

The Village
MESSENGER
"A Glimpse of the Glen"

THEN & NOW . . .
**A 5 YEAR
 ANNIVERSARY
 EDITION**

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COMMUNITY AND NATURE...IN HARMONY
 VILLAGE OF HOMER GLEN APPROVES
"CONSERVATION DESIGN ORDINANCE"

The Homer Glen Village Board took action to insure achievement of the goals and objectives of the Village's Comprehensive Plan, as well as it's mission statement and core values by approving a new Conservation Design Ordinance at its July 25th meeting. Over a thousand acres of new open space could be added to the Village with this new, innovative, nature-friendly ordinance. This is one of the strongest ordinances of its kind in the country, and the only one in Illinois that requires mandatory compliance by developers, with no incentives or bonuses being provided to developers.

The new open space will be acquired over time, as a requirement of future residential development at **NO** cost to the taxpayers and with **NO** bond referendum needed. This is a dramatic new approach to residential development in our village and is the product of many months of work by the Mayor, Village Trustees and staff.

The ordinance requires developers of new residential subdivisions to set aside between 20% and 50% of the area as permanent, dedicated, publicly-owned open space. The amount of open space is dependent upon the zoning of the property and is mandatory for all residential developments over 10 acres in size. The only exceptions lie within ¼ mile of 159th street or Bell Road because of their commercial nature and estate size zoning of over 1.5 acre lots and portions of the village not served by sewer and water.

Other Conservation Design ordinances in a handful of other communities and counties are on a voluntary basis and offer developers incentives such as density bonuses of more housing units per acre in order to entice them to do conservation design.

The open spaces will be created through carefully planned clustering of homes with the vast percentage of homes being adjacent to open space. The new ordinance also uses a "net density" approach that removes environmentally sensitive lands and roads prior to the calculation of number of units allowed per acre of land.

Since the ordinance is mandatory, open spaces can be connected from one neighborhood to the next, where feasible, creating an extensive, interlinked network of open spaces. The new open space areas will not only allow the Village to further protect environmentally sensitive lands, but also allow additional trails, walking paths, and parks to be built. Connected open spaces will also promote and protect wildlife corridors. Many of the Village's scenic vistas can be saved, helping us to preserve our rural character and way of life we have all come to enjoy. The Village will also benefit from reduced infrastructure maintenance costs in the future since fewer miles of roads and utilities will be needed. Flooding and drainage problems will be reduced because there will be less overall impervious surface creating runoff. Similarly, declining groundwater aquifers will be recharged because more pervious areas will allow rainwater to soak in.

Homer Glen has been blessed with many high quality neighborhoods and open space areas and the Village has already taken many actions to assure continuing quality development in the future. To date we have adopted a Comprehensive Plan, The Green Vision Plan, first floor brick ordinance, 15,000 s.f. minimum lot size ordinance, and a tree preservation ordinance. A completely new Zoning Ordinance incorporating our Green Vision, and newly designed architectural standards will soon be ready for adoption.

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK...

The Village of Homer Glen celebrated its fifth anniversary this summer. I'm pleased to say there are many exciting things happening in the village, so please read through our expanded anniversary edition newsletter to reflect back on our first five years and for a look ahead to our bright future.

First, in regard to development in the community. I-355 is well underway and is scheduled to be finished by the end of 2007. The Tollway will not only enhance our opportunities for quality commercial development along 159th street and selected areas of 143rd street, but also will help relieve major congestion on north-south routes such as Lemont Road and Bell Road.

Perhaps the most important new commercial development is the Jewel store at 159th and Parker Road. The overall site will have about 125,000 square feet of commercial space when it is complete. The last hurdle for this development is negotiating agreements with IDOT and the developer for the turn lanes and signals needed on 159th street next to the new store. Other developments that have been approved or actually underway include: Blueberry Hill Pancake House, Founders Crossing South, Homer Developers, Inc., Parker Pointe and Homer Town Plaza.

We are currently working with developers interested in creating a Town Center mixed use development which would include another major retail center as well as residential development, a Village Green, park area and possible space for a Village Hall and a new Library. We are also keeping in contact with Meijers about their plans for building a store near 143rd and Bell Road. They have owned land there for several years, but have not yet announced a timetable for construction.

Residential development is also in the news. In July, the Village Board approved a landmark Conservation Design Ordinance for new residential areas of the Village that are not immediately adjacent to 159th street or Bell Road. (Full story on front page). We also expect the revised zoning ordinance to be adopted within the next few weeks and an ordinance providing incentives to preserve trees was approved in March. Other ordinances relating to landscaping and stormwater are well underway.

Some residents have expressed concerns that the Village may be growing too fast and are concerned about issues such as school overcrowding. However, a recent check of building permit information on the NIPC website indicates that of the 13 largest Villages in Will County, we are 10th or 11th in our rate of growth of new homes, depending on whether you look at 2005 or 2006 figures. Rest assured that the Village works closely with the school districts and informs them of any new residential development prior to coming before the Village for review and requests a letter if there are any concerns. We are comfortable that we can handle the rate of growth we currently see and have forecast.

The Village is making progress on many other fronts as well. Financially, we are now in our sixth fiscal year and we still do not have a Village property tax. We have not adopted any village utility taxes, no real estate transfer tax, and have maintained the same cable TV franchise fee the County was charging before incorporation. We are financially successful largely because of the growth of sales tax dollars and our tight rein on expenditures. The growth in our sales tax revenues over the last five years has been

phenomenal and, is in part, the reason why we have had substantial budget surpluses each of the last two years. (Read more on page 6.)

The Village is completing a new Transportation Plan which will analyze our future needs for road improvements for many years to come. It will identify needed right-of-way to be acquired, as well as future intersection improvements and road widths. Engineering is proceeding for turn lane improvements along 151st street near the Township sportsplex area. Turn lanes were just finished on Parker Road near Culver Park and the new Amberfield development. Engineering is also proceeding for a major intersection improvement at 143rd street and Lemont Road, which will be very close to the new Tollway interchange on 143rd. Planning for a new roundabout intersection at 151st and Cedar is also underway to help accommodate future high school traffic in the area. Traffic calming islands are being installed this fall along two residential collector streets (Beaver Lake Drive and Carlton Lane) in the Village as a means to keep speeding down and improve safety. And, working with our Township Highway Department, nearly ten miles of roads were resurfaced this year despite high oil prices.

A new comprehensive Parks Plan is also well underway which will identify future needs and general locations for both larger community parks serving the entire community as well as neighborhood parks. The major source of funding for park development is park donation fees from developers.

The Village has received a grant award for trails along the Com Ed power lines. Work will begin in 2007 and continue in 2008 to construct a trail parallel to Bell Road from the northern Village limit to the substation and then to construct trails from the substation going west to Parker Road. Another grant application to build a branch to the northeast end of the Village is pending, and Gallagher and Henry has begun work on a branch going to the southeast from the substation.

In regard to Illinois American Water issues, a major effort by Rep. Renee Kosel with support from Sen. Christine Radogno, helped the Village pass two significant bills in the Illinois General Assembly which are now law. One bill provides a "bill of rights" for customers and the other streamlines the process for a municipality to potentially acquire a private water or sewer system. The Village also persuaded the state Attorney General to join us in bringing legal action forward on some of the problems we are experiencing and those cases are moving toward hearings before the Illinois Commerce Commission later this year. I have also initiated action with several other area Mayors served by Illinois American to look at our options for acquisition on a joint basis. The Village Board has not made any decisions about acquisition of the system, but we have maintained for over a year that we will look at any and all options to reduce our rates, which we believe are the highest in Illinois.

There are many other things going on and these are just some of the highlights. It is my privilege to be the Mayor of such a vibrant community that has accomplished so much and shows so much promise for the future. I know that much of the energy of our community comes from its residents and its growing business community. We appreciate all that you do to make Homer Glen the outstanding community that it is. Thank you and please remember...Keep our sales tax dollars here...Shop Homer Glen!

Russ Petrizzo, Mayor

The new Conservation Design Ordinance, and the large new parcels of inter-connected open space lands it will create, will be the most important action this Village Board has taken to date to realize our goals of incorporation and adhere to our Mission Statement and Core Values below.

“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.”

“Safeguarding areas of significant natural value, promoting the re-establishment of native vegetation, protecting and managing water resources, and providing wildlife corridors are fundamental environmental protections.”

This Conservation Design Ordinance will allow Homer Glen to leave the greatest legacy we can for present and future generations – ***Our Community and Nature...In Harmony.***

EDITORIALS

THE ★ STAR

Nature-friendly rules for village
Sunday, August 6, 2006

“All too often, we’ve watched as developers tear down groves of trees or drain wetlands. Homer Glen’s ordinance is designed to do more than just prevent such insult to the landscape.”

“Whenever it’s possible, the village will try to preserve existing natural features and require developers to design their projects to fit the landscape that’s already there. Homer Glen, in approving the ordinance late last month, is the first community in our area to mandate conservation design principles for new developments. The village will, as a priority, attempt to preserve wildlife habitat, native vegetation, wetlands, wooded regions, ponds and lakes.”

“Homer Glen, the Southland’s newest municipality, is making a bold attempt to be different. This is a fast-growing community and the pressures to approve new homes and businesses are enormous. But the village, since its incorporation in 2001, has stressed the importance of retaining a rural character.” “With this ordinance, Homer Glen is showing it’s serious about that goal. Village officials deserve credit for taking a stand to preserve what’s natural in their community.”

**Quote from Debra Shore, Editor,
Chicago Wilderness Magazine**

“It is inspiring to see a community coming together to imprint their core values on the

special place they call home. Homer Glen has sprung to the forefront of communities seeking to shape future growth in a sustainable way and will serve as a model for the rest of us. I commend you all.”

**Quote from Kerry Leigh, ASLA,
Director, Environment & Natural
Resources Northeastern Illinois
Planning Commission**

“Congratulations! This is indeed a great step forward for your community. I know that the Village has been working hard to preserve much of the natural character of the Village and enhance the quality of life. We are heartened to see the Village moving forward with this important concept.”

**Quote from Dan Lobbes, Director of
Land Preservation Conservation
Foundation, Naperville, IL**

“I am really proud of Homer Glen! Thanks for all your hard work – this is a tangible outcome from the Green Visioning process. We look forward to our continued collaboration with Homer Glen to make this vision a reality.”

Note: The village very much appreciates the support of the above listed publications, commissions and foundations and their input and their comments on our ordinance to improve the final product. Thank you also to the Village of Homer Glen Stormwater Task Force for their input and review process.

TREE ORDINANCE

The Village Board approved a Tree Preservation Ordinance on March 28th. The ordinance prevents the clear cutting of properties proposed for development and creates strong financial incentives to save large, mature trees. Developers who do not save specified percentages of significant trees must either replace the trees elsewhere at a higher ratio or pay the equivalent restitution for planting elsewhere in the Village. There is also an incentive for saving more trees than required. Developers are now required to prepare a tree survey and hire a licensed tree professional to develop a tree preservation plan with their applications. After development begins, they must follow best management practices for protecting the trees to be preserved. The ordinance is effective for all new development applications received after March 31, 2006.

NEW ZONING ORDINANCE DRAFTED

After five years of operating on a modified version of the Will County zoning ordinances since the village was created in 2001, Homer Glen’s Zoning Ordinances have been completely revised.

The zoning commission has recommended approval to the village board an ordinance specially designed for Homer Glen. The zoning commission’s goal was to revise the zoning ordinance to address shortcomings and make changes that better reflect the village’s Comprehensive Plan and The Green Vision Plan.

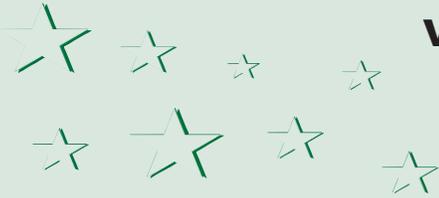
Major changes to the ordinance include lighting and sign regulations, a first floor brick ordinance, a 15,000 square foot minimum lot size ordinance, and planed unit development requirements.

A copy of the full ordinance will be posted on the village web site upon adoption from the Village Board.

VILLAGE OF HOMER GLEN

Milestones

2001 - 2006



Conservation Design Ordinance Adopted
 Adoption of Water Conservation Measures
 Adoption of New Building Codes and Technical Amendments
 Agreement to Put Police Liaison Officer in Lockport Township High School
 Amended Park Donation Ordinance
 Tree Preservation Ordinance
 Approval of Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan
 Commencement of Legal Proceedings Against Illinois American Water
 Agreement to Participate in Countywide Emergency Radio System
 Engineering for First Bike Trail with CMAQ Grant Funds
 Letter of Intent with Bolingbrook & Plainfield Regarding Water System

2006

Licensing of Tobacco Products Required
 Registration of Contractors Required
 Commencement of Construction for Developers – Final Plat & Final Survey
 Unauthorized Use of Fire Hydrants Prohibited
 Unified Fire Code Adopted for the Village
 Ordinance Prohibiting Sale, Use of Drug Paraphernalia
 Comprehensive Plan Adoption

2005

Boundary Agreement with New Lenox
 Annexation of Goodings Grove Residential Area
 Boundary Agreement with Lockport
 Ethics Ordinance Adopted
 Business Registration Required
 Requirement for Street Address Numbers

2004

Vector Ordinance Control of Standing Water
 Revised Agreement w/ Will Co. for Village Issue of Building Permits
 Boundary Agreement with Orland Park
 Cable TV Franchise Agreement with Comcast
 Fire Impact Fees Adopted

2003

Prohibit Parking of Unlicensed Cars on the Street
 Annexed Homer Town Square Shopping Center - Dominicks
 Adopted Flood Plain Regulations Adopted Weed Ordinance
 Exterior Construction Standards – “Brick” Ordinance Adopted
 No Parking Restriction During Snow Removal Operations
 Agreement w/ Homer Township for Street Maintenance
 Mutual Aid Agreement for Emergency Services

2002

Electric Franchise Agreement with Com Ed
 Park Donation Ordinance Adopted
 Gas Franchise Agreement with NICOR
 Ordinance Controlling Open Burning on Roadways and Village Property
 Adopted Will Co. Building, Water Resources & School Impact Fees
 Adopted Liquor Ordinance
 Emergency Management Agency Created
 Will County Land Use Map Adopted
 Adopted Will County Subdivision Ordinance
 Adopted Will County Zoning Ordinance
 Plan & Zoning Commission Established
 Establishment of Standing Committees
 Animal Control Services – Contract with Will County
 Contract Police Services from Will County

2001

VILLAGE BOARD ESTABLISHES PRIORITY GOALS

Each year, the Village Board meets to establish key goals for the coming 12-18 months. Many other projects will also be accomplished in the coming year, but the items on the list shown below received the highest priority from Village Board members at an April workshop meeting.

1. Establish a Revenue Resource Committee to explore, examine, and recommend viable revenue sources, such as possible impact fees for Town Center and Public Safety, development fees, Village sticker program; and develop implementation strategies.
2. Establish a strategy for land purchase.
3. Integrated data base for village operations and residents.
4. Continue efforts to address sewer and water issues inclusive of considering options and next steps.
5. Establish regular meetings with Highway Commissioner, County and IDOT representatives to advocate and coordinate needed highway improvements.
6. Negotiate a Waste Removal Program to provide the residents with a less expensive and more complete refuse removal service through the negotiating of a long-term contract with one of the three local refuse companies.
7. Action procedure on repairs, cleaning and/or upgrades to existing parks, open space parcels and retention locations in coordination with the Township.
8. Establish a committee on private utility services.
9. Perform a Village-wide drainage study.
10. Review progress on proposed benchmarks in "Green Community of Homer Glen" plan.

NEWLY APPROVED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Stonebridge Woods	S. 159th St., E. of Cedar Rd.	112 acres
Evlyn's Gate	N. 163rd St., E of Cedar Rd.	55 acres
Annexed - Goodings Grove U4	NE 143rd St. & Bell Rd.	14.3 acres
McGivney	NE 159th & Parker Rd.	159 acres

NEWLY APPROVED COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Creamery	SW 151st St. & Bell Rd.	3,000 sq ft	Ice Creme Shop
Gas City	NW 151st St. & Bell Rd.	4,000 sq ft	Service Station
Crystal Creek Office	159th St. and Crystal Creek Dr.	16,000 sq ft	Office Park
Oak Brook Bank	Menard's Commercial Center	4,000 sq ft	Bank
1st American Bank	Founder's Crossing	3,000 sq ft	Bank
Blueberry Shopping Plaza	SE Bell Rd & 143rd St.	20,000 sq ft	Restaurant/gen retail
Pelican Harry's	Founder's Crossing	4,000 sq ft	Restaurant
Homer Glen Center	SW 143rd St. & Dixon Ln.	20,000 sq ft	Office/gen retail
Lista Lounge	Founder's Crossing	3,000 sq ft	Restaurant
Silver Cross Health Center	SW corner of 143rd St & Mustang Dr.	30,500 sq ft	Urgent Care Facility
Homer Developers LLC	SW of 143rd & Bell Rd.	70,000 sq ft	Shopping Plaza
Bell Tower Office Plaza	NE of 159th & Bell Rd.	26,880 sq ft	Shopping Plaza
Jewel Food Store	NE of 159th & Parker Rd.	65,000 sq ft	Food Store



POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS

When Homer Glen was incorporated in 2001, the population was estimated at 22,269 based upon the 2000 Census. By December, 2004 a special census showed that the population was 24,083, an increase of 1,814 residents.

The average family household income in Homer Glen is \$119,394 and the average age is just over 35 years old. Approximately 39% of the residents have a college degree and another 26% have at least some college. The median home value in 2006 is \$318,658. The Village of

Homer Glen encompassed about 19.9 square miles at the time of incorporation and currently has about 22.4 square miles. With boundary agreements currently in place, the Village has the opportunity to increase to about 25 square miles.

COMMERCIAL - 2001 - PRESENT

Adult Medical Associates	Davidson's Bar & Grill	Hong Kong Chinese Restaurant	Sears Essentials
After Glo Tanning Salon	DiNolfo's Banquets	Just Tires	ShapeExpress
Allen Ophthalmic Group	Dollar Depot	Karate for Kids	Shell Gas Station
Alps Construction	Dollar+	L2 Martial Arts	Subway
Altered Images Hair Studio	Easy Living Comfort Store	Lar's Escape	The American Pastime
Aqua Pools	En-Co Plumbing Inc.	Loyola Center for Health	The Homarian Local Newspaper
Bonfire Restaurant	Endless Tan, Inc.	Magic Nails	The Kumon Center
Butterfly Garden Learning Center	European Imports Food & Deli	Menards	Toothworks, Inc.
Cardinal Fitness	Fannie Mae	Pepe's Mexican Restaurant	Total Flooring
Colorado Coffee	Fingerpaint	Rehab Connections	Trattoria Tazza Restaurant
Cousins & Associates	Gas City		

OPERATING ON A SHOESTRING. . . THEN

Once upon a time a referendum passed and the next day we were supposed to be a village. Now how were we supposed to make that happen? The referendum to incorporate Homer Glen would not be certified by a judge for another two weeks. The judge couldn't appoint a mayor, clerk, and trustees until the referendum was certified. We wouldn't have Homer Glen's census count certified by the State of Illinois for four months so funds such as sales tax and income tax revenue sharing that are based on census figures were not available until then. There was literally NO source of funds available to the Village for over four months.

Over 22,000 people were not aware that a handful of their fellow residents were scrambling to create a viable Village. The Committee to Incorporate, a group of people who promoted the referendum, had been renting a 1,000 square foot office in the Ace Hardware shopping center. The new Village continued to occupy the same office. The owners of Ace Hardware patiently waited for rent both before and after incorporation. Members of the Committee to Incorporate and other residents paid the rent, phone and utilities out of their own pockets. Two families donated the use of computers and a fax machine. Residents made donations of office furniture and supplies. The new trustees and mayor incurred substantial expenses and paid those bills themselves. No one who worked in the office those first four months ever expected or received any pay. Some expenses would eventually be reimbursed, but many people have never asked for repayment. To say we operated on a shoestring was probably an overstatement!

Even after the Village started receiving its expected revenues from the State, growth in Village revenues was significantly restricted by the disruption of the national economy following September 11, 2001.

Over the past two years, however, the Village has experienced financial success. Each of the last two fiscal years has ended with a surplus and the General Fund balance surpassed \$1 million earlier this year. The Village currently has no external or internal debt.

With balances also increasing in the Parks Fund and Motor Fuel Tax Fund, the Village is now able to design and build a number of capital improvements over the next several years including intersection improvements, drainage projects, and several new parks. Space needs and cost estimates for a possible new Village Hall have also been identified. The Village's financial picture continues to grow stronger even without a Village property tax.

VILLAGE FINANCES/BUDGET . . . NOW

The Village of Homer Glen has now completed five full fiscal years as of April 30, 2006. The Village has not levied a property tax in any of those years. The Village relies on the state sharing of Sales Tax, Income Tax and motor fuels tax for most of its General Fund dollars and operating expenses. Building Permit revenues have become an important additional revenue source during the last several years. These sources of revenue have grown substantially over the last few years and allow the Village to continue to operate without an additional tax to our residents. As we continue to grow and attract new commercial to our village, the sales tax portion of our budget will greatly increase.

In 2001-2002, our first fiscal year, the Village received about \$2.6 million in total General Fund revenue, almost all of it from sales and income tax. In our most recent fiscal year of 2005-2006, total General Fund revenues had increased to \$6,840,000, which is almost a 270% increase.

Most of our revenue increase has come from increased sales tax, which amounted to only \$768,000 in our first fiscal year but was \$2,068,000 in 2005-2006. In 2003, the Village began issuing its own building permits and since then revenue from permits has grown and in 2005-2006 it was about \$920,000. Due to a faltering economy shortly after incorporation, state income tax dollars actually fell below the initial amount received during the second, third and fourth year of the Village's history. However, the state income tax payments recovered and amounted to \$1,840,000 last year compared to \$1,592,000 in our first year. The Village's state income tax revenue is very dependent on the health of the state economy, while the sales tax is directly tied to the amount of business activity in the Village.

The Village of Homer Glen currently has a total cash and investments YTD July 31, 2006 of \$1,712,790 in our General Fund, \$1,567,053 in our Motor Fuel Tax Fund, \$1,028,183 in our Park Fund (developer donations) and \$224,734 in our Capital Project Fund.

The Village has, for the fourth consecutive year, received the GFOA award for excellence in governmental financial reporting.

5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Volunteer Recognition 2006



At a recent village board meeting The Village of Homer Glen recognized their many volunteer committee members with certificates of appreciation and a dinner catered by Red, White and Q smokehouse and Barbecue. Five-Year Anniversary Edition tee shirts were awarded to over 140 volunteers and five-year volunteers were also awarded Village of Homer Glen inscribed pens.

Placques were awarded to four volunteers who were recognized as “Outstanding Volunteers of the Year”.

Mayor Petrizzo said:

“It is difficult to measure the value of volunteer work, but what is strongly evident is the commitment of these four individuals to Homer Glen. Each has gone beyond the duties expected by committee, task force or commission members. They have each, of their own accord, taken on extra responsibilities and tasks. This work has not gone unnoticed and we would like to present them with a special recognition here this evening. I really just want to say on behalf of the Village of Homer Glen, to each one of you and to all of our volunteers in the village, your hard work and dedication to this process has helped us greatly. With your continued help and support we will carry on with what we’ve started, making Homer Glen the best community around. We value your contributions, expertise and opinions greatly and we wish to extend our thanks and congratulations on behalf of the Village of Homer Glen.”

“This is our Fifth Anniversary as a Village and our volunteer list seems to grow every year. This year we have over 140 volunteers and I just want to say what a great asset this is for the village to have such talented, dedicated individuals who are willing to give so much of their time. Without a municipal tax and the benefit of a large staff, we rely heavily on our volunteers. This also adds a very unique quality as this helps us to stay in close contact with the citizens and their needs and desires for the community. Our volunteers actually have a large part in shaping the direction of our committees and indeed, this village.

• Outstanding Volunteers of the Year - 2006 •

Jim Cahill

Jim is currently Chairman of the Homer Glen Town Center Task Force, Architectural Review Committee and is the Liaison for the I-355 Tollway meetings. Jim gives many hours of his personal time dedicated to village meetings and business and is always there when needed. Jim has been with the Village since its inception and has given much needed input into many areas. Thank you so much Jim! Homer Glen is very appreciative of all your efforts.

Sylvia Krepton

Sylvia has also been involved since incorporation. She is currently on the Communications and Civic Involvement Committee and as an original member, has attended meetings and given the committee valuable input for the last five years. She has helped shape the Village Newsletter and Volunteer process, been integral in the planning process and implementation of all of the Communications & Civic Involvement Committee (CCIC) yearly events and has given much of her time in the attendance and numerous tasks that go into each event. Sylvia has also secured funding from various contributors to help offset the cost to the Village. Sylvia freely gives her input and is an integral part of the process. This is a very busy group and your services to the village have helped a great deal.

Christine Luttrell

Chris has also been involved since before incorporation and served as our first Village Clerk. Since her business responsibilities took her away from us, Chris has volunteered and served on the Communications and Civic Involvement Committee and the Town Center Task Force. Chris has also served as our Webmaster for well over a year now and spends countless hours making certain all pertinent information is accurate and up to date on our village web site. Chris has also volunteered for countless projects for CCIC and has put her artistic talents to work on many recent CCIC tasks. Chris is always the first to volunteer her time and we appreciate her hard work and dedication to the village.

Ron Svara

Ron has been involved since before incorporation and was an original volunteer when the Village first incorporated. Ron has volunteered in many capacities as well as serving as a member on the Transportation Committee and the Trails Task Force, and previously on the Parks and Environment Committee. Ron has also been very helpful in his role as one of our Will County Board Representatives, representing our area and our citizens. He has dedicated many hours of his time attending meetings, focus groups and giving his input to help shape the future of the village. Most recently, Ron has dedicated time to help with the selection process for a Comprehensive Transportation Plan.



Pictured left to right: Christine Luttrell, Mayor Russ Petrizzo, Sylvia Krepton and Jim Cahill. (not pictured: Ron Svara)



HOMER COMMUNITY INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL - 2006



It was a beautiful summer afternoon and many families came out to enjoy the day and mingle with friends and neighbors. Our first effort turned out to be very successful. This year, additional festivities in Culver Park were enjoyed by the entire community and included local Homer Glen restaurants, a clown, inflatables and games for the children. Music was provided by The Neverly Brothers.

The response from residents has been very positive and many commented that it was wonderful to provide an event for the community and would like to see it continue to be included as an annual event.

The Homer Glen/Homer Township Events Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make The Homer Community Parade and Festival a resounding success. They each spent many hours serving on the committee and attended meetings on a weekly basis in order to coordinate all the details required to make this day a success.

We also wish to thank our residents for attending the parade and festival and helping to make this day a great success. We welcome your comments and suggestions and are looking forward to next year.



The Village of Homer Glen wishes to thank all the participating Event Committee members responsible for the organizing, planning and implementation of both the annual parade and festival:

- Homer Glen CCIC Chairperson Kim Vogelsanger – Event Committee Co-Chair
- Homer Township Clerk, Evelyn Walano – Event Committee Co-Chair
- Homer Township Highway Department Commissioner Mike DeVivo - Member
- Homer Glen Trustee Dale Vogelsanger - Member
- Homer Glen Trustee Marcia DeVivo - Member
- Homer Glen CCIC member Beata Locacius - Member
- Resident Lynn McGary - Member

Other active advisory committee members and event help involved include:

- Homer Glen Trustee, Christopher Locacius
- Will County Sheriffs Ray Horwath and Craig Butkovic
- Homer Glen EMA Director John Robinson and EMA Members
- Homer Fire District Chief Mike Schofield
- Homer Township Fire Prevention Supervisor Joey Jeraminas
- Bengston's Farm for providing parking facilities

Event Sponsors:

- Village of Homer Glen
- Homer Township
- Homer Township Highway Dept.
- Palos Bank
- National City Bank
- Caldwell Banker
- Midland Bank

Thank you also for your assistance:

- Homer Glen Staff
- Homer Township Staff
- Homer Township Highway Dept.
- Will County Sheriffs Dept.
- Homer Glen EMA
- Homer Fire Department
- Homer Glen Safety Committee
- HAC & Homer Stallions for donating golf carts

Music provided by – The Neverly Brothers



HOMER GLEN'S 5TH ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY TREE PLANTING

On May 30, 2006, Mayor Russ Petrizzo and the village board joined other village officials, staff, volunteers and citizens for our fifth annual anniversary tree planting to commemorate our five-year anniversary as a village. The site selected for the tree this year was in Kingston Hills subdivision at the site of our first future village park on Carlton lane, between Manor & Hampshire street near our future village trail connection.

The Homer Glen Parks and Recreation Committee has worked with a design firm and residents to outline the new parks features and equipment. It is scheduled for construction over the next several months.



Pictured from left to right: Trustees Brian Andrews, Christopher Locacius, Marcia DeVivo, Mayor Russ Petrizzo, Trustees Dale Vogelsanger and Margaret Sabo



The turnout this year for the tree planting was the largest yet, with well over 100 people coming out to this year's celebration.

The tree selected for planting was a Bradford Pear, and was donated this year by Smith Brothers Landscape Supply.



Pictured above: Village officials, staff, volunteers and citizens celebrate our anniversary

CURRENT COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

After incorporation, the Village felt it important to give its residents regular input into the design, planning and implementation of the running of their village government. The Village Board established a collection of resident-manned commissions, committees and task forces to examine specific tasks for the village, design ordinances to reflect our community and make researched recommendations back to the Board.

The Village currently has over 140 volunteers on these various committees and include trustees, staff, engineers, outside environmental groups and others with professional expertise in various areas.

With no municipal tax with which to hire a large staff to do these tasks, the Village relies heavily on these volunteer groups. This also adds a unique quality as this allows the Village stay in close contact with its citizens and their needs and desires for the community. These volunteer groups have a large role in shaping the direction of the Village.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the Village Hall. Please see the below list of current village groups and volunteer members and their work over the last 5 ½ years.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

This Committee was created by a Village ordinance in August, 2005. The initial duty of the Committee is "to develop design guidelines and appropriate standards for the review of the appearance, architectural and aesthetic aspects of all planned unit developments sought to be approved within the Village for consideration by the corporate authorities of the Village."

When the draft of these standards has been completed, it will be presented to The Village Board for their review. Future duties for this committee will be determined by the Village Board at a later date. This committee meets monthly with additional workshops as required.

COMMUNICATIONS AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Residents who were involved in successfully incorporating Homer Glen felt strongly that citizens should be encouraged to actively participate in their local government. To that end, the Community and Civic Involvement Committee was among the first committees formed by the Board of Trustees in 2001. A few years ago, the committee name was changed to Communications and Civic Involvement Committee (CCIC) to better identify the responsibilities of the committee.

A main goal of CCIC was to create a village identity, and a village logo and slogan contest was held. As a result, the Village's current logo, a village seal, and village entrance signs were developed. The village's very appropriate slogan "Community and Nature...in Harmony" was born. With input from village residents, the committee also developed a Mission Statement and Core Values.

The Village's first newsletter was mailed in December of 2001 and continues to be an important tool for the Village to communicate information to our residents. A web site was created and has grown to be visited an average of 850 times a week.

To promote civic involvement, residents are encouraged to attend village meetings and activities and to volunteer on committees, commissions, task forces, and agencies. Therefore, a volunteer database was launched and continues to be maintained. Recognizing and showing appreciation for the contributions of its many volunteers has been combined with the committee's goal of developing community pride. CCIC sponsors the commemoration of the Village's anniversary with an annual Tree Planting Ceremony followed by a volunteer recognition ceremony and awards.

CCIC also promotes community pride and exposure by participating in local events such as the annual Homer Township Halloween Party, the annual Homer Township Chamber of Commerce Expo, and the Homer Community Independence Day Parade. This year an Event Committee was created from CCIC to explore a joint venture with Homer Township to add to our 4th of July celebration by holding a community festival following the parade. Members of CCIC have also sponsored a blood drive to benefit Hurricane Katrina victims and will continue to sponsor other Red Cross blood drives.

CCIC meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the village conference room.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Established in 2005, the Economic Development Committee formulates and recommends strategies that enhance economic development opportunities in the Village.

The committee is working in conjunction with village officials, staff other professionals to develop a comprehensive business plan to attract and provide high-quality business developments and to ensure that the commercial and industrial properties within the village are utilized properly and to their full advantage.

The group will promote the Village by networking with the Chamber of Commerce and other appropriate contacts, attending various events and functions, by creating marketing materials and brochures to attract and retain commercial and retail development and through participation in Chicagoland area business groups.

This committee is also charged with promoting growth, expansion and retention of both current and potential businesses as well as increasing employment opportunities for residents.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

The Village's Emergency Management Agency is a group of volunteers that assist with public safety operations throughout the Village such as traffic control for special events, control of emergency scenes, and disaster planning.

The EMA was originally created in June, 2001 and was originally known as the Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (ESDA). The name was changed in 2002 to be more consistent with other area communities. The ordinance originally creating the EMA also conferred upon the Mayor significant powers if an official declaration of a major disaster ever occurs. The EMA is currently housed in Homer Fire Station 2 on South Bell Road and normally meets monthly.

SIGN COMMITTEE

The sign committee was created to investigate the needs and options of our current and future signage within our commercial corridors. The committee has been meeting on a regular basis and their recommendations will be incorporated into our new zoning ordinance which is scheduled to be approved within the next few weeks.

EMA VOLUNTEER IN IRAQ

EMA Volunteer Jeannie Campbell was deployed in Iraq in July. She is a member of the 6015th Garrison Support Unit of the Army Reserves operating out of Forest Park, Illinois. Please join us in wishing her well.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Some of the Duties of the Environment Committee include making recommendations to the Village Board about safeguarding natural resources, promoting beautification and educational programs; providing information about local, state, and national environmental issues and collaborating with other committees to maintain and improve the quality of life for village residents. The following represents the accomplishments of the Environment Committee and activities since incorporation in 2001.

Ordinances:

Initiating and writing Ordinances: Tree Preservation, Landscape, Lighting

Initiated Regulating Commencement to Construction for Development

Initiated amending Park Donation Ordinance from 5.5 acres to 11 acres per 1000 residents

Grant writing:

Green Communities Demonstration Program

Geographic Information System (GIS)

GIS Instrument

Homer Glen Marsh on Long Run Creek

Kodak American Greenways

Historic Preservation:

Promoting Preservation of Historic Sites

Collaboration with Will County Historic Preservation Commission

The 1862 Russell-Hoyt-Wilbourn-White-Parker-Smazik House nomination as a Will County Landmark “Share a Memory” articles for Homer Horizon History Corner

Program Presentations at Village Meetings:

Conservation Design

Water Quality

Nature in Our Community

Water Management & Phase 2 NPDES

“Rural Historic Structural Survey of Homer Township” by Will County

Projects and Activities:

- Educational assistance to schools
- Library Program presentations
- Distribution of environmental publications
- Acres for Wildlife Dept. of Natural Resources Program
- Establishing an Environmental Reference Library
- Implementing Goals and Objectives of the “Green Vision of the Homer Glen Community”
(Green Communities Demonstration Program Grant)
- Participation in Chicago Wilderness Coalition meetings and activities; (Village membership)
- Supporting activities involving biodiversity and sustainability
- Ground Truthing for GIS Grant
- Environmental Features GIS Map project of wildlife corridors and socio-economics
- Community and Nature in Harmony Awards
- Homer Glen Lands Day with Tree Planting in celebration of National Public Lands Day
- Preliminary trail assessment and mapping prior to creation of Trails Task Force
- Promoting “Tree Cycling”, tree planting programs, tree preservation, conservation of natural areas
- Village represented at American Tree Conference in Texas
- Researching farmland protection and preservation measures
- Participated in fundraising activities for Christopher Combs Memorial Skate Park

GIS TASK FORCE - CHICAGO WILDERNESS GRANT

Development of Ecological Inventories Using Geographical Information System

In 2004, the Village of Homer Glen received a grant for \$15,000 from the Chicago Wilderness organization, funded by U.S. Forestry Service and Illinois Conservation Foundation for the purpose of developing an inventory of biological and socioeconomic data within the Village boundaries. This inventory includes locations and information on streams, ponds, wetlands, watersheds, floodplains, greenways, woodlands, environmental corridors, wildlife corridors, prairies, existing open space land, soil data, environmentally sensitive areas and socioeconomic indicators. The grant activity supported the Chicago Wilderness “Biodiversity Recovery Plan” and the “Green Vision of the Homer Glen Community.”

Resident-volunteers gathered existing inventory data from Federal, State, County, and environmental organizations. Field verification of some data was accomplished by the volunteers to insure its accuracy. The Village’s Environment Committee with assistance from the Village’s Storm Water Task Force provided extensive volunteer time and expertise needed to gather and compile this data. Among the organizations assisting the energetic volunteers was the Will/South Cook Soil & Water Conservation District, the Conservation Foundation, and USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA/NRCS) and the Forest Preserve District of Will County. A local engineering firm, Robinson Engineering Ltd., provided necessary computer and project management skills.

Stored in the highly useful Geographical Information System (GIS) computer format, this data will assist the Village in making informed decisions concerning planning, growth, and development patterns within our rapidly developing community.

THE GREEN COMMUNITIES DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM GRANT STEERING COMMITTEE

“GREEN VISION OF THE HOMER GLEN COMMUNITY”

The purpose of the Green Communities Demonstration Program Grant of \$110,000 was to help communities identify environmental challenges and plan for a sustainable future. In 2002 the Village of Homer Glen was chosen as one of sixteen communities in the State of Illinois to receive a grant for the Governor's Green Communities Demonstration Program Grant. This grant, administered by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, provided funds to conduct an innovative visioning process to protect the environment and enhance community well being. The visioning process allowed the community to identify challenges, trends, assets, and develop appropriate strategies for addressing environmental issues. As stewards of our existing natural resources, it is vital that we preserve our rural environment, character, and way of life, while integrating managed growth and protecting our environmental resources. The vision is one that foresees the desired state of the Village's environment projected 20-30 years into the future. Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC) was selected to act as facilitator during the grant process.

The Grant's Steering Committee engaged a broad base of community members with a high level of individual skill and knowledge to serve as stakeholders in the visioning process. The result was a unified green vision that states: *Homer Glen will be an attractive,*

distinctive, and environmentally sustainable community that protects its valuable water resources, natural landscapes, wildlife habitats, open spaces and agricultural settings essential to the well being and quality of life of Homer Glen residents.

The six major categories of environmental interest were:

- Community Image and Character
- Natural Resources, Habitat and Wildlife
- Open Space
- Parks and Recreation
- Transportation
- Water Resources

Each goal set measurable and quantifiable objectives and recommended actions for achieving the objectives. One of several measurable achievements has been the newly adopted Conservation Design Ordinance.

The detailed Final Report was issued by the Steering Committee in June 2004. Publications include the Executive Summary and the Final Report entitled “The Green Vision of the Homer Glen Community and are available to review at the Village Office.

HOMER GLEN EVENTS COMMITTEE

In early 2005, the Homer Glen Communications and Civic Involvement Committee asked the Village of Homer Glen Board to approve the appointment of members to form an Events Committee. Our involvement would be a sub-committee of CCIC.

This committee was created to explore combining an event with the annual parade for the enjoyment of our citizens. Over the past several years, residents have consistently requested that Homer Glen provide some sort of annual festival event for it's residents and we felt this would greatly add to our sense of community pride within Homer Glen, which is one of the major goals of CCIC.

Our first festival turned out to be very successful. This year, additional festivities in Culver Park were enjoyed by the entire community and included local Homer Glen restaurants, a clown,

inflatables, our local fire department and games for the children. Music was provided by The Neverly Brothers.

The committee has been meeting to discuss the event and has started the planning process for next year. Preliminary discussions and feedback have centered around the need to continue to provide our residents their own annual celebration, to plan to have additional entertainment and restaurant vendors and extend the length of the festival.

We welcome your comments, suggestions and participation and are looking forward to next year. The Events Committee meets at The Homer Glen Village Hall and their meeting schedule is posted on the Homer Glen web site. Please check the village web site or call the Village for further information.

HOMER GLEN MARSH ON LONG RUN CREEK

The primary objectives of the Homer Glen Marsh on Long Run Creek project located north of 143rd street and west of Parker Road are to restore, enhance and preserve the property to a native bio-diverse wetland system. The Village of Homer Glen and Homer Township are partners in this project focusing on promoting the reclamation of the natural floodplain and wetland functions of the site. The ten acre parcel which is located adjacent and south of the Erin Hills Subdivision was donated to Homer Township by Illinois American Water Company. The land is protected in perpetuity and has been placed in the Homer Township Open Space Program. A grant of \$10,000 was received by Homer Township from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Northeastern Illinois Wetlands Conservation Fund for the 3.25 acre portion north of Long Run Creek. Beginning steps were taken to eradicate Reed Canary Grass (*Phalaris Arundinacea*) with two controlled burns and three herbicide treatments throughout the 2005 growing season. In the fall, a wet-mesic seed mix was distributed on the 3.25

acres to encourage re-establishment and emergence of native plantings.

A path planned through the site will be extended to join the trail in the open space/enhanced wetland area being developed in Erin Hills by the Finnegan Development Company. In kind donations of time and materials were provided by Doug Short of Natural Resources Management, Inc. and Mike Finnegan. Bob Jankowski, District Conservationist for USDA/NRCS provided expertise and technical assistance throughout the completion of Phase One and has volunteered his services throughout the next phase.

Another grant of \$4,784 was recently received from Will South/Cook Soil and Water Conservation District through the Habitat Restoration Program to support the maintenance of the

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I-355 EXTENSION LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This committee was created in November, 2004 in response to the Toll Highway Act to advise the Tollway with respect to the impact of the road on property owners, land use, trail connections and other issues. The LAC members were designated by the Villages that the corridor passes through in proportion to the area of each that is impacted. There are 17 members of the Committee. The first year, the Committee met monthly and is now meeting quarterly. The construction is well under way and should be complete by the end of 2007.

PLAN COMMISSION

The Village's Plan Commission was appointed soon after incorporation in 2001. Along with the Zoning Commission, it is one of the few Village committees or commissions that has a statutory function under Illinois law.

The Plan Commission reviews and makes recommendations to the Village Board on all development applications requiring zoning or subdivision approval including requests for the rezoning of property and zoning variances. The commission's principal task is to apply the Village's ordinances and regulations to each development proposal. In Homer Glen, the Plan Commission is also assigned the task of holding all required public hearings on development proposals.

Since incorporation, the Plan Commission has heard over 150 cases. Several members of the Plan Commission formerly served on the Township Plan Commission before the incorporation of the Village. Members of the Plan Commission are appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of the Village Board. The Plan Commission normally meets on the 1st and 4th Thursday's of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

A reorganized Parks & Recreation Committee began meeting November 2005 to plan and develop a park system for the Village. Since incorporation, the Village has received five park sites from developers (in the Meadowview West, Erin Hills, Kingston Hills, Glenview Walk Estates, and Stonebridge Woods subdivisions) and has begun to accumulate cash donations from developers in an amount that will now allow the development of some of these park sites.

Park Donation Ordinance. One of the first actions by the Parks & Rec Committee was to recommend changes to the Village's Park Donation Ordinance. This ordinance requires developers who subdivide land in Homer Glen to donate 11 acres of buildable land for each 1,000 people, or the Village may require a cash payment in lieu of land. The two major changes to the ordinance were to increase the value of a buildable acre from \$100,000 to \$160,000 for the calculation of cash payments and to require a developer to turnover any park sites in a development within three years following approval of the final plat or once 75% of the lots are occupied, whichever is sooner.

Parks Master Plan. After receiving several proposals from qualified planning firms, the Committee recommended the Village hire Houseal Lavigne Associates to prepare a Parks & Recreation Master Plan for the Village. A public workshop was held to solicit public input and the plan well underway. Information regarding the Master Plan is available at the Village's website www.homerglen.org. If you have any suggestions for parks and recreation in Homer Glen, we would like to hear from you.

OSLAD Grant. The Village is preparing a grant application to obtain funds from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to develop the 5.6 acre park in the Stonebridge Woods Subdivision, located south of 159th Street and west of Parker Road. This park was selected for the application because it is more than five acres and best meets the grant criteria. A preliminary site plan has been prepared showing an open multi-use play field with a baseball/softball backstop, walking/biking path, two lighted tennis courts, playground, basketball court, sand volleyball court, picnic shelter, and a small parking lot. It is anticipated the cost of this park will be between \$700,000 and \$800,000. The State grant would provide one-half of the cost up to \$400,000. The Village should learn in January whether its application has been approved and could then proceed with construction in 2007.

Kingston Hills Park. Homer Glen's first neighborhood park has also been approved and should be constructed on Carlton Lane in the Kingston Hills Subdivision before the end of 2006. It abuts a walking/biking path to be constructed between 151st Street and Martingale Lane. The Village has hired a landscape architect to design this park. The Park & Rec Committee presented a preliminary plan for public review and comment during July and with input from the residents has designed a plan the site. This park will be built using developer donations from the Village's Park Fund.

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3.25 acres. Additional funding sources are necessary for the 6.75 acres on the south side of Long Run Creek and to complete the purpose of reclaiming the natural floodplain and storage capabilities, wetland functions, enhanced animal habitat, and aesthetic value of the parcel. Monitoring and management goals along with education and stewardship goals are essential to implementing the proposed work plan to the fullest practical extent.

Additional partners have pledged their collaboration and support to the Village of Homer Glen and Homer Township for the project. They are Steele Reptiles, USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service, Forest Preserve District of Will County, Long Run Creek Watershed Planning Committee, Finnegan Construction Company, and the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Public Safety Committee was one of the original standing committees created by action of the Village Board in May, 2001. Its purpose is to review and coordinate public safety issues among the various public safety agencies serving the Village including four fire departments, the Sheriff's department, and the Village Emergency Management Agency. Some projects that the committee has worked on include:

- Establishment of an Emergency Operations Plan
- Coordination of required training for Emergency Operations Plan
- Recommendation for Village ownership and upgrading of the Outdoor Warning Sirens
- Unification of the various fire codes into one Village Fire Code.
- Establishment of Property Maintenance Codes
- Recommendation for an ordinance regulating vacant buildings
- Recommendation of curfew hours
- Consideration of Village code enforcement procedures
- Review of Burning Ordinance
- Review of possible regulations for special events

SEWER AND WATER TASK FORCE

The Sewer and Water Task Force was established in early 2004 to investigate high water and sewer bills from Illinois American Water Company. The Task Force collected a large amount of information and presented its major findings and recommendations at a special Village Board meeting at Homer Junior High School in September, 2005. This meeting was followed up with a community open house meeting. As a result of the recommendations of the Task Force, the Village has:

- hired a special counsel who has initiated legal action against Illinois American
- intervened in a pending rate case organized complaints and filed them with the Illinois Commerce Commission
- enlisted the support and cooperation of the Illinois Attorney General
- networked with neighboring communities with similar problems worked successfully with House Representative Renee Kosel to pass HB 5555 and SB 3046 in the Illinois General Assembly to reform state regulations for private water utilities.

In response, the company has already agreed to stop back billing for estimated meter readings, improve maintenance of the system, and add local customer assistance personnel. Efforts to permanently reduce the high rates are ongoing.

SIGN PATROL

The Sign Patrol has kept the Village free from all advertisement signage in the road right-of-ways. In the last year the sign committee has removed more than 1200 illegally placed signs. Any interested parties may contact the village to volunteer your services.

STORM WATER TASK FORCE

The approved Storm Water Mission Statement with Goals and Objectives provide direction and determine future projects for the Storm Water Task Force.

Homer Glen Storm Water Mission Statement

“The mission of the Village of Homer Glen is to view storm water as a resource and to develop and encourage the management of storm water in a manner that will promote a healthy environment in a safe and livable community. The Village goal is to manage storm water in a manner that protects residents from flooding and replenishes aquifers, feeds wetlands, maintains base flow in streams, and provides sustenance for the plants and animals that foster the natural character of our community”.

STORMWATER TASK FORCE GOALS

- Manage storm water where it falls by promoting the use of integrated management and Best Management practices in new development, redevelopment, and on public lands.
- Manage storm water to prevent flooding within the Village watersheds.
- Conserve natural areas.

- Implement pollution prevention and public education programs.
- Develop demonstration programs by implementing “integrated storm water management practices” on public land.
- Gain certification by Will County to administer Storm Water Codes and Ordinances.
- Adopt Codes and Ordinances that incorporate the principles of the Homer Glen Storm Water Mission Statement.
- Prepare for compliance with the coming NPDES Phase II Storm Water Permitting Program.
- Participate in the FEMA Community Rating System (CRS).

The Village of Homer Glen upon incorporation adopted four Will County Water Resource Ordinances. The Task Force has reviewed and upgraded the Storm Water Drainage and Detention Ordinance and the Stream and Wetland Protection Ordinance and they have been presented for approval. Work has begun on the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance. The Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance is the fourth ordinance to be amended and established to improve conditions on future developed properties. Prior to amending any ordinances, it was necessary to research and compare ordinances from other municipalities. Qualified Engineers have attended meetings in an advisory capacity.

TOWN CENTER TASK FORCE

In December, 2002, The Homer Glen Communications & Civic Involvement Committee established this task force to explore the concept of a Homer Glen Town Center and to make recommendations to the Communications & Civic Involvement Committee and the Village Board.

Focusing on the CCIC goals of providing a community identity,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Transportation Committee was renamed from the former Roads and Public Works Committee which was initially formed immediately after incorporation to help address roadway concerns of Village residents.

Many residents came forward to express their concerns with speeding and signage requests and the Committee tried to address them for the Village and/or steer them to other proper entities, such as the Township Highway Department or Village Engineers.

Monitoring services in our community, we initially found that speed limits needed to be addressed early on. The first major item that was completed was that all Village subdivision streets would be lowered to 25 MPH and signs would be posted at every entranceway. Other locations needed stop signs and Children - Let them Live signs and these were addressed on a case by case basis.

Monthly meetings were set up with the Homer Township Highway Commissioners office to help track our progress on road repairs or sign placement progress and identify various locations that need-

TRAILS TASK FORCE

The trails task force was created based on survey data gathered after incorporation. There was an overwhelming request for biking, hiking, horse riding and other recreational opportunities, and so the trails task force was formed.

We are pleased to announce the Village of Homer Glen has recently been awarded a CMAQ grant for the development of trails on the Commonwealth Edison right of way. The grant covers the section of trails from 131st street parallel to Bell Rd. going south across 143rd Street then west (along the Com Ed right of way) to Culver Park on Parker Rd. We have received the approval of IDOT and the Federal Government to proceed with our proposal and are currently working with Commonwealth Edison to determine the exact location of the trail on the right of way. We are hop-

ZONING COMMISSION

The Zoning Commission, made up of 7 village residents, was appointed in mid-2001 with the purpose of writing the zoning ordinances for the newly established village. The commission decided that revising the Will County Ordinances being currently used and adapting them for the municipality's use would make for a smoother transition.

The commission also addressed shortcomings and made changes that reflected the Village's Comprehensive Plan and Green Vision. They immediately made recommendations to increase the mini-

the Task Force researched community support for establishing a town center and made recommendations for the town center components and designs and identified potential sites. The task force is now on hold pending discussions between the Village Board and developers for property and appropriate plan for a future town center.

ed engineering review for safety speed limit warning signs.

The major goal of the Committee was to have the Village enter into an agreement with a Engineering firm to provide a Transportation Plan for the Village that will help guide us forward for the next several years. The Transportation Committee issued a report to the Village Board which requested that we move forward to receive proposals and hire a firm, and in July of 2005 the Village hired Ty-Lin International to propose the Transportation Plan.

The Village recently held a stake-holders meeting with Ty-Lin where residents input was offered. This plan will then be monitored for future planning and funding options, and committee members and residents can begin to help the Village implement the needed improvements.

The Transportation Committee meets on the first Monday of every month at the Village Council Chamber at 7:30 PM. and can address street and transportation issues for residents.

ing to have all of the preliminary work completed and construction to begin in 2007.

We will of course continue to apply for grants to complete the remaining 10 plus miles of trails for the Com Ed right of ways. Ultimately, these trails will link to Will County Forest Preserve, Palos Forest Preserve, Lemont and our own neighborhood parks such as the planned park in Kingston Hills scheduled to begin construction in the near future, the Township sports complex and our open space lands. The ultimate goal is to have a network of trails throughout the Village and Township that can provide non-motorized transportation and recreational opportunities for our citizens and which will link subdivisions, parks, commercial and other areas within the village.

mum square footage of lot sizes to 15,000, to require 100% first floor brick on all new residential and commercial properties and revised the multi-family units from the 12 units per acre down to 6 units per acre currently allowed.

The current Zoning ordinances were revised to also include lighting and signage ordinances. After meeting almost weekly for four years, the finalized Zoning ordinance is presently before the Village Board for approval.

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Tom Polke
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John Robinson

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(Development of Ecological
Inventories Using Geographical
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Bob Jankowski, *NRCS, Advisor*
Dan Lobbes, *The Conservation
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Pam Meyers

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VILLAGE OF HOMER GLEN NEWSLETTER CONTEST- OUR NEWSLETTER HAS A NAME!

In celebration of the Village's five year anniversary, the Communications and Civic Involvement Committee recently held a "Name the Village Newsletter" contest and asked the citizens of the community to submit suggestions. Close to 75 entries were received. The committee reviewed all the many submissions and chose two winners instead of one. One entry was "The Village Messenger" and one entry was "A Glimpse of the Glen". Each has special meaning. The name "Messenger" is more than just a name of a newsletter in that it also represents a special place in the Village, Messenger Woods. It also is part of the name chosen for one of the incorporation efforts. "A Glimpse of The Glen" denotes a brief look at current village information and activities.

The official name of the Homer Glen Village Newsletter as previewed on the front page is now:

"The Village Messenger", with a tag line of "A Glimpse of the Glen"



"The Village Messenger" was submitted by the Greg Weiss Family. (unable to attend ceremony)
"A Glimpse of the Glen" was submitted by Miss Jackie Almazan. (pictured above)

The winner for submitting "The Village Messenger" is the Greg Weiss family. Gregg currently serves on the Public Safety Committee.

The co-winner for the entry "A Glimpse of the Glen" is Miss Jackie Almazan, who is a freshman at Providence High School.

Each winner received a \$100 American Express gift certificate donated by an anonymous benefactor.

VILLAGE DRAINAGE AND FLOODING PROJECTS

Drainage and flooding issues are being actively addressed by the Village. On September 26th, the Village Board approved proceeding with a project to help low lying areas of the Woodbine Subdivision and another project to help move storm water out of Farm View Subdivision. Construction on both of these projects is expected to begin late this year and be completed in 2007.

Engineering design on two other projects is well underway to help alleviate flooding problems in Old Oak Subdivision and Oak Valley Subdivision. The Village Board approved proceeding with these two projects on October 10th.

All of these projects are designed to address problems inherited by the Village upon incorporation and are the result of a review in 2004-2005 of the most significant flooding problems in the Village. Priority has been placed on areas where actual homes are flooded or streets are flooded to a degree that public safety response may be impaired. The projects will be funded by a combination of Motor Fuel Tax dollars and the Village's new Capital Improvement Fund established in 2005.

In addition to the Village projects noted above, the Village has facilitated drainage improvements by working with several developers. For example, the Gallagher and Henry project on 159th & Parker has agreed to more than double the size of their planned detention pond beyond ordinance requirements to help prevent flooding in areas of the Farm View Subdivision. Similarly, the developer of the Aspen Glen subdivision, located along Long Run Creek, north of 139th street and west of King Road, has agreed to a 40% increase of his pond to accommodate flooding problems of adjacent property to the east.

The Village Board has voted to make a comprehensive Village-wide drainage study one of its top goals for the coming year and work on that effort should begin by early 2007.

Finally, the new Conservation Design Ordinance approved by the Village Board is expected to help prevent future flooding problems by reducing impervious surfaces in new developments and increasing open space areas that will allow water to infiltrate and recharge the ground water.

RECENT ANNEXATIONS

Cedar Pointe subdivision on Bruce Road west of Cedar: *32 homes on 47.5 acres*

Schilling School on Cedar Road south of 159th Street: *15.06 acres*

Hidden Cove subdivision (portion): *3 acres newly approved*

BURN SAFELY AND COURTEOUSLY THIS FALL

The Village of Homer Glen would like to remind all residents to please be considerate of their neighbors and consider 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. These should be mulched or composted
- 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 when smoke from burning will be intrusive during festivities.

There are six rules regarding burning which are enforced by the Village.

1) The burning of trash, rubbish, garbage, general household waste and construction or demolition debris is prohibited. 2) Never burn closer than 50 feet to any structure. 3) You are required to have a quick means of extinguishing the fire available, such as a charged garden hose or fire extinguisher. 4) An adult must be present at all times. 5) Never leave the fire unattended. 6) Only yard waste generated by your property may be burned on your property.

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

CHRISTOPHER COMBS MEMORIAL SKATE PARK

Christopher Combs was a twelve year old Homer Jr. High School student who died suddenly in 2001 of Neisseria Meningitis. He had been an avid roller-blader, skateboarder and soccer player and had a youthful spirit that exemplified so many of our community's children. His short life touched many people, but his death touched even more. The tragedy of his sudden illness and death made many parents hug their children and realize the importance of embracing the joys of the moment, for they may not be able to do so tomorrow. It was this spirit that inspired the request to create a place where children could enjoy their youth and Christopher Combs memory would remind us all to appreciate that joy.

The idea for a skate park in the memory of Christopher Combs was presented to the Village of Homer Glen and Homer Township in the fall of 2001 and a joint Homer Glen/Homer Township Christopher Combs Memorial Skate Park Task Force was formed in January of 2002 to explore the possibilities.

During the process of searching for a location to build the skate park, many fund raising activities such as junior high school dances, Battle of the Bands, and food sales took place with the volunteer assistance from school children and adults. A donation fund was established. Upland Design Ltd. had committed to

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 that 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 1/4" 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. You may also contact the Homer Township Highway Dept. at (708) 301-0246 for the pick-up of tree branches and brush. They will NOT pick-up leaves or root balls.

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.

donating design services because they considered the skate park a worthy charity project. Many locations were recommended and evaluated. Suitable places for skate park activities were found to be limited. Public comment and input was encouraged and enthusiastically provided by skaters and parents at three Public Forums concerning sites that were being seriously considered for the location of a skate park. The Task Force had planned to seek more funding through an OSLAD grant. Unfortunately, none of the locations under consideration were deemed viable.

Since closure was needed for the project, the Task Force recommended new ideas one of which was to name the new soccer field at Morris Park as the Christopher Combs Field in his memory. The Homer Township Board approved this and the purchase of a sign to designate the memorial. They also agreed and approved that the \$11,609.48 from the Skate Park fund would be donated to the First Church of the Nazarene with the stipulation that the funds be used for purchasing skate park equipment. To keep the promise of a skate park, the Church has agreed to accept the funds and will establish a skating area at their location to be used by skaters from Homer Glen and Homer Township. Skating will become part of their Nazarene Recreation Program.

NEWS U CAN USE

In Case of Emergency (I.C.E.)... Take a minute with your 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. The Village Board is encouraging all residents to do this so 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.

The Village Board recently passed an ordinance to prevent unauthorized use of fire hydrants. 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.

BUILDING CODE UPDATES

The Village Board approved updates and changes to the Village's Building

Codes at the April 25, 2006 meeting. Chief Building Official Steve Wydeveld recommended adoption of the new codes to unify the Building Code with the Fire Codes adopted in 2005, simplify the use of the codes, and to provide for the first time that final grading plans must be submitted for all new construction. The basic building code for the Village is the 2000 International Building Code.

CONSTRUCTION HOURS

A new Homer Glen ordinance recently adopted will limit the hours for construction activity.

The village board has passed an ordinance to restrict construction work from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and Saturday's, and from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays and legal holidays. The law applies to all building and development activity, including clearing land, excavation, repair, maintenance and demolition, as well as loading and unloading materials and equipment.

The board also approved requiring contractors working in Homer Glen to register with the village. Registration fees range from \$50 to \$250 depending on the type of contractor. Exceptions could be made if work were needed to protect public health and safety or in case of a hardship.

VILLAGE LOWERS SPEED LIMITS

The village board has approved lower speed limits on Bruce Road, Chicago-Bloomington Road and Hadley Road. The speed limit on Bruce Road from the village's western boundary to Chicago-Bloomington Road was lowered from 45 to 35 mph, and the limit on Chicago-Bloomington Road between Cedar and Parker roads dropped from 45 to 30 mph. These streets were chosen for an engineering study that made the recommendation to the village board.

Hadley Road is a county road, and the village is working with Will County officials and the Homer Township Highway Department to post advisory speed limits in hilly areas, where there's limited sight distance.

Please be aware that Will County Sheriff's Police, who patrol Homer Glen roads, will be ticketing speeders.

SPEEDING PROBLEMS

Residents experiencing problems with speeding in neighborhoods can contact the Will County Sheriff's office at: 815-727-3263. The Sheriff's Department will log the call, request some details about when the problem is occurring, and schedule additional enforcement activities in the area as time and circumstances allow.

ELECTION DATES

OCTOBER 16, 2006 - First day for early voting

OCTOBER 24, 2006 - Last day for grace period voter registration, change of address, or voting at County Clerk's office

OCTOBER 31, 2006 - Last day to file as a write-in candidate

NOVEMBER 2, 2006 - Last day for early voting

NOVEMBER 7, 2006 - General Election

NOVEMBER 9, 2006 - Voter registration re-opens

For information regarding voter and election information, including polling places, early and absentee voting, please visit the Will County Clerk's website.

Will County Clerk: www.willclrk.com

Village of Homer Glen: www.homerglen.org

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (EOP) AND TRAINING PROGRAM

The Village Board approved its first Emergency Operations Plan earlier this year. The Plan was the result of many hours of work by the Village's Public Safety Committee and Village Board. It had to meet a number of federal requirements for future federal funding and also had to be reviewed and approved by Will County before its final adoption. Homer Glen has many different emergency services providers and the plan provides for a unified response and command structure among all the agencies such as the fire departments, Sheriff's patrol, Township Highway Commissioner, Will County, and officials of Homer Glen and Homer Township. The Plan is designed to address all potential hazards, identifies community resources that may be needed, and provides a framework for rescue and recovery operations. The Plan identifies roles and responsibilities for all key individuals and agencies.

On Saturday, April 22, 2006, the Mayor, Village Trustees, emergency providers, Township officials, and several state and county coordinators all gathered for a training program. The training included a mock disaster drill. Further training sessions will be planned.

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 Homer Fire Protection Station #2, 16131 South Bell Road	7:00pm
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

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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.



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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.

To The Homer Glen Resident at:

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