

Mayor Yukich's Blog

December 4, 2015



Save The Date- Annual Tree Lighting Event to be Held on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Join Village Trustees, staff and I 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.

Homer Junior High 7th Grade Girls Basketball Team Heading to State Championship

Congratulations to the Homer Junior High 7th Grade Girls Basketball Team! They defeated Minooka Junior High on December 2 to to earn the IESA Sectional and advance to the State Championship. The Mustangs will compete in the State Championship on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at the Normal Parkside Junior High. Again, Congratulations and best of luck!

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. The Village Board will be voting on this proposed tax in the very near future. 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. (*Continued on next page*)

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.

New Business Ribbon Cuttings

Join Village Trustees, staff and I as we welcome the following businesses to the Village of Homer Glen on **Thursday, December 10, 2015**.

3:30 p.m.- Vahalla Vitamins

14831 Founders Crossing, at Founders Crossing North next to Charter Fitness
(708) 966-0440

<https://www.facebook.com/valhallavitamins>

4:00 p.m.- Steamers Hot Dogs

15755 S Bell Road, in the Grove Valley Center
(708) 737-7477

For additional information, please contact the Village's Economic Development Department at 708-301-0632