

Mayor Yukich's Blog

October 16, 2015



IDOT Update Sessions for 159th Street Business Owners

The Village Board and I, in cooperation with representatives from IDOT, held an informational meeting on Tuesday, October 13 for business and property owners along 159th Street. Based on the success of this meeting, it was decided that the Village will host similar update sessions scheduled on a quarterly basis. The next update session will be scheduled to occur in late January of 2016.

Stay Informed- Sign up for News Flash Notices- 159th Street Road Improvements

I encourage you to sign up for news flash updates for "159th Street Road Improvements" on the Village's website. Interested parties are invited to sign up for automatic notices via email or text. To register for these alerts, please **click here**. You will be prompted to enter your email address and choose which notifications you would like to receive. Click on "159th Street Road Improvements".

Neighbors Helping Neighbors- Community Food Drive

October 24 is a national day of community service, Make A Difference Day, where millions of volunteers across the nation unite with one common mission-to improve the lives of others. This year, the Homer Glen Junior Woman's Club will be celebrating this day by supporting the food pantry that services Lockport and Homer Township with the theme "Neighbors Helping Neighbors".

I encourage residents to contribute to this worthwhile cause and give back to the community. You can help your neighbors by donating non-perishable items to the collection bins located at our local Homer Glen Jewel and Big "R" stores as well as at Village Hall between now and October 24th.

If you are unable to make it to any of these locations between now and the 24th, please send Village Trustee, Beth Rodgers an email at brodgers@homerglen.org or call the Village Hall at 708-301-0632, with your address and she will be happy to come by and pick up the items.

Will County Emergency Telephone Service Now Offers Text to 9-1-1

The Village was notified that effective October 15th, Will County's 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System now offers "Text to 9-1-1" service for the County. Text to 9-1-1 should only be used in emergency situations when someone is unable to speak or is hard-of-hearing. Calling 911 is still the fastest way to get ahold of a dispatcher. **Attached** is the press release and flyer distributed by the County.

Upcoming Events

HOMER TOWNSHIP LIBRARY DISTRICT OCTOBER CALENDAR –

The **attached** calendar lists all of the events hosted by the Library during the month of October.

STARGAZING EVENT

Friday, October 23, 2015 from 8 – 10 p.m. Experience Stargazing at the Trantina Farm and celebrate the International Dark Sky recognition of the Village of Homer Glen by spending an autumn evening with the stars! This event will be held at Homer Township's historic Trantina Farm, located at 15744 West 151st Street in Homer Township east of the intersection of Gougar Road and 151st Street.

HOMER TOWNSHIP'S ANNUAL CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 12 – 3 p.m. This event is co-hosted by Homer Township, Lockport VFW Post 5788 Ladies Auxiliary and Girl Scout Service Unit #749. Come join the spine tingling fun at Trantina Farm, located at 15744 W. 151st Street in Lockport. There will be games, crafts, snacks by the campfire, an inflatable haunted maze, donut eating contest and costume contest. This is an outdoor event, please dress for the weather. For children ages 0-10.

BI-CHAMBER WOMEN'S MONTHLY NETWORKING EVENT

Friday, October 30, 2015 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Lemont and Homer Township Chambers have joined together to create a monthly networking event for women in our business industry. This month's speaker will be Heather Tomola- Premier Designs Jewelry. The monthly event is held at Mullet's Sports Bar and Restaurant, located at 14903 S. Bell Road in Homer Glen. For more information and to register, please visit www.homerchamber.com.

COMMUNITY SHRED EVENT

Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. This free event will be held at The Private Bank, located at 14102 Bell Road in Homer Glen. Mobile shredding trucks will be on-site to facilitate secure destruction of your confidential documents.

ANNUAL MIKE HIKE- SPONSORED BY THE HOMER GLEN

FOUNDATION - Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The Mike Hike 5K Run/Walk is an annual event honoring PFC Michael Olivieri. The friends and family of Mike Olivieri have joined forces with the Homer Glen Foundation to preserve the memory of this hometown hero who tragically lost his life while serving in Iraq on June 6, 2011. Proceeds raised through this event will commemorate our local heroes while supporting improvements to our community trails and parks. To register to run, walk, or volunteer, visit www.mikehike5k.com.



WILL COUNTY 9-1-1 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM
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Will County 911 Now Accepts Text Messages

JOLIET - For anyone who needs help immediately, but can't talk to a 911 dispatcher, there's a new option starting Thursday, October 15, 2015 in Will County. "**9-1-1: Call if you can, Text if you can't**", is the new message being announced as the Will County 9-1-1 System introduces Text-to 9-1-1 Service, said Caryn DeMarco, Will County 9-1-1 Public Education Manager. DeMarco stated, "Voice Calls to 9-1-1 are still the best and fastest way to contact 9-1-1."

Will County 9-1-1 is offering text-to-911 service for anyone within the county. Verizon, Sprint, AT&T and T-Mobile customers can text their exact location and the nature of their emergency to 911 and a dispatcher will respond.

There are about 6,100 emergency call centers in the United States. However, Steve Figved, Chief Administrator of the Will County 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Service, says that only about 360 of them provide the text-to-911 service.

"That puts Will County in the very enviable position of being one of the 5 percent of 911 centers in the United States that are providing this service to its citizens -- those who live, work, and visit Will County." Figved said, "The Will County 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System Board is pleased to offer this service for those who are deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech impaired so they can communicate with emergency services in their main form of communication.

Text messages can take longer to send or receive, so Emergency Telephone System officials say that calling 911 is still the best option. DeMarco wants to ensure that the County's large community of wireless customers understands how to use texting to 9-1-1 in an emergency. If there is an emergency and you are unable to make a voice call, DeMarco says to remember these steps;

- Know your Location – Text your exact location
- Text what you need – Text what emergency help is needed – Police, Fire, Emergency Medical.
- Be Clear – Send a short message without abbreviations or slang.
- Stay Calm – Answer questions and follow instructions from the 9-1-1 call taker.

"Text only if you cannot get through by voice," DeMarco says. Text to 9-1-1 should only be used in an emergency situation, when someone is unable to speak; for instance, if the caller is deaf, hard-of-hearing, speech impaired, or when speaking out loud would put the caller in danger.

According to DeMarco: "This capability can be critical for residents when they have an emergency and are not able to speak — either because it is not safe, you are in danger if you speak, or you are disabled — or if cell service capability is not available but text service is."

Figved also indicated that, similar to fake 911 calls, pranksters who text a hoax to 911 will be prosecuted. Prank texters can be located.

Will County 9-1-1 is among the first jurisdictions in the Chicago suburbs to adopt the text-to-911 program. More information on 9-1-1 can be found at www.willcounty9-1-1.com.

