

The Village MESSENGER

"A Glimpse of the Glen"

Official Newsletter of the Village of Homer Glen

October 2007

Proposed 1% Sales Tax

Village officials presented a non-home rule sales tax initiative at their September 25th meeting. The proposal would ask the voters to approve a 1% local sales tax at the next election on February 5, 2008.

Since incorporation, the Village has approved the Comprehensive Plan and the Green Vision Plan, and has completed work on a Parks Master Plan and a Transportation Plan. A Master Stormwater Plan has been recently initiated also.

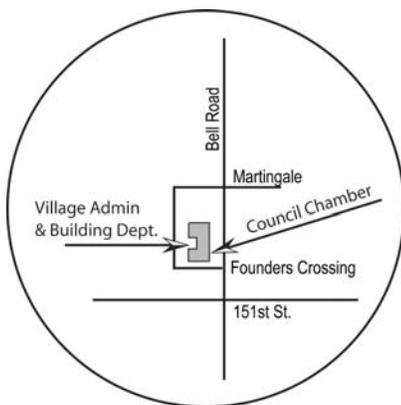
With no Village property tax, the Village does not have sufficient revenues to accomplish many of the goals in these plans, which were developed with substantial citizen involvement. The sales tax, if approved, would provide a revenue stream of about \$2 million per year which could be used for drainage and flood protection, new parks, trails, road improvements and a town center or Village Green. The figures presented in the September 25th presentation showed that Homer Glen has the lowest per capita revenues of 10 area communities studied.

The Village estimates that over 50% of the new sales tax would be paid by non-residents passing through the community or coming to shop here. The additional tax would not be charged on food, drugs, medical supplies or titled purchases such as vehicles and boats. A 1% sales tax means that for every dollar of items purchased, one cent is added on for the new tax.

The Village Board is expected to formally consider whether or not to place the non-home rule sales tax on the February 5th ballot in late October or November. More information is available on the Village's website at www.homerglen.org.

Homer Glen Village offices relocated to new address!

The new offices are located at the south end of the Founders Crossing Center, 149th and Bell Road – the entrances to the Village Hall and Building Department are on the west side of the building. (Refer to map below)



Village of Homer Glen Administration

14933 S. Founders Crossing
Homer Glen, Il. 60491

Homer Glen Building Department

14915 S. Founders Crossing
Homer Glen, Il. 60491

Council Chamber -14917 S. Founders Crossing (facing Bell Road) - enter from east side of the building or through the Building Department doors on the west side of the building.

Village Adopts New Animal Control Ordinance and Master Stormwater Plan

**Animal Control Ordinance -*

Under the new Ordinance adopted by the Village Board, dogs within the Village of Homer Glen are not permitted to “run at large” or to be on any street or public right of way without a leash. However, dogs do not need to be leashed on their owner’s property or on other private property where the owner has given permission.

The Village has a contract with Will County Animal Control who will respond to complaints during regular business hours. They can be reached at 815-462-5633. The Will County Sheriff’s Department should be called for animal related problems after hours at 708-301-9274.

**Master Stormwater Plan –*

A proposal to initiate work on a Master Stormwater Plan for the Village was approved by the Village Board on September 25th. The Village is asking leading engineering firms in the area to present their qualifications to assist the Village with this major study. A firm should be identified and selected by the end of the year. The full study may take over a year to complete, but the work will be broken up into phases so that some results may be available sooner.

The Master Stormwater Plan will map current stormwater facilities, model future drainage flows, identify current and future problem areas, propose priority projects, consider creek cleaning alternatives, recommend best management practices for new development, and prepare the Village to meet NPDES Phase II federal regulations.

Homer Glen Celebrates “Community and Nature in Harmony”

The Annual Community and Nature in Harmony awards were presented at the Village Board meeting held Tuesday, September 25, 2007 to nominated village residents, businesses, community organizations and governmental agencies recognized for their efforts in the preservation, restoration, and/or beautification of land within the Village of Homer Glen. Congratulations to all the recipients!

Awards were presented to the following recipients:

Girl Scout Troop 681 (pictured with Mayor Daley)

Booth Orthodontics

Frank DeGrassi

Ellen Eleder

Homer Township Fire Protection District Station 2

Hunt Club Meadows

Ted and Toula Klideras

The Konow Family

Tony Malacina

Kathleen A. Mattei

Megaplex

Milton and Laverne Smazik

Ron Svava

T-Time Range and Family Fun Center

Emily Zielke

Chris Ader

Ron and Ann Bojak

Mark and Peggy Fisch

Wendell and Donna Gibson

Bob and Sarah Goss

Rick and Darlene James

Martin and Arlene Knott

John and Michele Lamoureux

Mike Mcgee

Bob and Shirl Miller

Parnell and Sandi O'Brien

Estelle and Tony Nakroshis

Tony and Cynthia Perkins

Jim and Simine Short

Patrick and Patty Sitarz

Brent and Betty Song



Anna Gonzalez

Kimberly Johnson

Michelle Johnson

Annie Kalwat

Denise Kocielko (not pictured)

Amanda MacNab

Lauren Szerlag

Kortney Weisenfluh

Derby Meadows Clean-up Crew (Pictured with Mayor Daley)

Back Row (L to R) MaryEllen Godinez,

Front Row (L to R) MaryKate Godinez,

Ryan Mayer, Rocky Mayer,

Payton Godinez, Demi Godinez,

Antonio Godinez



Cub Scout Pack 62



(L-R) David Miszak, Matthew Frankowski, John Panelli, Matthew Hinchley, Michael Higgins, Jimmy Mendrala, Michael Philbrick, Kevin Giroux and Pat Panelli (the leader Viki Hinchley)



Mark Your Calendars!
I-355 Veteran's Memorial Tollway
Grand Opening Celebration



Sponsored by
The Illinois Tollway Authority and the Villages of
Lemont
Homer Glen
Lockport
New Lenox

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2007

Roll the Tollway, 20 Mile Bike Ride
9:00 am

(Organized by the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation)

www.rollthetollway.org

Village Festivals
10:00 am

(Shuttle service at designated parking lots)

Veteran's Memorial 5K Run/Walk/Roll (127th Street)
11:30 am

Organized by Salute, Inc. www.saluteinc.org

Veteran's Day Remembrance Ceremony
12:00 pm

Official Veteran's Memorial Tollway Dedication & Ribbon Cutting
1:00 pm

Please visit the www.illinoistollway.com for up to the minute event information.



.....is upon us, please remember to burn safely and courteously!

- * Notify your immediate neighbors when you intend to burn so that they may take steps to minimize the effects that they may experience.
- * Only burn landscape material that is completely dry to the touch.
- * Never burn on any paved roadway or street or on any sidewalks or other public right-of ways.
- * Keep fires at least 20 feet from any trees or shrubs.
- * Never burn grass clippings.
- * Never burn when the wind speed is below 5 m.p.h. or over 15 m.p.h.
- * Always try to burn on sunny days rather than cloudy ones.
- * Avoid burning on holidays.

Because you asked

No permit is required by the Village for *Garage Sales*, however, the Village Sign Ordinance requires no signage be posted on Stop Signs or Stop lights. All signs must be down the day after the sale. No sales or display activity should be located on a public right-of-way or block visibility of pedestrians or vehicles.

REMINDER!

HALLOWEEN WILL BE HERE SOON....

Village Trick or Treat Hours

3:00 PM to 7:00 PM



Village of Homer Glen is having a surplus equipment sale.....

Saturday, November 3, 2007

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

EMA Facility

15757 Annico Drive Unit 3

Items include:

Desks, File Cabinets, Chairs ... and more...

Watch the website for more information



Community and Nature . . . in Harmony

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Village of Homer Glen

Mayor

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Clerk

Gale Skrobuton

Trustees

Marcia DeVivo

Russell Knaack

Christopher Locacius

Mary Niemiec

Margaret Sabo

Laurel Ward

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

To the Homer Glen Resident at: