



HOMER GLEN
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SUMMER NEWS 2021



HomerFest
June 24-27, 2021



**Spring Tennis
Program**



Market in the Glen
1st & 3rd Thursdays
June-September

VILLAGE OF HOMER GLEN
14240 W 151ST STREET
HOMER GLEN, IL 60491
HOMERGLENIL.ORG

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUMMER

Market In The Glen

June 3 & 17, July 1 & 15, August 5 & 19, September 2 & 16
@ Heritage Park: 3-7p

Locally-grown fresh produce, plants, baked goods, and gourmet products. The market also features live entertainment and family activities.

Food Truck Saturdays

June 12, July 10, August 7, September 11, & October 2
@ Heritage Park: 3-7p

Stargazing

Saturday, June 19 @ Heritage Park: 7:30p
Join area astronomers and spend an evening with the stars! Large telescopes available for free viewing.

HomerFest

June 24-27 @ Heritage Park
Homer Glen's premier annual summer festival with amusement rides, live music, beer tent, food vendors and the best firework display in the Chicago Southland!

Movie Under The Stars

July 16, July 30, & August 13 @ Heritage Park: 7:30p
Outdoor movie showings with pre-show fun at Heritage Park. Food vendors on site with snacks for purchase. Visit the Village website for individual movie titles.

Chalk It Up

Saturday, August 7 @ Heritage Park: 3-7p
A free sidewalk chalk art contest. Anyone who wants to chalk is invited to leave their mark at the park! The event also includes games, music, treats and more! Pre-registration required for those wishing to chalk. Visit the Village website for more information.

Harvest Bags Tournament

Saturday, September 11 @ Heritage Park
Second annual double elimination bean bag tournament. Registration required. Visit the Village website for more information.



FALL

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, September 25 @ Heritage Park

Stargazing

Friday, October 1 @ Heritage Park

Spooky Park

October @ Heritage Park

Scarecrow Walk

October @ Heritage Park

Trunk Or Treat

October 23 @ Heritage Park

Veterans Day Celebration

Sunday, November 7 @ Konow's Corn Maze

WINTER

Homer For The Holidays

December 4 - January 3 @ Heritage Park

Snowman Lane

December 4 - January 3 @ Heritage Park

Santa Parade

December 4

Holiday Crafts & Treats

December 11 @ Heritage Park

All Events are **FREE** and **Open to All**, unless otherwise noted.

Due to the continuing COVID-19 situation events may be canceled or rescheduled at any time. Events may also be canceled or changed due to inclement weather. Check the Village Facebook page and website for event updates.

When you attend an event at the Village of Homer Glen you enter an area where photography, audio, and video recording may occur. By entering the event premises you consent to such recording media and its release, publication, exhibition, or reproduction to be used for Village promotional purposes.

NATURE PROGRAMS

All of the Nature Programs are hosted by the Forest Preserve District of Will County and are free to the public. To register for each event call the Forest Preserve directly at 815.727.8700.

Creeker Seekers

Tuesday, June 22
9:30 - 11:30a
Messenger Woods Nature Preserve
Ages 5 or older
Registration required: 815.727.8700 (30 max)

Bring your boots and a sense of wonder as we immerse ourselves in the cool waters of Spring Creek in the name of science! We'll flip over some rocks in search of aquatic critters big and small. We'll count the frogs and hopefully meet some fishy friends. A naturalist will be guiding you off trail, so be prepared by wearing long pants and proper footwear. No flip-flops allowed. The program will include hiking preserve trails over uneven terrain for up to 1 mile.

LEGO Gone Wild

Tuesday, July 20
9:30 - 11:30a
Messenger Woods Nature Preserve
Ages 5 or older
Registration required: 815.727.8700 (30 max)

In celebration of pollinators, let's play! Explore the outdoors with a naturalist to seek pollinators that live among us using binoculars, bug boxes, insect nets and more. Discover how pollinators and people fit together in nature and how important they are to our very existence! Once we harness some inspiration, we'll get building with LEGO. The strong STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) aspect will be our little secret. The program and hike will take place outdoors on natural surfaces across uneven terrain. The hike will be less than 1 mile.

Nature Explorers

Tuesday, August 17
9:30 - 11:30a
Messenger Woods Nature Preserve
Ages 5 or older
Registration required: 815.727.8700 (30 max)

Bring the little ones out for a forest adventure! We'll hop, skip, and jump in the woods while discovering colored flowers, leaf shapes, and patterned bugs. We'll become nature detectives and investigate signs of animal activity to determine who's living in the forest. A naturalist will be guiding you off trail, so be prepared by wearing long pants and proper footwear. No flip-flops allowed. The program will include hiking preserve trails over uneven terrain for up to 1 mile.

Planting Natives

Saturday, August 7
3-4:30p
319 Garden at Heritage Park (meet at park pavilion)
Adults
Registration required: 815.727.8700 (30 max)

During this outdoor presentation, learn why native plants are a better fit for your yard and their importance to birds, bees, and butterflies. We'll identify which natives are growing in the 319 Heritage Park garden and how to grow them in your own yard. This is the year to get your native garden growing!

Gardening For Monarchs

Wednesday, September 29
7-8:30p
Indoor presentation @ Village of Homer Glen
Community Room
Adults
Registration required: 815.727.8700 (30 max)

Late summer is a great time to assess your flower garden and plan for next year. During this presentation learn about the importance of native plants for pollinators, in particular Monarch butterflies, and the challenges faced by bees and butterflies. Learn what natives to plant and how to grow them in your yard to provide valuable nectar sources and habitats for pollinators.

20TH ANNUAL HOMER GLEN COMMUNITY AND NATURE IN HARMONY AWARD

Nominees for the 2021 Community and Nature in Harmony Awards are currently being sought to recognize an individual or group who, through the preservation, restoration, and/or beautification of land within the Village of Homer Glen and/or unincorporated Homer Township, has demonstrated a commitment to the environment and in the process significantly contributed to community pride. Awards will be presented in September.

Nominations will be accepted until June 20, 2021

To make a nomination: visit homerglenil.org under Community and download the nomination form, or pick up a form at Village Hall.



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ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

June 24-27		Main Stage	
Thursday	5:30	The Jolly Ringwalds	CARNIVAL 3-11PM
	7:45	Maggie Speaks	FOOD VENDORS 5-11PM*
	9:30	Fireworks!!!	BEER TENT 5-11PM
Friday	6:00	Catfight ...Chicks That Rock!	CARNIVAL 5-MIDNIGHT
			FOOD VENDORS 5-MIDNIGHT*
	9:00	The Hair Band Night	BEER TENT 5-MIDNIGHT
Saturday	2:30	Johnny Russler & The Beach Bum Band	CARNIVAL NOON-MIDNIGHT
	4:30	Trainwreck	FOOD VENDORS 1-MIDNIGHT*
	6:30	The Wayouts	BEER TENT 2-MIDNIGHT
	9:00	Infinity ^{Journey} Recaptured	
Sunday	2:30	The PriSSillas	CARNIVAL NOON-8PM
			FOOD VENDORS 1-8PM*
	4:30	Anthem Classic Rock & Beyond	BEER TENT 2-8PM

*LISTED TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

For more info call 708-301-0632 or visit homerfest.com

HERITAGE PARK | 14240 W. 151ST ST.

JUNE 24-27

FREE ADMISSION! FREE PARKING!

JUNE 24 @ 8 PM

**AIRCRAFT
FLYOVER**

FIREWORKS

**CARNIVAL
RIDE SPECIAL!**

MEGAPASS

June 1 - 23: Pre-sold at Village Hall \$55

At Event \$65



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MOVIE UNDER THE STARS

JULY 16, 30, & AUGUST 13 AT DUSK

AT HERITAGE PARK



Presented by:



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VILLAGE UPDATES



Welcome New Trustees

On May 12, the Village Board welcomed four new members; Jennifer Consolino, Dan Fialko, Nicole La Ha and Rose Reynders. Here they are pictured with Trustees Beth Rodgers and Ruben Pazmino, Clerk Christina Neitzke-Troiike, and Mayor George Yukich. Best of luck to the new Village Board!

Public Works Department

The residents of Homer Glen now have their own public works department! In April, the Village acquired the land, buildings and equipment necessary to maintain the 135 miles of Village Roads from the Homer Township Road District. The transfer of stewardship allows the Village Board to control the maintenance, budgeting and planning of the department. Residents can expect the same level of excellent service, as the roads are being taken care of by the same vehicles and employees as it has for years. If you need to reach the Public Works Department, please call (708) 966-0059.

Upcoming Projects

Heritage Park & Town Center Park Path

The Village Board and Township Board recently approved an intergovernmental agreement allowing for the construction of a pedestrian path between the two park properties. The path will be located between the football field and baseball field and connect the Village and Township parking lots.

Heritage Park Cul-de-sac

This summer, construction will begin on the Heritage Park cul-de-sac parking lot. The project will add over 150 parking spaces to the park and improve access to the sled hill during winter months. Lighting will also be added to the sled hill as part of the project. Work is expected to be completed in the fall.

Western Gateway Sign

Keep your eyes open for the Village's new gateway sign at the northeast corner of 159th Street and Gougar Road! As part of the Village's branding project, the Village Board approved the installation of a new sign at the village's western entrance outside of the new Gas N' Wash.



For more news and updates visit the Village Facebook page @villageofhomerghen.
Watch replays of recent Board Meetings on Channel 6 (Comcast)
Or the Village of Homer Glen Channel 6 YouTube Livestream.



20 Years of Homer Glen

This April, the Village of Homer Glen celebrated its 20th Anniversary of incorporation. In honor of this occasion, the Village planned a number of events to celebrate. Prior to the April 14th Village Board Meeting, we kicked off the "Anniversary Season" with a special presentation and cake. We also hosted an essay contest where two lucky essayists won a prize for their submissions of "Why I Love Homer Glen".

This May, the Kite Festival and Anniversary Picnic drew thousands as we flew kites and enjoyed a beautiful sunny day in Heritage Park.

The highlight of this celebratory time happens at HomerFest with a special aircraft flyover show by the Lima Lima flight team before the fireworks display. Join us on Thursday, June 24 at 8:00 p.m. in Heritage Park!



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Homer Township's Annual **Independence Day Parade**



Saturday, June 26, 2021

Kick off - 11 a.m.

151st Street & Parker Road

(North to Briarwood)

*Marching Bands, Police & Fire, Costumed Characters,
Local Organizations & Businesses...
Family Entertainment at its best!*

Bring your family, friends, and Patriotic Spirit!



For more information call (708) 301-0522 or visit homertownship.com

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VILLAGE FACILITIES

VILLAGE HALL

14240 W. 151st Street

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Administration Department: Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Building Department: Monday thru Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS

14400 W. 151st Street

708-966-0059

HERITAGE PARK

Located behind Village Hall

ERIN HILLS PARK

13725 S. Dublin Drive

EVLYN'S GATE NORTH PARK

16066 S. Syd Creek Drive

GLENVIEW WALK PARK

15603 James Lane

GOODINGS GROVE PARK

13900 S. Greystone Drive

KINGSTON HILLS PARK

14848 S. Carlton Lane

STONEBRIDGE PARK

16000 S. Stonebridge Drive