



**HOMER GLEN**  
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SEPTEMBER

**2022**



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER 2022

Sept 1	3PM-7PM	Market in the Glen <i>Heritage Park</i>
Sept 5	ALL DAY	Labor Day <i>Village Hall CLOSED</i>
Sept 10	10AM-1PM	Senior Lifestyle Expo <i>Hadley Middle School</i>
Sept 14	7PM	Board Meeting <i>Village Board Room</i>
Sept 15	3PM-7PM	Market in the Glen <i>Heritage Park</i>
Sept 17	12PM-2PM	Hike and Haul <i>Check In at Culver Park</i>
Sept 28	7PM	Board Meeting <i>Village Board Room</i>
Sept 30	7:30PM	Stargazing <i>Heritage Park</i>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 HAPPY LABOR DAY!	5	6 AA 6:30PM	7 A&F Fest PSS 4PM 5:30PM 6PM	8	9	10 SENIOR LIFESTYLE EXPO HADLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10 10 AM - 1 PM
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18	19 P&R 6PM	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Board Meeting 7PM ACH 5PM	29	30 Stargazing 7:30PM-10PM	

## OCTOBER 2022

Oct 8-Oct 30		Scarecrow Walk <i>Heritage Park</i>
Oct 2-Oct 31		Spooky Park <i>Heritage Park</i>
Oct 12	7PM	Board Meeting <i>Village Board Room</i>
Oct 22	3PM-5PM	Trunk or Treat <i>Heritage Park</i>
Oct 26	7PM	Board Meeting <i>Village Board Room</i>
Oct 31	3PM-7PM	Halloween <i>Trick or Treat Hours</i>

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS KEY:

AA	Ability Awareness
ACH	Adjudication Court Hearing
A&F	Administration & Finance
CED	Community & Economic Development
EMA	Emergency Management Agency
ENV	Environment
Fest	Homer Community Festival
P&R	Parks & Recreation
Plan	Plan Commission
PSS	Public Services & Safety

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SUNSHINE, SMILES, AND GOOD VIBES AT...

# HOMERFEST

Homer Glen was rockin' and rollin' at Heritage Park on June 23-26, 2022 for the Village's HomerFest Community Festival.

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# HOMERFEST 2022 RECAP



Bright sunshine brought hot days and cool nights to Homer Glen's Heritage Park for the annual community festival, presented by the Village of Homer Glen.

Four fun-filled days filled the senses with lively music, delicious dining options, and plenty of laughter and smiles to see.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 23

HomerFest officially kicked off on Thursday with the opening of the carnival rides and games, provided by All Around Amusement this year. Food vendors also opened to share their culinary creations with visitors.

Music began to fill the air shortly after, as local talent *DJ Mike & the Drums* took the main stage inside

the beer tent, serving as a host for the musical guests following after performing their own set. Another local group, *Hoodwink'd*, took the stage before the first night's headlining band, *The Boy Band Night*, entertained the crowd with classic boy band and pop music hits before and after the Homer Glen fireworks display at 9:30 p.m.

Taking a short break from the live music, everyone turned their attention towards the skies for Homer Glen's summer fireworks display. Families packed the Heritage Park lawn to get an ideal view of the fireworks display to the north of the park, coupled with themed music timed to the fireworks lighting up the night's sky.



# HOMERFEST 2022 RECAP



## FRIDAY, JUNE 24

Before opening to the public, the Ability Awareness Committee hosted its first "Ability Awareness Day" at HomerFest. Parents and caregivers of children and adults with special needs were welcomed to the carnival rides and games for a more-inclusive experience before opening to the public, and each attendee received a goody bag and t-shirt upon arrival. A magician was also around to make special balloon creations for everyone and a special guest by the Will County K-9 Unit also wagged on by!



After Ability Awareness Day ended around 5 p.m., HomerFest opened to the public with local talent *Fake-ID* on the main stage. Crowds continued to grow throughout Friday night, in what was estimated to be one of the largest single-day crowds in the history of HomerFest.

Around 7 p.m. the next band surprised the audience with their tribute to musical legends, Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Johnny Cash. *Everett Dean & The Lonesome Hearts* performed a great set of Elvis hits and other Rockabilly hits from the ages.

Friday's headliner, *7th Heaven*, closed the night out with a vast mix of popular music from the past few decades. A well-known staple in the area, the beer tent was packed to the brim for a wonderful end to a rockin' Friday night.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 25

A few morning storms eventually cleared up, but not before officials had to reschedule the morning's Homer Township Annual Independence Day Parade, which needed to be moved back a day to Sunday morning due to the storms.

However, by noon when the carnival opened, the weather cleared up and bright sunshine quickly dried up all the morning's rainfall.

The first Saturday band was a local band as well, *Woulda Coulda Shoulda*, who kicked off their set at 2 p.m. while the food vendors also started filling the summer afternoon air with a delectable aroma.

Country music fans were pleased with local area musician *Nate Venturelli* and his new and old country hits. Local Chicago suburban singer and "The Voice - Season 16" contestant, Abby Kasch, made a special guest appearance and performed along with Nate and his band for some country hits.

Keeping with a country theme and moving towards Southern Rock, the next band, *Eliminator*, honed the style and songs of ZZ Top. Getting into full "Sharp Dressed Man" attire, the band had even the youngest attendees dancing and playing in front of the stage to the delight of everyone in attendance.

Finally, classic rock took center stage for the headliner band for Saturday, *Anthem, Classic Rock and Beyond*. Their set included covers by all-time favorites like Styx, Bon Jovi, Led Zeppelin, Kansas, Queen, Aerosmith, Van Halen, and more.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 26

Clear skies allowed the rescheduled

Independence Day Parade to take place Sunday morning before the final day of HomerFest began around noon.

Even after three days of rides, food and music, attendance was very high for the day. It appeared those with unlimited ride passes yearned for that one more ride before the end of the carnival - who could blame them!

Two bands performed on the main beer tent stage - local group *Metro Star Orchestra* followed by *Chicago Experience* - to cap off the festival's musical entertainment.

## HOMERFEST 2022 RECAP

Special thanks to all of the 2022 HomerFest Sponsors: All Around Amusement, Rubi Agave, Meijer, Hawk Joliet, Smokers Kingdom, Bud Light, Tazza Italian Ristorante, Kenwood Liquors, Heritage Corridor Business Alliance, Booth Orthodontics, Busey Bank, HR Green, Chesdan's Pizzeria & Restaurant, State Farm Insurance - Michelle Kerfin, Bump & Grind Autobody, Coldwell Banker - Greg Mucha, Homer Township Firefighters, Solana, Soft Way Car Wash/Lube Master Oil Change, ACE Hardware, Richards Building Supply, Old Plank Trail Community Bank, Elite Dance Academy, Homer Companies, Nick's Barbecue, Homewood Disposal Service, Montessori School of Lemont, Kleen Spot Cleaners, Homer Township Fire Protection District, and the Village of Homer Glen.

Overall, the attendance at HomerFest 2022 was one for the record books, with officials estimating more people were at the four-day festival this year than any previous year. It all couldn't be possible without the help of the HomerFest Committee, Village Staff, local food vendors, bands, and of course YOU - the wonderful Homer Glen community and our neighbors.

**SEE YOU AT  
HOMERFEST 2023!**



## ENGINEERING

### WILL COUNTY PROJECT SUMMARY

The following is a summary of Will County projects discussed at the last staff meeting:

#### **Bell Road Widening 159<sup>th</sup> St to 151<sup>st</sup> St** *(Phase III: Construction)*

General Contractor: DDD Construction

Construction Management: AECOM

Update: Utility relocations are currently underway, construction will follow and is anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2023. The project will include road widening, construction of a center median, drainage improvements and installation of noise abatement walls.

#### **Bell Road Widening 151<sup>st</sup> St to 143<sup>rd</sup> St** *(Phase II: Final Design)*

- Plans are in final design at 90-95% complete.
- Will County is currently working towards acquiring ROW.
- Start of construction anticipated Spring of 2023.
- Project will include road widening, construction of a center median, drainage improvements and installation of a retaining wall.

#### **Bell Road at 143<sup>rd</sup> St** *(Phase II: Final Design)*

- Plans are in final design.
- Will County is currently working towards acquiring ROW. 1 parcel is remaining.
- Utility relocation anticipated to take place all of 2023.
- Start of construction anticipated Spring of 2024, contingent on utility relocations.
- Project will include road widening, construction of center medians and drainage improvements.

#### **143<sup>rd</sup> St from Lemont Road to Golden Oak Drive** *(Phase II: Final Design)*

- Plans are in final design at 90%.
- The project will be split into two separate contracts using Saddle Brook Ln as the divider.
  - A) East of Lemont Road to West of Saddle Brook Lane
  - B) East of Saddle Brook Lane to West of Golden Oak Drive
- Land acquisition is anticipated to begin Fall 2022.
- Start of construction anticipated 2024 for the first half, and 2025 for the second half.
- Project will include road widening, drainage improvements, construction of a mountable median, installation of a new traffic signal at Crème Rd, installation of retaining walls and noise abatement walls.

## ENVIRONMENT

### 2022 BIG TREE CONTEST WINNERS

TREE	SIZE	NAME
Pin Oak	113.5"	Ryan and Skylar Chada
Blue Spruce	100"	The Maurella Family
Willow	160"	The Cirillo Family
White Oak	141"	Marth Construction
Burr Oak	151"	Marth Construction
Locust	129"	Christine Kaitola
Bald Cypress	60"	The Williams Family



Mayor Yukich, Skylar and Ryan Chada, and Trustee Pazmino at the Aug. 24, 2022 Board Meeting.



## BELL ROAD PLAZA PARKING LOT REDEVELOPMENT

The ongoing earthwork seen next to Bell Road Plaza will be a new reconfigured parking lot to serve the 8 business tenants. The project is a result of right of way acquisitions for the upcoming Bell Road widening project by Will County. The adjacent site of the former La Petite Academy became a full take by the County to accommodate the road widening project. The County then worked with the Bell Road Plaza owner to create a land exchange and site plan that will allow retention of the plaza building and all of the tenants.

## NOW OPEN

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|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Arby's</b>             | 13900 S Bell Road    | fronting Menards   |
| <b>Heat Shock Fitness</b> | 12101 W 159th Street | ACE Hardware Plaza |
| <b>Kwik RX Pharmacy</b>   | 13015 143rd Street   | Orland Oak Center  |

**Crystal Healing Studio** relocated from Founders Crossing to a prominent retail space in Homer Town Square at 14158 S Bell. This unique retail shop carries gifts of nature and healing crystals, natural stone jewelry, aroma therapy, candles, incense, oils, journals, and spiritual and healing books.

## NEW LEASE SIGNED

**JC Licht** signed a lease for the last available unit at Homer Glen Bell Plaza near the southwest corner of 143rd and Bell. In the coming months, the new retailer will open in the 2,549 square foot space next to Wingstop and Taco Bell. JC Licht offers consultations for home projects and retails wallpaper, window treatments, Benjamin Moore paint, and paint-related products and accessories.

## RECENT RIBBON CUTTINGS

**8/10/22: Orland Pharmacy**  
14322 S Will Cook Road | (708) 726-5700



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**8/24/22: Rosati's Pizza (new ownership)**  
14218 S Bell Road | (708) 301-0400



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Check out some of our upcoming events in Homer Glen!

### SENIOR LIFESTYLE EXPO

The Homer Township Senior Committee and the Village of Homer Glen hosts this lifestyle expo to educate and empower older adults to remain independent and connect them with services available in the community.

Community members and visitors will have the opportunity to attend sessions presented by the Social Security Administration and the Homer Township Assessor's Office; play Bingo, enjoy live entertainment, enter raffle drawings, and visit 30+ exhibit booths.

**LOCATION:** Hadley Middle School  
15731 Bell Road, Homer Glen, IL

**DATE/TIME:** Saturday, September 10, 2022  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**ADMISSION:** Free!

HOMER GLEN & HOMER TOWNSHIP  
**SENIOR LIFESTYLE EXPO**  
**HADLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10**  
10 AM - 1 PM  
homerglenil.org  
homertownship.com  
HOMER GLEN HOMER TOWNSHIP

### HALLOWEEN IN HOMER GLEN

#### Spooky Park (October 2-31)

Come out to Heritage Park (day or night) for bats, spiders, ghosts and lights! The park will be decorated with all things spooky for the month of October.

#### Scarecrow Walk (October 8-30)

Three winners will be chosen. Walk along Heritage Circle and view the creative scarecrow displays. Vote for your favorite!

#### Halloween (October 31)

Trick or Treat hours for the Village are 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. The Village has a "No Trick or Treat" sign that may be posted on the front door if you choose not to participate. Residents may pick up a copy at Village Hall or download the sign from the Village's website.

### TRUNK OR TREAT

Drop by for a free, spooktacular afternoon of trick-or-treating in our safe, family-friendly environment. Wear your costumes and meander our decorated, candy-filled vehicle trunks.

Registration is required if you would like to participate with your own trunk - check out the Trunk or Treat page on the Village's website or call (708) 301-0632 for more information and to register your trunk. Residents are welcome to just come and walk through the parking lot and trick-or-treat at the trunks. This is a FREE event; open to all!

**LOCATION:** Heritage Park  
14240 W 151st Street, Homer Glen, IL

**DATE/TIME:** Saturday, October 22, 2022  
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**ADMISSION:** Free!

**Trunk or Treat 2022** Heritage Park  
14240 W. 151st St  
Saturday  
October 22 3-5 PM  
HOMER GLEN



## THE VILLAGE OF HOMER GLEN ELECTED OFFICIALS

The Village of Homer Glen's Board of Trustees convenes regularly on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room, 14240 W 151st Street, Homer Glen, IL 60491. The Village Board of Trustees consists of 6 Trustees each elected to 4-year overlapping terms. The Trustees along with the Mayor serve as the policy making body of the Village.

Agendas are available prior to the meetings. Minutes are available following approval. Meetings are open to the public, and recordings of the board meetings can be found on the Village's website and on the Village's YouTube Channel within 24 hours of each meeting usually.

### Upcoming Board Meetings

WED	September 14	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Board Room
WED	September 28	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall Board Room

### Past Board Meetings

WED	August 24	Regular Meeting	<a href="#">Video Link</a>
WED	August 10	Regular Meeting	<a href="#">Video Link</a>
TUE	August 2	Special Meeting	<a href="#">Video Link</a>
THU	July 28	Special Meeting	<a href="#">Video Link</a>
WED	July 27	Regular Meeting	CANCELED
WED	July 13	Regular Meeting	<a href="#">Video Link</a>



**The Village of Homer Glen's current Board of Trustees (left to right):** Ruben Pazmino, Trustee; Nicole La Ha, Trustee; Beth Rodgers, Trustee; George Yukich, Mayor; Christina Neitzke-Troiike, Clerk; Dan Fialko, Trustee; Rose Reynders, Trustee; Jennifer Consolino, Trustee.



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## VILLAGE FACILITIES

**VILLAGE HALL**  
14240 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street  
708-301-0632

*Administration Department:*  
M-F 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Building Department:*  
M-F 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS**  
14400 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street  
708-966-0059

**GLENVIEW WALK PARK**  
15603 James Lane

**GOODINGS GROVE PARK**  
13900 S. Greystone Drive

**GOREHAM PARK**  
14431 S. Pheasant Lane

**HERITAGE PARK**  
14110 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street  
(Located behind Village Hall)

**KINGSTON HILLS PARK**  
14848 S. Carlton Lane

## VILLAGE PARKS

**CULVER 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

**LAMERS PARK**  
12307 W. Lakeview Trail

**MEADOWVIEW WEST PARK**  
13150 W. Meadowview Lane

**STONEBRIDGE PARK**  
16000 S. Stonebridge Drive

**TOWN CENTER PARK**  
14354 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street

**YANGAS PARK**  
12001 W. Venetian Way