

Mayor Yukich's Blog

February 19, 2016



Village of Homer Glen to Fight Against Water Rate Increases

As many of you know, Illinois American Water has filed a proposed change in water and wastewater rates with the Illinois Commerce Commission. I want to be clear that the Village Board and I are committed to fighting this ridiculous rate increase on behalf of the Village of Homer Glen. The estimated bill impact of the rate increases will vary based on multiple factors, including, but not limited to, meter size, usage volume, service classification, fire protection district, and other factors.

In a notice published by Illinois American Water, residents are advised to contact Illinois American Water at (800)-422-2782 for an explanation regarding how the proposed changes might impact their monthly bill. Additionally, a copy of the proposed rate schedules may be inspected by any interested party at any of the Illinois American Water offices.

Rest assured, despite explanations given to you by Illinois American Water for their proposed rate increases, the Village Board and I are actively opposing these rates. In the near future, we will be meeting with the Illinois Commerce Commission on behalf of the residents of Homer Glen to fight these proposed increases. I will provide updates as they become available.

Construction Contract for Village Hall Renovation Awarded to Troop Contracting, Inc.

At the February 18 Special Village Board Meeting, a contract was awarded to Troop Contracting Inc. for renovation work at the New Village Hall. As you know, the Village is in the process of renovating the former Woodbine Golf Clubhouse, located at 14240 W. 151st Street, to become the future Village Hall. Troop Contracting was the lowest bid received by the Village.

Troop Contracting, Inc. is a Certified Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Contractor who has done multiple high profile projects including the Village of Bolingbrook's Village Hall.

The Village has notified its Landlord and Property Manager of its "Intent to Terminate the Lease Agreement" at its current location by July 31, 2016. I will continue to keep the community informed as this project progresses.

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

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.

Voter Registration at the Homer Glen Village Hall for the March 15, 2016 General Primary Election, **is now over**.

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**.

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 better. Visit the **event website** for more information.

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.