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*"A Glimpse of the Glen"*

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## The Mayor's Corner . . .

### Where We Are Going Based On

### Where We Have Been by Mayor Jim Daley

With 2010 behind us and 2011 moving right along, it's important to take some time and reflect on our accomplishments. As a young community, we have seen our share of ups and downs. The year 2010 began with a shaky start as the recession and housing decline loomed over us, however, we found our footing and ended the year on a positive note. Looking back on all that we have undertaken, it is easy to see that we are laying the groundwork for a prosperous 2011 and the next 10 years to come.

#### **A New High School in Homer Glen?**

One of the biggest issues facing the community both immediately and in the future is the overcrowding at the high school. The option of building a new school will be voted on by placing a referendum question on the April 5 ballot. I would encourage everyone to learn the facts of this important issue by accessing information through our website or Lockport Township High School's at [www.lths.org](http://www.lths.org). If anyone would like to hear about the proposals from the high school and the

consequences of either outcome, then join me on March 30th at Woodbine Golf Course where I will be presenting the State of the Village address, along with Dr. Raymond from Lockport Township High School and Homer Township Supervisor Pam Meyers. I strongly urge everyone to go out and vote on this pressing issue. April 5 is the day to make your voice heard regardless of your choice.

#### **Financial and Economic Outlook for the Village over the past year**

Although 2010 was inundated with double digit unemployment rates and a sluggish economy, the Village's financial and economic position improved over the last year. The state shared revenues, primarily sales tax and home rule sales tax, which are above the budget projections. Sound fiscal management has resulted in a surplus in the general fund. The deferral of new program expenditures from the fiscal year 2011 budget and the cost savings from personnel changes created positive fund balances with a projected savings of nearly \$700,000 by the end of

the fiscal year. The fund balances are near the 25 to 35 percent reserve level range that follows sound financial accounting practices.

Along with the positive financial position, the Village obtained two grant awards in 2010. The Village was awarded a \$15,800 grant from the Biodiversity Project for the Hine's Emerald Dragonfly Habitat Conservation Plan and also received a \$150,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for Meadowcrest and Oak Valley Phase 2 drainage and infrastructure improvements. The Village also is a finalist in an open space land acquisition and development grant program, which would help develop Erin Hills Park. Homer Glen's grant application is one of 45 projects out of 83 applications that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources is considering funding for fiscal year 2011.

#### **Community Development and Retention Activities**

Economic development and business retention activities have picked up this past year. Several new and exciting com-



mercial projects were approved or built out in 2010.

The Village approved an important community based project located at the existing Victorian Village facility on 143<sup>rd</sup> Street. Providence Life services received a license for a certificate of need from the State of Illinois to provide the first “Small House” facilities in the State. A “Small House” facility provides skilled nursing care need in a home like setting. Providence Life services will start construction in 2011 on three new buildings to expand the existing facility by 50 “Small House” rooms at the Victorian Village Facility.

The Village also approved a Special Use Permit for Legacy Development Group LLC for a preliminary planned unit development for Waterfall Place, a 75,000-square-foot state-of-the-art lifestyle entertainment center on a nine-acre parcel. Planned for the north side of 159<sup>th</sup> Street, Homer Glen’s prime commercial corridor, the \$15 million multi-use venue will offer a blend of upscale services featuring fine dining and banquet facilities, a gaming arcade, boutique/retail/office space, along with a roof top Sky Bar and 561 parking spaces.

Two commercial projects were completed in 2010. Firestone Tires recently opened a 7,575 square-foot, 10-bay auto service and retail center on Bell Road. Midland Federal completed construction of a 4,334 square-foot banking facility with an associated drive through on Bell Road.

So far in 2011, the Board has approved a Special Use Permit for Glen Oaks Center for a preliminary planned unit development for the construction of three commercial, one-story office buildings totaling 25,127 square feet in size to be located at 12475 W. 159<sup>th</sup> Street. Additionally, the Board approved a special use permit for Speedway gas station, which will allow for a preliminary planned unit development for the construction of a new gas station and convenience store totaling 3,900 square feet to be located at 12007 W. 159<sup>th</sup> St. Along with the above commercial projects, the Village doubled the number of residential permits issued last year from nine in 2009 to 18 in 2010. The total number of building permits issued by the Building Department has also increased from 859 to 901.

Business retention is a very important component of the Village’s economic development program. Several Homer Glen businesses have moved within the Village instead of relocating to other communities. Tazza Restaurant, Enzo’s, Pizza Mia, and Wise Buys have chosen to move to more suitable locations in the Village. The “Shop Homer Glen” attitude prevails in the community. Banners promoting recently opened store fronts and the Business Connect website geared toward marketing local businesses are some of the tools the Village is using to encourage economic development and keep existing businesses in the community.

### **Capital Projects**

Several important capital projects were finished in 2010. Construction of Phase I of the Oak Valley Drainage Project was completed. The project involved the installation of additional storm sewers across Beaver Lake Drive to aid in diverting storm water from the street and into the existing detention pond, which caused significant roadway flooding in the past. Design of Phase III is anticipated to begin mid 2011.

The first phase of the 151<sup>st</sup> Street and Bell Road Landscape project was completed. The project provided a naturalized prairie planting scheme for the parcel located at the northeast corner of the intersection. This parcel was donated to the Village by Will County following the previous intersection improvements.

Village staff continues working with consultants on the Fiddymont Creek Sanitary Sewer project. The project will provide for the construction of a trunk sanitary sewer along Fiddymont Creek between Cedar Road and Gougar Road. The sewer, which will connect to the City of Lockport’s Treatment Facilities, will provide service for the properties bounded by Cedar Road, Gougar Road, 151<sup>st</sup> Street and 159<sup>th</sup> Street. Phase II plans were completed by the consultant and submitted to the Forest Preserve District for their review.

The long awaited Community Bike Trail project is underway. Initial work includes right-of-way clearing, installation of erosion control measures, aggregate base installation and culvert installation. Village Board

and staff are working with Homer Township to resolve trail alignment and drainage issues at Yangus Park. Although the weather has slowed much of the construction during the winter months, it is anticipated that construction will resume in full force this spring in hopes of completing the project by the end of 2011.

### **Special Events:**

Special events continued to be popular with participants as we hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Earth Day~Arbor Day celebration last May at the historic Konow Farm. More than 2,500 residents attended this free festival with more than 80 displays and activities for the whole family. This unique event was a day of education, celebration and action for the world in which we live.

On September 11 and 12, the Village and Township co-hosted the free annual Homer Harvest Days Festival. More than 4,000 visitors celebrated the rural and agricultural heritage of our community with old-fashioned entertainment and games, children’s activities, demonstrations of farm activities, old-time handmade items, animals, antique tractors, hay rides, food, vendors, live music and other amusements and diversions from a simpler and more rural era.

Now we are planning our biggest event yet – the Village’s 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the Township’s 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. April 17 marks the 10th anniversary of the Village’s incorporation. A major festival is in the works. I hope that everyone can come out to celebrate our achievements and get to know the people and businesses that make up Homer Glen. This four-day festival will start June 23 and will promote the local food vendors, businesses and bands that make Homer Glen unique. A carnival, fireworks and countless activities for kids are in the works.

As you can see, we achieved a great deal in 2010. In 2011, we will continue to add to the Village’s strong foundation by creating new initiatives consistent with the core values of our Village, welcoming new businesses and residents to our burgeoning community and enhancing our community’s quality of life while utilizing sound fiscal management.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Members of the Lockport Township High School District 205 Board of Education and Dr. Ronald Svava, Board of Education president will be at the Homer Glen Village Council Chambers, 14917 South Founders Crossing on Saturday, March 26th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the LTHS Referendum Informational Meeting. Please plan to attend this important informational event.

## MEET YOUR VILLAGE STAFF

Scott Chance took a chance when he decided to leave the Will County Building Department in July of 2007, where he worked for more than nine years, and accept the position of Deputy Building Official for the Village of Homer Glen.

It was an exciting opportunity to work for a young village with extensive growth potential, said Scott, who brings to the Village more than 25 years experience in the construction industry and all aspects of Building Department functions. His philosophy has always been to provide excellent customer service and help applicants through the entire permit process from application to certificate of occupancy.

One of Scott's chief duties over the years has been residential and commercial plans examiner. Performing proper review of construction documents is paramount prior to commencement of construction to avoid potential life safety issues and added costs or delays. Other duties include all types of building inspections from footings to final, building-fire safety inspections with the local fire districts and working with homeowners, contractors, and architects on code issues or concerns.

Scott is Vice President of the South Suburban Building Officials

Association, a position he has held since 2006. This organization represents 30 municipalities in the south and western suburbs. He also was recently appointed to the National Fire Protection Association's Building Code Development Committee where he will work with other Code Officials from across the nation on code and standard development. This is a great opportunity to be directly involved in the ever evolving codes that will be used locally, nationally, and globally.

Scott also works with the Village's Parks and Recreation Committee on development and maintenance projects and is a Certified Playground Safety inspector.

Married to his wife Suzette for 19 years, they enjoy hiking with their two labs, fishing, canoeing and other outdoor activities. We are very fortunate to have qualified staff such as Scott Chance working for the residents of Homer Glen.



Scott Chance  
Deputy Building  
Official

## FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT....

*Joseph D. Baber, Chief Building Official*

The Village has adopted by ordinance a set of Building Codes to protect homeowners and the public against unsafe building practices, unscrupulous contractors and potential health and safety hazards. State legislation also mandates energy saving requirements and state contractor licenses for certain types of permitted work. In accordance with the Building Code, the Village requires permits for, but is not limited to the following residential projects:

- Siding/Roofs/Gutters
- Decks
- Sheds/Garages
- Additions/Remodeling
- Fireplaces
- Pools
- Fences
- Solar/Wind Systems
- Windows/Exterior Doors
- Electrical Service Upgrades
- Hot Tubs/Saunas
- Exterior Flatwork, Concrete, Asphalt & Paver Stone
- Irrigation Sprinklers



Protect your biggest investment by making sure you obtain your building permit **prior** to starting your home improvement project. If your construction project does not comply with the codes adopted by Homer Glen, your investment value could be reduced and property insurers may not cover work done without permits and inspections. Violations are also subject to fines and compliance satisfaction.

If you have any questions you can contact the Homer Glen Building Department at (708) 301-1301.

### Construction Contractor Tips:

Get recommendations from friends and neighbors; contact the Illinois Attorney General's Office and the Better Business Bureau. Ask and get proof that the company is insured against claims covering workers compensation, property damage and general liability and is registered with Homer Glen.

All estimates should be in writing and be very specific, with plans and specifications. A written contract should be required that specifies all work to be done and include a completion date.

Be sure to get the building permit prior to the start of the work and post the permit in a conspicuous location until the work is fully completed and inspected by the Building Department.

## Coming Soon: An E-Recycling Drop Off Site in Homer Glen!

You recycle, right? Of course you do! NuWay provides Homer Glen residents with a recycling toter for paper, containers and cardboard. But what do you do with your old electronics when you buy new devices? Drop them off at the curb for NuWay to pick-up? Well, that is an option now, but beginning January 1 a landfill ban will prohibit any refuse collectors from picking up electronics for disposal in Illinois.

In preparation for that day, the Village of Homer Glen is working with a consultant to provide free e-recycling to our residents. The Homer Township Highway Department will host the e-waste drop off site and post collection hours for residents to dispose of their unwanted household electronic items that are recyclable. Items that will be accepted are televisions, DVD players, telephones, computers, monitors, printers, MP3 players and other small appliances.

Check out the environment section on the Village's website for the launch date of the year-round e-waste drop off site and additional details on what items will and will not be accepted for recycling.





## GET TO KNOW YOUR VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Trustee Russell Knaack was elected in April of 2007. He has served on the Parks & Recreation Committee since 2005 and has been chairman of the Committee since 2009. He also serves as the co-chairman of the Homer Harvest Days Committee, which organizes the annual Homer Harvest Days festival that takes place every September.

Trustee Knaack works as a senior engineer at Electro-Motive Diesel, a manufacturer of locomotives in LaGrange, and lives in the southern area of Homer Glen with his wife and three small children. He enjoys antique automobiles and producing his own maple syrup every year in late winter.

### 1. What has been your most challenging issue?

Taxes, water rates, and the need for a new high school are clearly the greatest challenge the Village and our Board faces as a whole. An issue that has been the greatest challenge to me individually has been providing neighborhood parks in areas of Homer Glen that have been fully built out and have very little land available. Through our perseverance, the Village has been able to secure a site in the Erin Hills subdivision that will be developed as a park site. We have now set our sights on the Chickasaw Hills and Old Oak subdivisions, which are next on the priority list.

### 2. What has been your most rewarding issue?

Organizing the annual Homer Harvest Days festival has been most

rewarding to me. In 2008, a small group of us began planning a new festival that would be different than any other event in the area. We wanted to have an old-fashioned agricultural theme, but still have food, entertainment, and attractions that all segments of the community could enjoy. Homer Harvest Days was born. The first year was rained out, which was a major setback, but we came back and planned it again in 2009. We didn't know whether it would bring out ten people or a thousand. We ended up with over five thousand attendees in the first year. We received a lot of positive feedback and residents continue to look forward to the event every year.

### 3. What are your hopes for Homer Glen in 10 years?

In 2010 our Village is an attractive, thriving community that has retained the unique character that differentiates us among our suburban neighbors. Since we were steadfast in our planning for the expansion of 159<sup>th</sup> Street and we did not compromise our development standards for this prime commercial corridor, it is a pedestrian-friendly, beautifully landscaped thoroughfare of commerce that is a regional attraction. Our uncontrolled water rates are in-check and we have built a new high school which is serving our growing community. We are known for our magnificent parks and extensive system of multi-use trails and businesses are attracted to the mature, prosperous, and forward-looking municipality that is Homer Glen.



## HAPPY 10th ANNIVERSARY, HOMER GLEN!

Whether you are new to Homer Glen, or if you have been a resident of the community for many years, this is going to be an exciting year for all Village residents and businesses as we celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Monthly activities are being planned throughout the Village in addition to a combined four-day Anniversary Celebration Festival, which will be held June 23-26 and will also celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Homer Township. These milestone events will bring our community together with pride as we strengthen our community bonds and look forward to the future.

Homer Glen will begin the year of celebratory activities starting with a poster contest in March for students in third grade through high school to create and design a 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary poster. We are working with the schools to incorporate this activity into their schedules and setting up guidelines for these posters, which will be displayed throughout the Village.

Our third annual Earth Day-Arbor Day will be held on Saturday, May 21, and our second annual Farmers Market will open on Saturday, May 7 with a *new time* from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday through October 15.

Plans are underway for many other events and activities including a community garage sale, a village-wide sidewalk sale to encourage residents to "Shop Homer Glen" and our annual Home Harvest Days in September. A complete schedule of events and details for each event will be listed on our Village website as final plans are completed, along with information published in our local newspapers.

We are excited about this yearlong celebration, and our hope is to bring all of our residents together to mark this 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and move forward together for many years to come.

**Homer Glen...10 years and counting!**

## EARTH HOUR 2011

Are you ready to join people around the world and your local Village by participating in the International "EARTH HOUR", on Saturday, March 26?

The Homer Glen Village Board, by Proclamation, supports this worldwide event and encourages all Village residents and businesses to participate again in this years EARTH HOUR. The global event, sponsored by the World Wildlife Fund, has grown tremendously in the past few years to become one of the world's largest sustainability movements, calling on citizens around the world to make their voice heard and take responsibility for the earth's future.

The Village 's Earth Hour Proclamation states, "the Village of Homer Glen recognizes the night sky as a natural resource", light

pollution interferes with that resource and is becoming a growing problem around the world. The energy used to light our homes for one hour on an average Saturday can be reduced by as much as 7 percent by turning off non-essential lights, and greatly reduce the carbon emissions into the atmosphere.

This years' International EARTH HOUR motto, "**60+ This Earth Hour, Go Beyond the Hour**" encourages all of us to do more and make a bigger difference.

Get involved and help make a difference. Join people here and around the world by turning off all non-essential lights at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 26 and consider going "beyond the hour". Then go outside and enjoy the incredible night sky.



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Edmund Cage, AICP  
Community Development Director

## Economic Development

The economic development outlook for the Village in 2011 is a positive one. By the start of February, the Village has already reviewed and approved two valued commercial projects that will provide additional sales tax revenue and provide some improved and valued services. In addition, there are other commercial projects that are within the planning stages that bode well for the Village's future. The two approved commercial projects are as follows:

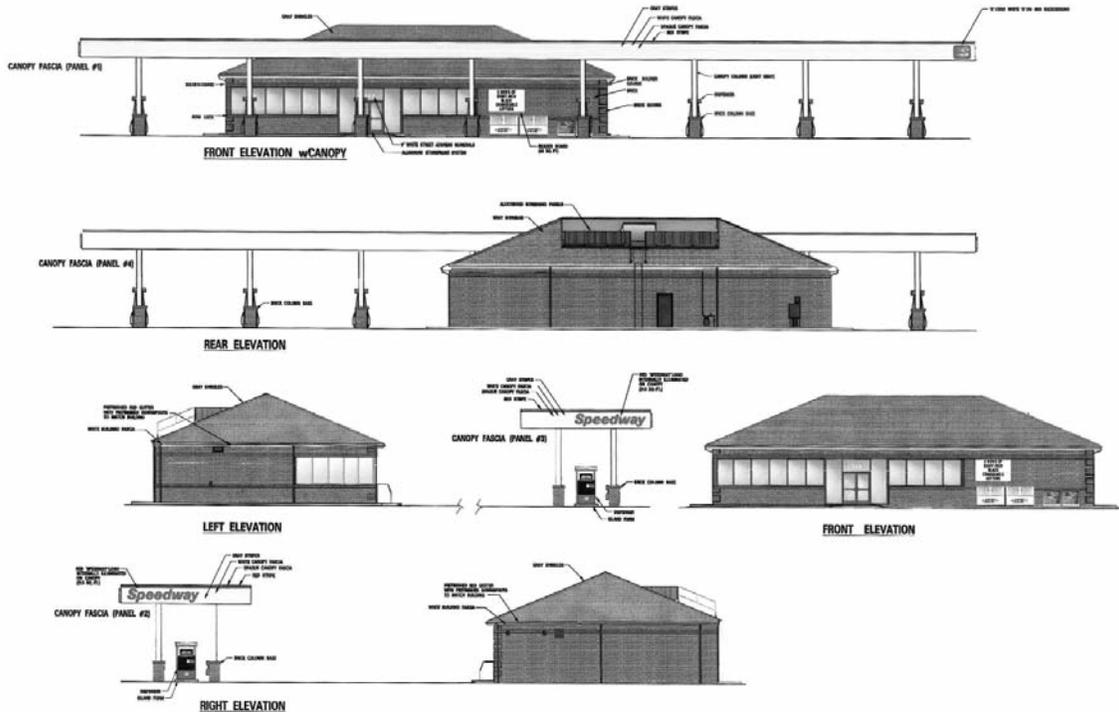
### Glen Oaks Center

On January 11, Homer Glen's Village Board approved a special use permit for the Glen Oaks Center that will allow a preliminary planned unit development (PUD) for the construction of three commercial one-story buildings totaling 25,127 square feet in size to be located at 12475 W. 159<sup>th</sup> Street. It is anticipated that the majority of tenant uses of the buildings would be office related. The subject property is currently zoned C-2 Local Business Commercial and is designated on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan as Commercial. The proposed development is planned to be located on the south side of 159<sup>th</sup> Street and east of Sheri Law Glass. The applicant is providing 121 off-street parking spaces which exceeds the Village Ordinance requirements. The architectural elevations for the proposed three buildings is distinct and uses some high-quality materials and would provide some more commercial development along the eastern section of 159<sup>th</sup> Street. (See picture above)



### Speedway

On February 8, Homer Glen's Village Board approved a Special Use Permit that approved the preliminary planned unit development plans for the construction of a new Speedway gas station and convenience store. The planned new facility would replace and expand on the existing gas station currently located at 12007 W. 159<sup>th</sup> Street at the intersection of Will Cook Road. The planned new facility would total 3,900 square feet in size and would replace six tandem dispenser islands with eight linear dispenser islands. The applicant is providing 24 off-street parking spaces, which exceeds the Village Ordinance requirements. The subject property is currently zoned C-2 Commercial, which is the appropriate zoning category with a Special Use Permit and is designated as Commercial on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. This is an important project for the Village of Homer Glen because of the prominent location on the corner of 159<sup>th</sup> Street and Will Cook Road, which is a major gateway into the Village. The design, layout and architectural materials planned for the new facility will improve the aesthetics of this corner that will match the high standards set by the existing uses. (See picture below)



# THE PROPER WAY TO PLACE MULCH AROUND YOUR TREE

By Development Services Director Michael Salamowicz

Warmer temperatures and longer daylight are reminders that spring is just around the corner and, with that, thoughts turn to outdoor landscaping projects. If you are planning to plant new trees this year, proper mulching can make a big difference. Here is some helpful information which might help you get started with your planting.

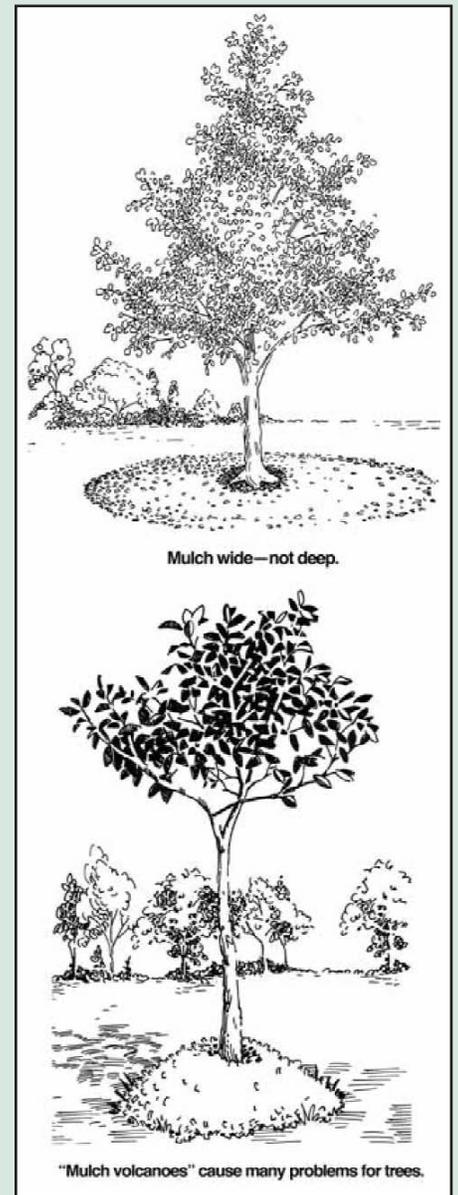
There are many benefits to proper mulching techniques when planting trees, shrubs and other greenery. Proper mulching helps to retain soil moisture, insulate roots from extreme temperatures, reduces weeds and “weed eater” damage, adds nutrients to the soil and benefits the landscaping. Trees, shrubs, perennials and even annuals greatly benefit from proper mulching.

The best types of mulches to use are the organic types, such as wood chips, shredded hardwood, leaf mulch or compost mixes. The mulch should be wide, though not too deep. Typically only 2 to 4 inches of mulch is recommended. It is also important to keep the mulch away from the tree trunks and shrub stems approximately six inches in order to prevent the trunks and stems from rotting. If wood chips are used (frequently dyed to different colors), it is recommended to lightly sprinkle the ground with granular fertilizer to prevent nitrogen deficiency. The bacteria that decay the wood chips need nitrogen. If fertilizer is not used, the reserves of nitrogen in the soil for the tree may become low. It also is recommended to not use sheet plastic (black or clear) under the mulch in an effort to control weeds, as the plastic does not allow rain or irrigation water to penetrate to the root zone, which may also slow down oxygen exchange to the roots.

Although the use of mulch is definitely a benefit, too much mulch can actually be bad. Excessive mulch or “volcano mulching” can harm or even kill trees and plants over time. Roots need air to survive; therefore, excessive soil or even mulch piled around the tree can cause girdling of surface roots. Girdling roots are those that wind up growing around the trunk of a tree rather than out into the surrounding soil. As the girdling root and the trunk of the tree grow in diameter, the girdling root slowly chokes off the flow of water and nutrients to the tree. Girdling roots may be clearly visible above the soil line but they are often found below ground. Deep mulch also provides habitats for rodents that can chew the bark and stem tissue causing additional damage.

A good time to consider mulching is in the spring. If mulch is already present on parkway trees or landscaping, check the depth. Do not add additional mulch if there is already a sufficient layer in place. One thing that can be done is to fluff or rake the existing mulch to increase the water absorption and refresh the appearance. If “volcano mulching” is found, pull it back approximately six inches from the trunk or stem and make a wide donut shaped ring around the tree or plant. When hiring landscapers or having plants installed professionally, make sure they are using proper mulching techniques as well.

For more information, visit <http://www.arboday.org/trees/tips/mulching.com>.



## EARTH DAY ~ ARBOR DAY, MAY 21, 2011

With spring right around the corner, the Village is preparing for its third Earth Day~Arbor Day celebration on Saturday, May 21, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the historic Konow Farm, 169849 S. Cedar Rd.

Homer Glen plans to exceed last year’s 80 exhibits with even more opportunities to interact with nature, learn about energy conservation methods and engage in Earth Day crafts and games. Speakers, demonstrators and countless activities are being planned for the whole family to enjoy! Some of the highlights include a variety of Eco-friendly vehicles from all eras; Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions and share gardening knowledge; Pilcher Park Nature Center volunteers will be working with kids to get in touch with the environment through interactive displays; Bloom High School students will demonstrate their award-winning invention that converts cooking oil to soap; and entertainment will be provided by Big Run Wolf Ranch, Jim Nesci’s “Cold Blooded Creatures” and many more!

Check out the Village’s website for updates on the Earth Day~Arbor Day event and how to become involved with the festivities. Sponsors and volunteers are still needed. Please contact Sue Steilen at [ssteilen@homerglen.org](mailto:ssteilen@homerglen.org) or (708) 301-0632 for further details.



## FARMERS MARKET NEWS . . .



Mark your calendars and get ready to “Shop Homer Glen” each weekend at our second annual Homer Glen Farmers Market!

New things are happening at this year’s Farmers Market thanks to our market coordinator, Merrill Marxman, who is making plans to make it bigger and better than last year. The market will kick off *earlier* in the season and start *earlier* in the day!

The new “Spring and Summer” Farmers Market will hold its Grand Opening on Saturday, May 7, and will continue each Saturday through October 15 from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the same location, Sears Essentials parking lot, 15833 S. Bell Road, Homer Glen.

Make plans to start Saturday mornings off with a cup of gourmet coffee or tea and some delectable goodies including freshly-made breakfast wraps, grilled veggies and much more at the new market “Brunch”. Then be ready to shop the market at favorite vendors from last summer and many new vendors offering an array of spring planting needs, fresh flowers, vegetable plants, hanging baskets and all of the fresh seasonal produce available throughout the summer.

Shopping at the local Farmers Market with goods from local farmers and vendors, assures getting the freshest produce and helps establish camaraderie with local expert growers and vendors. This year’s market will be the place to go for the very best product line offering “quantity, quality and variety”.

Watch the Village newsletter and the local newspapers for more information throughout the season.

See you at the Grand Opening at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 7!

## SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW.....

Dr. Alan R. De Angelo



*Dr. Alan R. De Angelo, DDS of Homer Glen receives the prestigious TopDocChicago 2011 Award. Present from left to right are: Thomas Popp of TopDocChicago, Dr. Alan R. De Angelo, his wife, Sylvia De Angelo, Mayor James Daley of Homer Glen and his wife Denise Daley.*

Homer Glen resident Dr. Alan R. DeAngelo, DDS, was recently awarded the prestigious TOPDOC Chicago award and introduced on the FOX 32 Dr. Oz show.

This award is based on patient reviews, years in practice and recommendations from other dental professionals. Dr. DeAngelo also has been named one of the Consumer Research Council of America’s Top Dentists of America since 2008 for general aesthetic and cosmetic restoration.

Dr. DeAngelo, as one of the premier cosmetic and dental implant restorative dentists, was asked to join the Editorial Advisory Board of Aesthetic Dentistry, an international dental journal. As a member of this Board, he reviews articles submitted by other dentists and writes and publishes articles on cosmetic dental techniques, practice management and dental ethics.

“I pride myself on being as well educated in dentistry as I possibly can”, Dr. DeAngelo said in a recent interview. “Throughout it all, my sole purpose is to give my patients the finest dental care that is available, in a warm, caring, compassionate and professional environment”.

Dr. DeAngelo is another example of the fine residents and business owners in the Village of Homer Glen.



### SAVE THE DATE!

#### Stargazing at Trantina Farm

The Trantina Farm, 15800 W. 151<sup>st</sup> St., Homer Township, will again be the setting for the Spring Stargazing event on Friday, April 8, from 8 to 10 p.m. with a rain/cloud date on Saturday, April 9, from 8 to 10 p.m. Area astronomical associations will have their large telescopes set up for viewing the constellations, stars, and planets in the night sky of spring.

For more information, visit the Village website at [www.homerglen.org](http://www.homerglen.org).

# VILLAGE OF HOMER GLEN



**Garbage Pick-up and Toter Storage**  
John Robinson, Code Compliance Officer

## The Ordinances

**08-043** is the Village Ordinance pertaining to refuse, recycling and illegal dumping. Help keep Village neighborhoods neat and free of unsightly garbage by following these simple steps:

- Refuse/recycling should be covered and in an approved container.
- Do not allow refuse/recycling to become wind blown.
- Separate refuse, recycling and yard waste.

More information regarding enforcement of ordinance violations can be found in this ordinance.

**08-048 section 8.7** Zoning Ordinance states trash dumpsters and /or garbage receptacles may not be stored in the front setback in any residential zoning.

Make sure that toters are not put out before 6pm the night before your pick-up day and remove them as soon as possible after pickup to keep the neighborhoods looking good.

Both ordinances can be read online at [www.homerglen.org](http://www.homerglen.org)



## WILL COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE 2011 ELECTION CALENDAR

**February 24** – Will County Clerk will mail out absentee ballots  
(ballots may be requested anytime)

**March 8** – Last day to register to vote or make address change to be eligible to vote in the April election

**March 14 – 31** – Early Voting at Village, Township and Will County Clerk's office



**April 5** – Consolidated Election



**Reminder:** All businesses operating within the Village of Homer Glen, by Ordinance 04-030, must annually register the business with the Village Clerk.

A business directory is published each year containing a list of all registered businesses. Make sure you register to have your business included in this directory.

If you have not done so or for more information, please call Gale Skrobuton at (708) 301-0632.



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*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 Skrobuton

**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  
Please refer to our Website for weekly updates regarding meeting times and agendas  
[www.homerglen.org](http://www.homerglen.org)

To the Homer Glen Resident at: