Holiday Open Houses**  
November 12, 13 & 14  
Downtown Homewood

**Thanksgiving Holiday**  
November 25 & 26  
Village Offices Closed

## DECEMBER

**Holiday Lights in Homewood & Radiance on Ridge**  
December 3 | 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Downtown Homewood and Irwin Park  
Call Village Hall at (708) 798-3000

**H-F Community-wide Tree Lighting Effort**  
December 17 | 5:00 PM, light luminaria  
Hickory Road at Dixie Highway  
Call Village Hall at (708) 798-3000

**Winter Begins**  
December 21

**Winter Holiday**  
December 23, 24, & 25  
Village Offices Closed

**New Year's Eve Day Celebration**  
December 31 | 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Village Hall Auditorium  
2010 Chestnut Road  
Call Village Hall at (708) 798-3000

## JANUARY

**New Year's Day Holiday**  
January 1  
Village Offices Closed

**Martin Luther King Day**  
January 17  
Village Offices Closed

## FEBRUARY

**Daddy Daughter Date Night**  
February 4 | 6:30 PM & 8:30 PM  
H-F Sports Complex  
18211 Aberdeen Avenue  
Call the H-F Park District at (708) 957-0300

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

**President's Day**  
February 21  
Village Offices Closed

# 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.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**  
Richard A. Hofeld

**VILLAGE CLERK**  
Gayle Campbell

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
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# 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](http://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**  
**Veterans Committee**  
**Village Board of Trustees**  
**Zone Board of Appeals**

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Fire Dept. Non-Emergency .....	206-3400
Manager's Office .....	206-3377
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
Lions Club Pool.....	799-2223
School District 153 .....	799-5661
School District 161 .....	647-7000
Homewood Flossmoor High School.....	799-3000
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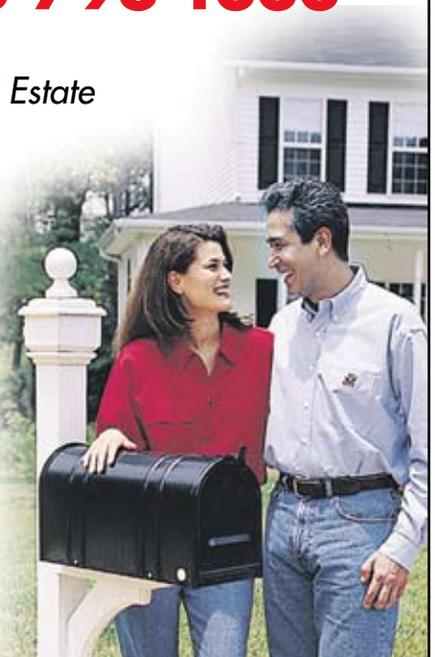
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Richard A. Hofeld  
Village President

Probably, the question I hear the most is "What new business is coming into town"? In year's past, "box stores" were attracted by contacting the developer who had a business relationship with that retailer and extolling our

Cook County, which is higher for commercial property than in nearby competing areas (Will County and Indiana in particular), had to be addressed through performance-based incentives.

I am a believer in using limited

reimbursements. Other local taxing bodies that have been involved in some of these projects have also been visionaries by seeing that the entire community benefits in the long run.

Area retailers and restaurants

“Enjoy the Holiday season and whenever possible, shop at our Homewood businesses.”

amenities. Well-established retailers usually had expansion plans, and by emphasizing our favorable demographics (disposable income, traffic counts, education levels, proximity to transportation, etc.) we were able to pique their interest. Oftentimes the property tax rate in

incentives to attract business when in competition with other nearby areas as long as they are used to "level the playing field". The Village has been very judicious in using these means, whether it is property tax reductions or abatements, sales tax sharing or TIF expense

usually found their way to Homewood locations because of their personal knowledge of the town, through referrals from other Homewood businesses or by your suggesting they locate here.

President's Message  
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## MANHATTAN MAESTROS



**Saturday, Nov 13, 8 pm**  
**Sunday, Nov 14, 3 pm**  
at Lincoln-Way North Performing Arts Center  
19900 S. Harlem Ave, Frankfort  
Carmon DeLeone, conductor

Dvořák  
**Carnival Overture**  
Mahler  
**Adagietto from Symphony No. 5**  
R. Strauss  
**Till Eulenspiegel's "Merry Pranks"**  
Tchaikovsky  
**Symphony No. 4 in F minor**

## HARRIS BANK HOLIDAY CONCERTS



**Saturday, Dec 18, 3 pm**  
**Sunday, Dec 19, 3 pm**  
at Lincoln-Way East Performing Arts Center  
201 Colorado Ave, Frankfort  
Carmon DeLeone, conductor

Get into the spirit of the season in style and song with the orchestra, guest choruses and soloists.

*New this Season!*



## BEETHOVEN & PINE



**Saturday, Jan 15, 8 pm**  
at Lincoln-Way North Performing Arts Center

**Sunday, Jan 16, 3 pm**  
**Ozinga Chapel**  
Trinity Christian College  
6601 W. College,  
Palos Heights

Alexander Platt, conductor  
Rachel Barton Pine, violin

Beethoven  
**Egmont Overture**  
**Violin Concerto**  
**Symphony No. 4 in B-Flat Major**

## FAMOUS FIVES



**Saturday, Mar 5, 8 pm**  
at Lincoln-Way North Performing Arts Center

Victor Yampolsky, conductor

Schubert  
**Symphony No. 5 in B-flat major**  
Shostakovich  
**Symphony No. 5 in D minor**

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## HEAVENLY VOICE



**Saturday, Apr 9, 8 pm**  
at Lincoln-Way North Performing Arts Center

Carmon DeLeone, conductor  
NaGuanda Nobles, soprano

Bach  
**Brandenburg Concerto No. 3**  
Mozart  
**"Ah se in ciel, benigne stelle"**  
Rachmaninoff  
**Vocalise**  
Mahler  
**Symphony No. 4 in G major**

## 25 YEARS WITH CARMON



**Saturday, May 21, 8 pm**  
at Lincoln-Way North Performing Arts Center

Carmon DeLeone, conductor  
Kevin Cole, piano  
Benjamin Warschawski, vocalist  
South Suburban Chorale  
Al Jackson, Director

Bernstein  
**Overture to Candide**  
**Selections from Mass "Make our Garden Grow" from Candide**  
Gershwin  
**Cuban Overture**  
**Rhapsody in Blue**

## President's Message

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Incentives too may come into play, particularly when the business may be coming into an older building, and ADA compliance for handicapped accessibility must be met or electrical and plumbing must be updated to current codes.

Today the most difficult obstacle to address in attracting businesses to town is financing. Banks are extremely cautious in their lending. It appears that the larger businesses that have their own financial means are now "sitting on the sidelines" and not expending their dollars on new sites. Smaller businesses, and in particular restaurants, are unable to get lenders to provide any part of their initial start-up monies. It is a very difficult business environment not only for existing, but almost impossible for start-up

or relocating smaller businesses. I can't help think of the old adage that banks only give money to those that don't need it!

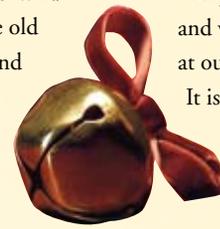
Some areas in town are ready for additional development. These include available opportunities at 175th and Halsted, and 183rd and Dixie Highway. Our "wish list" includes uses that would be successful at these locations. Some of these uses have been suggested by you at your block parties, events or at my Saturday office hours at the Village Hall. Some are not achievable, others make perfect sense. A bookstore, for example, would thrive here. I firmly believe this; however bookstores, in general, are not expanding but rather are consolidating their options. Their major competition today is

on-line sales of books and most recently e-readers. Yet there are opportunities for a smaller, niche, bookstore and we are actively pursuing them.

On a more positive note there are two businesses about to come into town. In both cases some incentives were necessary, but very importantly, each business had their own financing in place and did not require outside lender. So, in the next several months we shall welcome Buffalo Wild Wings on Halsted in the old Office Depot building and a hibachi restaurant in the old restaurant site at Ridge Road and Martin. These two uses that we currently don't have should prosper in Homewood.

The Holiday season lighted snowflakes are now on lampposts in our business areas and my "find the different snowflake" annual contest has begun. If you will look closely at them, you will see that one snowflake is different from the rest. Come to Village Hall on a Saturday, 9:00 AM 'till noon, and tell me where that "Charlie Brown" snowflake is located and I'll give you a local business gift card.

Enjoy the Holiday season and whenever possible, shop at our Homewood businesses. It is so important to their success, and the sales taxes that are generated provide the funding for Homewood services. My best to you and your family for a happy and healthy new year.



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## LIVE NATIVITY

**Sunday, December 5**  
**5:00 PM – 8:00 PM**  
**Homewood Church**  
**18301 Governor's Highway**  
**(708) 799-9360**

*Walk through the Christmas Story:* Homewood Church will host its annual Live Nativity on Sunday, December 5 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.

fee. Both adults and children must register for this event by December 8. Fee: \$6 H-F Resident/\$9 Non-resident (ages 6 months & under are free). Call (708) 957-PARK to register for Code #420302-01 (9-10 AM.) or Code #420302-02 (10:15-11:15 AM) today.



## FREE! SANTA'S CALLING

**Monday, December 6**  
**5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**  
*Sponsored by the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District*

Delight your child with a personal call from Santa or Mrs. Claus! Santa's elves will deliver the applications to the North Pole so Santa and Mrs. Claus have time to organize the lists! Applications are available at the Irwin Community Center, Goldberg Center and at hfparcs.com. Application deadline is Wednesday, December 1. Due to his busy schedule, Santa can only call H-F residents, ages 3-10. Call (708) 957-PARK to register for Code #420725-02.

## COMMUNITY-WIDE LIGHTING EFFORT

**Friday, December 17**  
**5:00 PM**  
**Throughout Homewood and Flossmoor**  
*Coordinated by the Infant Welfare Flossmoor Juniors*

*Light Up the Night... Light Up a Child's Life:* Infant Welfare Flossmoor Juniors are sponsoring a luminaria sale at the Homewood Tree Lighting on Friday, December 3 and Flossmoor's Winterfest on Saturday, December 4. Select downtown retail shops, including Art 4 Soul, will also be selling kits through the month of December. Residents and businesses are encouraged to support the cause and join in a community-wide effort in lighting luminaria throughout the streets of Homewood and Flossmoor the night of Friday, December 17th starting at 5:00 PM. In addition to showing community pride and spirit, your participation will help light up a child's life. Proceeds from this event benefit the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago, which provides quality, community-based healthcare to underinsured and uninsured women, infants and children who would otherwise lack access to basic medical services.

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

**Saturday, December 11**  
**9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**  
**& 10:15 AM – 11:15 AM**  
**Irwin Community Center**  
**18120 Highland Avenue**  
*Sponsored by the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District*

Music, merriment and wishes for holiday toys will be found at this event for ages 6 & under and their parents at the Irwin Community Center. Bring your children to visit with Santa and enjoy donuts, milk and orange juice. Get in the spirit with songs, face painting and a special gift from Santa. Digital pictures with Santa included in your



Hawaii. The auditorium will thunder with sounds of the Log Drums of the Islands. Leis and light refreshments provided – grass skirt optional. 2011 family photos available.



## THE STAGE THEATRE PRESENTS "AMAZING GRACE"

**Sunday, January 16, 2011**  
**Doors open at 2:00 PM**  
**H-F Park District Auditorium**  
**2010 Chestnut Road**  
*Sponsored by the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District*

Ready to introduce your kids to live theatre and help stock a local food pantry? Bring them to The Stage Theatre's one-day performance of "Amazing Grace." Grace is a little girl who loves acting out stories: those told and read to her by her grandmother as well as ones she reads on her own. In her imagination, Grace becomes the characters: Anansi the Spider, Joan of Arc, Mowgli, Hiawatha. She's a pirate with a peg leg and a parrot, an explorer, and a theater director of a production of Cinderella in which she casts a boy in the title role. Grace's grandmother, Nana, believes that Grace can be whatever she wants to be. Grace is told by two of her classmates that she can't be Peter Pan in the school play because of who she is. In the end, Grace shows us that she can indeed do anything she sets her mind to. Tickets (\$7/ adult, \$5/child or senior) to this story of inspiration and strength will



**COME CELEBRATE I-I-III!**  
**New Years Eve DAY Celebration**  
**Friday, December 31, 2010**  
**11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**  
**H-F Park District Auditorium**  
**2010 Chestnut Road**  
*Sponsored by the Homewood Community Relations Commission and COMCAST*

The world may tune in to Time Square (NYC) at midnight, but in Homewood, families gather together for a countdown and balloon drop – at the stroke of noon – on Friday, December 31. Join the Community Relations Commission for a family Hawaiian luau celebration. Doors open at 10:30 AM for a vibrant performance by the Barefoot Hawaiians. Watch a dazzling Samoan Fire Knife dance, the thrilling visual Poi Balls dance from New Zealand and, of course, the famous Hula dance from

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be on sale Monday, January 2, at 708-957-PARK and also available at the door. You'll receive \$1 back on your ticket if you bring three non-perishable food items for a local food pantry to the show.

## MUSICAL DINNER THEATRE: SALUTE TO THE TONY WINNERS

Thursday, January 20  
2:00 PM and 7:00 PM  
Friday, January 21  
7:00 PM

Balagio's Ristorante  
17501 Dixie Highway  
*Sponsored by the Homewood-  
Flossmoor Park District*

Love the theatre, but dread the drive (and the cost) downtown? The Stage Theatre presents a new entertainment option this winter. Its Musical Dinner Theatre: A Salute to the Tony Winners will take place at Balagio's Ristorante (Homewood) and will include entertainment and a family-style lunch or dinner. Talented local performers of all ages will sing and dance their way through the best songs of Tony Award-winning musicals. Get ready for hits from Annie, West Side Story, Billy Elliot, Jersey Boys and more! Your meal will include salad, pasta, roasted chicken & potatoes, Italian sausage with sweet peppers and Italian bread. Cost (\$25/person for lunch, \$35/person for dinner) includes one drink ticket. Make

your reservation early at (708) 957-PARK for Thursday, January 20, at 2:00 PM or 7:00 PM, or Friday, January 21, at 7:00 PM. There are only 100 seats available per show!

## DADDY DAUGHTER DATE NIGHT

Friday, February 4  
6:30 PM & 8:30 PM  
H-F Sports Complex  
18211 Aberdeen Avenue  
*Sponsored by the Homewood-  
Flossmoor Park District*

Make that special date with your little girl(s) to come out to the H-F Sports Complex for a fun evening together! Daddy Daughter Date Night is a favorite for both dads and daughters. The event is packed with dancing, pictures, corsages, crafts, snacks and a keepsake to take home. Digital pictures will be available at [hfparks.com](http://hfparks.com) following the dance. Register by February 1. Fee: \$15 H-F Resident/\$23 Non-resident pair. Extra child: \$7.50 H-F Resident/\$11.50 Non-resident. Sign up at (708) 957-PARK for Code #420304-01 (ages 4-8, 6:30 PM) or Code #420304-02 (ages 9-13, 8:30 PM).

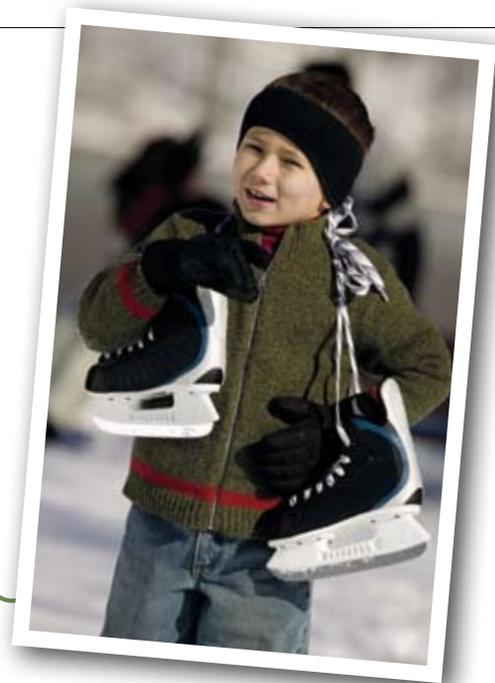


## CALLING ALL CHOCOHOLICS!

Annual Chocolate Fest  
Saturday, February 19, 2011  
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
H-F Park District Auditorium  
2010 Chestnut Road  
*Sponsored by the Homewood  
Community Relations Commission*

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 and entertainment, demonstrations from professional dessert chefs, and delicious activities for the entire family.



## OUTDOOR SKATING & HOCKEY

*Sponsored by the Homewood-  
Flossmoor Park District*

The H-F Park District will begin flooding Homewood's outdoor ice rink located at

Willowview Park during the winter season's first prolonged cold spell. At least four consecutive days at or below 22°F is needed for safe ice. Check out [hfparks.com](http://hfparks.com) for rink availability or call (708) 957-0300.



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# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Homewood Historical Society 30th Anniversary Celebration

By Rose Olsar, Elaine Egdorf, Homewood Historical Society

The Homewood Historical Society and their “Partners in History,” The Homewood Library and The Friends of the Homewood Library, are planning to collectively host a special celebration honoring the 30th Anniversary of the Homewood Historical Society.

The public is cordially invited to attend a free elegant evening of musical memories at the Library on Sunday evening, November 21, beginning at 6:30 PM.

Featured will be a very special guest, national singing sensation Peter Oprisko, backed up by a five-piece band. This talented and charismatic singer (who was a headliner at Homewood Days in July) has been recognized by peers and clients alike as America’s foremost crooner of pre-1980 pop standards. Legendary Grammy-winning pianist Ramsey Lewis has called Peter “the Rolls Royce” of singers today. Also, after opening for a Beach boys concert at the

MGM in 2007, Bruce Johnston told Peter, “WE should be opening for YOU! You’re awesome!”

Indeed, Peter possesses an amazing 2500-song repertoire spanning the musical genres of jazz, swing, blues, Latin, ballads, Broadway classics, country, and even pop/rock. Besides favoring us with his signature Frank Sinatra Tribute, Peter and his band will entertain with a variety of other musical memories.

So, if you are so inclined, put on your dancing shoes and step out to the Homewood Library on November 21. In any case, you won’t want to miss this special evening of fabulous entertainment. While there will be no charge to attend, you are requested to pick up a free ticket available at the Library Circulation Desk beginning on October 1. Those who cannot make it to the Library or who live too far away may call (708) 798-0121 to reserve a seat.

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# POLICE AND FIRE NEWS

## Holiday Safety Tips *By 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-lighted 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 would 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.

### Notify the Police Department When Going on Vacation

The Police Department encourages residents to notify the department when leaving home overnight or for an extended stay. If the Department is aware you will not be home, they offer a service to physically patrol the residence, checking doors and windows to make sure the property is secure. Requests are to be made by submitting the Vacation House Watch Request Form available online or at the Department. Please note requests to watch vacant homes and homes for sale are not accepted.

### Elderly Residents Targeted in Latest Telephone Scams

Telephone scams targeting the elderly are common. The latest includes a request to wire money

for a relative jailed in Canada. Victims receive a call from someone identifying himself/herself as an attorney or an officer from a Canadian law enforcement agency. The caller will tell the victim that a relative has been arrested and needs money for bail and fines. What gets the victim's attention

is that the purported Canadian law enforcement official mentions the name of an actual relative based on personal information easily accessed through online databases that, for a fee, list relatives, addresses, and financial history. The victims are instructed to wire money to a Western Union or Wal-Mart. It is only when the victims later contact their family members that they learn they were never in Canada.

These cases are next to impossible to investigate because the telephone calls originate from outside the country and the calls are disguised so they cannot be traced. Logistically, it is almost impossible to follow up with these cases. However, victims of telephone scams are always urged to call the police department. To mitigate your risk of becoming a victim of telephone scams, never give out your personal information to someone without adequate identification.

## Snow Removal and 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. 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 snowplows have cleared the street so you don't have to clear your driveway entrance multiple times.

## Carbon Monoxide (CO) Safety

Carbon monoxide (CO) is odorless, colorless, and tasteless. It's produced when any fossil fuel, including natural gas, is burned. When fossil fuels do not burn properly, CO can build up and cause sickness – even death.



Carbon monoxide kills about 200 people in the U.S. every year. The carbon monoxide detector may be battery operated, plug-in with battery back-up or wired into the home's AC power with a secondary battery back-up; must bear the label of a nationally recognized testing laboratory; and must comply with the most recent standards of the Underwriters Laboratories or the Canadian Standard Association.

### Safety measures:

- Never heat your home with your gas range or oven.
- Never burn charcoal inside your home or garage.
- Always open the chimney flue when you use your fireplace.
- Never run an internal combustion engine, such as your car, lawn mower or snow blower in enclosed areas.

### Install a CO detector:

- Install a CO detector within 15' of any room used for sleeping, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Do not install a CO detector near your kitchen or garage or in a room with a furnace.
- If your CO detector activates and you feel ill, leave the house and call 911 or the local fire department. If you do not feel ill, push your detector's reset button. If the alarm goes off again after a few minutes, open the windows, leave the house and call 911 or the local fire department.

### Recognize the symptoms of CO poisoning:

- Dizziness, nausea, headache and coughing
- Irregular heartbeat
- Pale skin with cherry red lips and ear tips

### Know what to do if you suspect CO poisoning:

- Get fresh air and stay outside.
- Call 911 or the local fire department.

## Michael McAvoy Graduates Paramedic Class as Valedictorian

Mike McAvoy was hired as a part time firefighter in July of 2007. After graduating the fire academy, McAvoy went on to become certified as an EMT and then to paramedic class where he graduated as Valedictorian in August of 2010 with a grade of 97.9%. Paramedic certification is approximately 950 hours of classroom and practical hours over a twelve month period. Congratulations Mike!



## Fire Department Hires Two Career Firefighter/Paramedics

Kevin Wake and Kevin Schuman were both hired in July as career members of the Fire Department.

Wake graduated Magna Cum Laude from Eastern Illinois University with a B.A. in Communications and a minor in Business Administration in 2003. Prior to his full-time position with Homewood, Kevin has worked for private ambulance services in Indianapolis and Aurora as well as at Kishwaukee Hospital in DeKalb and the Hinckley Fire Protection District. Kevin, his wife, Joelle and 10 month old son Holden reside in Hinckley, IL.

Schuman graduated from the University of Iowa in 2006. After working in sales for nearly two years he decided to change careers. Kevin's father is a retired Deputy Chief from Des Plaines Fire Department and Kevin wanted to follow in his footsteps and become a firefighter. He obtained his Paramedic certification at Northwest Community Hospital and prior to his full time position with Homewood worked as a part time paramedic for the Village of Schiller Park.

Both Wake and Schuman will be valuable assets to the Homewood Fire Department.

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# Holiday Lights in Homewood

The Evening of Friday, December 3  
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM | Downtown Homewood

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

Sponsored by the Village of Homewood, Homewood-Flossmoor Park District, Homewood-Flossmoor Lions Club, Homewood Fire Department, and members of the Downtown Homewood Business Association.

On the evening of Friday, December 3, 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 travel to merchant open houses for special promotions and unique gift ideas not found in any mall. At each stop, make a handmade gift, holiday card, ornament, or delicious dessert. Participating merchants will host raffles and feature holiday refreshments and live entertainment. Trolley stops will be at designated spots – look for the Open Flag – and all public parking lots, including St. Joseph's Church parking lot, Irwin Park and Independence Park. Trolley rides are free, courtesy of participating merchants.



Visit Irwin Park at 7:00 PM for hot cocoa, caroling, a bonfire, and the annual tree lighting ceremony. After the ceremony, follow Santa to the Irwin Park Gazebo and share your holiday wish list, or follow the brightly lit and festively decorated antique car parade to Hickory Road for Christkindlmarket in Homewood.



On this special evening, Hickory Road will transform into Homewood's very own Christkindlmarket with unique vendors, costumed carolers, hot cider and mulled wine, and an exciting ice sculpting demonstration by Nadeau's Ice Sculptures – Chicago's premier ice carving company (demos start at 7:30 PM).

For details on trolley stops, event times and details, go to [homesweethomewood.com](http://homesweethomewood.com), or call 798-3000.

## Legend

<p> <b>Merchant Open House</b> (throughout)</p> <p> <b>Trolley Stop</b> (throughout)</p> <p> <b>Tree Lighting Location</b> (Irwin Park)</p> <p> <b>Visit Santa and costumed characters</b> (Irwin Park and Hickory Road)</p>	<p> <b>Ice Sculpting Demonstrations</b> (Hickory Road)</p> <p> <b>Antique Car Parade</b> (Irwin Park to Hickory Road)</p> <p> <b>Outdoor Market</b> (Hickory Road)</p> <p> <b>Bonfire</b> (Hickory Road)</p> <p> <b>Free Public Parking</b></p>
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# 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 hold special hours and discounts on Saturday and Sunday too. Call merchants directly for details.



Look for the open house flag at these locations



**1 Art 4 Soul**  
18135 Harwood Ave  
(708) 206-1026  
[art4soul.com](http://art4soul.com)

The weather's changed, it's getting cold, so let some Art warm up your Soul. Celebrate the warmth of the season with Art 4 Soul...grab your list and join us for 30% off all Christmas items and 20% off everything else. Free signature packaging! Our Elves will help the kids paint a ceramic snowman figure for only \$5 and you can shop while you sip on cider. Cookies, cider and treats for the kids. (\$10 value)



**2 Bella Vita Home Accents**  
18111 Dixie Highway  
(708) 798-2355  
[bellavitahomeaccents.com](http://bellavitahomeaccents.com)

It's going to be an ABSolutely FABulous Christmas at Bella Vita. Join us for a unique experience and unique gift giving ideas. Bella Vita will be serving hot chocolate and cookies for you to enjoy while you listen to Live Acoustic Christmas Music by Chuck Anderson, Roland Dennis and Mike Jesso. We also have the privilege of hosting Wish Photography for the evening to capture your family memories on a nicely packaged 4x6 print in front of the BV Christmas tree. We are offering 20% off Christmas & regular priced BV merchandise on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Enter our raffle for a beautiful BV gift basket!



**3 Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce**  
2022 Ridge Road  
(708) 206-3384  
[homewoodareachamber.com](http://homewoodareachamber.com)

Stop in and make a unique craft from holidays celebrated around the world, and find special offerings from Homewood Area merchants.



**4 Homewood Florist**  
18064 Martin Avenue  
(708) 798-0326  
[homewoodflorist.com](http://homewoodflorist.com)

Come share the magic of the season with us! Enjoy a refreshment while browsing our winter wonderland! Choose a gift that's sure to delight from our unique selection at 20% off! Be sure to check out our new state-of-the-art photo booth and have your picture taken for \$1.00...it's a new twist on an old favorite! Our festive atmosphere will be sure to put you in the holiday spirit!!



**5 Nathalie's 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  
[niensensbakery.com](http://niensensbakery.com)

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.



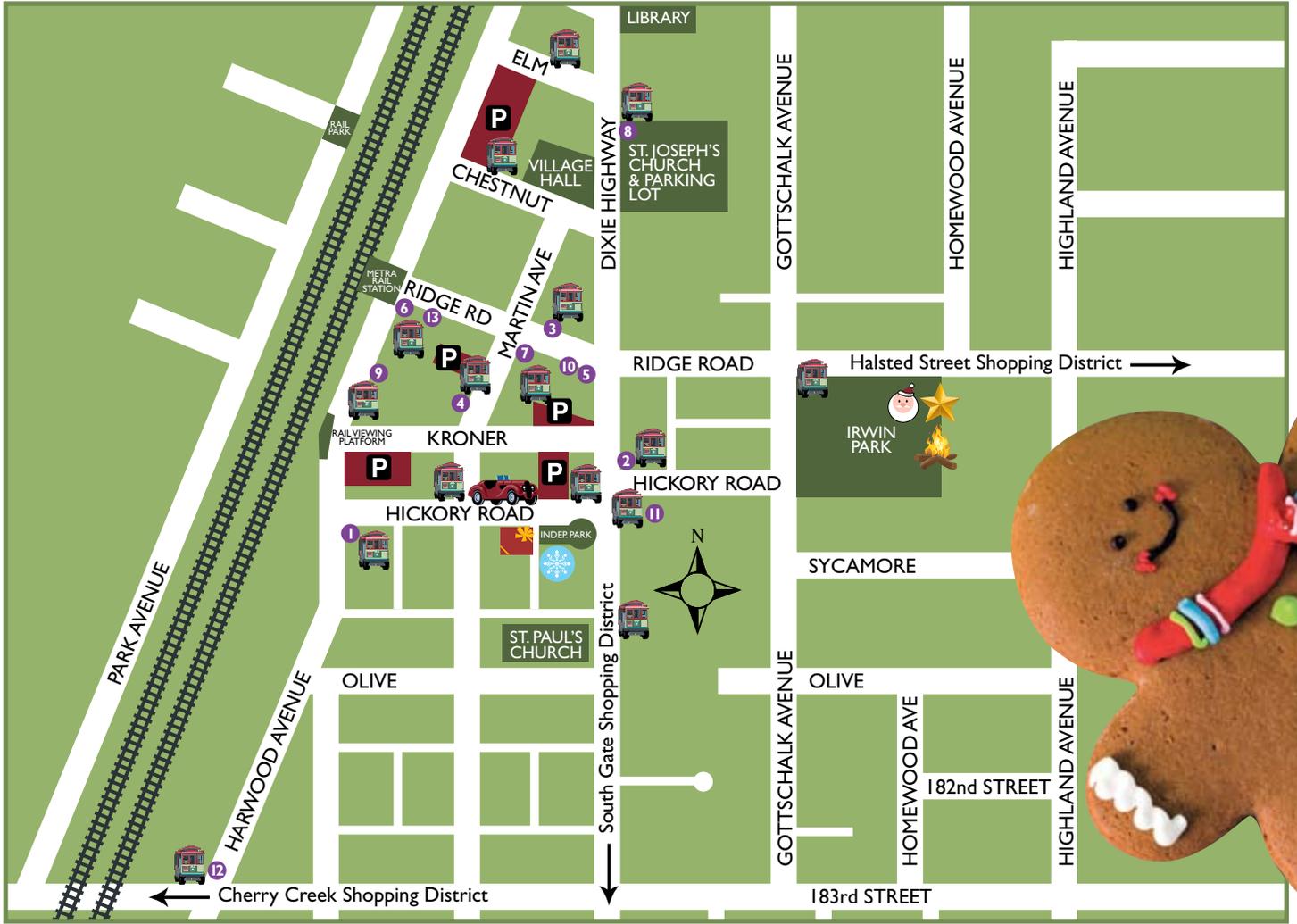
**7 Super Loot**  
2025 Ridge Road  
(708) 957-7714  
[dhba.biz](http://dhba.biz)

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**8 Parish of St. Joseph**  
17951 Dixie Highway  
(708) 798-0622  
[posjhomewood.org](http://posjhomewood.org)

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 and Hickory Road festivities.

 **9 Suzie's Hallmark Shop**  
18065 Harwood Avenue  
(708) 799-2810  
suzieshallmark.com

Hop off the trolley and stop in for hot spiced cider, cheese and crackers and sweets. See all of the new and exciting ornaments, gifts, candles, recordable books and gift wrap for the holidays. Of course we have a Hallmark Card for all of those on your list. On Friday from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM we will take \$5.00 off of any purchase of \$35.00 or more. Holiday hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Sunday from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

 **10 The Village Door**  
2019 Ridge Road  
(708) 798-8665  
villagedoor.com

We've decked the walls with boughs 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. Fresh, homemade baked goods available for unique gift giving ideas! Sales benefit the free programs at the Cancer Support Center in Homewood and Mokena.

 **11 Hickory Road Festivities**

**Hot Apple Cider Sales**  
*Vendor:* South Suburban Family Shelter  
(708) 794-2140, ext. 303  
SSFS1.org  
South Suburban Family Shelter will be selling hot apple cider during Holiday Lights. Proceeds from the sale of hot cider will support the mission of South Suburban Family Shelter; a not-for-profit agency which provides comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence and their families. Stop by to warm up with some hot cider and help support this Homewood-based social service organization at the same time!

**Holiday Luminaria Sale**  
*Vendor:* Infant Welfare Flossmoor Juniors Fundraiser Co-Chair, Carla Franz, at carlafranz@hotmail.com  
Infant Welfare Flossmoor Juniors will sell luminaria kits – festive accents to brighten outdoor spaces, walkways, and porches during the holiday season. Each kit will be sold for \$6.00 (contains bags and candles for five luminarias). Every purchase helps Infant Welfare Society of Chicago bring community-based healthcare to underinsured and uninsured children and women who lack access to basic medical services.

**Mulled Wine**  
*Vendor:* Downtown Homewood Business Association and Economic Development Committee  
(708) 798-3000  
Sip hot spiced wine in Homewood's newest holiday souvenir mug. Stay warm from the inside out as you stroll downtown Homewood, shop specials, or watch ice sculpting demos.

**Roasted Chestnut and Popcorn Sale**  
*Vendor:* Foundation 153

Communications Chair, Allisa Opyd, at aopyd@foundation153.org  
Foundation 153 will sell yummy holiday treats to help raise money for special programs and field trips.

 **12 Kirschner Vision Group**  
2156 W. 183rd Street  
(708) 957-7700  
Visionsource-kirschnervision.com

In addition to our selection of over 800 frames, KVG will be hosting a trunk show featuring Ray Ban, and other designer brands. You will have an opportunity to choose from these complete lines of exciting eyewear at significant savings. Snacks and beverages will be served as we help kick off the holiday season.

 **13 F.O.G. Cosmetics**  
2049 Ridge Rd.  
(708) 535-2500  
Fogcosmetics.com

In addition to offer free smoky eyes, we will offer 15% off all cosmetic and skin purchases and for the children we will be offering 1/2 off of the glitter art temporary tattoos.