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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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SEPTEMBER

Homewood French Market
Every Saturday
through October 12 | 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Village Hall Parking Lot
Contact the Village of Homewood at (708) 798-3000

Homewood Library
September 13 Closed for a Staff In-Service
Contact the Homewood Public Library at (708) 798-0121

Fall Fest and Annual Chili Cook-Off
hosted by the Community Relations Commission
Saturday, September 21
11:00 AM to 10:00 PM
Martin Avenue from Hickory Road to Ridge Road
Contact the Village of Homewood at (708) 798-3000

Homewood Schools Fund Run
Sunday, September 22
Contact the Homewood Foundation for Educational Excellence, foundation153.org.

OCTOBER

Fire Department Open House
Sunday, October 13 | 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 19 | 6:30 PM
Homewood Rail Park
Contact the Village of Homewood at (708) 798-3000

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

NOVEMBER

Downtown Merchant Holiday Open Houses
Friday and Saturday, November 16 and 17
Participating downtown merchants
Contact the Downtown Homewood Business Association, dhba.biz

Butterball Burner Fun Run
Friday, November 29 | 9:00 AM
(Check-in: 8:00 AM)
H-F Racquet & Fitness Club
Contact the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District at (708) 957-0300

DECEMBER

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

IMPORTANT DATES AND HOLIDAYS

Daylight Savings Ends, November 3
Veterans Day, November 11
Thanksgiving, November 28; Village Hall will be closed and reopen December 2

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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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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
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Lions Club Pool.....	799-2223
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Richard A. Hofeld
Village President

In August, CNN Money ranked Homewood No. 3 out of 25 towns in the country as the “Best Place to Live with Affordable Homes.” The emphasis of the article was that “residents living in these growing towns see their incomes go the farthest.” This isn’t

news to those of us who have chosen quality of life and financial

freedom over the anchor of brick-and-mortar. Let’s face it, there’s no glamour in over paying. These days, homebuyers are more sensible and as the economy recovers these 25 communities recognized by CNN Money are being sought after by savvy home-buyers. In fact, in the Spring, Chicago Magazine

real estate expert Dennis Rodkin also named Homewood a “hotspot for first-time homebuyers” in the Chicago housing market, referencing its quality of life, commutability and school system as a good buy. The growing interest from Chicago media outlets of

“office” hours at Village Hall every Saturday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, I meet with several local entrepreneurs who talk about their business ideas for Homewood. Grape and Grains Co. and Global Fusion are just a few examples of the upshots from some of those

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Homewood’s thriving cultural scene and its appeal to young families and those working in creative industries will help us achieve our highest business objective, which is to increase the value of our properties and private investment in our business districts.

On that note, when I hold my

conversations. A recent business joining the downtown from a “Saturday morning chat” is from a longtime resident with a love for traditional tea service, the benefits teas have for health and well being, and Winter’s

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President's Message

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warming hot chocolate (organic, though!). "Civileta Gardens" will be a traditional tea room located at 2025 Ridge Road; positioned on the corner, this shop is in the "Right Place" for business, as the boutique hotel, "La Banque," is scheduled to open in early 2014 just across the street.

If anyone would like to discuss their ideas of opening a business, come see me on Saturday morning. I try to maintain an open dialogue with property owners so that I can provide prospective businesses with location options. Regardless of the subject matter, I welcome discussions about Homewood on Saturdays. I even bring guests to help facilitate productive conversation with residents; you will find a department head from public safety, public works, or community development with me,

along with the Village Manager and Trustees on any given Saturday.

You will also find your state legislators at Homewood Village Hall on Saturdays. I have invited all of our state legislators to join me to meet with or address questions that Homewood residents may have. This past summer, our guest list included Senator Napoleon Harris, Representatives Will Davis, Thaddeus Jones and Al Riley and Congresswoman Robin Kelly.

If you'd like to know the guests on the Saturday schedule, subscribe to our bi-weekly electronic newsletter (you can sign up to receive this at homesweethomewood.com). Should you have a question, concern or compliment, do stop in, or just come on by on Saturday morning and say hello.

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!

- Adjusting to Health
1938 Ridge Road
- Dental Concepts
18243 Harwood Avenue
- Her Closet Boutique
18334 Governors Highway/Cherry Creek Plaza
- Jeff D. Kazmierczak, Psy.D., P.C.
2024 Hickory Road, Suite 201
- Jones Agency - State Farm
18661 Dixie Highway
- Playpoint Tutoring
18154 Harwood Avenue, Suite 107
- Rickhoff Remodeling
17847 Bretz Drive
- Signature Baskets by Erica
1800 Ridge Road
- The Law Center
18227 Harwood Avenue
- U.S. Furniture One, Inc.
18120 Halsted Street

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Homewood Project 2013

Thomas' Photographic is pleased to announce the start of the newest addition to The Homewood Project. In 2011, The Homewood Project, also known as the Homewood Yearbook, brought the community together by photographing people in front of their homes, businesses, organizations, churches and events throughout Homewood. The goal was to create a piece of modern history and togetherness in the town. Now, the second addition has been started. For the 2013 year, the Thomases will be photographing anyone who wants to be a part of this great project.



street names are erased from the picture to protect people's privacy. To make an appointment you can visit thehomewoodproject.com, call and schedule a time at (708) 960-4265 or drop by the studio during regular business hours. There is a \$25 fee for participants to offset the cost of production. This project is solely funded by the Thomases.

The Homewood Project is coordinated by Thomas' Photographic Services, a Homewood-based business, specializing in location, commercial and portrait photography, along with the arts. The Thomases have always had deep roots in Homewood with the Thomas family going back five generations.

Green Thumb Saturdays Program receives Award

Homewood's Green Thumb Saturdays Program was nominated for and will be



awarded a University of Illinois Extension 2013 Master Gardener Teamwork Award. The presentation to all participants will take place at an awards banquet which will be held at the annual Master Gardener Conference which takes place in Moline, IL on September 19. This is a significant achievement for the team members, as there are scores of teams from the 102 counties participating for recognition. Additional recognition goes to the Village of Homewood staff members and Homewood's Tree Committee for their continued support, as well as all Homewood resident and residents from other communities. More information regarding Green Thumb Saturdays can be found at their Facebook page, facebook.com/greenthumbsaturdays.

Next Session: September 14, Village Hall board room 9:30 AM —Putting Your Garden to Bed



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FALL HAPPENINGS

Fall Runs

HOMESCHOOL SCHOOLS FUND RUN

Sunday, September 22

Lace up your athletic shoes and bring the whole family to the 2013 Homewood Schools Fund Run! This annual family-friendly event takes place this year on Sunday, September 22, on a course that starts at the Millennium/James Hart campus and winds around the neighborhoods of our beautiful little town. Children under age 12 can choose to run in the 153-yard fun run, have their faces painted, or play games like bozo buckets. All proceeds will go toward funding inspired teaching and innovative learning in School District 153. To register and for more information, visit Foundation153.org.

RUN WITH THE UNDEAD

First Week in November

Got brains? Think you can hang with the undead? If so, get ready for the first-ever south suburban Zombie Run. This "terror-filled" run will feature zombies, music, prizes, and fun. Sign up to be a runner, a zombie, or just observe the mayhem. Test your strength and endurance while running for your life and supporting an educational adventure. Think you can survive this run? The apocalyptic party will take place the first weekend in November.

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10TH ANNIVERSARY BUTTERBALL BURNER FUN RUN

Friday, November 29

8:00 AM check-in | 9:00 AM race start
H-F Racquet & Fitness Club

Put down those leftovers, grab your running shoes and head over to the H-F Racquet & Fitness Club for the 10th Annual Butterball Burner. Join us as we celebrate ten years of burning the post-Thanksgiving day bloat with this fun run. Make fitness a gift to yourself this holiday season. All ages and abilities welcome. 8:00 AM race day registration and check-in.

Club membership is not required. Fee: \$12 R / \$15 NR. Day-of-Race: \$17 R / \$20 NR. Code: 356518-02

Halloween Events

WOODLAND PUMPKIN HUNT

Sunday, October 13 | 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Monday, October 14 | 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 11.



SPIRITS OF THE OAKS HAUNTED TRAIL

Friday, October 18

7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Saturday, October 19

7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Irons Oaks Vollmer Road Lot

Homewood-Flossmoor Park District

It's the time of year when darkness lengthens and the Spirits of the Oaks become restless. Are you brave enough to walk amongst them? Visit our haunted trail that is sure to scare even the bravest soul. This trail is designed for ages 12 and older. Check our website for more information. Age: 12+. Fee: \$7 /person; \$5 /person in groups of 5 or more

HOBO NIGHT

Saturday, October 19 | 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Homewood Rail Park located on Park Avenue

Village of Homewood Rail Committee

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 19. 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.

HAUNTED HOUNDS

Sunday, October 20 | 3:00 PM

Rover's Run Dog Park

Homewood-Flossmoor Park District

Deck out your dog and join us for Haunted Hounds! Come dressed to impress. Award categories include Best Dog & Owner Combo, Best Homemade Costume, Best Big Dog Costume (41+ pounds), and Best Little Dog Costume (under 40 pounds). Don't miss this chance to meet your H-F neighbors, win prizes (including a raffle – no costume required) and check out the latest canine outfits. All friendly canines are invited to this on-leash event. Rover's Run membership is not required!

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Thursday, 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.

Outdoorsy Adventures

FALL FISHING DERBY

Saturday, September 28 | 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 permits. Permits: \$5R/\$15 NR. 2013 Dolphin Lake Fishing Permit. Code: 520701

FALL FAMILY CAMPOUT

Saturday, September 2 to Sunday, September 3 | 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Flossmoor Fieldhouse

Homewood-Flossmoor Park District

Sponsored by Wal's Food

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: \$11 R/\$16.50 NR. Time: 4:00 PM check-in. Code: 320737-01



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Cancer Support Center invites All to Pay Homage to the Cancer Journey at Annual Walk of Hope

On Sunday, October 6, 2013, The Cancer Support Center (CSC) hosts its annual Walk of Hope at Irwin Park, 18120 Highland Avenue, Homewood. It takes courage to face all of the challenges cancer brings. Join The Center and over 1,200 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—Advocate South Suburban Hospital, Cancer Treatment Centers of America, Great Lakes Bank, Rose Paving and South Suburban Cancer Center.

Join us as we celebrate life and healing at our single biggest fundraiser. The Walk of Hope raises funds to 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 or call the Walk hotline at (708)

365-1201 for more information. Registration fee includes: Individuals (aged 15 and up) \$25; Children (aged 5 to 14) \$15; Kids under 5 are FREE! No pets, please!

“Devastation is what you feel when your Doctor tells you, ‘YOU HAVE CANCER,’ ” said 2012’s Team Fundraising Award recipient, Dorothy Johnson of Team Faith Walkers. “I needed to know someone that had experienced what I was going through. I found that at The Cancer Support Center in Homewood. Wow, I felt I am not alone after all.”

The Cancer Support Center provides wellness programs and services to help people improve their quality of life during the cancer experience, at no charge. In 2012, The Center had over 8,000 visits from those in need of our resources, over 100 new callers each month, and gave 222 wigs to women who were losing their hair due to chemotherapy. The Center is

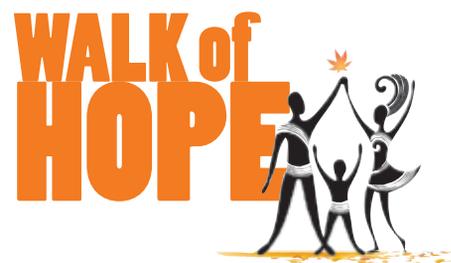
able to provide these resources to anyone, regardless of financial ability, because of the generosity of individuals and organizations in our community.

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.

About The Cancer Support Center

The Cancer Support Center in Homewood, IL was formed in 1994, when six Southland women worked together to open a home-like center (with locations in Homewood and Mokena) for people in more than 70 Chicago Southland and Northwest Indiana communities.

The Center provides services to a diverse participant base including



cancer patients, caregivers, children, teens and friends of the cancer patient at no charge. Having seen their ideas grow to fruition, several of the original “seed planters” still serve in day-to-day roles at The Cancer Support Center.

In addition to support groups, individual and family counseling sessions and The Center’s comprehensive Resource Center, wellness programs are offered on a weekly basis. Participants enjoy yoga, qi gong, meditation, relaxation, massage therapy, Reiki and healing touch. On average, The Center staff responds to more than 300 calls or visits to the Homewood and Mokena locations each week.

Homewood Farmers’ Market

Every Saturday through October 12
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Village of Homewood Parking Lot
Hosted by Village of Homewood

Fall is a great time to shop Homewood’s Farmers’ Market.

Vendors will have the best selection of autumn’s harvest. Remember that each week, indie musicians from Homewood perform and local service groups host fun activities for the kids.

This year, we thank our regular vendors and look forward to seeing them back next year:



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Meals on Wheels need your Help!

How can you help? If you have an hour or two to volunteer a week, you can deliver meals to frail homebound seniors that can no longer drive, shop or cook for themselves. For many of these seniors this is the only hot nutritional meal they eat each day. Meals are delivered Monday thru Friday between 10:00 AM and noon. Don’t drive but still want to volunteer? You can help at the Chicago Heights Community Café. Volunteers needed to greet seniors at the front desk, call bingo and help in the kitchen preparing meals for the homebound seniors.

Please help us! Call Regina Overstreet at (708) 756-5350 for more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Two Fun Fall Fundraisers to Benefit H-F Band Performance Tour in China

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BALMORAL BENEFIT

A medley of music, food and harness racing will benefit local band students this fall.

Balmoral Park in Crete will

host a night at the races on Sunday, October 27. Tickets cost \$30, which includes admission to the racetrack, a buffet dinner, a race program and more.

More information and an order form are available at hfband.org or contact H-FFPAC at HFFPACfundraising@gmail.com.

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Advocate South Suburban Hospital offers Tips to keep your Halloween Safe and Healthy

Halloween is quickly approaching and witches, monsters, and ghosts will be taking to the streets in search of their trick or treats. It is important to educate children about Halloween safety to ensure a safe, yet frightfully fun time.

Advocate South Suburban Hospital emergency medicine specialist, Ronald Lawton, M.D., suggests that Halloween safety begins as early as picking out your costume. The National Safety Council reports that falls are the leading cause of injury on Halloween. To avoid falls Dr. Lawton suggests that children should wear well fitted masks, costumes and shoes. "The child's vision should not be obstructed by the costume," said Dr. Lawton. Instead of a mask, consider hypoallergenic makeup to decorate the face. Be sure to test makeup on a small area of skin and remove makeup completely at the end of the



night to avoid skin irritation.

Once trick-or-treating begins, Dr. Lawton believes safety is not just the responsibility of the trick-or-treaters.

"Community residents should clear a path to their houses, with no decorations in the way or wet leaves on the ground that may cause a child to fall," said Dr. Lawton. "Check exterior lighting ahead of time to provide a well lit path. Keep your pets secured for the safety of visitors and the pet."

According to the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), children are four times more likely to be in fatal pedestrian accidents on Halloween than on any other night of the year. This statistic is scary, but there are precautions that can be taken to avoid accidents.

Use a flashlight and/or fasten reflective tape to the costume and treat bags to help drivers see you. Only walk on sidewalks. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult and be sure to look both ways before crossing a street.

"Drivers also need to take caution," urges Dr. Lawton. "Drive slowly and cautiously on Halloween. Be especially careful when entering and exiting driveways."

Now, how about those treats? Children should be instructed to not consume any treats until returning home.

"Parents should not only check treats for signs of tampering, but also be cautious and remove anything the

child may be allergic to," said Dr. Lawton.

He also advises that children eat only factory wrapped treats and avoid eating any homemade treats unless you know the cook. When in doubt, throw it out.

Dr. Lawton also finds this to be an essential time to remind children about healthy eating habits.

"Give children an early meal before going out to prevent them from wanting to fill up on treats. Put candy away and control when the child eats it," said Dr. Lawton. For those residents offering treats, provide healthier treats, such as individual packs of raisins, trail mix, or pretzels.

Following these tips should provide for a safe and healthy Halloween. "Educated children combined with cautious community residents are the key ingredients to making this a Happy Halloween," said Dr. Lawton.

Medicine is Going to the Dogs... Animal Assisted Therapy can help the healing process

Animal assisted therapy (AAT) is a growing field that uses dogs or other animals to help people recover from or better cope with health problems and mental health disorders. Most recently therapy dogs were sent to help the survivors of Sandy Hook Elementary School and the Boston Marathon.

Some of the earliest uses of animal assisted therapy in the United States were for psychiatric patients. The presence of the therapy animals produced a beneficial effect on both children and adults with mental health issues. It is only in the last few decades that AAT has been more formally applied in a variety of therapeutic settings, including schools and prisons, as well as hospitals, hospices, and nursing homes.

Nothing lifts the spirits and

puts a smile on a patients face like the visit from a wagging tail and cold nose. Recent studies show that therapy dogs can lower high blood pressure. Patient interaction with a therapy dog in a hospital environment can also:

- Ease depression
- Stress reduction
- Release endorphins that help with pain relief
- Provide social stimulation
- Alleviate loneliness

A study conducted by Therapy Dog International, Inc. concluded that 184 patients (86%) of 200 surveyed noticed a positive mood alteration when spending time with a therapy dog.

Patients at Advocate South Suburban Hospital have been enjoying the company of Sambuca "Sam" and Kahlua for over 5 years.



These Golden Retrievers are treated like part of the staff, even wearing official staff badges with their name and title. These furry visitors are handled by hospital volunteer Jennifer Drosset with the help of fellow volunteer Vera Schroll.

Dr. Richard Multack has rescued over 20 dogs in his lifetime. "A lot of deserving dogs are in shelters that need to be rescued," said Dr. Multack, Vice President of Medical Management at Advocate South

Suburban Hospital. "Wouldn't it be great if we could rescue a shelter dog that could in turn rescue us?"

Dogs offer unconditional love. The visits made to Advocate South Suburban Hospital not only

brighten the day of the patients but also that of the staff and physicians. "When I see them, I stop to pet them and it puts a smile on my face even on a bad day," said Dr. Multack.

Dogs in the health care environment not only help lives, but they can save lives. Dogs can be trained for a number of "clinical" duties such as: seizure detection, using their keen sense of smell to detect cancer, and seeing-eye dogs.



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Martin Avenue from Hickory Road to Ridge Road

Fest Features Chicago Premiere of Indie duo "Sweet Nobody," New Art Vendors, Pumpkin Patch, Children's Activities and More

The Village of Homewood proudly presents the 12th annual Fall Fest and Chili Cook-off on Saturday, September 21 from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM. This year's Fall Fest is located on Martin Avenue from Hickory Road to Ridge Road - steps from the Metra Electric line. Fall Fest 2013 features live entertainment, horse-drawn wagon rides, the annual bean bag tournament, pony rides, games, art and craft vendors, a pumpkin patch, children's activities and food from local eateries. Homewood Fall Fest and Annual Chili Cook-Off is hosted by the Community Relations Commission. Admission is free and open to the public. There is free parking as well. For more information visit homesweethomewood.com

"This is one of Homewood's best outdoor festivals," said PR and Marketing Manager Rachael Jones. "It's a celebration of Homewood's thriving social and cultural lifestyle. Everyone is out for the day, connecting with friends and neighbors on the street. They can nab a bite from anyone of a dozen local eateries, sample craft beer, entertain the kids with a variety of creative activities, and experience Homewood's growing community of indie artists and performers."

The 12th annual Fall Fest will feature live entertainment throughout the day, starting at 12:00 PM with the Chicago Premiere of the indie duo Sweet Nobody and their debut album titled, "Homewood." Classic Rock cover band Strung Out will perform at 2:00 PM followed by The Bigtop Band at 4:30 PM. Latin Satin Soul will close out the night with classic rock, Motown and salsa music from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Mr. Magic will perform two, 45-minute shows: 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM. Fall Fest also includes the outdoor showing of "Hotel Transylvania" (2012 /Sony Pictures) and a bonfire beginning at 8:00 PM.





The Annual Chili Cook-Off

2:00 PM, contest; 3:00 PM tasting

The Annual Chili Cook-Off Contest begins at 2:00 PM with a tasting open to the public at 3:00 PM. The winner is crowned "Homewood's Top Chef." Visit homesweethomewood.com for rules, regulations and an entry form. Advanced registration is required.

7th Annual Bean Bags Tourney starts at 6:30 PM

At 6:30 PM, the 7th Annual Bean Bags Tourney begins drawing participants from Chicago and the Southland region. This Tourney is not sanctioned by the American Cornhole Association (ACA); however, it will be round-robin play where each contestant plays every other contestant. There are prizes including gift certificates for local shopping and dining, a custom bean bag box set and cash. Teams are accepted into the tourney on a first-come-first-serve basis. Register at the Homewood Welcome Center before 5:00 PM.



FALL FEST ENTERTAINMENT LIVE ENTERTAINMENT PROFILES

Sweet Nobody

Sweet Nobody is an independent musical duo that moved from Los Angeles, CA to the Chicagoland area - specifically Homewood, IL. Joy Deyo and Brian Dishon began playing music together in 2004 and formed Sweet Nobody in 2011. Joy and Brian bring their music to life through honest lyrics, haunting melodies, and carefully crafted harmonies. Between the two of them, they play piano, drums, guitar, ukulele, and violin. Sweet Nobody has released their first full-length album titled, Homewood. Visit sweetnobody.com to learn more.



Big Top Band

BigTop is a Chicagoland / Northwest Indiana band providing an eclectic selection of past and present music. Their set list includes artist such as The Black Keys, The Beatles, White Stripes, Jimi Hendrix, The Rolling Stones, Gary Clark Jr., Collective Soul, Neil Young, U2, David Bowie, Blind Faith, The Lumineers, etc. Visit bigtopband.com to learn more.



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Latin Satin Soul

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FALL FEST LIVE ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

- 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM | Sweet Nobody (Indie)
- 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM | Strung Out (Classic Rock)
- 2:00 PM & 5:00 PM | Mr. Magic's Magic Show (Children's Entertainment)
- 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM | The Bigtop Band (Classic Rock)
- 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM | Latin Satin Soul (Classic Rock/Motown/Salsa)

FINANCE & MANAGER'S OFFICE NEWS



Haas Mural Collection Continues to Expand

In July, muralist Richard Haas presented two new designs to Village officials and representatives from fine art and historical committees. He also brought along CBS Sunday Morning. CBS producers were coordinating a story on Haas' work and the town that boasts the largest collection of his murals—Homewood!



The two additional murals expand Homewood's collection to a grand total of 14. In addition to the benefits of tourism and media coverage, the murals

are a long-term reinvestment into Homewood's business districts and infrastructure, lasting at least 25 years before any touch-ups are required. Make sure you pick up a map of all the mural locations at one of the mural sites. Take photos of you and friends in front of the murals and upload to Facebook. Remember to "tag" the "Village of Homewood."



La Banque, a Boutique Hotel, is Projected to Open in the Winter of 2013 in Homewood

La Banque will breathe new life into a Homewood landmark building located at 2034 Ridge Road, at the corner of Ridge Road and Martin Ave, which had been occupied by Great Lakes Bank since 1925.

The boutique hotel, the first of its kind in the south suburbs, will offer eighteen luxuriously appointed rooms suitable for the most discriminating guests. The intimate hotel's ambiance begins at the reception desk set in the majestic



bank lobby. Guests of La Banque and residents of Homewood and surrounding communities can also enjoy a unique dining experience at La Voûte, with its plush dining room and lounge, featuring

upscale spirits and cuisine. The focal point of the restaurant will be one of the bank's vaults, which inspired the logo for both the

hotel and the restaurant. A massive pneumatic door, inspected and signed by the legendary former FBI director J. Edgar Hoover, secured the vault, which is now available for guest tours.

The new hotel will also feature a health club facility, partially set in the bank's largest vault. The facility will be equipped with the finest cardiovascular equipment, strength training machines and free weights and will cater to hotel guests and a limited number of private members.

To receive more information about La Banque as it becomes available, please email Ashley Smith at labanquehotel@gmail.com.



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Pet Tags

All dogs and cats six months of age or older are required to be licensed with 2013/2014 tags. A rabies vaccination certificate is required. Licensing fees are \$10 for the first and \$5 for each additional. Households are limited to a maximum of four animals.

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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- Jet Sonic/CITGO
2124 183rd Street

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

Commuter Parking at Village Hall

For those using 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. 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.

Overnight Street Parking

Homewood ordinance prohibits any vehicle from parking on a Village street between the hours of 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM. Signs are posted at various gateways to Homewood's subdivisions. Even though there may not be a sign on your street, the ban is in effect for all streets in the Village of Homewood.

To accommodate residents who have insufficient driveway and/or garage capacity, both temporary and extended exemptions to the overnight

parking ban may be obtained. Temporary exemptions may be obtained by contacting the Homewood Police Department at 206-3420. Temporary exemptions are for overnight guests, driveway repairs, etc. Applications for an extended exemption permit are available at the Village Hall. All vehicles must have a current sticker to obtain a permit.

The parking ban is to facilitate police patrols and to deter crime by making it more difficult for criminals to avoid detection.

Village Vehicle Stickers and Motorcycle Tags

Vehicle stickers and motorcycle tags for 2013/2014 were to be posted by May 31. For newly purchased vehicles/motorcycles, residents have 60 days to purchase stickers/ tags before a late fee of

\$25.00 is assessed. New residents have 30 days to purchase stickers/ tags before a late fee is assessed. Proof of vehicle purchase or move-in date is required.



Senior Taxi Voucher Program

The Village of Homewood recognizes the importance of the Senior Transportation Program to Homewood seniors and is continually striving to improve this program. The voucher user must be at least 60 years old and a Homewood resident. They can apply in person or by mail: Village Hall/Senior Taxi Voucher Program; 2020 Chestnut Road, Homewood, IL 60430.

The original application must be presented with proof of age identification (drivers license/state ID/passport) and proof of residency (current utility bill). The cost of each voucher is \$2.00. Checks should be made payable to Village of Homewood. Please do not send cash. Each voucher is payment for any qualifying one-way trip with a participating taxi company.

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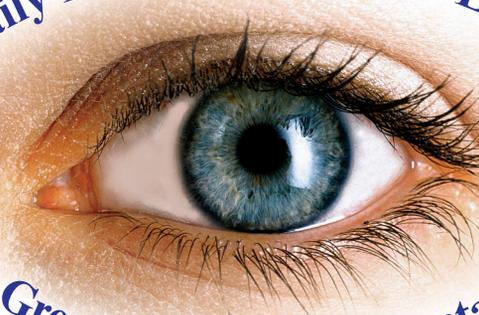
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Village Water Meter Replacement Program

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

Sticker Free Leaf Program

Sticker free leaf program will be November 13, November 20, November 27 during regularly scheduled garbage service.



Fall Street Sweeping

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COMMUNITY NEWS

TALK Continues to Get Teens Involved in the Community through the Arts

Hi, I'm Raina Kalas, and I'm the Literary Arts Chairperson of TALK, here to talk to you about TALK and to let you know what we've been up to. If you've never heard about TALK, it stands for the Theatre and Arts Leadership Council. We are a non-for-profit organization that focuses on helping teens gain leadership skills through the arts. This is TALK's second year in existence and currently we have over sixty members. And while most of the members are from the surrounding Homewood-Flossmoor area, in the past two months over 50% of new members were not from H-F, which is cool because we meet and work with teen artists from other communities too. Over the past two years you may have seen our tent at events such as The Art and Garden Fair, The Farmers' Market, and Fall Fest. The tents feature teen artwork in the form of live music and poetry readings, teen created visual arts for sale, not to mention the face painting that we often do.

Outside of being stationed at community events, TALK has many events and things planned for the future. To get the summer started, TALK had a logo contest that was aimed at high schools in the surrounding area. We offered prizes that were all thanks to local businesses donating items and gift cards. The winner was Brooke Wians, a newly graduated senior from H-F high school. Also, we performed "Thanatos", a play written and directed by 15 year-old Rosie Joyce, which was put on with help from the Flossmoor Community Church, who let TALK rehearse and perform in their Community House. "Thanatos"

featured teens from all sections of TALK, including actors, visual artists, and musicians. The play had two successful show nights and was a great experience for all.



through the website. TALK is also partnering with Mama and Me's Pizzeria to hold a teen-arts fundraiser that will include a Battle of the Bands, teen artwork, and theatrical performances. The fundraiser will take place all day on October 12 at Mama and Me's. Also, on September 21, within Homewood's Fall Fest, TALK will once again have a mini Teen Arts fest. This will include live music, original art work, poetry readings, face painting, and more.

If you know or are a teen between the ages of 12-18 that is interested in the arts and becoming part of any or all of our events, TALK is always accepting applications at talksouthland.org.

You will see that TALK is an organization that opens up many opportunities for teens. How many times do you see teen artists getting recognized and paid for their artwork, or having the opportunity to write, direct and cast a play to be performed in front of an audience? And thanks to TALK, teens are able to play their music live at large community events. TALK also makes it possible for teens to get involved with the community through the arts in an array of activities, from being golden statues to writing articles for newspapers and newsletters (like this one). In short, any teen that suffers from not having a good creative outlet should join TALK. A nice

dosage of other creative teens and a little push to be outgoing with artwork should fix the problem.



One of TALK's current projects is creating a literary and visual art magazine. This magazine will feature teen poetry, short stories, flash fiction, and all kinds of visual

art. The magazine will be sold at the TALK booth at various community events as well as



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- Plan and practice your family home escape plan. Be sure your plan includes two ways out for each room and that everyone knows where your family's



outside designated meeting place is located.

- Create an emergency preparedness kit for your family. More information about how to create a kit is available at www.ready.gov.
- Have snow removal equipment checked and tuned up for the first snow fall.
- Store all flammable substances in safe containers and out of the reach of children
- Clean your roof and gutters of debris, such as pine needles and leaves

Remember—Homewood does not permit the open burning of leaves and other yard waste.

Emergency Medical Fund Receives Donation

The Homewood Fire Department Emergency Medical Fund recently received a ten-thousand dollar donation from the estate of a long-time Homewood resident. The donation will be used to update ambulance equipment and other critical medical supplies needed to provide emergency care to village residents.

Fire Department Open House

The Homewood Fire Department will host its annual Open House on Sunday, October 13 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Bring your family and come see fire engines up close, and learn about the tools and techniques firefighters use to protect lives and property. The Open House will include educational displays on a variety of fire safety topics.

This year's Open House will feature a side-by-side demonstration with a live burn in the lot behind the fire station. Visitors can watch how home sprinklers actually work and how they are effective in saving lives and property. They will also have the opportunity to ask questions about home sprinkler systems and the proposed update to State legislation, affecting new construction of one-and-two-family homes.

A raffle will be held for fire themed gifts and prizes. Join the fun, come visit the Homewood Fire Station located at 17950 Dixie Highway.

Homewood Fire Department Lt. Bill Wright Named Firefighter of the Year for 2012

Firefighter/Paramedic Lt. Bill Wright has been named the Lions Club Firefighter of the year for 2012. Wright joined the Homewood Fire Department as a full-time firefighter in 1989 and was promoted to Lt. in 2000.

During his time with the fire department, he has served on the MABAS Division 24 Dive Team and participated in numerous water rescues. Wright's certifications include Fire Officer II, Confined

Space Rescue, Vehicle Extrication Technician, Hazardous Materials Incident Commander, Fire Service Instructor and serving as the department's Child Passenger Safety Seat Coordinator.

Most recently, Wright has been instrumental in the organization of three community blood drives each year. To date the blood drives have provided more than 400 units of blood to Life Source Blood Services.

Black Friday Blood Drive

The Homewood Fire Department will host a blood drive on Black Friday, November 29 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The drive will be held at the fire station located at 17950 Dixie Highway. If you are interested in donating blood, appointments can be made by calling Lt. Bill Wright at (708) 206-3405, or bwright@homesweethomewood.com



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