

Mayor Yukich's Blog

November 19, 2015



Regular Village Board Meeting to be Held on Tuesday, November 24

The second Village Board meeting of November will take place on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Board Room, located at 14917 S. Founders Crossing. I look forward to seeing everyone who plans to attend.

Village Hall Closed November 26 – 27

Village Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 26 through Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving. Normal business hours will resume on Monday, November 30.

Highway Department Collecting Fallen Branches, Limbs and Trees from Recent Storm

The Highway Department notified the Village that they will be collecting branches, limbs and fallen trees as a result of the recent storm. Any resident in need of this service will have to bring the debris to the curb and **call the highway department at 708-301-0246 to schedule a pick-up**. Any calls for pick-up service made between now and Monday, November 23 will be added to a list. Staff from the highway department will pick-up debris from each location on their list and may continue to do so after the 23. However, any calls for pick-up service after Monday, November 23 will be denied.

Village Seeks Feedback on Proposed Gas Tax

Thank you to all residents that have provided the Village Trustees and I with feedback on the proposed gas tax. A decision has yet to be made as we are still hoping to hear from other residents. If this is the first time you are learning about this proposal, please read the following recap so that you are up to date.

Recap: 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 continue to send your feedback on this issue to village@homerglen.org.

American Flags Available at No Cost to Residents and Veterans

Trustee Brian Burian announced at the Village Board Meeting held on Veteran's Day that the Village will offer free 3x5 American Flags to Homer Glen residents that are U.S. Veterans. There are a limited number of flags available, so they will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. The complimentary flags are being provided at no-cost to the taxpayers of Homer Glen!

Furthermore, residents may drop off old or damaged American flags at the Village Hall so they may be properly retired. Village Hall is located at 14933 S. Founders Crossing. Regular Business Hours are Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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.

HOMER GLEN JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB GENERAL MEETING

Monday, November 16, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the William E. Young Elementary School Library, 16240 S. Cedar Rd., Homer Glen. All Women age 18 and older can attend. The Homer Glen Junior Woman's Club is a community service organization founded in 2010, dedicated to the improvement of Homer Glen and its citizens. For more information, contact President Megan Mitchell at (708)-208-1066 or visit www.homerglenjuniors.org.

SAVE THE DATE- VILLAGE OF HOMER GLEN'S ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING EVENT

Monday, December 7, 2015 at 7 p.m. Join Mayor Yukich, Trustees, and Village staff as we welcome the holiday season and light the Village Christmas tree. This event will take place at the Homer Junior High School, by the Old School House, 15711 S. Bell Road in Homer Glen. The Homer Junior High School Show Choir will again entertain attendees with a holiday musical performance and a special visit from Santa will delight the children in attendance. Hot Chocolate and cookies will be served.