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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Subscribe to the e-News wire community for bi-weekly reminders on the events and happenings around town, or visit the Village Web site: homesweethomewood.com.

MARCH

Sip and Shop (formerly Girls Night Out)
Thursday, March 10 (regular store hours)
Participating Downtown Homewood Stores
Sponsored by the Downtown Homewood Business Association

APRIL

April 1
2011/2012 Vehicle Stickers & Pet Tags on Sale

April 5
Election Day

Sixth Annual Spring for Homewood Schools
Saturday, April 9 | 6:30 PM to 11:30 PM
Ravisloe Country Club, 18231 South Park Avenue
Sponsored by Foundation 153

SpEggtacular Savings Event
April 15 and April 16 (regular store hours)
Participating Downtown Homewood Stores
Sponsored by the Downtown Homewood Business Association

H-F Park District's Earth Day Celebration
Saturday, April 16 | 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Iron Oaks, Olympia Fields
Sponsored by HF Park District

Health Fair
Saturday, April 10 | 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
James Hart Junior High School
18220 Morgan St, (708) 799-5544
Sponsored by Rotary and Ingalls Health System

Homewood Baseball Parade and Opening Day
Saturday, April 23 | 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Ridge Road to Izaak Walton
Little League Baseball Field
Sponsored by Homewood Baseball League

April 30
2009/2010 Vehicle Stickers & Pet Tags Expire

MAY

H-F Park District 25th Annual Park Pride Day
Saturday, May 7 | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
All area parks (lunch and entertainment at Irwin Park)
Sponsored by H-F Park District

A Date with Uncle Sam
Saturday, May 21 | 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
H-F Auditorium
Coordinated by the Homewood Veterans Committee

Downtown Homewood Farmers Market
Saturday, May 21
through October 22 | 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Village Hall Parking Lot, 2020 Chestnut

Eighth Annual Rail Heritage Days
Slideshow and Photography Exhibition
Saturday, May 21 | 7:00 PM
St. Joseph Gymnasium, 17951 Dixie Highway

Train Show
Sunday, May 22 | 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
HF Auditorium, 2010 Chestnut
Sponsored by Homewood Rail Committee

Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony
Monday, May 30 | 10:00 AM
Dixie Highway to Veterans Memorial Park (Harwood Avenue and Olive Road)
Sponsored by Village of Homewood Police Department

JUNE

June 1
Late Fees Assessed on 2009/2010 Vehicle Stickers

25th Anniversary of Starry Night Concert
Friday, June 10 | Gates open at 6:30 PM, concert at 8:00 PM
Irwin Park (Ridge Road)
Performance by Stanley Paul Orchestra
Sponsored by HF Park District

Art and Garden Street Fair
Friday, June 17 | 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM
Saturday, June 18 | 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Martin Avenue (Ridge Road to Hickory)
Downtown Homewood Business Association

Drivin' the Dixie
Saturday, June 18 | Homewood Stop at 10:00 AM
Historic Dixie Highway (starts in Blue Island)
Sponsored by Homewood Heritage Committee

25th Anniversary of Starry Night Concert
Friday, June 24 | Gates open at 6:30 PM, concert at 8:00 PM
Irwin Park (Ridge Road)
Performance by The Buckingham's
Sponsored by HF Park District

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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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
St. Joseph School.....	798-0467
Homewood Community Academy.....	799-6912

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Richard A. Hofeld
Village President

Spring is in the air, and it can't come too quickly. It seems that the past winter began in earnest in November and never really let up. The high point (or low point, depending upon how you categorize snow) was 20+ inch snowfall in early February. I spent over seven hours riding with snowplow drivers. Initially they tried to just keep the main streets open, plowing three trucks across, but the heavy snowfall just kept piling up. As the snow subsided and the main streets became passable, the snow clearing was concentrated on the side streets.

Homewood is divided into six areas, each having a large snowplowing truck assigned. Cul-de-sacs and parking lots have



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smaller trucks or front-end loaders clearing away the snow. And the Village uses two sidewalk plows to keep the pathways to the Metra station open. Each truck has an assigned driver and a back-up relief driver. With last February's heavy snowfall, their familiarity with the streets in their assigned areas was very beneficial. However, I can tell you first-hand, after riding in the trucks for hours on end with the snow blowing and swirling about, it was very difficult to not only plow the snow but also remember which streets we were on and which had

both sides plowed; up and back in an almost total white-out.

As the storm ended and temperatures dropped, icing conditions took place. Snowplowing efforts continued and salt-spreading began. Perhaps some of you may have seen the large dump trucks lift and then lower the truck bodies, with their load of salt; several times. This was explained to me as the only way to keep the salt loose so that it could be spread

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President's Message

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more evenly. As temperatures dropped and the melting capability of the salt lessened, calcium chloride was spread over the salt as it was being dispensed. This allows the salt to continue to melt at lower temperatures. Each of our trucks is equipped with these sprayers.

As the snow removal operations continued it was impossible to plow the streets without depositing snow onto some cleaned driveways. Most residence understood that in order to clear the streets this was a side effect. Whenever possible, the drivers slowed down when they saw driveways being cleared so that not as much snow would pile onto the driveways, but it was impossible to prevent all snow from going onto driveways



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(My own driveway's entrance was snow-covered when I came home!!).

One way to lessen the snow deposited in a driveway is to remove as much snow as possible in the street on the left side of the drive (left, as you face the street). The cleared area then "catches" most of the snow as the plow approaches. Plows always come down a street depositing the snow to their right.

Most residents appreciated the snow-clearing efforts, giving thumbs-up, high-fives or applause as the trucks passed. A few were less complimentary. Some were

even belligerent to the point that they wanted the snow-plow to circumvent their driveway, not caring if their neighbors on the street had enough clearance. Yet based upon the compliments I received, criticism was minimal.

All in all, snow-clearing efforts in Homewood are second to none and most residents appreciate the fine efforts of our Public Works employees. They are the best.

And now with our worst winter weather behind us, we can think Spring: warm weather, sunshine, longer daylight hours and outdoor events. Our next event will be The Veterans Committee Fundraiser, on Saturday, May 21st, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, at the HF Auditorium. It will be a great

event filled with music, dance, and an opportunity to learn more about our local service men and women. Also, it is time for the annual Rail Days. On Saturday evening, May 14th, there will be a slide show presentation for the more ardent rail buffs. Sunday, May 15th, will be Railroad Heritage Day. The Homewood Rail Committee sponsors this event and I encourage you to attend-who doesn't like trains? There are activities for everyone from model train layouts to Canadian National's equipment on the tracks to rides on "Little Obie" to the sale of railroad memorabilia and souvenirs. Come on out, have a good time. I look forward to seeing you there: the beginning of our outdoor summer events.

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 Council for the Arts
 Homewood Rail Committee
 Plan Commission
 Police Chief's Citizens Advisory Committee
 Senior Advisory Committee
 Stormwater Resource Committee
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 Veterans Committee
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BUSINESS NETWORK

Shop Home Sweet Homewood

We want to thank the following businesses for appearing on the Meet Your Merchant segment of the Village Board of Trustee meeting. This is a great opportunity for Homewood business owners to market their business, and the best part, it is FREE advertising. The Meet Your Merchant participant will have three minutes to talk about their business. Since the meeting is videotaped, it will rebroadcast for two weeks on COMCAST



channel 4/AT & T channel 99. If you are interested in having your business participate in the Meet Your Merchant segment of Village Board Meetings, please call (708) 206-3858.

- Family Wines & Liquors, 18707 Dixie Highway, (708) 798-2168
- Cilantro, 18755 Dixie Highway, (708) 798-3500
- Southgate Pharmacy, 18659 Dixie Highway, (708) 798-2100
- Bargain Box, 18660 Dixie Highway, (708) 798-5030
- Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center, 2920 183rd Street # 1, (708) 957-7122
- JT Sausage, 18217 Dixie Highway, (708) 647-8900

Tell Us Your Story

The Village will be running a series of interviews with our businesses. Do you have an interesting story to tell? Contact Paula Wallrich, Director of Community Development to reserve a space in a future issue of the Village Key.

Using TIF to get FIT! *By Community Development Director, Paula Wallrich*

The Village is making the most out of TIF to keep its business districts FIT! Tax Increment Financing (TIF) is an economic development tool that helps communities across Illinois stay ‘in shape.’ Although this may sound just like a clever play on words, the real cleverness is the ability for tax increment financing to leverage the property tax increment (the increase in property tax revenue resulting from the establishment of the TIF District) to encourage investment in areas that, absent the establishment of the district, would not realize their fullest potential.

Homewood has been successful in using this tool within its four business districts. Recently the Village has seen a flurry of activity in the TIF Districts in Downtown Homewood. Property owners and business owners have been busy taking advantage of the three incentive programs that were established to recruit new retail businesses into the downtown area as well as provide funding for the renovation of building interiors and exterior façade improvements. Since the establishment of the Central and Southwest Central

Business District TIF, more than 60 businesses and property owners have taken advantage of TIF funding to help their buildings or businesses get ‘FIT,’ allowing them to maximize their profits and property investment.

Pete’s Homewood Mobil station at the corner of 183rd and Harwood took advantage of the Façade and Property Improvement Program and Retail Enhancement Program in 2010 to make substantial improvements to their building. The new lighting, canopy, landscaping and building façade improvements, as well as the addition of the convenience store make a welcome gateway to downtown Homewood. Good Speed Cycle also took advantage of the Façade and Property Improvement Program in 2010 to renovate the building and relocate its business to 2125 183rd Street.

Recently the Village President and Village Board approved applications that have resulted in making significant improvements to some prominent buildings in the downtown while also attracting several new businesses.

Tondalah Stroud, CEO of F.O.G. Cosmetics was approved for

funding that assisted her in opening her new cosmetic services business at 2049 Ridge Road. Tondalah commented on the Village’s TIF programs stating, “Business has been wonderful and having the support of the Village along with the funding has enabled me to implement my business plan to its fullest potential.”

Bruce Wei, owner of Little Tokyo, 2057 Ridge Road, decided to take advantage of two of the Village’s TIF programs when making plans to expand his business to the corner of Ridge Road and Martin Avenue. His new restaurant, the Tokyo Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi Bar features eight hibachi grills and a beautiful new sushi bar. Bruce has used the TIF programs to help finance his interior build-out as well as façade improvements. The new facelift includes awnings, gooseneck lighting and planter boxes.

Josephine Triumph, the owner of the building, is also planning to take advantage of the TIF programs to fund several upgrades to her building including roof repair and electrical work. “The program has allowed me to make several improvements earlier than I would

have been able to do on my own,” stated Triumph.

The Village’s partnering with the property owners downtown has resulted in a win-win for all. As improvements are made to the buildings, the positive momentum has become contagious resulting in an increase in new business inquiries for downtown space.

JT Sausage owners Mike Tieri and Jim Flamini recognized that without the TIF funding they would not have opened their doors as quickly as they did. Sausage sales have exceeded their expectations from the day they opened their doors at 18217 Dixie Highway just before Christmas.

On the other side of downtown on Harwood Avenue, John Jensen of Burdyke Investment recently purchased the building at 18243 Harwood and has planned significant interior and exterior building renovations. Jensen commented, “We are excited about the improvements we will be making and feel that the prairie-style architecture will attract new quality businesses to the downtown

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BUSINESS NETWORK

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area. We plan on applying for TIF funding to help us make this a reality and certainly add to the successful business climate of Homewood."

The new year is off to a great start with the TIF District and its grant programs that will help the Central Business District get FIT with the TIF!

Economic Development Committee Business Appreciation Breakfast & Directory

The Economic Development Committee will host its 14th Annual Spring Business Breakfast on Tuesday, April 26th from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM. The Breakfast, provides an opportunity for businesses to network Anyone wishing to attend the breakfast event is encouraged to contact the



Community Development Office at (708) 206-3385.

The Economic Development Committee is developing a business directory for Homewood. This comprehensive listing is another tool to bolster the Shop Local Campaign. To ensure your inclusion in the directory, please return the form enclosed in your business license renewal packet.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

Spring 2011 TreeShare Trees are Available for Purchase from the Village Hall

The Village of Homewood's TreeShare Program offers residents the chance to purchase selected trees at a 50% discount. These trees can be planted anywhere on your private property or parkway area, as long as no utility conflicts exist.

The trees come from top-quality nurseries located throughout the Midwest region and are chosen

for their ability to survive in Homewood's soil and climate. Each tree is hand selected and inspected by the Village arborist, and delivered to your property.

To purchase a tree, you must go to the Village Hall and fill out an order form. Limit 2 per resident. Orders will be taken until noon on Saturday, April 2nd.

TreeShare FAQ

- Trees purchased through the TreeShare program CAN be planted anywhere on your property.
- They are delivered directly to your parkway.
- Tree sizes will vary, but generally are in the 5–7 foot range or 1.5–2 inch diameter range.
- The Village will not plant the tree for you.

Trees available for purchase by April 2nd

Accolade Elm



Resident cost **\$40**

- A graceful all-purpose tree that is Dutch Elm disease resistant.
- Mature height: 35 feet.
- Recommended for the parkway and yard.



Alder (Prairie Horizon)



Resident cost **\$59**

- Thrives in poor, dry soils and is perfect for difficult locations.
- Mature height: 25 feet.
- Recommended for the parkway and yard.



Bald Cypress



Resident cost **\$40**

- A fantastic native tree that has clear green leaves in Spring and bronze/orange in Fall.
- Mature height: 45 feet.
- Recommended for the parkway and yard.



Buckeye (Ft McNair)



Resident cost **\$70**

- A buckeye/chestnut tree hybrid with beautiful muted pink flowers.
- Mature height: 35 feet.
- Recommended for the yard as a focal point.



Bur Oak



Resident cost **\$48**

- A grandiose tree that grows 3 feet a year once established. This tree is very adaptable to many soils.
- Mature height: 75 feet.
- Recommended for the yard. OK for parkway.



Ironwood



Resident cost **\$58**

- A tree that is usually found under larger trees. Has interesting bark and works well as an accent tree
- Mature height: 30 feet.
- Recommended for the yard. OK for parkway.



Limber Pine



Resident cost **\$59**

- This evergreen provides year-round interest with a bluish-green needle.
- Mature height: 40 feet.
- Recommended for the yard. Not for the parkway.



Post Oak



Resident cost **\$59**

- An oak with a unique leaf that works well in difficult, dry areas.
- Mature height: 45 feet.
- Recommended for the parkway and yard.



Sweetgum



Resident cost **\$50**

- A fantastic native tree that has beautiful fall colors and unique leaf shape.
- Mature height: 60 feet
- Recommended for the parkway and yard.



Tulip Tree



Resident cost **\$50**

- A large statured, native tree with cheery flowers and light colored bark.
- Mature height: 70 feet
- Recommended for the yard and parkway if moist.



Sun Exposure



Soil Conditions



Property Maintenance

Good Community Living is Good Property Maintenance

The purpose of a property maintenance code is to protect the public's health, safety and welfare. Structures and premises that are not in compliance are required to be repaired or altered to meet the code requirements, which are intended to represent the minimum acceptable level of public health and safety.

During inspections, attention is given to debris accumulation, grass which is not maintained below 6" in height, overgrown landscaping obstructing sidewalks or the vision

of motorists, dead and diseased trees, and lack of maintenance of siding, roof, gutters, windows, exterior paint finish, fences, exterior stairways, decks, porches, driveways and walkways.

Property maintenance is the key to protecting and maintaining property values in our community that will ensure a strong return on the money, time and hard work you invest in your own property. If you have questions about property maintenance, or to report property maintenance issues, please contact the Code Enforcement Division at (708) 206-3857.

Building Department

Building permits are required for demolitions, all new construction, and most home improvements:

- replacement roofs
- windows and siding
- fences and sheds
- porches and patios
- decks and garages
- swimming pools and hot tubs
- electrical and plumbing
- concrete and asphalt work

Contractors must be registered with the Village before they are issued a building permit. To avoid delays with your home improvement

projects, apply early for your building permit (plan review takes approximately two weeks) and check with the Building Division to see if the contractor you are using is registered.

To avoid having to pay unnecessary penalty fees, do not begin construction until a building permit has been issued. If you have questions as to whether a permit is required for your construction project, please call (708) 206-3858, or visit the Building Division located on the second floor of the Village Hall.

2011 Street Resurfacing Program



The following street sections are scheduled to be resurfaced this spring:

- **Patricia Lane** from Perth Avenue to Cul-de-sac
- **Magnolia Road** from Roosevelt Avenue to Dixmoor Road
- **Dundee Avenue** from 175th Street to Hawthorne Road
- **Roosevelt Avenue** from Spruce Road to Hawthorne Road

Shop Local: Keep your money close to HOMEwood!

Last year, residents participated in a campaign that encouraged exclusive in-town shopping. Shoppers kept receipts and in return received a voucher for bidding power at an auction filled with prizes donated by local businesses. It was called the Community Auction. It was sponsored by the Homewood Area Chamber and the Villages of Homewood, Flossmoor, and

Glenwood. The goal of the campaign was to demonstrate how spending money in town benefits the community as a whole.

The success of the Community Auction and its positive impact on the local business community has spurred the Village to amplify its Shop Local Campaign. This spring, look for posters in your favorite local business that details the **Top 10 Reasons to Shop Local**.

Top 10 Reasons to Shop Local

1. When you shop local, 1% of your sales tax stays in Homewood to support public safety and emergency services
2. Local businesses support our sports teams and civic groups
3. Successful local businesses pay property taxes to park and school district
4. Every dollar spent locally re-circulates within the community at least three times
5. Local businesses provide local employment opportunities
6. Shopping locally conserves energy by saving transportation costs
7. Local businesses provide personalized customer service
8. Supporting local businesses creates a positive business environment which encourages business recruitment
9. Local businesses create local character unique to Homewood
10. Supporting local business is an investment in your future!

New Business

We welcome the following businesses, which have recently opened or relocated to Homewood:

- World of Enrichment
18035 Dixie Highway
- Nett Hands Home Care
18227 Harwood Avenue
- Theresa's Hair Salon
18045 Martin Avenue
- Esa Industries
18656 Dixie Lower Level
- Eva John Salon
1918 Ridge Road
- Farmers Insurance
2007 Ridge Road
- Harold's Chicken
18044 Halsted Street
- Beacon Hill Community Improvement Association
18656 Dixie Highway
- Affectionate Home Health
17900 Dixie Highway
- JT Sausage
18217 Dixie Highway
- Karen Scobbie Cakes
18219 Dixie Highway

COMMUNITY EVENTS

March

HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR SCIENCE PUB

Tuesday, March 29

Grady's Grill Homewood

Tuesday, April 26

Flossmoor Station Brewery

Information and an email sign-up for future announcements can be found at homewood-flossmoorsciencepub.blogspot.com, or sciencecafes.org/ffind

Come out to hear about interesting science being done by local scientists in the cozy environment of our local pubs. The Homewood-Flossmoor Science Pub, affiliated with the Science Café network started by PBS (WGBH in Boston), is a new monthly public event which will be hosted alternately at Grady's Grill in Homewood and the Flossmoor Station Brewery. The first lecture will be presented by Dr Peter Doran from the University of Illinois at Chicago. The second lecture will be on April 26 at the Brewery. The title of his talk will be: "Human and Robotic science in the McMurdo Dry Valleys of East Antarctica". The talk will begin at 8:00 PM, but feel free to come early to eat, drink and mingle. That's the idea. Seating will be on a first come first served basis.

ST. JOSEPH FISH FRY

Fridays thru April 15

Doors open 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Information regarding the St. Joseph Fish Fry can be found online at posjhomewood.org, or by contacting the rectory at (708) 798-0622.

Every Friday during Lent, the St. Joseph Athletic Association sponsors a fish fry as the primary fundraiser for the sport programs offered at St. Josephs. The sports include boys and girls basketball and volleyball. Monies raised help to keep the rising cost of athletics down to a minimum. The association funds a scholarship program to assist those children in financial need allowing them the opportunity to play sports. The association also uses funds raised to reinvest into the Parish's facilities like the gym and kitchen to further improve the quality of St. Joseph Parish life.

Over the years, the St. Joseph Fish Fry has become a community-wide event. People come from all over to eat and socialize, and catch up with one another. There are split-the-pots and raffles every evening. People keep coming back because the menu is second to none. We serve all-you-can-eat hand breaded Alaskan Pollock. Fish dinners include curly fries, coleslaw, roll and a dessert - all for a reasonable \$8.00 per person. The cost for seniors is \$6:00 from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Children are \$5.00. For those who don't have a craving for fish, we offer an eight piece shrimp dinner that includes coleslaw, a roll and dessert for \$8.00. For the pasta lovers, we have a spaghetti dinner that includes coleslaw, roll and a desert for \$5.00 and Mac-&-Cheese for \$4.00. Beer and wine are available at \$2.00 per glass. Pitchers of beer are \$6.00. Pop is \$1.00 with free refills. We hope to see everyone there.

April

SpEGGtacular SAVING EVENT

Friday, April 15

& Saturday, April 16

during regular business hours

Participating merchants throughout the downtown

Coordinated by the Downtown Homewood Business Association dhba.biz

Go on an egg hunt—for discounts—throughout the downtown. Participating merchants will have Easter eggs, each with a unique discount, toward purchases made that day. Discounts range from 10% to 40%. Some eggs may have store bucks. Pick up your basket from your favorite downtown merchant.

FREE! LUCKY EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 16 | 10:00 AM

Irwin Park

Coordinated by the H-F Park District hfparks.com

As the sirens sound on the Homewood Fire Truck, a special guest will arrive to start this year's Lucky Egg Hunt for ages six and under. Bring your basket to collect eggs. Try to find the Lucky Eggs

that give you an extra prize! Mom and Dad, don't forget your camera as pictures with the bunny will be available after the hunt. Rain location: H-F Sports Complex. Event sponsored by Family Video.

HOMEWOOD BASEBALL OPENING DAY PARADE AND CEREMONIES

Saturday, April 23

Step-off at 11:00 AM

Irwin Park, East on Ridge Road to Izaak Walton Little League Ball Fields

As opening day of Homewood Baseball and Softball approaches, we remember years past. Many of our current residents had their first baseball or softball experience playing on our idyllic Izaak Walton ball fields, where four, five, and six year old players began their journey with T-Ball and moved on to Bantam, Rookie, Ripken, Juniors, Babe Ruth and Seniors over the years. Many of these same childhood players still reside in Homewood, or have moved back to town and are now parents with families of their own. They have returned to Homewood Baseball and Softball as coaches, commissioners, stand directors, team moms or umpires. Generations have played and grown together through Homewood Baseball and Softball, and we will continue to watch our children participate in this program as Homewood Baseball and Softball celebrates 60 years! Join us as we make memories, help players grow and develop, and watch dreams come true!

May

25TH ANNUAL PARK PRIDE DAY

Saturday, May 7

Park work begins at 8:30 AM at area parks

Lunch begins at 11:00 AM

at Irwin Park

Coordinated by the H-F Park District hfparks.com

For the past 25 years, community volunteers have come out on the first Saturday in May to spruce up neighborhood parks before the start of summer. Join us in this

anniversary year! All volunteers receive a t-shirt and lunch, provided by area businesses at Irwin Park. New this year, enjoy reggae music by the Tropical Sound Steel Band during lunch (11 a.m.-Noon) and help plant a tree at Irwin Park that will honor all the volunteers from the past 25 years! Bring small hand tools and gloves; we will provide all other materials. Captains are still needed to coordinate efforts in some parks. Call (708) 957-0300 to see how you can join the fun!

GRANDPA'S GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 14

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Lions Club Pool parking lot

Coordinated by the H-F Park District hfparks.com

It's garage sale time! Clean out your attic, closets and basement and rent a space at this popular community-wide sale. Avoid the hassle of running an ad, putting up signs and cleaning the garage. Leave the details to us! Pre-registration is required for this sell-out event. Note: Sellers provide their own table & set up. Rain date: May 21. Seller's fee: \$22 R/ \$33 NR. Code: #220719-01. *Event sponsored by Caring Transitions.*



HOMEWOOD FRENCH MARKET

Every Saturday, May 21

through October 22

8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Village Hall Parking Lot, 2020 Chestnut Road

Get ready for an all new, European experience when you shop the Market this season. In an effort to continue improving our summer farmers market, we have increased the number of vendors and offerings, adding the culture

Uncle Sam Still Needs You

The Village of Homewood has always had American pride. This pride is reflected around town, from the American flags that wave from our homes and businesses to the many parades throughout Homewood with residents donned in red, white, and blue. With this pride also comes appreciation for the men and women that have served in the military. Homewood is full of a rich history of supporting the military with Victory gardens, American Legion, paper and scrap drives, and parades. Homewood continues to educate younger generations about this patriotic history with exhibits that can be found in the Dorband-Howe House, 2035 183rd Street, guests will find a room dedicated to the military and the men and women of Homewood that served.

On December 19, 2000, the Village President, Richard Hofeld, and the Board of Trustees passed a resolution establishing the Veterans Committee. The mission for the committee is to inform, honor and acknowledge current and past Homewood residents who have served or are serving in the Armed Forces and foster a better community awareness and recognition of the Veterans

of the Armed Services. The programs from the committee are American Flags for display throughout the Village of Homewood, Blue Star Flags for the parents of active duty, certificates of appreciation to

New Event!

A Date with Uncle Sam

Saturday, May 21st
4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
H-F Auditorium
2010 Chestnut Road

Coordinated by the
Homewood Veterans
Committee

As a show of gratitude to the brave men and women for their service, both current and past wars, the Veterans Committee will be hosting a dinner and dance. The event will be filled with 1940 style music, dancing, and a delicious buffet, all reminiscent of the parties held for the military home from service. **For more information for the event, please contact Char Dyer at (708) 798-3000.**



family of deceased Veterans, Veterans benefits information, educational programs, and Veterans photo exhibit. The committee sponsors a spring breakfast, summer picnic, Patriots Day Service, Veterans breakfast, and the poignant Memorial Day Parade.

In addition to the wonderful programs, the committee assists military personnel that have returned from service abroad who have financial challenges due to employment disruption because of their deployment. To assist with their mission they work closely with 308th Civil Affairs Brigade headquartered in Homewood. The two groups worked together in coordinating the "Welcome Home" parade, on July 10, 2010, during Homewood Days for the 115 men and women from the 308th Brigade home from their services in Iraq and Afghanistan.

First Lady, Michelle Obama,

Photos courtesy of the Homewood Historical Society. Left, Going away party on December 6, 1941 for a Homewood serviceman just before the start of WWII. Right, American Legion dance in 1920.

has made it one of her missions to bring awareness of the challenges these military families face when their loved ones are serving. She has asked that the American people help these military families because of the sacrifice they have made for the people of the United States. It is imperative that our support goes beyond the heartfelt send offs and the "Welcome Home Parades" but reaches a consistency within their family lives.

8th Annual Homewood Railroad Heritage Days

Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15

This year we will be commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Illinois Central Railroad Green Diamond. The Green Diamond was the first diesel powered passenger train operated by the Illinois Central. Additionally, the 40th anniversary of Amtrak occurs in May.

In addition to the usual layouts and vendors, some new events and displays will be introduced.

On Saturday, there will be an Illinois Central Railroad History Symposium at the Homewood Public Library from 11:00 AM until 5:00 PM, free admission. Saturday

evening the Annual Multi-media Rail Photography Show will be held at St. Joseph's Church Parish Hall from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Sunday the 15th will be the Annual Rail Show which will be held at the Village Complex, Auditorium, Village Hall, and Fire Station from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This year we will have an expanded area for displays. In addition to the vendors, layouts, and equipment display, "Lil Obie" from Canadian National will be giving rides to kids of all ages. New this year will be a rail photography display and contest. Also new this year

will be a railroad model contest. The Homewood Rail Committee will be raffling off a HO scale model railroad layout.

Finally this year, the "World's Largest Mobile Model Railroad Layout" will be on display. This layout with over 400 feet of track is built into a 47 foot trailer. There is over 8 miles of wiring, 800W theatre audio system, interactive accessories and much more. Multiple Lionel and MTH O gauge trains run continuously and automatically. The lighting simulates 24 hours going from day to night with a fiber optic star show designed by

Walt Disney Designs.

Also on Sunday a hosted rail fan train watching and photography event will be held at the Rail Watching Platform. The caboose will be open at the Rail Park.

The Rail Committee is looking for new members to assist with the event and preservation projects. For information on this year's "Railroad Heritage Days", please contact Dan Gunderson at (708) 957-7944 or e-mail: d.gunderson@sbcglobal.net. If you are interested in joining the committee, (708) 798-3000 or homesweethomewood.com.

POLICE AND FIRE NEWS



Who is Knocking at Your Door?

Homewood Senior Committee to host a complimentary seminar for seniors

Someone just rang your door bell claiming to be from the Village. But how do you know who they really are? Should you open the door and let them in? This seminar, presented in cooperation with the Village of Homewood Senior Advisory Committee, is designed to educate you about what questions to ask, how someone should be dressed, what kind of ID they carry and who to call if you are uncertain. Representatives from the Village of Homewood and the Village of Flossmoor, Com Ed, NICOR, Comcast and more will be present. Although this seminar is free, please pre-register at least one week in advance to secure a seat.

Location: Irwin Community Center
Age: Adult
Day/Date: Friday, May 20
Time: 10:00 AM
Code: 214633-01
Fee: Free

Tax Time-Beware of the Email Tax Scam *By DARE Officer Curt Wiest*

This is the time of year that my inbox receives dozens of emails claiming that my federal tax deposit made online at Electronic Federal Tax Payment System—or EFTPS—has been rejected by the IRS. Some indicate that my “company code” was entered incorrectly. Others claim (along with numerous misspellings and grammatical errors) that the IRS could not process the payment because it was made on a holiday.

In the email I am directed to go to a phony IRS website, where I’m asked to re-enter all of my valuable financial information. This is the scam. The end result is funds from my bank account transferred to an untraceable overseas account.

A warning to all: the IRS does not send official communications



to taxpayers via e-mail. It just isn’t done that way. If you receive one of these email scams, forward the email in question to phishing@irs.gov. If you forward a suspicious email to the IRS, you will receive an email response from the IRS thanking you for sending the information to them.

If you are registered to make your various federal tax payments online, you will see this banner across the home page:

Remember: EFTPS values

your privacy and security and will **never** attempt to contact you via email. If you ever receive an email that claims to be from EFTPS or from a sender you do not recognize that mentions a payment make through EFTPS, forward the e-mail to phishing@irs.gov or call the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1(800) 366-4484.

Note: Excerpt from Entrepreneur as told by Bonnie Lee, owner of Taxpertise

Quick Tips for Seniors to Avoid Scams

Con artists are not always easy to spot. Smart, extremely persuasive, and aggressive, they invade your home through the telephone and the mail, advertise in reputable newspapers and magazines, and come to your door. And, don’t forget the computer. Most people think they’re too smart to fall for a scam. But con artists “rob” all kinds of people – from investment counselors and doctors to teenagers and elderly widows. It’s up to you to say no! Use commonsense and learn about some old and new scams:

- Don’t let greed overcome your common sense.
- Be wary of... High pressure sales, Demands for “cash only,” Pressure for quick decisions, Secret deals, No-risk, high-yield investments.
- Get a second opinion from someone you trust.



- A tipoff that emails are phony: they are filled with spelling and grammatical errors.
- Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

Here are some examples of old and new scams:

- Check marketing companies affiliated with the Mystery Shopping Providers Association www.mysteryshop.org. Mystery shoppers should be compensated by assignment not by the hour.
- Make sure your tax person

knows what he/she is doing. Otherwise you may land in hot water with the IRS. Check the IRS web site www.irs.gov. Watch out for bogus IRS emails asking for personal information. Contact the IRS by phone when you get one.

- Many companies recommend you get an official or certified copy of your property deed. And they charge \$60 - \$90 per copy. However, you can receive a copy from your county clerk for about \$5.00. You may even have a copy already from the closing of your home or received it shortly thereafter.
- If you receive an email stating you’ve overlooked a tax refund or won a foreign lottery, delete it. The IRS, FBI, Social Security Administration or any other tax-supported office will not email you.

Emergency Medical Vehicle Fund

In 1974 the Emergency Medical Vehicle Fund was established in Homewood to raise funds for the purchase of its first ambulance, Rescue 11. A total of five ambulances were purchased between 1974 and 1997, utilizing monies raised through this fund.

Homewood's most recent two ambulances were purchased by the Village, and some of the equipment for those ambulances was purchased through the fund, now renamed the Emergency Medical Equipment Fund (EMEF). The Fund helps with the purchase of the most up-to-date equipment to outfit our ambulances. Our most recent purchases were two hydraulic cots costing approximately \$11,000

each. These cots help to enhance patient comfort, as well as increase the safety of our personnel by helping to prevent back and knee injuries.

EMEF purchases are approved by a committee consisting of three members: one from the Chamber of Commerce, one from the Fire Department and one from the Village. The fund receives donations, memorials and bequests through wills throughout the year. These may be sent directly to the Fire Department at 17950 Dixie Hwy, directed to the Emergency Medical Equipment Fund.

Your memorials and donations will help us continue to acquire the most current medical equipment possible.

Illinois Firefighter Memorial and Medal of Honor

The Illinois Firefighter Memorial is dedicated to the firefighters of Illinois who have given their lives in the line of duty and to those firefighters who heroically serve with courage, pride and honor.

The Homewood Fire Department has nominated the following firefighters for this year's recognition ceremony, to be held on Thursday, May 12 in Springfield, Illinois.

- FF/PMD Brian Carey nominated for Medal of Honor, posthumously
- FF/PMD Karra Kopas nominated for Medal of Honor
- FF/PMD Christopher Kieta nominated for Medal of Honor



- Lt. Kevin Sears (Hazel Crest Fire Department) nominated for Medal of Honor
 - FF/PMD James Shields (Hazel Crest Fire Department) nominated for Medal of Honor
- On March 30, 2010, a residential structure fire took the life of Brian Carey and injured Karra Kopas. Kieta, Sears and Shields were all instrumental in the rescue of Kopas and Carey. These five brave firefighters will be honored on Thursday, May 12, in Springfield at the annual Fallen Firefighter Ceremony for their valiant efforts on that evening.

Disaster Preparation



A disaster can strike quickly and without warning. It can confine you to where you are when it strikes. It can also force you to evacuate your home and the immediate area.

Local emergency services and relief workers will react as quickly as possible. They will not be able to reach everyone immediately.

If a Disaster Occurs:

Many types of disasters could occur in the Village, such as tornado, flood, earthquake, toxic chemical spill or cloud, or a major

fire. If a disaster occurs, a loud continuous siren holding its pitch for three minutes will sound. This means the outdoor warning system has been activated. After the siren sounds, a voice message may follow.

When you hear the siren and voice message, go indoors and turn on your radio to one of the emergency broadcast stations:

- WCGO - 1600 AM
- WHFH - 88.5 FM

Listen for further information and instructions. Do not call 9-1-1 to obtain information. During an actual emergency, dispatch personnel will be busy answering requests for assistance. Call 9-1-1 only if you personally have an emergency situation.

Outdoor Warning System

Homewood has an outdoor warning siren system, to alert Village residents of serious weather or hazardous conditions. Sirens

are located at the Municipal Service Center, 17755 Ashland; Patriot's Park, near 187th St and Center; and at 183rd St and Stewart. The siren units contain three preprogrammed voice messages, which should be audible throughout the Village. The three preprogrammed voice messages are:

1. Attention - This is a test of the outdoor weather warning system. This is only a test.
2. Attention - A tornado warning is now in effect. Do not delay. Seek shelter now.
3. Attention - A hazardous materials incident has occurred. Go indoors now. Close all doors and windows. Turn off all heating and air-conditioning equipment.

The outdoor siren system (siren tone and voice messaging) is tested the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM.



Family Health Fair

**Sunday, April 10
 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
 James Hart School,
 H-F Sports Complex**

Sponsored by Ingalls Health System & Homewood Rotary Club

Featuring a variety of free health screenings.

See article on page 18 for more details.

FINANCE & MANAGER'S OFFICE NEWS

Vehicle Stickers

Avoid the lines... Mail in your renewal form or put it in the drop box! We will process your application and mail it back to you with the vehicle sticker within two business days!

Seniors Get Two Discounts Stickers

Residents 65 years or older may be eligible for two stickers per household at a reduced rate. Seniors who have already qualified for this discount will have "Senior" printed on the renewal application. These residents may apply for their vehicle sticker by mail. Residents 65 years of age or older who would like to qualify for the senior rate should apply in person at the Village Hall and show proof of age and vehicle ownership.

All Parking Stickers Expires April 30

All Village parking stickers expire on April 30. This includes Overnight Parking Ban Exemptions, No Parking Ridge Road Exemptions, Central Business District Business Parking, and Central Business District Residential Parking.

Individuals who currently hold any of these parking stickers must renew them during April and May. A new application is required each year.

Bicycle Licenses

Villagers may also purchase bicycle licenses at the Village Hall. The cost is \$2.00 each, and the license is valid for as long as the license holder owns the bike. The serial number on the bicycle is required.

Residential Garage Sale FAQs

If you are planning a garage sale here are the answers to the most frequently asked questions:

- Sales are limited to two days per residence per year.
- A permit must be posted, with the cost of the permit of \$2. Permits can be obtained at the Village Hall.
- No sale items can be located on sidewalks, streets or the parkway.
- Signs posted within the public right-of-way must be on an arterial street leading into your subdivision or street where the sale is to be conducted.
- No more than one sign may be posted in front of the resident's home where the sale is being conducted.
- Signs shall not exceed four square feet in surface area and not exceed three feet in overall height from the ground to the top of the garage sale sign.
- Signs must be posted no earlier than the first sale date and removed within four hours after the final sale date. Each sign must have the exact date, address and permit number posted it.
- Signs must be freestanding and not attached to any utility pole, street sign, and structure or traffic control sign.
- No attention attracting devices such as pennants, streamers, balloons, inflatable shapes, banners, flashing lights or other illumination shall be attached to the garage sale signs or placed in the public right-of-way.
- Garage sale signs are prohibited from being placed at or on signalized stop light intersections within the Village of Homewood.

Christmas Tree Recycling Program

The First Annual Community Christmas Tree Recycling Program was a huge success. Over 300 Christmas trees were collected! Thanks to Madeline Moxley and her Dad Mark of Homewood who rescued 33 trees from curbs in the area and brought them over in a dump truck from Mark's landscaping business (Lake Street Supply).

The Second Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program will be

bigger and better and we would welcome your support once again. Plans for next year include home pick ups, a possible Christmas Tree Lights recycling program and perhaps car wash discount coupons for Tree donors. Of course if you have any suggestions or ideas for improvement please feel free to



Mark and Madeline Moxley

send them our way. In the meantime we hope you have a Happy New Year filled with many Blessings!

Pet Licenses

Pet licenses may be obtained at the Village Hall beginning April 1. All dogs and cats six months or older are required to be licensed with 2011/2012 tags by May 31. Owners must provide a veterinarian's certificate of a current rabies inoculation. Licensing fees are \$10.00 for the first pet and \$5.00 for each additional animal. The Homewood municipal code limits the maximum number of animals to four per household.



Consolidated Election

The Consolidated Election will be held on Tuesday, April 5. Early voting continues through Thursday, March 31, with In-Person voting continuing until Monday, April 4 at

designated locations chosen by the Cook County Clerk's Office. For more information visit the Cook County Clerk's office website at www.cookcountyclerk.com.

Important Dates

- March 31** Last day for early voting at designated locations chosen by Cook County Clerk's Office
- April 1** Vehicle Stickers and Pet tags go on sale
- April 5** Consolidated Election
- April 7** Voter's registration re-opens at the Village Hall
- April 30** All Village vehicle stickers, parking stickers and animal tags expire
- June 1** Late fees assessed on vehicle sticker

Department of Finance & Manager's Office
2020 Chestnut Road
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2010 Award Recipients

Annual Employee Recognition Awards

Every year, Village employees nominate their peers in 10 unique performance categories. In 2010, the following recognitions were awarded:

- **Customer Service Award:** Awarded to Lisa Syren (Public Works Department) for her ability to connect and respond to citizen problems and requests with a professional and helpful attitude.
- **Leadership Award:** Awarded to Steve Dejong (Fire Department) and Jan Kasper (Community Development Department); non-supervisory employees who provide leadership on a regular basis among co-workers.
- **Innovative Idea Award:** Awarded to Chief Larry Burnson (Police Department) and Tim Stinnett (Manager's Office) for an innovative idea that, when implemented, resulted in revenue enhancement and increased effectiveness of service to the public.
- **Outstanding Effort Award:** Awarded to Deputy Chief Dale Gustafson (Police Department) for his consistent, high level of excellence performing his responsibilities and duties.
- **Outstanding Project Award:** Awarded to Jim Marino (Manager's Office), Amy Zukowski (Finance Department), Dave Ebert (Public Works Department) and Sandy Ruhlander (Finance Department) for developing a comprehensive wellness program.
- **Positive Attitude Award:** Awarded to Joe Mancini (Public Works Department) for his pleasant personality and positive attitude.
- **Safety Award:** Awarded to Larry Lipinski (Fire Department) for his consistent awareness of safety, both in his work habits and attitude.
- **Supervisor Award:** Awarded to Deputy Chief Bill Alcott (Police Department) for his excellence in a supervisory role.
- **Teamwork Award:** Awarded to Nancy Adams (Finance Department), Jan Kasper (Community Development), and Chief Bob Grabowski (Fire Department) for their exemplary efforts working together on inter-departmental projects.
- **Humanitarian Award:** Awarded to Mark Phalen (Police Department), Craig Sline (Police Department), and Bob Misner (Police Department) for their duties as members of the South Suburban Association Chief of Police Honor Guide Unit. The Unit focuses on establishing the proper honor for officers killed in the line of duty and also officers who have died in non-duty related incidents.



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e-News Community: Residents can sign up to join the e-News community to receive a bi-weekly electronic newsletter. Archive issues can be read online. The e-News features new business openings, community events sponsored by not-for-profit organizations operating within Homewood, and organizations hosting events and/or programs that benefit the overall community. Changes to Village services and major

projects are also communicated and important alerts on emergencies and criminal activity. Subscribe to the e-News at homesweethomewood.com.

Homesweethomewood.com: The official Village website is homesweethomewood.com; it provides in-depth information on the functions of each department and the services residents and business owners can expect to receive. Use the Online Services link to access forms and make

requests, electronically, to expedite response times and get the information you need. Add this site to your favorites.

Facebook®: Are you on Facebook? Join us! The Village of Homewood has created a presence on Facebook to share information and tools with the Facebook community.

HCTV: The Village operates its own cable channel: HCTV Channel 4 (Comcast) and HCTV Channel 99 (AT&T). The channel provides

bulletin slides of community information and a variety of programming that includes Village Board Meetings, Here's Homewood, special events, and more. The Cable Commission encourages Homewood residents, school districts, and civic organizations to submit cable television programs and ideas. To request a program submission contact the Manager's Office: (708) 206-3377.

Homewood's Council for the Arts

In 2010, the Village of Homewood launched a pilot program, Art in Storefronts, as part of an initiative to reinvigorate Homewood's commercial districts. The program places exhibits by local artists in vacant storefronts in an effort to bring color, attention, life and energy to otherwise unused spaces.

Within the same year, the Village also commissioned muralist Richard Haas to restore murals removed in a property improvement, and to expand the mural collection into additional commercial districts.

The culmination of these two projects, and the on-going

programs to engage the local artist community and expand art appreciation within the community, lead to the decision to establish a council for the arts.

The Homewood Council for the Arts is responsible for administering a public art program that improves the public environment through the enhancement of Village buildings and spaces with quality works of art by professional artists. The Council's programs are established to instill community pride, improve streetscapes, revitalize property appearance, increase foot traffic, and support local Homewood artists. The Council's objective

is to emphasize the role that the arts play in community-building and economic growth.

The scope of the Homewood Council for the Arts is as follows:

- Oversee the preservation, restoration, and/or expansion of Homewood's mural collection.
- Manage the Art in Storefronts Program; review and approve submitted pop-up gallery proposals, publicize and coordinate each exhibition, work with design, install, and light shows, plan various activities associated with pop-up galleries including public gallery walks, art shows and events, lectures, and slideshows.
- Locate and recommend specific pieces of art to be installed at Village-owned facilities, or private properties deemed appropriate for installation of public art.
- Provide recommendations for arts and entertainment within the Village.
- Dialogue with regional and local entities interested in arts and entertainment.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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and style of France with our brand new Homewood French Market. Partnering with the Bensidoun Family, market operators with over 50 years experience and well known for the Wheaton French Market, the Village will see new vendors selling fresh food and drink, flowers, clothing, arts, crafts and jewelry. The Homewood French Market will be held across the street from St. Joseph's in the Village Parking Lot located at 2020 Chestnut Road. The venue change allows for the installation of traditional, imported French market canopies, so even if it's raining, shoppers and vendors can stay dry. The new venue also provides restrooms and ample parking, and electricity for a full outdoor music schedule during Market hours: 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The Homewood French Market will open early this year - Saturday, May 21- to accommodate vendors selling plants and flowers for Spring.

H-F 5K 2011 SUMMER CIRCUIT

Apollo 5K
Saturday, May 21

Run for Freedom 5K
Monday, July 4

Flossmoor 4K
Saturday, September 10

*Coordinated by the H-F Park District
hfparks.com*

Challenge yourself this season! Run your first 5K, then improve on your time throughout the summer.

DOWNTOWN MERCHANT SIDEWALK SALE

Saturday, May 21
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Participating merchants
throughout the downtown

*Coordinated by the Downtown
Homewood Business Association
dhba.biz*

June Sneak Peek

HOMWOOD AREA CHAMBER FINE ART FAIR

Saturday, June 4 & Sunday, June 5
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sterling Avenue at Flossmoor Road,
downtown Flossmoor

*Coordinated by the Homewood Area
Chamber of Commerce
homewoodareachamber.com*

Homewood Area Chamber Fine Art Fair is celebrating its 30th Anniversary. The artists featured in the 2011 Fine Art Fair are chosen by an independent jury of professional artists. As with every year, The Homewood Area Chamber Fine Art Fair will feature a wide range of art mediums, including mixed media, drawing, painting, photography, ceramics, glass, jewelry, and many more. There will also be food, music and children's activities for a fun filled weekend.

DOWNTOWN HOMWOOD ART AND GARDEN STREET FAIR

Friday, June 17
11:00 AM to 10:00 PM

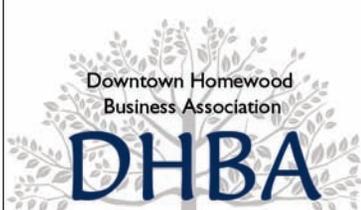
Saturday, June 18
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Martin Avenue
and Ridge Road,
downtown Homewood

*Coordinated by the Downtown
Homewood Business Association
dhba.biz*

Friday's format offers a lively, nighttime atmosphere with a full schedule of live entertainment and dance opportunities covering a wide variety of genres.

Headlining Friday's entertainment is Rio Bamba, a Brazilian and American Jazz Band. Saturday embodies all of the rich features of an outdoor, cultural experience for art admirers and buyers of all levels.



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Mark your calendar for the 28th annual Ingalls Health System & Homewood Rotary Club's Family Health Fair, which features a variety of free health screenings, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Sunday, April 10th, at James Hart School, in the H-F Sports Complex, on 183rd and Aberdeen, in Homewood.

More than 35 valuable screenings and services will be featured at this year's event, including a free total cholesterol blood test, \$10.00 lipid profile, a free 12-lead EKG, cancer screenings, school physicals and much more.

If you've never been to the annual health fair, you may want to talk to Hazel Crest Village Clerk Mary Grant, who says the 2010 event saved her life.

A year ago, Grant was talking to a friend at work who encouraged her to go. With a family history of heart problems, Grant was particularly interested in the free 12-lead EKG (electrocardiogram), a simple painless test that records the heart's electrical activity.

"An EKG provides important information about a person's heart rhythm, a previous heart attack, increased thickness of the heart muscle, and signs of decreased oxygen delivery to the heart," explains Dilip Shah, M.D., board-certified cardiologist who interpreted EKGs at the 2010 health fair.

"I'd never had an EKG before, so I was intrigued," Grant admits. "I went online to find out more about the fair and where it was."

The morning of the event, Grant went to church and then considered skipping the health fair altogether.

"I almost talked myself out of it," she said.

But she went, had the test, and to her shock, the EKG was abnormal.

"Dr. Shah took one look at it

and said 'You need a stress test,'" she recalls.

Grant followed up with her family doctor, who discovered her stress test was abnormal too. Within weeks, Grant underwent a cardiac catheterization at Ingalls, where she was given two stents to open up an artery that was 95% blocked.

Today, the energetic public servant feels better than ever and even managed to walk the parade route of the 2010 Hazelnut Festival last August.

"I wasn't able to do that last year," she said. "When I look back, I guess I was having symptoms, but I blamed my shortness of breath on being overweight. Now I'm thinking that the indigestion I had been feeling wasn't indigestion at all."

"The Ingalls Health Fair saved my life," Mary added. "If you haven't had an EKG, have it done. It takes so little time and is well worth it."

Popular FREE displays such as mini-stress massages and screenings such as allergy scratch tests, vision exams, hearing tests, foot screenings and more will return. Physicians on Ingalls staff will conduct breast health exams, skin cancer screenings and offer colon cancer screening kits. A full battery of discounted blood tests will again be offered; find the complete list on Ingalls website. Rotary health professionals conduct cataract and glaucoma screenings, back and neck chiropractic exams, and much more.

Bring in your children for a \$15.00 school physical that includes all necessary immunizations. Please bring all paperwork and forms that need to be completed.

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Homewood Through The Years is a 256 page hardcover history of Homewood written by former village trustee Jim Wright who currently is president of the Homewood Historical Society. The book is filled with over 250 photographs and limited quantities are still available for purchase for \$30 at the Homewood Village Hall, 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 about the horse and the introduction of the "horseless carriage" in Homewood.

Early "horseless carriages" lived up to their name. They had high wheels, the look of a fancy horse buggy and were crafted individually using many of the same materials carriages were made of. It wasn't until Henry Ford fully instituted the assembly line method of production in 1913 that the automobile became affordable for the masses. This dramatically increased Detroit's output of automobiles.

In Homewood, Dr. William Doepp II was the first to own an automobile—a 1908 model manufactured by the Schacht Motor Car Company of Cincinnati, Ohio. The following year, Henry Gottschalk became the second in the village to own an automobile

with his purchase of a 30-horsepower 1909 touring car manufactured by the Moline Automobile Company of East Moline, Illinois.

Grocer Henry Funk and businessman Fred Gold followed with automobile purchases shortly thereafter.

Despite these purchases, it would be a number of years before there would be a significant number of autos owned by Homewood residents. The horse would serve as the prime mode of transportation in town well into the teens and a business, the Homewood Stock Farm owned by Louis Metz and his family, capitalized on this.

Metz moved to Homewood in 1901 and was a breeder and importer of Percheron and Belgian draft horses. These breeds of horses were the favorites of farmers and teamsters who moved freight on streets around the country. Metz owned property southwest of the brickyard, in the area where Walt's Food Store is now located. He imported dozens of horses at a time from France and Belgium for sale and breeding. Horses he bred were shown at fairs and exhibitions throughout the Midwest and many



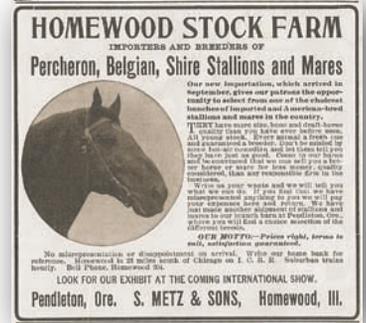
Andrew Severson's repair garage



Lucy Funk in her father's Case Auto in 1914

were prizewinners. Metz developed a fine reputation and his stock was well sought after. His business prospered up until his untimely death in 1938. Ironically, after years of working with large draft horses, Metz was killed after being kicked by a team of mules, a breed he began to raise in later years.

The growing use of the automobile did lead to new businesses opening in town. The old blacksmith and wagon shops and the men who operated them were not as proficient in servicing and repairing the "newfangled" automobiles. As the horse and buggy days waned, the era of the auto repair garage and service station dawned. In Homewood, the first auto repair garage, the Homewood Garage and Livery, opened on Morris Avenue (Harwood Avenue) north of Main Street (Ridge Road) in March 1912. The Hawkins Brothers who owned the business not only repaired cars, they sold used vehicles, had cars for rent and, being close to the railroad depot, also operated an express



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package and delivery service. Over ninety years later, a repair garage in a newer building is still located at this site (18009 Harwood Avenue).

In 1915, Andrew Severson opened his repair garage in a small frame building on the southwest corner of the current intersection of Dixie Highway and Elm Street. Business was good from the start, so Severson built a larger cement block structure on the site to house the repair garage and a gasoline station in 1916. A few years later, operation of Severson's Garage was taken over by his son-in-law Ted Utermark, Sr. The garage building was demolished in 1966 and the property is now site of the Homewood fire station.

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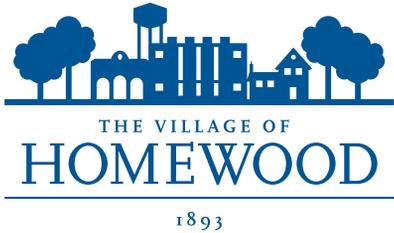
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