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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

JUNE

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

Touch of Green Saturdays @ the Market
subscribe to the e-News wire for details
Electronic Waste Collection
May 18, June 15, July 20, and August 10
Hazardous Waste Take-Back | June
Document Shredding | July 27
Prescription Drug Disposal | October 20

Green Thumb Saturdays @ the Market
June 8 | Organic Vegetable Gardening
July 13 | Butterfly Gardening
August 10 | Beyond Rain Barrels
September 14 | Putting Your Garden to Bed

32 Annual Fine Arts Fair
June 1 and 2 | 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Sterling Avenue Downtown Flossmoor

Starry Nights Concert Series, "Final Say"
Thursday, June 13 | 8:00 PM
Irwin Park (Ridge Road and Gottschalk Avenue)
7:00 PM Community Band
Contact H-F Park District at (708) 957-0300

Art & Garden Street Fair & President's Art Exhibit
Friday, June 7 | 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM
Saturday, June 8 | 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM
Historic Martin Avenue (Ridge Road to Hickory Road)
Contact the Village of Homewood at (708) 798-3000

Drivin' the Dixie, One-Hour Car Show
Saturday, June 15 | 9:00 AM (cars arrive in Homewood)
St. Paul Community Church Parking Lot (special parking)
Contact the Village of Homewood at (708) 798-3000

Starry Nights Concert Series, "Dancing Noodles"
Thursday, June 27 | 8:00 PM
Irwin Park (Ridge Road and Gottschalk Avenue)
7:00PM Community Band
Contact H-F Park District at (708) 957-0300

JULY

Independence Day Parade & Family Fun Fest
Thursday, July 4 | 11:00 AM
Ridge Road and Dixie Highway to the Izaak Walton Preserve
Contact the Village of Homewood Fire Department at (708) 206-3400

Bike the Dixie
Sunday, July 7 | Downtown Homewood
8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
12:00 PM Professional Bike Race

Starry Nights Concert Series, "Spoken Four"
Thursday, July 25 | 7:00 PM
Irwin Park (Ridge Road and Gottschalk Avenue)
7:00 PM Community Band
Contact H-F Park District at (708) 957-0300

Movies in Our Parks, Super 8
Friday, July 19 | movie starts at dusk
Irwin Park (Ridge Road and Gottschalk Avenue)
Contact Homewood Public Library at (708) 798-0121

AUGUST

National Night Out
Tuesday, August 6 | 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Irwin Park

Dog Days of Summer
Saturday, August 17 | 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM
VENUE CHANGE: Ridge Road from Dixie Highway to Martin Avenue
Contact the Village of Homewood at (708) 798-3000

Movies in Our Parks, ParaNorman
Friday, August 16 | movie start at dusk
Flossmoor Park in Flossmoor
Contact Flossmoor Public Library at (708)798-4006

SEPTEMBER

Fall Fest & Annual Chili Cook Off
Saturday, September 21 | 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM
Hickory Road and surrounding area
Contact the Village of Homewood at (708) 798-3000

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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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Karen Washington

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Fire and Paramedic Emergency.....	9-1-1
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Fire Dept. Non-Emergency	206-3400
Manager's Office	206-3377
Public Works Dept.	206-3470
Building Dept.	206-3858
Community Development	206-3385
After Hours Water Emergency.....	798-2131
Prop. Maint./Code Enforcement.....	206-3858
Homewood Public Library	798-0121
Homewood Post Office.....	798-5762
Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce	206-3384
Homewood-Flossmoor Park District	957-0300
Marie Irwin Community Center.....	957-7275
H-F Senior Activity Center.....	957-7275
Racquet and Fitness Club	799-1323
Ice Arena.....	957-0100
Lions Club Pool.....	799-2223
School District 153	799-5661
School District 161	647-7000
Homewood Flossmoor High School.....	799-3000
St. Joseph School.....	798-0467
Homewood Community Academy.....	799-6912

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Richard A. Hofeld
Village President

Volunteers are a vital part of our community. We have over 150 men and women who serve for the betterment of Homewood on our many commissions and committees. In the past I have spoken of the activities of our Community Relations Committee. Its members continue to excel at bringing forth so many of the Village events that you and your family enjoy. Now I would like to make you more familiar with our Senior Advisory Committee and the programs that they provide. Seniors make up about 22% of our population, and their most immediate need is transportation. In most communities the township provides this service. Homewood, however, is divided into four townships. The dividing lines are at 183rd and Western Avenue (adjacent to Walt's grocery store). The northeast

quadrant of town is in Thornton Township, northwest quadrant is in Bremen Township, southeast is Bloom Township and southwest is Rich Township. While the townships provide senior transportation service within their boundaries, they do not or are reluctant to cross into another township. If a senior lives near Cherry Creek (Rich Township) and has a doctor's appointment in Southgate (Bloom Township) or lives in Homewood Estates (Bremen Township) and wants to shop at Kohls (Thornton Township), they cannot be serviced by their township transportation service. To solve this problem, the Village of Homewood taxi service for seniors steps in. Initiated over 15 years ago to meet the transportation needs of Homewood seniors, this program is funded entirely

by the Village of Homewood and is overseen by the Senior Advisory Committee. A senior can sign up for the program at the Village Hall, and is then able to buy as many as 20 vouchers per month for only \$2 each. The Village subsidizes the rest, to the extent of \$35,000 per year. The Village has agreements with two local taxi companies, Sauk Trail and E Z Way who accept our vouchers. The senior needs only to present the voucher and is able to have a ride provided throughout the Village or to nearby medical facilities.

In addition to the taxi voucher program, the Committee also oversees the Senior I.D. bracelet program. For only \$5 a senior can purchase a "Speidel-type" wrist bracelet at our

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Police Department (the remaining cost is funded by Homewood Rotary). The senior then wears the bracelet which has an I.D. number and no other observable identification. At the time the bracelet is issued by the police department, the senior provides medical and family information, which is then input into a police department data base and is available ONLY to our police officers and fire fighters. If a person wearing the I.D. bracelet has a medical emergency or is found in an unfamiliar setting, they can be readily assisted by our police or fire department's qualified personnel. One of the ad-hoc members of the Senior Advisory Committee is a police officer who deals exclusively with senior's issues. This officer also administers the Senior I.D. bracelet program and encourages participation in the

program at senior activities and our senior living complexes. If you are a Homewood senior and would like access to the taxi program's vouchers, or to participate in the I.D. bracelet program, stop in the Village Hall, or call (708) 798-3000. Our thanks to the members of the Senior Advisory Committee for their diligence and oversight on these and the other programs that they provide.

In addition to the volunteers on Homewood's many committees, I would like to keep you apprised of two additional recent volunteer efforts. The local Jack and Jill club, which provides social, cultural and educational opportunities for children and young adults, also requires participation in community service projects. Some of the members of the local chapter have helped remove wind-blown and discarded papers that accumulated

along our roadways. The fence along 175th Street north of Menards always seems to be a gathering place for this debris and the Jack and Jill members' recent efforts to keep this clean are greatly appreciated.

Another volunteer project will soon be undertaken by Homewood Girl Scouts, Daisies and Brownies. These groups will be working on murals in the Metra pedestrian tunnel. I recently attended their Sycamore Association mural project meeting and was delighted as each troop presented their theme. These paintings will highlight the features that make Homewood so welcoming to visitors and our residents. Themes for the murals include the very warm "Home Sweet Homewood" greeting on the Village Hall water tower (and soon to be added to the east-side water tower when it is re-painted this year) to Homewood is "one

big happy family...people that are all different ages, sizes and colors." These young ladies really understand what Homewood is all about. Some of the other themes that their murals will highlight will include Holiday Lights, Trees, Landmarks and Schools, Fall Events, Library, Dog Days and Parks and Parades—all of the things that are so important to you and me and that enhance the livability of our community. Our volunteers really "get it." They understand that their efforts all add up to making Homewood such a very desirable place in which to live and do business. There may be other communities with similar efforts, but none with the zeal, enthusiasm and community awareness that they show. I appreciate them all.

BOARD, COMMISSION & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Appearance Commission
Beautification Committee
Cable TV Commission
Committee of the Whole
Community Relations Commission
Economic Development Committee
Fire and Police Commission
Heritage Committee
Homewood Council for the Arts
Homewood Rail Committee
Plan Commission
Police Chief's Citizens Advisory Committee
Senior Advisory Committee
Storm water Resource Committee
Tree Committee
Veterans Committee
Village Board of Trustees
Zone Board of Appeals



Shop Home Sweet Homewood

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

- Ultimate Security Alarm
1818 Ridge Road, Suite 2SW
- Anointed Couture
18065 Harwood Avenue
- State Farm - Julie Nash
17943 Halsted Street
- Simply Massage
18154 Harwood Avenue, Suite 201
- Total You Consultants
18216 Harwood Avenue, Suite 2B
- Papa John's
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- Sydney Sheldon Salon
861 Maple Avenue
- Ratio 1:1 Fitness
905 175th Street, 3rd Floor
- Transamerica Financial Advisors
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Outdoor Eating for Summer

This summer in Homewood, you will find plenty of options for dining under the stars with a variety of restaurants offering outdoor dining for their patrons. Nothing beats chatting with friends in an open-air atmosphere during the cherished summer season. Many Homewood restaurants are making improvements to their outdoor spaces. Dine and experience for yourself:



Grady's Grille rendering courtesy of Linden Group

Grady's Grille will convert their outdoor space to accommodate a variety of weather conditions with a convertible closure similar to many of the restaurants lining Chicago's streets. The patio's windows and doors can completely open or partially close to protect patrons from too much sun or summer's rainy days.



The Cottage on Dixie rendering courtesy of Linden Group

The Cottage on Dixie has an expansive outdoor eating area to round out their fine dining experience. Recently making Chicago Magazine's "Hot List" of the top 10 places people are talking about dining, The Cottage on Dixie's is a great upscale place to dine outdoors this summer.

Lassen's Bar and Grill has undergone many chic upgrades indoors and those improvements have made their way to their outdoor patio as well. This summer, Lassen's will offer a great spot for anyone's social gathering with a new and improved outdoor space.



Lassen's Bar and Grill rendering courtesy of Linden Group

Ravisloe Country Club is the best hidden secret for an exclusive outdoor eating experience. Sit outside and dine at the grill surrounded by the south suburbs' most pristine landscaping.



Ravisloe Country Club

Cilantro's patio was featured on WTTW's *Check Please* and has become a great place for small gatherings and even wedding receptions.



Cilantro

The covered patio is ideal for up to 50 guests and the terrace offers open-air seating for up to 15. The outdoor option adds to the festive and cultural experience Cilantro's has boasted for years.

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SUMMER HAPPENINGS

June

32 ANNUAL FINE ARTS FAIR

Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Sterling Avenue Downtown Flossmoor

HALF MILE DOG JOG

Saturday, June 1 | 8:00 AM Registration,
9:00 AM Race Starts at Apollo Park

We're opening up the chute for on-leash dogs to join their humans at this ½ mile event to benefit Rover's Run Dog Park. Whether you (or your dog) prefer trotting, jogging, or walking and socializing, this event is for you and your friendly hound. Don't have a dog? Don't jog? No problem! You're welcome to join us! T-shirts are provided for the first 50 participants.

July

H-F 2013 SUMMER CIRCUIT

Thursday, July 4
7:00 AM Registration / Check In
8:00 AM Race Time
Coordinated by the H-F Park District
hfparks.com

Are you a runner looking for a challenge against the clock? Or have you just started running and are looking to improve your time? Are you looking to ramp up to run a marathon? Here is your opportunity: the H-F Racquet & Fitness Club 5K Circuit. Challenge yourself with the Run for Freedom starting at Lions Club Park and Pool. Individual Race Fee: \$22 Resident; \$25 Non-Resident; \$30 Race-Day

26TH ANNUAL TENNISFEST

Wednesday, July 10 to Sunday, July 21
H-F Racquet & Fitness Club

Get in the game—a game for life! All ages welcome and open to the public! Includes free USA 1-2-3 tennis lessons for juniors and adults, free clinics, Little Mo Regional's, 54-event tournament, Chicago District Junior Team Tennis Championships, Pet Contest and more! Entry and event information is available at The Club and hfracquetandfitness.com

A LITTLE GARDEN WALK 9TH ANNUAL GARDEN WALK

Saturday, July 13 | 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
(rain or shine)
Sponsored by Union Street Gallery

Enjoy a beautiful day in the gardens! Join Union Street Gallery for their 9th annual garden walk. While admiring the unique gardens, watch as artists in each garden create original art work inspired by the gardens and garden lovers. Participants will be able to walk through some of the most beautiful gardens from Homewood, Flossmoor, Park Forest, and Chicago



Heights. Ticket prices are \$20 in advance and \$25 on July 13. Tickets are on sale at Union Street Gallery by phone, email, or in person. All proceeds benefit Union Street Gallery, a 501(c)3 art agency.

6TH NATIONAL HOT DOG DAY PICNIC

Monday, July 15 | 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Irwin Community Park

Don't miss this community favorite! You will enjoy hot off the grill 50¢ hot dogs with all the fixings and live music by Sag Valley Boys. Bring the office or the whole family. Meal Deals consist of a hot dog, chips and a drink for \$1.25. Let's celebrate the summer together!

9TH ANNUAL WIFFLE® FEST

Saturday, July 20 | Apollo Park

Choose from two divisions: Fast Pitch or Recreational. Teams consist of 3-5 players. Format will be round robin leading to single elimination. A Home Run Derby will also be held. Preregistered players will receive lunch and a Wiffle® Fest t-shirt. Prizes will be awarded to winning teams. Age: 18+; Team Limit: 6 min / 40 max per division; Team Fee: \$118; Code: WBFP13 (Fast Pitch); WBR13 (Recreation)

HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR FAMILY DAY AT U.S. CELLULAR FIELD

Chicago White Sox vs. Kansas City Royals
Sunday, July 28 | 1:10 PM Game Time



The Chicago White Sox would like to invite all Homewood-Flossmoor fans to come out to the game on Sunday, July 28. The White Sox will have specially priced tickets for residents. Tickets start at \$10 on the lower level and \$5 on the upper level.

Make sure you come to the ball park before the game to support the H-F Summer Choir as they perform the National Anthem. 4 options to order tickets: Visit whitesox.com/hf; Call (866) 769-4263 for Ticketmaster and give the "HFD" code; Mail with payment to: Chicago White Sox Sales Department Attn. H-F Sox Fans 333 W. 35th Street, Chicago, IL 60616

DRIVIN' THE DIXIE

Saturday, June 15 | 9:00 AM
Special viewing in parking lot
by St. Paul's Church



History buffs, car enthusiasts, and those just seeking an inexpensive day of adventure are invited to Drive the Dixie. Drivin' the Dixie is the result of the Village of Homewood Heritage Committee's effort to promote the heritage of the famous road which began as a buffalo trail, Native American trail and trader trail known as Hubbard's Trail and Vincennes Trail. With the advent of automobiles and the demand for improved roads in 1915 the road became Dixie Highway, the first north-south road in the United States which terminates in Florida. The Homewood Heritage Committee initiated the installation of Dixie Highway banners and street signs along the road throughout Illinois. For thirteen years towns along the road have joined together to showcase their history and current attractions. Some feature different sites each year. Visit historic downtowns, see iconic architecture, train stations, museum, roller rink, art gallery, race track, festival, music and rural countryside. The Drive begins in Blue Island and climaxes on an island in the Kankakee River.

Homewood boasts the location of the Illinois State Historical Society historic marker for Dixie Highway in Independence Park at Hickory Road and Dixie Highway and will showcase its Richard Haas murals including the Dixie Diner, Dixie Garage, and the new Dixie Highway viaduct murals. Homewood has more trompe l'oeil (Fool the Eye) murals by Richard Haas than any other town in the world. Cars driving through Homewood will stop briefly in Homewood at the St. Paul's church parking lot beginning at 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM for those who wish to view the antique cars. For a fee of \$15.00 each registered car is given a map and tour guide and each participant in the car receives a passport which is stamped in each town for free raffle tickets at the route's conclusion. In addition, participants receive free coffee and rolls, free hot dog lunch and free ice cream along the route. Most vehicles are vintage or collector cars led by the A's R Us Model A Ford Car Club, but all vehicles and families are welcome. Registration is \$15.00 before Saturday, June 1. Registration is \$20.00 the day of the event. For more information contact Elaine E. Egdorf, Homewood Heritage Committee chairman, (708) 798-9535.

August

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 6 | Irwin Park

Come out and meet Homewood's finest... The Homewood Police Department is hosting National Night Out. This is a great opportunity to meet the brave men and women that serve and protect the Village of Homewood. This event is co-sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and Target. National Night Out was designed to generate support and participation in local anti-crime programs, strengthen the neighborhood spirit and police community partnership, and crime prevention awareness. The evening will be filled with live entertainment, fun activities for the kids, food from Homewood eateries, groups available to discuss crime and drug prevention, and emergency vehicles and equipment on display. For more information please contact Police Officer Curt Wiest (708) 206-3426.



GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Friday, August 9 | 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Participating businesses in the downtown area
Contact the DHBA, dhba.biz

AREA SIDEWALK SALE

Saturday, August 17 | 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Participating businesses in the downtown area
Contact the DHBA, dhba.biz

FREE! MUSICFEST 2013

Saturday, August 24 | 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM
Irwin Park
Sponsored by Melody Mart & AAA Rental System

We are in our fourth year and excited to see what new talents and returning entertainers will fill the stage. Local musicians and bands are encouraged to apply to be highlighted at MusicFest 2013. If chosen, you and your group will receive an exclusive 2013 MusicFest t-shirt with your group's name listed, have professional sound to assure your performance is outstanding and be listed in our fall brochure delivered to 12,000 homes in our community. Not ready to take the stage but have wares to sell and have a business in our community? We have a place for you, too. Application for performers and vendors are available online at www.hfparks.com and at our facilities. Food, arts and fun will all be part of the day. Deadline for entertainers is Monday, June 3, by 5:00 PM—good luck! Rain location HFPD Auditorium.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Join us this summer as we celebrate the season with FREE music at Irwin Park. Every Thursday night, including community favorite STARRY NIGHTS CONCERTS.

FREE! STARRY NIGHTS

Concerts start at 8:00 PM;
opening acts at 7:00 PM

Thursday, June 13

Final Say / Community Band

Thursday, June 27

Dancing Noodles / Community Band

Thursday, July 25

Spoken Four / 2012 Homewood Idol Winner



MUSIC EVENTS

Thursday, June 20 – Community Band, half-hour performance starts at 7:00 PM

Thursday, July 18 – Community Band, half-hour performance starts at 7:00 PM

Thursday, August 1 – H-F Marching Band, half-hour performance starts at 7:00 PM

Thursday, August 8 – Regional Battle Of The Bands, performances start at 5:00 PM

Thursday, August 15 – School of Rock, performance starts at 6:00 PM

SUMMER MUSIC AT RAVISLOE

Mark your calendars for another summer filled with the beautiful sounds of the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra performing at Ravisloe Country Club. Imagine a warm summer evening, stars in the sky, and the beautiful melodies floating above the courtyard at Ravisloe. Enjoy an intimate summer concert series presented by the chamber ensemble of the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra. Tickets are \$30; 4 concert subscriptions are available for \$100.

Wednesday, June 12 | 7:00 PM

Trevor O’Riordan, clarinet, and MyungJu Yeo, flute, will perform both famous solo and duet wind pieces.

Tuesday, July 2 | 7:00 PM

The IPO Brass Quintet returns for a concert of entertaining seasonal pieces, just in time for July 4th.

Wednesday, July 24 | 7:00 PM

A concert of string trios featuring IPO musicians Elizabeth Huffman, violin, Ben Weber, viola, and Emily Mantell, cello

Wednesday, August 14 | 7:00 PM

A small jazz ensemble will perform classic, toe tapping jazz arrangements.

July Fourth Parade

Wednesday, July 4 | Step-Off at 11:00AM

Route: Dixie Highway south to Ridge Road and east 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 will gather along the parade route. This year, lots of entertainment has been added in, such as stilt walkers, jugglers, clowns, bands, bagpipes, decorated floats, giant balloons, and horses to name a few. The route starts at St. Joe’s on Dixie Highway and travels east along Ridge Road, finishing up at Izaak Walton Preserve where the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District and Homewood Fire Department will host games and entertainment at the Family Fun Fest.



FLOAT ENTRANCE

If you are a local service group, youth group, or not-for-profit, entering a decorated float into the parade is a memorable and excellent opportunity to showcase your cause/mission to the community.

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, organization or business, other than itself.)

To reserve as a space in the parade lineup, complete and return

parade application, available at homesweethomewood.com or Village Hall. Enclose correct payment (checks only, made out to Village of Homewood). The application deadline is Monday, June 24. Parade applications may be dropped off at Village Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Saturdays from 9:00 AM to Noon.

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 basis.

BIKE THE DIXIE—A FULL DAY OF HOMWOOD CYCLING CELEBRATION!

Sunday, July 7 | 8:00 AM, A Homewood Tour by Bike! | 11:00 AM, Downtown Homewood Bicycle Classic

A Homewood Tour by Bike!

Bring your family out for a tour of historic downtown Homewood and the bicycle-friendly streets that connect our parks, our merchants, and our neighborhoods. Enjoy car-free pedaling with your children along historic Dixie Highway and past our murals and shops on a downtown route—the same route that bicycle racers will use later—that’s closed to automobiles for the day. Pedal as many laps as little legs can do!

If you and your family are comfortable sharing the street, venture out onto a marked and supported 5-mile route through Homewood’s quiet neighborhoods, experiencing our town from a wonderful new perspective—perched on your bike, breeze in your hair, moving under your own power.

Cost is free. Pre-register at homesweethomewood.com; pick up your wristbands and goodie bag early at Goodspeed Cycles.



Downtown Homewood Bicycle Classic

Racing returns to downtown Homewood! South Chicago Wheelmen with the Village of Homewood present the Downtown Homewood Bicycle Classic! Relax at Homewood’s

restaurants and bars to watch some of the fastest riders on two wheels take on the streets of downtown Homewood. A full slate of racing for every level—cheer on the locals starting their racing career, and

feel your excitement build toward the evening’s Pro/Elite races, where racers will compete for a large cash purse. With speeds climbing to nearly 40 mph, you’ll be amazed at how quickly they can navigate a turn. Keep the police radar away from them!

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SUMMER HAPPENINGS

Homewood's Market Returns



**HOMWOOD
FARMERS' MARKET**

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It is that wonderful time of year when flowers bloom and gardens grow and farmers markets open. Homewood's Market opens May 11, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, in the Village of Homewood parking lot. The market will be filled with the finest vendors selling fresh food, drinks, vegetables, flowers, and more!

"Green Thumb Saturdays" will be returning for the monthly, free program "Green Thumb Saturdays" are designed to educate both novice and experienced gardeners of the latest techniques in gardening. The presentations will be held on Saturday, from 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM, in Homewood's Village Hall Council Chambers. Green Thumb Saturdays is co-sponsored by the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Program and The Village of Homewood's Tree Committee.



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The Popular Touch of Green events will return this year. Currently scheduled are the following events with more to come!

We have added three more dates for electronic waste! The Village of Homewood has partnered with ATEN, Assistive

Technology Exchange Network, for the electronic recycling program since 2008. Since Illinois residents are no longer allowed to dispose of their electronic items in curb side garbage pick-up, the need for more electronic recycling has increased. ATEN has provided additional opportunities for residents to recycle their old electronics item.

- June 15 Electronic Recycling
- July 20 Electronic Recycling
- July 27 Document Shredding sponsored by Harris Bank
- August 10 Electronic Waste sponsored by ATEN
- October 20 Expired Prescription Drug Collection

SUMMER HAPPENINGS

VENUE CHANGE!

Dog Days of Summer's GIANT BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, August 17 | 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Ridge Road between Dixie Highway and Martin Avenue

The Village of Homewood is throwing another BLOCK PARTY! Like a neighborhood block party, there will be the same fun activities, carnival games, face painting, balloon twist, and summer fare from Homewood restaurants! Fest goers will enjoy a full line-up of live entertainment throughout the day, featuring Little Miss Ann, Sweet Nobody, and Strung Out.

We have added some new features to this fun family event. The festivities will be held on Ridge Road between Dixie Highway and Martin Avenue, in historic downtown Homewood. We have also extended the event filled day from 10:00 AM until 8:00 PM.

We can't have an event without man's best friend! The annual Pooch Parade is back to kick off a full day of activities... Showcase your canine's distinctive qualities in the Pooch Parade. There will be three categories for judging Most Unique, Most Humorous, and Best in Parade. Check-in will start at 10:00 AM at the Farmers Market. Once checked-in, your dog will proceed to judging. The Pooch Parade will

step-off at 11:00 AM. Watch these extraordinary dogs strut around the Farmers Market, then onto Martin Avenue, onto Ridge Road and Harwood. Once they arrive, the pooches will be showcased on stage and the winner announced. In addition to the parade, fest goers will be able to visit the unique dog vendors on Ridge Road and shop the downtown merchants' sidewalk sales.

The fun continues... Children will gather at the stage at 12:00 PM for Little Miss Ann. Ann Torralba, will sing her Kindie Rock songs. Time Out Chicago nominated Little Miss Ann "Best Local Kindie Act".

As we transition into the afternoon, enjoy the sounds of "Sweet Nobody" and their debut album "Homewood and Sweet Nobody".

The evening kicks it into high gear with music from "Strung Out". They have a dynamic blend of guitars, cello, violin, keyboards, bass, percussions, and outstanding vocalists to create a classic rock sound. Strung Out will perform songs people know and love, so get



Pictured clockwise from top left, Strung Out, Sweet Nobody, Ben's Bubble Show, and Little Miss Ann

ready to sing, dance, and have a fun evening!

*All contestants who would like to participate in the Pooch Parade must complete and submit an application by Monday, August 12; parade applications are available online at homesweethomewood.com

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 Web site features an online application form and helpful resources for coordinators.

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER EVENT SCHEDULE

10:00 AM	Check-in for Dog Parade at Village Hall Judging will take place at the time of check-in
11:00 AM	Step-off for Pooch Parade
12:00 PM	Little Miss Ann
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	"Pup Crawl" sponsored by South Suburban Humane Society
1:30 PM to 2:30 PM	Ben's Bubble Show
2:00 PM	Sweet Nobody
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Strung Out

MORE FUN FOR THE KIDS!

12:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Face Painting/ Balloon Artist
11:00 AM to 8:00 PM	Carnival Games

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Downtown Homewood Art and Garden Street Fair

Friday, June 7 | 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM and Saturday, June 8 | 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM
Martin Avenue from Ridge Road to Hickory Road

Award-winning children's indie musician Justin Roberts kicks off the 2013 festival at noon on Friday. Saturday's musical line up begins at 10:30 AM with Chicago's own Little Miss Ann followed by the Chicago debut of kid hop artist Secret Agent 23 Skidoo at noon. There will be numerous children's art activities for families to choose from as well as art demonstrations and gardening work shops. In addition this year will feature a Homewood Homebrew Beer Brewing Competition sponsored by Grape and Grains Co. on Saturday from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Other musical headliners include Elevation—a U2 tribute band,

No Love for Linus, Ivory West and Latin Satin Soul. There will be a variety of art vendors to visit from the funky to the classical—and a wide range of food and drink options to make this festival a family destination for the whole day and evening.

ART AND GARDEN STREET FAIR ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

- 11:00 AM to Noon Ben's Bubble Show unique blend of art, science and a touch of magic
2:30 PM to 4:00 PM DIY Workshop* create unique items for the inside and outside of the home
5:00 PM to 7:30 PM Kid Crafts/Projects* simple and fun crafts for kids to take home

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

- 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Ben's Bubble Show unique blend of art, science and a touch of magic
2:30 PM to 4:00 PM DIY Workshop* create unique items for the inside and outside of the home
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM Homewood Homebrew Competition hosted by Grape and Grain Co.
5:00 PM to 7:30 PM Kid Crafts/Projects* simple and fun crafts for kids to take home

*View class description at howmsweethomwood.com

ON STAGE ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

- Noon to 1:00 PM Justin Robert AND Not Ready for Naptime Players
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM Ivory West
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Elevation

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

- 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM Little Miss Ann
Noon to 1:00 PM Secret Agent 23 Skidoo
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM No Love for Linus
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Latin Soul

Homewood Homebrew Contest at the Art and Garden Street Fair

To further reinforce the idea that all forms of creativity are art, Homewood's Grape and Grain Co. will host the town's first homebrew contest in conjunction with the Downtown Homewood Art and Garden Street Fair. The Homewood Homebrew Contest will be held on Saturday, June 8 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

The contest will highlight some of the area's most talented artists in the libations medium! Tickets to sample entries will be \$10. During the contest, No Love for Linus will perform on stage at the Street Fair. They've opened for Barenaked Ladies and Lifehouse, Matt Nathanson and Josh Kelley and performed live on FOX's "Good Day Chicago" and ABC Morning News.

Contestants can register at Grape and Grain Co. located at 18031 Dixie Highway in downtown Homewood, or call (708) 991-7341 for contest details. Plaques, medals, and mugs will be awarded. Home brewers are encouraged to design their most creative labels reflective of their personalities and the style of their brew.

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COOL MUSIC FOR KIDS

Award-winning children's indie musician **Justin Roberts and the Not Ready for Naptime Players** kicks off at noon on Friday.

Saturday's musical line up begins at 10:30 a.m with Chicago's own **Little Miss Ann** followed by the Chicago debut of kid hop artist **Secret Agent 23 Skidoo** at noon.

A variety of children's art activities and art vendors to visit from the funky to the classical, making this festival a family destination for the whole day and evening.

Homewood. You're in the Right Place

About Justin Roberts and Not Ready for Naptime Players | Friday at Noon

"Hands down the best songwriter in the genre." — USA Today

Justin Roberts is truly one of the "all-stars" of the indie family music scene. He logs thousands of miles on the road each year, leading some to call him the hardest working man in children's show business. With numerous national awards and recognition and a devoted fan base, Justin and The Not Ready for Naptime Players dish out unexpectedly intelligent and whimsically rocking music for kids and their parents.

Justin's latest GRAMMY Nominated CD Jungle Gym ascends through the collective memories of childhood: from the joys of trick or treating and gym class parachutes and sleepovers to the magic stillness of snow days. Giant pounding drums, vintage electric guitars, strange and fanciful time changes, soaring vocals and elegant French horns conquer the heights of the jungle gym.

Justin has performed in front of millions of people on The Today Show, he's featured on Nick Jr.TV, and his song



"Get Me Some Glasses" was featured on a World Series broadcast. He's also garnered kudos and raves from national media including the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Newsweek, People, Entertainment Weekly, and the Chicago Tribune.

About Secret Agent 23 Skidoo | Friday at 10:30 AM

Secret Agent 23 Skidoo is the King of Kid Hop! Purveyor of Family Hip Hop at its finest, 23 Skidoo has captivated crowds internationally with his own funky brand of positive half pint party music! Combining deft wordplay, great storytelling and pure positivity on top of thumping drums and sophisticated multi-instrumental pieces, 23 Skidoo speaks

to kids and parents alike, without ever condescending.

His sophomore release, Underground Playground, he has scored four # 1 hits on SiriusXM, garnered glowing reviews from Time, USA Today and NPR's All Things Considered, and has rocked sets at Lollapalooza, Austin City Limits, The Winnipeg Folk Festival,



The Irving Plaza, Legoland and The Smithsonian.

About Little Miss Ann | Saturday at 10:30 AM

Once upon a time, there was a 5' 1-1/2" Special Education teacher and Wiggleworms instructor at the Old Town School of Folk Music: Ann Torralba, known by a lot of people now as Little Miss Ann. She's played all over the place in Chicago and out. She even gets asked to do some really fun things like make a

Nodcast Podcast for the Land of Nod or cover a cool Woody Guthrie song for his 100th birthday.

Little Miss Ann considers herself a late bloomer. She is very happy to have found something she loves to do. She really enjoys playing music that brings happiness to kids as well as sending



positive messages to young souls.

EVENING SHOWS!



Elevation | Friday at 6:00 PM

Elevation is the ultimate tribute to U2. Delighting fans across the country since 2001, Elevation brings you the authentic sights and sounds that make U2 one of the most popular bands in the world.

Elevation has made television appearances on CBS, FOX, WGN TV, and the Discovery Channel. The band has performed across the country at countless festivals, fairs, clubs, and corporate & private events with stops in the Cayman Islands, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Chicago, Texas, Cleveland and more.

Other tribute bands can play the songs, but no other band has the look, musicianship, heart and soul that Elevation delivers in their performances.

With Elevation you are truly getting The greatest U2 tribute band on the planet.



No Love for Linus | Saturday at 3:00 PM

Like smooth bourbon, Linus will fill your glass with a rock core and country finish. They've opened for Barenaked Ladies, Matt Nathanson and Josh Kelley and performed live on FOX's "Good Day Chicago" and ABC Morning News.

No Love For Linus played a sold-out show at the legendary Schubas Tavern, and opened for national recording artists Lifehouse at the "World's Largest Block Party". They've performed live at ABC Studios and FOX, and played shows at Guinness Oyster Fest, Mystery Street Music Festival, Joe's Bar on Weed, and much more. The band received national accolades from Recording Magazine when their song "Last Man Standing" won "Spotlight" song of the month. Listen to their EP, "Someday" on iTunes, Amazon, and CD Baby.

FINANCE & MANAGER'S OFFICE NEWS

Village Board Approves Two Year Budget

In March, the Village Board approved an operating budget and capital improvement budget. Operating budgets are dominated by the day-to-day service of providing public safety and public works, while funds allocated for infrastructure improvements, such as roads, sidewalks, and sewer lines, are included in the capital budget.

Strategy—This year, the Village Board approved a two-year operating budget instead of just one year. The benefit of a two-year budget is that it allows Homewood to better plan for its operational and capital needs. The status of the budget will be reviewed with departments and the Board at this time next year and budget amendments will be made for the second year if necessary. The Board must approve the revised budget next year.

Challenges—Government budget discussions at all levels can be long and drawn out as the demand each year for more government services out-paces the revenues to pay for those services. While the Federal government can borrow money from overseas and the State government can increase income tax rates 60%, our local Village of Homewood operation does not have the same access to borrowing and tax increases.

Operations (Police/Fire/Public Works/Village Hall)—The Village's yearly operating budget is about \$17 million. The projected deficit this year is \$333,283; however, this amount can be less if revenues are greater than anticipated and expenses come in under budget. There are funds on hand to be utilized to cover this shortfall. The

2014-15 Budget is projected to be balanced using new revenue sources, which will be discussed and approved by the Village Board in the coming year.

Capital (Sidewalks/Streets/Water Lines)—The total capital improvement budget is \$7 million. Capital improvements are paid from a variety of funding sources, including bonds, water/sewer bills, and grants to name a few. Replacement of these capital infrastructure items, such as roads, can save money in the long run as the cost of maintaining old infrastructure can become cost prohibitive. Even though the approved capital budget shows \$7 million in expenditures, this does not mean we will spend all of this money. We may decide not to proceed with a project or purchase as planned. The Village Board

must still approve expenditure over \$10,000 and they may decide not to approve spending money on some projects.

Conclusion—Budget discussions benefit all as they provide a better understanding of the local services provided by the Village of Homewood to residents and the business community. The challenge is in maintaining the standard for high quality of services and fund levels to pay for these services. Adding to the challenge has been the recent slow economic years across the United States. That national slowdown effects all local governments operations, including the Village of Homewood.

The 2013/2014 and 2015/2016 budget are available on the Village Web site homesweethomewood.com, Village Hall, and the Homewood Public Library.

Yard Waste Sticker Vendor List

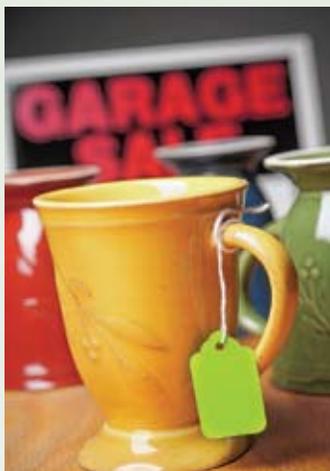
Yard waste season is open through November 30. Below are vendors in Homewood who sell the yard waste stickers for your convenience.

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- Super K-Mart
17550 Halsted Street
- MJM Mobil
17500 Dixie Highway
- Five M Oil
2000 Ridge Road
- Walgreen's
18300 Governors Highway
- Homewood Mobil
2138 183rd Street
- Jet Sonic/CITGO
2124 183rd Street

Waste disposal and pickup questions should be directed to Homewood Disposal at (708) 798-1004.

Planning a Garage Sale?

Residential, estate, yard or garage sales require a Village Permit, available at the Village Hall



Got a Pet ... They Need a TAG!

All dogs and cats six months of age or older are required to be licensed with 2013/2014 tags. A rabies vaccination certificate is

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 residence. 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 on stop lights or utility poles.

required. Licensing fees are \$10.00 for the first and \$5.00 for each additional. Households are limited to a maximum of four animals.



Water Conservation

Illinois law requires water conservation measures to be in effect between May 15 and September 15. The use of sprinklers for watering lawns or turf areas is prohibited between 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Shrubs, plants, trees and gardens may be watered at any time, but only by watering systems such as a low volume drip, spray or bubble emitters, or hand-held hoses. Lawn watering permits are available for newly sodded or seeded turf. Enjoy your summer!

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Don't Park on the Street Overnight Without It

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 neighborhoods. Even though there may not be a sign on your street, the ban is in effect for all streets within the Village.

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; contact the department when you have overnight guests to avoid being ticketed. Extended overnight parking exemption permits are available at the Village Hall. All vehicles must have a current sticker to obtain a permit. The purpose of the parking ban is to facilitate police patrols and to deter crime by making it more difficult for criminals to avoid detection.

Did You Miss the Due Date for your Sticker?

Vehicle stickers went on sale on April 1 and were to be posted by May 31. As of June 1, a \$25 late fee is assessed on each vehicle sticker. For newly purchased vehicles, residents have 60 days in which to

purchase their stickers before a late fee is assessed. New residents have 30 days in which to purchase their stickers before a late fee is assessed. Proof of vehicle purchase or move-in date is required.

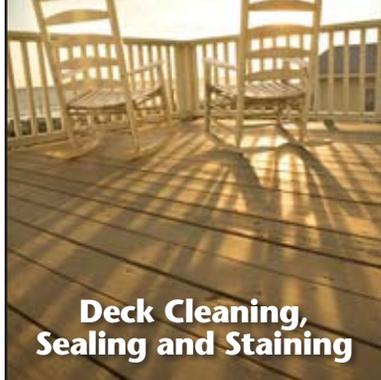
Don't Forget About Your Bicycle!

Your bicycle needs a license too! Villagers may also purchase bicycle licenses at the Village Hall. The cost is \$2.00 each and the license is valid for as long as the license



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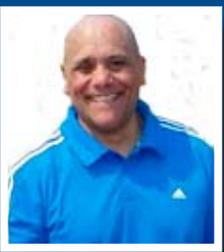


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Village Water Meter Replacement Program

The Village of Homewood will be starting the implementation of the Water Meter Replacement Program, which will take place over the next several months. The purpose of the Water Meter Replacement Program is to replace the majority of the water meters within the Village as they are over 20 years old and have exceeded their useful life. In order to improve accuracy, customer service and efficiency, the Village will be replacing existing meters with a new automated water meter reading system. With the new system, water meter readings will be automatically transmitted to the Village thus eliminating the need to manually read each meter every month.



complete the installation of the new meters and the corresponding communication device located on the outside of the property. **Installation Process**
In order to complete the water meter replacement program as quickly as possible, United Meters, Inc. will also be contacting residents through phone calls and going door-to-door to schedule meter

replacements. The contractor anticipates the installation process will take between 30 minutes to one hour. Please note someone 18 years or older must be present during the installation. All United Meters, Inc. employees have passed a background check and will carry a Village issued photo identification card. Please do not admit anyone into your home or business without the Village issued picture I.D. card. If you are unsure about any suspicious activity please do not hesitate to contact the Police Department at (708) 206-3420. Also, please be sure that your water meter is accessible for the installer.

HD Supply Waterworks

The Village contracted with HD Supply Waterworks of Mokena, IL to supply and install the new water metering system and water meters throughout the Village. Their subcontractor, United Meters, Inc. of Morris, IL, a licensed, bonded and insured plumbing contractor, will

Summer 2013 Infrastructure Projects

183rd Street

The Village will be resurfacing 183rd Street from Riegel Road to Halsted Street with a tentative start date at the end of July.

Harwood Avenue

The Illinois Department of Transportation is tentatively scheduled to begin construction on Harwood Avenue in August. The project will consist of permanently

converting a portion of the Harwood Avenue roadway to a one-way southbound street between Elm Road and Dixie Highway by installing a new curb to narrow the road. The entire roadway will then be resurfaced with new asphalt from 183rd Street to Dixie Highway.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Village Board Honors Bob Ahlf for Years of Service to the Homewood Izaak Walton Preserve

In March, the Village Board issued a proclamation, honoring the many contributions over the years by Homewood resident Robert (Bob) Ahlf.

As a young graduate Civil/Railroad Engineer working for the Illinois Central RR, Bob took up residence in Homewood in July 1969. Being a Conservationist at heart, Bob soon became an active, contributing member of the Preserve.

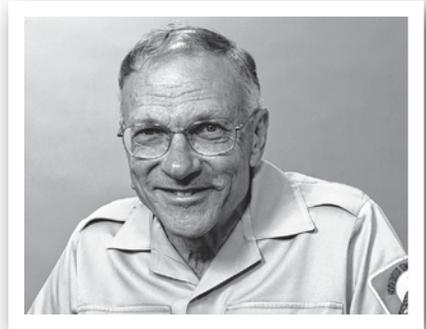
Bob first assumed the duties of elected President in 1972 and has very capably held that position for 39 of the last 41 years, until voluntarily relinquishing the post this year. Bob's work took him out of town for two years, which also required him to give up a position

on the Homewood Plan Commission.

During Bob's tenure as President, the Preserve, in cooperation with the Village, has grown from 36 acres to 193 acres of lakes, woodlands, five miles of trails, sand dunes, native prairies and wetlands. Similarly, the organization has grown from 200 members to an all volunteer, non-tax supported organization of now over 1200 members.

The Preserve's "Save-The-Prairie" campaign of 1987 was a winner in the Federal Government's "Take-Pride-In-America" program.

Although Bob is quick to



deflect credit to the hard working members of the Preserve, he is certainly one who has significantly contributed to the "Home Sweet Homewood" that we have come to know. He was inducted into Homewood's Hall of Fame in October 2010 and the Izaak Walton Preserve is often referred to as "Homewood's Little Green Jewel."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

H-F Viking Broadcasting Center

Homewood-Flossmoor High School District 233 boasts a unique broadcasting program, where for decades young communicators have received hands-on experience producing, directing and being the on-air talent for daily news broadcasts and special projects. The program has jump-started the careers of creative professionals such as Ben Bradley (H-F '93), co-anchor and news reporter at WLS-TV Chicago; Dave Mitchell (H-F '74), WBBM News radio reporter; Bernie Kaminski (H-F '84), executive producer at VH1; and Christopher Horvath (H-F

'92), a digital artist who has worked on several popular films, including Avatar, Star Trek and the Harry Potter and Lord of the Rings series. This school year Homewood-Flossmoor unveiled a newly redesigned station and classrooms for Viking TV and WHFH 88.5 FM radio, designed for educating the next wave of talented communicators.



The new station features an improved design, editing stations, green room and control room, completed October 2012. The entire studio has also received

a new look with updated carpeting and furniture. The TV equipment now features high-definition capabilities, as well as a network system that will speed up the flow of production on a daily basis.

New Feature on Web site! A Link to Creative Residents

The Village's Web site has a new page dedicated to highlighting the work of Homewood's creative and talented residents in the arts. Links to local musicians and artists will provide visitors with an overview of the community's collective flair in an effort to support and grow this important segment of residents.

If you are a musician or artist, residing in Homewood, please submit your bio and images representing your artwork or album cover. Please note, submissions are curated by the Village's marketing staff to determine if artists/musicians fit the Village's criteria for being family-friendly. Staff's decision in this matter is final and

is not subject to appeal.

Send submissions to rcjones@homesweethomewood.com, or, call (708) 206-3375 if you have any questions.

Since the early 1900s, Homewood has been the Right Place to live for creative thinkers and innovators throughout World history. Faculty of the University of Chicago and curators of the City's museums and cultural institutions continue to be attracted to Homewood because of its proximity to the City and the commonality between residents to think creatively in a socially diverse community.

Below are a few examples of

Homewood residents who have made a global impact:

- Foremost designer of wooden roller coasters lived in Homewood: John Miller.
- Developer of Columbia River, WA, creation theory, J Harlan Bretz, geologist, awarded Penrose Medal.
- August Steiner invented railroad gates that go up and down.
- Bent grass used on golf courses and ball fields was developed in Homewood by a golf course landscaper.
- Colonel Nelson Swift Morris, hero of Hindenburg.
- Emmy-Award Winning Animation Director Jon



McClenahan lived in Homewood. His studio located in Homewood was the only animation operation in the US producing American-made cartoons for TV during the late 1990s, and for a time was producing more American-made animation than any other studio in the country.

Please submit names of residents who currently live or have lived in Homewood who have significant accomplishments and stories to rcjones@homesweethomewood.com.

H-F Go Green Program

H-F Go Green is a program that helps businesses showcase their green efforts, encourages community members to shop locally and promotes green practices among shoppers. We want to make it easy for our community members to identify the great things that local businesses are doing to be eco-friendly. Participating businesses



must meet a minimum 'green' standard to join the program. They then set criteria for community members to meet in return for a punch on their H-F Go Green

card. Examples of the criteria might include: using your own mug rather than a paper cup at a coffee shop, riding a bike to the store instead of driving or using reusable canvas bags at the grocery store instead of disposable plastic bags. Once the H-F Go Green card is filled with punches, it is entered into a monthly drawing for a prize that

has been donated by one of the participating businesses. There is an H-F Go Green section on the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District Web site hfparks.com where we showcase all of our Go Green partners. The H-F Go Green program is a simple and fun way to promote shopping local and shopping green!

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Summer Food and Grilling Safety

Fire up the grill! Summer is here! The warm weather we have been waiting for has arrived and it is time to get outside and enjoy it. Part of any summer is grilling in the backyard. Before you do, there are a few things you should know.



Food Safety

- Bacteria love the hot, humid days of summer, and grow faster than any other time of the year. When the temperature is above 90 degrees, the time perishable food can be left outside the refrigerator or freezer drops from two hours to one hour.
- If you are taking food, cooked or raw, to a picnic where it will be away from refrigeration be sure to pack the food in an insulated cooler kept cold with ice or frozen gel packs.
- Pack the cooler immediately before leaving home. Be sure food to be transported has come directly from the refrigerator.
- Avoid frequent opening and closing of the cooler where food is stored during a picnic.
- Even if you are grilling for a

large group at home, it is a good idea to have an ice filled cooler by the grill to keep things cold and it will save you lots of trips into the house to replenish supplies.

- Never put cooked foods on the same plate as you used to transport raw food. Always use a clean plate to take fully cooked food off the grill and to the table.
- Wash your hands with warm, soapy water for 20 seconds before handling food. If no hand washing facility is available, use disposable towelettes.

Grilling Safety

- Always supervise a barbecue grill when in use.
- Keep children and pets away

from grills.

- With charcoal grills, only use starter fluid designed for barbecue grills and do not add fluid after coals have been lit.
- With gas grills, be sure that the hose connection is tight and check hoses carefully for leaks. Applying soapy water to the hoses will easily and safely reveal any leaks.
- Always follow manufacturer's instructions and have the grill repaired by a professional, if necessary.
- Spare propane cylinders should never be stored indoors or under or near the grill.

In regard to grilling in condo or apartment buildings, the Village of Homewood follows the International Fire Code which says that, "Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction." If you have questions about the safety of your grill placement, please contact the Homewood Fire Department.

Fireworks Safety

The only legal firework items in the State of Illinois are those which are considered "novelties," including snakes, sparklers and party-poppers. Even though these items are available, they are still dangerous and require supervision by an adult. Every year in the U.S. fireworks send more than 3,000 children to emergency rooms.

Here are a few safety tips:

- Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Use fireworks only outdoors and far away from things which may burn such as houses, buildings, dried leaves, and flammable liquids.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to extinguish and cool sparklers and other fireworks.
- Before disposing of spent fireworks, douse them in water. This will prevent a trash fire.
- If you receive a minor burn, cool it with cool water, not ice. Do not use creams, ointments or butter on a burn. For a severe burn get medical help immediately.

Make Your Lawn and Garden Beautiful, But Be Careful

Lawn Mower Safety

Lawn mower injuries account for more than 60,000 emergency room visits each year. When using a lawn mower be careful that children and pets are safely in another area and that you know where they are at all times while you mow. Never leave a lawn mower unattended.

Protect yourself when mowing. Always wear sturdy shoes, never mow in your bare feet. Wear eye protection, you never know when your mower may throw a stick or rock in your path. Avoid wearing loose fitting clothing which may get caught in mower controls or other mechanisms.

Never start a mower indoors. Always turn off your mower and wait for it to cool before refueling. Don't spill gasoline on a hot engine and DON'T SMOKE while filling the mower tank with gasoline.

Gardening Safety

Yard work means a million little chores with lots of equipment and often the use of poisons, pesticides and fertilizers. These garden tasks all are cause for special awareness.

Always wear protective clothing when you handle pesticides and fertilizers. Before you do any "hands on" weed removal, be sure to know how to identify poison ivy, sumac oak and similar toxic plants.

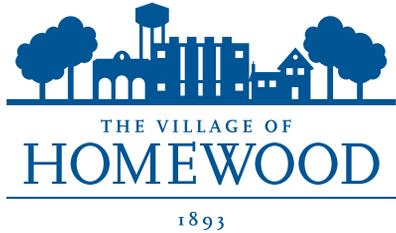
Be prepared and find out ahead of time how to treat the rashes they cause to reduce irritation.

When using gardening tools follow these safety rules. Inspect equipment for damage before use. If tools are cracked or broken, replace them. Make sure blade guards are in place on all cutting equipment. If you must cut branches, make sure you use the right saw for the job, and always wait for the saw blade to stop before pulling away from a cut.

Power tools call for some special precautions. Read all manufacturers' instructions before using a new power tool. Don't let

tools get wet unless they are labeled "submersible." Unplug power tools when they are not in use, even if it is just while you go in the house for just a moment. Make sure power tools are in the "off" position before you plug it in.

Make certain to store all poisons and flammable liquids in labeled and approved containers. Flammable liquids should be stored in an approved safety container. Poisons, pesticides and fertilizers should be clearly labeled and stored up and out of the reach of children and pets. Be sure to have the poison control hot line number (1-800-222-1222) posted in your garage.



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