

Mayor Yukich's Blog

February 12, 2016



Village Hall Closed February 15

As a reminder, Village Hall will be closed on Monday, February 15 in observance of Presidents Day. Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, February 16.

Save the Date – Special Village Board Meeting

A Special Village Board Meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m.** The purpose of this meeting will be to award the construction bid for the Village Hall remodel project.

Suggest a Name for the Village Park!

I encourage all residents to submit a name suggestion for the Village Park, formerly known as the Woodbine Golf Course. As you know, the Village opened this park in October of 2015 for passive recreation uses. The Village is in the process of selecting a park planning consultant to conduct and plan for future park development.



The Parks and Recreation Committee is requesting that Homer Glen residents submit a name suggestion using this **form** on the Village's website. Paper forms are also available at the Village Hall. Suggestions will be accepted through Sunday, February 21.

Will County Seeks Input on Future Transportation Plans

Will County residents are encouraged to weigh in on future transportation issues through April 14 by participating in an **online survey**.

Clerk Holtz Announces Early Voting Dates

Village Clerk Ann Holtz announced the following dates and times for early voting for the 2016 General Primary Election, **February 29, 2016 - March 12, 2016**.

- **Monday – Friday:** 9:00am - Noon and 1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.
- **Additional Saturday Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Early voting is held in the Village Board Room, 14917 S. Founders Crossing.

The last day residents can register to vote, at the Homer Glen Village Hall, for the March 15, 2016 General Primary Election, is Tuesday, February 16.

Grace Period Voting allows individuals to register and vote at the same time. It begins February 17 and continues through Election Day, March 15 and is **only available at the Will County Clerk's Office**.

Without leaving Homer Glen, residents 18 years of age by the date of the next election and a resident at their current Will County address for 30 days prior to the March 15 election may register to vote by:

- Visiting our Village Hall with two forms of identification and completing a voter registration form with an appointed deputy registrar.
- Mailing in an Illinois Voter Registration Application found on the Will County Clerk's website.
- Completing the Illinois Voter Registration Application on-line at the Will County Clerk's website: <https://ova.elections.il.gov/>
- Registering in person at the Will County Clerk's Office, 302 North Chicago Street, Joliet.
- Registering in person at a Secretary of State Driver's License Facility while applying for or updating their Driver's License or State ID card.

For additional information please call the Village Hall at (708) 301-0632.

Call for Sponsors for Earth Day Arbor Day Event

The Village of Homer Glen is seeking exhibitors, sponsors, and donors to participate in a celebration of Earth Day~Arbor Day on May 21, 2016.

The event will be held on the historic Konow farm located at 16849 S. Cedar Road in Homer Glen. There is plenty of space and a variety of facilities for display options. In 2015, the one day event featured more than 80 exhibits and fun activities for people of all ages. This year's event promises to be even grander. Visit the [event website](#) for more information.

Illinois EPA Suspends Vehicle Emissions Test Notice Mailings - *Secretary of State to temporarily allow license plate renewals*

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) and the Illinois Secretary of State's office recently announced policy changes regarding vehicle emissions test notification and vehicle renewal procedures. [Click Here](#) for a Press Release from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Homer Township Chamber of Commerce Sponsoring Logo Contest

As many of you know, the Homer Township Chamber of Commerce recently voted to begin the process of changing their name to the Homer Glen-Area Chamber of Commerce. To highlight this major change, the Homer Glen-Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a new logo contest for all area students. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to the students who redesign the current logo into one that incorporates the new name and/or new acronym. Submissions are required to use the chamber colors: blue, white and yellow. Submissions for the logo must be received by February 15 and must be in a .jpeg or .png format and emailed as an attachment to office@homerchamber.com. For more information, call (708) 301 – 8111.

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) FLIP Program

CMAP's [Future Leaders in Planning](#) is accepting applications for its 2016 summer program. FLIP engages local high school students who would like to learn about planning and contribute to a better future for the Chicago region. This summer the program will meet for six days total over two weeks in July. View a behind-the-scenes [video](#) of FLIP along with the [PDF application](#) or [online application form](#). Applications are due Monday, May 2, 2016, and questions can be sent to Ricardo Lopez (rlopez@cmap.illinois.gov or 312-386-8766) or Marisa Prasse (mprasse@cmap.illinois.gov or 312-386-8670).

Upcoming Events

HOMER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26 – 29

The Homer Township Public Library is accepting gently used books, music, & DVDs at their annual Used Book Sale. For more information, please visit <http://www.homerlibrary.org/>.

2016 STATE OF THE VILLAGE ADDRESS

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 11:15 A.M.

The Homer Township Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to attend the 2016 State of the Village Address, presented by Mayor George Yukich. The event will be held at DiNolfo's Banquets, located at 14447 W. 159th Street in Homer Glen. Register online at www.homerchamber.com.



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February 10, 2016

Illinois EPA Suspends Vehicle Emissions Test Notice Mailings
Secretary of State to temporarily allow license plate renewals

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) and the Illinois Secretary of State's office today announced temporary policy changes regarding vehicle emission test notification and vehicle renewal procedures.

Due to the budget impasse, Illinois EPA was forced to suspend the mailing of vehicle emissions test notices beginning in December 2015. Vehicle owners whose license plates expire at the end of March 2016 will be the first motorists who will not receive the vehicle emissions test notice.

As a result, Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that he will temporarily allow license plate renewals for vehicle owners who have not yet taken the EPA emissions test, citing an unfair burden to Illinois citizens. Motorists may renew their license plates, but will be informed they are still required to get the vehicle tested. White also noted that when Illinois EPA resumes mailing out vehicle emissions test notices to the public, his office will resume regular vehicle registration procedures.

Vehicles subject to testing in 2016 include most **even model-year** vehicles with a model-year of 1996-2012. Generally, most 1996 and newer gasoline-powered passenger vehicles are subject to testing **after they are four years old**. 2007 model year and newer heavy duty trucks, with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) between 8,501 and 14,000 are also subject to testing. Diesel powered vehicles, vehicles powered exclusively by electricity, and certain other vehicles are not required to test. Illinois EPA has an [exempt vehicle list](#) available on the Agency website. In addition, some [ZIP codes](#) in Kane, Kendall, McHenry, Will, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair counties are also exempt from testing.

The Illinois Secretary of State's Office offers paperless License Plates Renewal Notices via email to individuals who register at www.ilsos.gov/greenmail/. Electronic notices include a statement as to whether compliance with the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Law is required before a vehicle's registration can be renewed.

Illinois EPA is committed to working with affected motorists to ensure they are well informed of their testing date and answering any questions they may have regarding emissions testing. Information has been posted on the Agency website at www.epa.illinois.gov to note that vehicle emissions test notices are no longer being sent by mail. Motorists in the testing area are encouraged to use the Illinois Secretary of State online tool at www.ilsos.gov/regstatus/ to determine whether a vehicle is due for emissions testing. Motorists in the testing areas may also contact Illinois EPA at 847-758-3400 or 800-635-2380 for additional assistance.