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**HOMER GLEN VILLAGE ELECTIONS**

There will be a primary election for three Village Trustee positions in Homer Glen on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. More than six candidates have filed for the three open positions so a primary election is required. The top six candidates will be placed on the ballot for the April 5<sup>th</sup> general Village election. The position of Village Clerk will also be filled at the April 5<sup>th</sup> election, but not enough candidates filed for the Village Clerk position to require a primary election.

A list of polling places is shown on page 7 of this newsletter. Some key dates to remember for the two elections:

- January 25<sup>th</sup> Last day to register for the February 22<sup>nd</sup> primary election
- January 31<sup>st</sup> First day for in person absentee voting
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> Primary Election Day
- February 24<sup>th</sup> Voter registration re-opens and absentee voting applications accepted for April 5<sup>th</sup> election
- March 8<sup>th</sup> Last day to register for April 5<sup>th</sup> election
- March 14<sup>th</sup> Absentee voting begins for April 5<sup>th</sup> election
- April 5<sup>th</sup> Election Day

*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.*

For more information about the elections, please refer to the web site for the Will County Clerk's office at [www.willclrk.com](http://www.willclrk.com).





**Russ  
Petrizzo,  
Mayor**

Greetings,

The Special Census for the Village of Homer Glen officially ended as of late December. As mayor, I would like to sincerely thank all of our residents who helped to make the census a resounding success.

The Census office informed me that because of the cooperation of all the residents, not only were we able to complete the census under

budget, but they were also able to finish several weeks ahead of schedule. The final estimated cost for the census is \$246,000, which is 18 percent under budget.

Official results will not be available until the end of March. Preliminary results showed a population of 24,033 and 7,712 households. These numbers are subject to final adjustment by the Census Bureau.

The previous population figure from the 2000 census was 22,269, but this figure was partly estimated since the village did not exist in 2000. The new Village boundaries after incorporation in 2001 did not completely match up to the census tracts used in the 2000 census.

The Village receives \$106.10 per capita in state revenues including income tax and motor fuel tax distributions. This means that the cost of the special census will be paid back with increased revenues by the middle of next year. Village officials will be able to apply the new revenue to the 2005-2006 fiscal year beginning May 1st and future years.

The Village could not have accomplished this major undertaking without your help. Again, than you very much for making this endeavor a success.

*Russ Petrizzo*  
Mayor

## **I-355 UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

Ground was broken on November 23rd for the south extension of the I-355 toll road from I-88 to I-80 in New Lenox. The new road curves around the west edge of the Village and is expected to be completed in late 2007. The new road will help relieve congestion on other north-south routes such as Lemont Road and Bell Road. It will also help spur economic development, especially along 159th street. Interchanges will be built at 143rd street, 159th street and at U.S. Highway 6 in our area.

Early work will involve clearing the corridor and fencing it, and will be followed by rough grading. Generally the work will progress from north to south, but work may occur at different places from time to time to balance the overall dirt needed for the grading. An on-site office is expected to be established in March.

A Local Advisory Commission has been established with representatives from each of the affected

municipalities and townships. The Commission will monitor and make recommendations on issues of local concern with the final design and construction. Some of the issues the Commission will address include:

- Landscaping
- Drainage
- Noise
- Mass transit
- Bike paths, and
- The coordination of existing and future land uses in the area.

The Village has appointed James Cahill to be our representative on this Commission, which began meeting in December. Mr. Cahill has established an e-mail address for questions and comments about the toll road project. He can be reached at [hgi355@aol.com](mailto:hgi355@aol.com).

## REMINDER – PERMITS REQUIRED

Please remember that building permits are needed for most kinds of residential construction as well as commercial construction.

This includes:

- Additions
- Pools (both above ground and in the ground),
- Porches
- Garages
- Decks
- Remodeling
- Roofing
- Siding
- Sheds
- Lawn sprinkling systems
- Electrical
- Plumbing



Please help us by assuring that all contractors are registered with Will County. If you have any questions, please call the Village Building Department at 708-301-1301.

## SHARE A MEMORY

To help preserve memories of the past and record history, the Environment Committee is seeking memories of the community, whether in the Village of Homer Glen or in the unincorporated area of Homer Township.

Do you have knowledge to share about people, animals, a special weather event, historic events, favorite gathering places, a swimming hole, a fishing spot, farms, photographs, or businesses? The ideas to share are endless. Please send your memory by emailing [pmaska@homerglen.org](mailto:pmaska@homerglen.org) or by mailing a letter to Share a Memory, Village of Homer Glen, 14331 S. Golden Oak Drive, Homer Glen, IL 60491. Anyone wishing to share their knowledge verbally may call the Village office at (708) 301-0632 to be put in touch with a representative of the Environment Committee.



## BOUNDARY AGREEMENT REACHED WITH NEW LENOX

The Village of Homer Glen and the Village of New Lenox have approved a 20 year boundary agreement (see accompanying map on next page). The agreement follows closely behind a similar agreement reached with the City of Lockport earlier in 2004. Generally, the Village of New Lenox agrees not to annex land north of the line in the agreement and the Village of Homer Glen agrees not to annex land to the south of it. An area straddling the Homer-New Lenox township boundary between Meader Road and Cedar Road is designated as an open area that could still be annexed into either Village. The open area is cross-hatched on the map.

Generally, the boundary agreement follows the southern boundary of Homer Township between the Cook

County line and Meader Road except for the new Hunt Club Meadows subdivision which was annexed into Homer Glen last year. To the west of Cedar Road, the boundary agreement tends to follow Bruce Road except for the Kylemore subdivision and a 40 acre tract immediately to the east.

The boundary agreement, along with the earlier agreement with Lockport, provides more room for growth in the Village as well as future certainty for planning and the provision of Village services. Equally important, developers in the area will no longer be able to “shop the zoning” between the two villages. The Village of Homer Glen previously entered into a boundary agreement with Orland Park in 2003.

## **\$15,000 GRANT FOR GIS AWARDED TO HOMER GLEN**

The Village of Homer Glen has received a \$15,000 grant from the Chicago Wilderness organization funded by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U. S. Forestry Service for the purpose of developing a comprehensive inventory of biological and socioeconomic data within the Village boundaries. This inventory will include 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.

Using existing inventory data from Federal, State, County, and environmental organizations, volunteers are field verifying some of the data to ensure its accuracy. The Village's Environment Committee, with assistance from the Village's Storm Water Task Force, is providing extensive volunteer time and expertise needed to gather and compile this data. Among the organizations assisting the energetic volunteers are 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., is providing 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.

Residents or other stakeholders interested in becoming involved in this project should contact the Village Office at 1-708-301-0632. Please leave your name and telephone number and a task force member will contact you.



*Volunteers are "ground truthing", or verifying, current environmental data.*

### **NEW SUBDIVISIONS RECENTLY APPROVED**

#### **Amberfield**

151st & Parker  
-51 Townhomes  
on 17.5 acres

#### **Cypress Pointe**

151st & Will-Cook Road  
- 21 Single Family Lots on 16 acres

#### **Glenview Walk Estates**

159th & Street east of Cedar Road  
-72 Single Family Lots on 60 acres



### **HOMER GLEN WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW BUSINESSES:**

**Fannie Mae** at 143rd & Bell Rd. (Homer Town Square Shopping Center)

**Tazza Restaurant** at 147th & Bell Road (Founders Crossing Shopping Center)

**Bonfire Restaurant** at 159th Street and South Bell Road

**The Homerian** Local Newspaper



## VOTING LOCATIONS IN HOMER TOWNSHIP

### Precinct      Polling Place

- 01 Goodings Grove School Dist. 33C, 12914 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen
- 02 Northwest Homer Fire Station #2, 13010 W. 143rd St., Lockport
- 03 Reed School (Main Ent.), 14939 W. 143rd St., Lockport
- 04 Homer Township Highway Dept., 14400 W. 151st St., Homer Glen
- 05 Homer Glen Village Hall (N/W Ent.), 13031 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen
- 06 Harris Bank, 14831 W. 159th St., Lockport
- 07 Homer Fire Protection Dist. #2, 16131 S. Bell Rd.(East Ent.), Homer Glen
- 08 Homer Township Office, 14350 W. 151st St., Homer Glen
- 09 Goodings Grove School Dist. 33C, 12914 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen
- 10 Homer Township Hall, Cedar Rd. (S of 159 th St.), Lockport
- 11 Northwest Homer Fire Station #1, 16152 W. 143rd St., Lockport
- 12\* Founders Crossing Activity Center, 14718 S. Founders Circle, Homer Glen
- 13\* Homer Glen Village Hall (N/W Ent.), 13031 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen
- 14 Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church (Rectory) 14610 S. Will-Cook Rd., Homer Glen
- 15\* Marian Village (Front Parlor), 15624 Marian Dr., Homer Glen
- 16 Homer Twp. Public Library, 14320 W. 151st St., Homer Glen
- 17 Victorian Village Community Center, 14303 S. Independence Way, Homer Glen
- 18 Butler Elementary School, 1900 Farrell Rd. (East Ent.), Lockport
- 19 Stan's Reliable Nursery, 16464 W. 143rd St., Lockport
- 20 Our Mother of Good Counsel Church (N. Ent.), 16043 S. Bell Rd., Homer Glen
- 21 Homer Fire Protection Dist. #2, 16131 S. Bell Rd.(East Ent.), Homer Glen
- 22 Broken Arrow Golf Club, 16325 W. Broken Arrow Dr., Lockport
- 23 Homer 33C Administrative Office, 15733 S. Bell Rd., Homer Glen

**NOTE:** \* Indicates a change in polling place from previous election or new precinct

## FYI

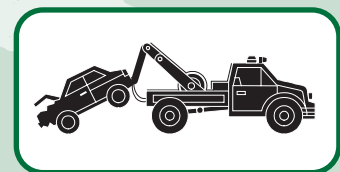
### Homer Glen News & Events



The Village recently was granted a regular court date for the prosecution of violations of municipal ordinances. The court date will be the fourth Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. The approval of a regular court date will streamline enforcement of ordinances for both Village law enforcement officers and prosecutors.

*The Village has contracted with Natural Resources Management, Inc. (NRM) to complete a prescribed fire at Homer Glen Marsh, generally located .5 mile north of 143<sup>rd</sup> street and west of Parker Road. The fire will take place sometime in the next several months when conditions are appropriate. This prescribed fire is part of a strategy funded by a grant to restore the wetland to a more natural condition. If you or someone in your family has health concerns which may be complicated by some lingering smoke, please call NRM at 708-935-2100.*

Residents are reminded that there is no parking on Village streets for the first twelve hours after any snowfall of two inches or more between October 1<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> unless the street has already been cleared of snow. Violators will be ticketed and/or towed.



## 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
Emergency Management Agency (EMA)	
1st and 3rd Thursday	7:00pm
Homer Fire Protection Station #2, 16131 South Bell Road	
Environment Committee	
2nd Monday, Village Council Chamber	
Parks & Recreation Committee	
4th Monday, Village Council Chamber	7:30pm
Public Safety Committee	
3rd Monday, Village Council Chamber	8:00pm
Plan Commission	
1st and 3rd 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](http://www.homerglen.org)



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