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FROM
THE MAYOR



Dear Residents and Businesses of Homer Glen:

Spring is here and it is a welcome sight. The Village is in true prep mode readying for the full roster of events and sports we are offering this year. Recently, the Village Board approved the use of Heritage Park for soccer. A local soccer club will be bringing some soccer programming to the park this May. When the fields aren't in use, the public is welcome to bring a soccer ball to the park and play a pick-up game on the turf!

While some of the work here at Village Hall is literally "fun and games" our Trustees have had to make some tough decisions already this year, especially concerning the future development of Homer Glen. We've gotten a number of development proposals so far and while they may have been thorough not all of them aligned with our Board's vision for the future. One development that did align with our vision is the Villas of Old Oak, a ranch-style development geared towards homeowners 50 years of age and older. With an aging population in town, this development is a perfect fit for the needs of the community. Read more about the villas on page 15.

In addition to new homes, we've also had a number of new businesses open. It seems I'm attending a ribbon cutting every week these days! From specialty foods, to fitness, to pet supplies - the number and various types of businesses coming to Homer Glen is truly exciting, especially on the heels of the pandemic.

Finally, the Village is very happy to be offering its residents a new communication tool. *Simplicity* for Homer Glen is a mobile app that allows the community to easily see news, announcements, and events happening in Homer Glen. For a full description of the app and how to download it see page 13. Adopters of the app will have a chance to win a 65" TV, courtesy of the Village and *Simplicity*.

Enjoy the spring weather and we hope to see you soon in one of our many parks!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "G. Yukich". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Mayor George Yukich



BOARD UPDATES

LEVY RECAP

On December 9, 2020, the previous Village Board passed a \$1.5 million property tax levy. This was the first municipal property tax since the incorporation of Homer Glen, and was necessitated by our recent acquisition of a Public Works department. After one year, the current Board was tasked with the decision to approve the tax levy amount for fiscal year 2022-2023. Although, the Board was presented with the option to increase the levy, the majority of our Trustees voted to approve the annual levy without any increase. Members of our board are committed to fiscal responsibility and vow to continue to explore alternate revenue sources without burdening our property owners.

TOWNSHIP PARKS

In the past year, the Village Board has worked closely in an unprecedented partnership with Homer Township. This venture has resulted in numerous successful accomplishments. The Village acquired the Homer Township Road District assets for the new Public Works Department, a connecting pathway that joins Township and Village properties, and the approved annexation of six additional parks from Homer Township that includes the Township Sports Fields. We look forward to the benefits that these park spaces will provide our community.

HELPING HOMER'S BUSINESSES

This past fall the Village Board voted to extend the expiration date through December 31, 2022 for the temporary sign code changes put in place during the pandemic. The modified sign standards are a relaxed version of the Village's code. This is meant to assist businesses increase their promotional value during a time of economic recovery.



Left to Right: Trustee Nicole La Ha, Trustee Ruben Pazmino, Trustee Beth Rodgers, Mayor George Yukich, Clerk Christina Neitzke-Troiike, Trustee Rose Reynders, Trustee Dan Fialko, and Trustee Jennifer Consolino.

GRANTS INCOMING

Village Trustees have been looking for innovative ways to bring funding into the Village without the burden of increasing taxes. A \$5,000 grant was awarded to the Village by the Homer Glen Foundation to help fund the new trail extension which will be constructed at the intersection of Bell Road and Mackinac Road - offering safer access onto the Forest Preserve District of Will County's Spring Creek Greenway Trail.

An additional \$5,000 grant from the Homer Glen Foundation was awarded to the Village to help with the build-out of the future park at the Villas of Old Oak, a new development approved for construction at the intersection of 143rd Street and Golden Oak Drive. A huge thank you to the Homer Glen Foundation for their grant assistance!



**CHRISTINA
NEITZKE-TROIKE
VILLAGE CLERK**

ELECTION CHANGES

Something new this year, the general primary election date is moved from its usual spring date to June 28, 2022. This change outlined in a new election law (P.A. 102-0015) is due because the census data, which informs redistricting and subsequently the district in which one would run for office, was delayed.

In addition, the new election law provides that November 8, 2022 is a State holiday and a school holiday. Both new provisions are temporary

changes and will be repealed on January 1, 2023.

While early voting and vote by mail are two provisions that are permanent, the new election laws include curbside voting procedures during early voting and on election day and provide for more lenient collection requirements of mail-in ballots this year.

For more information about the new laws, contact the Will County Clerk's office at 815-740-4615.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

VILLAGE COMMITTEES

Village Committees stand as recommending bodies to the Village Board. Committee meetings are open to the public and the Village encourages residents to attend meetings in order to gain insight about projects in development and initiatives being brought forward by the Board. All meetings take place at Village Hall, located at 14240 W 151st Street.



ABILITY AWARENESS

The purpose of the Ability Awareness Committee (AAC) is to develop productive programs, generate services, provide information and support, as well as, coordinate with other committees, businesses and residents to aid in the enrichment and independence for all differently abled residents in Homer Glen.

The AAC held two of its ongoing Roundtable Discussions this winter. January brought "Understanding Your Child's IEP" and a panel of local education professionals to discuss Individualized Education Programs with parents and care takers. March brought "Accessibility

& First Responders" where local first responder teams discussed safety preparedness for individuals with disabilities. Join the AAC on April 26 for a free Sign Language Class. Details can be found on the AAC page of the Village website.

The AAC Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Community and Economic Development Committee (CED) addresses issues related to business retention, marketing, comprehensive planning, growth, and community services,

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the CED Committee worked diligently to support local businesses through the dissemination of federal and state assistance program information and through the Village's own small business loan program.

The Community and Economic Development Committee played an important role in reviewing and shaping the Commercial Business Improvement Grant Program as an economic development initiative recommendation to the Village Board.

The CED Committee meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

ENVIRONMENT

The Environment Committee supports the preservation of Homer Glen's natural resources through the conservation design ordinance, the protection of trees, encouraging native landscaping, and sustainability measures for future generations.

An exciting program being offered this year to Homer Glen residents interested in sustainable energy and saving money is the Community Solar Program. The committee is pleased to have helped initiate this environmentally friendly opportunity for the community and hope many residents elect to register. For details on what the program is and how it reduces the cost of your electric bill see page 12 in this publication.

The committee's marquee event, *Stargazing*, returns in 2022 with a spring and fall gathering. Amateur astronomers with their large scale telescopes will be in Heritage Park and lead guests in viewing the stars.

The committee celebrates Earth Day on April 22 and Arbor Day on April 29. This year the Arbor Day Foundation marks 50 years of planting and distributing trees around the world. Here in Homer Glen, the Village provides tree saplings (in limited quantity) to residents interested in planting a tree. Watch for an announcement on the Village Facebook page and website for when the saplings are available for pickup.

The Environment Committee meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

HOMER COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

The Homer Community Festival Committee is keeping busy planning this year's HomerFest!

The committee is excited about the amazing local talent that will be performing this year! The community can enjoy good eats from local food vendors, thrilling amusement rides, and one of, if not, the best fireworks show around.

Admission to the festival grounds and beer tent is free. Parking, which is limited on the grounds and nearby in the sports field lots, is also free. See pages 8 and 9 in this publication for more information about the schedule

and prices for the Megapass - an all days carnival ride pass. Lots of fun you won't want to miss!

The Homer Community Festival Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

PARKS & RECREATION

With the newly acquired Township parks, the Village has now doubled its parks roster. The committee is keeping a close eye this year on the needs of each park and what exactly it takes, in terms of staff and resources, to keep all of the parks looking and operating at the standard our residents expect.

The first order of business at the new parks is signage. Look for Homer Glen branded signs to be placed at all of the former Township parks this year. Each park will also be receiving new Park Rules signs with expanded emergency information and guidelines for park usage.

In addition to overseeing the Village neighborhood parks, the committee is focusing on taking another look at the development of Heritage Park. Over the next several months, the committee plans on setting goals for Heritage Park - in order to solidify its future development. One goal the committee is planning on pursuing this year is additional playground equipment, which would include a 2-5 and 5-12 year old area, in the Active Core. The committee is also planning for a future Veterans Memorial at Heritage Park.

The Parks and Recreation Committee meets the third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SERVICES & SAFETY

The Public Services and Safety Committee's goal is to review issues relating to general public safety. Residents are encouraged to send requests to the committee relating to traffic, speed limit reductions, pedestrian crossing, on-street parking, and private property maintenance.

Recently, the committee worked with Village staff to obtain Flock Safety license plate reader cameras. Flock Safety enables faster criminal investigations by alerting law enforcement to stolen vehicles entering our borders, which are typically the perpetrators of crime.

The Village partnered with the Will County State's Attorney, James W. Glasgow, who is actively promoting this technology. Through the partnership, Homer Glen was awarded a \$5,000 grant to fund the cameras.

The committee also allocated and utilized \$55,000 in CARES funding towards cleanup for Long Run Creek erosion and blockages, as well as, cleanup of the Long Run Creek fire that occurred in April 2021.

The Public Services and Safety Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



The Homer Glen Village Board is pleased to announce Carmen J. Maurella III as the new Village Manager.

Mr. Maurella joins the Village with over 26 years of diverse experience in the private sector and most recently as the business owner of an accounting practice. He also joins with 40 years community experience as a Homer Glen resident.

The Village Board and staff are looking forward to working with Mr. Maurella. His background in accounting and finance, familiarity with the area, and multifaceted business endeavors will be a great asset to the Village.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Stargazing

May 6 @ Heritage Park, 7:30 p.m. Nocturnal Animal Exhibit
8:30 p.m. Telescope viewing
Join area astronomers and spend an evening with the stars! Large telescopes available for free viewing.

Kite Festival

May 14 @ Heritage Park, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Enjoy a day in the park with a giant kite demonstration. Food vendors on site with food for purchase. Participants may bring their own kites to fly.

Craft Show by *Rustic Vintage Fair*

May 21, July 23 & September 17 @ Heritage Park,
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
A pop-up fair event featuring high quality handmade goods, vintage finds, and one of a kind unique treasures. \$2 Admission.
This is not a Village sponsored event.

Memorial Day Celebration

May 30
Join the Village in a short ceremony to honor the brave men and women who sacrificed themselves for our country. Look to the Village website for further details.

HomerFest

June 23-26 @ 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 6 @ Heritage Park, 7:30 p.m.
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

August 13 @ Heritage Park, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Sidewalk chalk art contest. The event also includes games, music, treats and more! Pre-registration and \$5 fee required for those wishing to chalk. Visit the Village website for more information.

Market in the Glen

1st & 3rd Thursdays
July 7 - September 15 @ Heritage Park, 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Locally-grown fresh produce, plants, baked goods, and gourmet products. The market also features live entertainment and family activities.



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

Events may be canceled or rescheduled at any time. 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.

For more information about Events visit the Special Events section on the website under Community or check us out on Facebook @villageofhomerglen



2022 SPONSORSHIP

Thank you to our local businesses that have already committed to sponsoring a Village event in 2022.

We are still looking for additional sponsors. For full details about the Village Sponsorship Program, visit the website at homerglenil.org under "Special Events"

AETNA BETTER HEALTH OF ILLINOIS
BOOTH ORTHODONTICS
BUSEY BANK
CHESDAN'S PIZZERIA AND RESTAURANT
COLDWELL BANKER REAL ESTATE GROUP -
GREG MUCHA
ELITE DANCE ACADEMY
HOMER TOWNSHIP PROFESSIONAL
FIREFIGHTERS L4223
KALLIE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
MEIJER
MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF LEMONT
NICK'S BBQ
OLD PLANK TRAIL COMMUNITY BANK
RE/MAX MILLENNIUM
S & L EQUIPMENT REPAIRS AND LEASING
STATE FARM - MICHELLE KERFIN
TAZZA
XFINITY



TULIPS IN THE PARK

Tulips will be sprouting in Heritage Park again this spring. For information about tulip availability visit the Village website under Tulip Art in the Park. Tulips will be on display in Heritage Park throughout the month of May.

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

Saturday, June 25, 2022

Kick off - 10:30 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!

Raindate scheduled for June 26



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

VOLUNTEER TODAY! Volunteers are needed for our events. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old. If you would like to volunteer fill out the application form found on the Village website under "Special Events" or call 708-301-0632. The Village offers community service hours to high school students who volunteer at Village events.



HOMERFEST 2022



HERITAGE PARK | 14240 W. 151ST ST.

JUNE 23-26

FREE ADMISSION! FREE PARKING!

LIVE BANDS EVERY NIGHT!

Thursday: 5:00 - 11:00 PM Saturday: 2:00-11:30 PM

Friday: 4:30 - 11:30 PM Sunday: 3:30 - 8:00 PM

Beer Tent opens with live music each night.

All drinks are 1 ticket. Ticket price is \$5.

Food vendors on site with food for purchase.

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



BAND SCHEDULE 2022	DAY	TIME
DJ Mic & the Drums (S&M)	Th	5:00-6:00
Hoodwink'd	Th	6:00-8:00
DJ Mic & the Drums (S&M)	Th	8:00-8:30
The Boy Band Night	Th	8:30-11:00
Fake-ID	F	4:30-6:30
Everett Dean & The Lonesome Hearts	F	7:00-9:00
7th Heaven	F	9:30-11:30
Could've Would've Should've	Sa	2:00-4:00
Nate Venterelli	Sa	4:30-6:30
Eliminator	Sa	7:00-9:00
Anthem/Classic Rock and Beyond	Sa	9:30-11:30
Metro Star Orchestra	Su	3:30-5:30
Chicago Experience	Su	6:00-8:00



MEGAPASS: CARNIVAL RIDE SPECIAL!

June 1 - 22: Pre-sold at Village Hall - \$55

At Event - \$65

Special Needs Day is June 24.

Visit homerghlenil.org for details.

FIREWORKS June 23 9:30 PM Heritage Park

In case of inclement weather

visit homerfest.com or the Village's

Facebook page @villageofhomerghlen.



HOMERFEST IS PRESENTED BY THE VILLAGE OF HOMER GLEN
WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO:



PICKLEBALL

Come experience the greatest growing sport – pickleball: a game similar to racquetball, ping pong, badminton, and tennis played on a court a third the size of a tennis court using paddles and whiffle type balls. Anyone can step onto the pickleball court for the first time and have fun. Registration for all pickleball lessons will include a free paddle and two balls for each registrant. All activities will be directed by South Suburban Tennis (and Pickleball) Academy certified pickleball and tennis professional, Andy Ventress, and staff. *All classes are held at the Heritage Park courts.*



SPRING

Adult Pickleball - Beginners

In these beginners' classes students will learn the rules of the game, scoring, and play format along with the basic forehand, backhand, volley, serve and basic strategies of the game.

Tuesdays, May 3 - May 31 (5 classes)
Section A: 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Section B: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
min 4/max 8 students
Ages 18 and over
\$98 R/\$110 NR

Adult Pickleball - Advanced Beginners

For those who have playing experience and a knowledge of the scoring and basic rules and strategies.

Mondays, May 2 - June 6 (5 classes - No class on Memorial Day)
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
min 4/max 8 students
Ages 18 and over
\$98 R/\$110 NR

Adult Pickleball - One Day Clinic

See what pickleball is all about in this introductory clinic. Participants will be given a brief overview of the game and learn some beginner techniques.

Saturday, April 23 (1 class)
10:00 a.m. - noon
min 8/max 16 students
Ages 18 and over
\$10 R/\$15 NR

Youth Pickleball - Play Days

Students will learn the basic strokes, rules and scoring for pickleball using games and basic drills. The number one objective is to have FUN with lots of smiles.

Thursdays, May 5 - June 4 (5 classes)
3:45 - 4:30 p.m.
min 4/max 8 students
Ages 8-12
\$60 R/\$70 NR

Teen Pickleball

Students will learn the strokes, rules, and scoring system to play pickleball games.

Thursdays, May 5 - June 4 (5 classes)
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
min 4/max 8 students
Ages 13-17
\$70 R/\$80 NR

SUMMER

Adult Pickleball - Beginners

In these beginners' classes students will learn the rules of the game, scoring, and play format along with the basic forehand, backhand, volley, serve and basic strategies of the game.

Tuesdays, June 14 - July 19 (5 classes - No class June 21)
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
min 4/max 8 students
Ages 18 and over
\$98 R/\$110 NR

Adult Pickleball - Advanced Beginners

For those who have playing experience and a knowledge of the scoring and basic rules and strategies.

Tuesdays, June 14 - July 19 (5 classes - No class June 21)
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
min 4/max 8 students
Ages 18 and over
\$98 R/\$110 NR

Adult Pickleball - One Day Clinic

See what pickleball is all about in this introductory clinic. Participants will be given a brief overview of the game and learn some beginner techniques.

Saturday, June 4 (1 class)
10:00 a.m. - noon
min 8/max 16 students
Ages 18 and over
\$10 R/\$15 NR

Youth Pickleball - Play Days

Students will learn the basic strokes, rules and scoring for pickleball using games and basic drills. The number one objective is to have FUN with lots of smiles.

Thursdays, June 16 - July 21 (5 classes - No class June 23)
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
min 4/max 8 students
Ages 8-12
\$70 R/\$80 NR

Teen Pickleball

Students will learn the strokes, rules, and scoring system to play pickleball games.

Thursdays, June 16 - July 21 (5 classes - No class June 23)
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
min 4/max 8 students
Ages 13-17
\$70 R/\$80 NR

TENNIS

BEGINNERS: Each lesson will include drill and instruction for the basic strokes (forehand, backhand, serve, and volley), as well as, the rules of the game and play format for beginners.

INTERMEDIATES: For those who have had some instruction and have a knowledge of the basic strokes, rules, and play. Instruction will include singles and doubles strategy and tactics and advanced techniques such as spins on serves and groundstrokes, placement of shots, and special shots such as drop shots, stop volleys and swing volleys.

Loaner racquets will be available to use. Basic equipment for tennis play will be explained and demonstrated. All classes are held at the Heritage Park courts.

SPRING

Youth Beginners & Intermediates

Wednesdays, May 4 - June 1 (5 classes)
min 6/max 16 students

- Ages 5-7: 3:45 - 4:30 p.m. \$60 R/\$70 NR
- Ages 8-12 Beginners: 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. \$70 R/\$80 NR
- Ages 8-12 Intermediates: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. \$70 R/\$80 NR

Teen Beginners & Intermediates

(grouped according to ability)

Fridays, May 6 - June 3, 5:00-6:00 p.m., (5 classes)
min 6/max 10 students
Ages 13 to 17
\$70 R/\$80 NR

Adult Beginners & Intermediates

(grouped according to ability)

Fridays, May 6 - June 3, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., (5 classes)
min 6/max 10 students
Ages 18 and over
\$70 R/\$80 NR



SUMMER

Beginners & Intermediates

Wednesdays, June 15 - July 20 (5 meetings - no class June 23)
min 6/max 16 students

- Ages 5-7: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. \$70 R/\$80 NR
- Ages 8-12 Beginners: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. \$70 R/\$80 NR
- Ages 8-12 Intermediates: 11:00 a.m. - noon \$70 R/\$80 NR

min 6/max 10 students

- Ages 13-17 Beginners & Intermediates: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. \$70 R/\$80 NR
- Ages 18 and over Beginners & Intermediates: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. \$70 R/\$80 NR

TENNIS CAMP

Beginners and Intermediates

August 1 - 5, (5 classes Mon-Fri)

min 6/max 16 students

- Ages 5-7: 9:00-10:00 a.m. \$70 R/\$80 NR
- Ages 8-12 Beginners: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. \$70 R/\$80 NR
- Ages 8-12 Intermediates: 11:00 a.m. - noon \$70 R/\$80 NR

min 6/max 10 students

- Ages 13-17 Beginners & Intermediates: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. \$70 R/\$80 NR
- Ages 18 and over Beginners & Intermediates: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. \$70 R/\$80 NR

ROYALS FC AT HERITAGE PARK 2022 SPRING OUTDOOR SOCCER REGISTRATION



SIGN UP TODAY!

TUESDAY, MAY 3rd - SUNDAY, JUNE 19th
HELPING YOUTH TO BECOME
THE BEST THAT THEY CAN BE!
For more info please visit: TheRoyalsFC.org



New Community Solar Program Saves Money!

Spend less on your electric bill while supporting clean energy in Illinois. It's a win-win!

The Village of Homer Glen has partnered with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and Chicago-based MC-Squared Energy Services to participate in the Community Solar Program, which helps residents and qualifying small businesses save money while supporting the development of renewable energy.

Community Solar programs are large scale community solar gardens developed at an off-site location by private developers. No solar rooftop panels are required on one's residence. The solar garden generates clean, carbon-free electricity and supplies it to the utility's power grid for delivery to its customers.

This is a great opportunity for Homer Glen residents and small business owners to spend less on their electricity expense. Those who subscribe to this program will receive a net metering credit on their monthly ComEd electric utility bill for their share of the generation created by the solar project. MC-Squared will then bill subscribers separately for that credit from ComEd at a 20% discounted rate. The MC-Squared program does not have upfront costs nor will it lock in subscribers into a long-term contract.

Sign up now to be on the reservation list! Projects are expected to be operational in late summer and fall 2022. To register visit the Village of Homer Glen website at: <http://homerglenil.org/2686/Community-Solar>.

Help Homer Glen reduce dependency on fossil fuels by developing clean energy generation through Community Solar!



HOMER GLEN'S NEW COMMUNICATION PLATFORM

The Village of Homer Glen recently adopted leading-edge technology to strengthen links with its residents via a new communication channel for city announcements, events, road closures, power outages, and more. Implementation of the Simplicity mobile application will also help combat feelings of disconnection and confusion that have skyrocketed with the pandemic, by providing a source of credible data.

Simplicity is similar to social media apps - in that it has a scrolling news feed of informative posts, events, and updates. However, unlike many of the social apps that are out there, Simplicity does not allow community comments on posts. This means that residents will receive trusted information without community chatter.

Through the Simplicity app, residents will get all the information they need, aggregated and easily accessible, on their smartphones, in real-time. The Simplicity app is free and available on iOS and Android. Each resident has the option to adjust notification preferences based on their personal interests.

Homer Glen's community partners are also included on the app. This means, when a resident joins the app they see the Village's posts and calendar and can follow other community organizations in town - like the library, fire districts, and schools.

As an incentive to join, residents who download the app are able to enter a raffle giveaway with prizes. The grand prize is a 65" TV! Winners will be announced on the app in May.

ENTER HOMER GLEN RAFFLE!

Download the official Simplicity app for Homer Glen and fill out the raffle form for a chance to win a 65" TV or gift cards from Meijer or Jewel.



Download the new Village of Homer Glen app

Simplicity for Homer Glen

Simply download the app and select Village of Homer Glen as your city!

It's easy to download!

1. Open your camera app and point it steadily for 2-3 seconds towards the QR code on this page.
2. Whenever scanning is enabled a notification will appear. Click on the notification to open the Simplicity App.
3. If nothing happens, search "Simplicity" in the Google Play/App store on your device.
4. Make sure to download the correct Simplicity App. Look for the logo:



Allow push notifications for Simplicity!

1. Tap Settings
2. Tap Notifications
3. Tap Simplicity
4. Tap Allow Notifications





2021 BUSINESS ACTIVITY REPORT

A total of 66,763 square feet of commercial space was filled as a result of new and retained business activity during 2021. Twenty-four new businesses opened including seven new restaurants. Twelve businesses were retained in Homer Glen through relocations, expansions, new ownership, and renovations.

A number of business success stories highlight the year. New ground up development brought Gas N Wash, Culver's, and Pet Supplies Plus to Homer Glen. The Phoenix Kitchen & Cocktails opened in July in the former Bonfire property bringing a unique concept for casual upscale dining that draws patrons from the greater area. The former Stock and Field was acquired and reopened as R.P. Home and Harvest in June retaining the farm, home, and outdoor retail anchor at the important crossroads of Bell Road and 159th Street. Jewel-Osco invested in a major store update including new signage and parking to accommodate changing trends in grocery shopping.



WESTERN GATEWAY

The Village's new gateway sign at the northeast corner of 159th Street and Gougar Road now has lighting fixtures. Take a drive by the sign at night to see Homer Glen illuminated!

COMMERCIAL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM AT WORK

Crosstown Realtors has relocated to expand and is now open in their new building at 15252 W 143rd. This business is a recipient of a Commercial Business Improvement Grant from the Village for façade and parking lot improvements at their new location.

Mayor George Yukich and the Village Board of Trustees partner with business and commercial property owners through the grant program as part of the Village's continuing effort to support local businesses and inspire economic growth. The purpose of this grant program is to mitigate the financial challenges associated with building improvements to facades, signs, life-safety, accessibility, utilities and more. Assistance is awarded on a first-come first-served basis, based on funds availability.

Other grant recipients this fiscal year include Bell Tower Plaza (new HVAC unit), the Old Oak Professional Building (new HVAC unit and windows) and WestPoint Financial Group (new signage).





VILLAS OF OLD OAK APPROVED

The Villas of Old Oak by Marth Construction are coming to Homer Glen! This new subdivision located on the northwest corner of 143rd Street and Golden Oak Drive was approved by the Village Board on January 26. Forty-six attached ranch villas will be available, some with sun-rooms, views of the pond, and units that will back up to a 3.6-acre tree conservation area that will preserve some of the mature and native trees on the site. Units are typically two-bedroom, two-bathroom, 2,000 SF floor plans, with six different elevations and as topography allows, flat, lookout, and walkout designs. The Villas are targeted to the 50 and over community that want to downsize but desire to stay in the community in a one-floor maintenance free environment. A new community park serving the Villas of Old Oak as well as the surrounding homes will be built.

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES!

- Alsultan Mixed Grill
- Anu Spa for Women
- Apogee Fitness
- B2 Strategies Inc.
- Culver's
- Evans Drapery Cleaners
- Fried Master
- Fidelity National Title
- Illinois Bone & Joint Institute
- King Tut Smoke
- Malaak Supermarket
- Orland Pharmacy
- Pet Supplies Plus
- Premium Garage Door Repair
- Thigpen Family Auto Services
- Village Realty
- Westside Children's Therapy
- Wingstop



ARBY'S TO CONVERT BANK BUILDING TO RETAIL USE

A prominent Menards outlot building will be converted from service to retail use soon. An Arby's with a drive thru and outdoor seating area is approved to open in the former Fifth Third Bank building of the Menards subdivision fronting Bell Road. Arby's will join area big box stores, grocers, restaurants and other retail/service businesses in Homer Glen's busy 143rd/Bell Retail District. The new restaurant will open this summer.





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PUBLIC WORKS

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HERITAGE PARK

Located behind Village Hall

CULVER MEMORIAL PARK

14600 S. Parker Road

EDMOND J. SENDRA PARK

14727 S. Greenbrier Lane

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

GOREHAM PARK

14431 S. Pheasant Lane

KINGSTON HILLS PARK

14848 S. Carlton Lane

LAMERS PARK

12307 W. Lakeview Trail

STONEBRIDGE PARK

16000 S. Stonebridge Drive

TOWN CENTER PARK

14354 W. 151st Street

YANGAS PARK

12001 W. Venetian Way