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### It's a Team Effort! by Mayor Jim Daley

#### **“Teamwork divides the task and doubles the success.”**

Whenever I think of teamwork, my mind automatically goes to sports. I remember the speeches from coaches throughout my school years that encouraged us to work together as a team; reminding us that “the whole is greater than the sum of the parts.” After a particularly grueling practice, or right before the ‘big game’ the speech always followed a common theme. *“You are a team! Your successes and failures are a result of your ability to work together as a team. Know what your teammates need, anticipate your teammates’ moves, support your team and they will support you.”*

As Mayor, I am working with a new team - the Village Board, and things really haven't changed all that much from my earlier team sports days. We work together toward a common goal, knowing that our successes are the result of a combined effort of each member of the team. The Village Trustees are independent decision makers with unique talents -but we have a common vision. We recently added two new members to our Village Board team. Trustees Mike Costa and George Yukich were sworn into office this past May. They have

already taken on the Co-Chair responsibility of the Public Services and Safety Committee and we look forward to reaping the benefit of their many talents. (see related article on pg. 2).

Together the Village Board and I have worked on some pretty challenging issues over the past two years and have celebrated many successes such as the special census and home rule status, the first municipal garbage contract, the annexation of the Home Depot and Meijer property, and the development of a new neighborhood park. Our most recent team effort is the annexation of the Fiddymont Creek Forest Preserve Property.

This annexation was a team effort by our Village Board and staff, who worked with another great team - the Forest Preserve District of Will County. Under the leadership of Cory Singer, President of FPDWC, an annexation agreement was successfully negotiated which addressed the needs of both the District and the Village resulting in a ‘Win-Win’ for all parties. The agreement provides for a utility easement that will accommodate the extension of a sanitary sewer line between Cedar and Gougar Roads. The sewer will be owned by the Village and include the recapture of costs

from commercial development that will occur along 159<sup>th</sup> Street. Without this Village initiative, sanitary sewer service would not be available to properties along this major commercial corridor. As part of the restoration process for the sewer line, the Village will also build a multi-use trail for the Forest Preserve that will link to the Village’s future trail system, the township’s trail system (extending from Trantina Farm) and the future I-355 trail system. The trail will provide local, county and regional benefits. To quote one of my favorite coaches, Vince Lombardi:

**“People who work together will win, whether it be against complex football defenses, or the problems of modern society.”**

It is not only in our successes that we enjoy the benefits of our team efforts, but it also helps when faced with a common problem. The Village continues to battle against the barrage of rate increases by Illinois American Water. As a community we need to work together in presenting the hardships these rates are imposing on our residents. The Village is planning a public forum for residents to provide testimony on the rate increase and I hope to see a huge turnout from our resi-





## MEET YOUR VILLAGE STAFF

### EDMOND CAGE

This month the Village welcomes a new staff member, Edmond Cage as our Community Development Director. Edmond comes to Homer Glen with an impressive professional background, which includes positions of Village Planner for the Villages of Carpentersville, Long Grove, and Warrenville. These experiences will provide Homer Glen a wealth of knowledge and insight for economic development, planning, zoning and land use.

Edmond's educational credentials are as impressive as his professional expertise, obtaining his Business Diploma at Kent College in Maidstone, England, a BA (Honors) in Planning from the University of Westminster, London, England and MA in Urban Planning from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Edmond is married to his wife Cheri of 9 years, they have a 9 month old son who keeps them both very busy and entertained! In his spare time, Edmond enjoys skiing, playing soccer and working in his yard.

Edmond has a personal philosophy, "work with developers and business owners and to really be straight forward with people and honest and upfront. That's one of the keys, if it's a particular kind of use the community wants, let the developer know." give the developer an honest answer ... because for them time is money."

dents. Our Village website also provides instruction to file a complaint with the ICC. Please visit the website [www.homerglen.org](http://www.homerglen.org) under 'News and Events' and following directions under 'Proposed IAW Rate Increases'. The team effort of Village officials, staff and residents represent a formidable force that I am confident will yield positive results.

Another great team effort is the planning involved in the various community events held in Homer Glen. We recently teamed up with Homer Township for the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July festival. The weather cooperated and it was a good time for all. The Parade was bigger than ever, the food was great and the kids had fun with the dino-jump and the petting zoo. This event was truly a team effort. The volunteer team, including members of the Township and Village Staff, elected officials, Highway Department staff along with members of the Fire and Police Departments worked for months prior to the big day to make sure the event was successful. John Robinson and his team at the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) assisted with traffic control, several area businesses partic-

ipated in the food tent and civic groups volunteered their time to help the day go smoothly. Another Community event, Homer Harvest Days, (see related article, pg. 8), is just around the corner on September 12 & 13. Trustees Russell Knaack, Margaret Sabo, and Michael Costa, and a team of volunteers from the Village and the Township are working hard to make sure this inaugural event is one to remember.

Both of these events owe their success to the team effort of their volunteers. They know "the strength of the team is each individual member...the strength of each member is the team." (Coach Phil Jackson). We are always looking to recruit new members to help with these and other community events (see box on page 5). Homer Glen is very fortunate to have such a strong volunteer base. Our standing committees are comprised of resident volunteers who provide their time, effort and talents to the various Village initiatives they assist us with. Recently I met with Pastor PJ Malin from the Cross of Glory Church, who is looking for ways his congregation can volunteer in the Village. I was very impressed with the charity of

this new young pastor and look forward to welcoming many of his church members to our team. If you are interested in helping out with any of our events or committees, please contact the Village Hall.

**"Individual commitment to a group effort — that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."**

Vince Lombardi

Another way our residents can contribute to the team effort of the Village is to participate in the 'Shop Homer Glen' campaign spearheaded by the Community and Economic Development Committee (see pg. 7). Co-Chairs Trustee Mary Niemiec and Trustee Laurel Ward will be launching a new website in the near future highlighting the Economic Development efforts of the Village. Each of us, as Homer Glen residents, can contribute to the economic stability of the Village and the community initiatives that preserve and protect the quality of life we have come to expect, by supporting our local merchants. I encourage you to **Shop Homer Glen** and support your community!

## Homer Glen Welcomes New Village Trustees



Homer Glen Village Board of Trustees welcomed new Trustees, Michael Costa and George Yukich at the Village Board meeting May 12<sup>th</sup>. After the oath of office was administered by Village Clerk, Gale Skroboton, the new trustees were off to a quick start reviewing a number of issues on the Village Board agenda.

Both trustees have needed little time to get "up to speed" on the issues affecting the residents of Homer Glen and are enjoying their involvement in making the Village a great place to live and work. They both have taken their new responsibilities seriously and are committed to work hard for the residents of Homer Glen.

Trustee George Yukich states "we are looking forward to the economy changing and bringing in the business that this community deserves and needs". He is excited about the planning for the sewer extension project along the 159<sup>th</sup> street corridor, which he feels will encourage new businesses and residential growth".

Trustees Costa and Yukich would like to extend a thank you to all of the citizens that have come to them with concerns. "We as a board want to make sure that you know you have a voice and we will be there to help any way we can" stated Trustee Yukich. "It has been an exciting 3 months, states Trustee Costa, "and I look forward to all of the future developments in Homer Glen." Both trustees have been assigned to Co-chair the Public Services and Safety committee and will be happy to hear any concerns Village residents may have and have pledged to do their best to help them.

The Homer Glen residents should be proud of the dedication and commitment their elected officials provide as they work for the betterment of the community.



## Funding Village Initiatives

Paula J. Wallrich, Village Manager

As the economy continues to dominate the headlines, the Village of Homer Glen recently completed its fiscal year with an operating surplus and passed a balanced budget for the current fiscal year. The continued practice of conservative spending on all levels of the village, including the contractual services for public works and public safety, has allowed the Village to avoid the difficult position many of our neighboring communities are facing with layoffs and pension funding deficits.

In addition to watching our spending the Village has maximized the revenue side of the budget as we continue to take advantage of Federal, State and grant funding dollars. The Village has been the fortunate recipient of an OSLAD grant for park acquisition (see Erin Hills article pg. 7) and State and Federal capital funding. The recent signing of the Capital Bill not only provided \$71 million for the future widening of 159<sup>th</sup> Street, but also provided \$325,000 for drainage, infrastructure and safety issues. We are very appreciative of the great support provided by of our State Representative Renee Kosel and Senator Christine Rodogno. At the Federal level, Judy Biggert lobbied for \$1.75 million as part of the SAFETEA-LU program for the 159<sup>th</sup> street improvements that was also identified in the IDOT FY 2010-2015 Highway Improvement Program. In addition to the eventual widening, the Village also received IDOT funding for the paving of 159<sup>th</sup> that is currently underway.

Looking ahead, the Mayor and Village Board have identified two very important projects as part of the Economic Stimulus Program outlined by the Mayor last year. The sewer extension proposal be-

tween Cedar and Gougar Roads and the purchase of a large parcel for a community park have been given high priority in the Village's long 'to-do' list. The recent annexation of the Fiddymont Creek Preserve paved the way for the sewer and the multi-use path that will be constructed within a designated area of the District property. A Feasibility Study completed by McDonough Associates earlier this year, provided the basis for the successful negotiations with the Forest Preserve District of Will County (FPDWC) and established the area for the future alignment of the sewer and trail.

Funding for both of these projects has also been discussed by the Board. At the Committee of the Whole meeting held on July 14, Village Attorney Burt Odelson and Vince Cainkar, Bond Counsel with Louis Cainkar LTD, presented various funding mechanisms available to the Village. The meeting was televised and is available for viewing on the local Comcast cable access channel 6. The presentation included an explanation of the bonding authority of the Village as a home rule community and the various types of bonds the Board may wish to consider to fund the initiatives under consideration. According to Mr. Cainkar, who has provided bond counsel for several municipalities in the area, the current market is very favorable for the sale and purchase of municipal bonds. John Sawyers, Village Treasurer and Director of Finance, provided various financial scenarios that projected the Village's home rule sales tax revenue and bond indebtedness. Staff is preparing a summary of the information provided to the Board and will be posting it on the website.

As the Board proceeds with the engineering for the sewer project and the search for parkland, further discussion will occur on the appropriate funding mechanism for these projects. Residents are encouraged to visit our website and attend Village Board meetings. All agendas are posted at the Village Hall as well as on the website. Staff is also available if you have questions.

## Adoption of a uniform solar energy code

Steve Wydeveld, Chief Building Official

As a community with a strong environmental ethic, it is important that Homer Glen continues to pursue avenues that honor this mission and ensure its building code remains current with the standards of the construction industry. The existing set of codes do not adequately reflect this environmental commitment therefore the Village Board recently adopted the Uniform Solar Energy Code and the Uniform Mechanical Code. These codes allow for concise design and construction methods for solar and mechanical systems as well as being ANSI (American National Standards Institute) accredited. There are many advantages to the newly adopted code including the support of Green and LEED requirements. As the Village continues to receive requests for new 'green' construction methods and technology, staff will now be armed with the tools to review and inspect them.

The staff of the Building Department in Homer Glen is committed to the implementation of these new codes and is available to residents, builders and contractors to answer any questions they may have.

## Homer Glen honors retiring Plan Commissioners & welcomes two new members



Plan Commissioners Bill Karn and Kathy Hines officially retired from the Homer Glen Plan Commission at the Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> Plan Commission meeting. Chairman Brian Stevens presented a plaque on behalf of the Village and Plan Commission noting the Village's gratitude for their years of service. Bill Karn, a resident of Homer Glen for 55 years and a member of the Village's first Plan Commission was praised by Chairman Brian Stevens. Chairman Stevens stated; "I've always counted on Bill to guide us with his extensive engineering and stormwater management expertise". Bill was a member of the first Plan Commission after the Village was incorporated in 2001, his knowledge and familiarity with the Village will be hard to replace.

Kathy Hines served on the commission for 2 years and has been a Village resident for 26 years. Kathy consistently provided a thorough analysis of the projects under review keeping the needs and concerns of the residents foremost in her decision making. They both have faithfully served the Plan Commission and the Homer Glen community at large

New Plan commissioners, Maria DeVivo and Bud Fazio were sworn in at the June 1, 2009 meeting by Village Clerk, Gale Skroboton. Both new commissioners have a wealth of experience and knowledge having served as previous Village Trustee and Township Supervisor, respectively.

## Homer Glen Plants Native Habitat Demonstration Garden

It was the middle of June when the rain clouds separated for a brief moment in Homer Glen, as Roger Ross, his wife Diane and volunteers from the Village's Environment Committee rushed to take advantage of a moment of dry weather to plant the Native Habitat Demonstration Garden in Stonebridge Park, Homer Glen. "We picked up the plants a couple of weeks ago and my wife and I have been keeping them alive at our home. We have been very anxious to get this in the ground and the weather seems to be finally cooperating," stated Ross.

The new Native Habitat Garden became a reality after Trustee Margaret Sabo, Chair of the Environment Committee, applied for and received a grant with the assistance of Shirlee Hoffman from Clean Air Counts and Openlands in 2008. The program provides funding to plant demonstration gardens in highly visible areas for purposes of educating the public on the benefits of using native plants. Trustee Sabo, a former teacher, explained "We were very excited to receive this award so that we can plant our own garden for the public to visit and see the beauty and benefit of utilizing plant material that is native to our area. We searched for the best location and decided that Stonebridge Park was a perfect spot to locate this garden. It provides a great educational opportunity for our youth."

The Demonstration Garden was planted adjacent to a bioswale in the park, (a landscaped area designed to remove silt and pollution from surface runoff water from the parking lot). The Village hired Marcy Stewart-Pyziak, Master Gardener, to design the area. Pyziak explained "we wanted to use some of the plants that will be used in the bioswale to provide an up-close look at the beauty of these plants and provide the opportunity to educate the public on all the wonderful benefits these plants provide." Residents are encouraged to stop by and learn more about native habitats.



Master gardener, Pyziak and Village Arborist, Roger Ross work with volunteers from the Environment committee on the Native Habitat garden.

## STARGAZING - 100 Years of Astronomy in Homer Glen and Homer Township

*"People daydream better at night", said Debra Norvil, when asked about the benefits of exploring nature at dusk*



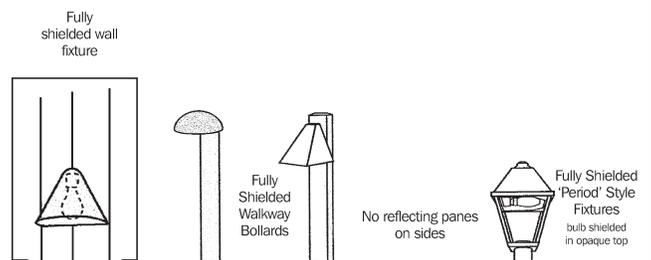
On April 3rd and 4th, 2009 almost 150 people from Homer Glen, Homer Township, and Lockport gathered at the historic Trantina Farm, to peer through 12 high powered telescopes provided by members of the Kankakee Area Stargazers and the Naperville Astronomical Association. The event was held in celebration of the 400th anniversary of Galileo's first look through a telescope. Children present were especially in awe as they were able to view the moon, Saturn with its rings and moons, the Bee Hive cluster of stars, the Orion Nebula, other galaxies, asteroids, and many more deep sky objects.

Both Homer Glen and Homer Township worked together to participate in the 100 Hours of Astronomy project. Debra Norvil, a member of the Village's Environment committee, coordinated the event along with Homer Township. The original inhabitants of Trantina Farm were able to "see the stars in all their glory without the interference of light pollution which is present today", states Ms. Norvil, however, while it was not possible to alter viewing conditions back to the early days of Homer Township, it was possible to view the stars as seen in days of old using the aides of modern day astronomy.

Visit the Homer Glen web site, [www.homerglen.org](http://www.homerglen.org), for future astronomical happenings in the Homer Glen area.

## Dark Sky Friendly Outdoor Lighting

The Village encourages residents and businesses alike to install "Dark Sky Friendly" outdoor lighting on their homes and businesses. Pictured are some examples of acceptable lighting styles. "Dark Sky Friendly" outdoor lighting fixtures for homes and businesses can be purchased at Will-Cook Ace Hardware, Menard's, and Home Depot. These fixtures are fully shielded so that no light is projected skyward. If you have any questions as to whether a light fixture is "Dark Sky Friendly", please contact the Village of Homer Glen Zoning/Planning Department.



# Annual Homer Community Independence Day Parade and Festival

Yelana Bowes, Office Manager/Deputy Clerk

A beautiful June day made for great celebration as hundreds of community residents came out to enjoy the annual Homer community parade followed by a fun-filled family festival. This year's parade included approximately 50 entries including International teachers from around the world attending a study program at the University of Illinois campus in Chicago. The Lockport High School Marching Band played as they marched along the parade route for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Parade attendees participated in a moment of silence as the honor guard, Boy Scout Troop 63 presented the flag in front of the viewing stand and the National Anthem was sung by Homer Glen resident, Daniel Bochlas.

This year's food vendors provided an abundance of delectable food choices, including Chesdan's pizza slices, Pepe's tacos, polish sausage and sauerkraut by European Imports, Pelican Harry's pulled pork sandwiches, and Chinese cuisine by 1st Wok II, hot dogs donated by Blueberry Hill, grilled and served by Homer Founders Club, the always popular popcorn served by Boy Scout Troop 63 and Brownie Troop 942 selling water and candy.

Festival activities included face painting by Sparkles Entertainment, Dino Jumps and a Frisbee throw. The Homer Fire Department provided a water ball and fire hoses game, a welcome event on such a hot summer day! New to the festival this year was a very popular attraction, a petting zoo donated by Konow Farms, including 3 lamas, rabbits and other friendly farm animals. The festival participants also enjoyed the lively music of *Montgomery Street Band* and a dance presentation by Homer Glen Dance Studio.

A big thank you to the Homer Township and the Village of Homer Glen Parade and Festival committee, EMA volunteers, Homer and Homer Township Fire departments, Will County Police and all the sponsors who made this event possible for the residents of the community.



**Volunteering** ....a great way to become active in your community. Homer Glen is a community that has been fortunate to have dedicated volunteers throughout the years. If you are interested in volunteering, we are always looking for help with our various community functions which include:

- Independence Day Festival and Parade
- Homer Harvest Days
- Homer Chamber of Commerce Expo
- Annual Homer Glen Tree Lighting
- Arbor Day Celebration

If you would like to volunteer for any of these events, please login to our Homer Glen website, [www.homerglen.org](http://www.homerglen.org), and fill out the Volunteer form to be put into our database of Village volunteers.

**Become an active member of your community, we will all enjoy the benefits!**

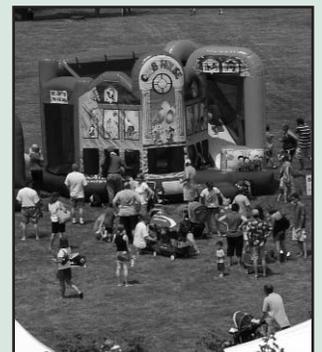


## THANK YOU

### Homer Community Independence Day Festival

#### "Sponsors"

- Blueberry Hill Café
- Bonfire Restaurant
- Booth Orthodontics
- Circle Tractor
- DiNolfo's Banquets
- Dunkin Donuts (In Gas City)
- Edward Jones
- Great American Pizza
- Firefighters Local 4223
- Kenwood Liquors
- Dr. Katheen D. Mathes, Podiatrist
- Midland Federal
- Pizza Mia
- Tiffany's Kennels
- Homer Fire Department
- Homer Township EMA





## SAVE THE DATE

The Village in conjunction with Will County Land Use Department will be holding a free Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day on Saturday, October 3rd, from 8 a.m. to 3p.m. at the Hadley Middle School parking lot - 15731 S Bell Rd. The event makes it easy for residents to get rid of their unwanted household chemicals and waste by providing a convenient place and time where the materials can be handed over to experts for proper disposal.

Residents can drop off:

- Household Batteries
- Oil based paints/stains
- Paint thinners
- Solvents
- Drain Cleaners
- Cleaning Products
- Unwanted Medication
- Mercury & Mercury Items
- Aerosol Paints & Pesticides
- Used Oil
- Used Oil Filters
- Old Gasoline
- Antifreeze
- Automotive/Boat Batteries
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Compact Fluorescent Bulbs
- Pool Chemicals
- Driveway Sealer
- Lawn & Garden Chemicals and Fertilizers



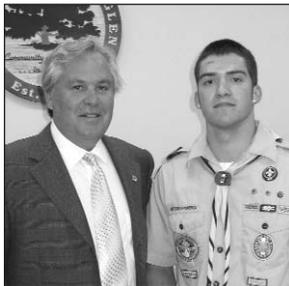
## Homer Glen's Eagle Scouts Honored at Village Board Meetings

Becoming an Eagle Scout is a tremendous achievement; it takes many hours of dedication, perseverance and hard work. As a community, we are proud that we have young men who are dedicated to helping make our community a better place in which to live. In recognition of these accomplishments, Mayor Daley and the Village Board have given special recognition to six young men in our community who have obtained this prestigious Eagle Scout status.



Steven Therry, Matthew Gonzalez, Mayor Daley, Richard Feifar, Alexander Varman.

To obtain Eagle Scout status, each scout must complete a final Leadership Service Project which benefits the people and the community. Many hours and weeks are spent on each project from the original concept, to the planning stages and final completion.



The following young men have achieved this status and have been honored by Mayor Daley and the Village Board:

- Eagle Scout Guy Everett Blazina White service project at the Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church in Lockport.
- Eagle Scout Joshua Hargraves, service project at Big Run Wolf Ranch, Lockport.
- Eagle Scout Richard Feifar, service project at Trantina Farm in Homer Township.
- Eagle Scout Matthew Gonzalez, Veteran's Memorial at the Lockport American Legion Post # 18. service project.
- Eagle Scout Stephen Therry, service project at the Trantina Farm, Homer Township.
- Eagle Scout Alex Varman, Working Bikes Cooperative of Chicago service project.



Each of these service projects shows the

foresight, determination and dedication of these young men to make a difference in their community. These are the future leaders of our community and we proudly honor each of them.

## Burning



Fall is right around the corner which brings with it falling leaves and the annual leaf burning ritual. The Village would like to remind residents to follow some simple rules and remember that the smell of burning leaves can be an unpleasant experience for many residents, especially those who suffer from asthmas and other breathing disorders. Although this is a long time tradition, it can be burdensome to our environment, therefore, please review the following rules which the Village has adopted through the International Fire Code:

- Only yard waste such as leaves and landscape material may be burned on private property
- No open burning is allowed on any public property including streets, sidewalks or public right-of-ways within the Village of Homer Glen
- Fires must be at least 50 feet from any structure and must be kept from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure
- Open fires must be kept a reasonable distance from tree and shrubs
- A fire extinguisher with a minimum of 4-A rating, a garden hose, sand, water barrel or other approved fire-extinguishing equipment must be available at the fire site
- Never leave a fire unattended
- Never burn grass clippings

Please remember to be courteous to your neighbors when by notifying them before burning, limit your burning to days when wind is above 5 m.p.h. but not over 15 m.p.h., and try not to burn on holidays.

By working together we can insure an environmentally clean and safe,community, thank you for following the rules!

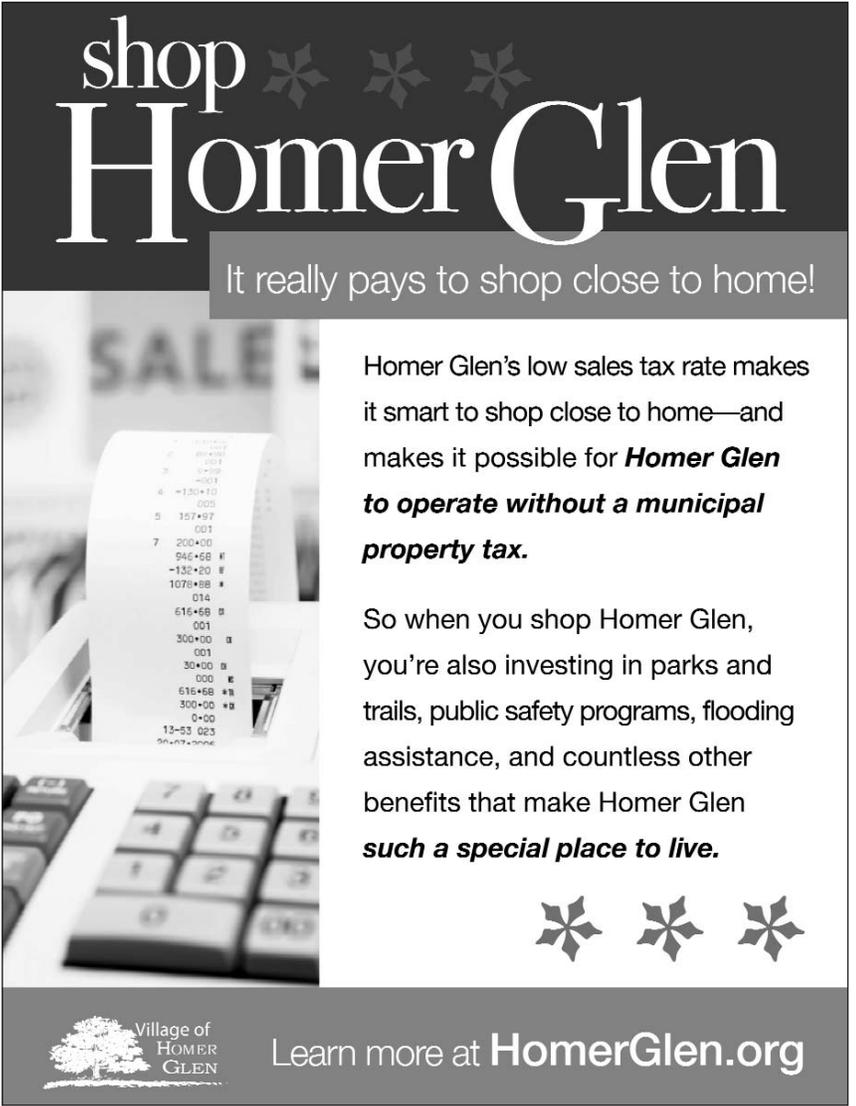
## STATE OF THE VILLAGE ADDRESS

Over the last few months the Mayor has received requests from several homeowner associations to deliver a 'State of the Village' address to their residents. For those residents who have not had an opportunity to meet with the Mayor or attend the Chamber's annual presentation, the Mayor can attend individual association meetings or civic and church groups. If you have a group that would like to meet with the Mayor to hear an update on Village activities, please contact the Village Hall.

## Shop Homer Glen

Homer Glen welcomes Home Depot and all the other businesses recently annexed into Homer Glen including:

US Cellular	Tobacco City Plus
First Community Bank	Aris Salon & Organics
AT&T Store	Chencho's Burrito
Sport Clips Hair Cuts	Mexican Restaurant
The UPS Store	Pizza Mia!
Discount Tire	Golden Sun
Chili's	Hutchins Cleaners
Coldwell Banker	Goody's
Hallmark Surfaces, Inc.	La Petite Academy
Super Cuts	White Castle
Wendy's	Aldi
Bell Cleaners	St. John the Baptist
Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins	Serbian Orthodox Church



# shop Homer Glen

It really pays to shop close to home!

Homer Glen's low sales tax rate makes it smart to shop close to home—and makes it possible for **Homer Glen to operate without a municipal property tax.**

So when you shop Homer Glen, you're also investing in parks and trails, public safety programs, flooding assistance, and countless other benefits that make Homer Glen **such a special place to live.**



Village of HOMER GLEN

Learn more at [HomerGlen.org](http://HomerGlen.org)



## Village Receives Grant for Park

Michael Salamowicz, Development Services Director

The Erin Hills Subdivision received a much needed boost in the size of its parkland with the recent announcement of a grant approval from Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant will allow the Village to acquire an adjacent vacant lot, approximately 1/2 acre in size, which will double the current park site and allow the Village to adequately develop a park with greater amenities for residents and their children.

With the approval of the Erin Hills subdivision, the developer dedicated a park site along with some floodplain and wetland areas that provide open space, however it provided limited area for active park uses. With the adoption of the Village's Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the Village made a concerted effort to provide residents and their children with adequate active and passive park areas. The Master Plan outlines numerous areas throughout the Village with limited to no open park space. To fill these gaps, the Village continues to work with existing and proposed developments for the establishment of open park space, and, when possible, negotiate for additional open space. In a near identical situation, the Village has recently applied for another OSLAD grant with the intent to purchase lots adjacent to the Glenview Walk Park. The next step for the Erin Hills Park will include ownership transfer and ultimately development of the park facilities. With this acquisition, the Village is one step closer to fulfilling the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

## Reminder: Village of Homer Glen Curfew Hours:

It is unlawful for any persons in the following age categories to be present at or upon any public assembly, establishment, public place, street or highway unless accompanied and supervised by a parent or legal guardian or other responsible person at least 21 years of age and who has prior approval by a parent or legal guardian according to these age groups:

**12 years and under :** 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday; 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday

**13, 14 or 15 years:** 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday; 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday

**16 or 17 years of age:** 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday; 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday

## 'Homer Harvest Days' Festival Planned for September

This year's Homer Harvest Days festival will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at the Trantina Farm located at 15800 W. 151<sup>st</sup> St. The event will celebrate the unique history, rural character, and agricultural heritage of Homer Glen and Homer Township with old-fashioned entertainment and games, children's activities, demonstrations of long-lost activities of farm life, a petting zoo, pony rides, antique tractors, hay rides, food, vendors, live music, and other amusements and diversions from a simpler and more rural era. For more details or to sign up to volunteer for the event, please visit [www.homerharvestdays.org](http://www.homerharvestdays.org).



- \* Live Music
- \* Food Tent
- \* Pony Rides
- \* Petting Zoo
- \* KIDS' BARN
- \* Outdoor Games
- \* Square Dancing
- \* Antique Tractors
- \* Hay Rides
- \* Artisans & Crafts
- \* Demonstrations
- \* Old-Time Entertainment and more...

Saturday 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
 Located at the Trantina Farm - 15800 W. 151<sup>st</sup> St.

**Acres of Old-Fashioned Fun**  
[www.homerharvestdays.org](http://www.homerharvestdays.org)



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*Please remember to recycle!*



*Community and Nature . . . in Harmony*

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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.*

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### **Village of Homer Glen Officials**

#### **Mayor**

Jim Daley

#### **Clerk**

Gale Skroboton

#### **Trustees**

Michael Costa

Russell Knaack

Mary Niemiec

Margaret Sabo

Laurel Ward

George Yukich

Village Board Meets

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the Month

Plan Commission Meets

1st & 3rd Monday of the Month

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