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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Farmers Market

Every Saturday through October 17, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
St. Paul Community Church Parking Lot
Call the Manager's Office: 206-3375

26 A Touch of Green Event

Expired Prescription Drug Collection
At the Farmers Market, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

26 Fall Fest & Chili Cook-Off

Hickory Road at Dixie Highway & Martin Avenue, 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM
Call the Manager's Office: 206-3375

OCTOBER

3 Gramma's Attic Craft Show

Irwin Center, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Call the H-F Park District: 957-0300

10 Fall Fishing Derby

Dolphin Lake, 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Call the H-F Park District: 957-0300. Tickets required.

11 Fire Department Open House

Homewood Fire Station, 17950 Dixie Highway, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Call the Fire Department: 206-3400

18 Hall of Fame Luncheon

Calumet Country Club, 12:00 PM
Call the Manager's Office: 206-3375. Tickets required.

18 9th Annual Haunted Hounds

Rover's Run Dog Park, 1:00 PM
Call the H-F Park District: 957-0300

31 Halloween Happenings

H-F Sports Complex, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Call the H-F Park District: 957-0300

NOVEMBER

27 6th Annual ButterBall Burners 5K

8:00 AM, Check-In and Race Day Registration Required
Call the H-F Park District: 957-0300

VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

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

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Richard A. Hofeld

VILLAGE CLERK
Gayle Campbell

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

BOARD, COMMISSION & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Plan Commission
Police Chief's Citizens Advisory Committee
Senior Advisory Committee
Stormwater Resource Committee
Tree Committee
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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
Dolphin Lake Pool	798-0085
Lions Club Pool	799-2223
School District 153	799-5661
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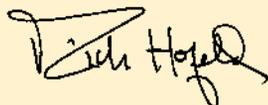
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Richard A. Hofeld
Village President

Recently a columnist for a newspaper contacted me for my comments on how the economic downturn has affected Homewood. The questions centered on what is the expected

revenues very carefully. I then spoke to the columnist about one of our success stories, the "re-opening" of our Chevrolet dealership, and he was unaware of it. Evidently it's far easier to dwell upon "doom and

sit empty with deteriorating vacant buildings, deserted sales lots and jobless former employees. We in Homewood did all we could do to make sure it wasn't going to happen here, and we succeeded.

"The good news, that our Chevrolet dealership will continue operating is an excellent example of how local government can assist local business."

impact on sales tax receipts and whether the Village is considering employee layoffs and employee reductions.

I responded that we will have a shortfall; however, we do not anticipate layoffs. Rather, we will fill employee vacancies, largely through retirements, more slowly, and continue to monitor our

gloom" and bad news rather than write about good news.

The good news, that our Chevrolet dealership will continue operating, is an excellent example of how local government can assist local business. We are all aware of how auto manufacturers have closed dealerships; how many dealer sites that have closed now

Last March, I was approached by Steve Phillipos, one of the four partners of Steve Peters Chevrolet on Halsted Street. He said that he would like to buy out his partners and continue operations; however, due to the decline in auto

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President's Message

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sales, combined with the high real estate taxes on the property, this was too much to overcome. Unless there was a way to have the taxes reduced they would be forced to close, resulting in over 50 employees being forced out of work. I contacted Cook County Commissioner Joan Murphy and explained the situation, which I said was applicable to not only the Homewood auto dealership but possibly to other businesses throughout the county. Commissioner Murphy was very receptive. I then attended meetings with various Cook County officials and ultimately the County Board where our pleas for a "local stimulus package", in the form of short-term tax relief for distressed businesses was heard. I am pleased to say that the County Board approved a five year tax reduction which would be effective

to businesses that met certain criteria. The criteria was essentially the prospect of imminent closing! Additionally, the county required that the local municipality rebate their portion of sales tax receipts that the business would generate as a "local stimulus".

Shortly thereafter I met with Van Drunen Ford, Homewood's other auto dealer and apprised them of the county program. If they feel that they qualify, they too can take advantage of this.

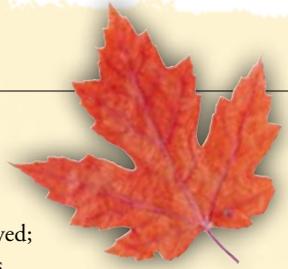
The agreement by the county, combined with the local sales tax rebate to the dealership, approved by the Village Board, provided the incentives for our Chevrolet dealership to "turn the corner". Around this time G.M. announced a round of dealer closings. The Homewood dealership was not on the list! I certainly would like to think that our actions in initiating

these creative incentives was a factor.

Then just as I thought we had the dealership on solid ground, I received a call saying GMAC, the financing arm for the dealership, would not extend their credit, which in effect spelled the end for the dealership. Again, I assured the dealer that this wasn't going to happen; that we would "pull out all the stops" through lobbying efforts to assist in securing financing. Calls were made to the offices of State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulis, Senator Dick Durbin, Representative Anthony DeLuca, and Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr. I even wrote to President Obama. Everyone was very helpful. All of these efforts must have worked. I soon received a call from Mr. Phillipos, the dealer, saying GMAC reconsidered and his floor plan (inventory of cars) had been

approved; he was back in business!

I couldn't be happier. With all of the dealer closings nation-wide we have helped save Homewood's Chevrolet dealership. What I am especially proud of is 50 jobs have been saved. Fifty workers who will continue to have employment and in turn will be better able to provide for their families. In recognition of our efforts the newly re-opened dealership is now known as "Chevrolet in Homewood". I couldn't be prouder of this "partnership" with business that enhances Homewood's excellent reputation as not only a great place to live but also to do business.




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Neighboring Villages Rally Around Local Retailers By Co-sponsoring Holiday Season Community Auction

By John Williams Jr., Contributing Writer and Homewood Resident

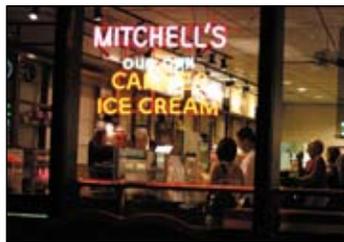
Like good neighbors, the villages of Homewood, Flossmoor and Glenwood share a rich history of working together to support important and worthwhile causes. Hoping to stimulate and grow sales for local retailers during the 2009 holiday season, the three municipalities and the Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce will co-sponsor a special Community Auction.

Under the rules of the auction, area shoppers will be able to redeem sales receipts from Homewood, Flossmoor and Glenwood retailers and service providers to bid on donated prizes appraised at a minimum of \$50 each. For each dollar spent during the eligibility period of October 17, 2009 to January 31, 2010, bargain and big-time shoppers will receive one point to bid on donated gifts. The auction will be held on February 14, 2010 at Homewood-Flossmoor High School, 999 Kedzie Avenue.

"Homewood, Flossmoor and Glenwood share borders, schools, park districts, and a common goal, which is to enhance retail sales and development in our communities," said Homewood Village Planner Beth Barron. "We know that residents of all three communities shop locally and we have unique shops and services that can and should be used by residents of all three communities."

A decade ago, the three neighboring villages held its last Community Auction. Over \$2.4 million in sales tax receipts were collected from 662 shoppers and approximately 1,500 people attended the fun and festive event, which was held in Homewood. Auction items included vacation getaways, jewelry, and gift certificates.

The chief goal of the upcoming auction, according to



Kathy Nussbaum, Director of the Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce, is to help local businesses increase and sustain their customer base for years to come. Partnering together, local government, civic and business leaders in Homewood, Flossmoor and Glenwood are actively recruiting retailers to participate in the Community Auction.

"We have already had a wonderful response from the business community," Nussbaum stated. Early signees include: Flossmoor's Fresh Start Restaurant, the Glenwood Driving School, and the Art Corner in Homewood.

Become a fan of the Community Auction on Facebook to view the current listing of auction participants and donated items (search "Community Auction"), or visit the Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce website (www.homewoodareachamber.com).

During initial planning for the auction, Barron said enthusiastic storeowners and merchants stepped forward and began making donations even before solicitations went out in the mail. "Back in 2000, we had a great response and

between the three communities we expect a huge level of business participation this year," she noted.

Due to the current economic downturn, millions of small businesses across the country are fighting not only to thrive, but also to survive. While the misfortunes of General Motors and other major corporations dominate media headlines, economists, on both Main Street and Wall Street, are quick to point out that local businesses are the engine that drives the nation's towns and villages.

Many vital community services, such as police, fire patrol, water, sewer, and snow removal, are funded with tax dollars that are generated from profitable local businesses.

"We want to people to realize that shopping locally is a way to maintain their community, and by hosting a fun event that requires only that they look local first, we will try to draw attention to these issues," Barron said. "Most people are already doing it (shopping locally), between purchasing gas for their vehicles, prescriptions, and groceries, they are shocked when they actually see how much they

5 Reasons to Shop in your Neighborhood

- 1 Neighborhood businesses support their communities. (They say "YES" when residents ask for support for schools, teams, and important causes).
- 2 Neighborhood businesses seek and use local services. (When they need service, they shop local, too.)
- 3 Neighborhood businesses employ local residents. (Local payrolls return tax dollars to the communities).
- 4 Shopping within your neighborhood is eco-friendly. (You save on gasoline and lessen carbon footprints.)
- 5 Shopping within your neighborhood encourages future investment in the community. (Existing businesses grow and expand; and new businesses are attracted to vibrant areas supported by their communities.)

spend in just three months."

Nussbaum noted sales tax revenue generated from the upcoming Community Auction will help pay for essential residential services in Homewood, Flossmoor and Glenwood. She added, "This particular event is especially nice because it costs residents nothing. All they have to do is shop in the three villages and they will have a chance to win a prize."

The Chamber of Commerce is seeking motivated volunteers to assist with the Community Auction. To express your interest, please call (708) 206-3384.

Bid with money you've already spent! Earn one dollar for every dollar shown on receipts from Homewood, Flossmoor, and Glenwood businesses dated between October 17, 2009 and January 31, 2010.

Hall of Fame
Sunday, October 18
Calumet Country Club

2009 Inductees: *Richard R. Casey, James A. Cowing, Nellie Cowing, Father Stephen Sullivan, Arthur Welsh, Dr. Mary Woodland, Dr. Bertram Woodland.*

Everyone is invited to join the Heritage Committee honor the inductees and learn about these extraordinary community members on Sunday, October 18 at Calumet Country Club for the 2009 Hall of Fame Inauguration. A reception begins at 12:00 PM and the luncheon is at 1:00 PM. Reservations are \$30.00 each and are due by Friday, October 9. Please make checks out to Village of Homewood Hall of Fame, 2020 Chestnut Road, and list full names of each guest. No tickets will be mailed. No reservations will be taken at the door. Invitations are available at the Village Hall. Please call Heritage Committee Chair Elaine Egdorf for details: (708) 798-9535.



Halloween Happenings
Saturday, Oct. 31
6:30-8:30 PM
H-F Sports Complex

Sponsored by Homewood Area Rotary Club, Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce and Homewood Fire Department

Ghosts and goblins, pirates and princesses are all welcomed to trick-n-treat at the Park District's Sports Complex. Enjoy our interactive DJ, take a chance to win at the Wheel of Witches and Pumpkin Pick. Help color the giant mural and be a part of the costume parade (7:30 p.m.).



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**Special Preview
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December 4, 2009

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Streets of downtown Homewood, Irwin Park (Ridge and Gottschalk), and Independence Park (Hickory and Dixie Highway)



On the evening of Friday, December 5, 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. Musical trolley rides through charming downtown, ice sculpting, visits with Santa, street bon fire, annual tree lighting ceremony, and holiday shopping specials from downtown merchants.

- From 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM, musical trolleys will take you to merchant open houses for special promotions and unique gift ideas you won't find in any mall; each merchant will host raffles and feature holiday refreshments, games and activities, and live entertainment. Trolley stops will

be at designated spots throughout the downtown, and at all public parking lots, including St. Joseph's Church parking lot, Irwin Park and Independence Park. Trolley rides are free, courtesy of the participating merchants.

- 7:00 PM in the Irwin Plaza, located at Ridge Road between Highland Avenue and Gottschalk. Santa will arrive to flip the switch as the community enjoys music, hot cocoa and visiting with friends and neighbors. Visits with Santa will be at Irwin Plaza followed by photo opportunities at Independence Park.

- 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM at Independence Park located at Hickory Road and Dixie Highway, there will be ice sculpting demonstrations, warm holiday food and music, and a bonfire.

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POLICE AND FIRE NEWS



Welcome Fire Chief Robert Grabowski

Chief Grabowski began his duties as Fire Chief in July. His fire career began in the early 1980's as a Cadet and Paid-on-Call with the City of Country Club Hills. He then moved to a career firefighter position with the Village of Hazel Crest where he served for 22 years. During that time he was promoted to Lieutenant and

eventually to Deputy Chief (2006). Chief Grabowski has an Associate of Fire Science Management Degree, Fire Officer I, II and III and many certificates for specialized firefighting and emergency response. At his swearing in ceremony at the Village Board meeting on July 14, the Chief mentioned that the Homewood

Fire Department was the first fire department he stepped foot in as a boy to visit his cousin who worked there at the time as a career firefighter. He feels he has come "full circle" by returning to work in Homewood. The Chief resides in Mokena with his wife and two teenage children.



Winners of the Decorated Bicycle Contest at the Fourth of July Parade.

Four Firefighters Celebrate Thirty Years of Service

The Employee Recognition Committee, along with Village Manager Mark Franz and the Village Board of Trustees, congratulates lieutenants Jody Applegate and Bill Wright, Paid-on-Call Firefighter Megan Tipton, and Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedic Larry Lipinski for 30 years of service to the Homewood Fire Department. All three employees began their career in September 1979. Through the course of three decades, each has served on internal committees to improve Department operations, and has participated in programs or special events to promote a strong relationship between the Department and the community.

Career Highlights:

Lieutenant Jody Applegate

- Paid-on-Call Lieutenant

from 1985 to 1988; Paid-on-Call Captain from 1988 to 1996

- Promoted to Career Lieutenant in December 1997
- Served as the Department Training Officer, Safety Officer, SCBA Officer, Communications Officer, Homewood Days Liaison, and as Chairman on the Village Safety Committee

Lieutenant Bill Wright

- Promoted to Lieutenant in November of 2000
- Served as Cadet Lieutenant, Paid-on-Call Lieutenant, Chairman of the Halloween Committee, and Public Education Coordinator
- Assisted with creating the Barney Bookmark program, and the Baby Sitter Training Program

Megan Tipton

- Coordinated the annual Fire

Department Open House, July Fourth Parade and Picnic, Diamond Jubilee, Centennial Committee and the Nations Bi-Centennial Celebration Committee

- Assisted in the design and development of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- Produced a variety of audio and visual firefighting training programs

Larry Lipinski

- Served as Assistant to the Fire Prevention Officer, Cadet Captain, and held all offices of the Fire Department Association, and ambulance specification committee member
- Served as Vice President of the Local 3656 Firefighters Union
- Received several commendations for outstanding efforts as a firefighter/paramedic

Fire Department Open House During Fire Prevention Week

The Homewood Fire Department's annual Open House will be held on Sunday, October 11 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Fire Station. The Open House concludes National Fire Prevention Week. Residents are invited to the Fire Station to meet firefighters and paramedics and learn hands-on about the lifesaving equipment they use every day. Raffles and prizes will be available throughout the day. This year, Liberty Mutual Insurance will join the Fire Department in presenting a bike safety rodeo. A bicycle is not needed to participate. For Rodeo participants, a bicycle will be raffled. For more information about the annual Open House, contact the Fire Station at (708) 206-3400.

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A Parent's Guide to Internet Safety

(reprinted from the US Department of Justice FBI Division)

What Are Signs That Your Child Might Be At Risk On-line?

- Your child spends large amounts of time on-line, especially at night.
- You find pornography on your child's computer.
- Your child receives phone calls from men/women you don't know or is making calls, sometimes long distance, to numbers you don't recognize.
- Your child receives mail, gifts, or packages from someone you don't know.
- Your child turns the computer monitor off or quickly changes the screen on the monitor when you come into the room.
- Your child becomes withdrawn from the family.
- Your child is using an online account belonging to someone else.

What Can You Do To Minimize The Chances Of An On-line Exploiter Victimizing Your Child?

- Communicate, and talk to your child about sexual victimization and potential on-line danger.
- Spend time with your children on-line. Have them teach you about their favorite on-line destinations.
- Keep the computer in a common room in the house, not in your child's bedroom.
- Utilize parental controls provided by your service provider and/or blocking software. While electronic chat can be a great place for children to make friends and discuss various topics of interest, it is also prowled by computer-sex offenders. Use of chat rooms should be heavily monitored.
- Always maintain access to your child's online account and randomly check email. Be upfront

with your child about your access and reasons why.

- Teach your child the responsible use of the resources online.
- Find out what computer safeguards are utilized by your child's school, the public library, and at the homes of your child's friends. These are all places, outside your normal supervision, where your child could encounter an on-line predator.
- Understand, even if your child was a willing participant in any form of sexual exploitation, that he/she is not at fault; he/she is the victim. The offender always bears the complete responsibility for his or her actions.

Instruct your children:

- To never arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone they met online;
- To never upload (post) pictures of themselves onto the internet or on-line service to people they do not personally know;
- To never give out identifying information such as their name, home address, school name, or telephone number;
- To never download pictures from an unknown source, as there is a good chance there could be sexually explicit images;
- To never respond to messages or bulletin board postings that are suggestive, obscene, belligerent, or harassing;
- That whatever they are told on-line may or may not be true.

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HOMWOOD FALL EVENTS

Fall Fest and the Annual Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, September 26

11:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Hickory Road at Dixie Highway and Martin Avenue

Homewood's favorite fall time festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 26. Fall Fest will feature live entertainment, horse-drawn wagon rides through downtown, the annual bean bag tournament, petting zoo, games, craft vendors, pumpkin painting, and scrumptious cuisine prepared by local eateries.



Fall Fest Entertainment & Activity Schedule

Great music is a staple of Fall Fest, and three talented bands – The Fret Brothers, Xtra! Xtra!, and Staff Infection and the South Side Horns – will carry on this finger-snapping, toe tapping tradition.

11 AM

The Fret Brothers
Face Painting

12 PM

Petting Zoo
Singles Bean Bag Tournament
Nature Projects/Tree Committee

3 PM

Chili Contest &
Open Chili Tasting
Pumpkin Painting

4 PM

Staff Infection and the
Southside Horns

5 PM

Doubles Bean Bag
Tournament

6 PM

Horse-drawn Wagon Rides
through Downtown

7 PM

Xtra! Xtra!
Movie

8 PM

Bonfire

Fall Fest Fifth Annual Bean Bag Tourney (all day)

Fall Fest includes an annual bean bag tournament, which serves as a fundraiser for the Cancer Support Center. The tournament is run by Homewood resident and Cancer Support Center advocate, Mike Kepes. Mike's wife Marge died in April after a four year battle with uterine cancer. Marge was an active and vibrant volunteer in the community. The Center's free counseling services were a valuable resource for the Kepes family. Through the annual bean bag tournament, Mike helps raise money so the Center, which receives no ongoing state or federal funding, can maintain free services for cancer patients, caregivers, children, teens, friends of the cancer patient, and bereaved of all ages.

Tournament Schedule

Throughout the day, various bean bag and other "tossing" games will be played in the tournament area. From noon to 4 PM, compete in the Singles Tournament to qualify for the finals. The top eight scores will then play head- to- head in a bracketed style tournament. The spirited Doubles Tournament will then follow.

How to Play in the Tournament

Register by September 18th to baggageforcabbage@gmail.com; type "Bean Bag Tournament" in the subject line. To register by phone, call the Community Information Coordinator at (708) 206-3375.

The Singles Tournament is \$5.00 per person; Doubles Tournament is \$20.00 per team.

Prizes include certificates for shopping and dining, and a custom bean bag box set.



The Annual Chili Cook-Off (3:00 PM)

A highlight of Fall Fest is the annual Chili Cook-Off where residents vie for "Homewood's Top Chef" while raising money for a local not-for-profit in the Open Chili Tasting. Proceeds from this year's competition will benefit the South Suburban Family Shelter. If you are interested in competing in the Chili Cook-Off, visit the Village website for contest rules and an application.

About the South Suburban Family Shelter

South Suburban Family Shelter is a non-profit organization which provides comprehensive and coordinated services to families who experience domestic violence. These services include:

- 24-Hour Hotline (708-335-3028)
- Emergency Shelter
- Counseling for adult victims and their children
- Abuser Intervention program
- Hospital Advocacy program (both campuses of St. James, Ingalls, Advocate South Suburban, Metro South)
- Court Advocacy program (in the Markham courthouse)
- Prevention program (school based)
- Professional trainings and presentations

All victim services are provided free of charge. All services are available in English and Spanish. For more information, stop in the SSFS administrative office at 18139 Harwood, in Homewood, or call (708) 794-2140. To make an appointment for counseling or the abuser intervention program, call (708) 798-7737.

Local Hands Harvest for Downtown Homewood Farmers' Market

A farmers' market is about buying what's grown, baked, or made closest to you. Our farmers' market features many small, family farms within a 25 mile-radius of Homewood. Four of our vendors are residents who moonlight as market vendors, offering Homewood patrons organic herbs and veggies, delicious cookies and cakes, and eco-friendly. Meet the owners of Clever Betsy, Homewood Kitchen Gardener, and Fatty's Gourmet.

house, part of the appeal was a large sunny back yard with no landscaping to speak of, so I could build my dream garden from scratch. My goal was to create a space that produced as much food as possible but was also aesthetically pleasing. I'm very mindful of the fact that my neighbors have to look at the garden too. I'm pretty sure the first year they saw me digging up all the grass they were a little worried!"

Nancy: "I've been gardening and studying plants for years. For relaxation during graduate school, I grew hydroponic vegetables under lights in my apartment and worked a community garden plot. Before moving to Chicago, I lived on a farm in Vermont and knew I couldn't go back to apartment living. Like Kate, I looked for a house in Old Homewood with good soil and a large yard suitable for gardening."

Nancy is a Humanities Librarian at the University of Chicago and has lived in Homewood for three years. Kate works at the University of Chicago Press, in academic publishing. She has lived in Homewood for four years. Every evening is spent watering, weeding, and drying herbs for soap or teas to sell at the Market.

Liz Ganshirt is the "Betsy" in Clever Betsy.

Clever Betsy has 15 artists who provide custom artwork in a variety of mediums including jewelry, textiles, paper crafts, sculpture and paintings. All pieces are made with re-used or recycled materials. Liz moved to Homewood from the North side of Chicago in the Fall of 2006. She is a stay at home mom with two children who calls Clever Betsy her "hobby job" or "jobby."

Liz: "Clever Betsy keeps me happy on days when I miss my old career in marketing and advertising. Of course, I can usually cure that longing just by meeting up with a girlfriend for lunch downtown. By the time I limp home in my heels I remember how grateful I am to be able to stay home chasing after the kids in my cros!"

Liz's favorite eco-gifts are the ones created from something old and special.

Liz: "I just love doing 'Heirloom Projects.' These unique custom orders incorporate client's own obsolete treasures into the design of a functional new item. We've taken beloved antique books that have some water damage to a few pages and made them into special journals. We've taken antique jewelry and modernized it so a bride can wear mom's pearls in her own way. We've deconstructed torn baby blankets and made them into bibs."



Tracy Moenkhaus at the Market

Tracy Moenkhaus owns Fatty's Gourmet.

Tracy is a sales assistant in advertising sales for Bon Appetit magazine. She is also the un-official baker. When the sales reps entertain or go on sales calls, Tracy prepares dessert recipes from the magazine for them to bring to their clients. Tracy began baking when she was a little girl.

Tracy: "My mom would let me help her when she made my dad's favorite, dark chocolate pie with meringe. It was magical seeing how milk, sugar, and chocolate, turn into the pudding-like filling, and egg whites into fluffy meringe. It didn't take long before my mom handed it over to me — she said it came out better when I did it."

For the past three years, Tracy has spent her evenings after work, churning out a decadent assortment of cookies, pastries, cakes and biscotti. While Tracy's favorite desserts change all the time, there are Market patrons that seek out their favored item each Saturday.

Tracy: "Last year, there was a woman who came to the market every week to buy my apricot biscotti for her husband. She said he was very ill, and the biscotti was one of the only things that made him happy. That's what I love about food and desserts in particular. They have the power to really make people happy. And that makes me happy!"

Remember to shop the Downtown Homewood Farmers Market every Saturday through October 17 for the freshest produce and baked goods, or unique gift ideas.



Top photo: Homewood Kitchen Gardeners
Bottom photo: Kate Duff's backyard

Nancy Speigel and Kate Duff own Homewood Kitchen Gardeners.

Homewood Kitchen Gardeners offers non-commercial varieties of vegetables and fruit, culinary herbs, and old-fashioned flowers, grown organically — just a mile from the market — and picked fresh early Saturday morning. Their favored market item is lettuce "mix bags," which contain a blend of heirloom speckled, frilled and blush lettuces, chicory and endive, and a touch chervil and arugula.

Nancy and Kate have shared a passion for organic gardening and when shopping for a house in Homewood looked for just the right yard.

Kate: "When I bought my



Top photo: Liz Ganshirt of Clever Betsy

Middle photo: Homewood resident Carrie Myers transforms wool sweaters into soft mittens.

Bottom photo: Local textile artist Jill DeBardelaben creates hats, aprons and bags with layers of re-used fabrics, ribbons and laces.



Finance & Manager's Office News

Emergency Operations Center *By Assistant Village Manager Jim Marino*

In the late 1970s, the wastewater treatment plant owned by the Village on the east end of 191st Street was sold to the Thorn Creek Sanitary District. Several of the buildings and other property were not included in the sale and were no longer being used for wastewater treatment. In the 1990's, the Village began the process of developing these surplus buildings and property as a training facility for the Fire Department and future use as an Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

The first phase of development was the renovation of the north building. This renovation involved removal of several interior walls and abandoned equipment. This stage of the project was completed through the joint efforts of Fire Department and Public Works personnel. A multi-story smoke maze with movable partition walls and a firefighter tracking system was constructed that replicates rooms of a home on a small scale and is used to train firefighters on how to rescue

training and a functional sprinkler head training station. Additionally, the exterior of the building is used for ladder practice.

Public Works installed three fire hydrants and the entrance to the property was curbed and landscaped. The VFW donated a flagpole. An excavator was hired to grade and level the south portion of the property.

In 1994, the Village began to renovate the south building for use as classrooms and an EOC. Several walls were demolished and the Army Corp of Engineers took on the project of removing the old steel floating roofs of this building. In 1995, trusses were delivered for the roof and a carpenters union was set to begin an apprenticeship project of constructing the roof. However, progress on the facility was halted for the next two years.

In 1998 and 1999, renovation of the south building resumed. Trusses were reordered and a block wall that had been damaged was

roof and ventilation simulator.

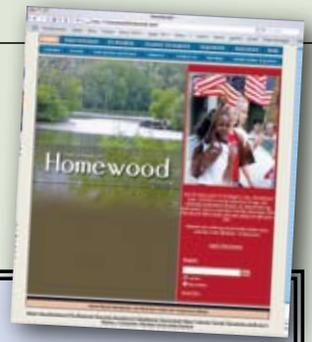
This structure allows firefighters to practice cutting through various roof types commonly found throughout Homewood. Construction of this structure was completed in the fall of 2003. A section of the south portion of the property is designated for auto extrication practice using wrecked automobiles supplied by local towing companies. Firefighters practice cutting these cars to simulate extricating passengers trapped as a result of an auto accident. Firefighters also practice attacking car fires utilizing these vehicles.

In 2003 and 2004, some exterior work was completed including the installation of additional fire hydrants and an extension of the water main around the building by the Public Works Department.

In 2007, the Village stepped up its efforts to complete the renovations to the south building. In the spring of this year, the renovation work was completed.

This work included installation of data and phone lines, floor tile and carpeting, ceiling lights and tiles, stairwell knee wall and handrails, electrical, plumbing, and carpentry work, activation of phone, television, Internet, and network access lines, and installation of a fire sprinkler system by a union apprenticeship program. Much of the work was done in house by Public Works personnel.

The south building is an ideal location to serve as the Village's Emergency Operations Center. Should a disaster strike Homewood, this site could be the main operational facility for coordinating the functions necessary to continue Village operations as well as



New Website

Remember to visit the Village website: homesweethomewood.com

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

mitigating the disaster and returning the Village to normal after the disaster. This site has attributes that make it an ideal location for an EOC because it is remotely located from downtown and other village buildings, it is designed to allow emergency operations staff to be self sustaining, it allows emergency operations to be separated from ongoing departmental operations, it will have a full kitchen to serve emergency operations staff, it will have shower and sleeping areas to accommodate 24-hour operations.

In addition to serving as an EOC, the facility will be used for all types of training. The Police Department has, and will continue, to use the site for operations training such as hostage and tactical simulations. The Fire Department will continue to use the grounds for training as mentioned above and may introduce other training simulators in the future, such as sewers and tunnels, to simulate underground and confined space rescue procedures, tank car and natural/propane gas fire simulator, and an underground tank rescue simulator. All Village departments will utilize the classroom for a variety of training classes and workshops.



people in a smoke filled house while wearing their full firefighter gear and breathing apparatus. As part of the construction, the Sprinkler Fitters Association conducted an apprenticeship workshop at the building and installed a complete sprinkler system throughout the building at no cost to the Village. In the spring of 1993 this stage of the project was completed and the building became available for training use. This building also contains an empty 750 gallon underground storage tank that is used to simulate confined area entry

reconstructed. Interior renovation and layout began. The inside of the building was cleaned and water and sewer lines were installed by Public Works. In 1999 and 2000, a storage garage was constructed. Much of the work during this period was performed by volunteers and many of the materials were donated.

In 2000 and 2001, work continued with the installation of doors and sidewalks. The foundation and walls were constructed for a separate training structure located in the south portion of the property to be utilized as a

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Thank You Harris Bank

For the third consecutive year, Harris Bank (Homewood) provided residents with free document shredding and recycling at the Farmers' Market during a Touch of Green Event.

e-Newsire

Homewood's e-Newsire is a bi-weekly electronic newsletter, containing up-to-date information to residents and businesses about the projects, programs, and plans of the Village. Subscribers can choose to receive several different

updates on upcoming events, emergency issues, job listings, veteran news, and the quarterly newsletter – all, electronically. Subscribers will also be able to participate in important surveys that will help shape Village initiatives. Subscribe today!

Homewood Library

Making changes to serve you better!

The Homewood Public Library has completed its remodeling project. The library features a new story hour room and a casual café area where patrons can enjoy coffee and light snacks. The computer space has been expanded and is outfitted with contemporary book and media display units. With the changes in color and furnishings, the library looks brand new and staff members are looking forward to serving the community in the new surroundings.



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BUSINESS NEWS

Chamber Card Now Available!

The Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce announces the launch of the Chamber Card, an annual discount card for residents of Homewood, Flossmoor, and Glenwood. The Chamber Card rewards residents that shop locally with discounts and savings at their favorite participating merchant (must be a Homewood Area Chamber member).

The Card is only \$25.00; it is available at any participating business and at the Chamber office located at 2023 Ridge Road.

Every quarter, participating

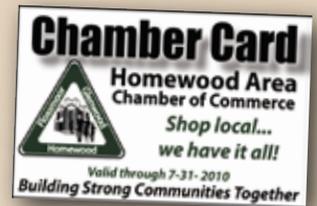
businesses will offer a unique discount; a list of current discounts and promotions are available on the Chamber website or wherever the Chamber Card is sold.

For more information regarding the Chamber Card, please go to the Chamber website at www.homewoodareachamber.com, or call (708) 206-3384.

The Chamber will be adding additional businesses throughout the year. Check the Chamber website for updates.

The Chamber Card is currently accepted at the following businesses:

- 5th Quarter
- AAA Travel Brokers
- Apex Services
- Axiom Remodeling
- Bella Vita Home Accents
- Chuck's House of Magic
- Cilantro's
- Coldstone Creamery
- Computer & Network Specialists
- Creative Seeds
- Culver's in Homewood
- Dana Zivkovich Johnson Attorney
- Doyle Designed
- Fannie May Candies
- First Mortgage Corporation
- Flossmoor Station & Brewery
- Fresh Starts Restaurant
- Homewood Florist
- Kluger Furs
- Mitchell Accounting
- Nielsen's Bakery
- Super Loot
- Suzie's Hallmark
- Tom's Family Restaurant



Shooting for the Stars and Learning Too! *By Allisa Opyd, Economic Development Committee*

As a mother, I am always looking for programs that will enrich my daughters learning. I heard about Shooting Stars – Kids Creative Network computer classes, and wanted to see what the computer learning center was all about. I decided to bring my five-year-old daughter to the interview to see her reaction. My daughter and I were impressed within entering. As soon as we walked in, the owner of Shooting Stars, Kristine Husain, approached my daughter and welcomed her into this lovely environment. Everything is geared for children, from the pint size desks to the friendly, colorful computer bugs on the wall ready to assist. Ms. Kristine had our full attention.

The concept of Shooting Stars is an enrichment program for preschool and kindergarten age students; however, it does not exclude first or second grade students, that may want to learn more about technology. Instead of using “off the shelf” software programs that can quickly become mastered, Shooting Stars uses “Imagine Tomorrow” software that challenges each student at their own level, and the program increases



new challenges based on the child's learning. Most “off the shelf” programs have the child prompting a character in the program. “Imagine Tomorrow” program has the child as the main character, as the Computer Detective making the decisions. The Detectives start with an interactive video voicemail, describing the mission they must solve. Their adventures may take them to “Email Trail” or “Internet Island”. Children will start together receiving their mission, and then proceed to their own computer work space. This teaches children about technology

and methods of technology at a high level, and that technology is to be respected as a tool rather than just games. Children are naturally excited to share what they have learned at school. Parents can also participate in what their child has learned by logging in with a password to review the lesson and practice, which then reinforces the lesson. “Imagine Tomorrow” software was created by a former teacher, Judy Patterson. Judy created “Imagine Tomorrow” “to inspire young children to explore their world, think creatively and believe in themselves”. “Imagine

Tomorrow” software is designed so that with each mission the child will advance only when ready. There are new missions for each class period so children do not advance based on memorization, but because of a true understanding and mastery of the lesson. With each accomplishment, it increases computer and literacy skills and most important self confidence and the “I can” philosophy.

Kristine researched many south suburbs to find the best place to open Shooting Stars, and after much research, she found Homewood to be a great complement to the center. Kristine chose Homewood because of how dedicated parents are to providing the finest quality education for their children. This is a great opportunity for children to learn, have fun, and build self esteem. Children can be dropped off for their computer adventure and parents can relax and enjoy shopping in charming downtown Homewood. Shooting Stars is located at 18036 Gottschalk Ave. and may be reached at (708) 249-4008 and for more information and a class schedule, the web address is www.imaginetomorrow.com.

DOWNTOWN HOMWOOD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Look for the OPEN Flag

Merchants of the Downtown Homewood Business Association (DHBA) display the colorful "Open" flag during store hours and on days or nights of special events, such as Girls' Night Out.



Art & Garden Street Fair

The Downtown Homewood Business Association and Village of Homewood hosted the Art and Garden Street Fair in June on Martin Avenue. Downtown merchants coordinated the event, which featured an



impressive collection of vendors offering fine art, contemporary crafts, textiles, jewelry, antiques and garden décor. Village President Richard Hofeld also hosted the annual President's Art Contest exhibit for local

amateur artists. Mark Your Calendars: next year, the Art and Garden Street Fair will be held on Saturday, June 19, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM on beautiful, shady Martin Avenue in charming downtown.

President's Art Contest Winners

Children's Category (ages 5-9)

First Place

Sally Paus

photo; Father and Son Sculpture

Third Place

Dee James

oil painting; Spring in Butterfield

Creek

Youth Category (ages 10-14)

First Place

Jessica Scropo

mixed media; A Sweet Treat

Adult Division/Photography

First Place

Carolyn Funk

photograph; Izaak Walton

Dog Walker

Adult Division/Mixed Media

First Place

Ron Sinclair

watercolor; Mable and

Nellie Memorial

Second Place

Michael MacDonald

photograph; Summer Nights

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watercolor/pencil; Chili Time

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

2010 Census

April 1, 2010 is United States Census Day. Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered between February and March and need to be returned by April 1st. The 2010 Census differs from previous census years, as every residence will receive a short questionnaire that is simple and fast to complete and return. The short form is only 10 easy questions. The more detailed information (previously called the long form) will now be collected annually from a small percentage of the population

through the American Community Survey.

What is the census? The census is a count of everyone living in the United States, including all 50 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens.

Why is the census information so important? Census data shapes

the future of your community and defines your voice in Congress.

- Census information helps determine the location and funding for schools, roads, hospitals, child-care and senior care centers, and more.

- Businesses use census data to locate supermarkets, shopping centers, new housing, and other facilities.

- The census determines how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as

well as the boundaries of legislative districts.

Is your information protected?

All census information gathered is confidential. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's answers with anyone, including welfare and immigration agencies.

For more information about the 2010 Census, please go to www.census.gov/2010census or call the Department of Community Development at (708) 206-3386.

Zone Map for Ash Tree Removal

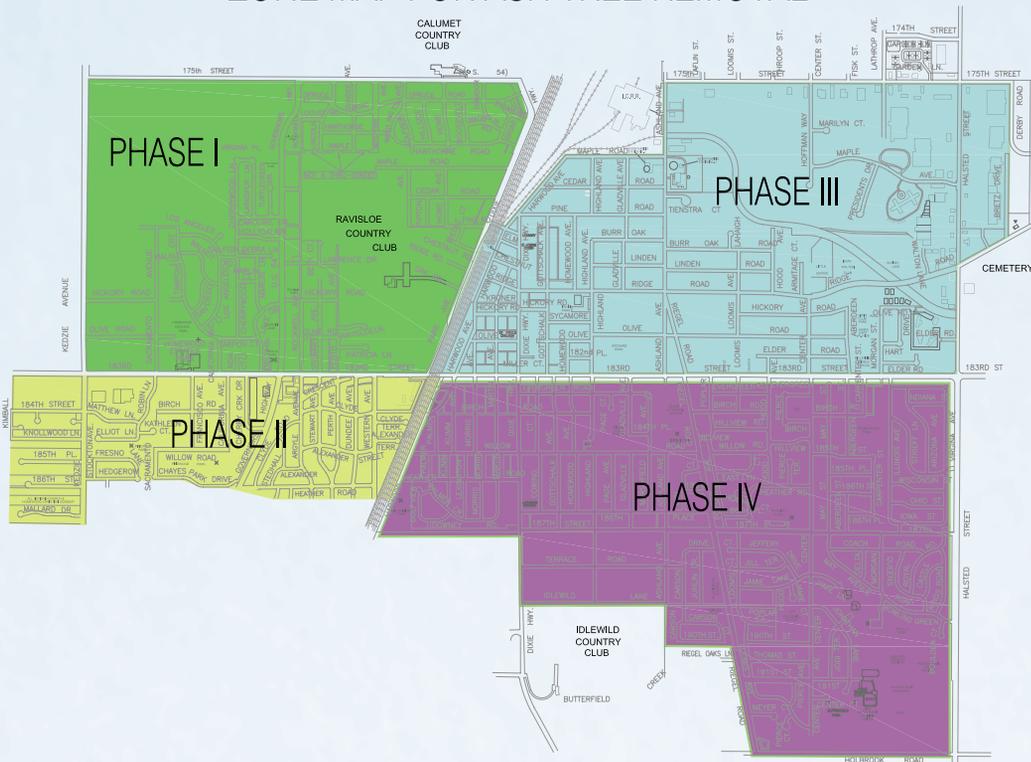
More than 2,600 ash trees are infested with the Emerald Ash Borer throughout the Village. The Department of Public Works has implemented a plan to remove ash trees in four phases. The Ravisloe neighborhood was the first area of the Village to have infested trees removed from the parkway. Phase II, the Third Addition area, will

begin this fall. Village Arborist Jim Tresouthick, along with members of Homewood's Tree Committee are committed to reforestation efforts in all four sections of town.

The Village does not inspect or remove ash trees on private property, nor dispose of wood waste as a result of ash tree removal. Residents suspecting EAB infestation should

contact the University of Illinois Extension office at (708) 720-7500 and request the assistance of a Master Gardener. Helpful tools for identifying ash trees or the Emerald Ash Borer can also be found on the Village website: homesweethomewood.com.

ZONE MAP FOR ASH TREE REMOVAL



Shop Home Sweet Homewood

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

- Independent Day Adult Day Care Center**
1943 Ridge Road
- The Lily Pad**
18681 Dixie Highway
- Blackberry Harvest Dollhouse Museum Shoppe**
18120 Dixie Highway
- Ron Williams' State Farm Insurance**
2349 183rd Street
- Barton Chiropractic Clinic**
18665 Dixie Highway
- Golden Glow Tanning Salon**
18737 Dixie Highway
- Cancer Support Center**
2028 Elm Road

Please stop in and say hello, and don't forget to Shop Homewood.

Fall Street Sweeping

Residential areas of the Village will be swept a total of three times this fall. The first sweep will be done October 15 and October 31. The next two residential sweeps are scheduled between November 1 and November 15; the final

sweep is scheduled for November 16 and November 30. Residents are asked to remove their vehicles from the street when the sweeper is in the area to allow it to clean along the curb. Please remember that raking or depositing leaves

in the Village's streets or storm water ditches violates Village ordinances. Doing so prevents the streets from draining properly and makes it difficult for the sweeper to complete the routes on schedule.

Branch Chipping

March through November, the first Saturday of the month (excluding holidays), Public Works will chip your branches for no charge. Residents can bring their branches to the Municipal Service Center between the hours of 8:00 AM to noon. Branches can be up to six (6) inches in diameter; no pine, evergreen or shrub trimmings will be accepted. The Municipal Service Center is located at 17755 Ashland Avenue.

Sticker Free Leaf Program

Homewood Disposal Service provides residents a free fall leaf collection for five consecutive weeks, starting in October. The free leaf pickup is conducted on the same day as residents' regular garbage pickup:

- November 4
- November 11
- November 18
- November 25
- December 2

This program requires that only leaf debris be collected sticker free if set out in the usual "Kraft" brown paper bags or in scavenger approved "toter" carts. Remember, only leaf debris will be picked up at no sticker cost. Because the leaf collection is deposited at an IEPA approved composting facility, grass clippings, brush, branches, etc. will only be collected by the scavenger if placed in separate bags with the

necessary landscape stickers affixed to the outside.

Reminder: The last day Homewood Disposal takes yard waste is December 1. If you have any questions related to garbage service, or what can be put at the curb, please call Homewood Disposal directly at (708) 798-1004.

TreeShare Program

The Village of Homewood will make available trees for purchase through the month of September at Village Hall. Trees chosen for this program are both hardy and disease resistant, while at the same time being exciting to the landscape. The Village makes available these trees with a savings of 50%. Residents may purchase up to two trees and may plant them anywhere on their property. The tree stock obtained by the Village for this program is inspected and returned if the specifications are not met. However, the Village cannot guarantee the longevity of stock, nor can it replace trees that die. Descriptions and pictures of the trees are available on the Village website. Planting instructions will be included upon Public Works delivery to your parkway. Enjoy!



SHOP HOME SWEET HOMEWOOD

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

The Lily Pad

18681 Dixie Highway

Smokey's Ribs

813 Maple Avenue

Addus Home Care and Evergreen Club

1818 Ridge Road

Chevrolet of Homewood

18033 Halsted Street

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18656 Dixie Highway

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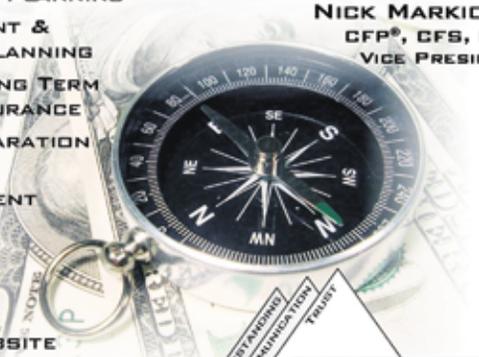
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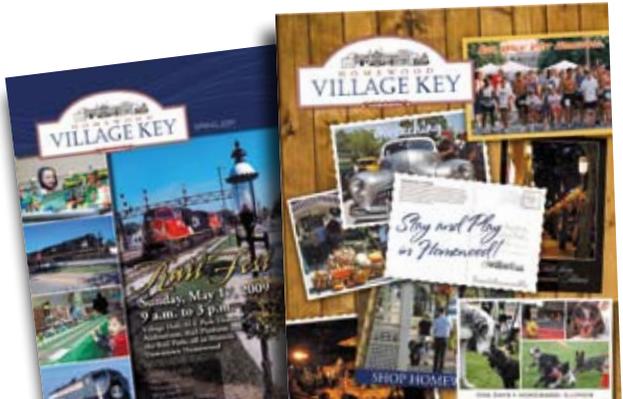
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NEW BOOK CHRONICLES THE HISTORY OF THE DIXIE HIGHWAY IN ILLINOIS

The newest addition to Arcadia Publishing's Images of America series is "The Dixie Highway in Illinois" by Homewood author Jim Wright. With more than 200 vintage photographs, "The Dixie Highway in Illinois" takes readers on a tour from the Art Institute, in the heart of Chicago on Michigan Avenue, to the Illinois state line east of Danville, exploring this historic highway and the communities it passes through.

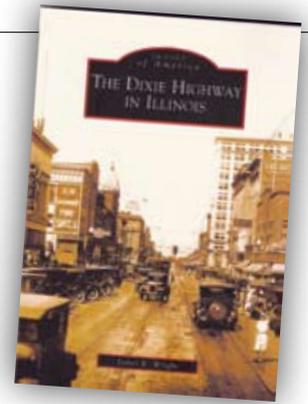
The origins of the Dixie Highway date back to the 1820's when Gurdon Saltonstall Hubbard, a young fur trader with John Jacob Astor's American Fur Trading Company, arrived in eastern Illinois and set up trading posts between Chicago and Vincennes, Indiana. The route between these became known as Hubbard's Trail. In 1835, the Illinois General Assembly ordered that a state road be

established between Vincennes and Chicago and Hubbard's Trail was selected as the most direct route. This was the first official state route established in Illinois and was then known as the Chicago-Vincennes Road, later to be known as Route One.

By 1915, automobile travel became increasingly popular for business, agricultural, and recreational uses. Citizens demanded that government provide better roads. Governors from several states met to consider an improved road from Indianapolis to Miami. Carl Fisher, a civic booster, auto enthusiast, who was instrumental in developing the Indianapolis Speedway, a Florida land developer, and also called "Father of the Lincoln Highway," convinced the governors that Chicago should be the northern terminus of the roadway. They agreed and the Dixie Highway was born.

Illinois boosters quickly went to work and a route was selected in the state for the Dixie Highway roughly following the paths of Hubbard's Trail, the old Chicago-Vincennes Road and the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad. Work started in earnest on paving the road in 1916 and by August 1921, the full length of the Dixie Highway in Illinois, from Chicago to Danville was either concrete or brick paved. This was the longest continuous paved road in Illinois at the time. The highway became widely popular and well traveled. Service stations, roadside diners, tourist courts and camps sprouted along the roadside and local businesses and communities grew and prospered.

Today, the Dixie Highway in Illinois, alternately known as Western Avenue, Chicago Road or Route One, remains the backbone of the communities it passes through like Blue Island,



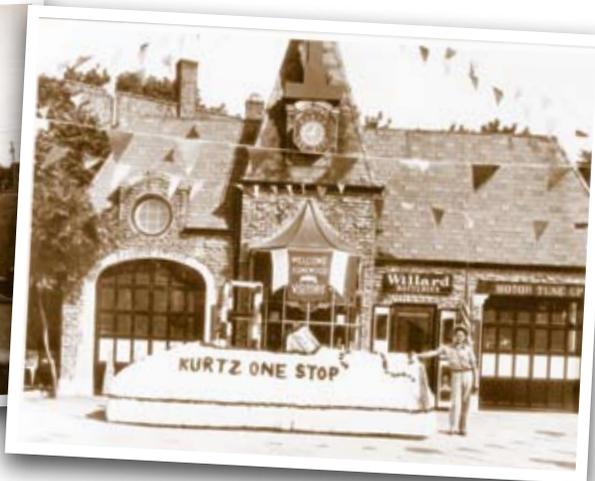
Homewood, Chicago Heights, Steger, Crete, Beecher, Grant Park, Momence, St. Anne, Watseka, Milford, Hoopeston, Rossville and Danville.

Wright is a local historian and author and has been a member of the Homewood Historical Society since 1983. He is a lifelong resident of the community, and the Dixie Highway has played an important role in his life. Hardly a day goes by that he is not "drivin' the Dixie."

Wright hopes the book will give "a better appreciation for all who read it of the importance and historical significance of the Dixie Highway in Illinois." Each community the highway passes through is represented in the book by fascinating photographs that were provided by local residents and through the courtesy of many local museums and historical societies.

The Dixie Highway in Illinois is available at Homewood Historical Society, 2035 W. 183rd Street Homewood. The society's hours are Tuesdays and Saturdays 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Copies of the book and further information can be obtained by calling Jim Wright at (708) 957-0640.

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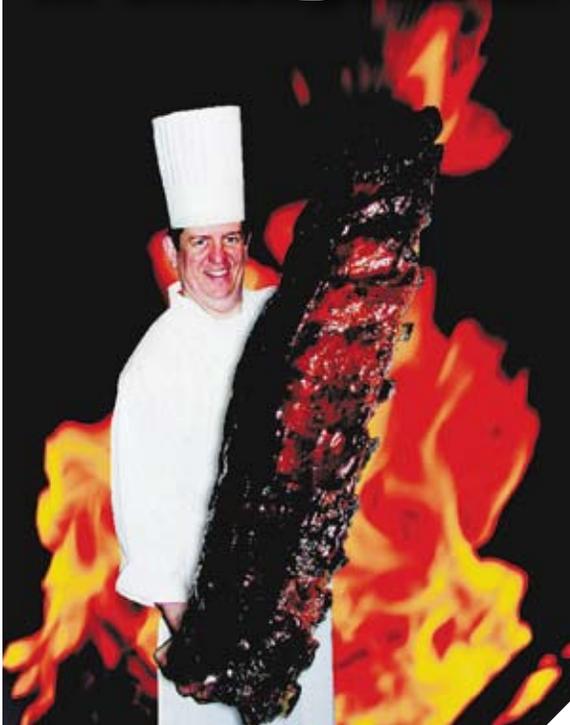
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