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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

NOVEMBER

Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday, Friday and Saturday,
November 22, 23 and 24
Village Offices Closed

DECEMBER

Holiday Lights in Homewood and Radiance on Ridge
Friday, December 7 | 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Downtown Homewood and Irwin Park
Trolley Rides and
Downtown Events | 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Tree Lighting at Irwin Park | 6:00 PM
Call Village Hall at (708) 798-3000

Winter Begins
Saturday, December 22

Winter Holiday
Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25
Village Offices Closed

New Year's Eve Day Celebration
Monday, December 31 | 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Village Hall Auditorium,
2010 Chestnut Road
Call Village Hall at (708) 798-3000

JANUARY

New Year's Day Holiday
Tuesday, January 1
Village Offices Closed

Martin Luther King Day
Monday, January 21
Village Offices Closed

Homewood Baseball Registration
Saturday January 26
Churchill School

FEBRUARY

Daddy Daughter Date Night
Friday, February 1 | 6:30 PM and 8:30 PM
H-F Sports Complex, 18211 Aberdeen Avenue
Call the H-F Park District (708) 957-0300

Homewood Baseball Registration
Saturday, February 2
Churchill School

Chocolate Fest
Saturday, February 16 | 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
H-F Park District Auditorium
Call Village Hall at (708) 798-3000

Presidents' Day
Monday, February 18
Village Offices Closed

SPRING AHEAD

Foundation 153 Spring for Homewood Schools
Saturday, April 13
Ravisloe Country Club

Homewood Baseball Opening Day Parade
Saturday, April 20
Ridge Road and Izaak Walton Little League
Baseball Field

Rail Days
Monday and Tuesday, May 20 and 21
HF Park District Auditorium

Scan to view the Village Calendar



Scan to access the Village Web site



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
Karen Washington

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Trustee Barbara Dawkins
Trustee Jay Heiferman
Trustee Thomas W. Kataras
Trustee Lisa Purcell
Trustee Ray Robertson

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Fire and Paramedic Emergency.....	9-1-1
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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

Homewood's Holiday Lights event begins Friday, December 7 and continues throughout the holiday season. The December 7 events include ice-sculpting, live reindeer, Christmas tree sales and holiday market vendors. The event has expanded throughout the downtown with attractions and activities on Hickory Road, just west of Dixie Highway, and Martin Avenue at Ridge Road. Choral groups will be visiting the downtown businesses, all of the stores will be open for customers and trolley buses will transport families around the downtown area. There will be a short parade of antique cars from the A's R Us car club all decked out with holiday lights to accompany the fire truck carrying Santa to the tree lighting at Irwin Park. The cars can then be viewed on Martin Avenue and Hickory Road. They're pretty neat!

One of my favorite groups at the event is Southwest Community

Concert's brass band, sponsored by the Kirschner Vision Group, with Dr. Ken Kirschner on the tuba. They play requests and really get you into the Holiday spirit. Be sure to stop by their tent on Hickory Road.

The lighted snowflakes on the street lights throughout the business areas really bring forth the feeling of the holidays. When you look at the snowflakes, look closely. You will find that one is different from the rest. Come into the Village Hall on a Saturday morning, and if you have the right location, I'll give you a certificate for an appetizer donated by the Eat Rice Restaurant.

Our Holiday Lights celebration is our way of emphasizing shopping locally. This is the most important way of supporting our community and our businesses. The Times Media Company recently initiated a "Buy Local" campaign, and, listed at right with their permission, is why it's so important to shop in Homewood...

IT PAYS TO BUY LOCAL THE BENEFITS

- Builds A Strong Local Economy
- Creates More Good Jobs
- Puts Your Taxes To Good Use
- Maintains Community Character

IT PAYS TO BUY LOCAL TOP TEN REASONS TO SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

- Buy Local—Strengthen our economic base.
- Get Better Service—where businesses know their customers.
- Support Community Groups—Local businesses support our non-profit organizations.
- Invest in Community—Business owners care about the community's future.
- Keep Our Community Unique—One-of-a-kind businesses add to our distinctive charm.

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President's Message

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- Put Your Taxes To Good Use—Local shops rely on our public services.
- Reduce Environmental Impact—You don't have to drive far.
- Buy What You Want, Not What Someone Wants You To Buy—A much broader range of product choices are offered.
- Create More Good Jobs—This is where family members, neighbors and friends work.
- Encourage Local Prosperity—Business owners and workers invest and settle in their communities.

IT PAYS TO BUY LOCAL FOR EVERY \$100 SPENT IN LOCALLY OWNED INDEPENDENT STORES, \$68 returns to the community through taxes, payroll and other expenditures

IF YOU SPEND THAT IN A NATIONAL CHAIN, only \$43 stays in your community

SPEND IT ONLINE AND NOTHING (\$0) COMES HOME

All of these are very good points, but the one that really "hits home" is that online spending brings nothing into the community. We should all think of that, particularly when we see vacant store fronts, or hear of a new business that fails to make it or a business owner retires and is unable to sell his established business. Shop local is a very strong message for us all.

So, bring your family to our Holiday Lights event and patronize our local businesses. And don't forget to invite all your family members; if some aren't fortunate enough to live in Homewood, we do appreciate them spending their money here!

Happy holidays and my best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.



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- US Bank
18300 Kedzie Avenue
- Cremation Society
17859 Bretz Drive
- Pooch Parlor
18719 Dixie Highway
- The Lilly Pad
18681 Dixie Highway
- Chipotle Mexican Grill
17700 Halsted Street
- Law Office Of Daniel Greenberg
18141 Dixie Highway, Suite 111
- Confident Tax
17900 Dixie Highway, Suite 4
- The Grape & Grain Co.
18031 Dixie Highway
- Sampson Fitness
2008 Hickory Road
- The Zone Comics
18107 Dixie Highway

BOARD, COMMISSION & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Appearance Commission
Beautification Committee
Cable TV Commission
Committee of the Whole
Community Relations Commission
Economic Development Committee
Fire and Police Commission
Heritage Committee
Homewood Council for the Arts
Homewood Rail Committee
Plan Commission
Police Chief's Citizens Advisory Committee
Senior Advisory Committee
Stormwater Resource Committee
Tree Committee
Veterans Committee
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WINTER HAPPENINGS

Holiday Shopping and Dining Events

The following events are hosted by Homewood's merchants. Call your favorite local business for details.

BLACK FRIDAY

Friday, November 23

Don't miss the biggest shopping day of the year. Get your shopping done and support local business.

AMEX SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY IN HOMWOOD

Saturday, November 24

Register your card with American Express and shop at one of Homewood's small businesses for perks from AMEX. Go to, smallbusinessaturday.com for details.



HOLIDAY LIGHTS IN HOMWOOD

Friday, December 7
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

On Friday evening during Holiday Lights, shoppers can travel by trolley to participating stores in the downtown. Each store will be open late, hosting children's holiday craft activities, serving holiday hors d'oeuvres and offering generous discounts on unique gifts you won't find in any mall. You'll be surprised at the offerings and even more surprised how spending your dollars in town supports future developments, public services, and school programs. Building a sustainable community where residents and businesses support each other will strengthen our economy and increase the availability of products and services that improve the quality of life in Homewood.

COOKIE WALK

Saturday, December 8

You must have a ticket to participate. Tickets are \$6.00 and can be purchased through November 26.

MEN'S SHOPPING DAY

Saturday, December 8

Men, make note of her admirations in the shops during the evening of Holiday Lights in Homewood. Shop participating stores the next day for a discount and complimentary gift wrapping.

MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Friday, December 14
6:00 PM to 12:00 AM

A new tradition begins. From 6:00 PM to 12:00 AM. As the evening goes on—the discounts get deeper! Fun, food and beverage.

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December

CELEBRATION OF SAINT NICHOLAS

Friday, December 7, 2012

6:00 PM

Parish of St. Joseph, 17951 Dixie

Highway

(708) 798-0622

Join the St. Joseph Children's Choir as they sing holiday songs at 5:45 PM and stay for the celebration of Saint Nicholas at 6:00 PM. Learn about the story of Saint Nicholas and the history of the candy cane. Following the celebration, a trolley will take you to Irwin Park for a tree lighting ceremony and Hickory Road Festivities.

FOUNDATION 153 HOLIDAY TREE SALES

Friday, December 7, 2012

3:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Don't miss your chance to purchase a premium Fraser Fir tree fresh from Michigan. Foundation 153 will provide convenient drive-through pick-up and loading during Homewood's Holiday Lights, on December 7. Choose a tree during Holiday Lights and when you are ready to go home, pull-up and have the tree loaded on your vehicle by our volunteers. Or come early! Foundation 153 will be on-site from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM

LIVE NATIVITY, WALK THROUGH THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Sunday, December 2

5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Homewood Church will host its annual Live Nativity on Sunday, December 2 from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Participants will walk through the Christmas Story and gather inside for an

old-fashion Christmas Party with carols, cookies, hot chocolate and variety of crafts to take home or make as gifts. The event is free.

SANTA'S CALLING

Monday, December 3

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Sponsored by Homewood Flossmoor Park District

Delight your child with a personal call from Santa or Mrs. Claus! Santa's elves will deliver the applications to the North Pole so Santa and Mrs. Claus have time to organize the Lists! Applications are available at the Irwin Community Center, Goldberg Center and at hfparks.com. Application deadline is Thursday, November 29. Due to their busy schedule Santa and Mrs. Claus can only call H-F residents ages 3-10. Please use Code: 420725-02

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 8

Session 1: 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Session 2: 10:15 AM to 11:15 AM

Irwin Community Center

Sponsored by Homewood Flossmoor Park District

Music, merriment and wishes for holiday toys will be found at this event for ages 6 and under and their parents. Bring your children to visit with Santa and enjoy doughnuts, milk and orange juice. Get in the spirit with songs, face painting and a special gift from Santa. Digital pictures with Santa will be available on our Web site, hfparks.com, following the event. Note: Both adult and child must register for this event. Fee: \$7 R / \$10 NR (FREE for ages 6 months and younger)

MOVIE MAGIC: DR. SEUSS' HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 15

6:30 PM to 8:15 PM

HFPD Auditorium

Sponsored by Homewood Flossmoor Park District

Bring your blankets and sweatshirts to the H-F Auditorium and watch the cantankerous Grinch (Jim Carrey) as he descends from his dreary dwelling high in the peaks of Mt. Crumpit upon the unsuspecting citizens of Whoville to wreak havoc on their beloved Christmas

season. But this recluse with a heart "two sizes too small" learns a valuable lesson from a little girl named Cindy Lou Who in this holiday favorite based on the book by Dr. Seuss. Fee: \$3 per person includes 1 popcorn / person

SKATE WITH SANTA

Sunday, December 16

1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

H-F Ice Arena

Sponsored by Homewood Flossmoor Park District

Enjoy a very special opportunity to take to the ice with Santa Claus, just days before Christmas! Bring along the kids and a camera to capture these holiday memories during this popular annual event at the H-F Ice Arena. Admission: \$6, skate rental: \$4

THIRD ANNUAL HOLIDAY TREE AND LIGHT RECYCLING

Saturdays, December 29 and January 5

9:00 AM to Noon

Irons Oaks Vollmer Lot

Once again the Village of Homewood is a proud partner in the 3rd Annual Community Christmas Tree and Holiday Lights Recycling Program. This free event is open to anyone who would like to donate. Drop off dates are Saturday, December 29 and January 5, from 9:00 AM to Noon, at Irons Oaks, the Vollmer Road parking lot. Bring your HF Go Green punch card and receive a stamp for each tree donated. Goodie bags provided for all donors!

From Thanksgiving to January 10, old and broken light strings and extension cords will be collected at Irons Oaks, Irwin Community Center, Wiley's Grill, H-F Ice Arena or the H-F Racquet & Fitness Center between.

COME CELEBRATE I-I-13! NEW YEARS EVE DAY CELEBRATION

Monday, December 31, 2012

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

H-F Park District Auditorium, 2010 Chestnut Road

Sponsored by the Homewood Community Relations Commission and COMCAST

The world may tune in to Time Square (NYC) at midnight, but in Homewood, families gather



together for a countdown and balloon drop—at the stroke of noon—on Monday, December 31. Join the Community Relations Commission for a family celebration. Entertainment: Mr. D Magic Show. Doors open at 10:30 AM.

February

DADDY DAUGHTER DATE NIGHT

Friday, February 1

Session 1: 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

(ages 4-8)

Session 2: 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM

(ages 9-13)

H-F Sports Complex

It is time to make that special date with your little girl(s). Daddy Daughter Date Night is a favorite for both Dad and daughters. The event is packed with dancing, pictures, corsages, a craft, snacks and a keepsake to take home to remember the night. A digital picture will be taken of you and your date and will be available to download from hfparks.com following the dance. Note: If you have daughters in both sessions, they can come to the same dance time. Fee: \$18 R / \$27 NR Code: Session 1: 420304-01 Session 2: 420304-02

CALLING ALL CHOCOHOLICS! ANNUAL CHOCOLATE FEST

Saturday, February 16, 2012

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

H-F Park District Auditorium, 2010 Chestnut Road

Sponsored by the Homewood Community Relations Commission

Sample scrumptious chocolate creations from renowned chocolatiers as they offer the latest and most decadent recipes. The Community Relations Commission will host its annual bake-off contest. This year, the open tasting will benefit a local not-for-profit. Bake-off applications will be available at Village Hall or online in January. Enjoy live music and entertainment, demonstrations from professional dessert chefs, and delicious activities for the entire family.

FINANCE & MANAGER'S OFFICE NEWS

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

Leaving for Winter?

If you expect to be away from home through next April, submit a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Village Hall, and a vehicle sticker applications will be mailed to you. Please be sure to include your Homewood address with your request.

Vehicle sticker applications are not forwarded by the post office. For those residents who have given the post office a temporary address during the winter/spring months, please contact the Finance Department at (708) 206-3368 for forwarding instructions. Applications returned by the post office marked "temporarily away" will be held at Village Hall if a forwarding envelope was not submitted. For more information, please contact the Finance Department at (708) 206-3368.

Going to Chicago for the day?

The Village Hall Parking Lot at Chestnut Road and Harwood Avenue may have one to five parking spaces available for rent on most business days. The Village also offers two parking spaces for Homewood seniors who periodically need to travel to Chicago. Daily rental is \$2.00 and spaces are available for Homewood residents only.

Monthly Parking

For those that work in Chicago and need a parking space—look no further! Spaces are now available for monthly parking in the Village Hall Parking Lot. The monthly fee for Homewood residents is \$35.00, with a non-resident fee of \$50.00. Please contact the Finance Department at (708) 206-3368 for more information.

Homewood's annual Fall Fest and Chili Cook-Off

The Village of Homewood and the Community Relations Commission held another successful Fall Fest and Chili Cook-Off. The annual event fell on a picture perfect autumn day in downtown Homewood bringing residents together. This year the event was moved to Martin Avenue, where the community enjoyed all the familiar family friendly activities and more! Residents and friends were treated to the premier of Zombie Paradise, a series of three, short videos created for watching and sharing on Facebook and other popular social networking sites. More than 70 Homewood residents volunteered to make the video shoot happen, many participating as extras in full zombie makeup. For more information on Zombie Paradise,

go to homesweethomewood.com. The Chili Cook-Off brought together some of Homewood's finest organizations to enter their own special chili recipe. Horizon Hospice were the recipients of over \$1700.00 raised by the chili tasting.

2012 Top Chili Winners:
Debra Hunt of Hope Community Church (First), Steven Dziaik of INX International (Second), and Raymond Thomas of Community Relations (Third)

Thanks to all of our Cook-Off participants: Alex Bosch and Sharon Bouchie of Foundation 153, Steven Dziaik of INX International, Chuck Mokijewski of Homewood Bunco Babes, Larry and Lynn Ban Heel of South Suburban Animal Society, Debra Hunt of Hope Community

Services, Martin Will of IL Alaskan Malamute Rescue, Hank Baldwin and Dave Staehlin of Friends of the H-F Band Parents Assoc, Jim Hughes of Boy Scouts Troop 342, Beth Follmer of Arbor Eye Care, Dave Huffman of Homewood Baseball/Softball, Raymond Thomas of Community Relations, Anne McLaughlin, Arla Blocker, and Pam Van Niel of the Homewood Beautification Committee, and Terrance Boone of CN Rail Road.

A special thanks to our judges who sampled each of the chili creations: Ron Khalif of Grape and Grain, Bill Davis of Bergsteins Deli, Josh McClusky of IDOT, and Carl Peterson of United Central Bank. And thanks to Culvers who provided the judges with much needed ice cream!

Water Billing Snow Birds

Residents who "fly south" during the cold season should contact the water billing clerk for two reasons: 1) so the Village can expect low water use, avoiding

an estimated bill, and 2) they can request their next bill be mailed to their winter address. If a change of a winter billing address is requested, please remember to call

and have it changed back to the service address upon your return to the Village. For more information contact Debbie Gaston at (708) 206-3365.

New Assistant Village Manager

Michael Marzal was hired as Assistant Village Manager in September. Mike has a Bachelor's Degree in Public Affairs from Indiana University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Northern Illinois University. He was an intern at the Village of Tinley Park and worked for the villages of Woodstock and Lincolnwood. Mike has experience in all aspects of human resources, labor relations, risk management, information technology, economic development and project management.

April 9, 2013 Consolidated Election Key Dates

- 2/28/2013 First day mail-in ballot applications are accepted by Cook County's Clerk's Office
- 3/12/2013 Last day to register to vote for the April 9, 2013 Consolidated Election
- 3/13/2013 First day of grace period registration and voting
- 3/25/2013 First day of Early Voting at designated locations chosen by Cook County Clerk's Office
- 4/04/2013 Last day to request a mail-in ballot, including military and overseas voters
- 4/06/2013 Last day of grace period registration and voting at designated locations
Last day of Early Voting
- 4/08/2013 Last day for In-person absentee voting at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office and selected suburban sites
Last day voted mail-in absentee ballots can be postmarked for acceptance by the Clerk's office.
Last day of in-person absentee voting at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office and five suburban courthouse mini-centers
- 4/09/2013 Election Day

PUBLIC SAFETY & PUBLIC WORKS

Departments of Police & Fire

17950 Dixie Highway

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

Seven year old Ava Petrovic is honored by the Village Board of Trustees

Late last spring, seven year old Ava Petrovic sprung into action and called 9-1-1 when her mother fell ill. At their meeting in June, the Village President and Board of Trustees honored Petrovic for her quick thinking and fast action of dialing 9-1-1 for help.

Keep the Wreath Red

This holiday season, be sure to practice fire safety. The holiday wreath on the front of the fire station will contain red bulbs throughout the season, unless a holiday decoration-related fire occurs in Homewood. For each such incident, a white bulb will be added. Let's Keep the Wreath Red! The U.S. Fire Administration has holiday safety recommendations on their Web site: usfa.fema.gov

Do you have a wood-burning fireplace?

The Fire Department reminds you to have the chimney checked this heating season. This simple act can help prevent chimney fires in your home. Contact a chimney sweep to schedule an inspection. It's also a great idea to have the heating system inspected to make sure it's up to snuff and there's no hazard of carbon monoxide in your house.

Thank You!

The Fire Department thanks all residents who maintain the fire hydrants in their or their neighbor's yards free from snow during the winter months. The ability of the Fire Department to quickly locate and connect to a fire hydrant when needed in a fire emergency is vital.

Homewood Fire Department Paramedics are Honored for Outstanding Service to the Community

Four groups of Homewood Paramedics were recently honored by Ingalls Hospital for four different outstanding medical calls over the last year.

The paramedics honored for the calls are Steven DeJong, John

Elashik, Steven Gutzmer, Matthew Moran, Ryan Schneider, Kevin Wake, Emilie Wadman, Bryan Wolfe, and Bill Wright.

Each of the calls involved a cardiac event. The quick action of the Homewood paramedics

was instrumental in the rapid stabilization of the patients. The result was minimal loss of the four to six minutes the brain has before damage is done and a better recovery.

Know the signs and symptoms of heart attack and stroke:

Heart Attack—Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing, or pain in the center of the chest. These symptoms can range from mild to severe, and they may come and go. Discomfort in other areas, such as the neck, arms, jaw, back, or stomach. The patient may experience shortness of breath, light-headedness, nausea, or breaking out in a cold sweat.

Women may get chest pain or discomfort, but in many cases, it's

not the most obvious symptom. Instead, they're more likely than men to have these symptoms: unusual fatigue, nausea or indigestion, dizziness or light-headedness, abdominal discomfort that may feel like indigestion, and/or discomfort described as pressure/tightness or an ache in the neck, shoulder, or upper back

Stroke—Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg, especially if it occurs on one side

of the body, sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding, sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes, double vision, sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination and/or sudden severe headache with no known cause.

If you believe you or someone else is having a heart attack or stroke, call 9-1-1 immediately.

Test Your Fire Emergency Exits

More people die from home fires than any other kind. In 2010, there were 362,100 reported home fires in the United States, resulting in 2,555 deaths, 13,275 injuries and \$6.6 billion in direct property damage. Hopefully your family has prepared and practiced a Home Fire Escape Plan, so you know what to do during a fire.

One important part of such a plan is locating and learning to use emergency ways out and alternative routes to safety. The Fire Department suggests that you practice using emergency exits to make sure they are usable. It's too late to discover your window is stuck shut and won't open when a fire has occurred.

In most homes and apartments, emergency exits are usually windows or stairways. Make sure windows can be opened and screens

and storm windows can be removed from the inside. Make sure children can operate locks and know how to get out quickly, not to wait for you. If they can not get out, they should know to wait at the window for help, where firefighters can see them. Make sure everybody learns to stay low and crawl to the nearest exit.

If bedrooms are on the second floor, provide folding ladders—most fatal home fires begin at night while we are asleep. Metal ladders made for escape can be purchased at most hardware stores and are a good investment. Practice using your metal fire escape ladders during home fire drills. Jumping from second story windows can cause serious injuries.

If you live in an apartment or condominium and your enclosed stairways are your emergency

exits, practice finding these in the dark. First, count the number of doors from your room to the stairway. You probably won't be able to see the exit sign above the door through smoke. Once in the stairway, go down to the outside. Remember, do not block the exit stairway doors open. Once smoke enters the stairway your escape route is not safe.

Your family may have several alternative routes to take in case of fire. Make sure you practice all of them as much as possible. Fast actions are needed in a fire and trained responses help those happen.

If your family does not have a home escape plan, contact the Fire Department at (708) 206-3400 or firedept@homesweethomewood.com for information and assistance in developing a plan for your home.

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**New Assistant Director of Public Works,
Patrick J. Ryan**



Patrick J. Ryan,
Assistant Director,
Public Works

Patrick J. Ryan joined the Public Works Department as Assistant Public Works Director in late spring.

Ryan has an MAPA in Fiscal Administration

and BS in Public Law, both from Northern Illinois University.

He is a certified Arborist with the International Society of Arboriculture and holds a State of Illinois Class "C" Public Water Supply Operator's License.

Ryan also has over twenty years of municipal public works administration experience.

Remember to change your smoke alarm battery when you change your clocks in November!



A working smoke detector is the best way to protect your family from a fire—it provides the time needed to escape safely. Any fire safety questions can be answered by calling the Fire Department at (708) 206-3400.

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Holiday Lights in Homewood

The Evening of Friday, December 7
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM | Downtown Homewood

Irwin Park (Ridge and Gottschalk), Independence Park (Hickory and Dixie Highway), Martin Avenue (at Ridge Road)

Sponsored by the Village of Homewood, Homewood-Flossmoor Park District, Homewood-Flossmoor Lions Club, Homewood Fire Department, and members of the Downtown Homewood Business Association.

Capture the joy, excitement, and traditions of the season in one memorable evening

Visit downtown Homewood on Friday, December 7 from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM for Holiday Lights in Homewood.

Begin the evening at Irwin Park for the annual tree lighting ceremony and share your wish list with Santa. Hop on board one of the musical trolleys and travel through downtown Homewood to see ice carvings, live reindeer, costume characters, market vendors, and a festively lit, antique

car parade. As a family, select and take home your holiday tree and stop in Homewood's one-of-a-kind shops for holiday gift giving ideas and festive menu specials.

A short stroll from the tree lighting, downtown Homewood offers every holiday tradition for your family to experience — together!

On Hickory Road, just two blocks west of Irwin Park, see live reindeer, costumed carolers, festive desserts, hot cider and mulled wine, a live holiday concert, and an exciting ice sculpting

demonstration by Nadeau's Ice Sculptures — Chicago's premier ice carving company (demos start at 7:15 PM).

On Martin Avenue, just south of Ridge Road, will be an outdoor skating rink. The rink is fully staffed and provides skates for all ages at no charge. Adding to the full experience of the evening, Foundation 153 will sell premium-grade Fraser Firs from Michigan with easy pick-up and loading assistance. Sales will begin as early as 3:00 PM.

Our Shops, Our Town! Keep Your Money Close to Homewood!

On this evening and throughout the holiday season, please consider looking for that special gift from a Homewood business first. You'll be surprised at the offerings and even more surprised how spending your dollars in town supports future developments, public services, and school programs. Building a sustainable community where residents and businesses support each other will strengthen our economy and increase the availability of products and services that improve the quality of life in Homewood.

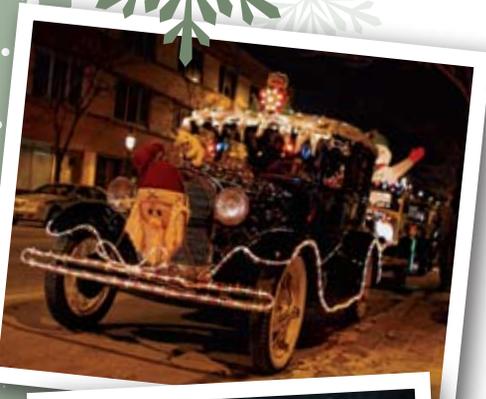
The following businesses will

be open late on Friday evening, during Holiday Lights. Stop in for free craft activities, holiday hors d'oeuvres and generous discounts:

- Art 4 Soul
- Bella Vita Home Accents
- Global Fusion
- Grape & Grain
- Homewood Florist
- Kirschner Vision Group
- Nail Savvy
- Nathalie's Interiors and Gallery
- Melody Mart
- Salon J
- Spaah's Skincare & Bodyworx
- Suzie's Hallmark

- Tessa's Dollhouse
- The Village Door
- Village Artists
- World of Enrichment

For a list of Homewood business, go online to homesweethomewood.com, and click on the Business Directory icon.



LEGEND

-  Tree Lighting Location (Irwin Park)
-  Visit Santa and costumed characters (Irwin Park and Hickory Road)
-  Ice Sculpting Demonstrations (Hickory Road)
-  Antique Car Parade (Irwin Park to Hickory Road)
-  Outdoor Market (Hickory Road and Martin Avenue)
-  Bonfire (Hickory Road)
-  Music Tent (Hickory Road)
-  Ice Rink (Martin Avenue)
-  Reindeer (Hickory Road)
-  Live Christmas Tree Sales (Martin Avenue)
-  Free Public Parking



Courtesy Trolley Rides

Riders hop on and hop off as merchants are open late, hosting children's holiday craft activities, serving up holiday hors d'oeuvres and offering generous discounts on unique gifts you won't find in any mall. — just look for the Open Flag. Trolleys will stop at all downtown public parking lots, including St. Joseph's Church, Irwin Park and Hickory Road. Trolley rides are free.



About Hickory Road and Martin Avenue Market Vendors

Hickory Road and Martin Avenue Outdoor Market Vendors are local not-for-profits who serve the community and beyond with free services and thousands of hours of volunteer time and care. Support your neighbors who spread good cheer!

The Homewood Parent Music Association will be selling roasted almonds and chocolates to raise money for District 153's music programs.

The Homewood Parent Teacher Association will be selling ECO-

Chic bags.

Students from Homewood-Flossmoor High School will be raising funds for the Homewood-Flossmoor Choir Tour to Germany and Switzerland. They will be singing holiday favorites throughout the downtown.

Girl Scouts will have an offering of rich hot chocolate sure to be just as delicious as Girl Scout cookies.

Adding to the full experience of the evening, Foundation 153 will sell premium Fraser Firs from Michigan with easy pick-up

and loading assistance. Sales will begin as early as 3:00 PM. The Foundation's mission is to enrich students and teachers through opportunity, development, and support and meet the challenges of funding educational experiences beyond the school district's reach.

TALK-(Theatre and Arts Leadership Council) will have an offering of their artwork, holiday cards and treats.

South Suburban Family Shelter will sell warm cider that will keep the little ones nice and toasty.

Celebration of St. Nicholas

Join the St. Joseph Children's Choir as they sing holiday songs at 5:45 PM and stay for the celebration of Saint Nicholas at 6:00 PM. Learn about the story of Saint Nicholas and the history of the candy cane. Following the celebration, a trolley will take you to Irwin Park for a tree lighting ceremony and Hickory Road Festivities. For information, contact the Parish of St. Joseph at (708) 798-0622. St. Joe's is located at 1795 I Dixie Highway.

Eat, Shop, and Skate!

Nestled in the heart of downtown Homewood, Martin Avenue will be an ice skating venue for the entire family. Fully staffed and equipped with free rentals, open skate is from 2 PM - 8 PM. Eat, shop, and skate, every Saturday through Christmas in downtown Homewood.





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2012 Homewood Hall of Fame Inductees

The Heritage Committee held its annual Hall of Fame Inauguration Luncheon in October. Village President Richard Hofeld, Heritage Committee Chair Elaine Egdorf, and committee members Robert Lucas, Jr., Martin Monahan, and Village Board Trustee Karen Washington honored:

KATARAS FAMILY

- Restaurant Owners
- Employers
- Community Supporters
- Fire Department
- Izaak Walton
- Veterans Organizations

Their restaurant closed in 2012 after 65 years of business in Homewood; they served not only restaurant customers, but also catered meals to area service groups at very reasonable rates. The family business supported numerous civic and community organizations and events. It was a gathering place for resident long-timers who always saw a familiar



face while eating comfort food. Some customers ate there on a daily basis. The restaurant employed countless local residents.

DENNY L. SCHILLINGS

- Educator
- School Board Member
- Grant Writer
- Author
- Presenter
- President

KAREN KREK SCHILLINGS

- Educator
- French Back to Back Program
- Girl Scouts
- President
- Active Parishioner

Denny taught social studies at Homewood-Flossmoor High School for 31 years. He wrote and managed grants for the High School in excess of \$10.5 million, and is responsible for at least two of the High School's

Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Awards. He was President of the National Council for the Social Studies and of the Illinois Council for



the Social Studies, as well as serving on the Homewood Elementary District #153 Board of Education (1999-2003) and as a founder of the Homewood Foundation for Educational Excellence (2005). In addition to being an author of books, curriculum, and articles, Denny has received numerous acknowledgments, such as "Who's Who in America, in American Education, in the Midwest, in the World, and 2000 Outstanding Academics of the 21st Century."

Karen taught in primary grades in Homewood School District #153. In addition to the Homewood PTA, Picture Lady Art Program, and Homewood History curriculum for second graders, she was Girl Scout Brownie, Junior Troop Leader; Sycamore Association Chairman, Director; President South Cook County Girl Scouts; Director at Large, Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and North West Indiana; and awarded the Thanks Badge, Thanks Badge II, St Anne Award, and Elizabeth Seaton Award. Karen was a member of the Homewood Heritage Committee, served on the St. Joseph Women's Guild, including Auxiliary Minister of Communion; and, in 2007 was named a Hometown Hero by WGN Radio.

MABLE MURPHY

- DePaul University
- Administrative Librarian

Honoree

Born in Chicago (1912), Murphy attended DePaul University. After graduation, she began temporary work for the Homewood Public Library in 1956 and took a permanent position as Administrative Librarian in 1958. Under her leadership, the library moved from its Illinois Central Train Station location to a building located at 17900 Dixie Highway (kitty corner to the current building). Murphy's efforts helped the library services expand tremendously, ultimately earning a special commendation from Springfield, Illinois. After her retirement in 1976, Murphy received commendations from the Eightieth General Assembly of the House of



Representatives of the State of Illinois and the Village of Homewood. In 1992, Homewood Public Library provided an additional tribute by dedicating a meeting room in honor of Mable Murphy.

WILLIAM AND ELEANOR STEINER

- Community Volunteers
- Scout Leaders
- Fire Dept Volunteers
- Church Leaders

William (Bill) and Eleanor Steiner are long time residents of Homewood and both have and continue to generously share their time and talents toward the betterment of life in our Village. Both have been active, contributing members, and in many cases the officers, of the Homewood Scout Troops, Fire Department

Volunteers, Izaak Walton Preserve, Homewood Historical Society, PADS and are very involved members of their church. Bill is also a HAM



Radio Operator and involved with emergency preparedness. It has been said they are folks who step up and volunteer without having to be asked.

HENRY STOLZENBACH

- Business Owner
- Trustee
- Treasurer
- Firefighter

In 1870, at the age of fourteen, Henry Stolzenbach emigrated from Germany to the United States. In 1881, Stolzenbach married Anna Schutte and moved to Homewood. He purchased and took-over the only butcher shop in Homewood (located on Martin

Avenue, south of Ridge Road). Stolzenbach was an active member of Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church. From 1894 until 1901, his



work through public service helped to greatly advance the quality of life for the residents of Homewood. In addition to trustee and volunteer firefighter, Stolzenbach was the Village Treasurer for thirty-five years until his death in 1937.

BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS 2012

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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.

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The Abdur-Rahman Family
18751 Kings Road

The Vena Family
18408 Morris Avenue

The Banach Family
3221 Mallard Drive

The Bush Family
18511 Homewood Avenue

The Widmer Family
18040 Stewart Avenue

The Wolf Family
18636 Cowing Court

The Middleton Family
2143 Maple Road

The Werner Family
1224 Hillview Road

The Newton Family
18201 Rockwell Avenue

The Sziky Family
18645 Cowing Court

The Leschuck Family
17562 Dixmoor Drive

The Kristolaitis Family
1301 Birch Road

The Hasselbring & Bonner Family
18149 Rockwell Avenue

The Frankiewicz Family
1925 Terrace Road

The Dekker Family
1506 Olive Road

The Brabec Family
18608 Poplar Avenue

The Ford Family
18531 Clyde Road

The Kokaska Family
1935 186th Place

The Nichols and Keschull Family
1241 Ridge Road

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 Building / Code Enforcement 206-3858

The Hamilton Family
 17708 Presidents Drive

The Chuquimia Family
 18511 Carpenter Avenue

The Rickhoff Family
 18426 Poplar Avenue

The Sinwelski Family
 18624 Poplar Avenue

The Kreucher Family
 1325 Willow Road

The Munoz Family
 18757 Queens Road

The Frank Family
 18758 Castle Road

The Blumstein Family
 2445 Ravisloe Lane

The Sonnek Family
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The Barbosa Family
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The Peo Family
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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Homewood Yearbook Project 2013

by Thomas' Photographic Services

If you didn't participate in the 2011 Homewood Year Book—you missed out! A beautiful collection of the faces, events, and homes of our town, the 2011 Homewood Year Book has received attention from the Chicago Tribune as a fantastic community project that illustrates the town's connectedness and close-knit way of life.

At the end of the project, the Thomases presented three copies to the Village Board of Trustees, as well as the Homewood Historical Society and Homewood Public Library. A slideshow of the collection was viewed at a Movies in Our Parks event and can still be seen on the Village's YouTube page.

Thomas Photographic Services has announced a new edition: 2013 Homewood Year Book.

You will want to be included in this one-of-a-kind collection of history. In an effort to bring neighborhoods in Homewood

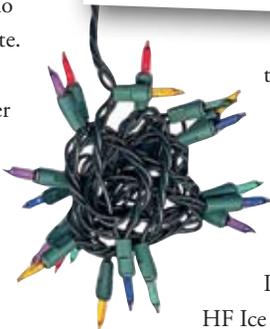
together, Thomas' Photographic will be coordinating professionally shot portraits, featuring owners in front of their homes or businesses and community events.

The Homewood project hopes to strengthen the sense of togetherness in the town, and supply a source of modern history for the Homewood Historical Society. The Homewood Project is coordinated by Thomas' Photographic Services, a Homewood-based business, specializing in location commercial and portrait photography, along with the arts. The Thomases have always had deep roots in Homewood with the Thomas family going back five generations.

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Christmas Tree and Holiday Lights Recycling

Once again the Village of Homewood is a proud Partner in the 3rd Annual Community Christmas Tree and Holiday Light Recycling Program. This free event is open to anyone who would like to donate. Drop-off dates are Saturday, December 29 and January 5 from 9AM to Noon at Irons Oaks in the Vollmer Road parking lot. Bring your HF Go Green punch card and receive a stamp for each



tree donated. Goodie bags provided for all donors!

From Thanksgiving to January 10, 2013 you can also drop off your old, broken light strings at the Irwin Center, Wiley's Grill, HF Ice Arena, HF Racquet Club or Irons Oaks. For more information please call (312) 804-0496.



Homewood PTA
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And, that's a problem! We're trying to show students what Homewood life was like in the "good old days." In order to create displays featuring artifacts from the last 100 years of Homewood schools, we need your help.

Do you have any items from the 1910's-70's stored in your attic or garage? Old desks, ink wells, skates, clothes, class photos, report cards, etc. are all things that would be great to include in our display. Anything to illustrate what being a student was like is what we're looking for.

Were you, or your mom (most active members were women) a member of Homewood PTA? Photos of events, or the thrift shop would be terrific.

Contact Sue Ryan at (708) 799-3263 or email her at susanryan100@yahoo.com, and we'll make arrangements to pick up or photograph your item(s).

Display will be at the library in January and moved to schools in February, so items would be returned in March.



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COMMUNITY NEWS



H-F High School Strategic Facilities Plan

Homewood-Flossmoor High School District 233 boasts a very successful and unique broadcasting program, where for decades young communicators have received hands-on experience producing, directing and being the on-air talent for daily news broadcasts and special projects.

The program has jump-started the careers of creative professionals such as Ben Bradley (H-F '93), co-anchor and news reporter at WLS-TV Chicago; Dave Mitchell (H-F '74), WBBM News radio reporter; Bernie Kaminski (H-F '84), executive producer at VH1; and Christopher Horvath (H-F '92), a digital artist who has worked on several popular films, including Avatar, Star Trek and the Harry Potter and Lord of the Rings series.

As part of its decade-old strategic facilities plan, the 53-year-old school has unveiled a newly redesigned station and classrooms for Viking TV and WHFH 88.5 FM radio this fall, designed for educating the next wave of talented communicators.

"I believe this new studio will further the opportunities students have to learn at Homewood-Flossmoor and will allow us to continue to bring a professional, quality product to the school and greater H-F community," says Mark Ciesielski, H-F broadcasting teacher and TV station sponsor.

The new station—which opened in October—features an improved design, editing stations, green room and control room. The entire studio has also received a new

look with updated carpeting and furniture. The TV equipment now features high-definition capabilities, as well as a network system that will speed up the flow of production on a daily basis.

The district has been preparing for the past several years to implement the next phase of its strategic facilities plan, focused on the school's North Building. Highlights of the project—estimated as a \$25 million investment—include renovating the North Building's main entrance, making it more user accessible and ADA compliant, and rebuilding the H-F Fieldhouse.

This heavily used facility will be expanded 100,000 sq. ft. to allow for additional and more convenient programming opportunities for

H-F's students, coaches and the community's young athletes for the next 50 years.

"We are very excited about this opportunity to improve our campus for our students and community at no additional cost to our tax payers," says Dr. Von Mansfield, district superintendent. "The project is being funded within our debt service, which is now at historically low levels. We remain committed to sustaining our district as fiscally sound now and well into the future, all while keeping Homewood-Flossmoor High School one of the best high schools in the nation."

The North Building renovation project will begin this November; it is expected to be completed in spring 2014.

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- Local businesses generate two to three times the economic activity as national retailers, by hiring locally, spending locally, and donating locally.
- A well-maintained downtown business district contributes to a community's character, attracts new residents, generates tax revenues, improves property values, and provides residents

with choice and diversity.

Last March, a small group of local residents joined forces to support Homewood's local, independent businesses through a fun and novel approach: Cash Mobs. This grassroots effort uses social and traditional media to gather people together on a predetermined date and time, to "mob" a local business, thus providing the business with a mini-economic stimulus and free publicity.

By spending our dollars locally, we recognize and reward the investment that our local businesses have made in Homewood. When we, in turn, invest in our local businesses, our entire community benefits.

Once a month or so, the Cash Mob committee selected a venue

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BUSINESS NETWORK

(or venues) from the businesses nominated by residents on our Facebook page (facebook.com/homewoodcashmob) or on Homewood-Flossmoor Patch.com. Then, dozens of enthusiastic Mobbers descended upon our selected venues.

What kinds of businesses did we support? The ideal business for a Cash Mob is locally-owned and independent, has a track record of community involvement, and has enough products over a broad price range to appeal to a variety of people. We especially tried to support businesses that are facing pressures that a Cash Mob could help alleviate. We looked for venues that may be losing business to national chains; businesses that were new or under new ownership and looking to (re-)establish themselves; and businesses that may be suffering

a loss of foot traffic due to closures of businesses around them or changes in traffic patterns.

Our venues for 2012 were:

- Art 4 Soul
- The Art Corner
- Bella Vita
- Cilantro Cocina Mexicana
- Dunning's Gourmet Market
- Global Fusion
- Good Life Café
- Grape & Grain
- Homewood Florist
- Lassen's Tap
- Mama & Me Pizzeria
- Thomas' Photographic Services
- Tokyo Japanese Steak House
- Twisted Q BBQ and Bakery

So what's in store for 2013? That's up to you! We invite you



to nominate your favorite local business on our Facebook page, by tweeting to @HomewoodCashMob, or by emailing us at homewoodcashmob@gmail.com. Then watch for the announcement of the first Cash Mob of 2013. We promote each Mob using email, Facebook, Twitter, CashMob.com, Patch.com, the Village of Homewood e-Newswire and the Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce weekly email newsletter. You can even get news of upcoming Cash Mobs on

your phone, by texting the keyword 'cashmob1' to 90210.

We hope to see you at a Homewood Cash Mob in 2013!

Workshops for Businesses

The Village is offering a series of workshops to help Homewood businesses succeed. In October, over 43 businesses attended the first workshop, "50 Practical Tools and Techniques that can Increase your Profits."

Future workshops include, merchandising, marketing, social media, and financing.

Contact the Community Development Office if you would like to receive information about upcoming workshops: (708) 206-3385



Uniting Who We are With Where We are

We are building a community. Uniting who we are with where we are to create the perfect fit. This year, like no other, we defined our fit and told the region.

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Recognized for our amenities, our creativity, cultural relevance and engagement, Homewood is the Right Place to raise a family and start a business.

Together, we are building a model community—a leader in the region—through our policies, infrastructure, economy, and culture. You're in the Right Place—to live, build, and grow!

THE PERFECT FIT When Where We are Meets Who We are

Who We Are

- Population: 19,406
- Median Age: 39.4
- HH income: \$94,967
- Daily rail commuters: 1,500

Educated

- 76.42% White Collar
- 58% College Degree; 18% Master's/Doctorate
- H-F High School is 17th in the State
- District 153 above State and National standards

Engaged

- Spend over \$1M every day (excludes service)
- 90% have active library cards
- Schools, Park District, local service groups, and the Village each report over 200 involved volunteers

Eclectic

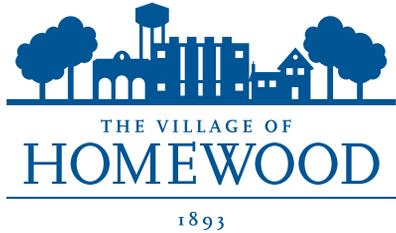
- 74.46 White; 20.87 Black; 1.85 Asian; 1.56 two or more
- Average resident has chosen to live in a Mad Men-style home, or 20% in a vintage homes (Sears Catalog)
- 15 churches or synagogues within five mile radius

Where We Are

Community Assets & Amenities

- 61 outdoor events
- 800 programs for children under 12
- 36 parks and playgrounds within 365-acres of greenspace
- 193-acres natural preserve, woodland, and prairie
- Electric Rail - fastest most reliable rail service with most frequent stops into Chicago
- Amtrak's first stop south out of Union Station
- H-F Racquet and Fitness Club voted Chicago Southland's Best Health & Fitness Club
- Numerous awards from NRPA and USTA for tennis programming
- Best Places to Play, Ravisloe Country Club (Golf Digest)
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