

## MAYOR YUKICH'S BLOG

DATE: August 18, 2015

### ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES APPROVES \$110,900.00 ERIN HILLS PARK GRANT REIMBURSEMENT TO THE VILLAGE

The Village of Homer Glen was able to build our new Erin Hills Park with significant assistance from a State of Illinois Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant. The State grant totaled \$110,900.00.

Recently, the State notified the Village that the final grant pay-out would be received by the Village in the next thirty days. Also, IDNR Director Wayne Rosenthal stated...

*...I would like to congratulate the Village of Homer Glen on the successful completion of this project. Your commitment in helping to improve quality public outdoor recreation opportunities in Illinois is greatly appreciated.*

Erin Hills Park is currently the Village's largest park at 14.69 acres. If you have not yet discovered this park, I invite you to visit the park on South Dublin Drive in the Erin Hills subdivision. **Notification Letter from the State's IDNR Attached.**

### WOODBINE AREA DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - UPDATE

Last Wednesday, the Village Board heard presentations from engineering firms seeking to assist Homer Glen with the completion of the Woodbine Area Regional Drainage Improvement Project Study. The Village Board heard excellent presentations from both Christopher Burke Engineering and HRGreen Engineering. The Village Board will take action to hire one of these two firms and begin this important drainage improvement project at the next Village Board meeting.

### VILLAGE ADDS ONE ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY WIDE MOSQUITO CONTROL SPRAYING

As I mentioned last week, this summer's wet weather, coupled with consistent above 80 degree temperatures, has led to an increase in the mosquito population. Because of this fact, the Village Board has approved one additional community-wide mosquito spraying that will take place, weather permitting, this week. Please access the Village's website at [www.homerglenil.org](http://www.homerglenil.org) for more specific information.

### DON'T SPEED ON VILLAGE ROADWAYS!

The Village is very concerned about speeding on Homer Glen streets. I encourage everyone to watch your speeds, especially on residential streets. Most of Homer Glen's residential streets are 25mph and a few are 20mph. The Sheriff Deputies are on the lookout for speeders and will write tickets for drivers over the speed limits in order to protect the public. Our Homer Glen Public Service and Safety Committee continues to look at options regarding the issue of speeding on Village roadways.

### **MAKING THE DIFFERENCE AWARD PRESENTATION!**

The Village established the "Making The Difference Award" in 2014 to recognize groups and/or individuals in Homer Glen that, through their volunteer service, are...Making The Difference! At the August 26<sup>th</sup> Village Board meeting, I will present Brian Kirk, John Roberts and Tami O'Brien with Making The Difference awards.

I will be recognizing Brian, John and Tami for their volunteer work on behalf of drug education and advocacy for those individuals and families struggling with the effects of drug abuse. Congratulations to the award recipients and thank you to them for their ongoing, dedicated work.

### **MY MEETING WITH AARON FRAME OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION**

Midway Airport is an important economic engine in the south suburbs but it is also the source of related noise from the take-off and landing of planes. Recently, I met with Aaron Frame, Assistant Commissioner - Noise, Chicago Department of Aviation. We had a discussion about aircraft noise levels at Midway and the Airport's impact on communities such as Homer Glen.

The City of Chicago maintains a toll-free noise hotline (1-800-914-8537) for people to register any and all noise complaints related to Midway. An on-line service is also available at [www.flychicago.com](http://www.flychicago.com). Any resident with concerns about noise levels associated with operations at Midway Airport should call the 800 number or go on-line to register their complaint.

In the most recent quarterly reporting period, all hours, one Homer Glen resident registered four noise complaints through the City of Chicago's hotline. In total, across 14 different communities, 135 individual complainants registered 4,844 total noise complaints. Pages from the Chicago Department of Aviation's quarterly "Airport Noise Management System" report are attached. These pages provide specific information about the number and location of suburban noise complaints related to Midway.

**[Chicago Department of Aviation Noise Hotline Report Pages Attached.](#)**

### **WILL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE'S 2014 PROGRESS REPORT**

The Forest Preserve District of Will County recently released their 2014 Progress Report, summarizing some of the District's major initiatives and accomplishments in 2014. The report highlights that the district has more than 22,000 acres in its holdings, with 144 total acres acquired in 2014.

Among the report's highlights is prescribed burning and selective herbicide applications at Messenger Woods Nature Preserve in Homer Glen. This marks the fourth year of the five year grant management and monitoring period for this project. The District's ultimate goal of these efforts is prairie restoration.

Visit [www.reconnectwithnature.org](http://www.reconnectwithnature.org) to learn more about the District's progress in 2014.

## ADDITIONAL GAS PIPELINE DIGS PERFORMED BY ENBRIDGE

The Village was notified on August 17<sup>th</sup> that Enbridge Pipeline would be performing additional pipeline digs in the Homer Glen area beginning on Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. The two additional digs are both located in unincorporated Homer Township, west of the Village boundaries, south of 143<sup>rd</sup> Street and north of the Village's Hawthorne subdivision. **Pipeline Dig Location Attached.**

## SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

- IDOT Announces 159<sup>th</sup> Street Closure In Orland Park. The Illinois Department of Transportation has announced that 159<sup>th</sup> Street will be fully closed to traffic between 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in Orland Park, beginning on August 19<sup>th</sup> and extending to August 29<sup>th</sup>. The closure is being done for railroad crossing improvements.
- Vietnam Wall Memorial Opening Ceremony (Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> – 6 p.m.) 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. If you are interested in volunteering for the Homer Harvest Day's event, please e-mail [harvestdaysvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:harvestdaysvolunteers@gmail.com) and you will hear back from a member of the committee.
- Community and Nature in Harmony Awards (September 23, 2015 – 7 p.m.). The Mayor and the Village's Environment Committee will present the annual Community and Nature in Harmony Awards at the September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
- ComEd Vegetation Management (September – October). ComEd's vegetation management plans include trees on Bruce Road/ 175<sup>th</sup>/ Chicago Bloomington Trail/ Lauffer/ S. Marti Rd./ 179<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information about vegetation maintenance along power lines and ComEd's "Right Tree, Right Place" program, please visit: <https://www.comed.com/customer-service/service-request/trees-powerlines/pages/maintenance.aspx>



# Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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www.dnr.illinois.gov

Bruce Rauner, Governor  
Wayne A. Rosenthal, Director

August 6, 2015

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VILLAGE OF HOMER GLEN

Mr. James Daley  
Village President  
Village of Homer Glen  
14933 S. Founders Crossing  
Homer Glen, IL 60491

Re: Open Space Lands Acquisition & Development  
Project # OS 11-1769  
Erin Hills Park

Dear Mr. Daley:

The Department has received your final billing request for the above referenced project and I am pleased to advise that final grant reimbursement in the amount of \$110,900.00 has been approved. Accordingly, a voucher for that amount has been processed and a warrant from the State Comptroller's office should be forwarded to you within the next 30 days.

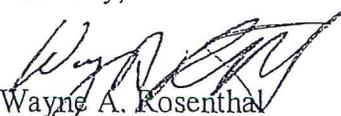
On behalf of the Department of Natural Resources, I would like to congratulate the Village of Homer Glen on the successful completion of this project. Your commitment in helping to improve quality public outdoor recreation opportunities in Illinois is greatly appreciated.

In accordance with terms of the OSLAD grants-in-aid program, please keep in mind the following items:

- Actual project expenditure records should be maintained for a three (3) year period and are subject to audit by representatives of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and/or the Auditor General's office.
- The land acquired and/or developed under the above referenced project must be maintained for public outdoor park and recreation purposes as so specified in the signed Project Agreement. No major deviations from the approved site development plan on file with the Department may be made without prior written approval from this agency.
- Acknowledgment of OSLAD assistance must be permanently posted at the project site, preferably on the park entrance sign. It is my understanding Department Grant staff provided your agency with the necessary sign for posting.

Once again, congratulations on the completion of this project.

Sincerely,

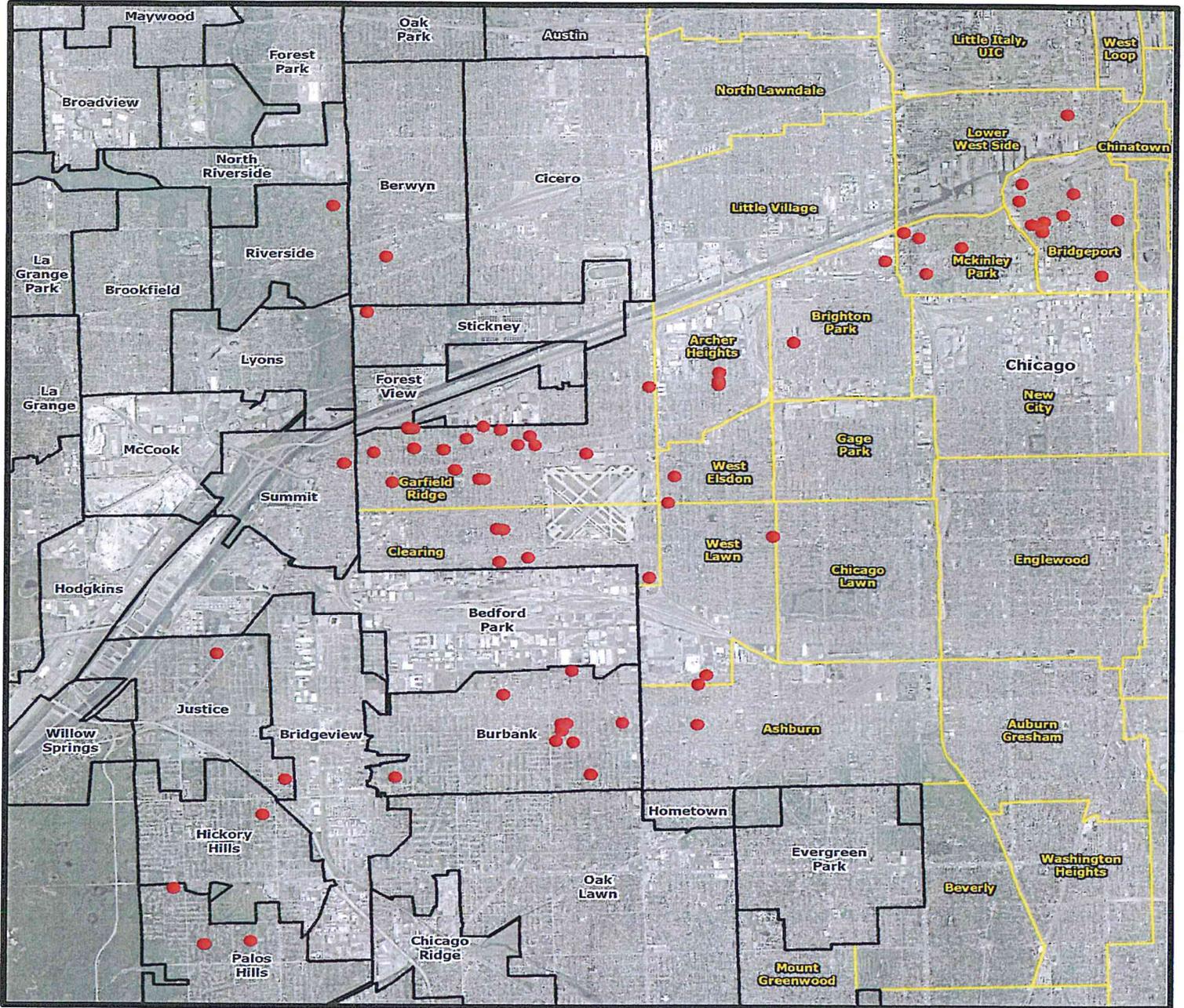
  
Wayne A. Rosenthal  
Director

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# Noise Hotline Report

Chicago Midway International Airport

Period: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2015



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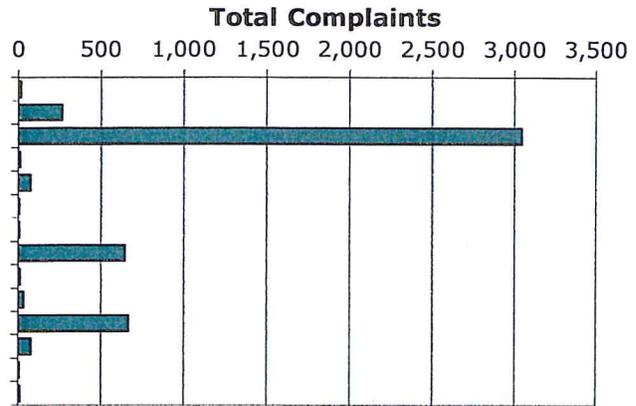
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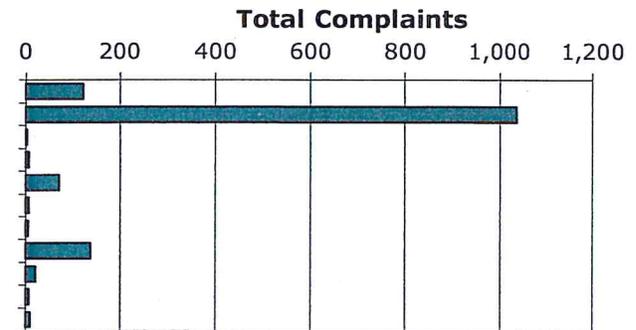
## Quarterly Hotline Complaints by Community<sup>1</sup> All Hours

Community	Total Complaints	Number of Complainants
Berwyn	12	12
Burbank <sup>2</sup>	262	21
Chicago <sup>3</sup>	3,048	67
Downers Grove	8	1
Frankfort	70	2
Hickory Hills	3	1
Homer Glen	4	1
Indian Head Park <sup>4</sup>	643	2
Justice	9	4
Palos Hills	31	4
Palos Park <sup>5</sup>	665	9
Riverside	74	3
Stickney	6	1
Summit	9	1
<b>2Q 2015</b>	<b>4,844</b>	<b>135</b>
1Q 2015	2,277	70



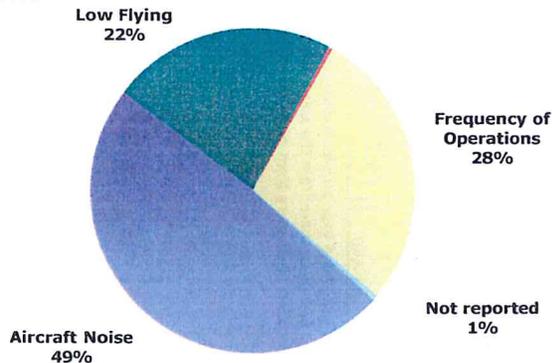
## Quarterly Hotline Complaints by Community<sup>1</sup> Nighttime - 10:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.

Community	Total Complaints	Number of Complainants
Burbank	121	7
Chicago	1,037	46
Downers Grove	2	1
Frankfort	7	1
Indian Head Park	71	1
Justice	7	3
Palos Hills	5	1
Palos Park	136	3
Riverside	20	1
Stickney	6	1
Summit	9	1
<b>2Q 2015</b>	<b>1,421</b>	<b>66</b>
1Q 2015	517	37



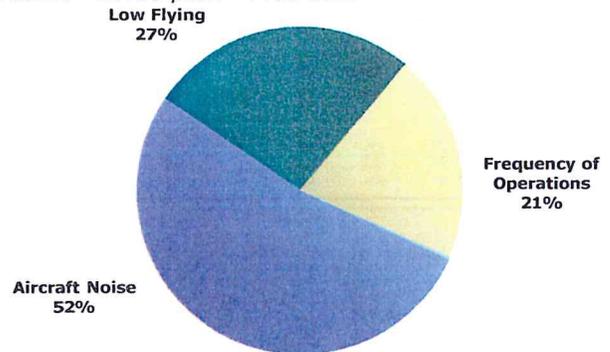
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All Hours



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Notes:

1. Complaints made within the State of Illinois.
2. 222 of 262 complaints in Burbank came from 1 address.
3. 2,168 of 3,048 complaints in Chicago came from 3 addresses.
4. 641 of 643 complaints in Indian Head Park came from 1 address.
5. 633 of 665 complaints in Palos Park came from 1 address.



- Target Girthweld
- Access Location
- Access Route
- ▨ Excavation Limits
- Line 6



# INTEGRITY DIG ACCESS PLF

Line 6A  
Mile Post 430.3787  
Village of Homer Glen  
Will County, Illinois  
S8 T36N R11E

