

# Mayor Yukich's Blog

March 11, 2016



## March 15 General Primary Election

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Election season is well underway and early voting is coming to a close as we approach Election Day in Illinois. **The last day for early voting at the Village Hall is Saturday, March 12, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.** Early voting is held in the Village Board Room, 14917 S. Founders Crossing.

To find your polling place, please visit: <https://www.thewillcountyclerk.com/elections/voter-services/precinct-lookup/>

If you are registering to vote on March 15 for the first time or need to change your address within Will County, two forms of I.D. will be required- at least one must show current residence address. **Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.**

Please contact the Village Hall at 708-301-0632 for more information.

## Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

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I am pleased to announce that the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the Village of Homer Glen by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2015. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. *This marks the Village's 14th straight CAFR Award.*

This award is an exceptionally important sign of the Village of Homer Glen's ongoing commitment to financial integrity. **Press Release attached.**

## Call for Sponsors for Earth Day Arbor Day Event

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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. Please contact the Village Hall at 708-301-0632 to inquire about sponsorship opportunities.

## Arbor Day Foundation Names Homer Glen Tree City USA

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I am pleased to announce that Homer Glen has been named a 2015 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

The Village received the recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry management budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

This recognition proves Homer Glen's commitment to environmental stewardship and lives up to our community slogan of, "Community and Nature in Harmony."

**Press Release attached.**

## Village Hall Renovation Update

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As you know, a contract was awarded to Troop Contracting Inc. for renovation work at the New Village Hall, located at 14240 W. 151<sup>st</sup> 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.

Work is progressing on schedule, with Demolition work and framing underway.

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.

## Will County Seeks Input on Future Transportation

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Will County residents are encouraged to weigh in on future transportation issues through April 14 by participating in an [online survey](#).

## Upcoming Events

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### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SHRED EVENT

Join the American Legion Auxiliary on **Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** in the post parking lot (15052 Archer Ave in Lockport) for a SHRED EVENT. Bring your old personal documents to get rid of them permanently. We will accept the following documents: medical records, financial statements, credit applications, bank statements, documents with social security numbers or driver's license numbers, bank check, tax records and legal documents over eight years old, etc. **\$5 will be charged per box** to help fund projects for veterans and active military & their families.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF EVENT

Will County Land Use Department, Resource Recovery & Energy Division and the Village of Plainfield are hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Event. This event will be held on **Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the Village of Plainfield Public Works parking lot, 14400 S. Coil Plus Dr., in Plainfield. The event is open to [Will County residents only](#). [Click here](#) for more information.

### BI-CHAMBER WOMEN'S MONTHLY NETWORKING EVENT

Join the Lemont and Homer Glen Women's Bi-Chamber Networking Group on **Wednesday, March 30, 2016 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** as they present, "Women and Transitioning into 2016- New Beginnings for a New You!" The presentation will include a primer on the 2016 modifications to family law in Illinois, along with a brief summary of the 2015 maintenance guidelines. The event will be held at Mullet's Sports Bar and Restaurant, 14903 S. Bell Road in Homer Glen.

For more information, contact:  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### **Arbor Day Foundation Names Homer Glen Tree City USA**

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Started in 1976, the Tree City USA program, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year.

Homer Glen achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand," said Dan Lambe, President of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Additionally, recognition brings residents together and creates a sense of community pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education."

Trees provide multiple benefits to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

More information on the program is available at [arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://arborday.org/TreeCityUSA).

**About the Arbor Day Foundation:** The Arbor Day Foundation is a million member nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. More information is available at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).



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(Chicago)--The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to **Village of Homer Glen** by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the individual(s), department or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. This has been presented to:

**John Sawyers, Finance Director**

**Finance Department, Village of Homer Glen**

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington, D.C.