

MAYOR YUKICH'S BLOG

DATE: June 29, 2015

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

This past week's Homer Fest was a success! I want to thank all of the outstanding volunteers that help to make the Homer Fest happen. Community events like the Homer Fest, Earth Day~Arbor Day, Homer Harvest Days, etc. require a significant number of volunteers. We are very fortunate to have such an outstanding spirit of volunteerism in Homer Glen.

CONGRATULATIONS PROVIDENCE BASEBALL

Providence has delivered yet another state title to our area. As Mayor, I was happy to send a letter of congratulations to Baseball Team Coach Mark Smith and Principal John Harper, on behalf of the Homer Glen community. **Letter Attached**

VILLAGE'S PUBLIC PARKWAY TREE PLANTING – PLANTING COMPLETE!

I am happy to report that the Village's Spring 2015 Public Parkway Tree Planting Program has been completed. Mother nature has been very cooperative by providing rain. If you would like information about the Village's Public Parkway Tree Planting Program please call Village Hall at 708-301-0632 and ask for Sue Steilen.

2015-2016 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY GUIDE

The Chamber of Commerce is in the process of updating its Community Guide, a glossy stock magazine style publication, for a new release later this summer. The Community Guide is a great resource of businesses and services available to residents and families both currently residing in town and those considering moving to Homer Glen.

The Community Guide will be mailed to more than 8,500 addresses, reaching every house and business in Homer Glen. If you would like more information about the guide please contact the Chamber at (708) 301-8111.

MEADOWS AT MARIAN VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE BREAKS GROUND

Village staff and Village Trustee Sharon Sweas were happy to join the residents and staff of Marian Village as they broke ground this past week for the community's new clubhouse development. Pictured here is Trustee Sweas as she joins Judy Amiano, Franciscan Ministries President and CEO, along with Marian Village Executive Director Dan Bannon, at the groundbreaking and blessing ceremony.



SENIOR SERVICE CENTER SAYS THANKS

The Village of Homer Glen is happy to support the good work of the Senior Services Center of Will County. The Senior Services Center sent a thank you letter to the Village in response to the \$1,000.00 contribution that Homer Glen has made towards the Center's work this past year. **Letter Attached**

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT - UPDATE

The Village's Mosquito Abatement contractor, Clarke, will be busy spraying in our community starting on Tuesday the 30th. Residents with questions about our mosquito abatement program can contact Village Hall at 708-301-0632 and ask for Assistant Village Manager Heather Kokodynsky.

SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

- New Business Ribbon Cuttings (Tuesday, June 30, 2015 – Starting at 3p.m.). Starting at Earley Family Dental then to Home Dialysis Services and ending at Sub Hub Deli.
- Lemont Classic Car Club Show at Big R (Saturday, July 11, 2015 – 5 to 8p.m.).
- Chamber of Commerce's Meet the Mayor Event (Thursday, July 23, 2015). The event runs from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., and will be located at Lockport Township High School.
- Greek For A Day Festival (Saturday, July 25th, 4p.m. to 10p.m. and Sunday, July 26th, 1p.m. to 10p.m. Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 15625 S. Bell Road.
- Vietnam Wall Memorial Opening Ceremony (Thursday, August 20th – 6 p.m.) at 15052 Archer Avenue, Lockport. This event is open to the public from August 20 through August 24, 2015.

ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE BUDGET CRISIS UPDATE

I know that the continued uncertainty with the State of Illinois' fiscal year 2016 budget, set to begin July 1, 2015, is of concern to Homer Glen residents. I continue to hope and encourage state leaders to work together and reach a compromise on the state budget as soon as possible.

I want to insure Homer Glen residents that while portions of the State of Illinois government may end up being shut down, the Village of Homer Glen will continue to serve you as we always do. However, the Illinois Legislature and Governor Rauner are considering taking long-standing local revenue to patch the state's budget holes at the expense of Illinois' cities and villages, including Homer Glen. This local revenue funds basic services like police protection, road repairs, infrastructure projects and snow plowing. If the state proposal becomes a reality, the Village of Homer Glen would lose approximately \$1.2 million annually.

I encourage you to help protect basic services and quality of life in Homer Glen by visiting **www.ProtectMYTown.com** and voice your position. You can help:

- Tell Springfield that they can't fix their problem by shifting the financial burden onto local communities and taxpayers.
- Visit www.ProtectMYTown.com to send a letter to our legislators and Governor Rauner urging them not to take our local tax dollars.

Here are a few additional observations.

- The services provided by the Village, our police protection, etc., will remain the same.
- We will still continue to receive local government distributive fund (LGDF) money from the State of Illinois even if the State isn't able to make any other payments. This also includes motor fuel tax, state and local use tax and the local share of sales tax. LGDF is money the state collects via the income tax and gives back to towns. This amounts to \$99 per person in each community and typically goes towards helping to fund vital functions like police protection.
- Though Village services will not be interrupted, it is important to recognize that the State of Illinois budget crisis is a situation that may affect many in our community.
- As mentioned above, I continue to encourage state leaders to work together and reach a compromise on the state budget as soon as possible.



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Community and Nature ... in Harmony

June 16, 2015

Coach Mark Smith
Providence Catholic High School
1800 West Lincoln Highway
New Lenox, IL 60451

Dear Coach Mark Smith:

I wanted to take a moment to congratulate you on winning your second concurrent Class 4A Baseball State Championship. This is a tremendous achievement. Providence has really been on a winning streak considering the Football team also won the Class 7A State Championship last year. The results clearly show that the Providence coaching staff is top notch.

Keep up the good work! I wish all of you continued success!

Respectfully,
Village of Homer Glen



George Yukich
Mayor

C: Principal John Harper



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June 15, 2015

Mayor George Yuckich
Village of Homer Glen
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Dear Mayor Yuckich and Village Trustees:

Thank you so much for the **\$1,000** check from the Village of Homer Glen for the services and programs provided by our Center to the elderly citizens in your community.

You and the Village Trustees are to be commended for your financial assistance. Your support is **deeply appreciated!**

Sincerely,

Barry Kolanowski
Executive Director

*Pardons like you help us, help seniors!
Best!*

Senior Services Center of Will County is a 501(c)(3) organization as defined by the IRS and to which contributions are tax deductible under Section 170 of the Code. With respect to your donation, we acknowledge that you have not received any consideration for your gift in either cash or kind.

