

Mayor Yukich's Blog

November 6, 2015



Village Seeks Feedback on Proposed Gas Tax

At the October 28 Village Board meeting, there was a workshop discussion regarding the Village instituting a 3 cents per gallon gas tax. As a home rule community, the Village has the authority to impose a local vehicle tax with the passing of an ordinance.

Local vehicle tax is considered an excise tax because it is imposed on the delivery of fuel into gas stations and calculated on a fixed rate per gallon. This would not be considered an additional sales tax, which is imposed on the sale to the end user calculated as a percent of the selling price.

The Village currently has seven operating filling stations within the Village incorporated boundaries. Preliminary projections for total gallons delivered into the seven filling stations during a twelve month period are between 30 million gallons and 31 million gallons. Based on the preliminary projection, the Village would realize approximately \$900,000 annually.

As a Village located adjacent to a County border line, the sale of fuel within the Village is quite high. Many of the filling stations customers are passing through and purchasing gas at cheaper prices than in Cook County. Consequently, a portion of the fuel tax, designated for Village Recreation and Park Fund activities, would be paid by non-residents.

The Village Board and I request that you send your feedback on this issue to village@homerglen.org

Village Hall Closed on November 11

Village Hall will be closed to the public on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 (Veterans Day).

Volunteers Needed for Village's Community and Economic Development Committee (CEDC)

The Community and Economic Development Committee acts as a recommending body which advises the Village Board and staff on planning for the economic health of the community, consistent with the goals established in the comprehensive plan. The Community & Economic Development Committee will address issues related to community development (i.e., comprehensive planning, growth strategies and community services) and economic development (i.e., business retention, recruitment relations and marketing). Any residents interested in volunteering to serve on the Village's Community and Economic Development Committee are encouraged to submit via email or letter an explanation for why you are interested in serving on the CEDC and how you can contribute to the work. Also, please provide a resume listing your employment, education and prior experience in civic service with the Village or other organizations to: Village of Homer Glen, Attn: Mayor Yukich, 14933 S Founders Crossing, Homer Glen, IL 60491 or at village@homerglen.org

Upcoming Events

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Monday, November 2, 2015 – Friday, November 20, 2015. Home Dialysis Services Corporate Office is collecting items for Chicagoland Shelters. They are looking for new or gently used clothing: winter coats, socks (new), gloves, scarves, winter hats, small blankets, sweatshirts, sweaters and backpacks. They are also looking for personal hygiene items: chapstick, band-aids, tissues, warming pads, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and lotion. They will also accept \$5 food gift cards. These items should be dropped off at the Home Dialysis Services Corporate Office at 15786 S. Bell Road, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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.