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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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## MARCH

**St. Joseph Fish Fry**  
Fridays, Now through March 27 | 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM  
St. Joseph Parish Gym,  
17949 Dixie Highway

**Indoor Farmers Market**  
Saturday, March 28 | 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
Village Board Room, 2020 Chestnut Road  
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## APRIL

**2015/2016 Vehicle Stickers and Pet Tags Available**  
Wednesday, April 1

**Consolidated General Election**  
Tuesday, April 7

**Spring for Homewood Schools Dinner and Auction**  
Saturday, April 11 | 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM  
Idlewild Country Club  
*Sponsored by Foundation 153*

**Homewood Baseball Parade and Opening Day**  
Saturday, April 18 | 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Little League Baseball Field, Ridge Road to Izaak Walton  
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**H-F Park District's Earth Day Celebration**  
Saturday, April 18 | 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Irons Oaks, Vollmer Road Lot  
*Sponsored by HF Park District*

**Village vehicle stickers and parking stickers expire**  
April 30 (late fee assessed June 1st)

**Indoor Farmers Market**  
Saturday, April 25 | 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
Village Board Room, 2020 Chestnut Road  
*Sponsored by the Village of Homewood*

## MAY

**Homewood's Annual Rail Heritage Day**  
Saturday, May 16 | 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
HF Auditorium, 2010 Chestnut Road  
*Sponsored by the Rail Committee*

**Homewood's Farmers Market**  
Saturdays, May 23 through October 10 | 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Village Hall Parking Lot, 2020 Chestnut Road  
*Sponsored by the Village of Homewood*

**Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony**  
Monday, May 25 | Step-off at 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 12 and Saturday, June 13 | 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM  
Martin Avenue (Ridge Road to Hickory)  
*Sponsored by the Village of Homewood and Downtown Homewood Business Association*

**Drivin' the Dixie**  
Saturday, June 20  
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.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**  
Richard A. Hofeld

**VILLAGE CLERK**  
Maryilyn Thomas

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Richard A. Hofeld  
Village President

Last January I lost my beautiful black Lab, Lori. Some of you may remember having seen her on our early morning walks (and her swims) at the Izaak Walton Preserve. She was my buddy, accompanying me on Saturdays to the Village Hall when the offices were closed for normal business on holiday weekends. On occasion she accompanied me to various committee meetings that I attended; she was always the perfect lady, gently greeting everyone, looking to be petted and relishing the attention paid to her. All of her svelte 125 pounds set her tail in motion to greet everyone, especially other



dogs, regardless of size. Everyone was her friend. She had been diagnosed with cancer in October and three months later it overcame her. For those of us who are pet lovers we understand how our dogs and cats are family, and the worst day of a pet owner's life is when we have to make that decision to "put them to sleep." Lori was a nine year old extra-large, lovable Lab whom we had adopted from a shelter less than three years ago. Although we had her only a relatively short time, she was the perfect dog: never a day's trouble, only bringing

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## President's Message

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joy, love and happiness into our house where she lived with our two remaining rescued Labs, Ruby and Annie. Pet owners know that there are certain pets, who because of their nature are particularly "special," Lori was that.

Marilyn and I have rescued twelve dogs over the years, all of them very loving and each with their own personality. Some are very independent, others more loving. Some are "big goofs," others more reserved and laid-back. Lori was the latter. I swear she could read your mind. And when she laid her head on your knee and looked at you with her loving eyes, the bond between human and dog was never to be broken.

As her condition worsened

we took care of her, and as her appetite waned Marilyn lovingly fed her the "people food" that she would eat: scrambled eggs, pasta and chicken soup. When the final visit to the vet took place—that final visit that all pet lovers so dread—she drifted off to sleep. I can't help but feel that sometimes we are more humane with animals than we are with humans.

Usually my letter in this space is more newsy, upbeat and informative, so please forgive me in that this is so personal, and more understood and heartfelt by those of us who have experienced this loss. Our pets are family. They only give love and leave us with long-lasting beautiful memories. Unfortunately, they never live long enough.

## BOARD, COMMISSION & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Appearance Commission  
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 Cable TV Commission  
 Committee of the Whole  
 Community Relations Commission  
 Economic Development Committee  
 Fire and Police Commission  
 Heritage Committee  
 Homewood Council for the Arts  
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**What are people saying about you?** From Facebook: “Best Bakery around, exceptionally good authentic British recipes and exceptionally good US favorites too,” and “I took one bite of the chocolate caramel tart with fresh raspberries on top and let me tell you I almost fainted from the



tantalizing taste.”

### Why did you chose Homewood?

A great town, progressive, great potential with an excellent local community.

### Who is your customer?

Our customer is someone who is looking for fresh homemade differentiated sweets, treats and savory items .

**How do you plan on being part of the community?** Via Farmers Markets, local events, and contributions to local charities.

### How can we contact you?

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## UpsaDaisy Boutique Chooses Homewood

UpsaDaisy, formerly part of the Harwood pop up shop this past holiday season, will be making a move to 18100 Martin Avenue. This will become their permanent retail location in Homewood. Home goods, accessories and unique gift items at an affordable price are some of the things you will find at the new location. They will also be featuring handmade products from local vendors: handmade jewelry, upholstery, vintage postcards and hand crafted knits.

UpsaDaisy Boutique was founded by 3 local “stay at home moms” who enjoy shopping and wanted to share their style with local residents. They wanted to pursue this opportunity for growth in their business and be able to be close to their families. Homewood was their logical choice because of the warm response they received from the local community and the support they received from the



village. Their customer is similar to themselves, a savvy shopper that loves great style at a great price.

They are thrilled to be a part of the revitalization of the downtown Homewood area and will be participating and supporting all of the upcoming village festivals and growth that is sure to follow with the new development ahead. They look forward to joining the Downtown Homewood Business Association (DHBA), not only to give support to the village but also to be a part of the exciting changes going on in Homewood.

## Coming Soon... La Banque and La Voute

La Banque, a luxurious eighteen-room boutique hotel, is scheduled to open in June of 2015. Located at 2034 Ridge Road, in the heart of Homewood’s business district, La Banque promises a unique experience to leisure and business travelers visiting the Southland communities.

Owing its name to the initial purpose of the building, a bank, and the French-Canadian heritage of the new owner of the building, La Banque conveys a sense of history and hospitality.

Claude Gendreau, who is not a stranger to Homewood, acquired the building vacated by Great Lakes Bank two years ago. He couldn’t pass up the opportunity to rehab a landmark building that was at

risk of blighting Homewood, a community close to his heart.

Gendreau, a conservationist, has previously purchased another Homewood landmark, Ravisloe Country Club, which had closed its doors after 108 years of operation as a private country club. It is now a highly rated golf course open to the public for golf and special events. Golfers from all over the Chicagoland come to Homewood to play the only public access course in Illinois designed by Donald Ross, a famous golf course architect.

La Banque will also offer Homewood residents and visitors fine dining in a French décor in La Voute, the hotel’s restaurant located in the original section of the building dating back to 1925.



The breakfast buffet will be served in the main vault which will also be available for private dining.

The goal is to create synergies between Ravisloe Country Club and La Banque by promoting “stay and play” packages to attract golfers from the entire Midwest. It will also allow Homewood to retain guests of wedding parties hosted by Ravisloe and the other area country clubs for the benefit of Homewood merchants. It will cater to the business travelers coming to Homewood. It will accommodate guests of residents of Homewood, Flossmoor and surrounding communities.

La Voute will cater to area

residents, business people and golfers coming to Ravisloe Country Club from all over Chicagoland as well as serving hotel guests. The eye-catching bar flanked by windows overlooking Ridge Avenue will be an inviting space to settle in with a drink and engage in conversations with hotel guests and local residents. The history of the building will be commemorated by using the safety deposit boxes from the vaults as the backdrop of the bar and throughout the restaurant.

“It’s been a long time in coming.” said Gendreau. “There were unanticipated challenges in repurposing such an old building and I had a lot to learn. We took our time, because we are committed to doing it right.”

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## St. Paul Community Church Celebrates 150 Years

In May of 1865, as the nation was mourning the death of President Lincoln and Civil War soldiers all across America were returning home, a small group of Thornton Station residents were busy planning a new church. These German-speaking farmers, merchants and artisans, with familiar names like Gottschalk and Riegel, had immigrated to America for better economic opportunities and to seek refuge from political and religious oppression back home. On May 21, sixteen men signed a new church charter, establishing the Protestant St. Paulus Evangelische Kirche (St. Paul Evangelical Church). In the ensuing decades, St. Paulus would evolve into the St. Paul Community Church of Homewood, which still serves the community today.

This coming May, St. Paul will mark its sesquicentennial—150 years of proud, continuous service to Christ and the residents of our fair village, all from its original location in the center of town at 18200 Dixie Highway.

St. Paul's reach goes beyond Sunday services, however. From the time of its founding, the church has actively helped others in our community. From support for orphanages and the poor in the 19th century to the present-day food drives for Respond Now at Walt's



St. Paul Community Church today.

Grocery, St. Paul has proudly joined faith with action. Other active community service efforts include sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop 342, space provided to AA and Nar-Anon family groups, meal service to the homeless through PADS, holiday food, clothing and toy drives, partnership with Theatre and Arts Leadership Council (TALK) to help young artists, the CROP walk and financial support to a number of local social service agencies. The list goes on and on. St. Paul truly is a community church, with "Largeness of Heart," as the old saying goes.

St. Paul's 150th anniversary activities will begin with a concert performed by the 75 member Spirit of Life Chorus on Sunday, April 17



Original Schoolhouse, Parsonage and St. Paul Church. Schoolhouse built in 1863, Parsonage in 1897 and Church in 1873.

Homewood is invited. If you would like more information on the church and its anniversary activities, please call Pastor Frank Rodgers at (708) 798-0700 or visit the church website at [stpaulcc.info](http://stpaulcc.info).

Postscript: St. Paul Community Church is seeking historical photographs of the interior of the old sanctuary for their anniversary displays. If you are willing to lend them, please call the church office. Thank you!

at 4:30 PM. On Sunday, May 17 at 10:30 AM we will gather for a worship celebration. Our focus will include a mission fair highlighting many of the ministries supported by the members of St. Paul. All of

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Homewood Baseball and Softball Opening Day is Saturday, April 18

In 1951, a small group of dedicated local residents got together to create a youth baseball program in Homewood. The mission of this group was to bring America's pastime to local kids, rely on volunteers to own and have pride in the new league, and create a strong sense of community with residents. Well, mission accomplished.

The vision Homewood Baseball and Softball forefathers such as Art Welsh and Francis Ormsby had over 64 years ago is still in full force today. On opening day, scheduled for Saturday, April 18, nearly 1,000 local youth will walk in the league's annual parade down Ridge Road and then break out their gloves to play ball and carry on the spring tradition the founders started back in 1951.

Today, Homewood Baseball

and Softball is made up of seven divisions for boys and girls ages 4-18 providing anyone who wants to play an opportunity. The leagues range from t-ball up to Babe Ruth baseball and Senior League softball. Most games are played on three tree-lined fields down at Izaak Walton Preserve, and Lions or Apollo Fields.

Since day one, volunteers are the pillar for running a successful league. From the coaches to the umpires, the concession workers to the board of directors, all roles are filled by individuals giving up their valuable time simply to provide kids the game they love. This summer volunteers will spend countless hours coaching, serving as team parents, or cleaning up the ballpark on weekends. The league is thankful for everyone doing their part.

In addition, the support of

the local business community is like no other when it comes to sponsoring teams and field signage at the ball park. The costs of running the program continue to rise, and the generosity of the local business partners goes a long way.

Over the years, Homewood Baseball and Softball produced many successful teams that competed on the local, state and national level, but no other recent team enjoyed as much success as a group of 12 year old boys last summer. The Homewood 12U all-star team advanced to the Cal Ripken World Series, hosted in Aberdeen, MD. The boys won a fiercely competitive Ohio Valley region to advance to the Series and represented Homewood and the league quite well.



“Our league’s purpose will always be to create fun, lasting memories through the game of baseball and softball for area kids and their families,” said Steve Anderson, current Homewood Baseball & Softball league president. “There’s no better place to be in the summer, than under the trees at Izaak Walton and being part of a game.”

Although the kids grow up, and the faces change, one constant stays the same, and that is local kids playing the game they love and carrying out the vision of the league that was created back in 1951.



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# SPRING HAPPENINGS

## ST. JOSEPH FISH FRY

Fridays, Now through March 27  
4:30 PM to 8:30 PM  
St. Joseph Parish Gym  
17949 Dixie Highway  
*Sponsored by St. Joseph Parish*

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. Participate in split-the-pots 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 desert at \$9.00 per person; child \$6.00; Seniors \$7.00 from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM. For the pasta lovers, there is a spaghetti dinner that includes coleslaw, roll and a desert for \$5.00, Mac-&-Cheese for \$5.00 and curly fries for \$3.00. A premium beer selection, wine, coffee, milk water, and pop are also available. If you can't stay...no worries, there is to-go options as well!

## MAKERBOX WORKSHOP: SPRING BIKE REPAIR

Sunday, March 15 | 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
Homewood Library  
17917 Dixie Highway  
*Sponsored by Homewood Library*

Time to dust off the bike, spring is around the corner! Bring your bike to the library and a representative from GoodSpeed Cycles will teach basic bike repair and maintenance. This will be a hands-on program—the library will provide the tools, you provide the enthusiasm!

## INSURGENT KICKOFF PARTY (FOR TEENS)

Friday, March 20 | 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM  
Homewood Library  
17917 Dixie Highway  
*Sponsored by Homewood Library*

Watch Divergent, the first movie of the series and have fun with scavenger hunts, games, crafts, and foods. Registration is preferred.

## CHILDREN'S FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT

Friday, March 27 | 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM  
Irons Oaks Vollmer Road Parking Lot  
*Sponsored by Homewood-Flossmoor Park District*

Try this twist on the traditional egg hunt! Goody-filled eggs have been left in the forest at Irons Oaks. Decorate a unique

basket first then head outside to find the eggs. Bring your flashlight—all children will find eggs. Please register by noon on Friday, March 27. Fee: \$10R / \$15NR Code: 192723-01.

## LUCKY EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 28 | 10:00 AM  
Irwin Park  
*Sponsored by 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.

## ADULT FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT

Friday, April 10 | 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM  
Irons Oaks Vollmer Road Parking Lot  
*Sponsored by Irons Oaks Foundation*

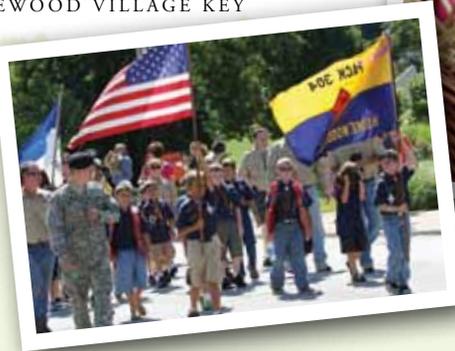
Are you looking for a night away from the kids? A night full of fun activities, prizes and wine tastings? Join the Irons Oaks Foundation as they host the second annual Adult Flashlight Egg Hunt fundraiser at the Irons Oaks Environmental Learning Center on Friday April 10 at 8:00 PM. The kids will have 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 8:00 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 per 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.

## HOMEWOOD SCHOOLS SPRING AUCTION

Saturday, April 11 | 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM  
Idlewild Country Club  
19201 Dixie Highway  
*Sponsored by Foundation153.org*



Jones books are included in this fun filled musical. Tickets: \$5 R / \$7 NR.

**GRANDPA'S GARAGE SALE**  
Saturday, May 9 | 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Lions Club Pool Parking Lot  
*Sponsored by Homewood-Flossmoor Park District*

It's garage sale time! Clean out your attic, closets and basement and rent a space at this popular community sale! Avoid the hassle of running an ad, putting up signs and cleaning the garage. Pre-registration is required for this sellout event. Sellers provide their own tables and set-up. Rain date is Saturday, May 16. It is recommended that sellers bring some type of covering or tent in case of rain. No refunds will be issued.

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**  
Monday, May 25 | 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM  
Step-off at St. Joseph Parish  
*Sponsored by the Village of Homewood*

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 who served our country and protected our freedoms. The Homewood Memorial Day Parade is coordinated by the Wally Burns Memorial Post 8077 and the Veteran of Foreign Wars (Homewood). The Parade route is from St. Joseph Parish Parking lot, on Dixie Highway, to Veteran's Park, located on Harwood Avenue and Olive Road, across from Aurelio's Pizza.

**5K CIRCUIT RACE—APOLLO 5K**  
Saturday, May 16 | 8:00 AM race start  
Apollo Park  
*Sponsored by Homewood-Flossmoor Park District*

Start the Circuit in May with the Apollo 5K! Prizes will be awarded overall and for each age group in each race as well as overall Circuit winners! For more information on the Circuit stop in or visit [hfracquetandfitness.com](http://hfracquetandfitness.com). Fee: \$22 R / \$25 NR • \$30 Race Day Registration

Foundation 153 presents its 9th 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.

**EARTH DAY @ IRONS OAKS**  
Saturday, April 18 | 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Irons Oaks  
*Sponsored by Irons Oaks Foundation*

Climb a tower as tall as a maple tree, learn about our amazing planet, make a nature craft or visit our Discovery Center Museum! Also, you can help us clean up Irons Oaks by pulling garlic mustard before enjoying a hotdog lunch and campfire. There are plenty of family friendly activities to help you celebrate Mother Earth. Visit [ironsoaks.com](http://ironsoaks.com) for full details.

**STORYTELLING FOR ADULTS  
WITH ANDY OFFUT-IRWIN**  
Monday, April 20 | 7:00 PM  
Homewood Library, 17917 Dixie Highway  
*Sponsored by Homewood Library*

Andy Offut-Irwin is a storyteller especially known for relating the adventures of his eighty-five-year-old-widowed-newly-minted-physician-aunt, Dr. Marguerite Van Camp, a woman who avoids curmudgeonship by keeping her finger on the pulse of... well herself, but also the changing world around her. See more at: [andyirwin.com/bio](http://andyirwin.com/bio).

**THEATRE PRODUCTION: JUNIE  
B. JONES**  
Saturday, April 25 | 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM  
HFPD Auditorium  
2010 Chestnut Road  
*Sponsored by Homewood-Flossmoor Park District*

Follow the latest adventures of Junie B. Jones, the precocious little girl who can't help shooting off her big fat mouth! All of your favorite characters from the Junie B.



# SPRING HAPPENINGS



## Rail Fest

Saturday, May 16 | 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
 Homewood-Flossmoor Auditorium, 2010 Chestnut Road  
 Sponsored by the Homewood Rail Committee and Village of Homewood

The train has returned to the station, better yet Rail Fest has returned to Homewood! Come out for the 11th Annual event. Rail Fest, a day that rail enthusiasts of all ages will enjoy all things trains!

Homewood has always embraced its rich rail history. Trains have always made their way through Homewood. Whether it was the historic Illinois Central, Amtrak, Metra, or Canadian National, all had a story to tell that resonates with rail enthusiasts.

Rail fans will have the opportunity to meet with vendors to purchase one-of-a-kind collections of antique trains, model trains, train memorabilia, and items associated with model railways.

Families will be able to explore the intricate train layouts for all ages to enjoy. There is something for the young train enthusiast as well! Kids will have fun participating in train crafts, decoding Hobo symbols, and train story time with Homewood's favorite train conductor. All will enjoy tasty treats throughout the day and riding Canadian National's Lil Obie, a scale model of a Canadian National locomotive with a flatcar caboose that will travel downtown Homewood.

Ever wondered what it would be like to run a train on a layout? Everyone can participate in the raffle to win an opportunity to run a locomotive on a large train layout sponsored by the Chicagoland Lionel Rail Road Club (CLRC). No purchase is necessary.

Fest goers will also enjoy visiting the other rail amenities in Homewood. In 2007, the Rail Watching Platform was built and has been a popular attraction. Viewers can watch the train traffic and listen to the conductors as they maneuver on one of the eight tracks. The Rail Watching Platform is located at Harwood Avenue and Kroner Avenue for a terrific viewing point of the traffic from freight and commuter rail lines.

The Rail Park, featuring a newly restored interior of Illinois Central caboose 9426, is located on Park Avenue, just north of the train station.

Connecting the two rail attractions is the underground pedestrian tunnel adorned with murals depicting local railroad history and murals painted by Homewood's Girls Scouts.

For more information on this year's Rail Fest, visit [homesweethomewood.com](http://homesweethomewood.com) or call (708) 798-3000.

## Homewood Farmers Market

Saturdays, May 23 through October 10  
 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
 Village Hall Parking Lot, 2020 Chestnut Road



**HOMWOOD FARMERS MARKET**

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The 20-week season will start Saturday, May 23. It is in its 33rd year, and considered one of the longest running markets in the 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. Visit the market every Saturday from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Village Hall parking lot.



## GreenThumb Saturdays

Homewood's Green Thumb Saturdays program will continue its award winning presentations starting in March. 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, Homewood.

### How-To Programs

- Pruning | March 14
- Watersheds | April 11
- Herbs | May 9
- Container Gardens | June 13
- Insects, Good, Bad & Ugly | July 11
- What's In Your Garden | August 8
- Trees | September 12
- Invasives | October 10

# Homewood Community SCIENCE CENTER

In December, the Village Board announced a proposed downtown Homewood development, a Community Science Center / Science Museum. The development would be modeled after science centers designed by Global Studios, the operators of San Francisco's Exploratorium. The proposed development will link Homewood's assets—Schools, Park District, Library, and Businesses—by creating a destination that drives foot-traffic for the local economy and complements the efforts of Homewood's educational institutions. Imagine aspiring young astronauts, medical doctors, and engineers... all part of the future growth of Homewood... and beyond.

## THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WILL BE:

- Part science museum—part retail space—part community center.
- Mad scientist's penny arcade—scientific funhouse—experimental laboratory.
- An accessible science museum with rotating exhibits and activities that challenge youth and adults alike to explore scientific principles in engaging ways.



## WHY A DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT?

Downtown Homewood is the most visible indicator of community pride, along with the economic and social health of the overall town. Downtown is either an asset or a liability in the effort to recruit and retain residents, businesses, and visitors. Like many small towns, downtown Homewood has a foot-traffic problem, which has a negative impact on the ability to retain and recruit new businesses. Without a solution, the result is vacant

storefronts. So, how do we keep our downtown vibrant and busy with people? Steady foot traffic leads to more downtown purchases, which attract quality retailers who, in turn, generate more traffic.

According to Forbes.com and many industry studies, the top strategies for revitalizing downtown are to:

- ✓ Create a pedestrian-friendly, walk-able downtown
- ✓ Create bike-share/bike-friendly programs
- ✓ Host regular events downtown, showcasing merchants, music and food
- ✓ Expand land spaces for public use

While Homewood has executed many of these strategies, a key effort has yet to be developed: to create a major destination that draws people to downtown on a daily basis.

What if Homewood was an affordable, convenient and world-class destination for Chicago visitors? What if Homewood had a destination that appealed to prospective residents—a beacon for people groups that will ultimately contribute and propel the growth of our town: creative, education-minded, culturally diverse and socially connected individuals and families of all ages.

## MANY COMMUNITIES SEEK THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CULTURAL INSTITUTION BECAUSE:

- ✓ Museums are economic engines for communities large and small. According to the U.S. Conference of Mayors, **for every dollar a municipality invests in cultural organizations, including museums, \$7 are returned to the public coffers.**
- ✓ Museums are a big part of the cultural tourism industry in this country—a \$192 billion industry.
- ✓ Cultural tourists spend more and stay longer than other tourists.
- ✓ 30% of today's Children's Museums have been created as Downtown Revitalization Projects.

Source: <http://travel.cnn.com/are-museums-still-relevant-today-543771>

Many communities have developed Children's Museums as destinations with varying successes. The variable of this type of destination is its narrow programming and limited audience. The mission of children's museums is usually to encourage creativity and play for very young children up to age six. The model of a community

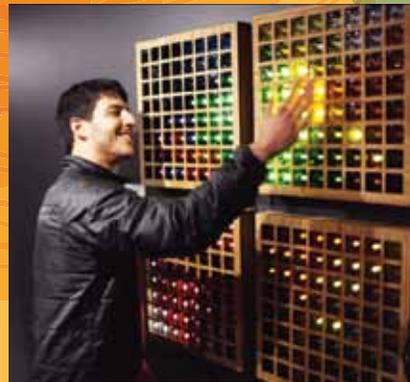


science center differs, in that it is designed for people of all ages from preschool through adulthood, and encourages intergenerational learning. The mission of science centers is usually to spark an interest in science learning, to practice using inquiry skills, and to develop understanding of scientific concepts. Additionally, a community science center will have the ability to support local schools with their science curricula, and to provide ongoing learning experiences for local families. A community science center also differs from an attraction, in that people in the local community will likely integrate the science center into their lives, visiting multiple times each month to explore exhibits more deeply and engage in rotating programs.



## COMMUNITY SCIENCE CENTERS:

- Increase interest in Science
- Close the gap in science education



- Create a wonderful family-oriented, fun place
- Enhance quality of life
- Develop future generations: astronauts, scientists, mathematicians

projects combined with its unique approach to science learning makes the Exploratorium best suited for this project in Homewood. In addition, the Exploratorium has launched several community science centers that will serve as a model for the center in Homewood.

- Created more than 1,000 innovative and highly interactive exhibits
- Trained and inspired more than 4,800 Explainers
- Delivered workshops to 6,400 educators from 48 states and 11 countries
- Originated exhibits and programs used by 80 percent of the world's science centers
- Partners with NOAA and NASA

The Exploratorium will work with the Village of Homewood to help develop a multi-phase conceptual plan for a versatile, vibrant, community-focused science center. The end result will be a clear understanding of goals, processes, and resources needed to achieve the successful opening and operation of the science center. The Conceptual Plan (Phase IA) will provide the information needed to clearly communicate with potential stakeholders and funders for future stages of the project. The Experience Plan (Phase IB) will provide the tools needed to move forward with detailed planning, including a high-level space design, exhibit list, program suggestions, and an initial operating budget.

The vision is for a community-based science center rooted in and at the service of the local community in a much deeper way than any big area attractions. That may mean more programming such as after-school, drop in, adults, families, teachers, and whatever other community needs are identified. This was one of the goals in launching the Helix, World of Wonders, and Ligo. Global Studios has tremendous experience in how to make that work. The Village intends to begin working with Global Studios in early Spring. The public will be invited to attend an introductory presentation and workshop about the proposed development. Visit the Village's website for details, or on Facebook (VillageofHomewoodIL).

## About the STEM-based Movement

Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics

- Students need an education with a solid foundation in STEM areas so that they are prepared to both work and live in the 21st Century.
- 15 of the 20 fastest-growing occupations require significant science or mathematics training to successfully compete for a job. U.S. Dept. Labor
- U.S. ranks 20th internationally based on our share of graduate degrees awarded in engineering, computer science, and mathematics; if current trends continue, more than 90% of all scientists and engineers will be living in Asia. U.S. Dept. Education
- There are approximately 100 schools nationwide specializing in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. U.S. Dept. Education
- While this is not the case with Homewood's superb school system, nationally, the gap is especially acute at the elementary level when 29% of K-5 teachers report they teach science on two or few days a week. State Technology Educators Association



## ABOUT GLOBAL STUDIOS

The Exploratorium is a world-renowned science-learning institution with extensive experience in designing learning experiences and spaces all over the world. Its proven track record of successful



## THE PROPOSED SITE

The Village of Homewood has identified the ideal location for the proposed science center. Ryan's Funeral Home located on Dixie Highway is an attractive, highly visible, and available option, situated two blocks from the METRA station and merchants/restaurants. Furthermore it is strategically connected to the life of the community: the Village Auditorium along with Village Hall, the Homewood Public Library, and the Village's Public Safety Buildings.



Martin Avenue Open Space

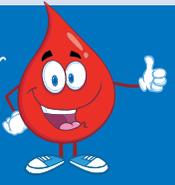
Martin Avenue Open Space is scheduled for development behind the site in 2015. The green space links Village events held on Martin Avenue (south of the Square) to shops, Metra station, area businesses, public parking lots and the La Banque hotel project.

# PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

Departments of Police & Fire

17950 Dixie Highway

Police Non-Emergency - 206-3420 | Fire Non-Emergency - 206-3400



**Do it for Mom!**

The need for donated blood never stops. Every unit of blood donated can be used to save up to three lives.

On Saturday, May 9th the Homewood Fire Department will hold its annual Mother's Day Blood Drive. The event will run from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and will be held at the fire station located at 17950 Dixie Highway. Those wishing to make an appointment to donate can do so by calling 1-877-LIFESOURCE or by going to [lifesource.org](http://lifesource.org).

## Put Fire Safety First This Spring!

As you go about spring cleaning this year, check to see that your home is fire safe.

Here is a checklist of things to look for as you clean:

### Electrical Outlets and Wiring

- Be sure that plugs and extension cords are not overloaded. One appliance, lamp, etc. per outlet socket.
- Never run cords, extension or otherwise, under rugs. The cord may fray causing a possible fire hazard.
- Replace frayed wires or cords immediately.

### Appliances

- Always unplug electrical appliances when not in use.

- Keep anything flammable at least three feet away from any type of space heater.
- If you vacate a room where a space heater is in use, turn off the heater.
- Take the time to thoroughly clean dryer vents and lint traps.

### Smoke Alarms

- Replace any smoke alarm or CO detector which is more than 10 years old. When you install a new detector, write the date installed on the back or on the inside cover of the unit.
- Check smoke alarm batteries once a year .
- Test your smoke alarm every month.

- Vacuum around your smoke detector regularly to keep it free from dust and debris.

Another way to make sure your family is more fire safe this spring is to create a home fire escape plan and have everyone in the house practice it at least once. Just talking through a plan will help, but you won't see the flaws in the plan until you actually practice it. Be sure your plan includes a pre-arranged meeting place outside of the house where family members should gather if there is a fire. A pre-arranged meeting place makes it easy for you and firefighters to establish that everyone is safely out of the building.

## A New Ambulance for Homewood

On January 15th the Homewood Fire Department took delivery of a new ambulance. This new vehicle will replace an existing ambulance which has seen 15 years of service and has completed more than 7,500 calls for assistance by village residents. The purchase of the new vehicle is part of an ongoing rotation of front line equipment.

From start to finish the ambulance took approximately 16

months to complete, six months of planning and revision to the plans and 10 months from the order date to delivery. The new vehicle is a Ford 450 XLT Super Duty chassis with a customized Horton EV-400 EV patient care compartment.

The cost of the new ambulance 562 was approximately \$210,000. Fifteen thousand of that amount came from a donation by the Emergency Medical Fund. The EMF is comprised of money

donated to the fire department in memory of village residents and other honorariums made to the department for other types of medical assistance.

Technology in the new unit includes a Stryker Power Lift system which will help prevent on the job back and knee injuries to firefighters. The patient



care compartment is now two times brighter due to LED lighting throughout. Better lighting means more effective patient care at the scene and in route to the hospital.



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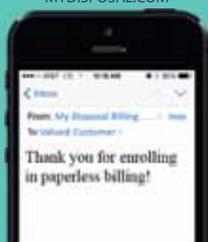
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# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Departments of Community Development

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

## Homewood. I Invest Here. Home Improvement Campaign

Residential property investments in Homewood continue to increase. Permit issuance levels are at a record high and have exceeded the high issuance levels prior to the 2008 mortgage crisis. Over 1,300 building permits were issued in 2014 for projects ranging from resurfacing a driveway and building a shed to adding a porch, putting on an addition or replacing old drafty windows with new energy



efficient windows. The Village of Homewood would like to thank its residents for continuing to invest in their homes through home maintenance and updates. When



we invest in our homes we build value in our community. Beginning this spring for the first time, the

Village of Homewood will give a yard sign to each resident that purchases a building permit with an estimated investment of \$5,000 or more. The

yard sign will say, "Improvements Underway. We Invest in Homewood." We ask that these signs be placed in your front yard during your home improvement as a way to show you are investing in your community. When your project is done please return the yard sign to the Community Development Department for the next resident to use. Even if your improvement is not visible from the outside of your home, we ask that you still put up the yard sign to show you are an investor in your home and in Homewood.



## Planning a Home Improvement Project? Prepare to Do So Safely

According to the Home Safety Council, in a single year, over 330,000 people make trips to an emergency department due to injuries from do-it-yourself home improvement projects. Trauma surgeons stress that it is important to take the necessary precautions when starting such projects.

Some of the more frequent injuries are falls from ladders and roofs and injuries from power tools.. Many of these types of injuries can be avoided by just following very simple safety advice.

Medical professionals stress that even the simplest projects can result in major trauma so make sure you take extra precaution and never attempt to do something without

following proper safety warnings.

According to the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission, each year more than 2.6 million individuals are hospitalized, 37.2 million seek emergency treatment and 60.5 million people seek medical attention or lose at least one day of normal activity as a result of an accident.

Here are some safety tips to follow when attempting to complete do-it-yourself projects.

- Always have a first aid kit near the area in which you are working. It could be the difference between a speedy recovery and a permanent injury.
- Use a sturdy ladder when

climbing. Falls are the leading cause of home injury deaths.

- Read the directions on the chemical or tool you may be using. Improper use can cause damage to your project, your tools and yourself.
- If directions call for you to wear goggles, ear plugs, mask, hard hat or gloves, do so.
- Do not wear clothing or jewelry that can become caught in the machine or tool you are using.
- Unplug power tools if you need to walk away from the job, even if it is just for a moment.
- When working on an electrical circuit, make sure the circuit is not live or attached to an electrical source. If you are not familiar with working on an

electrical circuit, call a professional.

- Always plan out your task in advance. This will help you accomplish your goal safely and well.

Medical experts stress that it is important to take it slow, establish a plan of action, and never cut corners or rush a project. Unless you are a highly skilled do-it-yourselfer, avoid taking on jobs that may be dangerous, difficult, a first time project or where a mistake can be costly. Think twice before taking on such projects as roofing; difficult or laborious work, including removing or pouring concrete; plumbing that involves crawling under the house; and electrical work.

# BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS



1906 Terrace Avenue



2161 Ridge Road



18152 Rockwell Avenue



18233 Martin Avenue



18733 Highland Avenue

## Blue Ribbon Award Winners

Ten homes are chosen per year to receive this award. These homes are considered to have the most curb appeal in the Village for the year. Residents are eligible for this award every other year.

- Cullen, 1035 186th Place
- Hamilton, 1906 Terrace Avenue
- Stein, 2161 Ridge Road
- Wagner, 3026 Elliot Lane
- Bretz, 18123 Riegel Road
- Dudley, 18152 Rockwell Avenue
- Conn, 18233 Martin Avenue
- Crockett, 18248 Dolphin Lake Drive
- Nettle, 18733 Highland Avenue
- Smailes, 18846 Queens Road

## Beautification Award Winners

Homes that have done an outstanding job making the property truly beautiful.

- Dantico, 1252 191st Street
- Petoske, 1416 Olive Road
- Moore, 1464 Linden Road
- Keilman, 1509 Linden Road
- Rohrer, 1623 Pine Road
- Wiggins, 1626 Evergreen Road
- Michaels, 1740 Idlewild Lane
- MacDonald, 1822 Sycamore Road
- Noe, 1847 Olive Road
- Weitzel, 1857 186th Street
- Williams, 1944 Evergreen Road

- Healy, 2510 Spruce Road
- Macri, 2912 Birch Road
- Curtis, 3320 186th Street
- Grygiel, 17555 Hillside Avenue
- Laxton, 17642 Howe Avenue
- Bucek, 17814 Ashland Avenue
- Hielt, 17950 Park Avenue
- Mayer, 18021 Tarpon Court
- Ellis, 18106 Dolphin Lake Drive
- Naphateri, 18107 Sacramento Avenue
- McDonald, 18137 Highland Avenue
- Shover, 18138 Aberdeen Street
- Anderson, 18215 California Avenue

- Norline, 18232 Martin Avenue
- Ascencio, 18348 Martin Avenue
- Virgo, 18510 Lexington Avenue
- Johnson, 18539 Dundee Avenue
- Sonnek, 18544 Stewart Avenue
- Mokijewski, 18600 Poplar Avenue
- Mc Cray, 18604 Heather Court
- Sinwelski, 18624 Poplar Avenue
- Burnette, 18641 Golfview Avenue
- Stanford, 18959 Carson Court
- 19028 Loomis Avenue
- Igleski, 19110 Pierce Terrace
- Jackson, 19126 Loomis Avenue



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# PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

Department of Public Works  
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## Spring 2015 Village Infrastructure Projects

### 2015 MFT Street Resurfacing

The project will consist of the resurfacing of eight (8) street sections with minor base, curb and sidewalk repair. The street sections are as follows:

- Alexander Terrace from Western Avenue to Cul-de-sac
- Carson Drive from Riegel Road to Carson Court
- Lincoln Avenue from Spruce Road to Dead End
- Vincennes from Pine Road to Dixie Highway
- Gladville Avenue from Pine Road to Cedar Road
- Jeffery Drive from Loomis Avenue to Jamie Lane
- Spruce Road from Lincoln Avenue to Western Avenue
- Terrace Road from Ashland Avenue to Carson Drive

### 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement

This annual program consists of

repairing and replacing sidewalks on a cost-sharing basis. For residential sidewalks, the Village pays 50 percent and the resident pays 50 percent depending on the condition of the walk.

### IDOT Traffic Signal LED Upgrade

The Illinois Department of Transportation will be upgrading traffic signals with LED modules and adding battery backup at fourteen (14) State Route intersections. Any existing pedestrian signals at these intersections will also be upgraded with Countdown Signals.

### Village Hall Parking Lot Paving

A new asphalt surface will be installed on the entire Village Hall west parking lot and driveway between the Village Hall and Public Safety Building. After resurfacing, new pavement markings will be applied.

## New Supervisors at Public Works

The Public Works Department is pleased to announce it has two new Supervisors, in lieu of the two recent retirements.

Harry Hammock has taken over the role as Utility Supervisor, as of December 2014. Harry has been with the Homewood Public Works Department since 1983. Harry holds a Class A Water Operators License, which is the highest license to achieve through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. He also holds a Cross connection Inspector License and an Electric and Electric Controls certificate.

Bob Pettigrew has taken over the role as Street Supervisor, as of January 2015. Bob has been with Homewood Public Works since 1992, with another four years of experience from another municipality. Bob holds a Flagger Instructor certificate from the National Safety Council and leads the training for Homewood Public Works and also other municipalities.

We look forward to many good things to come from both of these new Supervisors—Congratulations!

## New Employees at Public Works

The Public Works Department welcomed two new employees recently. Colin Stankus joined the

Utility Division in June of 2014 and Eric Stojakovich joined the Street Division in October of 2014.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Check Out Village Cable Channels' New Look!

Comcast channel 4 and AT&T channel 99 have a new look. When you turn to one of these channels and there is no scheduled programming playing, you will see a new information page format. In addition to Village event announcements you will see news, sports, stock market reports, this day in history and local weather.

The cable commission hopes this new look will help keep residents informed about what is happening in the village and in the world.

It is also now possible to view Village cable programming via the Village website. Simply go to the Village's home page and click on the HCTV button.



If you are a member of a community organization and would like a

community event posted on the cable channels, please submit your information by going to the Village of Homewood website and clicking on the HCTV button on the home page. Once there, you will see orange text which will take you to the event posting submission page.

Additionally, community groups which have pre-produced and edited video they would like to submit for possible cablecast on channels 4 and 99, can submit them to Tim Stinnett at the Village Hall. Tim can be reached at [tstinnett@homewoodil.gov](mailto:tstinnett@homewoodil.gov).

## District 153 Kindergarten Orientation

District 153 invites parents and guardians of incoming kindergartners to Willow School, 1804 Willow Road, on Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 PM. Tour the school, meet the staff and learn all about Willow's full-day kindergarten program.

The registration process also will be explained.

Children need to be 5 years-old on or before September 1, 2015 to



register for kindergarten. Proof of residency will be required at the time of registration.

For more information, call Willow School at (708) 798-3720.

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# FINANCE & MANAGER'S OFFICE NEWS

## Heading Downtown for the Day and Need Somewhere 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 rental fee is \$2.00 per space.

Permits are available from the Village Hall. Senior parking is for Homewood residents only.



## 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. These are 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. 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. Parking is not permitted on any streets in Homewood when we experience a snowfall of 2 inches or more, until the streets are cleared.

## 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, 2015.

The 2015/2016 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.

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.

Vehicle stickers must be displayed in the lower left hand corner of the front windshield.

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



## Village Guidelines for Garage Sales

- 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.
- No rain dates given

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR CONSOLIDATED ELECTION APRIL 7, 2015**

3/10/15	Last day to register to vote at Village Hall
3/11/15 to 4/4/15	Grace period registration and voting at Cook County Clerk's Office (69 Washington, Floor 5) and designated locations chosen by the Cook County's Clerk Office
3/23/15 to 4/4/15	Early voting at designated locations chosen by Cook County Clerk's Office
4/7/15	<b>ELECTION DAY</b> voting hours are 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM

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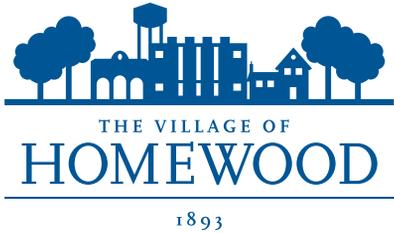
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