

# HOMewood VILLAGE KEY

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*We are a community dedicated to enhancing the lives of our residents and committed to the growth of our town.*

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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## JUNE

### Homewood French Market

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

### Green Saturdays at the Market

(read the e-News wire for dates)  
• July 21 | Document Shredding  
• August 11 | Electronic Waste Collection  
• October 22 | Prescription Drug Disposal  
• Live music most Saturdays

### Starry Nights Concert Series, "Maggie Speaks"

Thursday, June 14 | 6:30 PM  
Irwin Park (Ridge Road and Gottschalk Avenue)  
*Contact H-F Park District at  
(708) 957-0300*

### Art & Garden Street Fair and President's Art Exhibit

Friday, June 8 | 12:00 AM to 9:00 PM  
Saturday, June 9 | 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM  
Historic Martin Avenue  
(Ridge Road to Hickory Road)  
*Contact the Village of Homewood at  
(708) 798-3000*

Drivin' the Dixie, One-Hour Car Show  
Saturday, June 16 | 9:00 AM (cars arrive in  
Homewood)  
St. Paul Community Church Parking Lot  
(special parking)  
*Contact the Village of Homewood at  
(708) 798-3000*

### Starry Nights Concert Series, "The Nevery Brothers"

Thursday, June 28 | 6:30 PM  
Irwin Park (Ridge Road and Gottschalk Avenue)  
*Contact H-F Park District at  
(708) 957-0300*

## JULY

### Independence Day Parade and Family Fun Fest

Wednesday, July 4 | 11:00 AM  
Ridge Road and Dixie Highway to the Izaak  
Walton Preserve  
*Contact the Village of Homewood Fire Department  
at (708) 206-3400*

### Starry Nights Concert Series, "R-Gang"

Thursday, July 19 | 6:30 PM  
Irwin Park (Ridge Road and Gottschalk Avenue)  
*Contact H-F Park District at  
(708) 957-0300*

### Movies in Our Parks, "The Muppets" (Disney)

Friday, July 20 | Irwin Park (Ridge Road and  
Gottschalk Avenue), movie starts at dusk  
*Contact Homewood Public Library at  
(708) 798-0121*

## AUGUST

### Dog Days of Summer

Saturday, August 18 | 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM  
VENUE CHANGE: Ridge Road from Martin  
Avenue to Harwood Avenue  
*Contact the Village of Homewood at  
(708) 798-3000*

### Movies in Our Parks, "Dolphin Tale" (Warner Brothers)

Friday, August 17 | Flossmoor Park in Flossmoor,  
movie starts at dusk  
*Contact Flossmoor Public Library at  
(708) 798-4006*

## SEPTEMBER

### Fall Fest & Annual Chili Cook Off

Saturday, September 15 | 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM  
Hickory Road and surrounding area  
*Contact the Village of Homewood at  
(708) 798-3000*

### Fund Run

Sunday, September 23 | 8:00 AM to noon  
Millennium School on Aberdeen Street  
*Sponsored by Foundation 153, District 153's  
Education Foundation, [foundation153.org](http://foundation153.org)*

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Calendar



## 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  
Gayle Campbell

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Trustee Anne Colton  
Trustee Barbara Dawkins  
Trustee Jay Heiferman  
Trustee Thomas W. Kataras  
Trustee Lisa Purcell  
Trustee Ray Robertson

## PUBLIC SERVICE DIRECTORY

Teach your children how to  
use **9-1-1** in an emergency

Village of Homewood (Main Number) **798-3000**

Police Emergency .....	9-1-1
Fire and Paramedic Emergency.....	9-1-1
Police Non-Emergency.....	206-3420
Fire Dept. Non-Emergency .....	206-3400
Manager's Office .....	206-3377
Public Works Dept. ....	206-3470
Building Dept. ....	206-3858
Community Development .....	206-3385
After Hours Water Emergency.....	798-2131
Prop. Maint./Code Enforcement.....	206-3858
Homewood Public Library .....	798-0121
Homewood Post Office.....	798-5762
Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce .....	206-3384
Homewood-Flossmoor Park District .....	957-0300
Marie Irwin Community Center.....	957-7275
H-F Senior Activity Center.....	957-7275
Racquet and Fitness Club .....	799-1323
Ice Arena.....	957-0100
Lions Club Pool.....	799-2223
School District 153 .....	799-5661
School District 161 .....	647-7000
Homewood Flossmoor High School.....	799-3000
St. Joseph School.....	798-0467
Homewood Community Academy.....	799-6912

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Richard A. Hofeld**  
Village President

One of the most important aspects of a healthy community is successful economic development. This is our life-blood; adding to our real estate tax base, contributing to our sales tax coffers, creating jobs and offering us the opportunity to shop or eat at a new business.

The first quarter of 2012 has been very rewarding to the Village of Homewood. We have seen the opening of the Good Life Café on Ridge Road, a major remodeling of the McDonalds on Halsted and have made major announcements with regard to four other properties; the Great Lakes Bank building, the long vacant Bakers Square and Hollywood Video buildings, and a Chipotle restaurant to be constructed on Halsted.

The Good Life Café is a family-owned business. The owners, Cassandra and Boris Seawood, had first approached our Community Development Director, Paula Wallrich, last year and with her expertise, guidance and encouragement she

assisted the Seawood's in establishing their business. Like any new business, they have found that operating a three meal restaurant (breakfast, lunch and dinner) has its challenges, but those of us who have eaten there can attest to the creative menu, ranging from very fresh fruits and veggies in the salads to unique breakfast offerings.

The Halsted Street McDonalds held a "grand re-opening" ribbon cutting in March. The owners, Christine and Derrick Lott, did a complete interior renovation and added an additional drive-thru lane. While on a tour of the spotless restaurant, which now employees 68 men and women, the Lott's were particularly complimentary to the Village of Homewood. They had purchased this McDonalds ten years ago when there weren't many businesses on Halsted Street. Since the establishment of the Halsted business corridor, they have seen their business



*Proposed fine dining establishment, the Cottage on Dixie, at the former Baker Square site. Photo illustration courtesy of Linden Group.*

more than double. The "spill-over" effect of businesses bringing in more business always works! They said they are looking forward to the opening of Chipotle, just north of their business (in front of Kohl's) to bring more hungry people to the area.

Last year Paula Wallrich and I attended the Chicago International Council of Shopping Centers trade show. While having lunch, we found the representative for Chipotle was sitting next to us. We spoke of the amenities of Homewood. They too were familiar with the Halsted Street business corridor and they agreed to

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## President's Message

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come out and look at possible sites. The old Arby's and Shooters locations were discussed; but they preferred to construct a new site in an outlet in front of Kohl's. We met with their representatives over lunch at Chili's late last year, where they committed to building in Homewood. They were shepherded through the system; Plan and Appearance Commissions, the Zone Board and the Village Board process for speedy approval, which all businesses appreciate. Chipotle felt their reception by the members of the Boards and Commissions was most welcoming. That is what we try to do; and that word does get out to other business associates and developers seeking good receptive communities in which to locate.

Great Lakes Bank, which has been an anchor in our downtown area for years, dating back to 1940 as the Bank of Homewood, has made a decision to move their operations to their newer Homewood location on Dixie Highway. I was able to place Dr. Claude Gendreau, the

owner of Ravisloe Country Club, in contact with Lou Hoekstra and Ron Shropshire, the Chairman and President of Great Lakes Bank, to discuss the sale of the building.

Dr. Gendreau and I had often spoken of him building a boutique hotel in Homewood to accommodate the family members of the growing number of weddings Ravisloe is hosting. We toured all of Homewood many times looking at possible sites; from 175th Street in Prairie Lakes to various sites in the Central Business District. We met several times with the Great Lakes Bank and after quite a few meetings an accord was reached. A first-rate boutique hotel will become the anchor and focal point for our downtown for years to come. I look at the "spill-over" effect, just like the Halsted Street business corridor, only now the downtown businesses will benefit from this project. Families of the wedding parties and business guests will shop at the jewelry stores, florists, boutiques and of course patronize our local restaurants. Business

begets business.

I am now working with Dr. Gendreau to reach out to local businesses and residents to make his hotel project better known for accommodating their business associates, family members and guests. Dr. Gendreau has engaged an architect to plan this project, and as they evolve I'll share them with you.

The same applies to the old Bakers Square building. Plans have been submitted to establish a fine dining, white table cloth restaurant, the Cottage on Dixie (not related to the old Cottage restaurant that used to be on Torrence Avenue). A retired couple is fulfilling their dream of opening an upscale restaurant to carry forward the dining experiences they have enjoyed on their many trips to France and Italy. They hope to open this fall with a top notch dining staff well-versed in the fine dining experience. The interior and exterior construction has begun, and we'll all watch the improvements to this site and await a great dining experience.

Lastly, a LaGrange store, Vino

and Birra (Wine and Beer) is taking a lease on one-half of the old Hollywood Video store, with an option on the adjacent space. This is an upscale store selling craft beers and boutique wines as well as single-malt scotches. (The latter was explained to me as a scotch that appeals to the very high-end customer, with bottles often selling in the \$100 to \$300 range!) The store will have a wine bar, which many will find appealing. Often times shoppers want to sit in a more relaxed atmosphere, so this too should be a pleasant addition to our business community.

This is a very exciting time for Homewood. We are very fortunate to have all the interest from many businesses, and I believe there is more to come. This is a tribute to all of our residents, a hard-working Village staff, and a very welcoming business atmosphere. Through your support and enthusiasm for local businesses you make it possible. Thanks for being such an important part of Homewood.

## 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**  
**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**  
**Stormwater Resource Committee**  
**Tree Committee**  
**Veterans Committee**  
**Village Board of Trustees**  
**Zone Board of Appeals**

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# BUSINESS NETWORK

## Homewood. You're in the Right Place

### Village Unveils New Slogan and Campaign to Highlight Numerous Attractive Qualities

The new slogan “You’re in the Right Place” was unveiled at Homewood’s 15th Annual Economic Development Breakfast, April 24, 2012. Over 150 business leaders from throughout the community attended the breakfast and learned about the exciting campaign designed to attract shoppers, visitors, businesses, and residents to Homewood.

“We’ve been examining ourselves as a brand to see how to strengthen and market Homewood’s attributes to attract people who share our values and believe in what we are trying to do,” said Rachael Jones, Director of Marketing for the Village of Homewood. “We want to be the community of choice; the ‘Right Place’ for people to run a business or raise a family.”

The “You’re in the Right Place” campaign will feature numerous angles to reach a variety of audiences including a public art exhibition inspired by the “Cows on Parade”. Homewood residences and artists get the opportunity to decorate fiberglass sculptures of the “You’re in the Right Place” logo which resembles a map marker icon. These art pieces will be placed in prominent locations such as parks and outside of businesses. Yellow Barn Design, a local Homewood design firm, created the overall look of the campaign including the use of the map marker icon.

“We developed the Homewood logo with the idea of identifying Homewood’s rightful place on the map and in people’s awareness,” said Adam Middleton from Yellow Barn Design. “It’s a very livable, diverse and accessible place with a great education base, as well as business opportunities. Yellow Barn’s design strives to reinforce that Homewood is seen as a friendly, small town, and welcoming to newcomers.”

Homewood will develop and post a series of entertaining video clips to be shared on various social media sites. Homewood will also create a testimonial video featuring residents in public spaces such as parks and restaurants discussing what they like about the community. Finally, Homewood will display street banners with the unique logo as well as increase print and online advertisements.

“This is the ‘Right Place’ for so many amenities that make a good quality of life,” said Village of Homewood President Richard Hofeld. “This is the right place for a quick commute being only 40 minutes from downtown; the right place for fun with over 61 outdoor festivals each year; the right place to raise a family, the right place for a first-rate education and the right place for unique shopping and dining experiences.”

Over the past year Homewood has seen the growth of more than 40 new business licenses including



“You’re in the Right Place” banners (above) and window clings (right)



Twisted Q BBQ and Bakery, 2053 Ridge Road, Global Fusion Home Decor, 1961 Ridge Road and Good Life Cafe, 2057 Ridge Road. Upcoming developments include a proposed \$4 million luxury boutique hotel at 2034 Ridge Road, a fine-dining restaurant on Dixie Highway and a beer and wine shop on 183rd street.

“As a new business owner, I feel that Homewood is the right place to put down roots,” said Cassandra Seawood, manager of Good Life Cafe. “Homewood has a vibrant, supportive community that has welcomed me and my business.”

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about new renovations planned for Chevrolet of Homewood and Dunkin Donuts. “Businesses definitely have made the right choice in locating in Homewood,” Wallrich said.

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# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

## Boutique Hotel Planned for Historic Bank Site

Village of Homewood President Richard Hofeld announced in March that Great Lakes Bank in Homewood has finalized the sale of its historic building located at 2034 Ridge Road in downtown Homewood. The purchaser, Dr. Claude Gendreau, owner of Ravisloe Country Club, plans to open an upscale boutique hotel. The project is estimated at approximately \$4million and will create Homewood's first LEED Certified Property. Gendreau estimates the upscale boutique hotel will open Fall 2013.

"Residents and business owners have asked for us to bring interesting, unique businesses to the downtown area. This development marks a new day for Homewood and represents years of planning and cooperative efforts from village and bank staff alike," said Rich Hofeld, President of the Village of Homewood. "Great Lakes Bank's willingness to move its Homewood operations to the Dixie Highway branch was central in allowing village staff to solicit and market the desirable Ridge Road location."

According to Gendreau, the boutique hotel will serve residents and businesses as it fills a void in Homewood's hospitality market.

"The Great Lakes Bank site offered everything I was looking for in a location for a new, upscale boutique hotel in Homewood," said Gendreau, "including the bustling downtown atmosphere, easy access to shopping, restaurants and transportation and the charm and character of a wonderful neighborhood, Homewood."

In his research, Gendreau discovered several large businesses in Homewood that had to send guests out of town for overnight accommodations. Gendreau, a

huge supporter of the local economy, believes that businesses operating in town should support one another and sending guests away took spending dollars away from Homewood's business community.

Gendreau spoke briefly about the construction project – estimated at approximately \$4million. The plans include

preserving the historic building while creating 35-40 guest rooms. Gendreau plans to mitigate construction debris and congestion for surrounding businesses. He also announced the building would be Homewood's first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified property. The LEED green building rating system – developed and administered by the U.S. Green Building Council, a Washington D.C.-based, nonprofit coalition of building industry leaders – is designed to promote design and construction practices that increase profitability while reducing the negative environmental impacts of buildings and improving occupant health and well-being.

Hofeld stated that the sale comes at a key time in the reenergizing of the Downtown Homewood Business District. He stated that a project like this required the perfect location and that Great Lakes Bank President Ron Shropshire's commitment to Homewood was critical in securing this revitalization project.

"Great Lakes Bank is proud to



continue its long history of partnership with and stewardship to Homewood, and is excited

to offer our customers a new level of service and speed at our nearby Dixie Highway branch, which is also in Homewood. This branch will become the largest bank branch in the Village," said Great Lakes President Ronald T. Shropshire, a long time Homewood resident. "We share the Village of Homewood's vision to revitalize downtown Homewood and see this as a significant opportunity for economic revitalization."

Great Lakes Bank's strong and lasting commitment to Homewood and the other communities it serves will continue, as the Bank focuses all of its Homewood customer operations at the Dixie Highway branch when it moves and consolidates operations.

Great Lakes Bank, which owns the branch at Ridge Road and Martin Avenue, will consolidate operations at its other Homewood location, 18600 Dixie Highway. The seven employees at the Ridge Road branch would be able to take jobs either at the second Homewood branch or at other Great Lakes locations, according to Ron Shropshire, Great Lakes' president.



## Willow Road and 183rd Street Resurfacing Projects

The Village has been awarded federal grants to complete the resurfacing of Willow Road from Riegel Road to Harwood Avenue and 183rd Street from Sacramento Avenue to Riegel Road. This resurfacing work will consist of minor curb and sidewalk repair, asphalt resurfacing of the entire roadway width and installing new pavement markings and traffic signal detector loops. The Willow Road project is scheduled to begin in June and take approximately 4 weeks to complete. The 183rd Street project is scheduled to begin in August and be completed within 8 weeks.

## Halsted Bridge Replacement at Abandoned ICRR Walking Trail

Beginning in May, The Illinois Department of Transportation will be replacing the bridge deck on Halsted Street just south of Ridge Road over the abandoned ICRR walking trail. The bridge replacement will be completed in two (2) phases by reconstructing the east side first and then the west side. During construction, traffic will be condensed to two (2) lanes (one lane in each direction). The project is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2012.

Department of Community Development | Department of Public Works

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

17755 South Ashland Avenue  
 206-3470



## Beautification Committee Scouts Properties for Recognition Now

The Beautification Committee is proud to be involved in the beautification awards program, which rewards diligence, personal commitment, and community involvement. Founded in 1989, the annual awards program recognizes outstanding property maintenance by homeowners and businesses throughout Homewood. The

Committee is currently scouting properties for recognition. Nominations are taken by Public Works through July 9. Final selections are made July 12 and notification and awards in October.

To nominate yourself or a neighbor, call Public Works at (708) 206-3470.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

## Know Who is at your Front Door

The Homewood Police Department would like to remind residents it is important to be cautious when answering your door. Many times offenders will give false identity to gain access into a home. They might say they are new neighbor, utility worker, village employee, or a construction worker. Offender's intentions are to distract a homeowner in or outside the home so another Offender can enter the residence unnoticed and take cash and jewelry from the home. If you feel there is someone at your home that you believe is trying to deceive you, call 911. The Homewood Police Department will come out and verify the identity. You have right to ask for identification from anyone that comes to your door and wants to enter your home. Utility Companies such as Com Ed, Nicor and Comcast issue their employees identification. Ask what company the person works for and call that company to verify. Write down any vehicle information such as license plate, make, model and color. The Village of Homewood requires village employees to have work identification with them.

Important numbers to remember: Emergency 911, ECOM-Police Dispatch Center (708) 799-6623, Homewood Police Non-Emergency (708) 206-3420

## Secure Your Furniture

One child dies every two weeks when a TV, a piece of furniture or an appliance falls. Each year, on average, 22,000 children, 8 years and younger are injured due to the instability or tipovers of furniture. Manufacturers have designed furniture straps and TV buckles to prevent items

from tipping. Some helpful hints from Injury Prevention Consortium at the University of Chicago:

- Keep electrical cords out of reach and behind TV
- Move toys and any items that would encourage climbing or reaching away from TV set

- Close all furniture drawers to prevent or deter climbing
- Secure all furniture with furniture straps
- Secure TV's with TV straps or buckles  
Straps and buckles may be purchased on-line, at baby stores, or at hardware stores.

## Flood Safety during Summer Storms

Summer storms may mean flooding. It is important to know how to protect yourself and your family when thunderstorms bring water to viaducts, streets and possibly basements.

**Do Not Walk Through Flowing Water.** Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths. Most occur during flash floods. Six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. Use a pole or stick to make sure that the ground is still there before you go through an area where the water is not flowing.

**Do Not Drive Through a Flooded Area.** Most people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Don't drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.

**Stay Away From Power Lines and Electrical Wires.** Electrocutation is also a major killer in floods. Electrical current can travel through water. Report downed power lines

to your utility company or local emergency manager.

**Turn Off Your Electricity When You Return Home.** Some appliances, such as television sets, can shock you even after they have been unplugged. Don't use appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned, and dried.

**Watch for Animals, Especially Snakes.** Small animals that have been flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in yours. Use a pole or stick to poke and turn items over and scare away small animals.

**Look Before You Step.** After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris including broken bottles and nails. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.

**Be Alert for Gas Leaks.** Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless

you are sure that the gas has been turned off and the area has been aired out.

**Carbon Monoxide Exhaust Kills.** Use a generator or other gasoline-powered machine outdoors. The same goes for camping stoves. Fumes from charcoal are especially deadly -- cook with charcoal only outdoors.

**Clean Everything That Get Wet.** Floodwaters have picked up sewage and chemicals from roads, farms, factories, and storage buildings. Spoiled food and flooded cosmetics and medicines are health hazards. When in doubt, throw them out.

**Take Good Care of Yourself.** Recovering from a flood is a big job. It is tough on both the body and the spirit. And the effects a disaster has on you and your family may last a long time. Learn how to recognize and care for anxiety, stress, and fatigue.

## Be a Buckle Buddy

Be a Buckle Buddy! This is a public service program featuring a toll-free, statewide, hotline that allows any concerned individual to anonymously report an unbuckled child in Illinois. This is a non-punitive program; reported drivers will receive an information

packet filled with Safe Kids, child passenger safety information, and passenger safety laws in Illinois.

Buckle Buddy is 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. Law enforcement partner retrieves vehicle owner's information and send 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 eminent danger, please call 911.

For more information please contact call Police Officer Curt Wiest (708) 206-3426.

## Fireworks are Illegal in Illinois

The State of Illinois and the Village of Homewood prohibit the use of most types of fireworks. Prohibited fireworks include firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles, and smoke bombs or other fireworks of like construction. Permitted fireworks within the village include snake or glow worm pellets; smoke devices; trick noisemakers known as “party poppers”, “booby traps”, “snappers”, “trick matches”, paper caps, and other like devices.

Sparklers are permitted, but can be a very serious burn hazard.

Sparklers can burn at 2000° F and cause half of the yearly fireworks related injuries to children under 5 and 10% of the overall fireworks related injuries each year.

Use of any type of fireworks should supervised by an adult. Never permit anyone under the age of 15 to use fireworks unattended. Always keep a bucket of clean, cool water nearby in case of an accidental burn injury.



## National Night Out

Tuesday, August 7  
5:00 PM until 9:00 PM  
Irwin Park



Come out and meet Homewood’s finest...The Homewood Police Department is hosting National Night Out. This is a great opportunity to meet the brave men and women that serve and protect the Village of Homewood. This event is co-sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and Target. National Night Out was designed to generate support and participation in local anti-crime programs, strengthen the neighborhood spirit and police community partnership, and crime prevention awareness.

The evening will be filled with live entertainment, fun activities for the kids, food from Homewood eateries, groups available to discuss crime and drug prevention, and emergency vehicles and equipment will be on display. For more information please contact Police Officer Curt Wiest (708) 206-3426.

## Summer Heat Safety Tips and the Stages of Heat-Related Illness

### Child Safety Tips

- Make sure your child’s safety seat and safety belt buckles aren’t too hot before securing your child in a safety restraint system, especially when your car has been parked in the heat.
- Never leave your child unattended in a vehicle, even with the windows down.
- Teach children not to play in, on or around cars.
- Always lock car doors and trunks — even at home — and keep keys out of children’s reach.
- Always make sure all children have left the car when you reach your destination. Don’t leave sleeping infants in the car ever!

### Adult Safety Tips

- Slow down. Reduce, eliminate or rescheduled strenuous activities until the coolest time of the day. Children, senior and anyone with health problems should stay in the coolest available place, not necessarily indoors.
- Dress for summer. Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing to reflect heat and

sunlight.

- Put less fuel on your inner fires. Foods, like meat and other proteins that increase metabolic heat production also increase water loss.
- Drink plenty of water or other non-alcohol or decaffeinated fluids. Your body needs water to keep cool. Drink plenty of fluids even if you don’t feel thirsty. Persons who have epilepsy or heart, kidney, or liver disease, are on fluid restrictive diets or have a problem with fluid retention should consult a physician before increasing their consumption of fluids. Do not drink alcoholic beverages and limited caffeinated beverages.
- During excess heat period, spend more time in air-conditioned places. Air conditioning in homes and other buildings markedly reduces danger from the heat. If you cannot afford an air conditioner, go to a library, store or other location with air conditioning for part of the day.
- Don’t get too much sun.

Sunburn reduced your body’s ability to dissipate heat.

- Do not take salt tablets unless specified by a physician.

### The Stages of Heat-Related Illness

**Heat cramps:** Muscular pains and spasms due to heavy exertion that usually involve the abdominal muscles or the legs. It is thought that the loss of water and salt from heavy sweating causes the cramps. Heat cramps are an early signal that the body is having trouble with the heat.

**Heat Exhaustion.** Heat exhaustion typically occurs when people exercise heavily or work in a warm, humid place where body fluids are lost through heavy sweating. Fluid loss causes blood flow to the skin to increase, and blood flow to vital organs to decrease, resulting in a form of mild shock. Sweat does not evaporate as it should, possibly because of high humidity or too many layers of clothing. As a result, the body is not cooled properly. If not treated, a person with heat exhaustion may suffer heat stroke.

The signals of heat exhaustion

include:

- cool, moist, pale, flushed or red skin
- heavy sweating, headache, dizziness and weakness or exhaustion, nausea
- The skin may or may not feel hot and body temperature will be near normal

**Heat Stroke:** Also known as sunstroke, is life-threatening. The victim’s temperature control system stops working. The body temperature can rise so high that brain damage and death may result if the body is not cooled quickly.

The signals of heat stroke include:

- Vomiting
- Decreased alertness level or complete loss of consciousness
- High body temperature (sometimes as high as 105° F)
- Skin may still be moist or the person may stop sweating and the skin may be red, hot and dry
- Rapid, weak pulse
- Rapid, shallow breathing

**This late stage of heat-related illness is life threatening. Call 911.**

# Art and Garden Street Fair

Friday, June 8 | 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
 Saturday, June 9 | 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM  
 Martin Avenue from Ridge Road to Hickory Road



The Village of Homewood and Downtown Homewood Business Association proudly present the 5th annual Downtown Homewood Art and Garden Street Fair. Kicking off the festivities at noon on Friday is Grammy Nominated children's performer Justin Roberts and The Not Ready For Nap Time Players. This two-day festival features over 45 unique artisans and vendors, activities for all ages, gardening workshops, music from around the world and food from Homewood's best restaurants. This festival is free and open to the public however there is a fee for specific art activities. For more information visit or to sign up for an activity visit [homesweethomewood.com](http://homesweethomewood.com) or call (708) 798-3000.

Justin Roberts marks his

Premiere performance at the Downtown Homewood Art and Garden Street Fair on Friday, June 8 at 12:00 AM. Roberts is considered one of the "indie" all-stars of the family music scene. The New York Times says Roberts, "...has a remarkable ability to see through a child's eyes...the Judy Blume of kiddie rock".

Homewood has hosted art festivals for over 40 years. This festival showcases many of Chicago and Chicagoland's talented artistic exhibitors displaying all forms of paint application, photography, printmaking, antique jewelry, antique furniture, art glass, art works, decorative art, glass ware, textiles and handicrafts, from traditional forms to the avant-garde.

In addition, The Downtown

Homewood Art and Garden Street Fair highlights activities for the whole family. Homewood-based art studio and boutique Art 4 Soul will help children create terra cotta bird baths and yarn crafts. South suburban artist Terri Jabaay will conduct an adult mixed-media art class, pastel workshop, wine glass painting activity and children's chalk instruction. Homewood garden and home décor store Bella Vita will help participants create unique items for the inside and outside of the home. Homewood Florist will conduct a summer floral arrangement seminar to create the perfect centerpiece for a summer soiree.

Additional music performances include the classic rock sounds of southsiders Xtra! Xtra on Friday from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Saturday

features a wide variety of musical stylings beginning at 12:00 AM with the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra Brass Quintet, part of the largest performing arts organization in the Chicago Southland area. Members of the Quintet are regular substitute players with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Lyric Opera. Rio Bamba performs an exciting blend of Bossa Nova, Samba, American and Latin Jazz played by world class musicians from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Saturday evening concludes with Latin Satin Soul from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. A popular band at the Taste of Chicago, Latin Satin Soul boasts rich Latin grooves and smooth R&B.

## ART AND GARDEN STREET FAIR ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, JUNE 8

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Children's Art Projects: Terra Cotta Bird Bath, Recycled Art Projects. Pricing: \$12 to \$15, includes instruction and materials. Class size: Limited. Presented by Art 4 Soul\*

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Mixed-Media Adult Art Class: Learn how to use color and assorted items to create a nature scene. Pricing: \$25, includes instruction and materials. Class size: Limited. Presented by Terri Jabaay\*

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Children/Youth Art Projects: Create with Yarn Art. Pricing: \$12 to \$15, includes instruction and materials. Class size: Limited. Presented by Art 4 Soul\*

### SATURDAY, JUNE 9

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Floral Arrangement: Learn how to select and design a summer floral arrangement and make the perfect centerpiece for a summer soiree. Pricing: \$25, includes instruction and materials. Class size: Limited. Presented by Homewood Florist\*

12:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Free Kid Activity: Create with beads. Class size: Limited Presented by Homewood Church\*

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Chalk Pastels: Learn how to use and blend, chalk pastels to create a serene nature scene. Pricing: \$15, includes instruction and materials. Class size: Limited. Presented by Terri Jabaay

3:00 to 5:00 PM

Garden & Home Decor Workshop: Create a window garden with rustic pots, chalk, and a delicious selection of herbs. Pricing: \$20, includes instruction and materials. Class size: Limited. Presented by Bella Vita Home Accents\*

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Paint Your Own Wine Glass: Learn how to customize your favorite wine glass. Pricing: \$20, includes instruction and materials. Class size: Limited. Presented by Terri Jabaay\*

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Children's Art Project: Create a family keepsake. Kids will learn wet, chalk painting techniques. Pricing: \$10, includes instruction and materials. Class size: Limited. Presented by Terri Jabaay\*

### \*ABOUT THE PRESENTERS:

#### Art 4 Soul

18135 Harwood Avenue | (708) 206-1026

Art studio and boutique, features the work of many artists, from refined to funky, along with unique gift ideas from functional to fantastic! Creative studio open for ceramic painting, jewelry art, mosaics, and more.

#### Terri Jabaay | Contact [terrijabaay@gmail.com](mailto:terrijabaay@gmail.com)

Local artist Terri Jabaay creates dynamic palettes in her mixed-media artwork, ranging from deep earthy tones to vibrant and electric blends. Each layer of Jabaay's work tells a story beyond the actual reclaimed, vintage, industrial, or organic piece. Jabaay's work is found at several boutiques throughout the Chicago Southland and she offers studio and mobile art classes for all ages and art forms.

#### Homewood Florist

18064 Martin Avenue | (708) 798-0326

Located in the heart of downtown, offering an expansive array of flowers, plants and gifts to suit any occasion.

#### Homewood Church

18301 Governors Highway | (708) 799-9360

Fun and exciting programming for children and many special events throughout the year for the community.

#### Bella Vita Home Accents

18111 Dixie Highway | (708) 798-2355

A boutique located in downtown Homewood. This eclectic and beautiful shop offers unique items for indoor and outdoor spaces. Bella Vita features the work of over two dozen local artists and boasts a large inventory of household wares, accessories, candles, and fashion accessories. Bella Vita hosts various classes every week for body, mind, spirit, and home.

## FREE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

### FRIDAY, JUNE 8

12:00 AM to 1:00 PM | Justin Roberts and the Not Ready for Napttime Players  
Grammy Nominated Justin Roberts is considered one of the "indie" all-stars of the family music scene.

### 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Xtra! Xtra!

Enjoy the Classic Rock sounds of cover band Xtra! Xtra! Featuring music from the 60s through today. Covers include The Rolling Stones, The Cure and Weezer among others.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 9

#### 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM | Rio Bamba

The Rio Bamba sound is a unique blend of Bossa Nova, Samba, American and Latin Jazz played by world class musicians. The group moves easily from classic and swinging jazz, vocal or instrumental to a Brazilian Samba that brings everyone to the dance floor with its irresistible rhythms. "Rio Bamba is sexy, sensuous and a musical treasure" - Mike Parker, CBS News

#### 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM | Latin Satin Soul

A popular band at the Taste of Chicago, Latin Satin Soul boasts rich Latin grooves and smooth R&B for those looking to do more than just sit and listen. This band is for those that want to get up and move.



Latin Satin Soul

Rio Bamba

## About Grammy Nominated Justin Roberts

Like a scene from "Groundhog Day," the event repeats itself over and over. Bass and drums pound out the beat in perfect unison. Bodies spring to their feet and rush the stage; jumping, dancing and bouncing off each other like bumper cars. The concertgoers behave like children. This should come as no surprise, because they are children, participating in the kiddie mosh pit found at nearly every Justin Roberts concert.

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

Justin's latest Grammy Nominated CD Jungle Gym ascends through the collective memories of childhood: from the joys of trick or treating and gym class parachutes to sleepovers and the magic stillness

of snow days. The recording takes listeners on a journey through iconic experiences that kids will relate to and parents will remember. It's an often funny and rocking ride: from magic moments sailing on a moonlit cardboard box, through the temporary trauma of getting lost, to the anticipation and wonder of a school fire drill. Giant pounding drums, vintage electric guitars, strange and fanciful time changes, soaring vocals and elegant French horns conquer the heights of the Jungle Gym.

This seventh family music CD from Justin Roberts continues a hot streak that started in the early 1990s. Roberts began his music career in the Minneapolis-based indie-rock band Pimentos for Gus. He decided to moonlight (during the day) as a Montessori preschool teacher. It wasn't long before Justin began writing and singing songs for a new generation of fans: his students. The kids immediately responded and inspired Justin to record some of his new songs and send them out to a few friends for Christmas. One of the gift recipients was Liam Davis,

a college pal and music producer, who suggested that they record the songs professionally.

In 1998, Justin released his first CD, Great Big Sun, and the critics took note. Justin's music was

soon being compared to everyone from Elvis Costello and Fountains of Wayne to Paul Simon, ELO and Nick Lowe. By 2001, Justin had hit the road full time, doing what he loves most: playing music for appreciative crowds. Kiddie mosh pits broke out, word spread and shows started selling out. He has played at such renowned venues and festivals as NYC's Symphony Space, DC's National Geographic Live, LA's Getty Museum, Seattle's Moore Theater, Lollapalooza and Chicago's Ravinia.

Justin has performed in front of millions of people on The Today Show, he's featured on Nick Jr. TV, and his song "Get Me Some Glasses" was featured on a World Series



Grammy Nominated Justin Roberts.

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broadcast. He's also garnered kudos and raves from national media including the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Newsweek, People, Entertainment Weekly, USA Today, NPR and the Chicago Tribune.

Once again, Justin Roberts raises the bar for family music with a playground full of bright new songs for parents and kids to enjoy together.

Whether you're playing the familiar game Duck Duck Goose ("We Go Duck") in a new way or saying a wistful goodbye to your trusty bed as you leave for "Sleepoverland," Jungle Gym provides a memorable soundtrack for the way families live today.

# FINANCE & MANAGER'S OFFICE NEWS

## Planning a Garage Sale?

Residential, yard and garage sales require a Village Permit, available at the Village Hall, at a cost of \$2.00. A residence may hold no more than two sale days in a calendar year. Hours are restricted and sales must be between 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. No more than two signs may be posted within the public-right-of-way and no more than one sign may be posted in front of the resident's home. Signs must be posted no earlier than the first sale date and removed within four hours after the final sale date. Each sign must have the exact date, address and permit number posted on the signs. Garage sale signs are prohibited from being placed at or on signalized stop light intersections.

## Got a Pet ... They Need a TAG!

All dogs and cats six months of age or older are required to be licensed with 2011/2012 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.

## 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 Police Department at (708) 206-3420. They are usually contacted for temporary exemptions for overnight guests, driveway repairs, etc. Applications for an extended exemption permit are available at the Village Hall. License plate numbers and current Homewood vehicle sticker numbers of all vehicles registered and/or housed at the address are required to obtain this permit. The parking ban is to facilitate police patrols and to deter crime by making it more difficult for criminals to avoid detection.

## Did You Miss The Due Date for your Village Sticker?

Vehicle stickers went on sale on April 1 and were due on the cars by May 31. For those who missed the due date, a \$25 late fee was added to the cost of each vehicle sticker as of June 1. For newly purchased vehicle, residents have 60 days in

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

## Don't Forget About Your Bicycle!

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

holder owns the bike. The serial number on the bicycle is required.



## Yard Waste Sticker Vendor List

Yard waste season is April 1 through November 30 of each year. Listed below are vendors in Homewood who sell the yard waste stickers.

- Ebel's Ace Hardware  
18410 Governors Highway  
(708) 799-8286
- Southgate Pharmacy  
18659 Dixie Highway  
(708) 798-2100
- Super K-Mart  
17550 Halsted Street  
(708) 922-1500
- Jet Sonic/CITGO  
2124 183rd Street  
(708) 798-8809
- MJM Marathon  
17500 Dixie Highway  
(708) 957-7711
- Five M Oil  
2000 Ridge Road  
(708) 798-4060
- Walgreen's  
18300 Governors Highway  
(708) 799-5950
- Pete's Mobil  
2138 183rd Street  
(708) 209-5778

Call (708) 798-1004 or visit [homewooddisposal.com](http://homewooddisposal.com) for more information on yard waste requirements.

**BAIRD WARNER  
VASILOPULOS**  
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**HOMEWOOD  
DISPOSAL**  
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**HOMEWOOD HEARING**  
10377574

Department of Finance & Manager's Office  
 2020 Chestnut Road  
 798-3000

## Village Board Passes 2012-13 Budget

At their April 10 meeting, the Homewood Village Board approved passage of a budget for fiscal year May 1, 2012 - April 30, 2013. That budget is highlighted by a day-today operating budget of \$17 million.

Right, is a pie chart and description of where that \$17 million is spent

Police –The largest department in municipal budgets around the country is the Police Department. The police spend the majority of time performing patrol, and investigation.

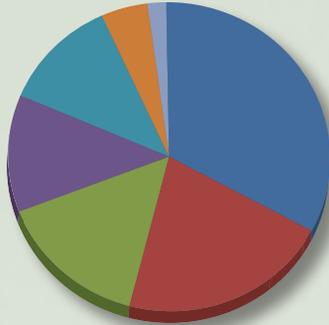
Public Works – this includes all those items, for example snow removal, that a municipality provides to maintain its infrastructure. Much of that infrastructure is classified as streets. Vehicles and their expenses for all village departments are also found in the Public Works budget.

Fire – The Fire Department budget is dominated by their response to emergency medical calls and fire suppression calls.

Village Hall – the cost of the Manager's Office, Finance Department, and Department of Community Development.

Pensions – required payments to pension funds plus any required

Village of Homewood  
 2012-13 Budget by Expense



- Police
- Public Works
- Fire
- Village Hall
- Pensions
- Risk Management
- Non TIF Incentives

health insurance payments to eligible retirees.

Risk Management – the cost of insurance coverage for workers compensation, liability, property, and vehicles.

Non TIF Incentives – Economic development projects outside of TIF boundaries. For example, Washington Park Plaza redevelopment project.

## Village of Homewood Police Pension and Fire Pension Funds

The Village of Homewood is fortunate to have volunteers who oversee the pension funds for police and fire. These volunteers come from the ranks of active sworn police/fire employees, retired police/fire staff, and Village President appointments. As of April 30, 2011 these pension fund volunteers are successfully operating investment funds over \$32 million dollars. These dollars not only go to pay pensions of current police/fire retirees but also are managed with a long-term objective to grow to pay the many police/fire who will retire in future years. Thank you to these pension fund volunteers for all their ongoing efforts.

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# SUMMER HAPPENINGS

## DRIVIN' THE DIXIE

Saturday, June 16 | 9:00 AM

Special viewing in the village parking lot by Melody Mart

The annual Drivin' the Dixie pulls into Homewood starting at 9:00 AM, in the village parking lot by Melody Mart. Come out and view the classic cars from Model A Ford to the sleek designs of the present. The annual "Cruise" starts in Blue Island and ends in Momence. Car enthusiasts travel the historic Dixie highway making stops in cities to celebrate historic cities along Dixie Highway. The cars will arrive at 9:00 AM in Homewood and will stop for viewing at the village parking lot by Melody Mart, off of Dixie Highway. Those that would like to participate in Drivin' the Dixie should contact Elaine Egdorf (708) 798-9535.



## June

### PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Sunday, June 3 | 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM

17951 Dixie Highway

Parish of St. Joseph at (708) 798-0622 or [POShomewood.org](http://POShomewood.org)

Celebrate Parish of St. Joseph 100th anniversary with their Centennial Fest Celebration. The day will be filled with raffle, games and activities for all ages. Enjoy a variety of cuisines by local restaurants and dance into the night with live entertainment from Bill Hogan and "Extra Extra". Parking is available at Homewood Library, Village Hall, Ryan's Funeral Home, and Great Lakes Bank, with designated drop off and pick up zones. This is a free event, with food and beverage for purchase.



### 6TH ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, June 17

Coyote Run Golf Course

Ages 5-10 | 3:00 PM | 3-Hole Course

Ages 11-17 | 2:00 PM | Main Course

Coordinated by the H-F Park District [hfparks.com](http://hfparks.com)

Celebrate Father's Day with this non-competitive tournament. Bring dad, grandpa or your favorite guy and enjoy time on the course, raffle prizes, a logo golf ball and a group photo. Fee includes greens fee, cart (must have a valid driver's license), prizes and lunch on the patio. Reserve your tee time today by calling (708) 957-8700. Fee: \$20, team for ages 5-10; \$33, team for ages 11-17

## July

### H-F 2012 SUMMER CIRCUIT RUN FOR FREEDOM

Wednesday, July 4

Coordinated by the H-F Park District [hfparks.com](http://hfparks.com)

Are you a runner looking for a challenge against the clock? Or have you just started running and looking to improve your time? Looking to ramp up to run a marathon? Challenge yourself with the Run for Freedom. Individual Race Fee: \$22 Resident; \$25 Non-Resident; \$30 Race-Day

### 5TH ANNUAL NATIONAL HOT DOG DAY PICNIC

Monday, July 16 | 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Irwin Park

Sponsored by *Walt's Foods and Dutch Farms*. Coordinated by the H-F Park District, [hfparks.com](http://hfparks.com)

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

### 8TH ANNUAL WIFFLE® FEST

Saturday, July 21

Apollo Park

Coordinated by the H-F Park District [hfparks.com](http://hfparks.com)

Choose from two divisions: Fast Pitch and Recreational. Teams consist of 3-5 players. Format will be round robin leading to single elimination. A Home Run Derby will also be held! Pre-registered players will receive lunch, a Wiffle® Fest t-shirt and an invitation to a pre-tournament party at Wiley's Grill at Coyote Run. Prizes will be awarded to winning teams! Age: 18 & up Team Limit: 6 min / 40 max per division Team Fee: \$115 Code: WBFP12 (Fast Pitch) or WBR12 (Recreation)

## August

### AREA SIDEWALK SALE

Saturday, August 18 | 10:00 AM to

6:00 PM

Downtown Homewood Business Association, [dhba.biz](http://dhba.biz)

Shop participating downtown merchants.

## MOVIES IN OUR PARKS

The Homewood Community Relations Commission, along with the Flossmoor Community Relations and both public libraries will host Movies in Our Parks in H-F community parks. The events are free and created to provide a fun evening out for the family and an opportunity to meet neighbors from the H-F community. Concessions open throughout the movies.

The Muppets (Disney)

Friday, July 20

Movie starts at dusk

Irwin Park in Homewood

Contact Homewood Public Library at (708) 798-0121

Dolphin Tale (Warner Brothers)

Friday, August 17

Movie starts at dusk

Flossmoor Park in Flossmoor

Contact Flossmoor Public Library at (708) 798-4006



### GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Friday, August 24 | 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Downtown Homewood Business Association, [dhba.biz](http://dhba.biz)

Stop in and shop discounts, enjoy refreshments and more at participating downtown merchants.

### MUSIC FEST 2012

Saturday, August 25 | 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Irwin Park

Sponsored by Melody Mart and AAA Rental System. Coordinated by the H-F Park District, [hfparks.com](http://hfparks.com)

Be a part of Music Fest 2012 – the hometown festival. We are in our third year and excited to see what new talents and returning entertainers will fill the stage. Local musicians and bands are encouraged to apply to be highlighted at Music Fest 2012. If chosen, you and your group will receive an exclusive 2012 Music Fest t-shirts with your groups name listed, have professional sound to assure your performance is outstanding and be listed in our fall brochure delivered to 12,000 homes in our community. Not ready to take the stage but have wares to sell and have a business in our community? We have a place for you too. Application for performers and vendors are available online at [hfparks.com](http://hfparks.com) and at our facilities. Food, arts and fun will all be a part of the day. Deadline for entertainers is Monday, June 4, by 5:00 PM – good luck! Rain location HFPD Auditorium.

## MUSIC IN THE PARK

Irwin Park  
Coordinated by the H-F Park District  
hfparks.com

Join us this summer as we celebrate the season with FREE music at Irwin Park every Thursday night, including community favorite Starry Nights Concerts.

### STARRY NIGHTS

- Thursday, June 14 | 6:30 PM  
Maggie Speaks  
Opening Act: H-F Community Band
- Thursday, June 28 | 6:30 PM  
The Nevery Brothers  
Opening Act: H-F Community Band
- Thursday, July 19 | 6:30 PM  
R Gang  
Opening Act: H-F Community Band

### MUSICAL EVENTS

- Thursday, June 21 | 6:15 PM  
H-F Community Band
- Thursday, July 5 | 6:15 PM  
Teens With Talent, *presented by Homewood Public Library*
- Thursday, July 12 | 5:00 PM  
Teen Battle of the Bands
- Thursday, July 26 | 6:15 PM  
Community Band
- Friday, July 27 | 6:00 PM  
Regional Teen Battle of the Bands
- Thursday, Aug. 2 | 6:15 PM  
H-F Marching Band and H-F Community Band
- Thursday, Aug. 9 | 7:00 PM  
Homewood Idol
- Thursday, Aug. 16 | 7:00 PM  
School of Rock and Teen Battle of the Bands Winner
- Thursday, Aug. 23 | 7:00 PM  
H-F High School Inspirational Voices Choir

## BLOCK PARTIES

June is the start of Homewood's block party season. The Community Relations Commission promotes the program and encourages residents to host a fun, simple party this summer to connect with their neighbors. The Village Web site features an online application form and helpful resources for coordinators.



## 4th of July Parade

Wednesday, July 4 | Step-Off at 11:00AM  
Route: Dixie Highway south to Ridge Road and east to the Izaak Walton Preserve.

The July Fourth Independence Day parade is a Homewood tradition that celebrates the birthday of our great nation and the many faces of our great community. Thousands of friends and neighbors will gather along the parade route. This year, lots of entertainment has been added in, such as stilt walkers, jugglers, clowns, bands, bagpipes, decorated floats, giant balloons, and horses to name a few. The route starts at St. Joe's on Dixie Highway and travels east along Ridge Road, finishing up at Izaak Walton Preserve where the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District and Homewood Fire Department will host games and entertainment at the Family Fun Fest.

### FLOAT ENTRANCE

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

A small fee has been applied to the entry application. For non-commercial entrants the fee is \$15.00 (nonprofit organizations with a 501C, academic schools, veterans groups, local service groups, church groups, etc.), and for commercial entrants the fee is \$30.00 (entrants that promote a commercial venture, or recognize any other entity, organizations, or business other than itself).

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

parade application, available at [homesweethomewood.com](http://homesweethomewood.com) or Village Hall. Enclose correct payment (checks only, made out to Village of Homewood). The application deadline is June 23. Parade applications may be dropped off at Village Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Saturdays from 9:00 AM to Noon.

The Village reserves the right to refuse entrant applications to ensure and maintain the vision and objective of the overall event, and may restrict the number of entrants/participants to meet public safety and event time commitments. Parade placement is based upon space, number of participants, and on a first-come-first-served basis.

## Casting Calls and Auditions

Casting calls and auditions offer the opportunity for would-be stars to show their talent and gain a spot in the Homewood July Fourth Parade. Are you a stilt walker? Clown? Do you ride a unicycle? Do you have a unique vehicle? Do you have a marching band? Do you have a fun costume? Then the Community Relations Commission wants to meet you and see if you're a good fit for our parade. Open call, Saturday, June 2 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Homewood Market located at 2020 Chestnut Road, Village Hall Parking Lot.



# SUMMER HAPPENINGS

## VENUE CHANGE!

# Dog Days of Summer's GIANT BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, August 18 | 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Ridge Road between Martin Avenue and Harwood Avenue

The Dog Days of summer may refer to the hottest temperature during summer; however, we think it is the most fun time of year! We have added some new features to this fun family event. We have moved the event to Ridge Road and Martin Avenue, in historic downtown Homewood and extended the fun from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

This event is hosted by the Community Relations Commission, who will welcome fest goers to the Village of Homewood's very own Block Party. There will be the same fun activities that are played at block parties, such as carnival games, face painting, balloon twist, and summer fare from Homewood restaurants! The village will have a brief ceremony to thank Block Party Coordinators who have consistently organized Block Parties in their neighborhood. In addition, fest goers will enjoy live entertainment throughout the day, featuring Jim Gill, Glumlord, and Staff Infection.

We can't forget who this event is named after...man's best friend! The annual Pooch Parade is back...

Showcase your canine's distinctive qualities in the Pooch Parade. There will be three categories for judging Most Unique, Most Humorous, and Best in Parade. Check-in will start at 10:00 AM at the Farmers Market. Once checked-in, your dog will proceed to judging. The Pooch Parade will step-off at 11:00 AM. Watch these extraordinary dogs strut around the Farmers Market, then onto Martin Avenue, onto Ridge Road and Harwood. Once they arrive, the pooches will be showcased on stage and the winner announced. In addition to the parade, fest goers will be able to visit the unique dog vendors on Ridge Road and shop the downtown merchants' sidewalk sales.

The fun continues...Children will gather at the stage at 12:00 PM as award winning children's musician, Jim Gill, entertains the whole family in a sing-along and clap-along performance. Jim has won many awards from the American Library Association for his CDs and showcased on



WGN, channel 9. Chicago Parent Magazine's Fred Koch gave an upbeat review of his music "Jim Gill is a Chicago treasure and "Music Play For Folks of All Stripes" is his sixth recording for young children. An award-winning musician, author and child development specialist, his passion for using music and a

platform for play has elevated him to the status of one of the well-respected musician/teachers in the country".

\*All contestants who would like to participate in the Pooch Parade must complete and submit an application by August 13; parade applications are available online at [homesweethomewood.com](http://homesweethomewood.com)

### DOG DAYS OF SUMMER EVENT SCHEDULE

10:00 AM	Check-in for Dog Parade at Village Hall Judging will take place at the time of check-in
11:00 AM	Step-off for Pooch Parade
12:00 PM	Jim Gill
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	Glumlords
3:00 PM	Honor Block Party Coordinators
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Staff Infection

### MORE FUN FOR THE KIDS!

12:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Face Painting/ Balloon Artist
12:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Coloring t-shirts
11:00 AM to 7:00 PM	Carnival Games



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# Homewood's Market Returns

It is that wonderful time of year when flowers bloom and gardens grow and farmers markets open. Homewood's Market opens May 19, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, in the Village of Homewood parking lot. The traditional French market canopies will be filled with the finest vendors selling fresh food, drinks, vegetables, flowers, and more!



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

## GREEN THUMB SATURDAY PRESENTATION DATES

- June 9 Native Perennials
- July 14 Manage Weeds Organically
- August 11 Lawn Care Basics
- September 8 Tree Planting and Care
- October 13 Composting



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

- July 21 Document Shredding sponsored by Harris Bank
- August 11 Electronic Waste sponsored by ATEN
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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Go Green Program

The Homewood-Flossmoor Park District, the villages of Homewood and Flossmoor, and area businesses want to reward residents for shopping local and green.

Join the Go Green Program to earn prizes while you support local businesses and community events that are eco-friendly.



Here is a brief overview of the program:

- Community members can receive a “Go Green” punch card from the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District; go to the Goldberg Center (Flossmoor) located at 3301 Flossmoor Road.
- Earn a punch at participating businesses (list found at [hfparks.com](http://hfparks.com)) when you buy earth-friendly marked items, or ride your bike and walk.

- Earn a punch when you attend events with earth-friendly activities, such as the local farmers’ markets, workshops through the Park District and village’s that promote eco-friendly practices, like the Homewood Tree Committee’s Green Thumb Saturday workshops.
- Return completed punch card to the Park District for a chance to win a monthly raffle prize. Still have questions? Contact the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District Green Committee at (708) 957-0300; or email Shannon Olison at [solison@hfparks.com](mailto:solison@hfparks.com)

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## Got Cork?

Ever wonder what to do with all those used corks from your wine bottles? Whether you drink red or white, wine cork recycling is green! A cork may seem like nothing to just casually toss in the trash, but with an estimated 13 billion natural wine corks sold in the world each year, it seems an incredible waste not to find purposeful reclamation for this abundance of natural material.

Fresh Starts of Flossmoor is pleased to announce it will offer a designated drop box for recycling wine corks. Fresh Starts will collect the corks from their wine bar and invites everyone to drop off their own corks during business hours. Only natural corks will be accepted (no plastic corks or screw tops please). On a regular basis corks will be donated to Irons Oaks Environmental Learning Center for use in their programming and to Corkologie of Melrose Park that creates a variety of post-consumer products.

In addition to preserving wine and allowing it to age properly natural cork is one of the world’s most sustainable products. It’s biodegradable, recyclable and promotes the stewardship of vast cork oak forests in the Mediterranean Basin which spreads out over 6.6 million acres. The trees are not harmed or cut down but merely harvested by hand for a portion of their bark every 9-12 years over a 250-year lifespan. When this process is undertaken the tree doesn’t suffer and will generate new cork. These trees are valuable CO2 sinks as well helping to offset all of the carbon produced by automobiles.

A common misconception is that people should recycle cork stoppers because there is a “shortage” of cork. This is incorrect. In fact, there is



enough cork in the regulated Mediterranean cork forest to last for another 100 years without needing to grow another tree! We are simply diverting waste from landfill sites as there are so many other uses for this wonderful natural product.

Robert Burt, Fresh Starts Sommelier states, “This initiative will enable our patrons to help sustain cork forests, a critically important resource for the health of our planet, and to do so with near effortless local community action!” Program organizers hope to expand the program to include all liquor shops, bars, restaurants, and country clubs throughout the greater Southland region.

For additional information or to sign up your establishment please contact program volunteer Jennifer Molski by phone at 312-804-0496 or e-mail [jennifermolski@gmail.com](mailto:jennifermolski@gmail.com). Since moving to the present location in 1986, Fresh Starts has evolved from a gourmet food store and carry out to an award winning full service restaurant and catering service. Nestled in historic Old Flossmoor, Illinois, Fresh Starts has a quaint, European Cafe atmosphere. The small, intimate restaurant seats up to 60 people for gourmet lunch, or an exquisite dinner. Bring your corks, savor a delicious meal and reward yourself with a wonderful glass of wine! Visit [freshstartsrestaurant.com](http://freshstartsrestaurant.com)

# HOMEWOOD THROUGH THE YEARS

## St. Joseph Parish Celebrates 100 Years

The origins of Saint Joseph Church date back to early January 1912. At that time, Archbishop James Quigley directed Father Armand C. Martin, an associate at St. Louis of France Church on 117th Street in Chicago, to establish a Catholic church in Homewood. Father Martin approached the Homewood Village Board and requested the use of the village hall meeting room on Sunday mornings. The village granted his request and Martin said the first Mass in the village hall on January 14th. The following May, the Archdiocese of Chicago purchased property that was located across from the village hall on the east side of the Chicago-Vincennes Road (now the Dixie Highway). Ground was broken for a small wood frame church on this lot in June, and by the end of September 1912, the church building was completed and consecrated to Saint Joseph.

Father Martin, an energetic young priest, had also been involved with establishing St. Anne Church in East Hazel Crest the year before. A small wooden church was built for this congregation in 1911, near the intersection of 172nd Street and Loomis Avenue. This building was later moved to the corner of 171st and Wood Streets in Hazel Crest where it remains today.

Father Martin served both churches until 1914, when he was appointed the first resident pastor of St. John Church in Glenwood, which had been organized in 1884. After the departure of Father Martin, St. Joseph's was raised to the status of a parish, and Father John P. Doran was appointed its first pastor. Father Doran remained in Homewood until May 1920 when Father Michael S. Kane took

over as pastor.

Father Kane tended the growing flock at St. Joseph's until 1925, when he was appointed pastor of St. Patrick Church in South Chicago. He was succeeded by Father Stephen P. Sullivan, who came to Homewood from St. Joseph Church in Rockdale (near Joliet) on May 15, 1925. Father Sullivan would spend the next 30 years leading the Catholic Church in Homewood. He took over a parish of about 150 families in 1925 and by the time of his retirement in 1955 that number had swelled to over 1,000. His tenure would be marked by tremendous growth and also by a great deal of hardship endured by parishioners and other residents in Homewood during the Depression and war years.

Following his arrival at St. Joseph's, Father Sullivan envisioned the possibility of building a parochial school for parish children. Catholics and non-Catholics alike responded with remarkable generosity to his appeals for funds, and construction was started in May 1926 on a 6-room school just north of the church. The Dominican Sisters of Adrian, Michigan, were asked to staff the school, which opened on September 7, 1926. Seventy-two students were enrolled when the school doors opened. They were taught by 3 Dominican nuns under the direction of Sister Mary James Marsh, the school's principal. For many years, the nuns lived on the top floor of the school building.

During the time the school was being built, the front of the church was also remodeled with the addition of a steeple and a brick veneer to match the school.

In the 1950's, two separate additions were completed to



*St. Joseph Parish circa 1912.*



*St. Joseph Parish circa 1940*



*St. Joseph Parish today.*

the school building, adding classrooms and a gymnasium that would accommodate an enrollment that had grown to over 1,000 students at the end of the decade.

By 1953, Father Sullivan was no longer able to keep up with the demands of the growing parish alone and Father Joseph F. Burke was appointed assistant pastor. Together the priests embarked on an ambitious building program in 1954. Construction was completed on a convent to house the nuns who taught at the school, and construction was also started that year on a new church building. The new church was built just south of the original structure, where services were held until construction was completed. Dedication ceremonies took place for the new building on April 24, 1955. The old church was then torn down to make way for a rectory to house the parish priests.

After 30 years as pastor, Father Sullivan, a colorful and beloved figure to many in the village, retired in June 1955, after which Father Burke was appointed pastor. Parish boundaries at this time encompassed an extensive area bounded by 175th Street on the north, 194th Street on the south, Crawford Avenue on the west and Halsted Street on the east.

With the area in this territory experiencing similar increases in population, Father Burke was assigned the task of organizing mission churches in Flossmoor (Infant Jesus) in 1954, Country Club Hills (St. Emeric) in 1959 and northeast Chicago Heights (St. Kieran) in 1960. Despite a

reduction in parish boundaries, St. Joseph's continued to increase in size to a high of 3,200 families in 1978. About 1,600 families are registered in the parish today.

Father Burke served St. Joseph until he retired in 1980, a year after his niece Jane Byrne was elected the mayor of the City of Chicago. Father James M. Sayers succeeded Father Burke and was appointed pastor of St. Joseph on July 15, 1980. Father Sayers joined Sister Nancy Fischer O.P., a former schoolmate, at St. Joseph's. Sister Nancy had come to St. Joseph School in 1969 as school principal, a position she would hold until her retirement in 2002.

Father Sayers retired in 2002 and Cardinal Francis George appointed Father Richard J. Kozak to the pastorate of St. Joseph's in July 2002. Today Father Kozak, along with Associate Pastor Father Dan Jarosewic, the deacon couples, school principal Thomas Kozak and all of the parish staff, serve the vibrant faith community of Saint Joseph Parish. Celebrating its first 100 years, parishioners continue to preserve the legacy of sacrifice and service of their forebearers and the parish looks forward to a second century of making a difference in the lives of all in Homewood.



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