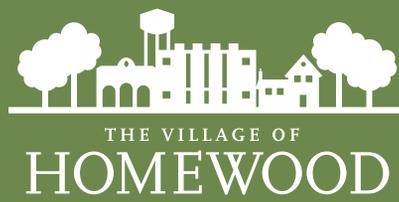


# HOMewood VILLAGE KEY

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## JUNE

**Starry Nights Concert Series, "Piano Man"**  
Friday, June 11 | Irwin Park (Ridge Road and Gottschalk Avenue)  
Contact H-F Park District at (708) 957-0300

**Cruise Night - Third Thursday Events in Downtown Homewood**  
Thursday, June 17  
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Downtown Homewood, Ridge Road and Martin Avenue  
Contact the Village of Homewood at (708) 798-3000

**Art & Garden Street Fair**  
Saturday, June 19 and Sunday, June 20 | 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Historic Martin Avenue (Ridge Road to Hickory Road)  
Contact the Village of Homewood at (708) 798-3000, or the Downtown Homewood Business Association at (708) 206-1026

**Drivin' the Dixie**  
Saturday, June 19 | 10:00 AM (cars arrive in Homewood)  
Hickory Road at Dixie Highway (special parking)  
Contact the Village of Homewood at (708) 798-3000

**Farmers Market (Opening Day)**  
Saturday, June 19  
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
St. Joseph Parking Lot, 17951 Dixie Highway  
Every Saturday through October 16  
Contact the Village of Homewood at (708) 798-3000

**Green Saturdays at the Market**  
July 24 | Document Shredding  
August 28 | Electronic Waste Collection  
October 16 | Prescription Drug Disposal.

**Starry Nights Concert Series, "Elevation"**  
Friday, June 25 | Irwin Park (Ridge Road and Gottschalk Avenue)  
Contact H-F Park District at (708) 957-0300

## JULY

**Independence Day Parade & Family Fun Fest**  
Saturday, July 3 | 11:30 AM  
Ridge Road and Dixie Highway to the Izaak Walton Preserve  
Contact the Village of Homewood Fire Department at (708) 206-3400

**Homewood Days 2010**  
Thursday, Friday, Saturday; July 8, 9, & 10  
Downtown Homewood  
Contact the Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce at (708) 206-3384

**Military Welcome Home Parade**  
Saturday, July 10  
Parade starts at 11:00 AM  
Marie Irwin Community Center, 18120 S. Highland Avenue  
Contact the Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce at (708) 206-3384

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

**Cruise Night - Third Thursday Events in Downtown Homewood**  
Thursday, July 15  
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Downtown Homewood, Ridge Road and Martin Avenue  
Contact the Village of Homewood at (708) 798-3000

**Movies in Our Parks, "Journey to the Center of the Earth (New Line Cinema)"**  
Friday, July 16 | Irwin Park (Ridge Road and Gottschalk Avenue), movie starts at dusk  
Contact Homewood Public Library at (708) 798-0121

**Starry Nights Concert Series, "Pink Houses"**  
Friday, July 23 | Irwin Park (Ridge Road and Gottschalk Avenue)  
Contact H-F Park District at (708) 957-0300, or the Irwin Center, 18120 Highland Avenue

## AUGUST

**Girls Night Out**  
Friday, August 13  
5:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Participating Downtown Merchants

**Movies in Our Parks, "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (Columbia Pictures and Sony Pictures Animation)"**  
Friday, August 13 | Flossmoor Park in Flossmoor, movie starts at dusk  
Contact Homewood Public Library at (708) 798-0121

**Cruise Night - Third Thursday Events in Downtown Homewood**  
Thursday, August 19  
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Downtown Homewood, Ridge Road and Martin Avenue  
Contact the Village of Homewood at (708) 798-3000

**Dog Days of Summer**  
Saturday, August 21  
8:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Irwin Park (Ridge Road and Gottschalk Avenue)  
Contact the Village of Homewood at (708) 798-3000

## SEPTEMBER

**Cruise Night - Third Thursday Events in Downtown Homewood**  
Thursday, September 16  
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Downtown Homewood, Ridge Road and Martin Avenue  
Contact the Village of Homewood at (708) 798-3000

**Fall Fest & Annual Chili Cook Off**  
Saturday, September 25  
11:00 AM to 10:00 PM  
Hickory Road and surrounding area  
Contact the Village of Homewood at (708) 798-3000

## VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

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

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Richard A. Hofeld

### VILLAGE CLERK

Gayle Campbell

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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
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Richard A. Hofeld  
Village President

On Tuesday, March 30th, the unthinkable happened; Homewood Firefighter Brian Carey and Homewood resident Wendell Elias died while Firefighter Karra Kopas was seriously injured in a house fire.

were being made to save Firefighter Carey. The hospital personnel worked performing CPR but to no avail. As I stood in the emergency room with Homewood Fire Chief Bob Grabowski, South Cook

medical staff. It just wasn't to be. Chief Grabowski, Dr. Heilicser and I, consoled the Carey family and Homewood police officers stayed by their side.

Firefighter Kopas had extensive

“I can't thank them enough for their dedication and service in our time of need.”

When I first received notice of the fire I went to the scene, where I was informed that Mr. Elias had perished and two of our firefighters had been taken to South Suburban Hospital. I immediately drove to the hospital where extensive efforts

County Director of Emergency Medical Services Bernie Heilicser and numerous other fire chiefs, we prayed for a miracle, but it didn't happen. Firefighter Brian Carey passed away that evening in spite of all the care and attention of the

burns, mostly on her torso, and was transferred to the University of Chicago Hospital burn unit that evening where later skin grafts were performed. She is now well on the

President's Message

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## President's Message

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road to recovery.

A pall of grief settled over the Village. As the funeral arrangements were being made, it was heartwarming to see the support that Homewood received from our residents and neighboring towns. For ten days our fire and medical calls were responded to by fire units from every nearby town. I visited the fire station two or three times a day to thank these very caring men and women who came from Orland Park, Tinley Park, Calumet Park, Calumet City, Lansing, Munster, Peotone and all towns in between. I can't thank them enough for their dedication and service in our time of need.

Brian's wake and funeral services were attended by hundreds

of area firefighters and caring townspeople. During the funeral service the priest made mention that Brian, from the time he was a young boy had always wanted to be a firefighter and he lived his dream.

The funeral procession was made up of almost one hundred fire trucks from throughout Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana. It was a poignant to see the many people who lined the route to pay their respects to this dedicated firefighter. And what brought a tear to my eye was seeing a mother holding her young son's hand; he couldn't have been older than five or six – the same age the priest described Brian wanting to be a firefighter. In the young man's hand he was holding, a small

American flag, and on his head was a toy firefighter's helmet. That was Firefighter Brian Carey's dream, too!

In honor of Firefighter Brian Carey a scholarship fund has been established at Loras College, his alma mater. Contributions are being accepted at any Charter One Bank. This is a way to honor and perpetuate this fine young man's memory.

Any Charter One Bank location (nationwide) will accept donations on Carey's behalf for a scholarship fund for Loras College (Dubuque, IA) where Carey was an alumnus. For information about making donations at a local Charter One Bank, contact Homewood Branch Manager Dave Zimmerman at



(708) 647-2070, or simply visit any Charter One location and request to make a donation to the Brian Carey Scholarship Fund. Once \$25,000 is reached, Charter One Bank will present a check to Loras College for a scholarship endowment in honor of Carey. Money will not be accepted at Homewood Village Hall or the Homewood Fire Department for the Carey Scholarship.

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Village of Homewood sustains its vibrancy and close-knit quality of life through its emphasis on recreation and outdoor living. This is achieved in the many community events hosted throughout the year in parks, preserves, and commercial districts.

## STARRY NIGHTS CONCERT SERIES

Celebrating its 24th year, the Starry Nights Concert Series will return this summer to the Marie Irwin Bandshell in Irwin Park.

The Homewood-Flossmoor Park District is proud to continue this affordable tradition of great music in a fun outdoor setting for area residents.

**June 11: Piano Man** — This concert includes a tribute to two classic songwriters: Elton John and Billy Joel. The show includes full costumes, set design and props. Every song is a hit, ensuring an unforgettable music experience. View a song list, video clips and more at pianomanusa.net. Opening for this show will be Greta Pope (gretapope.com).

**June 25: Elevation** — This four-person band has been covering U2's greatest songs for more than a decade. Watch them recreate the music and attitudes of one of the biggest concert bands around. View a song list, video clips and more at tribute2U2.com. Opening act for this show will be the 2009 Homewood Idol winner, Rachael Robertson.

**July 23: Pink Houses** — Enjoy America's most elaborate and musically accurate John Mellencamp tribute band. This 10-person band plays everything from early John Cougar classics to recent John Mellencamp favorites. View a song list, video clips and more at pinkhouses.net. Opening for this show will be local favorites, Moco Magana (mocomaganaband.com).

Concert goers at these lawn-seating events can purchase snacks, dinner and dessert from vendors Aurelio's Pizza; Lassen's Sports Bar & Grill; Mitchell's Ice Cream & Soda Shop; and Cilantro. Beer, wine, pop and margaritas will be sold by the park district. Sponsors of this year's series include: AAA Rental; Miller Lite; Walt's Food Centers; the SouthtownStar; Lighthouse Printing; Advocate South Suburban Hospital; Great Lakes Bank; Homewood Disposal; Charter One Bank; Sir Speedy; Citizens Financial Bank; Thiernau Financial Services, Inc.; Bimba; Kirschner Vision Group; and Sherry Liang, Baird & Warner.

*Advance tickets per show are \$7.00/adults and \$5.00/children ages 3-15. For tickets call (708) 957-0300, or in person at the Goldberg Center, 3301 Flossmoor Road, or the Irwin Center, 18120 Highland Ave. Day-of-show tickets will be an additional \$3.00 each. Irwin Park is located at Ridge Road and Highland*



Piano Man



Pink Houses

*Avenue in Homewood. For more information or for previews of the bands, visit hfparks.com.*

## CRUISE NIGHTS

Third Thursdays in Downtown Homewood

- June 17, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- July 15, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- August 19, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- September 16, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Starting this summer, Thunder Roads Productions will host four cruise nights in downtown Homewood on the third Thursday of every month, June through September. Classic and vintage car drivers will arrive in Homewood for dinner, shopping, and a car show with prizes. The cars will line Ridge Road from Gottschalk to Harwood and south down Martin Avenue. Residents with cars are encouraged to join the cruise. Contact Event Managers Hank and Barb Vlielstra for details: (708) 474-1377.

## DRIVIN' THE DIXIE

Saturday, June 19 | cars pull into Homewood at 10:00 AM Hickory Road, special parking and viewing

The Dixie Highway is a historic route in the United States, and in Illinois several groups come together every year to "Cruise" the Dixie from Blue Island to Momence. The event started in Homewood with the Homewood Heritage Committee and continues more than seven years later with a huge following, featuring classics from Model A Fords to anything from the present. Stops are made along the way in several of the cities and everyone has a great time while celebrating a piece of history. Those seeking to participate (all are welcome) should contact Heritage Committee Chair Elaine Egdorf at (708) 798-9535; those wanting to view the cars should go to Hickory Road at Martin Avenue around 10:00 AM. *Event held in conjunction with the Art and Garden Street Fair.*



## FARMERS' MARKET

Every Saturday through October 16  
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
St. Joseph Parking Lot  
17951 Dixie Highway

Have you missed the fresh baked breads of Labriola and Paula Newton's homemade jams and jellies? Or, do you miss picking up your fresh and organic produce from Hansel, Witvoet, Herrm and Lyons farms? Well, Market Season will open June 19 with a vast array of specialty products and organic produce, including fresh cut flowers and perennials, coffee and tea, culinary herbs, and specialty meats and cheeses.

### The Season's Vendors\*:

- **Big Dog Bakery:** homemade dog treats
- **Bloomberg Gardens:** organic herbs and vegetables in a pot
- **Charleston Transitional Facility:** all-natural dog treats
- **Enjo! Bake Shop:** salsas, spaghetti sauces, and specialty sauces
- **Hansel Farms:** organic produce, dairy, and flowers
- **Herr Farms:** organic produce and flowers
- **Homewood Kitchen Gardeners:** organic produce
- **Jeffrey Farms:** produce and flowers
- **Labriola Breads:** fresh breads
- **Lyons Fruit Farm:** produce and flowers

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- **Pampered Chef:** cooking supplies and spices
- **Paula Newton's Jams:** jams, jellies, and fruit butter
- **Stamper Cheese:** gourmet cheeses
- **Twin Garden Farms:** produce and flowers
- **Watkins Products:** organic household products and spices
- **Witvoet Farmstand:** produce and flowers

*\*Vendors listed were confirmed at the time this publication was written. Vendor listing subject to change throughout the season.*

## Benefits of shopping at the Farmers' Market

Source: By Becky Hand, Licensed & Registered Dietitian (SparkPeople.com)

- The fruits and vegetables are grown locally and picked when perfectly ripened. This enhances the taste, texture, and aroma of the produce.
- Our existing system of food transportation and distribution requires enormous amounts of energy and resources. Before reaching your table, the average food item in the United States will travel 1,300 miles! In fact, only about 10% of the fossil fuel energy used in the world's food system is used for production. The other 90% goes into packaging, transportation, and marketing of the food. All this inefficiency creates many environmental problems.
- Shopping at the Farmers Market benefits the local farmer and strengthens (the) local community.
- Since the produce

is picked at the peak of the season, nutrients, and phytochemicals will be more abundant.

## Green Saturdays at the Market

The Village will offer activities for eco-minded residents on three dates during the Farmers' Market Season:

**July 24** ..... Document Shredding

**August 28**.... Electronic Waste Collection

**October 16** .. Prescription Drug Disposal

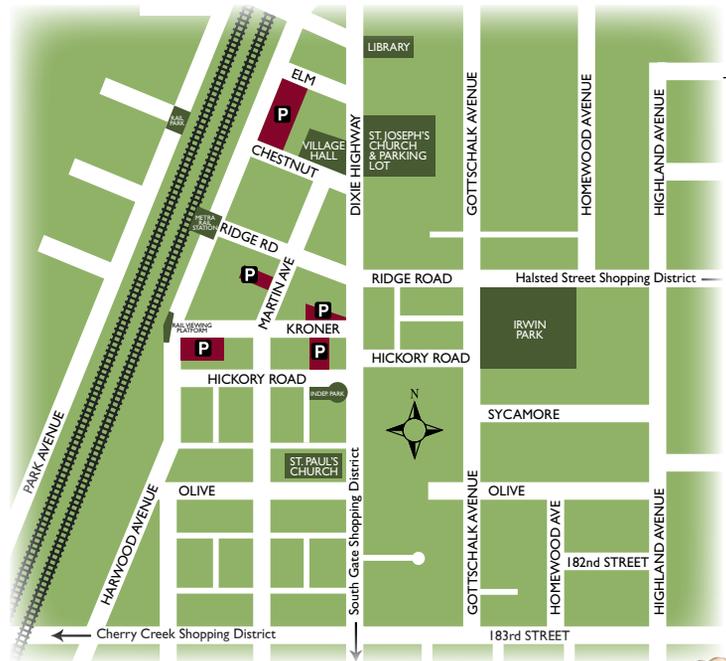
*For more than two decades, Homewood's market has linked local farmers to consumers with fresh nutritious foods. For market information, please call (708) 206-3375.*

## INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE AND FAMILY FUN FEST

**Saturday, July 3 | 11:30AM**  
Ridge Road to the Izaak Walton Preserve

The July Fourth Independence Day parade is a Homewood tradition that celebrates the birthday of our great nation and the many faces of our great community. Thousands of friends and neighbors gather along the parade route, which steps off on historic Dixie Highway and travels east along Ridge Road to Izaak Walton Preserve for the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District and Homewood Fire Department Family Fun Fest.

A small fee has been applied to the entry application. For non-commercial entrants the fee is



\$15.00 (nonprofit organizations with a 501C, academic schools, veterans groups, local service groups, church groups, etc.), and for commercial entrants the fee is \$30.00 (entrants that promote a commercial venture, or recognize any other entity, organizations, or business other than itself).

To reserve a space in the parade lineup, complete, sign and return this application with payment (check only). The application deadline is June 23. Parade applications may be dropped off at the Fire Station, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, and Saturdays at the Village Hall, 9:00 AM to Noon. Make checks payable to the Village of Homewood.

The Village reserves the right to refuse entrant applications to ensure and maintain the vision and objective of the overall event, and may restrict the number of entrants/participants to meet public safety and event time commitments. Parade placement is based upon space, number of participants, and on a first-come-first-served basis.

## Decorated Bicycle Contest at Fire Station

Children can enter their decorated bicycles, wagons, or even strollers to be judged and win prize money before the start of the Independence Day Parade.



## GIRLS NIGHT OUT

*hosted by the Downtown Homewood Business Association*  
**Friday, August 13**  
**5:00 PM – 9:00 PM**  
**Downtown Homewood**

Downtown merchants will host in-store events, special promotions, and more. Remember to think Homewood first when you shop and dine!

## DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

*Sponsored by the Oscar-Meyer Weiniermobile and Petco*

**Saturday, August 21**  
**8:00 AM to 3:00 PM**  
**Irwin Park (Ridge Road and Gottschalk Avenue)**

Join special guest, the Oscar-Meyer Weiniermobile, and shop the giant flea market at this year's Dog Days of Summer. The Community Relations Commission will host Homewood's premier pet-friendly event on Saturday, August 21 at Irwin Park from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, please note time change.





**Giant Flea Market**

This year's event will feature a giant Flea Market filled with vendors representing the many local not-for-profit, service groups, and church/youth groups. A giant tent will house the market, which will open promptly at 8:00 AM.

**Pooch Parade**

The anticipated pooch parade will start promptly at noon with check-in at 11:00 AM. This year, the Commission has extended the parade to provide viewers a better look at each costumed dog and their doting owner before they strut in front of the judges and compete for "Top Dog" in five unique categories: Most Original Owner-Dog Team, Most Humorous, Most Unique, Best Celebrity Look-Alike, and Best in Parade (overall). Special VIP seating will be available for the parade.

Judging will be based on originality, showmanship, detail of costume and first impression. Prizes and bragging rights will be awarded. Contest entrants must be pre-registered; applications are available online (homesweethomewood.com). Completed applications must be received by Friday, August 14.

Parade donations will benefit NAWS (National Animal Welfare Society) to help maintain their low cost spay/neuter and wellness clinics and programs Kids Club, Food Pantry for Animals, Dog and Cat Rescue. Sales from the new resale shop in town, Girlfriends, located at 18046 Martin Avenue benefit NAWS. They are open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 AM to

5:00 PM. They accept donations during business hours, including clothing for men, women and kids, shoes, accessories, jewelry, books, housewares and furniture. Cash and credit cards are accepted as payment. Please, no fur donations!

**Oscar-Meyer Wiener Hot Dog Eating Contest**

The annual hot dog eating contest will be sponsored by special guest, the Oscar-Meyer Wienermobile. Entrants will compete for prizes and recognition as Homewood's top hotdog eater.

**Activities and Entertainment**

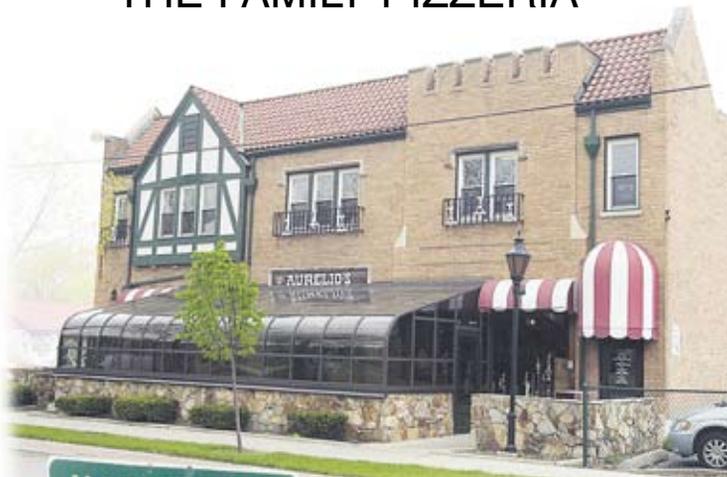
Shop and browse pet-focused vendor booths and taste this summer's favored recipes from area restaurants and grills. Throughout the day, vendors will host craft projects and games for children. Live entertainment will be provided by local musicians and performance groups, including K-9 unit demonstrations.

**Dog Days of Summer Event Schedule**

- 8:00 AM ..... Flea Market Opens
- 11:00 AM ... Pooch Parade Check-In
- 12:00 PM.... Pooch Parade
- 1:15 PM..... Oscar-Meyer Hotdog Eating Contest
- 2:00 PM..... Live Music and Performances



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# POLICE AND FIRE NEWS

## Homewood Fire Department Suffers Loss

By Fire Chief Bob Grabowski

On March 30, just before 9:00 PM, the Homewood Fire Department responded to a report of a house fire with people trapped. When the Fire Department arrived smoke and flames were visible. The female resident had escaped, but her husband remained trapped inside. Rescue and extinguishment operations began, but due to the extreme heat and fire the trapped occupant could not be reached. During the rescue attempt, Firefighter/Paramedics Brian Carey and Karra Kopas were injured. Hazel Crest firefighters on the scene rescued Carey and Kopas from the blazing structure, and both were treated and transported to South Suburban Hospital. Posen Fire Department paramedics took FF/PMD Kopas with first and second degree burns. Matteson Fire Department paramedics transported FF/PMD Carey, who had sustained burns and other injuries. Firefighter Carey

succumbed to his injuries at the hospital. His line of duty death was the first in Homewood's history.

Homewood was assisted by 24 additional fire departments, as well as by the Homewood Police Department and five neighboring police agencies. An investigation of the fire by local Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division 24 Fire Investigators, the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms began as soon as the fire was extinguished.

Beginning the night of the fire and for the following eight days, surrounding fire departments filled our fire station around the clock with engine and ambulance crews, allowing our personnel to grieve and prepare for a funeral which brought thousands of firefighters and police officers from all around the country. Firefighter/Paramedic Carey was laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Alsip, Illinois on April 6.

Firefighter Carey will be honored in September 2010 at the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Fallen Firefighter ceremony in Colorado Springs, Colorado; in January 2011 at the Associated Firefighters



Brian Carey (deceased)



Karra Kopas (injured)

of Illinois (AFFI) Honor Guard Convention in Bloomington; in May 2011 in Springfield at the Illinois Fallen Firefighter Memorial and Firefighter Medal of Honor Awards Ceremony; and in October 2011 at the National Fallen Firefighter ceremony in Emmitsburg, Maryland. These ceremonies are dedicated to all firefighters who serve with courage, pride and honor, and to those who have given their lives in the line of duty.

Firefighter Kopas continues to recover from her injuries and is eager to return to work and to continue with her career. With the ongoing support of her fellow firefighters, family and friends, she should be able to return to work later this summer.

The Homewood Fire Department wishes to express our unending gratitude to all those who showed support in so many ways. We received an amazing amount of flowers, cards, phone calls, baked goods and prayers. The Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce arranged for local restaurants to supply food and drink for the fire crews in our station. Residents and businesses covered the town in red memorial ribbons.

Dedication to helping others is the foundation of what we do, but during this time we were the ones being helped by so many people.

*Thank you hardly seems enough, Chief Robert Grabowski and the personnel of the Homewood Fire Department*



**Fire Department to Dedicate Plaque  
 Sunday, June 27 | 12:00 PM  
 Homewood Fire Station, 17950 Dixie Highway**

Residents are invited to join retired and current members of the Homewood Fire Department and their families as they gather in front of the Fire Station at noon on Sunday, June 27 to unveil a plaque honoring the service of all volunteer and paid-on-call firefighters who have served the Fire Department since it was established on January 6, 1896. The commemorative bronze plaque is being funded as a special project by the Homewood Fire Department Association.

The Association, which was organized on June 20, 1901, historically has been the social and fundraising arm of the Fire Department. Through the years, Association membership, which consisted of volunteer and paid-on-call firefighters, raised thousands of dollars annually to support and improve the operations of the Fire Department. For over a half century, proceeds from the

Association-sponsored Firemen's Ball were used to purchase uniforms, protective clothing, and specialized fire and rescue equipment. Association monies have also provided training for members, and were used to partially finance purchases of ambulance and fire apparatus. This year, funds will be used to acquire two thermal imaging cameras, which allow firefighters to quickly locate a fire through smoke, inside walls and in other hidden areas. These cameras are also an invaluable aid in search and rescue operations.

Following the ceremony, a recognition luncheon will be served for the firefighters and this will mark the last official gathering of Association membership after 109 years of dedicated service to the Village of Homewood. Contact the Fire Station at (708) 206-3400 for further details.

**Ride for Boo (Brian's nickname)  
 Thursday, September 9 | 7:00 AM (assemble)/  
 9:00 AM (send-off)  
 Homewood Fire Station, 17950 Dixie Highway**

On September 9 a fundraising motorcycle ride for fallen Homewood Firefighter Brian Colin Carey will begin. This expanding event – "Ride for Boo" (Brian's nickname) – originally began with two Homewood firefighters riding their motorcycles to Colorado Springs (CO) for the 2010 International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Service, which will be held on Saturday, September 11. During this service, Brian's name will be added to the memorial wall, next to those of his fellow firefighters who have given the ultimate sacrifice and shall forever be remembered.

Riders will assemble on Thursday, September 9 at 7:00 AM behind the Homewood Fire Station at 17950 Dixie Highway, and will be underway by 9:00 AM. After leaving Homewood, the next

stop will be Kansas City (MO) for the night. On Friday morning, it's on the road to Colorado Springs. Participants may join for any length of time, at any point along the ride, and any mode of transportation is welcome. Those planning to attend should make lodging arrangements early. Even if not riding, come out and see the send-off! Riders are asked to raise a minimum of \$100.00 each. All funds raised shall become part of a scholarship fund to be established in Brian's name. For more details check [www.rideforboo.org](http://www.rideforboo.org) often for updates.



**Brian Carey Scholarship Fund**

Village President Richard Hofeld and the Village Board of Trustees have coordinated a scholarship fund in honor of fallen Homewood Firefighter Brian Carey. Any Charter One Bank location (nationwide) will accept donations on Carey's behalf

for a scholarship fund for Loras College (Dubuque, IA) where Carey was an alumnus.

For information about making donations at a local Charter One Bank, contact Homewood Branch Manager Dave Zimmerman at

(708) 647-2070, or simply visit any Charter One location and request to make a donation to the Brian Carey Scholarship Fund.

Once \$25,000 is reached, Charter One Bank will present a check to Loras College for a

scholarship endowment in honor of Carey. Money will not be accepted at Homewood Village Hall or the Homewood Fire Department for the Carey Scholarship.

**For Parents: Stranger Safety (Part Two) *By Police Officer Curt Wiest***

Perhaps the best lesson for your child to learn is who you think a stranger is. A child's grandparent, aunt or uncle would not be strangers, but what about your neighbor from two blocks down or a co-worker who stops by a few times a year? Teaching stranger danger is never clear cut. You need to be clear about who you do and don't trust with your child, and you need to communicate it clearly.

You want your child to respect adults, go through his day-to-day activities without being frightened, be friendly and make friends as he moves through his world. But most of all, you want your child to be safe. Therefore, you must be the one who decides who is to be

trusted and who is a stranger.

Who is a stranger? As a rule of thumb, your child should consider everyone outside of your immediate family a stranger unless you say differently. Your child should never go somewhere with anyone, including relatives, unless you have given specific permission.

The best way to identify people who are friends is to personally introduce your child to them. Present these people as your friends and someone your child can trust. Set clear rules for each person. For example, you may allow your next door neighbor to pick the kids up after school and bring them home, but you won't allow your neighbor to take your child to an amusement

park without your permission. If your child spends a lot of time at a friend's house, set rules about snacks and treats as well.

The goal here is not to frighten your child, but to make them understand that they simply cannot go somewhere or do something without getting your permission first.

Who to trust? Teaching your child to trust you is the important lesson. Make sure your child knows that you would never cause harm and will protect them from a dangerous situation. This will help them feel safe with the choices you make. Children often make their own decisions about who to trust. Watch them when they

are interacting with people. They will often let you know if they don't trust someone through their actions. Sometimes that individual is someone you trust.

Your child could refuse to be with someone simply because they don't like the person. They may not like the way a person smells or talks, or for any number of reasons important to them alone. If your child is uncomfortable in any way with an individual, don't force him to interact with this person. Put your child's feelings first and they will learn to trust you. Put your child's feelings last and they won't trust you.

# Summer Fun in Homewood

**NOW A TWO-DAY EVENT!!!**

## Downtown Homewood Art and Garden Street Fair

Saturday, June 19 and Sunday, June 20 | 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Downtown Homewood on historic Martin Avenue at Ridge Road  
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Co-sponsored by the Downtown Homewood Business Association and Village of Homewood, The Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra, AAA Rental, Art 4 Soul, Dr. Karen O'Donnell, Homewood Florist, Grady's Grill, and Ravisloe Country Club

### More than 30 unique and one-of-a-kind vendors

A highlighted event in the Midwest Art Fair Journal, the Downtown Homewood Art and Garden Street Fair features fine art, contemporary crafts, antiques, and garden décor. Artisans and visitors will meet on historic Martin Avenue for gourmet fare, wine tastings, live music provided by the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra and other performance art groups, as well as two full days of children's art projects. The event will be held in conjunction with opening day of the Farmers' Market (St. Joseph's Parking Lot), the President's Art Contest, the annual antique car rally, Drivin' the Dixie, and even a bike tour - Homewood Green Streets Open House Tour - hosted by the Active Transportation Alliance and area real estate professionals - a great town to bike in is a great town to buy in!

### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

#### On-Site Appraisals

Bring that family heirloom or great find you think may be worth something and for \$5.00 an on-site appraiser will (hopefully) be able to provide information about your special find. Available both days, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

#### Home and Garden Workshops

Bloomberg Gardens, a local, sustainable, and organic source for starter plants and container gardens will host two hands-on projects: "Salad in a Pot" on Saturday and "Three Herb" pot on Sunday. An expert will lead you through planting your container and offer tips and ideas for using your plants as they grow. The cost is \$10.00 per pot and it's yours to keep. These pots make great "homemade" gifts! [www.bloomberggardens.com](http://www.bloomberggardens.com). Available both days, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Select downtown boutiques will provide access to their expert designers for interior design questions about art installations and selection for your home. Available both days, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

#### President's Art Contest Exhibit

The contest and exhibit will take place on Saturday only. Amateur artists from throughout the region will submit artwork depicting life in Homewood to be judged by a professional panel. Awards and recognitions will be posted by 1:00 PM.



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### Fathers' Day Only Events

The Art and Garden Street Fair will host the following exhibits for specialty interests and family activities to commemorate Father's Day:

#### Classic and Antique Car Show

VIP parking will be available for drivers of classic and antique cars on Martin Avenue from Ridge Road to Chestnut Road. Car clubs from throughout the region are invited to drive by the Street Fair on Sunday for special activities and a People's Choice Award. Ballots will be available at the Downtown Homewood Business Association booth. Winners announced and awarded at 5:00 PM.

#### Scotch and Bourbon Tastings

Family Liquors in the Southgate Business District will host tastings of single-malt Scotch, specialty Bourbons, and handcrafted beer tasting for all dads. Representatives from fine distilleries and brew houses will be on site to help dad's select the perfect gift.

#### Fathers' Day Family Portraits

Thomas' Photographic Services will offer professional family portraits on Sunday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The setting and backdrop will be the historic Gottschalk house and each photo will

be professionally staged and lit. The seating fee has been waved for this event and 5x7 or 8x10 prints will be available onsite for \$10.00 and \$20.00, respectively.

#### Dad-and-Me Crafts

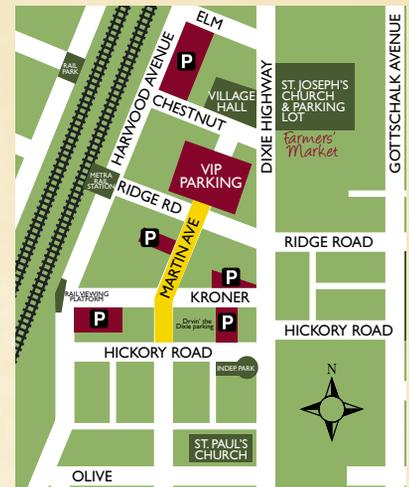
Art 4 Soul will offer fun projects for dads and their children to create a family keepsake to remember this special day.

#### Special Exhibits

**History of Golf Exhibit** provided by regional golf enthusiasts, historians, and Ravisloe Country Club.

**Outdoor Living Exhibit** will display the latest barbeque and grill products and options for the summer.

**Cigar Exhibit** will display a variety of premium cigars, national brands, exclusive brands, cigar samplers and more.



# Homewood Days

By Kathy Nussbaum, Executive Director of the Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce

Thursday, July 8 | Friday, July 9 | Saturday, July 10  
11:00 AM to 10:00 PM, all three days  
Throughout Downtown Homewood

One of the Chicago Southland's favorite events of the summer, AT&T Homewood Days, hosted by the Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce is almost here. This year's festival will provide three action packed days of family fun. There will be games, carnival rides, great merchant shopping and a crafter's alley full of unique surprises. Taste the great food from our local restaurants with a few new ones this year.

Based on the success of last year's event, this year's AT&T Homewood Days will again be enclosed. There will be eight entrance points that will be manned by the Homewood Police Association to control access to the grounds. Every Homewood Days attendee will be required to wear a wristband. Any Homewood Days attendee that comes in before 4:00 PM will be given a wristband free of charge. After 4:00 PM anyone 12 years old and over will be charged a \$5.00 admission fee. Children who are 11 years old and younger will be free all day when accompanied by an adult.

Some of the featured bands this year are: The Nevery Brothers, M and R Rush, Triple X and

Kingsnakes. By popular demand, we are bringing back "Battle of the Bands" on Thursday with the winner playing on Saturday evening.

Sit back and enjoy the music of the Rat Pack, or the Terri Tritt Jazz Quintet. Circus Boy will entertain the crowd, along with magic, music and family fun by J. Jensen. The H-F Park District has planned several hours of family fun each day. There will be workout and dance demonstrations, along with their drama group, "The Stage", performing a Motown review. A town favorite, Homewood Idol, will start preliminaries on Friday with the finals on Saturday. The winners will get a prize package. The adult winner will open for a Starry Nights Concert.

Our Karaoke Stage is bigger and better than ever. Relax to a yoga demonstration or learn how to protect yourself with Judo or

Jujitsu. At 5:30 PM each day, you can root for your favorite competitor in our annual eating competition.

Check the latest features and event highlights for the 2010 AT&T Homewood Days on the web ([homewoodareachamber.com](http://homewoodareachamber.com)), or for more information, please contact the Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce at (708) 206-3384.

*Reminder: During Homewood Days, if you see Village President Rich Hofeld and say, "It's a beautiful day in Homewood," he will treat award you with a Panera Bread gift card.*



## Welcome Homewood 308th Brigade

On Saturday, July 10th, the Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Homewood will be welcoming home 110 soldiers from the 308th Brigade. There will be a parade starting at 11:00 AM at the Marie Irwin Center. The soldiers will walk down Ridge Road into Homewood Days where there will be a military award ceremony. Help us give these soldiers and their families a Homewood Welcome Home. Show your support by coming to the parade and into Homewood Days to cheer them on as they receive their awards.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

## 10 Reasons to Look and Shop Around Town, First!

The Homewood Economic Development Committee continues to promote the local economy with programs and events to attract and retain business in Homewood. This year at the Annual Business Breakfast sponsored by Ravisloe Country Club, the Committee introduced its Shop Homewood First campaign to promote how supporting local business sustains the neighborhoods, schools, and overall quality of life in Homewood.

- Money spent in Homewood generates sales tax revenue that funds local services, such as public safety and emergency services, neighborhood improvements, and economic development.
- Thriving businesses foster successful commercial areas, increasing property values, which

benefits all, especially local schools.

- Strong local businesses assist in recruiting new businesses to Homewood. Businesses locate in communities that will be supported by the community.
- Homewood businesses contribute to more local causes; such as schools, sports teams and non-for-profit organizations and service groups.
- Every dollar spent locally recirculates within the community at least three times.
- Local businesses add character and enhance business areas such as the Central Business District, Cherry Creek, Halsted Street Corridor, Southgate, Northgate, 183rd/Kedzie Area, and Prairie Lakes Business Park.
- Homewood businesses provide employment opportunities for local residents. Local employees then



reinvest back in the community.

- Shopping locally is a green initiative. By using less fuel, you save money and the environment at the same time.
- Homewood business owners take the time to get to know their customers and are able to respond

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- By frequenting Homewood businesses and utilizing the services they offer, you are supporting the community and investing in your future.

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## Construction Season is Here!

It will be another busy construction season this summer in Homewood. The following projects will be under construction to improve the Village infrastructure:

### Center Avenue Resurfacing:

This Village project will consist of the resurfacing of Center Avenue from Ridge Road to 187th Street along with minor sidewalk and curb repairs. This project has been awarded to Alpha Construction Company of Hazel Crest, IL. The project started in late May and is estimated to take five weeks for completion.

### Street Pavement Marking

**Program:** This annual Village project is performed to restripe the street pavement markings throughout the Village for the

safety of pedestrians and motorists. The project typically takes four weeks to complete (early June start).

### Governors Highway Resurfacing:

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will resurface Governors Highway from 175th Street in Homewood, south to Crawford Avenue in Olympia Fields. Gallagher Asphalt of Thornton, IL will be working for IDOT to complete the project, which began in May with a completion time of five months.

### Harwood Avenue/Maple Road

**Resurfacing:** These Village roadways will be resurfaced between Dixie Highway and Ashland Avenue. The project will be funded entirely through

the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Advertisement for bid will be July 30 with a late August construction start. Construction will take approximately four weeks to complete.

### Harwood Avenue Resurfacing

**South of 183rd Street:** Harwood Avenue will be resurfaced from 18rd Street south to the Village limits of Flossmoor. The project will be funded entirely through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Advertisement for bid will be July 30 with a late August construction start. Construction will take approximately four (4) weeks to complete.

**Dixie Highway Landscaping and Beautification Project:** This Village project will consist of the installation of new landscaping, block retaining walls and three (3) decorative signs along the east side of Dixie Highway from Harwood Avenue north to Sycamore Drive. The project will be funded 80% through a Federal grant and will be advertised for bid on June 11. Construction should begin in July.

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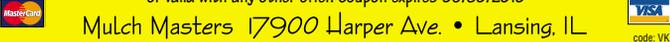
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# Finance & Manager's Office News

## 2010/2011 Budget Approved

By Finance Director Dennis Bubenik and Village Manager Mark Franz

The Village Board approved the 2010/2011 fiscal year budget on April 13. The severe national recession gripping the United States these past two years has resulted in significantly decreased revenues for all government agencies, including the Village of Homewood. This forced the Village to approach the 2010-2011 budget with caution,

and we attempted to build upon the cost control measures instituted during the 2009-10 budget. For Homewood, the revenue reduction has been most severe in the sales tax and income tax categories. These two revenues represent about 35% of total revenues used to pay day-to-day expenses, and they are expected to finish the fiscal year approximately \$835,000 below expectations. With no new revenue source available to offset this decrease, the Village

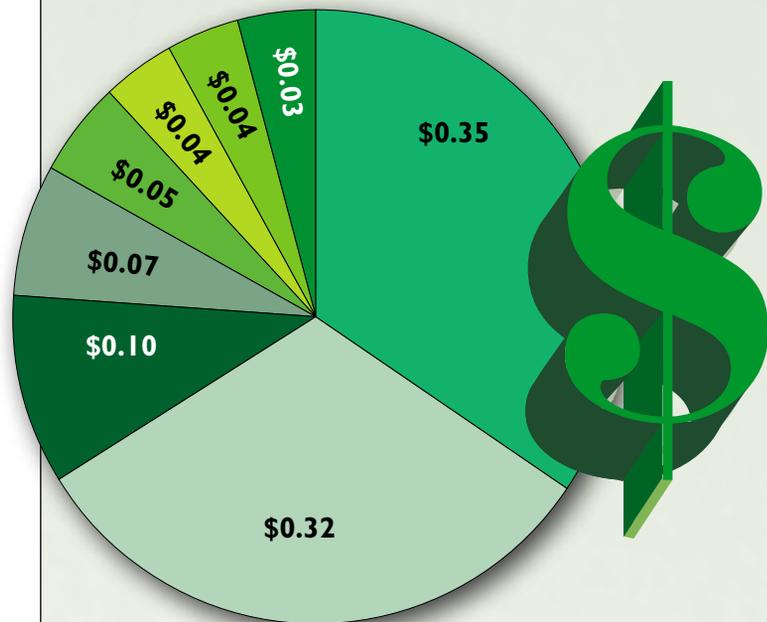
looked at expense reductions to balance the budget. (It should be noted that while the Federal and State Government frequently operate with budget deficits, local governments must balance their budget annually in order to remain solvent.)

Homewood has persevered by utilizing fund balance, reducing staff, and trimming insurance Village costs. In addition, numerous smaller expense reductions were implemented

such as reducing travel for training, eliminating cell phones, and reducing overtime. With no immediate end to the Great Recession in sight, the 2011-2012 budget will be challenging again. As we continue to manage through these difficult economic times, we applaud all your efforts to work smarter and harder, and we are confident that we will meet the challenges ahead.

### WHERE EACH DOLLAR GOES FROM 2008 PROPERTY TAX BILL?

High School	\$0.35
Elementary School	\$0.32
Village of Homewood	\$0.10
Park District	\$0.07
Library	\$0.05
Prairie State College	\$0.04
Cook County	\$0.04
Other	\$0.03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>



## Commission Accepting Videos and Photos of Village Events

The Homewood Cable Television Commission is accepting videos and photos of Village events from residents. Submitted material will be edited into a video for playback on Homewood's cable channel. If you take videos or photos of upcoming events, please send them to: Homewood Cable Commission, Event Videos & Photos, 2020 Chestnut Road, Homewood, IL 60430.

## Homewood Yearbook Project

by Thomas Photographic Services

Who are the people in your neighborhood? Thomas' Photographic would like to help you find out with a special project that will bring neighborhoods in Homewood together. Thomas' Photographic will be coordinating professionally shot portraits, featuring owners in front of their homes or businesses, with the end goal being a Homewood Yearbook. This type of project has not been completed before and Thomas' Photographic wants Homewood to be the first. Details can be found

online at [thehomewoodproject.com](http://thehomewoodproject.com), or at (708) 704-1969.

The Homewood Project hopes to strengthen the sense of togetherness in the town, and supply a source of modern history for the Homewood Historical Society. The Homewood Project is coordinated by Thomas' Photographic Services, a Homewood-based business, specializing in location commercial and portrait photography, along with the arts. The Thomas' have always had a deep root in Homewood.



Colin Thomas, co-owner, is the fifth generation of Thomas' to live in town, along with his wife and co-owner, Angela.

## e-Newsire and Facebook Communities

The e-Newsire Community continues to grow. Residents seeking information about weekend events, construction projects, and

job openings, have signed up for the bi-weekly newsletter. If you are not yet a member, sign up today! Visit the Village Website

(homesweethomewood.com). Also, join the Village of Homewood's Fan Page on Facebook; search Village of Homewood and join.

## Movies in Our Parks

The Homewood Community Relations Commission, along with the Flossmoor Community Relations and both public libraries will host Movies in Our Parks in H-F community parks. The events are free and created to provide a fun evening out for the family and an opportunity to meet neighbors from the H-F community.

*Journey to the Center of the*

*Earth* (New Line Cinema) | Friday, July 16 at Irwin Park in Homewood (movie starts at dusk). Concessions open throughout movie.

*Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* (Columbia Pictures and Sony Pictures Animation) | Friday, August 13 at Flossmoor Park in Flossmoor (movie starts at dusk). Concessions open throughout movie.

## Block Parties

June is the start of Homewood's block party season. The Community Relations Commission promotes the program and encourages residents to host a fun, simple party this summer to connect with their neighbors. The Village website features an online application form and helpful resources for coordinators.

## Village of Homewood Bond Rating Upgrade

The national rating agency of Standard and Poor's (S&P) has placed a rating of AA on Village of Homewood 2010 General Obligation (GO) Bonds. This represents an upgrade from AA-given to similar GO Bonds last issued by the Village of Homewood in 2006. A rating upgrade like this will reduce the amount of interest the Village of Homewood will be required to pay back during the life of these 2010 GO Bonds. S&P rates bonds from AAA to D. S&P defines AA ratings category as "very strong capacity to meet financial commitments".

## Village Hall has it All

*Permits, Tags, Stickers, Licenses*

### Garage Sales

Residential, yard and garage sales require a Village Permit at a cost of \$2.00. A residence may hold no more than two sale days in a calendar year. Hours are restricted and sales must be between 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. No more than two signs may be posted within the public-right-of-way and no more than one sign may be posted in front of the resident's home. 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 on the signs. Garage sale signs are prohibited from being placed at or on signalized stop light intersections. Permits are available at Village Hall located at 2020 Chestnut Road.

### Pet Tags

All dogs and cats six months of age or older are required to be licensed with 2010/2011 tags. A rabies vaccination certificate is required. Licensing fees are \$10.00 for the first pet and \$5.00 for each additional. Households are limited to a maximum of four animals.

**Bicycle Licenses** | Your bicycle needs a license too! Villagers may also purchase bicycle licenses at the Village Hall located at 2020 Chestnut Road. 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.

### Vehicle Stickers

A late fee has now been added to vehicle stickers purchased after June 1. For newly purchased vehicles, residents have 60 days from sale date to purchase a vehicle sticker without an assessed late fee. New residents have 30 days to purchase stickers before a late fee is assessed. Proof of vehicle purchase or move-in date is required.

### Overnight Parking Permits

A Homewood ordinance prohibits any vehicle from parking on a Village street between the hours of 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM. Signs are posted at various gateways to Homewood's subdivisions, indicating the ordinance. The ban is in effect for all streets in the Village of Homewood. To accommodate residents who have insufficient driveway and/or

garage capacity, both temporary and extended exemptions to the overnight parking ban may be obtained. Temporary exemptions may be obtained by contacting the Homewood Police Department at (708) 206-3420. They are usually contacted for temporary exemptions for overnight guests, driveway repairs, etc. Applications for an extended exemption permit are available at Village Hall located at 2020 Chestnut Road. License plate numbers and current Homewood vehicle sticker numbers of all vehicles registered and/or housed at the address are required to obtain this permit. The parking ban is to facilitate police patrols and to deter crime by making it more difficult for criminals to avoid detection.

### Yard Waste Stickers

Yard waste season lasts through November 30. Residents without a yard waste receptacle are required to use yard waste stickers approved yard waste bags (see Homewood Disposal for requirements). Homewood Disposal provides garbage and recycling service for the Village and manages the list of vendors in town selling yard waste stickers. Please contact Homewood

Disposal for information regarding your service and the available of yard waste stickers: (708) 708-1004, or [homewooddisposal.com](http://homewooddisposal.com). Stickers can be purchased from the vendors listed below:

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## BOARD, COMMISSION & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Appearance Commission  
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 Cable TV Commission  
 Committee of the Whole  
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 Fire and Police Commission  
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## Historic Ravisloe Gets a Fresh Outlook

*From turn of the century golf enthusiasm to present day nostalgia  
by Kim Mance-Doran, resident and editor of gogalavanting.com*

### Not so humble beginnings

A 1901 group of businessmen pooled resources to convert recently purchased farmland into a prime destination for Chicagoans to play the burgeoning sport of golf. Over the next decade, acres were added and member quarters were built as newly created train service to and from the city started. Ravisloe became a full-blown country club at that point and a lavish retreat.

In 1916, the present clubhouse and cottages were built in the style of Spanish Colonial architecture, which was revived around the world, drawing inspiration from exhibitions like that of the Chicago World's Fair in 1893. Eventually, Homewood's train station was even fashioned to reflect the style of Ravisloe, and remains the only depot on the Illinois Central line built in Spanish Colonial fashion. Renowned golf architects, William Watson and Donald Ross, put special touches on the course over the next several years.

Summer homes sprang up in the area surrounding Ravisloe for those wanting their getaway to last an entire season. Famous members included home furnishings guru Modi Spiegel, the shoemaking Florsheim brothers, and Julius Rosenwald, who was then president of Sears, Roebuck and Co., and also instrumental in founding the Museum of Science and Industry.

Even during prohibition, guests made merry in the oversized living and dining rooms, which opened out onto enclosed porches and a garden patio. Exhibition matches hosted outstanding golf amateurs from Chicago and beyond. And though couples who came down from the city availed

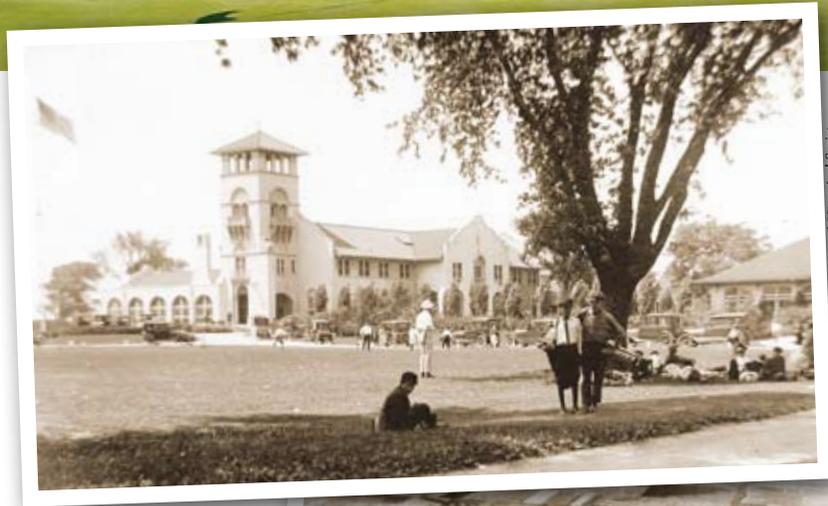
themselves of the property, only a handful of women played golf with any regularity, which isn't surprising, considering the long skirts, puff sleeves and high-heeled shoes they had to wear. Yet, Ravisloe still managed to give a start to Elaine Rosenthal Reinhardt, who went on to become one of the top women golfers in the US.

### A bright new future

The club's members sold Ravisloe to Dr. Claude Gendreau in 2009. And the new owner promptly opened the property to the public for the first time in more than 100 years.



Courtesy of Ravisloe Country Club



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Today, visitors glimpse Ravisloe's historic property upon winding through its entry drive. A tower with a red tile roof peers through the trees beckoning us toward the clubhouse and through the manicured greens that surround. But it's going inside that

reveals a world that seems very far away from home.

"The gem is the clubhouse, and we're very fortunate that Dr. Gendreau is preserving the

Historic Ravisloe

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building,” explains James Wright, author of *The Dixie Highway in Illinois*.

Indeed, with an emphasis on ecological conservation, the building is in pristine condition following renovations that preserved the building’s architectural spirit. A sprawling lounge with plush leather chairs cozied around a fireplace are served by a fully stocked bar. Stepping out onto the veranda reveals an outdoor bar and seats that overlook the golf course. The upscale pro shop carries golf attire and gear for those ready to take a swing out on the course.

On the other side of a courtyard patio, sits a light-filled banquet hall boasting grand, timbered ceilings with wrought iron Spanish-style chandeliers and sconces. Enormous arched windows with views spanning the property’s western side overlook its pool. Now open to the public, it has become the area’s preeminent spot for weddings, special events and banquets. Ravisloe also draws visitors from

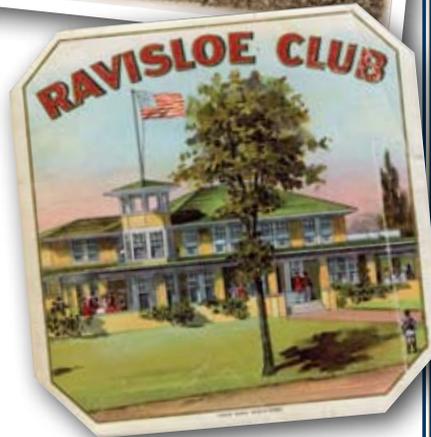
*Courtesy of Ravisloe Country Club*



*Courtesy of the Homewood Historical Society*

all over the region and happily exceeded its first-year goals. With more than 21,000 rounds of golf already played on the course, it’s obviously the place to be.

Ravisloe remains an historic and chic landmark in Homewood, yet it now offers a fantastic summer destination for everyone in the community. The perfect spot for a summer getaway, merely walking distance from the village’s downtown area.



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