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## SEPTEMBER

**Homewood French Market**  
Every Saturday through October 20 | 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Village Hall Parking Lot  
*Contact the Village of Homewood at (708) 798-3000*

**Fall Fest and Annual Chili Cook-Off hosted by the Community Relations Commission**  
Saturday, September 15 | 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM  
Martin Avenue from Hickory Road at Ridge Road  
*Contact the Village of Homewood at (708) 798-3000*

**Oktoberfest**  
Saturday, September 22 and Sunday, September 23 | 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM  
Glenwoodie Golf Course, 19301 South State Street  
*Contact the Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce*

**Homewood Schools Fund Run**  
Sunday, September 23  
*Contact the Homewood Foundation for Educational Excellence, [foundation153.org](http://foundation153.org).*

## OCTOBER

**CSC's The Walk of Hope**  
Saturday, October 7  
Irwin Park  
*Contact the Cancer Support Center at (708) 798-9171, [cancersupportcenter.org](http://cancersupportcenter.org)*

**Fire Department Open House**  
Sunday, October 14 | 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Homewood Fire Station, 17950 Dixie Highway  
*Contact the Homewood Fire Department at (708) 206-3400*

**Homewood Rail Committee's Hobo Night**  
Saturday, October 20 | 6:00 PM  
Homewood Rail Park  
*Contact the Village of Homewood at (708) 798-3000*

**Historical Marker For Washington Park Racetrack Dedication**  
Sunday, October 28 | 2:00 PM  
Halsted Street and Maple Avenue  
*Homewood Heritage Committee*

**Halloween Happenings**  
Wednesday, October 31 | 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM  
H-F Sports Complex  
*Contact the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District at (708) 957-0300*

**Hall of Fame**  
Sunday, October 21 | 12:00 PM (luncheon)  
Ravisloe Country Club  
*Homewood Heritage Committee*

## NOVEMBER

**Butterball Burner Fun Run**  
Friday, November 23 | 9:00 AM (Check-in: 8:00 AM)  
H-F Racquet & Fitness Club  
*Contact the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District at (708) 957-0300*

**Downtown Merchant Holiday Open Houses**  
Saturday, November 10 | 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
Participating downtown merchants  
*Contact the Downtown Homewood Business Association, [dhba.biz](http://dhba.biz)*

## DECEMBER

**Holiday Lights in Homewood**  
Friday, December 7 | 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Downtown Homewood and Irwin Park  
*Contact the Village of Homewood at (708) 798-3000*

## IMPORTANT DATES AND HOLIDAYS

Daylight Savings Ends, November 4  
Veterans Day, November 11  
Thanksgiving, November 22; Village Hall will be closed and reopen November 26

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# 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

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Community Development .....	206-3385
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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 and Fitness Club .....	799-1323
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School District 161 .....	647-7000
Homewood Flossmoor High School.....	799-3000
St. Joseph School.....	798-0467
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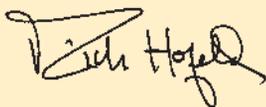
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Richard A. Hofeld**  
Village President

The summer months have been very busy in Homewood. Our monthly events continued in June with our highly successful Street and Garden Fair and in August our Dog Days of Summer evolved into a block party on Ridge Road. In addition there were free Thursday evening concerts at Irwin Park and our July 4th parade was one of the best we've had in years.

On the business end of Village matters, the following are some items I thought would be of particular interest to you:

**MURALS:** Three additional Richard Haas murals will be done this year. The locations are:

- The north wall of the Delano's Pizza building on Dixie Highway.
- The south wall of the South Suburban Family Shelter offices on Harwood Avenue. (just north of Grady's Grille)
- The east wall of the Good Speed Bicycle Shop on 183rd Street at Morris Avenue.

The mural themes range from scenes of several generations of railroad locomotives on Harwood Avenue, to the Dixie Highway as it was envisioned to be in the 1920s to a bicycling theme on the 183rd Street building. The Richard Haas murals will be painted by Tom Melvin of Red Hat Painters who painted our new murals last year. When you see Tom and his red hat, give him a wave or stop by with a word of praise and encouragement. Weather permitting, these murals will be completed in October.

The Village of Homewood now has the greatest assemblage of Richard Haas murals anywhere. We'll certainly become a destination for his followers.

**IDOT PROJECTS:** We have had several meetings with IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) officials to expedite four important streets projects that are under their auspices.

- Curb construction on Harwood Avenue, Dixie Highway to Elm Street. Because of a heavy accident

count with northbound vehicles, Harwood Avenue became a one-way road southbound five years ago. Harwood Avenue is an IDOT owned street and we were told that they would construct curbing at this location to eliminate the temporary barricades. This has not been done, and as a result of these meetings we hope that IDOT will soon construct the curbs.

- Approval for lights to be installed on Dixie Highway, Terrace Road to Idlewild Lane. Dixie Highway is another IDOT controlled street. Our goal is to provide the same lighting that is on Dixie Highway north of Terrace Road; however IDOT feels curbing should be installed prior to the lighting. We have requested a variance and await their answer.
- Install pedestrian countdown signals at Halsted Street and Maple Avenue. This intersection

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## President's Message

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is traversed by quite a few pedestrians, many of whom live in the seniors apartments to the west. Countdown signals would provide pedestrians with a better knowledge of the time left for them to safely cross the street.

It's a matter of public safety and IDOT is now considering this.

- 183rd Street Paving and Approval for two left turn lanes on 183rd Street, eastbound at Halsted Street. Next year 183rd Street will be re-paved from Riegel Road to Halsted Street. This year the section of 183rd Street from Sacramento Avenue to Riegel Road will be done. In anticipation of next year's reconstruction, it is prudent to plan two left turn lanes at Halsted at this time. Traffic continually backs up eastbound, often for over three blocks. Two left lanes would expedite the traffic flow and the far right lane would continue to be used by right turn and straight-ahead traffic. To accomplish this IDOT has asked

us to provide a traffic survey, which we are doing.

These projects are all worthwhile and we shall continue to press IDOT, and seek the support of our State legislators to bring these improvements about. Oh the bureaucracy!

**HOMEWOOD METRA**

**STATION:** I firmly believe that the Homewood station is one of the worst on the entire Metra line.

- The pedestrian tunnel continually leaks water and the ventilation is very poor. Occasionally the odors are beyond belief! The stairs to the platform have cracks and some ceiling tiles have fallen or are missing. Plastic wrap has been inserted to prevent water from leaking onto the stairs.
- The platform, because of the heavy salt use in the winter months, shows signs of disrepair. In places the stucco has fallen off the walls.
- The elevators often malfunction, are inoperable, or are not well maintained.

- There is no handicapped accessible entrance to the west, Park Avenue.

Public Works staff, Village Manager Jim Marino and I met with South Holland Mayor Don DeGraff, a Metra Board member, who arranged for their Executive Director Alex Clifford to tour the station with us. During the "tour" we pointed out these defects and Public Works also suggested some remedies. These included replacing the existing elevators with outdoor models that can withstand the weather, enclosing the pedestrian tunnel to divert any water penetration and providing better accessibility to Park Avenue.

Metra's Deputy Executive Director Alex Wiggins visited the station at our request the following week. He too was shown the defects, so now the top echelon at Metra is aware of what must be done to improve our station. Both of the Metra directors were in support of our requests; however, they stated that their capital improvement funds are currently earmarked for other

projects.

As a result we have written letters of support for Metra to obtain federal transportation fund grants for this project. While this is the long-term solution, Metra has pledged to immediately evaluate the structural integrity of the staircase and ceilings, and to accelerate maintenance of the station, the elevators and to consider better alternatives than salt for ice-melting.

In addition we have had numerous meetings with developers and retailers to accentuate opportunities in Homewood. For them proof of this is grand openings and ribbon cuttings. The two most recent were Dr. Lisa Grant's orthodontist office in the newly constructed office building at 18241 Harwood Avenue and Grape and Grain, a beer and wine making supplier, at 18029 Dixie Highway.

Our next event is my personal favorite, our Fall Fest and Chili Cook-Off contest. It's a fun-filled day for the entire family. I look forward to seeing you there.

## BOARD, COMMISSION & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Appearance Commission  
Beautification Committee  
Cable TV Commission  
Committee of the Whole  
Community Relations Commission  
Economic Development Committee  
Fire and Police Commission  
Heritage Committee  
Homewood Council for the Arts  
Homewood Rail Committee  
Plan Commission  
Police Chief's Citizens Advisory Committee  
Senior Advisory Committee  
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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## “Zombie Paradise” Video Shoot: “You’re in the Right Place” Event

The Village of Homewood announced the creation of a new video showcasing the fun and creative side of the Village. “Zombie Paradise” is a series of three, 60-second videos featuring Homewood residents in zombie makeup enjoying the many amenities of Homewood with non-zombie residents.

“More than 60 residents came out for the initial shoot at Hillcrest Park (Locust Road and Rockwell Ave) in full makeup and nice dress.

They played extras, picnicking and playing together to create videos to share with their friends who haven’t moved to Homewood—yet! This project



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is another example of the fun, creative, and quirky mindset of Homewood,” said Public Relations

Manager Rachael

Jones. “You’re in the right place to have fun in Homewood. We are a melting pot of professionals, artists, educators, musicians... all

ages, backgrounds and race. And the methods of how we highlight Homewood and its amenities should be as interesting as the audience we try to reach. We are a community that values its children, education, local economy, urban forestry and having fun together as a group. Its culture is so enriching that we want to continue reaching out to those who share our values and believe in what we are trying to do.”

The videos collectively called “Zombie Paradise” can be found on the Village of Homewood’s Facebook page and on YouTube. All three videos will be aired at Fall Fest, Saturday, September 15.

“I fully support new ideas to create a buzz about Homewood,” said Village President Richard Hofeld. “With many new outlets for news and entertainment, we are creative with how we develop and tell people about Homewood.”

The idea for “Zombie Paradise” was generated from discussions with residents in how best to utilize social media outlets to communicate the message that Homewood is an inclusive, creative, convenient community to live in. The project quickly gathered momentum and support among the Village leaders and became part of the “You’re in the Right Place” marketing campaign along with the “Pop Uprights to Play” public art initiative.

Jesse Deyo, film and television music composer and Homewood resident, will create an original musical composition for the three videos. “Homewood has a sense of humor,” said Deyo. “The zombie concept is an off-beat way to communicate the open attitude that we value a diverse group of people, even the un-dead.”

### Zombie Project Snapshot

**Objective:** A goal of the Village’s marketing plan is to expand messaging of its amenities to attract young families and the ‘creative class’ through a variety of mediums.

**Setting:** America’s collective attention is held in social media sites like Facebook, and 90% of the activity taking place is sharing videos found on the web. 8.9 billion videos are viewed on YouTube each month. About a quarter of online video viewers say they shared, forwarded and commented on video content.

For Homewood to be a part of this online discussion, content for this platform should be created, in addition to its plans to create text-based materials (brochures, postcards, print ads, etc.).

**Strategy:** Assemble a group of Homewood residents from creative professions to develop a series of videos that fit the characteristics of videos that are viewed and shared online.

Research concepts, develop treatments, and coordinate a local, volunteer film crew.

**Outcome:** The group discussed several concepts, and landed on a zombie-theme that provided an entertaining element while displaying Homewood’s bundle of marketable attributes.

Research of the zombie concept revealed that several reputable corporations in 2011/2012 had created advertising campaigns featuring zombies to sell their products to young professionals: Toyota, Honda, Sears, and Starburst to name a few. The campaigns were very successful and an indication that zombie-themed advertising remains very popular (source: adweek.com).

The group developed three, 60-second clips and named the video series, “Zombie Paradise.” A local film production crew was formed by volunteer residents with ties to the film industry. Residents were invited to participate as extras.

Each clip released independently can be found on the Village of Homewood’s Facebook page and on YouTube. All three videos will be aired at Fall Fest, Saturday, September 15.

Residents are encouraged to post these videos to their Facebook page and share them with friends.

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## ABC 7 in Your Neighborhood Visits Homewood to See Unique Public Interactive Art Project “Pop Uprights to Play”

“Pop Uprights to Play”—Another “You’re in the Right Place” Project—provides a fun and melodious way to engage people in public spaces through public art and collective cultural experience.

On June 19, ABC 7 in Your Neighborhood stopped in Homewood to view the new public art project, “Pop Uprights to Play”, sponsored by the Village Council for the Arts. Residents of all ages gathered at Homewood Florist and Bella Vita Home Accents to tickle the ivories in front of the cameras. The segment was narrated by Ron Magers and aired on Saturday, June 23rd; it can still be found online at [abclocal.go.com](http://abclocal.go.com).

“Pop Uprights to Play” launched in early June with a debut at the Downtown Homewood Art and Garden Street Fair and made an appearance in



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*Terri Jabaay is a Michigan native who moved to Chicago 17 years ago to be closer to the City’s eclectic arts and cultural scene. Jabaay is fascinated with color. She creates dynamic palettes in her work, ranging from deep earthy tones to vibrant and electric blends. Jabaay specializes in jewelry, chalk, and paint. However, mixed-media is Jabaay’s signature art form. Each layer of Jabaay’s work tells a story beyond the actual reclaimed, vintage, industrial, or organic piece. Jabaay’s work is found at several boutiques throughout the Chicago Southland and she offers studio and mobile art classes for all ages and art forms. Contact Jabaay at [terrijabaay@gmail.com](mailto:terrijabaay@gmail.com).*

the 4th of July parade with local pianist Joe Felice. Pianos began their official rotation outside Homewood shops and restaurants shortly thereafter.

Local artists and service groups were the talent behind the painted pianos, and residents, like the Hayes and Dennison family, donated the pianos to this project.

“Pop Uprights to Play” will appear around Homewood throughout the summer until

Homewood’s annual Fall Fest and Chili Cook Off on September 15.

“This is your ‘keys’ to the city,” said Rachael Jones, Village of Homewood special events and public relations manager. “It is a fun and interactive way for people to connect to the community in a memorable way. “Pop Uprights to Play” are available for anyone to show their musical and creative side. It’s a unique collaboration between the Village and its business community and a project of Homewood’s recently launched, “You’re in the Right Place” campaign.”

“Pop Uprights to Play” will be located outside many Homewood businesses throughout the summer. Homewood will announce the location of the “Pop Uprights to Play” on its Facebook page. The Village also encourages businesses where the pianos pop up to take photo and videos of players to post to Facebook.

“I think the “Pop Uprights to Play” Program creates a fun and playful atmosphere within the business district and directs the public’s attention to shops and restaurants they may have never really looked at before,” said Pam Dennis, owner of Bella Vita and executive director of the

Downtown Homewood Business Association.

“As a shop owner, I love to see people gather around my storefront and this program provides an opportunity for them to in a unique and musical way.”

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### Free Branch Chipping Service

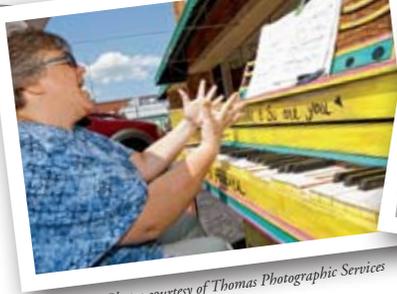
The Village will offer free branch chipping to residents on Saturday, October 6. Residents can bring their branches to the Municipal Service Center, 17755 Ashland Avenue, between the hours of 8 AM to Noon. The Village will not accept Evergreen branches, construction debris or branches larger than six inches in diameter.



### Shop Home Sweet Homewood

*Please join us in welcoming the following businesses recently opened, relocated or under new ownership in Homewood. Stop in and say hello, and don't forget to support local business by thinking Homewood first when you shop, dine, and buy!*

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- **Slim Café Weight Loss**  
18129 Dixie Highway
- **Pizza Hut**  
18042 Halsted
- **Lakeview Healthcare**  
900 Ridge Road
- **Homewood Glass Shop**  
18106 Martin Avenue
- **Taco Bell**  
17601 Halsted Street
- **The Good Life Café**  
2057 Ridge Road
- **B-Line Trucking**  
17531 Ashland Avenue
- **Acme Orthotic and Prosthetic Labs, Inc.**  
18668 Dixie Highway
- **Tessa's Dollhouse**  
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- **A Balanced Path**  
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- **Dr. Lisa Grant Orthodontics**  
18243 Harwood Avenue



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# FALL HAPPENINGS

## HOMEWOOD FRENCH MARKET

Every Saturday through October 20  
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Village Hall Parking Lot  
Hosted by the Village of Homewood

Every Saturday is different at the Market. Stop by each week this fall for live music, children's crafts, eco-friendly activities, and a great assortment of vendors. Here's a list of our regulars, but every week you'll see new faces—especially during fall harvest!

- Bloomberg Gardens (Homewood): organic herbs and vegetables, including produce and flowers from Hansel Farms and Michigan farmers
- Enjoi Bake Shop (Channahon): gourmet baked goods
- Homewood Kitchen Gardeners (Homewood): organic produce and flowers, soaps and lotions.
- Jeffrey Farms (Mount Carroll): traditional produce
- Labriola Breads (Oak Forest): fresh breads
- Stamper Cheese (Chicago): gourmet cheeses
- Express Yourself (Valparaiso): gourmet coffee
- Zeldenrust Farms (Chicago Heights): traditional produce, flowers

## OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, September 22 and Sunday, September 23 | 12:00 PM to 10:00 PM  
Glenwoodie Golf Course,  
19301 South State Street  
Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce

The entire community is invited to Oktoberfest 2012. Join us from

noon to 10:00 PM on September 22nd and 23rd at Glenwoodie Golf Course. Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce's Oktoberfest will bring together the communities that we represent in a festive two-day community event filled with food, fun, and music that focuses on the German tradition.

The community will be able to enjoy live entertainment including authentic German bands dressed in German garb. A choice of adult meals and child's meal will be available along with authentic desserts. Beverages will include authentic German spirits and soft drinks. Admission is FREE. Saturday's events will include FREE Child ID kits, provided by New York Life.

## CSC'S THE WALK OF HOPE

Sunday, October 7  
Irwin Park,  
Hosted by The Cancer Support Center

On Sunday, October 7, 2012, The Cancer Support Center (CSC) will host its annual Walk of Hope at Irwin Park, 18120 Highland Avenue. It takes courage to face all of the challenges cancer brings. Join The Center and over 1,000 community members in reminding those touched by a diagnosis that they do not walk alone. The Walk of Hope is brought to you by our Title Sponsors—Great Lakes Bank, Cancer Treatment Centers of America, and Vantage Oncology.

Join us as we celebrate life and healing at our single biggest fundraiser. The Walk of Hope raises funds to

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provide programs for those whose lives have been touched by cancer, at no charge. Start building your team today! The pledge goal per walker is \$100. Please register online at [cancersupportcenter.org](http://cancersupportcenter.org) or call the Walk hotline at (708) 365-1201. Individuals, age 15 and up, can register for \$25. Children, ages 5 to 14, can register for \$15. Children under 5 are FREE! No pets, please! Year after year, walkers unite to honor loved ones and support The Center as a place of help, hope, and healing in the Southland community.

For more information about The Cancer Support Center, the Walk of Hope, or any of The Center's programs, please call (708) 798-9171 or visit [cancersupportcenter.org](http://cancersupportcenter.org).

## HOMEWOOD HALL OF FAME

Sunday, October 21 | 12:00 PM  
Ravisloe Country Club,  
18231 Park Avenue  
*Homewood Heritage Committee*

The Village of Homewood Heritage Committee will induct into the Homewood Hall of Fame individuals who have made significant and beneficial contributions to the life and well being of the Village of Homewood. These individuals were nominated by the members of the public: the Kataras Family, Mable Murphy, Denny and Karen Schillings, William and Eleanor Steiner and Henry Stolzenbach. The seventh Hall of Fame ceremony will take place on Sunday, October 21, 2012 at Ravisloe Country Club, 18231 Park Avenue, Homewood. A reception begins at 12:00 Noon with a luncheon and ceremony following at 1:00 PM. Reservations are required and are \$45.00 per person and are due by Friday, October 12. Please make checks out to Village of Homewood, 2020 Chestnut Road, Homewood, IL 60430. For further information call Elaine Egdorf, chairman, at (708) 798-9535.

## HISTORICAL MARKER FOR WASHINGTON PARK RACETRACK DEDICATION

Sunday, October 28 | 2:00 PM  
Halsted Street and Maple Avenue  
*Homewood Heritage Committee*

The Village of Homewood Heritage Committee will dedicate an Illinois State Historical Society Historical Marker for Washington Park Racetrack on Sunday, October 28, 2012, at 2:00 PM. The marker, which will be the

second ISHS marker to be located in Homewood, will be at the southwest corner of Halsted Street and Maple Avenue. The public is invited to attend to learn more about this important site in horse racing history.

## Fall Runs

### FLOSSMOOR 5K

Saturday, September 8 | 8:00 AM,  
Check-in/9:00 AM, Race Start  
Leavitt Park  
*Homewood-Flossmoor Park District*

Before Flossmoor Fest, start your day with the last race of the H-F 5K Circuit, the Flossmoor 5K, using the Champion Chip timing system. Pre-Registration for the Flossmoor 5K ends Thursday, September 6 at noon. Race day registration will be accepted on the morning of September 8 prior to the start of the race. All registrants will receive Tech T-Shirts! Fee: \$22.00 R/\$25.00 NR. Day-of-Race: \$30.00. Code: 356518-01.

### HOMEWOOD SCHOOLS FUND RUN

Sunday, September 23  
*Foundation 153*

Homewood Schools Fund Run will start at Millennium School and make its way around beautiful Homewood neighborhoods. Younger family members (age 12 and younger), can participate in the 153 yard fun run, along with games and activities, if they do not want to participate in the 5K event. All proceeds from the Homewood Schools Fund Run will go towards maintaining vital educational experiences for students in District 153. For more information about events, grants and projects, go to [foundation153.org](http://foundation153.org).

## Halloween Events

### WOODLAND PUMPKIN HUNT

Sunday, October 7 | 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
Monday, October 8 | 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM  
Irons Oaks, Vollmer Road Lot  
*Homewood-Flossmoor Park District*

Explore our woods in search of a pumpkin! We'll play some games, read a story, share a snack and decorate our pumpkins too. Registration required by October 5. Fee: \$12 R /\$18 NR.

Code: 392504-02 (Sunday); 392504-02 (Monday)

### HOBO NIGHT

Saturday, October 20 | 6:00 PM  
Homewood Rail Park located  
on Park Avenue

*Hosted by the Homewood Rail Committee. Contact the Village of Homewood at (708) 798-3000*

The Rail Committee will host an evening for the entire family at the Rail Park located on Park Avenue at 6:00 PM on Saturday, October 20. Join the Committee for marshmallows, hobo stories, an old fashioned sing-a-long, and tours of the Rail Park's retired and restored Illinois Central locomotive and caboose.

### HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Wednesday, October 31 | 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

H-F Sports Complex

*Sponsored by Homewood Area Rotary Club, Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce, Homewood Fire Department, Homewood-Flossmoor Park District*

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, Pumpkin Pick & Paint and help color the giant mural. Be a part of the costume parade at 7:30 PM.

## Theatre Productions

### THE STAGE PRESENTS HANA'S SUITCASE

*Adapted by Emil Sher. Based on the book by Karen Levine. Originally published by Second Story Press*

Friday, September 14 | 7:00 PM  
Saturday, September 15 | 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM  
H-F Auditorium

It is March, 2000. A child's suitcase arrives from Auschwitz for an exhibit at the tiny Children's Holocaust Education Resource Centre. Spurred on by children at the Centre, the curator and teacher, begins to search for more information about the life of Hana Brady. Hana's name, birthdate and designation (Waisenkind or orphan), painted on the side of the suitcase, are the only clues. The relentless search leads her across Europe and North

America until she uncovers the fate of Hana and the remarkable survival story of Hana's only brother, George. Hana's Suitcase is a powerful, true story that unites the past and the present based on the beloved bestseller by Karen Levine. Fee: \$8 Adults/\$6 Seniors and Children.

### HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR HIGH SCHOOL'S CHILDREN'S THEATRE: YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN

Friday, September 21 | 7:30 PM  
Saturday, September 22 | 7:00 PM  
HFHS Mall Auditorium,  
999 Kedzie Avenue (Flossmoor)  
Admission Information:  
(708) 799-3000

### HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR THEATRE MUSICAL: URINETOWN

Thursday, November 8 | 7:30 PM  
Friday and Saturday,  
November 9 and 10 | 9:30 AM  
HFHS Mall Auditorium,  
999 Kedzie Avenue (Flossmoor)  
Admission Information:  
(708) 799-3000

## Outdoorsy Adventures

### FALL FISHING DERBY

Saturday, September 29 | 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM  
Dolphin Lake  
*Sponsored by Henry's Sports and Bait Shop*

Try your luck at catching the biggest fish in your age group. Be sure to register the anglers by 10:30 AM that day as all participants receive a raffle ticket. Anglers 16 years and older need a Dolphin Lake and State of Illinois fishing permit. Permits: \$5R/\$15 NR. 2012 Dolphin Lake Fishing Permit Reg. # 520701.

### FALL FAMILY CAMPOUT

Saturday, September 29 to Sunday,  
September 30 | 4:00 PM  
Flossmoor Park  
*Homewood-Flossmoor Park District*

Camping in town? Yes. This year marks the 6th year of camping in Flossmoor Park. The campout is complete with a cookout, campfire, family games, and movies. Bring a tent, sleeping bags, snacks and a flashlight. Don't have a tent? Rent one from us! Contact Irons Oaks at (708) 481-2330. Fee: \$10 R/\$15 NR. Time: 4:00 PM, check-in. Code: 320737-01.

# New Location!

## Fall Fest and the Annual Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, September 15 | 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM  
 Martin Avenue from Ridge Road to Hickory Road  
 Hosted by the Community Relations Commission

Homewood's favorite fall time festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 15. Fall Fest will feature live entertainment, horse-drawn wagon rides through downtown, the annual bean bag tournament, petting zoo and pony rides, games, craft vendors, a pumpkin patch children's crafts, and scrumptious cuisine prepared by local eateries. The event has expanded through the years, and to accommodate, we have moved, just around the corner to tree-lined Martin Avenue from Hickory Road to Ridge Road. 20 additional art vendors will join the event, so come out for a rare collection of arts and crafts not available at any other event. The move also provides more parking and access to this popular community event.

### The Annual Chili Cook Off

(2:00 PM, contest;  
 3:00 PM, open tasting)

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 Homewood Police Association. If you are interested in competing

in the Chili Cook-Off, visit the Village Web site for contest rules and an application.

### Fall Fest Seventh Annual Bags Tourney

(starts at 6:30 PM)

While Fall Fest's Seventh Annual Bags Tourney isn't sanctioned by the American Cornhole Association (ACA), it is still a spirited competition that draws participants from all over the

Chicago Southland.

The tourney will be round-robin play where each contestant plays every other contestant. At the end of round-robin play, winners shall be determined by win-loss records. If ties occur, they shall be settled by playoff method. Prizes include certificates for shopping and dining, a custom bean bag box set, and cash.

The cost per team is \$20.00. There is no advance registration. Teams will be accepted into the tournament on a first-come-first-served basis.

To register, look for the Homewood Welcome Center at Fall Fest before 5:00 PM.

### Fall Fest Entertainment and Activity Schedule

(all day)

Great music is a staple of Fall Fest, and two, crowd-pleasers—Xtra! Xtra! and Latin Satin—will carry on this finger-snapping, toe tapping tradition.

#### FALL FEST ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

- 12:00 PM – 4 PM | Petting Zoo and Pony Rides
- 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Face Painter
- 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM | Chili Contest
- 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Mr. Magic's Magic Show (1/2 hour shows)
- 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM | Open Chili Tasting
- 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM | Stilt Walkers and Strolling Jugglers
- 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM | Pumpkin Patch and Pumpkin Painting
- 6:30 PM | Doubles Bean Bag Tournament
- 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM | Horse-drawn Wagon Rides
- 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM | Outdoor Movie and Bonfire

#### FALL FEST LIVE ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

- 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM | Ivory West  
(Sounds of Ray Charles to Colbie Caillat)
- 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Mr. Magic's Magic Show  
(Children's Entertainment)
- 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM | Xtra! Xtra! (60's through today)
- 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM | Latin Satin Soul (Classic Rock and Motown)



# You're in the Right Place... to Get and Go!

"In the best communities to live and work, a walk or a bike ride isn't a 20 minute drive away. It's right out your front door. More now than ever, we're in the Right Place. Homewood, in its schools, its parks, its neighborhoods, is a triumph of shared public space in a Southland home to more tales of loss than winners. This spirit of community now extends to our streets."

—Steve Buchtel, executive director of Trails for Illinois and one of the authors of the bike plan.

## Homewood, First South Suburb to Commission Comprehensive Bicycle Plan and Enact Phase I

In June, the Village of Homewood proudly announced the launch of Phase I of its comprehensive bicycle plan, which includes painting bike lanes, bike route signs and over 50 new bike racks.

Homewood added two types of bike lanes for sharing the road with cars. In addition, Homewood

added over 75 bike route signs denoting destinations, attractions, parks and places of interest. Finally, over 50 bicycle racks were installed at schools, shopping areas and parks.

The plan, created in 2007, began with painting bike lanes on streets commonly used by bicyclists including portions of Ridge Road,

Dixie Highway, Harwood Avenue and Ashland Avenue. Route markers were installed on other high-traffic areas such as 187th, Center Road, and portions of Dixie Highway.

"Homewood is the right place to bike," said Village Manager Jim Marino. "This plan will expand Homewood's sense of connectedness and community."



Steve Buchtel, executive director of Trails for Illinois

### About Trails for Illinois

Trails for Illinois works with local and state agencies to establish an interconnected network of trails statewide for stronger local economies, sustainable transportation, and a higher quality of life.

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### BIKE PLAN EDUCATION

While the Village is coordinating a committee to help create educational resources for bike/driver safety, Steve Buchtel, a resident, cyclist and executive director for Trails for Illinois has engaged the initial conversation on how drivers and bikers can share the road (safely and enjoyably) in Homewood:

### ROADS BY DEFAULT ARE SHARED SPACE

Illinois vehicle law grants cyclists the same claim to public streets as drivers, and asks that they obey the same rules. The shared lane markings—the bike symbols with directional chevrons—and the striped bike lanes are visual reminders that our roads by default are shared space.

The markings don't require cyclists to ride these streets. Cycling provides enough benefits to health, to local economies, to the environment that we hope you ride as often as you can, wherever you feel comfortable!

The markings also, obviously, don't erect forcefields around cyclists—it is just paint, after all, and cars are big, loud, and fast. But somehow shared space pavement markings all over the country have still shown significant safety improvements in numerous studies, for drivers and for cyclists.



### PAVEMENT MARKINGS PROMPT DRIVERS TO EXPECT AND RECOGNIZE CYCLISTS

Pavement markings encourage cyclists and drivers to behave more predictably. The arrows of the markings, for example, encourage cyclists to ride with traffic—riding against traffic is a deadly practice, primarily because drivers have a tough time predicting the riders movement. If you've done the two-step waltz with an oncoming shopper in your aisle at Walt's, then you know exactly what happens when a cyclist rides head-on towards a driver.

Pavement markings slow motor vehicle traffic. Studies show that bike markings on the pavement slow actual vehicle speeds 5-15% at all times, even when no cyclists are present. Drivers respond with their right foot to the apparent width of the road ahead of them.

Bike markings narrow the perceived width, and drivers slow down. This gives more time for drivers and cyclists to make good decisions, and it reduces the consequences when a mistake is made.

### PAVEMENT MARKING ON BUSY ROADS

For example, on Ridge Road and Dixie Highway, there are lots of important and interesting destinations. Studies show that people ride more when they can connect to the day-to-day destinations that are important in their life: the stores, the bars, the library, the schools, the train station. Streets connect these destinations. (Added bonus: Encouraging cycling to these destinations should boost local economic activity. Most people prefer traveling less than 15 minutes for an errand. Fifteen



## Homewood Named, Top Transit Suburb

In July, Homewood was named No. 16 in a Top 20 Ranking of 250 communities by the Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development's study released this summer.

Those making the cut earned distinction for having vibrant pedestrian and retail areas adjacent to their transit stops.

"A greater proportion of Homewood residents living within ½ mile of the station walk or bike to the train more than in most North Shore suburbs—creating a dynamic "transit culture" and vibrant pedestrian environment supporting several retail businesses (DePaul University Team conducting study)." Read the full story at [toptransitsuburbs.com](http://toptransitsuburbs.com).

### CHADDICK INSTITUTE TOP 20 TRANSIT SUBURB RANKINGS:

- |                      |                  |                  |                     |                   |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. LaGrange          | 5. Elmhurst      | 9. Des Plaines   | 13. Park Ridge      | 17. Deerfield     |
| 2. Wilmette          | 6. Wheaton       | 10. Mt. Prospect | 14. Westmont        | 18. Palatine      |
| 3. Arlington Heights | 7. Downers Grove | 11. Glen Ellyn   | 15. Western Springs | 19. Highland Park |
| 4. Glenview          | 8. Naperville    | 12. Northbrook   | 16. Homewood        | 20. Tinley Park   |

minutes by car gets me to Tinley or Munster. By bike? I and my money stay in Homewood).

Cyclists lawfully ride streets already. With documented use by cyclists, it's best practice to include accommodation where possible for them on these roads, which are public space.

### CYCLISTS ON THE ROAD VERSUS SIDEWALKS

Cyclists move, on average, 8-12 mph. Many people of all ages ride faster. Sidewalks are engineered for walking, 2-3 mph. The irregularities in sidewalks—the heaving sections, the driveway crossings, the street furniture—are for most people easily traversed on foot. For most cyclists, primarily teenage and above, it's much safer to ride lawfully and predictably in the street, particularly if drivers expect to see cyclists.

Sidewalks and paths along a road can be made safe for cyclists. But that's tough to do in an established town like Homewood—it would involve removing trees, dumping benches and street lights, creating alleys behind homes so driveways wouldn't cross paths with sidewalk riders. There simply isn't enough room or money to add additional bike facilities.

### SHARED STREETS ARE SAFEST WHEN CYCLISTS BEHAVE AS VEHICLES, AND WHEN DRIVERS TREAT CYCLISTS AS VEHICLES

Nearly all of us who drive in Homewood remember drivers education and the many hours behind the wheel with our terrified parents. How many of us remember our bike education, beyond the skinned knee and dad telling us to "Brush it off," and something about

getting on a horse.

Driving looks like a very frightening, deadly activity to the person who doesn't drive. It's exactly the same with cycling. The cyclist who has been taught to be a Traffic Cyclist, well-trained by mentors or experience in the skills and knowledge to share the road with cars, feels comfortable and safe on many suburban roads, bike markings or no. Many of the rest of us have never biked in traffic, or had anyone around who could show us how. We rode on the sidewalks until we got our drivers license, then took to the street in cars. Bike markings in the street freak us out, and the idea of riding there just seems irresponsible.

The good news is that most of the education Homewood drivers need to become responsible cyclists has already been taught to us: shared streets are safest

when cyclists behave as vehicles, and when drivers treat cyclists as vehicles. The same rules apply to cycling as to driving.

Drivers should treat cyclists as slow moving vehicles. The delay behind a cyclist traveling up Ridge Road adds seconds to your trip—it takes you longer to order your Venti Double Mocha, Low Foam than to pass a cyclist courteously.

Cyclists should not forget the driver's perspective. Indeed, rely on it. Use signals to turn. Wait your turn at 4-way stops. Obey the red light.



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## FINANCE & MANAGER'S OFFICE NEWS

### New Village Manager, Jim Marino

In July, the Village Board announced the appointment of Jim Marino to Village Manager effective Wednesday, July 25. Marino has held the responsibilities of Acting Village Manager since April 2012 when Village Manager Ralph DeWitt left on extended medical leave. Marino



*Jim Marino,  
Village Manager*

has served as Assistant Village Manager for the past 13 years. He has served as interim or acting Village Manager on three separate occasions during his employment with Homewood. Marino received his Bachelor's in Political Science from the University of Illinois (Champaign) and obtained his Master's in Public Administration from the University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh, PA). During his 13 year tenure as Homewood's Assistant Village Manager, Marino has supervised human resources,

labor relations, union negotiations, risk management, and general management support in all areas and departments of Village government.

"Jim has served very well in his position and we are very fortunate to have someone with his leadership skills and credentials to be able to step into that position. The entire Village Board looks forward to working him," says Village President Richard Hofeld.

Marino is married and a resident of Homewood since 1999.

### New Village Clerk, Karen Washington

The Homewood Village Board of Trustees welcomes Karen Washington as the new village clerk. Washington was appointed following the resignation of two-term, elected Village Clerk Gayle Campbell. In addition

to her service as Village Clerk, Campbell served as board liaison to the Beautification Committee, Heritage Committee and Plan Commission. Campbell also served on the Firemen's Pension board and was an active member of

the Municipal Clerks Association of south and west suburbs of Cook County and the municipal clerks of Illinois. Karen Washington will fill Campbell's former position until the next election in spring of 2013.

### Commuter Monthly Parking

For those who use rail service and need a place to park their car—look no further! Spaces are now available for monthly parking in the Village Hall Parking Lot. The monthly fee for Homewood residents is \$35.00; for non-residents, the fee is \$50.00. Please contact Sandy Ruhlander at (708) 206-3368 for more information.

Five parking spaces are available for rent on most business days for those using rail service; two parking spaces are held for seniors. Daily rental is \$2.00 and spaces are available for Homewood residents only. Please call the Village Hall at (708) 798-3000 for more information.

### Leaving for Winter?

If you expect to be away from your home through next April, submit a self-addressed envelope to the Village and a vehicle sticker application will be mailed to your forwarding address. Please be sure to include your Homewood address with your request. For more information, please contact Sandy at (708) 206-3368.

### Homewood Project

In July, the Village of Homewood, Homewood Public Library, and Homewood Historical Society were presented with the 2011/2012 Homewood Year Book, the culmination of the Homewood Project initiated by Thomas Photographic Services. Colin and Angela Thomas spent an entire year taking pictures of residents in front

of their homes, employees and business owners, churches owners, and captured the community at the many events held throughout the year.

"The book is an amazing pictorial of life and community in Homewood. I love seeing the faces of the families who live in the beautiful homes I've admired

as I walk or ride my bike in town," says PR and Special Events Manager Rachael Jones, "The book really illustrates the quality of life in Homewood and how its rich amenities attribute to its appeal."

Go to the Village Web site to view the book online: [homesweethomewood.com](http://homesweethomewood.com)

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

## Village Board Approves Three Additions to Homewood's Mural Collection

Trompe l'oeile Artist Richard Haas and Mural Painter Thomas Melvin have created three new murals for commercial spaces in town: Good Speed Bike Shop building (2125 183rd Street), the north facing wall of the Lantry/Delano's building (18155 Dixie Highway), and the south wall of the South Suburban Family Shelter building (18137 Harwood Avenue).

Last year, the Village commissioned Haas and Melvin to restore the original murals painted in 1983, along the backside of storefronts along Ridge Road and Dixie Highway and to design four additional designs for new locations throughout Homewood's business districts: Homewood Florist, Melody Mart, Pete's Auto, and the east strip mall in Southgate along Dixie Highway.

The murals add to the appeal and distinction of Homewood and enhance the business districts.



Photos courtesy of Thomas Photographic Services

Haas' murals are featured in world class cities such as Chicago, New York City, Boston, Munich and our neighboring cities of Milwaukee, Madison, and Rock Island. His work can be seen on his Web site richardhaas.com, which includes our Homewood Theater and Dixie Diner murals. Homewood currently holds the largest collection of Haas murals.

The murals are being marketed as an attraction to draw people into our community. Visitors who come to see the murals will likely consider patronizing the shops and restaurants surrounding the murals. Bringing more visitors to our downtown and shopping districts helps to support and strengthen our local business, which is vitally important while the economy is still struggling to recover.

## November 6, 2012 Presidential General Election Key Dates

9/27/2012	First day mail ballot applications are accepted
10/09/2012	Last day to register to vote
10/10/2012	First day of grace period registration and voting
10/22/2012	First day of Early Voting
11/01/2012	Last day to request a mail ballot, including military and overseas voters
11/03/2012	Last day of Early Voting
11/03/2012	Last day of grace period registration and voting
11/04/2012	In-person absentee voting begins at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office and five suburban courthouse mini-centers
11/05/2012	Last day voted mail ballots can be postmarked for acceptance by the Clerk's office. Last day of in-person absentee voting at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office and five suburban courthouse mini-centers
11/06/2012	Election Day

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## PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

### Gene Marcheschi Memorial Scholarship Fund Celebrates Life, Contributions of Legendary Fireman in Chicago's South Suburbs

*"All men are created equal, then a few become firemen."*

In neighborhood diners, ballparks and festivals around the country, people of all ages stop firefighters in their tracks, shake their hands, and thank them for their meritorious service. 9/11 taught us a lot about this country and much about ourselves.

Taking the time to thank our local firefighters for their selfless deeds and sacrifice was one valuable lesson that took root on that fateful day. Like his fellow firefighters, Gene Marcheschi would acknowledge the accolades, but was quick to add that the kind words were not necessary. He was one of the luckiest men alive because he was living his dream.

The oldest of five children, Gene set a laser light focus on becoming a fireman at the age of six after chasing a fire truck through his Blue Island neighborhood one day. While most growing boys would entertain other visions, such as becoming a space astronaut, a rodeo cowboy or an NFL quarterback, Gene's sister, Denise Anderson, said his childhood dream never wavered.

"Once he set his mind on achieving something, he would almost always accomplish it," Denise recalled. "He was really driven to become a fireman."

This drive was apparent in a number of ways. As a youngster, he purchased a radio scanner and rode his bike to fire calls. He was also a proud member of the Blue Island Fire Department's scout troop. After graduating from Eisenhower High School in 1979, Gene was accepted as a Blue Island Fire Department cadet. To no one's

surprise, he was standout in his class and was elevated to a full-time firefighter in 1984.

While his family took great pride in the young fireman, the stressful realities of his job—putting out raging fires, containing hazardous chemical spills, responding to serious traffic accidents—took its toll on everyone in the close knit unit.

"When he had to report to the fire station in the middle of the night, my parents (Bob and Lynda) and brothers (Michael, Daniel and David) and I would sit listening to the scanner until we knew everyone was safe. Many times, we would be out there watching the fire crew do their job. No one at home could sleep until we knew he was safe," Denise recollected.

Gene knew all too well the perils involved in his chosen profession and, true to his character, immersed himself into becoming the best firefighter he could. Years ago, a volunteer fire chief pinpointed five indispensable traits—integrity, dedication, sense of ownership, commitment to education and sense of family—that are found in successful firemen during an academy commencement address. Time and time again, Gene demonstrated these qualities over a highly decorated 24-year career.

In 1997, he received the Illinois state firefighter's medal of valor, the highest commendation for bravery, for rescuing a child with Down syndrome from a burning home in Dixmoor.

Lieutenant Gene Marcheschi, a fan of the rock group Chicago, a stock car racing enthusiast, and the beloved father of a daughter, Michelle, died of a sudden heart attack in his home on May 13,



*Anthony Butera accepts the 2012 Gene Marcheschi Memorial Scholarship from (left to right) Lynda and Bob Marcheschi and Denise Anderson.*

2008. Hailed as a legendary firefighter in Chicago's south suburbs, Gene was 46 years old.

Denise reflected, "After years of worrying about him volunteering for every dangerous assignment that came his way, it was almost inconceivable to his family and friends that he would leave us that way . . . He had a big and giving heart and it gave out without any warning."

Knowing Gene would not want them to mourn his death but celebrate his life, his family and friends desperately wanted to start a lasting memorial in his name.

Gene was a strong proponent of training for firefighters throughout his two-decade career and served as an instructor of fire science at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills for several years. Tough, but fair, he was routinely praised for his ability to connect with students. He particularly enjoyed giving students a glimpse of the real world in live fire training exercises. One former student summed up his modus operandi as "the hotter and smokier, the better."

"My brother was passionate about training 'his kids' and was eager to share his knowledge and experiences with students in the classroom," Denise stated.



*Lt. Gene Marcheschi*

The family was approached by the administration at Moraine Valley about establishing a scholarship that would aid deserving students at the college. Within a couple of months, they began work on the Lieutenant Gene Marcheschi Memorial Scholarship Fund to "support individual educational studies and promote continuing professional development among area firefighters."

Annually, a student is awarded a \$1,000 scholarship that can be applied to the cost of tuition, fees and textbooks at the Palos Hills learning institution. To be eligible for the Gene Marcheschi Memorial Scholarship, applicants must:

Be enrolled in the Moraine

Valley Community College Fire Science Program and plan to pursue a degree in Fire Science

Remain a resident in the Moraine Valley Community College district and maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher

Carry a minimum of six credit hours in Fire Science during the semester(s) in which the scholarship is awarded

As part of the application process, nominees must submit a 500-word personal statement

demonstrating financial need and outlining how the scholarship will benefit their professional development and assist them in promoting ongoing fire science education among their professional colleagues.

The scholarship is primarily funded through local events that allow Gene's family and friends to come together in a festive atmosphere to remember his short and special life.

"Our fundraising activities allow the people who knew and admired

Gene to gather under one roof to share old stories and laughter," Denise said. "Some days, it's still incredibly hard to believe he's not here. But he'll always be with us because he touched so many lives."

For more information on The Lieutenant Gene Marcheschi Memorial Scholarship Fund, contact the Moraine Valley Community College Foundation Office at (708) 974-5335 or email Christine Bennett, foundation coordinator, at [BennettC@morainevalley.edu](mailto:BennettC@morainevalley.edu).

## Parade of Lights

Tuesday, October 9  
8:15 PM  
Ridge Road, Halsted Street to Dixie Highway  
*Homewood Fire Department*

On the evening of Tuesday, October 9, the Homewood Fire Department will participate in the annual Parade of Lights—a silent procession of fire equipment from area departments, honoring firefighters who have given their life in the line of duty, as well as for families who have experienced a loss or injury due to fire.

This is the third year the parade has traveled to Homewood, following the loss of Brian Carey .

The silent parade begins in South Holland and will arrive at Ridge Road and Halsted in Homewood at approximately 8:15 AM. The parade will travel west on Ridge Road to Dixie Highway and complete its journey at the Homewood Fire Station.

The parade will provide an impressive light display of 40-50 engines, aerial ladder trucks, squad cars and ambulances. The parade also serves as a reminder of the importance of fire safety in our daily lives.

Please come out and line the parade route to show your support for Fire Prevention Month.

## It Doesn't Cost a Lot to be Prepared! *By Megan Tipton, Homewood Fire Department*

September is National Preparedness Month, and the Homewood Fire Department is asking you to help your family and friends prepare for whatever may come. Here are a few tips on how you can protect those that matter to you without spending a fortune.

- **Make a Plan.** Work with your family and neighbors to make an emergency plan for the types of disasters that affect our area. Make sure everyone in your family understands where to go and what to do in case of emergency.
- **Update Contact Information.** Having accurate records for family, friends and neighbors will help you stay in contact and possibly help those in need.

Make sure updated contact information is posted in a visible place throughout your house and workplace.

- **Check Your Policy.** Review your insurance policy annually and make any necessary changes. If disaster strikes, you want to know that your coverage will get you back on your feet.
- **Make A Ready List.** You may not need all of the items in the ready-made preparedness kits. Choose the essentials that fit your needs and budget. Don't forget to keep supplies at work and in your car. Sample "Ready" lists can be found at [Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov)
- **Plan Your Purchases.** You can save money by thinking ahead. Don't buy preparedness items just before a storm when they are expensive and supplies will be in high demand. Buy items at the end of the season when you can find sales and other good deals.
- **Shop All Year Long.** Shop for preparedness items all year long. Watch sale papers for items you need to stock your Ready Kit.
- **Make Sure It Keeps.** Store water in safe containers. You don't need to buy expensive bottled water, just make sure your water containers are disinfected and airtight.
- **Request a gift.** We all get gifts we don't want, don't need or can't use. Suggest preparedness supplies as gifts from your friends and family.

## 2nd Year for National Firefighter Combat Challenge

For the second year in a row, the Homewood Fire Department is joining with MABAS 24 to bring the National Firefighter Combat Challenge to the south suburban area. This year's event will



take place September 15 and 16 at Central Avenue and 159th Street in Oak Forest.

The Combat Challenge is an exciting and physically demanding event that tests the

strength and skill of firefighters from around the country. Last year more than 500 firefighters participated in the five challenge events: Five Story Stair Climb with Hose Pack, Hose Hoist, Forcible Entry, Hose Advance and Victim Rescue.

This event will be a place for families to spend time together. In addition to the thrill of watching

firefighters challenge themselves against the course and the clock, kids can test their firefighting skills in a pint-size course designed just for children ages 4 - 11.

For more information about times and a complete list of events, go to the MABAS Web site at [mabas24.org](http://mabas24.org)

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**Traveling to School** *By Officer Curt Weist, Homewood Police Department*

Let's keep our kids safe on their way in to school this year with helpful tips from SAFE KIDS, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

- Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop. Choose the most direct way with the fewest street crossings and, if possible, with intersections that have crossing guards.
- Walk the route with your child beforehand. Tell him or her to stay away from parks, vacant lots, houses, fields and other places where there aren't many people around.
- Children should walk to and from school with a sibling, friend, or neighbor.
- Whether walking, biking, or riding the bus to school, obey all traffic signals, signs and traffic officers. Remind them to be extra careful in bad weather.
- When driving kids, deliver and pick them up as close to the school as possible. Don't leave until they are in the schoolyard or building or being monitored by staff personnel.
- If your child bikes to school, make sure a helmet is worn that meets one of the safety standards (U.S. CPSC, Snell, ANSI, ASTM, or Canadian). Research indicates that a helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by up to 85 percent.
- Teach children to arrive at the bus stop early, stay out of the street, wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before approaching the street, watch for cars and avoid the driver's

blind spot.

- Remind children to stay seated at all times and keep their heads and arms inside the bus while riding. When exiting the bus, children should wait until the bus comes to a complete stop, exit from the front using the handrail to avoid falls and cross the street at least 10 feet in front of the bus.
- Children should not bend down in front of the bus to tie shoes or pick up objects, as the driver may not see clearly before starting to move.
- Be sure to teach home phone numbers and address, including a guardian's work number, and the number of an additional trusted adult. Children must know to call 9-1-1 for emergencies.

**Fire Department Open House**

Sunday, October 14  
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Fire Station, 17950 Dixie Highway  
Homewood Fire Department

Welcome to Our House! Once again the Homewood Fire Department is opening its doors for its annual Open House. This year's event will be held Sunday, October 14 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the fire station located at 17950 Dixie Highway.

This family event will teach visitors of all ages about fire safety and the operation of the fire department. A variety of displays on all sorts of safety topics will fill the fire department apparatus floor. Engines, ambulances and the aerial truck will be on display. The fire safety house will be available for kids to practice how to crawl in low smoke and exit a window in the event of a fire. Come join the fun!

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## Medication Take-Back, Safely Dispose of Expired Medications

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 Homewood Farmers Market, 2020 Chestnut Road  
 Village of Homewood and Cook County Department of Health

On Saturday, October 20 the Village of Homewood and Cook County will join forces to provide a safe way to dispose of expired and unwanted medications. The disposal will take place at the Farmer's Market from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This take-back program for disposal is a good way to remove expired, unwanted or used medicines from your home and reduce the chance that others may take the medicine.

**Prepare for Disposal:** Before bringing your medicines for disposal, scratch out all identifying information on the prescription label to make it unreadable. This will help protect your identity and the privacy of your personal health information.

**Check It Out:** Now is the time to check your medicine chest for expired medications. This includes over the counter medicines and herbal products. Also check medications for your pets and dispose of any that have expired.

**Toss It:** To decrease confusion (wrong dose, wrong medicine), get rid of medicine such as pain killers that are no longer being used. This will keep the medicine out of the wrong hands. You should never have antibiotics left. Antibiotics are supposed to be taken until completion. Not finishing your antibiotic and taking them for various other illnesses can pose potential health problems. Dispose of any old or extra antibiotics in your home



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# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

## Storage or Waste Containers No Fee Permit

The Village Board recently adopted several amendments to the Village's Zoning ordinance related to the use of storage or waste containers on residential property.

Residents wishing to use a roll-off dumpster or 'Bagster' will need to apply for a no fee permit from the Community Development Department at the Village Hall. The dumpster or 'Bagster' must be located on an impervious surface and no more than one refuse container can be located on the property at one time. The container must be kept

in an orderly fashion without allowing waste to pile higher than the height of the container and is limited to 30 days per calendar year.

Storage containers (i.e., PODS) also require a no fee permit. They are required to be locked, located on a impervious surface, and are limited to 14 days per residential lot per calendar year. Additional information can be found on the Village Web site [homesweethomewood.com](http://homesweethomewood.com) in the Community Development section under the Building Department or call (708) 206-3856

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## H-F High School to Launch New Web site

This fall Homewood-Flossmoor High School will be launching a new Web site at its existing URL, [hfhighschool.org](http://hfhighschool.org), that is designed to better communicate high school events, news and accomplishments with the greater Homewood-Flossmoor community.

The new site will include interactive features, including RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feeds, which will allow community members to subscribe to the information that interests them most via email alerts. An internet-based content-management system will allow the high school's teachers and staff to more easily and more frequently update information. Specially designed landing pages will be tailored to these specific audiences: parents, students, alumni and community. A custom mobile site is also being developed, making the high school's news even more accessible via smart phones and tablets. For more information on the Web site or Homewood-Flossmoor High School, please call (708) 799-3000.



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# TALK (the Theatre and Arts Leadership Kouncil) *By Lyzz Joyce, Chair*



Lyzz Joyce

If you've been around town in the last 6 months, you've probably seen increasing evidence of a new grassroots

organization popping up. The Theatre and Arts Leadership Kouncil (TALK), is a recently formed organization that's ready to take the south suburbs by storm. What you might have seen or read about is our mobile mural at the train station, TALK's multi-media art tents at the Art and Garden Fest and the French Market or maybe you even participated in the flash mob TALK organized.

TALK is a group that is all about promoting teen leadership skills, using art as the vehicle. How do I know this? I'm one of the teens in charge! My name's Lyzz Joyce, and I am in TALK's Youth Leadership Kouncil (YoLK). Actually, I'm the Chairperson of the YoLK and we're the main decision making body of TALK. In addition to the YoLK, over the last six months, we've formed five different Kommittees, each with its own leadership and each to focus on a different aspect of creativity (literary, performing arts, music, visual arts, and media arts.) While these Kommittees plan events on their own (like area music and improv groups) they also come

together for major events like the recent Art and Garden Fair in Homewood to represent TALK as a whole.

Reading all this, you might be thinking, "Does Homewood-Flossmoor really need another arts program? I thought the schools and park district did a pretty good job of covering it." You're completely right. And that's the beauty of it. We have TONS of different ways for young people to get involved in the arts thanks to our phenomenal community. However, TALK is a little different. Although in the future, we older TALK teens will play a role in teaching art and leadership to pre-teens (somebody will have to take our places as we go off to college), at this time TALK does not teach teens how to create art. Rather TALK encourages creativity and then helps teens to get their work 'out there' so people can see it. In essence, we give teens an opportunity to team up with others and collaborate on a project, to learn teamwork, networking, business and leadership—all in the name of art. There is no doubt that TALK is all about teen involvement, and believe me, we, the teen members, certainly don't sit idly around waiting to be told what to do. We're like the chief executives when it comes to the direction and planning. We then get to work on designing, planning,

making connections, attending meetings (sometimes with village officials) and writing things like this article, press releases and whatever else we decide is needed to spread the word about TALK... just like any new business would need to do.

TALK's mission is to teach leadership and to provide a voice for diverse populations through the arts. In meeting this mission, we also look to engage teen populations from outside the Homewood-Flossmoor area. A big goal of ours is to have a regional teen multi-media art fest next summer, which will bring together all different sorts of teenagers who work in all sorts of different mediums and art forms. We've already started to reach out to surrounding communities and organizations to try and incorporate them into our events.

Now, as if planning a teen fest for next year isn't enough, we have other things on our plate too. In addition to participating in two more French Market dates, helping with Homewood's Zombie Paradise filming and continuing our campaign for and orienting new TALK Kontributors, TALK will organize and run a TALK Teen Arts Fest within Homewood's Fall Fest on September 15th. The teen arts fest will be smaller than the event we plan to hold next year,



but it will have all the features, such as art originals and prints, live music, spoken word and drama components (like monologues, story telling and a brand new improv group) along with opportunities to sign up to be a TALK Kontributor or an adult volunteer. We will also have teen art for sale. Proceeds will go toward TALK programs, and there will be other opportunities for donating to TALK, because we are securing our 501(c)3 not for profit status, to help us with the festival next year.

Know a teen who you think would enjoy this? Want to get involved yourself? Feel like experiencing some really cool art created by local teens? Then make sure to come to the TALK Teen Arts Fest within Homewood's Fall Fest this year. In the mean time, if you're just bored on the internet, visit us at [TALKsouthland.org](http://TALKsouthland.org) and "like us" on Facebook. If you're more the telephone-type, you can call us at (708) 365-TALK.



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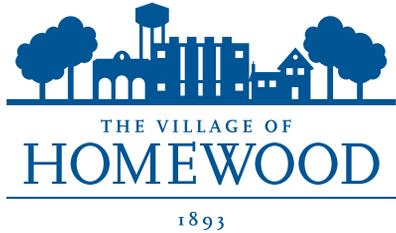


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