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SEPTEMBER

Homewood Farmers Market
Every Saturday through
October 10 | 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Village Hall Parking Lot
*Contact the Village of Homewood
(708) 798-3000*

Homewood Paper Shredding Event
Sponsored by US Bank
Saturday, September 12 | 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Homewood Farmers Market
2020 Chestnut Road

Fall Fest and Annual Chili Cook-Off
hosted by the Community Relations Commission
Saturday, September 19 | 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM
Martin Avenue from Hickory Road to Ridge Road
*Contact the Village of Homewood
(708) 798-3000*

Homewood Schools Fund Run
Sunday, September 20
Contact Foundation153.org

OCTOBER

Parade of Lights
Tuesday, October 6 | 8:15 PM
Procession of Community Fire Engines down Ridge Road

Fire Department Open House
Sunday, October 10 | 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Homewood Fire Station, 17950 Dixie Highway
Learn about fire safety, see fire engine up close, and practice life safety skills.
Contact the Homewood Fire Department (708) 206-3400

Homewood Rail Committee's Hobo Night
Saturday, October 10 | 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Homewood Rail Park
Contact the Village of Homewood at (708) 798-3000

Fall Branch Chipping Day
Saturday, October 3 | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

The Cancer Support Center's Boo 8
Saturday, October 24 | 8:00 PM to 12:00AM
Wiley's Grill at Coyote Run

Trick or Treating
Saturday, October 31 | 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Halloween Happenings
Saturday, October 31 | 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM
H-F Sports Complex
*Contact the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District
(708) 957-0300*

NOVEMBER

Sticker Free Leaf Program Dates
November 11, November 18, and November 25

Butterball Burner Fun Run
Friday, November 27 | 9:00 AM (Check-in: 8:00 AM)
H-F Racquet & Fitness Club
*Contact the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District
(708) 957-0300*

Downtown Merchant Holiday Open Houses
Friday and Saturday, November 20 and 21
Participating downtown merchants
*Contact the Downtown Homewood Business Association,
dhba.biz*

DECEMBER

Holiday Lights in Homewood
Friday, December 4 | 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 1
Veterans Day, November 11
Thanksgiving, November 26; Village Hall will be closed and reopen November 30

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Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce	206-3384
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Richard A. Hofeld
Village President

The Village recently conducted a Police hiring test and I thought you might find it interesting as to what the process is to become a Homewood Police Officer.

In June, the Homewood Fire and Police Commission held our biennial Police hiring test. Over 100 applicants responded to our ads to take the test, all of whom had been previously certified as having passed the required Physical Agility Power test. The first phase of the testing evaluates the candidate's necessary skills in four categories; Math, Reading, Grammar, and Writing. The test is administered by a private testing company, and after the papers were turned in and scored, over 70 of these candidates were found to have achieved the necessary 70% passing grade in all four categories.

The next step was then having the candidates take an oral interview. This too was administered by the testing company, with the interviews being conducted by a panel of three Police

Executives who are Chicago area Police Chiefs or Deputy Chiefs, from communities similar to Homewood. The oral evaluation is made up of questions involving hypothetical police situations which can be used as an indicator and a gauge of an applicant's logic and demeanor.

The written portion of the test carries a 60% weight, the oral 40%. The testing company combines scores and then establishes an initial, preliminary list. This list is posted, and the applicants are notified of their rankings.

The list is finalized only after the applicants apply any allowed points to their posted grade. Additional points are granted for military service or prior police work or having attained a college bachelor degree. After this, the final police candidates list is established, which is valid for two years.

When an opening for a police officer occurs, the top candidate

is given a background check and their name is submitted to the three member Board of Fire and Police commissioners for approval. Upon approval, the candidate is sent to an independent agency for a polygraph test and then for a psychological evaluation.

After the candidate passes all of these evaluations, they are eligible to be sworn in as a Homewood police officer. They begin a one year probationary period after they are certified as a police officer. At the outset, if the candidate has no prior police experience, they are enrolled in a Police training class conducted by either Cook County, the City of Chicago, or the Illinois State Police.

After satisfactory completion of the eleven week training class, they enter our field-training program. If the candidate has previously been an accredited officer in another

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jurisdiction, they would not be required to take the training class and would go directly into field training. This part of the probationary period means riding with a different FTO (Field Training Officer) on each of our three shifts for 15 weeks.

During this time the new officer learns our department's policies and procedures and becomes familiar with where our streets are located. I know of several officers who, when they were in field training and off duty, drove around Homewood to become better familiar with these streets. The candidate's performance is evaluated by their FTO's and supervisors every week day. When field training is completed, the officer is then assigned to a shift where their performance will continue to be reviewed by the shift's sergeant, weekly for the first three months

then monthly for the remaining probationary period. The process is very thorough and is built to assure that this Homewood police officer is well-trained and will be a good addition to the department.

In the upcoming year, with anticipated retirements, there could be at least four new officers promoted from this current list. Over the two year life of this list, it is possible that there could be as many as eight new, well-trained officers joining the department.

As you can see, the process by which we hire new police officers is very professional and well conceived. We strive to get the very best Homewood police officers through this process. Our officers have a great deal of pride in their department, their own performance, and in being an integral part of Homewood. And we are equally proud of them as well.

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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Maryilyn Thomas

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BOARD, COMMISSION & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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



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- **Be Well Studio**
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- **Conroy Orthopaedic & Sports Physical Therapy**
2920 W. 183rd Street
- **Riley's Fitness**
1820 Ridge Road, Suite 103
- **Sertoma Speech & Hearing Center**
2920 W. 183rd Street
- **Mattress Firm**
17577 Halsted Street
- **Fratello's**
18201 Dixie Highway
- **Wellness Integrative Medicine**
18038 Gottschalk Avenue
- **Mattress Firm**
17960 Halsted Street
- **The Facility**
17803 Bretz Drive
- **SNL Property Preservation**
1131 W. 175th Street, Suite B
- **Uncle John's Bar B Que**
17947 Halsted Street
- **Nailique Spa, Inc.**
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- **La Banque/La Voûte**
2034 Ridge Road
- **Fairview Realty**
18350 Kedzie Avenue, Suite 203
- **Pearle Vision**
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COMMUNITY NEWS



Fall TreeShare Program



The Village of Homewood's TreeShare Program offers residents selected trees at a 50% discount. These trees can be planted anywhere on your private property

or parkway area, as long as no utility conflicts exist. These trees are from top-quality nurseries located throughout the Midwest region and are chosen for their

ability to survive in Homewood's soil and climate. Each tree is hand selected and inspected by the Village arborist, and delivered to your property. Orders are

taken now through the end of September with delivery around the middle of October. Please visit HomeSweetHomewood.com for more details.

Professional Theatre Returns to the South Suburbs

The south suburbs of Chicago are back on the map when it comes to live, professional theatre.

Artists Walk Theatre will launch its inaugural production with a production of Neil Simon's Tony award, Pulitzer prize winning play, *Lost in Yonkers*. The play centers around 1940's New York

and the lives of two brothers left by their financially strapped father in the care of their strict and stern grandmother and mentally challenged aunt. During their time with their grandmother the boys learn much about life and how to get along with each other.

Artists Walk Theatre is located

at the Flossmoor Community House, 847 Hutchison Road in Flossmoor. The production runs from September 17 -27 (September 17, 20 and 27 at 2:00 PM; September 18, 24 and 25 at 7:30 PM; September 19 and 26 at 2:00 PM and 7:30 PM.) Tickets are now on sale. The cost per ticket is



\$25.00. To purchase tickets go to: artistswalktheatre.org or call (815) 277-1083.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Holiday Yard Card Tradition Continues

Thursday, November 5 to
Saturday, December 5
18022 Dixie Highway
Painting sessions are held
Thursdays and Fridays,
4:00 to 8:00 PM and Saturdays
11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Join several community members in continuing the yard card tradition and spreading

holiday cheer throughout H-F! Re-create your favorite holiday card, or paint your own masterpiece on a 4 ft. x 5 ft. board to display in your yard. Come prepared to trace and paint, and leave the mess with us. Guidance from the Holiday Yard Instructor, Teri Cann, and project supplies are included (light package and stakes must be purchased separately). Register



early! Fee: \$98/New Card; \$30/2-Hr. Touch up of existing card. To register or for more info, call (708) 957-PARK or visit hfparks.com.

La Voûte Bistro + Bar Upcoming Fall Events

La Voûte Bistro and Bar invites you to join them this fall for special events including beer dinners, wine tastings and special holiday menus & celebrations. Chefs Dominique Tougne and Tom Donnelly are cooking up special French inspired twists on American classics in the dining room throughout autumn to bring you culinary experiences that are rich in flavor and tradition.

Revolution Brewing Beer Dinner: Wednesday, October 7

The growth of craft breweries in the U.S. has been nothing short of a revolution and we're proud to be standing tall in this new crowd. The changing tastes of beer drinkers demand bigger flavors and more variety. That's exactly what we give you at Revolution Brewing. Our brewpub produces about 50

different beer styles each year. We've got session beers like Workingman Mild, hop-bombs like Double Fist and more bourbon barrel aged beers than you can shake a stave at. We have fun doing what we do and invite you to come in and join us. Join us for a 4 course prix fixe dinner paired with 4 Revolution beers and learn about how the flavors are paired together to create a unique dining experience; \$45 limited seating. Taxes, beverages, and service not included.

Beaujolais Nouveau Tasting: Thursday, November 19

At the stroke of midnight on the third Thursday of every November,



France erupts in massive celebration in honor of the unveiling (or should we say uncorking) of a red wine made from Gamay grapes produced in the

Beaujolais region of France. La Voûte invites you to taste the new vintage with us. Special dinner items will be offered to pair with the wine. Come see what all the excitement is about!

Thanksgiving Dinner: Thursday, November 26

We are thankful for the support we are getting from the community for our new restaurant. We look forward to cook our first Thanksgiving meal for you—we might add a little extra butter just to add a French touch. Bring your



family, friends or loved one and be thankful with us! Thanksgiving buffet at \$31.95 adults, \$14.95 for 10 and under. 11:00 AM until 9:00 PM (last sitting at 8:00 PM). Served at the table upon guest arrival, Pumpkin soup and petite salad. Two carving stations with turkeys and roasted ham. All accompaniment buffet-style; brussel sprouts, broccoli, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, stuffing. Desserts buffet-style set up in the Vault. Taxes, beverages, and service not included.

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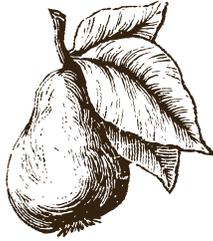


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COMMUNITY NEWS

Green Events at the Homewood Farmers Market

Paper Shredding Event
 Saturday, September 12
 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
 Village Hall Parking Lot
 2020 Chestnut Road
 Sponsored by US Bank



HOMEWOOD FARMERS MARKET

EST. 1982

On Saturday, September 12, US Bank will sponsor the Village of Homewood Paper Shredding event. Many residents save important documents to be shredded; this gives them assurance their personal information will not be compromised. This is a great opportunity to rid your home of old documents that have surpassed the save until date. Bring documents to Homewood's Farmers Market and watch the on-site shredding take place.

Bring your oldest document and see if your document is the oldest document brought to the shredding, you may even win a prize! Do not worry; we will not shred your piece of history

Electronic Take Back
 Saturday, September 26
 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
 Village Hall Parking Lot
 2020 Chestnut Road

Homewood has had such a positive response to the Electronic Take Back over the summer that additional dates have been added.

Homewood has teamed up with The Assistive Technology Exchange Network, ATEN, which refurbishes and recycles donated computers and distributes them to individuals with disabilities. For many, technology is more than a tool for learning. It can open the gateway to success in school, interaction with friends, employment opportunities and independent living.

Each year, ATEN provides Illinois students in special education programs with more than 4,000 computers and related equipment donated by individuals and corporations. ATEN's recycling diverts more than 300 tons of hazardous e-waste from Illinois landfills annually. As of January 1, 2012, it is illegal to dispose of hazardous e-waste in Illinois landfills

Accepted items for drop off:

- PC and Macintosh computers
- Printers
- Monitors

- Disk drives
- Cell phones
- Ink jet cartridges
- CD-ROM drives
- Software (original discs)
- Server equipment
- Communication devices
- Peripherals and accessories

Prescription Drug Take Back
 Saturday, October 10
 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
 Village Hall Parking Lot
 2020 Chestnut Road

The Village of Homewood and Cook County Department of Environmental Control will sponsor Prescription Drug Take Back. This is a great opportunity to get rid of expired or no longer needed medications: prescribed, over the counter, and herbal products. Cleaning out medicine cabinets should be done routinely; this will prevent people from taking wrong prescriptions and will keep medications out of the wrong hands.

All medications dropped off will be incinerated; this will prevent drugs from getting into soil and waterways. Before you drop off your items, remove all personal information from the label. Due to the Drug Enforcement Agency regulations, controlled substances, needles, epipen, or other infectious medical waste will not be accepted. Inhalers and mercury thermometers will be accepted.

Green Thumb Saturday Events

Trees
 Saturday, September 12
 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM
 Village Board Room

Invasives
 Saturday, October 10
 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM
 Village Board Room

Look for the new spring schedule to come out this winter!



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FALL HAPPENINGS

Runs, Rides and Sporting Fun

PEDAL FOR PROSTATE

Saturday, September 19

10:00 AM

The bike ride starts at 10am at Aurelio's 18162 Harwood ace. There will be a family friendly ride (pedal the parks) in Homewood and a 25 mile ride. All proceeds go to the Cancer Support Center in Homewood. There is a \$35 sign up fee (individual) - \$60 family fee - \$100.00 in pledge donations. The website is www.firstgiving.com/cancersupportcenter/pedal-for-prostate2015. You can sign up at the event or make an on line donation.

HOMEWOOD SCHOOLS FUND RUN

Sunday, September 20

Lace up your gym shoes and bring your family to the annual 5K run/walk and 153 yard kids' dash. The USA Track & Field certified course will take you through beautiful Homewood neighborhoods. Experience the challenge of a 5K race or if you prefer a slower pace, join other families and friends as they walk in support of the wonderful Homewood school district. After the 5K, make sure to stay for the highlight of the day, the 153-yard kids' dash, and cheer for the youngest athletes



as they see who can cross the finish line without losing a shoe. Kids can also participate in a variety of activities such as field games and face painting. Come out for this great community event.

ZOMBIE FUN RUN

Saturday, October 24

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Apollo Park

Think you can out RUN the dead? This Zombie Fun Run gives you the chance to run for your life from hungry Zombies through a 2.5K Trail/Park Run. Zombies, Obstacles, Music, and Costumes Encouraged!! Register online at hfband.org starting September 3. Register by October 3 to secure a T-shirt. Cost: \$30 adults, \$20 students with ID; families of 4 but no more than 6 will be discounted to \$95. Proceeds go to the Homewood -Flossmoor Bands.

12TH ANNUAL BUTTERBALL BURNER FUN RUN

Friday, November 27

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 12th Annual Butterball Burner! Join us as we celebrate twelve years of burning the post-Thanksgiving Day bloat with this fun run. All ages and abilities welcome. 8:00

AM race day registration and check-in. Fee: \$12 R / \$15 NR; Day-of-Race: \$17 R / \$20 NR

TEE-UP AT THE HOMEWOOD LIBRARY

Saturday, November 21,

6:00 PM to 8:00PM

Celebrate Game Day! Play the miniature golf course set up through the library! Win a prize if you get a hole-in-one at the end of the course! For anyone in grades 7-12. Pizza will be served. Registration is required.

3 ON 3 TURKEY SHOOTOUT

Saturday, November 28

8:00 AM

H-F Sports Complex

Put together your best team and come out and compete in this 3 on 3 basketball tournament for great prizes! Half court games will be played up to 15 points. Format will be a round robin into a single elimination tournament with the top teams receiving prizes! Maximum of 4 participants per roster.

Family Fun

CRAFT FAIR (FORMERLY GRANDMA'S ATTIC)

Saturday, October 3

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Irwin Center

Get a jump on your holiday shopping at our 2015 Craft Fair! Vendors will have hand-crafted specialty items available for purchase. A concessions sale is also

part of the day's events. Attention craft vendors: reasonably priced table space is available for your new sale items.

FALL FAMILY CAMPOUT

Saturday, October 3

Flossmoor Park 4:00 PM check in

Camp in town! This year marks the 9th year of camping in Flossmoor Park. The campout is complete with a cookout, campfire, family games, raffles 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.

HOBO NIGHT

Saturday, October 10

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 6:30 PM on Saturday, October 10. Join the Committee for tasty treats, hobo stories, old fashioned sing-a-long, and tours of the Rail Park's retired and restored Illinois Central locomotive and cabooses.

Halloween Events

HAUNTED HOUNDS

Sunday, October 18

3:00 PM

Rover's Run Dog Park

Deck out your dog and join us for Haunted Hounds! Come dressed



VETERANS' DAY

Wednesday, November 11
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Homewood Library



Drop by the Meeting Room at the Homewood Library any time on Veteran's Day to learn and view rare news footage from past wars.

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.

ADULT PUMPKIN CARVING

Saturday, October 24
8:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Irons Oaks

You asked for it...We listened. It is the adults' turn to play fun Halloween Party games with a grown-up twist. We will have fall-themed snacks, fun games and beer tasting. Get a baby-sitter, get a group of friends, or come by yourself to meet a new group of friends at the Oaks. Prizes awarded for the best costume and best theme of costumes. Fee: \$12 R / \$18 NR

FEAR FACTOR CHALLENGE—HALLOWEEN TWEENS

Thursday, October 29
6:30 PM
Grades 3-6
Homewood Library

Fear Factor Food challenge, Zombie Make-Up station, Scary Stories



Contest, and more. Limit 25—You must register online for program at homewoodlibrary.org

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Saturday, October 31
12:00PM – 2:00PM
Costume Parade 1:30 PM
H-F Sports Complex
For all ages

Ghosts and Goblins, Pirates, Princesses and Monsters alike are all welcomed to trick-n-treat at the Park District's Sports Complex. Enjoy our interactive DJ that will be playing Halloween themed games with the audience such as the Mummy Wrap and classics like the Limbo, Freeze Dance and a Hula Hoop Contest. Want More? Take a chance to win at the Wheel of Witches, Pumpkin Pick & Paint, help color the giant mural and don't forget to be part of the costume parade at 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by Center for Dental Excellence, GoodSpeed Cycle, Grady's Grille, Gym Kinetics, Homewood Area Rotary Club, Nix Nax, Homewood Fire Department & Homewood-Flossmoor Park District!



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Martin Avenue from Hickory Road to Ridge Road

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Fest Features Children's Entertainment and Activities, New Art Vendors, Horse-drawn Wagon Rides and More

The Village of Homewood proudly presents the 14th annual Fall Fest and Chili Cook-off on Saturday, September 19 from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM. This year's Fall Fest is located on Martin Avenue from Hickory Road to Ridge Road. Fall Fest 2015 features live entertainment, horse-drawn wagon rides, outdoor movie, 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

The 14th annual Fall Fest will feature live entertainment throughout the day, starting at 12:00 PM with Super Stolie. Super Stolie's live shows will inspire the uniqueness and silliness in all of us! Classic Rock cover band Midnight will perform at 3:00 PM and Latin Satin Soul will close out the night with classic rock, Motown and salsa music from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

At 6:00 PM, Horse-drawn wagon rides will travel throughout downtown Homewood and at 7:30 PM, the giant movie screen will feature Monsters University (Disney Pixar).



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.



Scarecrow Contest

The Village of Homewood and the Homewood Beautification Committee are holding a Scarecrow Contest at Homewood's Annual Fall Fest & Chili Cook-off on Saturday, September 19, 2015. Contestants can show off their creativity and help beautify the Downtown Homewood area after the event. The scarecrows will be retained by the Village immediately after the event and will be secured to street light poles, to be displayed as part of the Fall decor! Space is limited to 50 contestants. 1st Place receives \$50, 2nd Place receives \$30 and 3rd Place receives \$20.



Fall Fest Entertainment

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT PROFILES

Super Stolie

Super Stolie is a Chicago musician, artist and performer who loves to use creativity to inspire the uniqueness and silliness in all of us. Performing on acoustic guitar, Super Stolie sings original children's music. With her colorful outfits and vibrant personality, kids want to be her friend, join the band, and just be their awesome selves!



Midnight

Midnight has an expansive repertoire of a variety of songs covering many styles and all eras from 50s to the present. Pop hits, Motown, Classic Rock, Disco/funk, Ballads, Modern Country, Midnight plays it all. What a fun way to spend the afternoon!



Latin Satin Soul

A Chicago band that has become a Homewood favorite. Latin Satin Soul brings Motown and Salsa to town and gets the crowd moving. This 11-piece band boasts a vibrant mix of brass, strings, keys, and vocals.



FALL FEST ENTERTAINMENT AND ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

- 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM | Super Stolie (Children's Entertainment)
- 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM | Mr. D's Magic Show
- 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM | Midnight (Classic Rock); Pumpkin Patch Opens
- 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM | Horse-drawn Wagon Rides
- 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM | Latin Satin Soul (Classic Rock/Motown/Salsa)
- 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM | Monsters University (Movie)

ABOUT THE OUTDOOR MOVIE

Monsters University by Disney Pixar | Starts at 7:30 PM

Mike Wazowski and James P. Sullivan are an inseparable pair, but that wasn't always the case. From the moment these two mismatched monsters met they couldn't stand each other. Monsters University unlocks the door to how Mike and Sulley overcame their differences and became the best of friends.



MEET LOCAL CARICATURE ARTIST ERNEST POSEY

Meet local caricaturist artist Ernest Posey as he creates fun depictions of family and friends!

FINANCE & MANAGER'S OFFICE NEWS

About the Director of Economic and Community Development Tom Vander Woude



Tom Vander Woude is the Economic and Community Development Director for the Village

of Homewood. Prior to coming to Homewood, he served as the Deputy Executive Director of Transportation and Infrastructure for the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association for three years. In that time, he worked on a number of projects with the Village of Homewood, including facilitating funding for the rehabilitation of the Metra Station. He began his career as a Regional

Planner with the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission.

Tom has a Master's degree in Urban Planning and Policy from the University of Illinois at Chicago and Bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Theology from Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights. He is a member of the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce, serves as Plan Commissioner for the Town of Highland, Indiana and is a certified planner through the American Institute of Certified Planners.

He lives in Highland, Indiana with his wife and three young daughters.

Monthly Water Billing Available

The Village of Homewood will be transitioning to monthly water billing October through December. This change should help consumers with the budgeting for this bill versus the present quarterly water billing you have been receiving. Payments can be mailed in, placed in the drop box outside the Village Hall, paid via Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT), paid at the front counter, or paid on-line. For those wishing to pay their water bill

on-line please go our website at Homewoodsweethomewood.com, select Online Services, "Pay Water Bill" and follow the instructions. If you are logging in for the first time, use your account number with no dashes for both your account number and username. It is our hope that receiving your water bill on a monthly basis will be customer friendly and convenient. If you have any questions, please call (708) 798-3000.

Did You Miss The Due Date for your Village Sticker and Motorcycle Tag?

Vehicle stickers and motorcycle tags for 2015/2016 went on sale April 1 and were due on cars and motorcycles by May 31. For those who missed the date, as of June 1st a \$25 late fee was added to the cost of each vehicle sticker and motorcycle tag. For newly purchased vehicles, residents have 60 days in which to purchase their stickers and tags before a late fee



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

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 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 (708) 206-3420. This would be temporary exemptions 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 an exemption permit. Exemption permits must be displayed directly above the 2015/2016 vehicle sticker.

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

Exemptions do not apply for heavier snow falls or streets where parking is otherwise prohibited. Parking is not permitted on any streets in Homewood when we experience a snowfall of 2 inches or more, until the streets are cleared.

Senior Taxi Voucher Program

Transportation is important for our Homewood Seniors and to subsidize Senior travel in and around town within the following boundaries: East – Halsted Street; West – Cicero Avenue; South – Route 30; North – 155th Street—there is the Senior Taxi Voucher Program.

Seniors (60 years old) and a Homewood resident may enroll in the Taxi Voucher Program. The original application must be

submitted in person or by mail at 2020 Chestnut Road, Homewood, IL 60430, with identification (proof of age) and proof of residency (current utility bill). Vouchers are available at a cost of \$2.00 each. Checks should be made payable to the Village of Homewood. Please do not send cash. Maximum monthly purchase is 20 vouchers. A voucher is payment for a qualifying one way trip with the two participating taxi companies.

Parking Spaces Available

Are you commuting to Chicago for work or a day of play? Need a parking space – look no further! Limited daily spaces are available for \$2.00 on a first come first served basis. There are two spaces reserved for Seniors. If you need

monthly parking please call (708) 206-3363 to add your name to our waitlist.

Monthly parking is \$35 per month for Homewood residents and the non-resident fee is \$50 per month



Homewood Science Center Update

In April, The Exploratorium team met with the project team, advisory board, residents, and representatives from School District 153 & 161, Homewood-Flossmoor High School, Homewood Library, and Homewood-Flossmoor Park District.

Through the conversations in these meetings, many ideas surfaced on which the Homewood Community and Project Team have alignment. These findings shaped the development of the Conceptual Plan.

The Village of Homewood selected the Exploratorium to help develop this plan because of its experience—sharing its work of creating thought-provoking exhibits and programs that ignite curiosity, encourage exploration, and lead to profound learning—with museums and other organizations around the world. And, the Exploratorium recently developed and tested a much-acclaimed community science center model in downtown Los Altos, California. The Exploratorium team visited the Village of Homewood in late April 2015, touring the area and meeting with its leadership, residents, and stakeholders. The team conducted three workshops: a public forum attended by more than 80 residents; a meeting with representatives of School Districts 153 and 161, Homewood-Flossmoor High School, Homewood Library, and Homewood-Flossmoor Park District; and a meeting with residents who volunteered to be part of the planning and development of the Science Center. The public forum was attended by a diverse group of

PURPOSE
The core purpose of the Homewood Science Center is to incubate interest in an understanding of science through creative, interesting, and engaging experiences that advance STEM-based opportunities for all.



residents including families, business and corporate leadership, elected officials, scientists, engineers, educators, artists, and others curious about the project. Residents had an opportunity to share their thoughts and aspirations

for the community, provide a larger context for the Science Center, and suggest specific things they would like to see. Other community groups talked about Homewood's strengths and areas of STEM learning that they would like to see expanded.

The Conceptual Plan was completed in June and comes directly from the vision and aspirations of the Project Team, the Village, and its residents. It lays out some initial conceptual planning ideas and steps to take to advance the project. Since there is no one right way to proceed on a project like this, as decisions are made and opportunities arise this plan can serve as a road map to assess opportunities and address impacts. For this reason, we have started with an articulation of the core purpose and key audiences, which should be used to guide decisions and the planning process going forward.

In July, the Village Board approved Phase II with the Exploratorium, which will provide the Project Team with the strategy for building, funding, and operating the Science Center.

KEY DRIVERS OF THE SCIENCE CENTER PROGRAM

Create a Community-Centered Place

The Science Center and its programs and exhibits will first and foremost serve the local community. Both the initial set of experiences and ongoing new experiences will involve and engage students; industry; and science, technology, and creative people who want to help. The goal is to create experiences with and for the people.

Connect Science and Art (STEAM)

Both science and art help us see things in new ways: they illuminate, they challenge us and inspire us to ask questions, and they help us find meaning and ways to answer those questions. The Science Center will use art and artists to help people explore new ideas and spark interest and curiosity through making and tinkering.

Develop 21st-Century Skills

Exhibits and programs will be designed to help develop key 21st-century skills such as critical thinking, creativity and innovation, collaboration, and science and technology literacy. Informal learning environments such as science centers provide powerful learning experiences where students can develop these skills based on their own interests.

Build Creative Community

The Science Center will be a catalyst, convener, and resource for people interested in creative pursuits and professions.

Connect Curriculums

The Science Center will be a resource for K–12 schools where exhibits and programs help advance the curriculum and support the work teachers and students are doing in class.

Be Sustainable

Financial and program sustainability are key goals for the community. Therefore, developing a strong and diverse funding stream and a large and committed team of program partners are critical.

Enhance Downtown

Through events, festivals, and an array of ongoing programs, the Science Center will bring people downtown and attract visitors from throughout the region to the Village of Homewood.

Don't Forget About Your Bicycle!

Your bicycle needs a license too! Residents may also purchase bicycle licenses at the Village Hall. The cost is \$2 each and the license is valid for as long as the license

holders owns the bike. The serial number on the bicycle is required. Registering your bike with the Village may be helpful in the event your bicycle is ever stolen.

Got a Pet...They Need a TAG

All dogs and cats six months of age or older are required to be licensed with 2015/2016 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.

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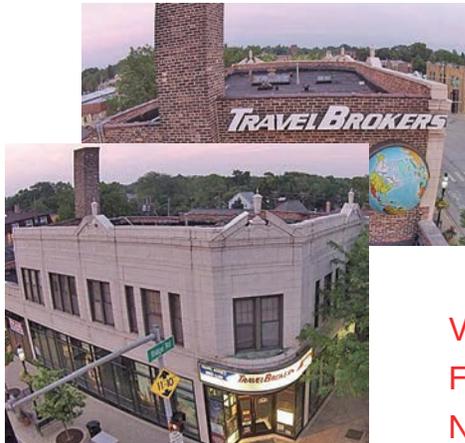
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PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

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New and Promoted Employees at Public Works

The Public Works Department welcomed two new employees to the Department recently. Steven Kramer joined the Landscape & Maintenance Division and Christopher Kleckner joined the

Street Division in July of 2015. Dale Demro has been promoted to the Street Division Crew Leader, as of March 2015. Dale steps into this role with 19 years of dedicated service to the Village.



Fall Branch Chipping Service

Public Works will offer a free branch chipping service on Saturday, October 3. Residents can bring their branches into the Municipal Service Center between the hours of 8:00 AM

and noon. Branches can be up to six (6) inches in diameter; no pine, Evergreen or shrub trimmings will be accepted. The Municipal Service Center is located at 17755 Ashland Avenue.

Sticker Leaf Program

Sticker free leaf program will be Wednesday, November 11, Wednesday, November 18, and Wednesday, November 25 during regularly scheduled garbage service.



Fall Street Sweeping

Fall street sweeping is scheduled for Thursday, October 15 to Saturday, October 31; Sunday, November 1 to Sunday, November 15; and Wednesday, November 16 to Monday, November 30. To

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PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

Black Friday Blood Drive

The Homewood Fire Department will hold its annual Black Friday Blood Drive on November 27 from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. The drive will be held at the Homewood Fire Station located at 17950 Dixie Highway.

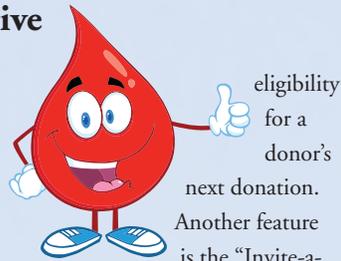
To make an appointment to donate blood call 1-877-LIFESOURCE or go to: lifesource.org

Something new from LifeSource is a mobile app for your iPhone.

LifeSource has launched their Blood Donor Mobile App that puts the power to support life in the palm of your hand.

The LifeSource Blood Donor Mobile App makes donating blood, plasma or platelets easier than ever. With just the tap of a finger, donors will be able to find ongoing blood drives and locate any of the 19 LifeSource donor centers throughout Chicagoland. The app will send appointment reminders, allow donors to check their BL Rewards points, track health data in their Wellness Profile, and share donation activities with friends on social media.

The app tracks the number of donations and provides dates of



eligibility for a donor's next donation. Another feature is the "Invite-a-Friend" button, which allows a donor to recruit friends to Be the Giving Type, encouraging them to donate blood. Cholesterol levels, blood pressure, pulse and hemoglobin results from their previous donations are also instantly available.

Features of the app include:

- Find local blood drives and donation centers quickly and easily
- Convenient, easy appointment scheduling and rescheduling
- Manage contact preferences
- Keep track of your blood donations (whole blood, plasma, platelets)
- Receive appointment reminders
- Get in touch with LifeSource Donor Services

Donors can download the free LifeSource Blood Donor Mobile App by visiting the Apple App Store on their mobile phones. The LifeSource Blood Donor Mobile App for Android is coming soon.

Hey Kids! Be a Fire Safety Super Hero

This is your chance to be a super hero. Join us at this year's Homewood Fire Department's Open House Saturday, October 10. Test your super hero skills in a fire safety obstacle course designed for kids ages 3 – 8. Earn your Fire Safety Super Hero Certificate by

completing a series of super hero activities.

Please note the change in the day of the week for the open house. This year's event will be held on Saturday, October 10. This is a change from the long standing Sunday event day. The time for the open house remains the same, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Each year the fire department opens its doors to the community to provide residents with a look at the workings of the fire department. All types of firefighting and medical equipment are on display during the event. Visitors can meet with fire fighters and have their questions



answered about the mysteries of fire suppression. Families can learn the importance of having a pre-plan for all types of emergencies. Kids and their families can practice various life safety skills. As a special bonus this year, fire fighters will be cooking hot dogs and other treats for visitors.

Of special interest this year will be a live burn demonstration of the effectiveness of home sprinkler systems. In addition to the live burn, firefighters will demonstrate how they go about extricating injured patients from vehicles.

Please join us on Saturday, October 10!

Change Your Smoke Detector?

When was the last time you actually changed your smoke detector? If it's been more than 10 years since you installed your smoke detector, the time to change it is now!

Everyone knows that the batteries in their smoke detector should be tested once a month and replaced twice a year. Did you realize that fire safety experts at the National Fire Protection Association say that a smoke detector's life span is about 10 years? After that, a detector

should be replaced.

Here are some more reminders about smoke detectors and home safety:

Safety tips

- Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is



working.

- There are two kinds of alarms. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use both types of alarms in the home.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep

smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.

- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan
- Keep track of how long you have had your smoke detector by writing the date of purchase inside of the smoke detector's cover.

September is National Preparedness Month

This September is National Preparedness Month. National Preparedness Month is a nationwide, month-long effort to encourage households, businesses, and communities to prepare and plan for emergencies.



How can you prepare? One of the best ways is to be self-sufficient following an emergency. Your pre-planning and preparations will take the pressure off of first-responders

Being prepared come down to three simple steps:

Be Informed – Have a working weather radio in your home. Change the batteries in the radio when you change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Put an emergency information app on your smart phone. FEMA, the Red Cross and



other emergency agencies have apps available for download. Heed emergency warnings when they are transmitted.

Make a Plan – Sit down with your family and create an emergency plan. Decide where to shelter in your house if there is a storm or tornado. Assign an outside meeting place if you have a house fire. If you or members of your family are

away from home during a damaging storm, be sure everyone knows,

by heart, the phone number of an emergency contact out of the area. Everyone should call the contact to report they are safe.

Build a Kit – A major part of emergency planning is to have created a kit with the things you and your family and your pets will need in the event of a disaster. Your supply kit should contain essential food, water and supplies for at least three days. Keep this kit in a designated place and have it ready in case you have to leave your home quickly. Make sure all family members know where the kit is kept. Emergency supply list are available at ready.gov.

Preparedness is a shared responsibility that takes input and work from the whole community. A resilient community is

one that's prepared for an emergency and that preparation can't be done solely by local officials. It takes individuals, families, business, schools, faith-based organizations, and community-based organizations getting involved and joining together.

For more information about emergency preparedness, go to: ready.gov.



Halloween Safety Reminders

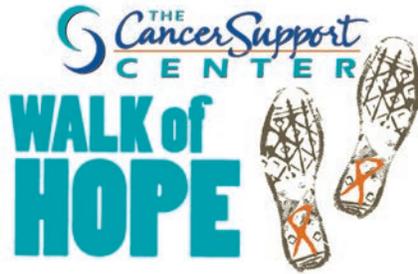
The season of ghosts and goblins will soon be upon us. The reminders below will help you and your family have a happy and safe Halloween

- S** Swords, knives, and other costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
- A** Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- F** Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- E** Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
- H** Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. Always walk and don't run from house to house.
- A** Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.
- L** Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.
- L** Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- O** Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- W** Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
- E** Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
- E** Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Never accept rides from strangers.
- N** Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Cancer Support Center's Annual Walk of Hope Steps Off Sunday, October 4, 2015

The Cancer Support Center hosts its annual Walk of Hope on Sunday, October 4, 2015, location to be announced. The walk is brought to you by Title Sponsor, Cancer Treatment Center of America and Media Sponsor, 101.9 The Mix. Join The Center and over 1,000 community members in reminding those touched by a diagnosis that they do not walk alone.



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 firstgiving.com/cancersupportcenter/2015fallwalkofhope or call the Walk hotline at (708) 365-1201 for more information.

Registration fees include: Individuals (aged 15 and up) \$30; Children (aged 5 to 14) \$15; Kids under 5 are FREE! No pets, please! Enjoy a 1, 3, or 5-mile route through Homewood-Flossmoor. Games, food, and fun are free with registration fee. Compete in top fundraising prizes for Top Fundraising Individual, Top Family

& Friends, the Janine Toth Spirit of Hope Award for the Top Overall Fundraising Team, Top Business/Organization, Top School and new this year, Super Survivor and Top Fundraising Youth.

“When I think about The Cancer Support Center, I think in the terms ‘hope’ and ‘inspiration,’” said Maureen, a Cancer Support Center participant. “We walk united, arm in arm, one for all, all for one, every year because it has inspired all of us to continue our fight against this disease and the prognosis. Victory is in numbers and each year we get to walk is viewed as a victory.”

For over 20 years, The Cancer Support Center’s mission has been to give strength, guidance and support to anyone living with a cancer diagnosis, as well as to their loved ones. The Center is a community-based,



volunteer-driven, donor-supported organization. Programs, resources and services are always delivered by professional therapists, counselors, nutritionists, and experts and are provided in a warm, welcoming and nurturing setting at no cost to

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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.

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