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VILLAGE TASK FORCE REPORTS ON WATER AND SEWER RATES

A special Task Force appointed by Mayor Russ Petrizzo in 2004 to study and make recommendations on the high water and sewer rates reported its initial findings and recommendations in a presentation to the Village Board on September 20th at Homer Junior High School. A follow-up community open house was held by the Task Force on October 12th. It is estimated that up to 400 people attended the two events.

Current water and sewer rates in Homer Glen were proposed by the private company serving the area, Illinois American Water Company in 2002, and approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) in 2003. The Village has no authority to establish water and sewer rates for Illinois American. The Task Force, chaired by Village Trustee Mary Niemiec, has found that our area has the second highest water rates in the State among private companies and about double the rates of most surrounding communities.

The Task Force found several areas of major concern. The cost of supplying Lake Michigan water to our area is higher than it should be because an unusually high allowance for unaccounted water is added to the Supply Charge. The Task Force has also found that current ratepayers are paying too much of the cost of oversizing the transmission pipe designed to serve additional future communities. Also, the flat rate sewer charge is very burdensome for residents who use relatively low amounts of water such as senior citizens. Finally, the Task Force has not received adequate explanations for the Use Charge and the Fire Protection Charge.

Recommendations by the Task Force included:

- Working with our legislators to change current laws on the approval of rates and to offer more protection for consumers.
- Coordinating with other area communities on water issues.
- Informing residents of their rights to register complaints with the ICC.
- Preparing a formal petition to the ICC to review the rates and consider a sewer rate that is based on usage rather than a flat fee.
- Negotiating a franchise agreement with Illinois American Water
- Approving a local ordinance to prevent unauthorized use of fire hydrants
- Seeking commitments from Illinois American to improve customer service, eliminate back-billing due to faulty meters, and extending the time for shut-off notices.

The Task Force identified other options for possible consideration including having developers dedicate new water and sewer lines to the Village, acquiring the current system from Illinois American, or establishing a Village water and sewer utility.

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**Russ
Petrizzo,
Mayor**

Dear residents,

After I saw one water bill of \$1,729 and another of over \$1,500 recently from Illinois American, our private service provider, I was accurately quoted as saying “the gloves are off.”

Over 19 months ago, I appointed a Village Task Force to assess the situation regarding their rates. The Task Force, led by Trustee Mary Niemiec, made an excellent interim report to the Village Board on September 20th and recently held an informative open house on October 12th. Several hundred residents attended these two meetings.

After reviewing the task force findings, I have initiated action with the State Attorney General, Senator Radogno, Representative Kosel, and area Mayors, and have directed the Village Attorney to prepare to file a formal complaint with the Illinois Commerce Commission. I also met with the Midwest Regional President of Illinois American who followed up our meeting with a letter making a number of commitments to us about ways to reduce the rates, improve customer service, and negotiate a franchise agreement with the Village. I am committed to doing everything

possible to reduce the rates and the outrageous bills and will continue to update you on developments.

The Village continues to make progress in many ways that do not make headlines. One of our most important priorities is to develop a major Transportation Plan for the Village. We need a detailed plan because of the new I-355 expressway as well as to address local congestion, cut-through traffic problems, high accident intersections, and the future planning of our road system. The Transportation Committee, led by Trustee Brian Andrews reviewed many proposals from consulting firms and narrowed it down to three. On Tuesday, November 1 the Village Board selected T. Y. Lin International and they are scheduled to begin work immediately.

The Village recently formed its own Building Inspection department to help assure quality growth and construction in the future. Previously, we contracted with Will County for inspection service. Our new department has highly trained, certified and experienced inspectors who will help us meet the challenge of a near doubling of our number of building permits compared to last year.

While new development sometimes presents a challenge for the Village to get the kind of development we want, we should also acknowledge the developers who provide benefits to the Village. One recently extend-

ed water and sewer lines to Schilling School to allow that school to expand efficiently, saving taxpayer dollars. Several have offered to work with us to develop a Town Center area for the Village. Others are building turn lanes, installing traffic signals, extending water or sewer lines, or providing storm drainage improvements that benefit areas outside of their development as well.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

Please join me in welcoming the following new businesses to our village.

Russ Petrizzo, Mayor

**WELCOME NEW
BUSINESSES**

Allen Ophthalmic Group, Ltd.
15933 S. Bell Road

The American Pastime
14326 Golden Oak Drive

Dollar Depot
12111 West 159th Street

Dollar +
14833 Founders Crossing

Karate for Kids
12109 West 159th Street

Loyola Center for Health
15750 Marian Drive

Pepe’s Mexican Restaurant
14853 Founders Crossing

Sears Essentials
15830 S. Bell Road

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The Mayor and other Village officials have already begun work on the recommendations and the Mayor also took action to write to the Illinois Attorney General documenting problems with local water and sewer bills (see Mayor’s letter above). At the October 18th Village Board meeting, the Mayor reported on a letter he received from the Midwest President of Illinois American agreeing to address certain aspects of the rates, improve customer service, and to stop the practice of back-billing and issuing shut-off notices for disputed bills.

The interim report of the Task Force, an FAQ and other documents and contact information for the ICC and Illinois American can be found on the Village website at www.homerglen.org.



Recent Grand Openings

LOYOLA CENTER FOR HEALTH

Loyola Center For Health has recently opened its newest facility in Homer Glen on 159th street, east of Cedar Road. Mayor Russ Petrizzo joined the medical staff in their ribbon cutting ceremony on October 12. The building is approximately 32,000 square feet. This medical facility is a beautiful building and will be an important addition to the community.



Mayor Russ Petrizzo welcomes Loyola executives to Homer Glen.



PEPE'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT

Another recent grand opening here in Homer Glen was Pepe's Mexican Restaurant, which is located in the Founder's Crossing shopping complex on 147th and Bell Road. With 6,000 square feet of space and seating for 200, this is their largest restaurant in terms of square footage. Pepe's features all of it's regular Mexican dishes and a large selection of appetizers and Margaritas. Pepe's also has a full service bar with seating areas and plasma TV's and is a comfortable place to eat and relax with friends and family.

From left to right: Mario Dovalina, V.P. of Pepe's Inc., co-owner, Saul Enriquez, Homer Glen Mayor, Russ Petrizzo, co-owner, Steve Bochenczak and Bob Ptak, President of Pepe's Inc.



SEARS ESSENTIALS



Trustee Dale Vogelsanger congratulates new store manager Dave Moore

A 69,000 square foot Sears Essentials recently held it's grand opening in Homer Glen. Essentials is a Kmart-Sears hybrid and is a new off-mall format. The store blends merchandise found in a typical Kmart, such as household cleaners, snacks and health and beauty aids, with Sears products including Kenmore appliances, Craftsman tools and plasma TVs.

around the country. Village officials were advised that part of the reason this store was selected to be an Essentials was the growth of the community and the newer upscale housing developments in the area.



Many wait hours in line to be first visitors to shop.

Homer Glen is just the second Sears Essentials in the Chicago area and there are 26 other Essentials stores open

WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEER MEMBERS

MAYOR APPOINTS RESIDENTS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A committee to address the growing need for quality commercial development in the Village was officially created in September. Six volunteer members were chosen from the fourteen residents who submitted resumes and were interviewed for the positions.

Since sales tax is one of the primary sources of revenue that funds village services, the Economic Development Committee will play a vital role in attracting commercial growth to Homer Glen. Members include: **Kristin Czyz, Tye Klooster, Frank Wyrostek, Maureen Oswald, Robert Cochran Jr. and Julie Stoklosa.**

Trustee Dale Vogelsanger will act as Chairman. **Trustee Christopher Locacius** and **Community Development Director Jeff Harris** were appointed ex-officio members. Resident **Nancy Herberg** volunteered to act as recording secretary for the group. The group will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the Village Hall.



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Parks and Recreation Committee was officially reorganized at the Village of Homer Glen Board Meeting on November 1. Trustees **Marcia DeVivo** and **Christopher Locacius** will serve as Co-Chairs of the committee. The volunteer committee members include: **Evelyn Walano, Chair of the Homer Glen Trails Task Force, Mike Costa, Homer Township Trustee, Lynn Herman, Fred Senne, Don Mitchel, Russell Knaack, and Dale Jansen. Tom Polke** will serve as an advisory member.

Through this committee the village intends to focus on developing a Parks & Recreation Plan which will address the future needs of the community. The Parks and Recreation Committee will meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall Council Chambers at 13031 W. 143rd Street.

CALLING ALL RESIDENTS...

We currently have openings for volunteer members for our Sign Compliance Task Force. This task force is responsible for keeping our neighborhoods free of the many signs posted around the village that clutter our community. Homer Glen is committed to keeping our Village clear of these unwanted, out of date signs. Anyone wishing to join this committee can contact the village office.

Homer Glen would like to welcome new volunteer members of the Economic Development Committee and Parks and Recreation featured above. New volunteer members have also joined the Communications and Civic Involvement Committee and the Plan Commission over the last year. Thanks to all the many volunteers that comprise our various committees and commissions. Please join us in welcoming the following new members.

COMMUNICATIONS AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Beata Locacius
Eileen Crement

PLAN COMMISSION

Ed Ferrier
Kevin Hoffmeister
Beth Rodgers
George Yukich



HOMER GLEN LANDS DAY CELEBRATION

In conjunction with National Public Lands Day, the Village by proclamation established Homer Glen Lands Day. This important day was established to show support for recognizing and protecting significant areas in a natural environment. The Village Proclamation for this special day states: "The Village of Homer Glen was founded and incorporated in large part due to the desires of its citizens to preserve the unique and diverse components of the natural environment within the Village and to take steps to assist in the further protection and beautification of that environment."

On September 20, 2005 a tree planting ceremony took place at Founders Crossing Senior Housing to commemorate Homer Glen Lands Day. The planting of the tree represents one of Homer Glen's efforts in protecting and improving the natural environment of the Village. The tree planted this year is a Swamp White Oak, which was planted on the west side of the senior housing area next to one of the benches overlooking Homer Township's Open Space property. This is the third year that a tree planting ceremony has taken place. The first tree planting was at the Northwest Homer Fire Station No. 2 in 2003, and the second took place at Hadley Middle School in 2004.



Left to right: Margaret Sabo, Kathy Kudla, Neeloo McAndrew, Evelyn Walano, Bud Fazio, Roger Ross, Sue Steilen, Mayor Russ Petrizzo.



Left to right: Gary Ward w. dog Maggie, Joan McGowan, Neeloo McAndrew, Roger Ross, Kathy Kudla, Bernie Conboy, Charlie Neubauer, Mary Pat Degrassi, J.P. Walano, Evelyn Walano, Rosemary Koning.

2005 Community and Nature in Harmony Awards



The Community and Nature in Harmony Award is a project of the Environment Committee of the Village of Homer Glen. In the year 2001, the Village of Homer Glen, by proclamation, established Homer Glen Lands Day as part of its recognition and support of National Public Lands Day.

The Community and Nature in Harmony award program has generated much enthusiasm since its inception in 2002. The purpose of this award is to recognize an individual, business, group, or community organization, who through the creation of wildlife habitat or preservation, restoration, and/or beautification of land within the Village of Homer Glen, has demonstrated a commitment to the environment and, in the process, significantly contributed to community pride.

Twenty-eight Community and Nature in Harmony Awards were presented during the September 20, 2005 Village Board meeting. The nominations were reviewed by the Village's Environment Committee, and the following award winners were recognized:

A Touch of Green Landscaping and Garden Center Inc.

For their generous donation of an Autumn Blaze Maple tree planted at Culver Park to commemorate the Village's fourth anniversary and the donation of landscaping materials and installation of plants for the Village entrance signs located at 159th and Will Cook Rd. and at 135th and Bell Rd.

Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church

For the development of a sustainable environment and water management master plan impacting water flow in Cook and Will counties, and the restoration of a prairie reflecting the Green Vision of the Homer Glen Community.

Rick Santucci, All American Sign

For beautifying the entrances to the Village through the design, donation, and installation of 12 attractive signs.

Bret-Mar Landscape Management Group Inc.

For creating a serene and attractive environment with a pond, waterfall, patio, and terrace garden within a commercial setting.

Charlotte Brown

For providing inspiration by beautifying her property with gardens containing native plants and sharing gardening knowledge with other residents.

Carol and Bud Fazio

For the beautification of their property and their outstanding work creating a variety of gardens incorporating native plants.

Wally Fischer

For beautifying the Village entry way through the donation of materials and labor to install lighting for the entrance sign on Bell Road.

Kevin Garrabrant Family

For donating a 20 foot Colorado Blue Spruce for the Homer Glen Lands Day tree planting at Hadley School in 2004 for the benefit of future generations.

Gas City - 12502 W. 143rd St. (East of Bell Road)

For providing an attractive landscape plan featuring trees, flowers and shrubs on a commercial site.

Rick Gomez, Instant Shade

For his donation of valuable services and expertise in transplanting a large Colorado Spruce for the annual Homer Glen Lands Day 2004 tree planting ceremony at Hadley School, and participating in tree-cycling for the benefit of future generations.

Mike and Denise Hanes

For beautifying their property and providing an attractive habitat for butterflies and humming birds.

Janice and Joseph Jungles

For donating five acres to the Homer Township Open Space program and thereby preserving open space and wildlife habitat in perpetuity.

Andy & Rosemary Koning

For preserving the environment through the rescue of native prairie plants and establishing a wildlife habitat on their property.

Karen & Randy Kraynak

For preserving 98% of the trees on their wooded lot, replacing trees that were lost, and incorporating native plants and grasses in their landscape design.

Joe Lepore

For beautification of property featuring a rural theme with old fashioned farm equipment among colorful flowers and grasses which create an exceptionally attractive entrance.

Zofia & John Lesniak

For beautifying their property by creating a floral showcase in their front yard and providing a haven for birds and butterflies.

John Lobick

For his contributions to the Environment Committee and for his devotion to bee-keeping activities on his property which benefit the environment

M & D Farms, Mark & Donna Walsh

For providing a natural setting featuring a variety of farm animals and creating a rural atmosphere on a commercial site.

Michael Roth, M & D Farms

For planting and preserving trees on six and a half acres and for providing a natural setting featuring a variety of farm animals and creating a rural atmosphere on a commercial site.

Joan and Arneil McGowan

For providing inspiration and education to our residents by creating a native prairie and providing a wildlife habitat on one acre of their property.

Menards

For creating an attractive design with harmonious landscaping and lighting throughout a large-scale commercial development.

New Lenox State Bank

For continuing to provide a beautiful and colorful landscape on a commercial site and promoting a sense of pride within our community.

Joy and Stephen Oostema

For beautification of their property by creating a tranquil environment which coordinates a garden wall, patio, garden house, shade trees, and native plants throughout the property.

John Robinson

For beautifying the Village entryway through the donation of labor to install lighting for the entrance sign on Bell Road.

Aspen Valley Landscape Supply

For contributing to the beautification of the ground at Founder’s Crossing through the donation of landscape materials.

Norman and Beth Suelflow

For donating five acres to the Homer Township Open Space program and thereby preserving open space and wildlife habitat in perpetuity.

William Vogelsanger

For beautifying the Village entryway through the donation of labor to install lighting for the entrance sign on Bell Road.

Scout Pack #62

For coordinating a cleanup project and beautifying the property at Shady Oaks Cerebral Palsy Camp.



Back row from left: Mayor Russ Petrizzo, Tim Medendorp (cubmaster), Sean McCaffrey, Jack Evans, Kevin Lockwood, Adam Listello, Marguerite Ruminski. Front row from left: Eddie Ruminski, Phillip Medendorp.



Left to right: *Sue Steilen, MaryAnn Murphy, Rick Cosson, Barbara Norris, Mayor Russ Petrizzo, Catherine Baranko, Denise Hanes, Ken Crown, Mike Hanes, Jim Lahey, Geoff Schlender, Bud Fazio. (* Indicates Environment Committee member only.)



Left to right: Joy Oostema, Steve Oostema, Kevin Garrabrant, Mike Roth, Mayor Russ Petrizzo, Donna Walsh, Wally Fischer, Mark Walsh, *Roger Ross, Joan McGowan. (* Indicates Environment Committee member only.)



Left to right: *Margaret Sabo, Rosemary Koning, *Neeloo McAndrew, Andy Koning, Mayor Russ Petrizzo, Sharon Brett-Marrin, Adam Marrin, *Cloyd Selby, *Kathy Kudla (* Indicates Environment Committee member only.)

HOMER COMMUNITY INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Homer Glen and Homer Township coordinated efforts this year on the annual parade. The participation was great and everyone had a wonderful time. Homer Glen’s Board of Trustees walked and passed out candy and toys to the community, followed by a float for Village Volunteers and the UIC International Teachers visiting Homer Glen.



VILLAGE OF HOMER GLEN WELCOMES INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS

2005 FULBRIGHT AMERICAN STUDIES SUMMER INSTITUTE

For the 4th consecutive year the Village of Homer Glen has hosted an American holiday celebration for high school teachers from around the world. Visiting the United States on a grant funded by the State Department and the Fulbright Commission, these teachers come to the U.S. to study American culture at The University of Illinois at Chicago. The focal point of their visit has been the 4th of July celebration beginning with the Homer Community Independence Day Parade, a tour of the area and afterwards participating in a traditional American barbecue at the home of Trustee Dale Vogelsanger and wife Kim. The teachers had a wonderful time participating in their first American parade and swimming, cooking, eating and drinking typical American fare. As a memento of their trip, pictures were taken and each participant was presented with a Homer Glen t-shirt. In the evening they drove downtown for the 4th of July firework display. It was a wonderful day and we enjoyed celebrating with these exceptional international teachers and sharing with them our experiences and observations about life in the United States and Homer Glen.

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

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| Armenia | Malawi |
| Belarus | Nepal |
| Belgium | Norway |
| Cambodia | Philippines |
| China | Romania |
| Cyprus | Russia |
| Egypt | Saudi Arabia |
| France | Sengal |
| Germany | Spain |
| Guatemala | Sri Lanka |
| Italy | Switzerland |
| Japan | Togo |

HOMER TOWNSHIP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXPO

Homer Glen once again participated at the annual Chamber of Commerce event which the Communications and Civic Involvement Committee coordinated and attended. The Village rented a booth and had a wealth of information for residents on the

many important issues happening in the Village. The main inquires were in regard to Illinois American Water rates, the I-355 Tollway Extension and the Trail map with routes.



Village Clerk Gale Skroboton helping one of our residents.



Manning the booth for the afternoon shift are Trustees Marcia DeVivo and Margaret Sabo, with Village Clerk Gale Skroboton.

HOMER GLEN SPONSORS BLOOD DRIVE

Homer Glen recently held a blood drive for the American Red Cross. Due to the recent hurricanes, our current sources of blood have been depleted in this area and it is important that in the event of a local disaster that we replenish our local blood banks. The event was well attended and we had a steady stream of donors throughout the day.

Homer Glen wishes to thank Northwest Homer Fire Station #2 for allowing us to hold the event at their fire station and Homer Township Fire Protection District for sending many of your firefighters to donate.

We also thank the many volunteers on the Communications and Civic Involvement Committee who helped out that day registering donors and coordinating the effort and the Villages Emergency Management Agencies efforts for traffic control and standby emergency assistance.

Thank you also to our local restaurant, Chesdan's Pizza, for catering the food for all the donors and workers that day, as well as Dominicks and Wrigley for the supplies of juice and candy.



Left to right: Homer Glen Trustee Brian Andrews, CCIC committee members: Nancy Herberg, Kim Vogelsanger & Lisa Martinez



Left to right: Homer Glen Trustee Dale Vogelsanger & CCIC members: Nancy Herberg, Rosemary Koning, Kim Vogelsanger & new member Eileen Crement.



Left to right: Homer Township Trustee Steve Balich, Kim Vogelsanger & Homer Township Clerk, Evelyn Walano.

BURN SAFELY AND COURTEOUSLY THIS FALL

As we enter into the autumn season, the sights and smells of fall begin to overwhelm our senses; the chill of the air, the early sunsets and the smell of burning leaves. But for some, the burning of yard waste can be an unpleasant experience. The many residents who suffer from asthma and other breathing disorders can find the fall months to be a very trying time of year. The Village of Homer Glen would like to remind all residents to please be considerate of their neighbors and their own safety when burning leaves and other yard waste by following these simple tips.

- Notify your immediate neighbors when you intend to burn so that they may take steps to minimize the effects that they may experience.
- Only burn landscape material that is completely dry to the touch.
- Never burn on any paved roadway or street or on any sidewalks or other public right-of ways.
- Keep fires at least 20 feet from any trees or shrubs.
- Never burn grass clippings.
- Never burn when the wind speed is below 5 m.p.h. or over 15 m.p.h.
- Always try to burn on sunny days rather than cloudy ones.
- Avoid burning on holidays.

There are six rules regarding burning which are enforced by Will County. The burning of trash, rubbish, garbage, general household waste and construction or demolition debris is prohibited. Never burn closer than 50 feet to any structure. You are required to have a quick means of extinguishing the fire available, such as a charged garden hose or fire extinguisher. An adult must be present at all times. Never leave the fire unattended. Only yard waste generated by your property may be burned on your property. The Village of Homer Glen will enforce these rules also.

We would also suggest that residents explore the many alternatives to landscape waste burning. There are numerous products available today to help the homeowner accomplish this task.

Mulching mowers thoroughly shred lawn clippings and dried leaves, which decompose within a few days and provide the lawn with valuable nutrients. Also, mulching kits that will convert your present lawnmower or lawn tractor to a mulching unit are available. Another inexpensive option is special mulching blades, such as Gator Mulching blades, that are designed to give a mower mulching capabilities without requiring a kit to be installed. Mulching helps reduce the amount of fertilizer needed, relieves the homeowner from having to dispose of the clippings and saves hours spent raking leaves in the fall.

Chipper/Shredders are also available from lawn and garden retailers at a reasonable price. They will grind up plant waste and tree clippings up to 1 ¼" in diameter into a fine mulch which can be used around trees and shrubs to provide frost protection in the winter and to provide nutrients to the soil in the spring.

Another alternative to burning yard waste is composting. Though it is more involved than simple mulching, it will provide your plants and other landscape shrubs with a constant source of food throughout the growing season. Composting turns house and yard waste into a fiber-rich, carbon-containing humus full of inorganic nutrients like phosphorous and potassium. It improves the soil properties for your plants by allowing oxygen and water to easily penetrate. Compost can be prepared in a pile or in a bin. For further information, visit the Village's website at www.homerglen.org.

Lastly, check with your waste hauler to find out if they have a yard waste program available. Many haulers have yard waste bins or bag programs. Homer Glen does not provide waste hauling services and residents contract for this service privately.

We hope all Homer Glen residents will take advantage of these tips on yard waste disposal and will be considerate of their neighbors when burning. Let's make this a safe and enjoyable fall season for all.



VILLAGE BOARD ACTIONS

I.C.E. (In Case of Emergency). The Village Board approved a resolution encouraging all residents take a minute with their cell phone contacts list and add “I.C.E” in front of the name of the person who should be contacted in case of emergency. Emergency personnel serving the Village can look at your phone and immediately know whom to notify if you are incapacitated for any reason. It’s simple, free, and only takes a minute.

Unauthorized use of Fire Hydrants. An ordinance to prevent unauthorized use of fire hydrants was recently approved. Non-emergency personnel must have written authorization from Illinois American Water Company to operate a fire hydrant in the Village. This is an issue of both public safety and potential theft of water which could affect our water rates. Any resident who suspects unauthorized use of a hydrant is occurring should call the Will County Sheriff’s Police.

Evlyn’s Gate North subdivision was approved with 44 townhomes on 15 acres south of 159th street and east of Cedar Road. The new development will have a park area, trail connections, and will provide water and sewer service connections to nearby Schilling School. The development will have unique detached townhomes with outside maintenance provided. The area had been previously annexed to the Village with the larger Evlyn’s Gate subdivision now under construction at 163rd and Cedar Avenue.

A new interchange with I-80 near U.S. Route 6 and Haas Road was discussed by the Village Board recently. The Illinois Department of Transportation is studying future improvements to Schoolhouse Road south from I-80 and is considering a possible new interchange at I-80. The Village Board indicated that the possibility of a full interchange that would serve Homer Glen residents should be an option in the planning process, but did not consider it. While the area is semi-rural now, projects of this kind often take many years to be funded. The Board indicated that the need for an interchange may be much greater by the time the project funding is available.

A unified Fire Code is now a reality for all of Homer Glen. The Village recently approved an ordinance establishing its own Fire Code, meaning that the rules will be the same throughout the Village. Previously, such items as sprinkler requirements varied from one Fire District to another. The Village adopted its code in cooperation with the Homer Township and Northwest Homer Fire Protection Districts. A subsequent intergovernmental agreement between the Village and the Fire Districts provides for Fire District personnel to continue performing fire inspections, with the Village retaining control of the interpretation of the code and prosecution of any violations.



SNOW REMOVAL

Once again, winter is approaching, that time when all of those beautiful snowflakes gang up together and create havoc on our daily routines.

In an effort to lessen the adverse effect on driving conditions, the Highway Department is planning on attacking the snow covered streets in a more efficient manner. Their goal is to have those late evening and very early morning snows off of the roads by the a.m. rush hour. They will begin on the arterial roads and then move on into the neighborhoods.

In order to proceed successfully with their plan, they will need the full co-operation from everyone in Homer Glen in adhering to the parking ban ordinance. According to Homer Township Highway Commissioner, Mike DeVivo, the parking ban states that from October 1st to May 1st, there is no parking on the streets for twelve hours following a snowfall of two inches or more unless the street has already been cleared. Any one parking on the street illegally after a snowfall is subject to being ticketed and fined or towed. People with special needs or circumstances should notify the Village office before the first snowfall.



Discarded live Christmas trees can be brought to the Township Highway Department for free disposal.

VILLAGE OF HOMER GLEN MEETING CALENDAR

Board of Trustees Workshop		
1st Tuesday, Village Council Chamber		7:30pm
Board of Trustees Meeting		
3rd Tuesday, Village Council Chamber		7:30pm
Communications and Civic Involvement Committee		
2nd and 4th Monday, Conference Room		7:30pm
Economic Development Committee		
2nd and 4th Wednesday, Conference Room		6:00pm
Emergency Management Agency (EMA)		
1st and 3rd Thursday		7:00pm
Homer Fire Protection Station #2, 16131 South Bell Road		
Environment Committee		
2nd Monday, Village Council Chamber		
Parks & Recreation Committee		
4th Monday, Village Council Chamber		7:30pm
Public Safety Committee		
3rd Monday, Village Council Chamber		7:00pm
Plan Commission		
1st and 4th Thursday, Village Council Chamber		7:30pm
Transportation Committee		
1st Monday, Village Council Chamber		7:30pm
Zoning Commission		
1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Village Council Chamber		7:00pm

Unless otherwise specified, meetings are held in the Village Council Chamber, 13031 W. 143rd Street. Agendas for the following week's meetings are posted each Friday, or not less than 48 hours prior to a given meeting, on the windows of the Village Hall and the Council Chamber:
www.homerglen.org

The Mayor and Village Board of Trustees wish you a safe and happy Holiday Season

RUSS PETRIZZO
Mayor

GALE SKROBUTON
Clerk

Trustees

BRIAN ANDREWS

MARCIA DEVIVO

CHRISTOPHER LOCACIUS

MARY NIEMIEC

MARGARET SABO

DALE VOGELSANGER

The Village Hall is open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. The phone number is (708) 301-0632.

The Building Department is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. Building Department phone number is (708) 301-1301.



Community and Nature . . . in Harmony

14331 S. Golden Oak Dr. • Homer Glen, IL 60491

Village of Homer Glen Mission Statement

The Village of Homer Glen is committed to preserving, protecting, and enhancing our community's quality of life through responsible residential and economic development while utilizing sound fiscal management. We will strive to maintain open space, preserve our unique rural character, and safeguard our natural resources. The village encourages community involvement in order to maintain and cultivate a balance of family, agriculture, business, environment, and cultural diversity for present and future generations.

PRSRTD STANDARD
 U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
 LOCKPORT, IL
 PERMIT NO. 83

To The Homer Glen Resident at: