

The Village
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July 2007

June.....busy month for Village Board

Changes and reviews to current Village Ordinances top last month's agenda.

June 12th the Village Board took action to expand the Conservation Design Ordinance originally approved last year. It now includes residential development that may occur along 159th street or Bell Road. Previously, the ordinance had excluded residential development within one-fourth mile of either road.

At the same meeting, the Board approved ordinances requiring utility lines to be buried underground in new developments and another ordinance to require that no construction can begin on a new development until both the final plat and final engineering are approved. Previously, work could begin under certain circumstances if a 200% bond was posted. The Village has negotiated to have utilities buried in many developments, but it has not been an ordinance requirement until now.

Electronic signs will no longer be allowed within the Village due to action taken by the Board at the June 24th meeting. The exception would be bank time and temperature signs. At the same meeting, another ordinance was approved requiring additional compensatory flood storage anytime someone proposes any structure or fill in a flood plain. The ratio of compensating flood storage is now 1.5 times the displacement caused by the structure or fill, which will discourage flood plain development and also provide an extra margin of safety from flooding problems if it does occur.

Village Trustees are continuing their review of various development ordinances including portions of the zoning ordinance.

143rd Street improvements will offer traffic congestion relief



The Village is coordinating planned improvements to the 143rd and Parker intersection with Will County and the Homer Township Highway Department. Plans have been completed and bids have been received to construct left turn lanes for all four legs and add a traffic signal. The work should be substantially complete by the end of this year.

In a separate project, Will County is planning to similarly improve the intersection of 143rd and Golden Oak Drive this year with left turn lanes and a traffic signal. Traffic has backed up at both intersections during evening rush hours.

An intergovernmental agreement was approved by both the Village and Will County earlier this year regarding these improvements. Since 143rd street is a County Road, the Village will receive 65% of the construction cost back from the County. A separate agreement with the Homer Township Road District was also necessary for the project to proceed due to the particular source of funds the Village is using for the project.

The Village and Will County continue to work together on the phase 2 engineering of a major intersection improvement at 143rd and Lemont Road also. This work is scheduled for 2009 and will be jointly funded by the County, the Village, and a \$1,000,000 grant the Village received previously.

Rainy day for Homer Community Independence Day Parade and Festival

Despite the damp and rainy conditions, village residents with umbrellas in hand, lined up along Parker Road north from 151st Street, Saturday, June 23, to enjoy the annual Homer Community Independence Day celebration parade.



Courtesy of Homer Horizon

Following the parade, the festivities continued in Culver Park with music by the Neverly Brothers Band, food booths sponsored by local restaurants and organizations and inflated fun houses sponsored by the Homer Township Professional Fire Fighters Local 4223 and Northwest Homer Fire Fighters Association.

Thank you to the following sponsors for their generous donations to this event:

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Village Leases New Office Space.....Move date to be announced mid summer.

Homer Glen Administration Offices, Building Department and Sheriff Sub-Station will relocate at the south end of the Founders Crossing Center in the 14900 Block of Bell Road as a result of Village Board approval. The Village currently leases office space in the Orland Oak shopping center on 143rd street in the nearby Old Oak Professional Building for the Sheriff's substation and the Building Department. The leases for all three current spaces expire on July 31, 2007.

The new space will enable all Village functions to reside under one roof again and provide a larger Council Chamber with improved audio-visual capabilities.

To the Homer Glen Resident at:

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