

Big-Creek Clean-Up

October 14, 2013

Dear Homer Glen Resident,

Hello and Happy Fall! It's a great time to enjoy the crisp breeze in the air, watch as the leaves change colors and prepare your home for the upcoming winter months. Long Run Creek also needs our attention as we approach the onset of the first annual Big Creek Clean-Up on Saturday, October 26th.

As many of you know, when the Creek is not properly maintained, the resulting obstructions can lead to increased flooding, changes in the course of the Creek, and increased erosion. Consequently, the Village of Homer Glen and the Homer Township Highway Department are seeking your assistance to help clean-up Long Run Creek and its tributaries.

Since this is the first Creek Clean-Up event, the goal is to remove natural and man-made items that can be cleared by residents or volunteers. Those Creek blockages that require a large team of people or even a machine will not be this year's top priority. Each year we will build upon our efforts to remove blockages and in the future, we may tackle those severely cumbersome obstructions.

To date, we have received several calls for assistance and we are planning accordingly. Please remember that a small group of volunteers will be working on this event and we will need your help. It's not too late to call Village staff member Alex Yurk at 708-301-0632 ext. 124 to volunteer your time for this worthwhile effort or to schedule removal assistance. All debris that you help pull from the Creek must be set on the roadway curb, in front or along-side your home by Monday, October 28th. On that date, the Homer Township Highway Department's crews will begin picking up and disposing of the items from the Creek that are placed on the curb.

We look forward to working with you! Together we can impact the health and restore the beauty of Long Run Creek.

Sincerely,

