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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

MARCH

St. Joseph Fish Fry
Every Friday
March 7, 14, 21, 28
April 4, 11 | 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM
St. Joseph Parish Gym
17949 Dixie Highway
Sponsored by St. Joseph Parish

Health Fair
Sunday, March 23 | 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
James Hart Junior High School
18220 Morgan Street
(708) 799-5544
Sponsored by Rotary and Ingalls Health System

APRIL

Spring for Homewood Schools Eighth Annual Fundraising Event
Saturday, April 12 | 6:30 PM to 11:30 PM
Ravisloe Country Club
18231 South Park Avenue
Sponsored by Foundation 153

Homewood Baseball Parade and Opening Day
Saturday, April 19 | 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Ridge Road to Izaak Walton
Little League Baseball Field
Sponsored by Homewood Baseball League

H-F Park District's Earth Day Celebration
Saturday, April 26 | 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Irons Oaks Vollmer Road lot
Sponsored by HF Park District

2013 Vehicle Stickers & Pet Tags Expire
Tuesday, April 1

MAY

H-F Park District Annual Park Pride Day
Saturday, May 3
8:30 AM park work begins at area parks
11:00 AM lunch at Irwin Park
Sponsored by H-F Park District

Homewood's Annual Rail Heritage Days
Saturday, May 17 | 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
HF Auditorium
2010 Chestnut Road
Sponsored by the Village of Homewood

Homewood's Farmers Market
Saturday, May 24
through October 11 | 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Village Hall
2020 Chestnut Road
Sponsored by the Village of Homewood

Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony
Monday, May 26 10:30 AM
Dixie Highway to Veterans Memorial Park
(Harwood Avenue and Olive Road)

SUMMER PREVIEW

Art and Garden Street Fair (Two Day Festival)
Friday, June 13 | 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Saturday, June 14 | 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Martin Avenue (Ridge Road to Hickory)
Sponsored by the Village of Homewood & Downtown Homewood Business Association

Starry Night Concert Series Begins
Save the dates for Thursdays
June 19, July 3 and July 24.

Drivin' the Dixie
Saturday, June 21
Historic Dixie Highway
(starts in Blue Island)
Sponsored by Homewood Heritage Committee

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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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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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Richard A. Hofeld
Village President

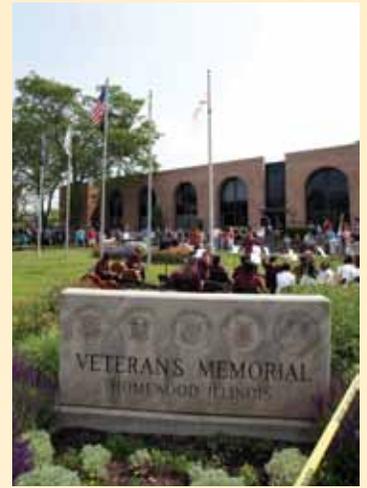
As winter winds down and spring is on the horizon, it couldn't come sooner for most of us. This was the winter that seemed to never end.

The Public Works Department, in an average year, will be called out 20 times. This past winter, however, is one for the record books. Through January, they had already been called out over 20 times. Our snow and ice removal budget, which includes materials / chemicals, labor costs and, overtime (it always seems to snow on week-ends, holidays and evenings!) is almost \$400,000! This cost is funded through the State's allocation of motor fuel tax (MFT) which you and I pay at the gas pump. These MFT dollars (which are also used for street and sidewalk repair) are gathered by the state and

dispensed on a per-capita basis to each community. Thus, the more snow removal monies that are spent, the less monies that are available for street repaving.

Hopefully the worst of winter is behind us; it's only a few weeks until baseball season begins. Once again we have endured and survived Mother Nature's dose of winter.

On another note, in honor of our veterans, both current and those who are no longer with us, speakers have been installed and "Taps" is played each evening at sunset at our Veterans Memorial. Additionally, each Sunday the playing of "Taps" is preceded by a recording of "The Last Post," the song from which it is believed "Taps" was derived. Stop by on a Sunday evening at sunset and you will hear the notes of "Taps" in



this beautiful melody. This tribute has been funded through a generous donation by the Ryan-Tews Funeral Homes and the Wally Burns Chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. I am very appreciative of their support for this tribute.

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HALL OF FAME

Do you know of a resident who should be in the Homewood Hall of Fame? Nominate someone today!

In 2003, the Heritage Committee developed Homewood's Hall of Fame to recognize individuals who have made significant and beneficial contributions to the life and well-being of the Village of Homewood over a span of time. Nominees may be individuals, married couples, or an entire family. The deadline to submit a nomination is May 30. Honorees will be announced in September

and the Induction Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, October 26 at Calumet Country Club.

Nomination Guidelines:

- Please submit only one nomination at a time. The Heritage Committee will select the inductees from among the eligible nominees. The Committee has the option, from time to time, to nominate an inductee of their own choosing.
- Complete the application, found online (homesweethomewood.com), or at Village Hall.
- Please submit qualifications, dates of service, and other rationale/proof of merit, such as newspaper articles, certificates, letters of recognition, awards, etc.
- Include a photograph of the nominee. The photograph may be returned upon request. A digital image head shot is preferred.
- The application must be received

by Friday, May 30. Submit electronically to rcjones@homesweethomewood.com; or mail packet to the Village of Homewood/Heritage Committee, 2020 Chestnut Road, Homewood, IL 60430.

• Inductees and their sponsors will be notified by mail of the final selection. Hall of Fame honorees will be announced in the Fall issue of the Village Key (September).

Past Hall of Fame Inductees:

(2005) Gerald and Elaine Egdorf, Fred H. Gold, Judith Byer Mostovoy, Mitchell Overgaard, and Jim Wright; (2006) Marvin Austin, Arnold Becker, Dr. Wilhelm Doepf, Jabez C. Howe, Sr., and

William F. Mahar, Sr.; (2007) Joseph A. Klauk, John T. Doody Jr., Rev. Joseph T. Ledwell, August Steiner, and Patricia van Melle; (2008) Edward and Margaret Boivin, Walter Gleason, Manny and Judy Hoffman,

and Norman Kranz; (2009) Father Stephen Sullivan, Arthur Welsh, Richard R. Casey, James and Nellie Cowing, and Drs. Bertram and Mary Woodland; (2010) Bob Alf, Henry W.C. Gottschalk, Tom

Brabec, Aurelio Family, Nicholas W. Kuhn and Brian Carey; (2012) Henry Stolzenbach, Mable Murphy, William and Eleanor Steiner, Kataras Family, Denny and Karen Schillings.

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
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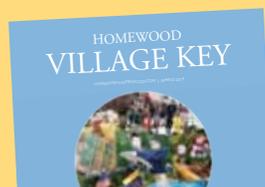
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Exciting New Direction for Homewood's Farmers Market!

When the Homewood Farmers Market opens on Memorial Day weekend this year, residents will notice some exciting new changes. With over 30 years of continuous operation, the Homewood Market is one of the oldest and best-established markets in all of Chicagoland. Over the years, the Market has occupied a variety of locations in downtown Homewood and experienced several changes in sponsorship, most recently as part of Bensidoun USA Inc's network of French-styled outdoor markets. In 2014, the Homewood Market returns to Village oversight, and will be managed by Homewood resident and 6-year market vendor, Kate Duff.

"We're returning to our roots as a traditional farmers market," says Duff. "Our customers have told us what they value most about the market: fresh, local produce that they can purchase directly from the growers; a variety of unique and high quality food items from cheese to bread to jam to salsas and sauces; a fun, welcoming atmosphere where they can chat with their neighbors and find out what's happening around town. So that's what we intend to deliver. We have an established vendor base, and our goal is to build upon that base to bring even more of what customers want to the Farmers Market."

Rachael Jones, Publicity Manager for the Village of Homewood, says, "Over the past couple of years, we've been integrating the Farmers Market into our overall special events program, and with a local manager we'll be able to coordinate those efforts more efficiently. You can look forward to live music and free family entertainment every week, and of course the popular Touch of Green environmental program will



HOMWOOD FARMERS MARKET



be back, with electronic recycling, paper shredding, and more."

Vendors are looking forward to the new focus, too. Dominic Senese is the owner of Sonoma Farm, a market favorite selling gourmet olive oils, vinegars, giardiniera, and other condiments. "We're glad to be coming back for another season in Homewood," he says. "We hope moving to a farmers market will allow us to introduce our products to an even larger clientele."

In addition to recruiting new vendors, Duff is looking for more

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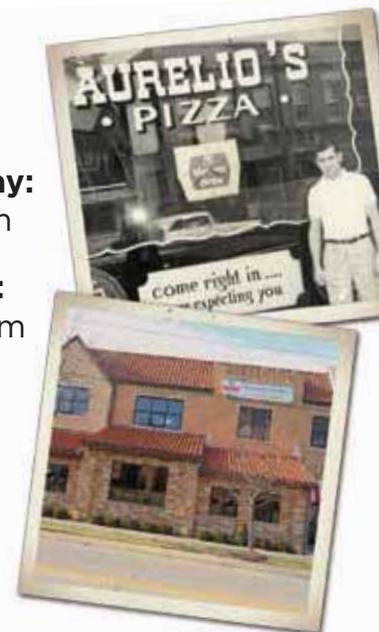
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involvement from local businesses and community groups. A new feature of the Market, called "Your Community...At The Market" will reserve space each week for local non-profits and other community groups, providing them with a venue to connect with their audience and benefit from added exposure to the community. Local

business owners can use the Market to promote their business, through exhibit space and sponsorship opportunities.

The opening day of the Farmers Market will herald the start of the gardening season in Homewood. Market-goers will find a full range of unique and heritage vegetable starter plants, hanging baskets,

annuals and perennials, and even advice from local expert gardeners.

The Homewood Farmers Market will run from Saturday, May 24 through Saturday, October 11, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, in the Homewood Village Hall parking lot at 2020 Chestnut Road.



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Local merchants support our baseball teams, fundraisers, and together—with doors open—showcase the character of our town.

Many of our local businesses support community events and give generously throughout the year to local service groups and school/sport programs. Below are the merchants that comprise the Downtown Homewood Business Association. Make sure you stop in and say thanks by spending your dollars at these neighborhood staples.

- Anjel's Boutique
- Arbor Eyecare
- Art4Soul
- Art Corner
- Aurelios Pizzeria
- Cancer Support Center
- Choices Brokerage
- Duos - Nearly Nu
- Edward Douglas Salon

- Rudolph Famers Insurance
- Global Fusion
- Grady's Grille
- Homewood Florist
- Illinois Small Business Development Center @ GSU
- Kirschner Vision Group
- MB Financial
- Melody Mart
- Mitchell's Soda Shop
- Nathalie's Interiors
- Padgett Business Services
- Reflections Yoga Center
- Ridgewood Tap
- South Suburban Family Shelter
- Suzie's Hallmark
- Twisted Q BBQ
- Village Artists
- Village Door
- World of Enrichment

Find out more about Girls Night Out events, discount days, sidewalk sales and more at dhba.biz

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT



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WORLD OF ENRICHMENT CLUBS ARE BRINGING MANY AMAZING BENEFITS TO CHILDREN

Joining a club at World of Enrichment can be intellectually rewarding as well as a great place to socialize and make new friends. Here are some important benefits for enrolling your child in one of our new Clubs:

One great reason for your child to join a club is to get out and do something. When we were school aged children, we spent a lot of time outside, as a general rule. We ran the neighborhood with our friends. Times have changed. Multiple new inside attractions such as numerous cable TV channels, video games, and computers and the internet are keeping kids inside.

Studies show that children who spend only a couple of hours per week in extracurricular after-school activities are significantly less likely to drop out of school, use tobacco, alcohol or drugs, and become teen parents. Spending 5-19 hours per week in after-school activities reduced the risk even further!

It is important that these activities aren't just time wasters, but are programs that help children develop skills and values and provide them with experiences that mean something to them.

Meet People/Make Friends.

A club can give your child added opportunities to meet new people and make friends with someone who shares his or her interests. Even within a club, children with similar interests can be very different, giving your child the opportunity to learn to interact with people of all backgrounds.

Learn New Skills.

Children who participate in a variety of activities are introduced to new skills and given a chance to develop them. As children realize they "can do," their self-confidence grows.

Learn Teamwork.

Many activities require children to work together toward a common goal. Whether they're trying to win a game or complete a project, children learn to work as a team.

Plain Old Fun!

Whatever the focus, children participate because they enjoy the activities, and sometimes fun is as good a reason as any other to join a club.

Visit worldofenrichment.com for more info and to enroll your child in WOE Clubs to start experiencing these amazing benefits!

- Brick Builders Club
- Chess Club
- Loom Club

(source: kidsclubs.about.com/od/joinclub/a/whyjoin.htm)

SPRING HAPPENINGS

March

ST. JOSEPH FISH FRY

Every Friday during Lent
4:30 PM to 5:30 PM
St. Joseph Parish Gym,
17949 Dixie Highway

Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Saint Joseph's annual Fish Fry. (Read about the history of the Fish Fry on page 17.) Over the years, the St. Joseph Fish Fry has become a community-wide event. People come from all over to eat and socialize, and catch up with one another. Every Friday during Lent, the St. Joseph Athletic Association sponsors a fish fry as the primary fundraiser for the sport programs offered at St. Joseph. The Fish Fry assists with containing the cost of athletic equipment, uniforms, rental space, and athletic fees. There are split-the-pots and raffles every evening. The menu is second to none and affordable: All-you-can-eat, hand-breaded Alaskan Pollock fish dinner with curly fries, coleslaw, roll and dessert at \$9.00 per person; child \$6.00; Seniors \$7.00 from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Back by popular demand Catfish Nugget dinner and the 8 piece Shrimp Dinner for \$9.00. For the pasta lovers, there is a spaghetti dinner that includes coleslaw, roll and a dessert for \$5.00, Mac-&-Cheese for \$5.00 and curly fries for \$3.00. A premium beer selection from Flossmoor Station, wine, coffee, milk water, and pop are also available. At the last Fish Fry enjoy roll back prices from 1989, fish dinners \$6.00 and spaghetti for \$3.50. If you can't stay...no worries, there are to-go options as well!

NERF® WARS

Tuesday, March 25
Age 5-8 | 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Age 9-12 | 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Age 13-16 | 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
HFPD Auditorium
Sponsored by the Homewood-Flossmoor
Park District

The ultimate in Nerf fun as you battle, diving behind padded barricades and take your team to victory!



Teams of 4-5 are encouraged to have creative battle gear in the quest for ultimate pride. Teams must be ready at the start time of their age bracket to go over safety rules of the double elimination tournament. Teams must bring their own Nerf gun and ammo. Safety glasses will be provided. Registration deadline is Friday, March 21 at 5:00 PM. Please register the entire team name. Team Fee: \$40 R / \$60 NR.

April

ADULT FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 5 | 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Irons Oaks, Vollmer Road lot
Sponsored by the Irons Oaks Foundation

It's an egg hunt for adults! Search the forest by flashlight for hidden eggs. Every egg includes a prize! Egg hunt followed by wine tasting hosted by Aged 2 Perfection. This event is a fundraiser for the Irons Oaks Foundation, which supports the Irons Oaks Center. Call (708) 481-2330 to register or for more information. Age: 21+. Fee: \$15/person or \$12/person for Irons Oaks Foundation members

HOMEWOOD SCHOOLS SPRING AUCTION

Saturday, April 12 | 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM
Ravisloe Country Club, 18231 Park Ave
Foundation153.org

Foundation 153 presents its 8th annual fundraiser and auction for Homewood Schools. The Foundation's mission is to enrich students and teachers through funding educational experiences beyond the school district's reach. Support Foundation 153 by attending their "Spring for Homewood Schools" fundraiser. Purchase your early bird ticket of \$45.00, at the door \$50.00.



FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT

Friday, April 11 | 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Irons Oaks
Sponsored by the Homewood-Flossmoor
Park District

Try this twist on the traditional egg hunt—a trail of goody-filled eggs that have been left in the forest at Irons Oaks. Bring your flashlight and find some of those eggs to take home. We'll decorate a unique basket first then head outside to find the eggs. This program is designed for kids ages 3-8. All children will find eggs! Please register by April 10. Fee: \$10 R / \$15 NR.

LUCKY EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 19 | 10:00 AM
Irwin Park
Sponsored by Family Video and the
Homewood-Flossmoor Park District

As the sirens sound on the Homewood Fire Truck, a special guest will arrive to start this year's Lucky Egg Hunt for ages 6 and under. Bring your basket to collect eggs. Try to find the Lucky Eggs that give you an extra prize! Mom and Dad, don't forget your camera as pictures with the bunny will be available after the hunt. Rain Location: H-F Sports Complex.

GREAT DOG EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 19 | 10:30 AM
Irwin Park
Sponsored by the Homewood-Flossmoor
Park District

Egg hunting has gone to the dogs! Dash around Irwin Park with your dog to collect treat-filled eggs and help your dog sniff out a spotted egg to win a gift basket! Line up early: the hunt will be over in a flash, then a special visitor will stop by to shake paws. Families and all friendly dogs are welcome at this free, on-leash event. Dog owners under the age of 12 should be accompanied by an adult. Rain location: H-F Sports Complex grass lot.



HOMEWOOD BASEBALL'S 63RD SEASON OPENING

Saturday, April 19
Parade starts 11:00 AM
Irwin Park

Homewood Baseball & Softball is once again looking forward to warmer weather and Opening Day of Baseball & Softball season! We'll follow tradition with the parade leading off from Irwin Park at 11:00 AM and all teams progressing East on Ridge Road to Izaak Walton for our Opening Day Ceremonies, first pitch and first games.

Part of the tradition of Homewood Baseball & Softball is parent involvement. Parents volunteer to run concessions, clean-ups, help with field preparations and other necessary functions that help make Homewood Baseball & Softball one of the best programs around!

Parents who were once players are now board members, league presidents, stand directors, commissioners or coaches who are now leading their children in the excitement of practices, games and new friendships! Whether you're a parent or grandparent, aunt or uncle, or even a resident whose children have played in years past or are just beginning to play, we invite you to join us! From T-Ball through Babe Ruth & Seniors, and everything in between, Homewood Baseball and Softball is where the action is! Be part of the tradition!

EARTH DAY AT THE OAKS

Saturday, April 26 | 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Irons Oaks Vollmer Road lot
Sponsored by the Homewood-Flossmoor
Park District

Celebrate Earth Week with Irons Oaks! Climb on a tower as tall as a maple tree, learn about our amazing planet with our friends from Mad Science and visit our Discovery Museum. Lend a hand and help us remove garlic mustard, and then enjoy a hot dog by the fire. There are plenty of family friendly activities to help you celebrate Mother Earth. Visit ironsoaks.com for full details.





May

MOM AND SON GAME NIGHT

Friday, May 2 | 6:30 PM to 8:45 PM
Irons Oaks

Sponsored by the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District

Join us for this night of games, challenges, and lots of fun as mom and son (ages 6-12) participate in team-building group activities. After the games, we'll roast marshmallows around the campfire. We'll make sure to take some pictures (feel free to bring a camera as well). Dress for outside activities and games (weather permitting). For age 6 and older. Fee: \$18 R / \$27 NR per pair; \$5 R / \$10 NR per additional child.

28TH ANNUAL PARK PRIDE DAY

Saturday, May 3
8:30 AM park work begins at Area Parks
11:00 AM lunch at Irwin Park

Sponsored by the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District

Join in the fun as hundreds of volunteers join together once a year to beautify their parks for summer use. We'll plan the work to be done, while you provide the manpower. All volunteers get a free t-shirt and lunch at Irwin Park, provided by area businesses. Get outside and socialize with your family, friends and neighbors- make it a party! Park Pride Day is a great opportunity for kids, scout groups, churches and other service organizations to give back to their community. So grab your garden gloves and head to your favorite park to be part of a great day! For more information call 708-957-0300.

NATIVE PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 10 | 9:00 AM to 12:00PM
Irons Oaks

Discover the economics of planting green this spring! Iron Oaks is your place to get locally sourced and grown native plants that enhance the beauty of any landscape and flower bed, while requiring less water and less daily care. A wide variety of plants shrubs and trees will be available this year. Don't miss out! To preorder, stop in or call 708-481-2330. Visit ironsoaks.com for a complete plant and price list.

GRANDPA'S GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 10 | 9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Lions Club Pool Parking Lot

Sponsored by the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District

It's Garage Sale time! Clean out your attic, closets and basement and rent a space at this popular community-wide sale. Avoid the hassle of running an ad, putting up signs and cleaning the garage. Leave the details to us! Pre-registration is required for this sell-out event. Note: Sellers provide their own table and set up. This event is rain or shine, there will be no rain location or rain date and no refunds will be issued. Seller's Fee: \$22 R / \$33 NR.

RAIL DAYS 2014: NEW DAY!

Saturday May 17 | 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
HFPD Auditorium, 2010 Chestnut

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The event has moved to Saturday so the entire family won't miss out on Rail Day's special guest: CN's Lil Obie, a flatcar caboose that travels the streets of downtown Homewood with music and bubbles for all to enjoy. Also, come out for story hour and meet Homewood's favorite train conductor. Visit the kid zone and make your own tracks with train sets, or see layouts and equipment displays including LEGO and vintage layouts. The 11th annual event will include a wide variety of vendors featuring model train layouts, antiques, historic items and train accessories. A new interactive area for kids features three model Lionel train layouts for them to drive, plus the opportunity to ride on Lil Obie, a scale model of a Canadian National locomotive that comes with a flatcar and a caboose. Attendees can also visit Homewood's Rail Watching Platform, Rail Park, and the public art exhibits in the METRA pedway tunnel. For information on this year's "Railroad Heritage Days," visit homesweethomewood.com, or call (708) 798-3000.

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The 21-week season will start Saturday, May 24. It is in its 32nd year, and considered one of the longest running markets in Chicagoland! Enjoy the freshest produce, flowers, baked goods, and new vendors from Indiana and Michigan. Enjoy the scheduled entertainment every Saturday: music, kid projects, and the popular Touch of Green events.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Monday, May 26 | 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Step-off at St. Joseph Church

We may look at Memorial Day as the official kick off to summer, but let us not forget it is a day to honor those fallen soldiers serving our country and protecting our freedoms. The Homewood Memorial Day Parade is coordinated by the Wally Burns Memorial Post 8077 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (Homewood). The Parade route is from St. Joseph Parish Parking lot, on Dixie Highway, to Veterans Park, located on Harwood Avenue and Olive Road, across from Aurelio's Pizza.

Mark Your Calendars
Summer Preview

ART AND GARDEN STREET FAIR

Friday, June 13 | 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Saturday, June 14 | 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Downtown Homewood, Martin Avenue and Ridge Road

Village of Homewood and Downtown Homewood Business Association



GreenThumb Saturdays

Homewood's Green Thumb Saturdays program will continue its award winning presentations starting in February 2014. Green Thumb Saturdays is a free program sponsored by the Village of Homewood's Tree Committee and the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Program. The monthly presentations are on various gardening and sustainable living topics and are held Saturdays at 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM in the Village Hall Council Chambers at 2020 Chestnut Road in Homewood.

How To Programs:

- Under-Used Annuals | April 12
- Body Smart Gardening | May 10
- All About Bees | June 14
- Soils | July 12
- Bulbs | August 9
- Lasagna Gardening | September 13

The 2013 series brought two awards for the program. The Master Gardener Teamwork Award was presented by the University of Illinois Extension, at the 2013 Master Gardener Conference. Additionally, the International Society of Arboriculture presented the Gold Leaf Award in recognition of organizations that have a significant impact within their communities. Both awards are significant achievements, and the program is excited to continue this informative series.

The first presentation was held on February 22nd, with subsequent presentations continuing on the regularly scheduled second Saturday of the month. More information regarding Green Thumb Saturdays can be found at their Facebook page, at facebook.com/greenthumbsaturdays.

Residential Property Investment Increases in Homewood

by Paula J. Wallrich, Community Development Director



Home improvement is on the rise in Homewood! The Community Development Department issued 1,206 building permits in 2013, representing nearly a 20% increase from 2012. Permit issuance levels are approaching the levels experienced prior to the subprime mortgage crisis of 2008 (see graph below) Permits are being issued for projects ranging from a new fence and roof replacement to more significant improvements such as room additions, kitchen remodels or complete home renovations.

In addition to the continued investment of Homewood residents in the maintenance of their homes, this surge in permits also reflects an increasing trend in the purchase of foreclosed and vacant homes by new

residents, individual investors and residential real estate development companies looking to invest in our community. Vacant and foreclosed homes that have plagued the residential landscape across the nation represent a sound investment opportunity in Homewood.

SIEBERT GROUP

Ryan Siebert, manager of the Siebert Group, has purchased twenty-two homes in Homewood over the past 8 years for rehabilitation and resale. Business

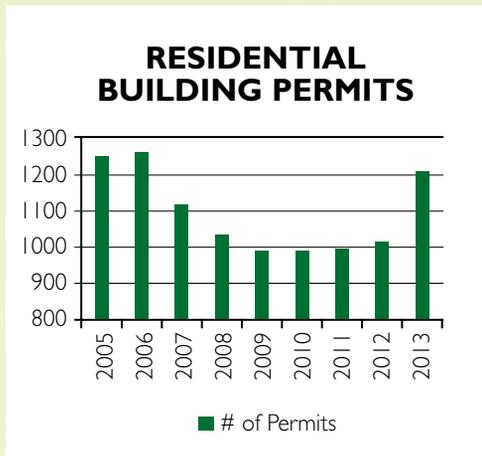
has really picked up over the past year with the successful improvement and sale of fourteen homes. Although Siebert works in several communities, his preference is for the Homewood area citing the 'development friendly' environment of the Village. "The Village staff understands what we are trying to do here; we are building value in the community," stated Siebert.

Max Kamienski, general contractor for the Siebert Group, works closely with village staff on permits and inspections. He appreciates the consistency of service and professionalism he has experienced during the renovation process. Max reports, "Homewood is such a desirable community, many of the homes are sold before the work is complete." Due to advance sales Siebert is often able to customize their rehabilitations to the needs of the new homebuyer. (Check out insidershowhomes.com for information on Homewood projects.)

DAVIDSON AND ASSOCIATES

On a smaller scale there is also an increasing trend of contractors that have realized the value in investing in Homewood. Contractors such as Bob Davidson of Davidson and Associates, who has purchased ten homes over the past 2 years for rehabilitation and resale.

Originally a custom home builder turned real estate appraiser, Bob realized his passion was for residential rehabilitations. He combined his real estate experience with his love of Homewood and has made this community his place of choice when buying and selling homes. "As a residential appraiser I understand the value that Homewood creates for the housing market. Access to easy transportation, great neighborhoods, community events



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Clark and Karen Forsythe built their dream home on a vacant lot on Homewood Avenue.

and quality schools all make Homewood an easy decision for me when buying and selling real estate.”

Davidson explains his success by “buying low and doing complete renovations, including granite countertop and stainless steel appliances. With a 90-day turn-around my ROI (return on investment) is significantly better in Homewood.”

CLARK AND KAREN FORSYTHE

Local residents are also cashing in on Homewood’s value as one of the premier communities in the south suburbs. Clark and Karen Forsythe, have lived in Homewood for 24 years. Last year, the Forsythe’s bought a vacant lot on Homewood Avenue to build their dream home. Working closely



Homewood residents Clark and Karen Forsythe

with their architect they designed a home that not only exceeded their expectations for functionality but was also a beautiful fit in the context of the neighborhood architecture.

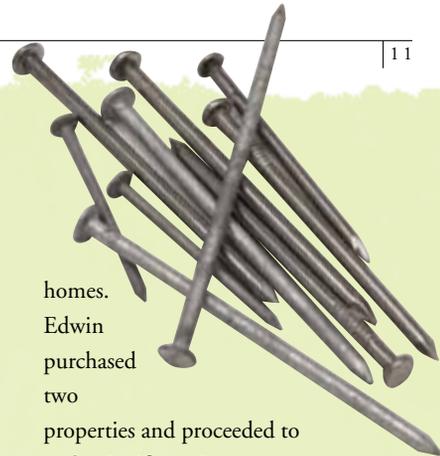
Karen is “thrilled to be here. We were able to include so many of our wants and needs in the design of this home.” Karen and Clark were already in love with this area of the village so that when the lot became available it was an easy decision to

move across town. “Even though we had put so much of ourselves into our home on Pierce Terrace, we were excited about designing our own home in the community we love,” explained Karen. “We have already planted fourteen trees on the property and are anxious for the warmer weather so that we can finish the landscape and enjoy our new neighborhood.”

EDWIN VALENTIN

Edwin Valentin has similar feelings about his neighborhood on Olive Road. A resident for twelve years, Edwin has purchased 3 homes on Olive Road in an effort to continue to build value in Homewood. Edwin has had many opportunities to move his wife and three children to other communities but he states “I am staying here. I love my neighborhood and I love Homewood. There are so many family activities, community events and sports for my children.” Edwin purchased his first home on Olive Road in 2000. He completely gutted and remodeled the home for his family.

Last year, when he noticed some foreclosures on his street he decided he wanted to protect the investment he and his neighbors have made in their



homes. Edwin purchased two properties and proceeded to make significant improvements to each of them. His wife was so impressed with his work on one of the homes, they have decided to move across the street when Edwin is finished with his work. When asked about his long term plans Edwin states “I am going to keep on going. I bought commercial properties as well this year and after remodeling them I have sold one and moved into the other. I am going to continue to invest in my community, not only for my children but my grandchildren as well.”



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PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

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Village To Replace All Water Meters

Residents have received notices about the village-wide water meter replacement project to improve efficiency and move toward a monthly water bill. The replacement of the water meter is free-of-charge for residents and participation is required. Residents must make an appointment with the Village's contractor, United Meters, Inc. to have the new meter installed once they have received notification.

The project will take several months to complete. The Village has sub-contracted with United Meters, Inc. of Morris, IL, a licensed, bonded and insured plumbing contractor, for the complete installation of the new meters and the corresponding communication device.

"The purpose of the Water Meter Replacement Program is to replace the majority of the 6,700 water meters within the Village

as they are over 20 years old and have exceeded their useful life. The new technology will also move the Village toward a monthly water bill for residents rather than one every quarter. Many of our residents have inquired about switching to a monthly water bill and the new meter will make this possible by automatically transmitting readings to the Village. The new system will overall improve accuracy, customer service and efficiency for all," says Village Manager Jim Marino.

To schedule an appointment, contact UMI at (877) 533-8964. Appointments cannot be scheduled by calling the Village. Appointments will be available Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM and on Saturday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Appointments will be made in two-hour blocks. During installation, water service will need to be temporarily shut off. 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. Also, please be sure that your water meter is accessible for the installer.

In the event the emergency shut-off valve in front of the water meter is not working or missing, the homeowner is responsible for making any necessary repairs. Under Village Code, this part is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain. If the homeowner is unable to arrange a new valve install with a plumber, the Village has made available, at the property owner's expense, valve replacement installation through United Meters, Inc. at a cost of \$125 for a ½" or ¾" ball valve and \$140 for a 1" ball



valve. You will be notified at the time of the water meter installation if a new valve is required.

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. Each I.D. card is featured on the Village Web site for you to verify along with an image of their UMI-branded vehicle (a white van with a red and blue logo). If you are unsure about any suspicious activity please do not hesitate to contact the Police Department at (708) 206-3420.

Village of Homewood Forestry Department Receives SMA Accreditation

SMA Accreditation is the highest honor for municipal urban forestry programs, obtained by following a professional approach to tree care. SMA Accredited programs have a Certified Arborist on staff, have an approved Local Forest Master Plan, are Tree City USA growth award recipients, show private contract preference for accredited tree care companies, adhere to industry standards for safety and performance, and adhere to SMA's Code of Ethics.

SMA Board of Directors



member, Bob Benjamin congratulates Village President, Richard Hofeld for his leadership and that of the Public Works forestry staff for their outstanding efforts in the field of urban forestry.

With a growing appreciation for the value of green infrastructure, communities are taking steps to



Illinois Community Forester Jim Tresouthick.

maintain their trees, which unlike other parts of a city's infrastructure, actually increase in value. A healthy urban forest provides many benefits for cities, including

beautification, reduction of the urban heat island effect, reduction of storm water runoff, reduction of air pollution, reduction of energy costs through increased shade over buildings, enhancement of property values, improved wildlife habitat, and mitigation of overall urban environmental impact. In addition, research has shown that city trees can improve real estate values, attract shoppers, improve worker productivity, reduce crime, and improve children's school performance.

Public Works Employee to Offer Classes at Prairie State

Bryon Doerr is a horticulturist with the Landscape and Maintenance Division of Public Works. Under the direction of

Village Arborist Jim Tresouthick, Doerr is responsible for managing the Village's urban forestry, mitigating the loss of species, and

ensuring that the Village's trees are diverse and prosperous. Doerr will be teaching Landscape and Maintenance courses at Prairie State

College this spring.

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Don't Park on the Street Overnight Without It

Homewood ordinance prohibits any vehicle from parking on a Village street between the hours of 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM. Signs are posted at various gateways to Homewood's 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 a permit.

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

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 \$2.00 each and the license is valid for as long as the license holder owns the bike. The serial number on the bicycle is required. Registering your bike with the Village may be helpful in the event your bicycle is ever stolen.

17th Annual Diversity Dinners

Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 24, 2014 and save the date to attend a Diversity Dinner at 7:00 PM. On this evening area residents will be gathering in private homes to break bread together, share a delicious dinner and enjoy stimulating conversation.

Since the late 1990s, residents of Chicago's south suburban communities have gathered at homes throughout the region to celebrate its rich diversity. The Diversity Dinners bring people of different races, religions, ethnicities, lifestyles and age together to share a meal, discuss their common goals, understand differences, address misperceptions and offer solutions to strengthen our communities.

The dinners are free for both the dinner hosts and guests. The annual event is funded by contributions from local organizations, businesses and individuals. Although there is no charge for the dinner, each guest and host must register to participate. All guests must be over the age of 14, and the guests should be willing to go to the home assigned.

To obtain registration information, please visit the Web site at diversitydinners.com or contact Evelyn Sterling, Village of Park Forest at (708) 283-5621. The deadline for submitting both host and guest registrations is March 26, 2014.

We look forward to you joining area residents for a meaningful evening and to meet new friends.

Vehicle Stickers - Mail It In... Bring It In... Drop it in the Drop Box...

All current vehicle stickers, including Overnight Ban Exemption, Residential and Business will expire on April 30, 2014.

The 2014/2015 Vehicle sticker application should arrive in your mailbox after March 31. Vehicle stickers may be purchased by mail or in person at the Village Hall. A drop box, located street-side by the front door of the Village Hall, is also available for your convenience. Residents who purchased stickers last year will receive a pre-printed application in the mail. A return envelope is included for your convenience.

Please check the information on the application, making sure it

is correct, and return both halves with the appropriate payment in the return envelope. There is a non-shaded area on the application to make any needed corrections. Both halves of the application are needed for processing. Blank applications are available at the Village Hall.

Vehicle stickers should be on all vehicles beginning May 1. A late fee of \$25.00 will be assessed for stickers purchased on June 1 or later. Exceptions are new residents of 30 days or less, or vehicles purchased within the last 60 days. Proof of date is required. All vehicles that are registered or used in Homewood must have a current vehicle sticker.

Got a Pet... They Need a TAG

All dogs and cats six months of age or older are required to be licensed with 2014/2015 tags. A rabies vaccination certificate is

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

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 to 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 the Village of Homewood. Please do not send cash. Each voucher is payment for any qualifying one-way trip with a participating taxi company.

Monthly Parking Spots Available!

For those that work in Chicago and need a monthly parking spot—look no further! Spots may be available for monthly parking in the Village Hall Parking Lot. The monthly fee for Homewood residents is \$35.00, with a non-resident fee of \$50.00. Please contact the Village Hall at (708) 798-3000 for more information.

Heading Downtown and Need a Space to Park?

The Village Hall Parking Lot located at Chestnut Road and Harwood Avenue has 5 parking spaces and 2 senior parking spaces available most business days. Daily rent is \$2.00 a space per day. Senior parking is only for Homewood residents.



Residential Garage Sale FAQ's

- Sales are limited to two days per residence per year.
- A permit must be posted. The cost of the permit is \$2.00. Permits can be obtained at the Village Hall.
- No sale items can be located on sidewalks, streets or the parkway
- Signs posted within the public right-of-way must be on an arterial street leading into your subdivision or street where the sale is to be conducted.
- No more than one sign may be posted in front of the resident's home where the sale is being conducted.
- Signs shall not exceed four square feet in surface area and not exceed three feet in overall height from the ground to the top of the garage sale sign.
- Signs must be posted no earlier than the first sale date and removed within four hours after the final sale date. Each sign must have the exact date, address and permit number posted on the signs.
- Signs must be freestanding and not attached to any utility pole, street sign, structure or traffic control sign.
- No attention attracting devices such as pennants, streamers, balloons, inflatable shapes, banners, flashing lights or other illumination shall be attached to the garage sale signs or placed in the public right-of-way.
- Garage sale signs are prohibited from being placed at or on signalized stop light intersections within the Village of Homewood.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Adult Flashlight Egg Hunt

Looking for a fun and unique date night? Something different for a girls' evening out? How about an Easter Egg Hunt...for adults! The Irons Oaks Foundation will be hosting an Adult Flashlight Egg Hunt fundraiser at the Irons Oaks Environmental Learning Center on Saturday, April 5. The kids will have their fun later in the month, but first the adults (21+) get to search the forest for hidden eggs. Every egg includes a prize! Possible prizes include gift certificates from local eateries or businesses, 'adult' beverages, wine charms, and of course something sweet! After the hunt Aged 2 Perfection will be offering a wine tasting in the Discovery Center with the opportunity to purchase a bottle to take home.



The hunt begins at 8 PM in the Vollmer Road parking lot of the Irons Oaks facility (corner of Western Ave and Vollmer Road in Olympia Fields). Participants should bring their own baskets and flashlights. A prize will be given for the most creative basket.

Grab a friend or secure a babysitter, you won't want to miss this fun night out! Cost for the event is \$15 a person, or \$12 for Irons Oaks Foundation members. Pre-registration is required. Please call Irons Oaks at (708) 481-2330 to register or for more information.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Joseph Parish Fish Fry Celebrates Its 25th Anniversary

Winter is the time of year when Catholics participate in Lent, lasting for a period of approximately six weeks leading up to Easter Sunday. Lent is a period of fasting or giving up certain types of luxuries as a form of penitence. It is also a time of no meat on Fridays, where usually fish is consumed. The concept of Fish Fry dinners became very popular through the years, not exclusively to Catholics but with restaurants as well. Homewood's very own St. Joseph Parish is celebrating their 25th Anniversary for their Fish Fry, sponsored by the Athletic Association.

In 1987, over a pitcher of beer, members of the St. Joseph Athletic Association—Ted Ostrowski, Kevin Welsh, Frank Walker, and Ed Klen—were mulling through ideas for a fundraiser to help fund the association and the sports programs they supported. They cooked up the idea of a Fish Fry. After planning and one test run for 20 people, the first Friday Night Fish Fry was ready to commence...or so they thought. The doors opened and before 5:00 PM there was a line out the Parish Hall. The practice run did not prepare them for the amount of people who wanted the St. Joseph inaugural fish dinner. In the small outdated kitchen the cooks worked with 5 cook-top fryers, a stove that

caught on fire and circuit breakers that continued to pop. The Fish Fry was quickly becoming a calamity. The volunteers regrouped and came up with a plan to try and save the inaugural fish dinner. Volunteers gave free beer to calm the aggravated crowd while others went over to Tom's Restaurant, owned by Tom Kataras, to ask politely if they could use his kitchen to prepare the food for the St. Joseph Fish Fry, even though Tom was handling his own Fish Fry. Tom graciously let the cooks use his kitchen to make the fish dinners. Through the snowy alley the dinners were transported to the Parish Hall. Finally the night was over and many lessons learned. The Athletic Association came to the conclusion that before they were to attempt another Fish Fry many other things must be in place, like a new kitchen.

The team created a business plan and reviewed the concepts with Father Sayer and with much persuasion the Parish was going to have a new kitchen for the St. Joseph community to use. In 1988, funds were raised and Ostrowski, Welsh, Walker, Klen and other parish members worked many late nights on remodeling the 1959 kitchen, using the old garage as part of the expansion, and acquiring used kitchen appliances from restaurants

closing in the area. Volunteers installed new tile floors and walls, deep fryers, griddles, a dishwasher, a refrigerator, and a stove. In October of 1988, it was time to test the kitchen. The Athletic Association hosted a Chicken and Fish Fry dinner with a much more favorable outcome than the first Fish Fry. With the new amenities, the team was ready for another try at a Lenten Fish Fry.

For Lent 1989, the Athletic Association had more volunteers help create a workflow that is still used today. Tom and Mary Brauer created the front of the house (seating and guests) and Paul Yadron handled the back of the house (food preparation). There was mandatory training on Thursday nights for all the Friday night Fish Fry volunteers. The team determined how many people would have to work to pull off a successful Fish Fry: 54 volunteers. To acquire volunteers a requirement was implemented: for every sport your child participated in the parent would have to work 2 Friday Fish Fry shifts. Because of the popularity of the St. Joseph athletic programs, volunteers were abundant.

When the doors opened the volunteers were ready. The evening went off without a hitch! No fires in the kitchen, no dinners made at another location, and no disgruntled



customers. The wonderful tradition of St. Joseph Fish Fry was created and twenty-five years later it is still going strong. The Athletic Association serves over 450 dinners a night and the funds made during the annual Fish Fry dinners assist with the cost of athletic equipment, uniforms, rental space, and athletic fees.

The Fish Fry not only appeals to the St. Joseph Parish members, but to the Homewood community. Over the years, the St. Joseph Fish Fry has become a community-wide event. People come from all over to eat and socialize. The concept of a church gathering feels old-school and familiar. And yet, new faces and new friendships are made. Just as good friendships were made at the very first Fish Fry dinner, the good will continues and extends beyond the Parish Hall.

If you find yourself on one of these cold winter nights wanting some company, head over to St. Joseph's Parish Fish Fry. You are guaranteed a good meal, laughs and a sense of community.

A special thanks to Bob Major, Ted Ostrowski, Kevin Welsh, and Frank Walker for reminiscing about the history of the St. Joseph Fish Fry dinners.

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PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

St. James Hospital Donates Cardiac Monitor

The Homewood Fire Department recently received a twelve-lead cardiac monitor as a donation from St. James Hospital. The donation is valued at 60-thousand dollars. The other two cardiac monitors currently in use by the fire department will soon be upgraded to twelve-lead status.

The monitors improve the pre-hospital care and monitoring of cardiac patients while en route to a hospital for more advanced treatment.

Six New Part-time Employees Join Fire Department

The Fire Department has recently hired six new part-time firefighters. They are Justin Arndt, Nathan Ivetic, Joe Malik, Jason McCann, Jeff Taylor and Steve Tolley. Five of the new hires are currently certified as paramedics and the sixth is an EMT. By the end of March all six of the new employees will be certified by the State of Illinois as firefighters.

Fire Department to Host Blood Drive

The next Homewood Fire Department blood drive is scheduled for Saturday, May 10 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The drive will be held at the fire station located at 17950 Dixie Highway.

Those interested in donating blood can make an appointment by contacting Lt. Bill Wright at (708) 206-3405 or by e-mail at bwright@homesweethomewood.com. Walk-ins are welcome on the day of the event. For more information about the blood drive, check the fire department pages on homesweethomewood.com.

Home Fire Extinguishers Facts

1. What type of fire extinguisher is needed?

Different types of fires require different types of extinguishers. For example, a grease fire and an electrical fire require the use of different extinguishing agents to be effective and safely put the fire out. Basically, there are three different types of extinguishing agents useful in a home fire extinguisher. Most fire extinguishers display symbols to show the kind of fire on which they are to be used.

TYPES OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS



Class A extinguishers put out fires in ordinary combustible materials such as cloth, wood, rubber, paper, and many plastics.



Ordinary Combustibles



Class B extinguishers are used on fires involving flammable liquids, such as grease, gasoline, oil, and oil-based paints.



Flammable Liquids



Class C extinguishers are suitable for use on fires involving appliances, tools, or other equipment that is electrically energized or plugged in.



Electronic Equipment

You do not need separate extinguishers for each type of fire. There are multi-purpose

fire extinguishers—such as those labeled “B-C” or “A-B-C”—that can be used on two or more of the above type fires.

2. How do I use a fire extinguisher?

Using a fire extinguisher is a simple process if you just remember the word PASS:

- Pull the pin
- Aim at the base of the fire
- Squeeze the handle
- Sweep gently back and forth

For a short video on how to properly use a fire extinguisher, go to: homesweethomewood.com/FireSafety

3. Where should I place an extinguisher?

The most common places for a home fire extinguisher are in the kitchen and the garage. In homes where family members have a designated space for hobbies, it might also be a good idea to have an extinguisher in that area.

4. Use a fire extinguisher only if:

- You have alerted other occupants and someone has called the fire department;
- The fire is small and contained to a single object, such as a wastebasket;
- You are safe from the toxic smoke produced by the fire;
- You have a means of escape identified and the fire is not

between you and the escape route; and

- Your instincts tell you that it is safe to use an extinguisher.
- ### 5. Am I physically capable of using the extinguisher?

Some people have physical limitations that might diminish or eliminate their ability to properly use a fire extinguisher. People with disabilities, older adults, or children may find that an extinguisher is too heavy to handle or it may be too difficult for them to exert the necessary pressure to operate the extinguisher.

MAINTENANCE OF AN EXTINGUISHER

Fire extinguishers need to be regularly checked to ensure that:

- The extinguisher is not blocked
- The pressure is at the recommended level.
- All parts are operable and not damaged or restricted in any way.
- The outside of the extinguisher is clean.
- Shake dry chemical extinguishers once a month to prevent the powder from settling or packing.
- Immediately replace the extinguisher if it needs recharging or is damaged in any way.

New 2014 Safety Laws for Cell Phone Use

A law prohibiting driving while using handheld cell phones and similar electronic communications devices went into effect January 1, 2014. ‘Electronic communication device’ means an electronic device, including but not limited to a hand-held wireless telephone, hand-held personal digital assistant, or a portable or mobile computer, but does not include a global

positioning system or navigation system or a device that is physically or electronically integrated into the motor vehicle. A person may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device. This law also applies to texting and emailing while driving.

The electronic device cannot be used at any time when:

- Operating a motor vehicle
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Buckle Buddy is intended to aid in the reduction and prevention of unrestrained child passenger injuries and fatalities. If you see an unbuckled child, call 1 (888) 800-2642 and leave a message providing license plate number, date, vehicle description, city, and county. A law enforcement partner retrieves the vehicle owner's information and



sends out the information packet. Remember, if you see an unrestrained child please pull over to the side of the road to place the call or wait until you have reached your destination. If you feel a child is in imminent danger, please call 911.

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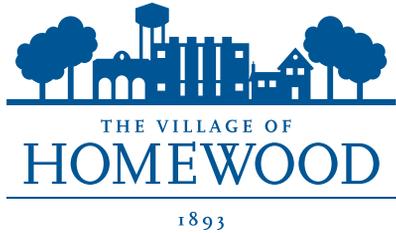


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