

## MAYOR YUKICH'S BLOG

DATE: July 28, 2015

### **BENEFITS OF OBTAINING A VILLAGE BUILDING PERMIT AND A BIT ABOUT THE PERMITTING PROCESS**

Ever since the start of this great country, community leaders have encouraged the development of building regulations to provide standards that would ensure the public's health and safety. Today, most of the United States is covered by a network of modern building codes and regulations to protect the public's safety.

Your home or business is an investment! If your construction project does not comply with the codes adopted by the Village of Homer Glen, the value of your investment could be reduced. Property insurers may not cover work done without permits and inspections.

A homeowner, who can show that code requirements were strictly and consistently met, as demonstrated by a village code official's carefully maintained records, has a strong ally in case something unforeseen happens. For building codes to be effective, an understanding and cooperative relationship must exist between building officials and the residents they serve.

The Village of Homer Glen Building Department wants your project to be a success and will help you avoid potential problems that could cost you time and money. The first step is to determine if a permit is required. This can be done by contacting the Building Department at **708-301-1301**.

Work that requires Village permits includes, but is not limited to, siding, roofs, gutters, decks, sheds, garages, additions, remodeling, pools, fences, solar systems, wind systems, windows, electrical service upgrades, concrete, asphalt, paver stone and irrigation sprinklers. If a permit is required you will be asked some basic questions, advised of any requirements, and, if necessary, referred to other departments for their review and approval. Submittal of a building permit application will document the "Who, What, When, Where, and How" of the project, along with any sketches or plans of the proposed work.

Your building plans will be reviewed and determined if your project is in compliance with the Village's requirements. If permitting requirements are met, a permit will be issued.

Depending on the type of permit issued, on-site inspections will be required. Usually, a one or two day notice is needed when requesting inspection visits.

An approved final inspection will provide documentation when construction is complete and the Village determines that code compliance has been achieved. These safe construction practices help protect you, your family, your friends and your investment.

## **YOUR ONGOING FEEDBACK AND SUGGESTIONS ARE APPRECIATED**

The Village Board and I continue to appreciate residents' feedback and ideas regarding the future development of a park at the former Woodbine property on 151<sup>st</sup> Street. It's as simple as sending us an e-mail at [village@homer.org](mailto:village@homer.org). E-mails are provided to members of the Village Board and to members of the Village's Parks and Recreation Committee. Thank you for your important input!

## **SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Lemont Classic Car Club Show at Big R (Saturday, August 1, 2015 – 5 to 8 p.m.).
- Back-to-School Clothes Drive (Now through August 10, 2015 - Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). State Representative Jim Durkin's office is accepting gently used or new clothing, for children ages 4 to 18. Items should be dropped off at 16W281 83rd Street, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. Donated clothing items will be turned over to the People's Resource Center in DuPage County.
- Prairie Fest (August 8-10, 2015). **Attached is a flyer** for the upcoming fest at the Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church, 14610 S. Will-Cook Road.
- Lemont Classic Car Club Show at Big R (Saturday, August 8, 2015 – 5 to 8p.m.).
- Traveling Vietnam Wall Memorial Opening Ceremony (Thursday, August 20, 2015 – 6 p.m. for the Opening Ceremony). The memorial is located at 15052 Archer Avenue, Lockport. This event is open to the public from August 20 through August 24, 2015.
- Chamber of Commerce Business Expo and Health Fair (Saturday, August 29, 2015 – 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.). The event is, as usual, at the gym in Hadley Middle School, 15731 S. Bell. For more information go to <http://homerchamber.com>
- Homer Harvest Days (Saturday, September 12, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, September 13, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., 2015). The event is held at Trantina Farm, 15744 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street. The event will feature food, live music, old-fashioned entertainment and games, children's activities, living history and pioneer demonstrations, a petting zoo, pony rides, antique tractors, hay rides, artisan & unique craft vendors, and other amusements and diversions from a simpler and more rural era. Please go to [www.homertownship.com/hharvestdays](http://www.homertownship.com/hharvestdays) for more information.

## **WOODBINE AREA REGIONAL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS – UPDATE #2**

As previously reported in my July 15<sup>th</sup> Blog, the Village publicly advertised for proposals from engineering companies to assist us in analyzing and coming up with a solid plan to help resolve recurring storm water problems in the region surrounding and including the former Woodbine golf course. A number of engineering firms submitted proposals.

I formed a subcommittee of two elected officials and several Village staff members in order for them to review the proposals and select up to four (4) companies to interview. The sub-committee has selected four firms to interview and will be completing those interviews in the next several weeks. Ultimately, the goal is for the sub-committee to put forth the name of one or two engineering companies for the Village Board to consider so that we can continue the process of storm water improvements in the Woodbine area. I'm keeping you updated...as promised!

## **STARGAZING AT TRANTINA FARM A BIG SUCCESS!**

The Village of Homer Glen's Environment Committee held one of its bi-annual stargazing events this past Friday at Trantina Farm. The event was well attended with over twenty (20) high powered telescopes zoomed in on Saturn, the moon and stars for the public's enjoyment. See a photo from last Friday's event below.

I'd like share a special thank-you to the Kankakee Area Star Gazers, the Naperville Astronomical Association and the Southwest Astronomy Observers Group. These organizations are very generous in sharing their time, equipment and expertise. Also, thank you to the Village's Environment Committee for hosting the event and to the Homer Glen EMA for their event assistance.

Watch the Village's website for Homer Glen's next, free stargazing event.





# Prairie Fest Fri.-Sun. Aug. 7-9, 2015

**Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church**

14610 Will-Cook Rd. Homer Glen, IL 60491 708-645-0241 [byzantinecatholic.com](http://byzantinecatholic.com)

*Beer garden Win \$5,000 and more! Children's games  
Church tours Prairie tours Bake sale Food vendors*

**Fri. 5:30-10pm**

**Arra band**  
7:30pm

## **Ethnic food!**

Additional food provided by

**"Pelican Harry's"**

**"Rubi Agave"**

Homer Glen, IL

- On premise parking \$5
- Fri. and Sat. \$5 cover charge after 6:30pm
- Ages 17 and under-Free
- Sunday-Free admission

**Sat. 2-10pm**

**Animal shows:**  
"Incredible Bats"  
2-6pm

"Monkeys and More"  
4pm

**Innisfree  
folk ensemble**  
2-4pm

**Harvest Moon band**  
4-6pm

**American  
English band**  
7:30pm

**Sun. 11am-6pm**

**Polka Generations**  
11am-1:30pm  
Polka

**Polish Highlanders  
dance troupe**  
1:30pm

**Eddie Korosa Jr.**  
2-5pm  
Polka

**Czecko-Slovak  
Moravian Cultural  
Society  
dance troupe**  
3:30pm