



Fall Issue

Happy Halloween Season!

During this time each year, I am reminded about how happy I am to live in Homer Glen. With the beautiful trees turning color and thousands of visitors coming to our fall fests, it is always an exciting time to be around our Village. The success of our inaugural Trunk or Treat event at Heritage Park this past weekend is just another example of how great our community is. And as always, I want to thank the Village Board, staff and volunteers for everything that they do!

For those asking, Trick or Treating Hours for the Village are 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Be safe and enjoy the candy!

What's next for Heritage Park?

I hope that all of you have had a chance to visit the Active Core at Heritage Park. Since its opening in September, every time I drive past I see dozens of residents playing pickleball, enjoying the walking trails and exploring the tough challenge course. It is a joy to see people using the space.

You all have given me a lot of great feedback on the park so far. One of the things I have heard is a desire for more amenities in the park. The Village Board and I are currently working to make that a reality.

On September 25, the Village Board approved a contract with TRIA architects to do schematic design for a number of potential features in the park. The Board has been working closely with TRIA throughout the project. The schematic design process will produce drawings that will help myself and the Board visualize what can be constructed in the park and will give us a better idea of the potential construction costs. Staff will work with TRIA over the next few months on the designs so that the Board can plan a project to begin construction in 2020. Developing the park is expensive, and the Board will continue to be smart with your money. Don't forget that the Heritage Park Sled Hill will be open for use this winter!

Mayor Yukich's Blog



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Debt-Free Village

I'm excited to announce that in December, the Village will officially be debt-free. Due to the Board's ongoing fiscal responsibility, we are able to pay off the existing debt on our 2012 General Obligation Bonds early. This will save the Village \$491,000 in interest costs over the next few years. I am proud of this accomplishment and excited about the flexibility we have moving forward as we continue to invest in the Village.

Veterans Day

I would like to invite all of you to our Veterans Day celebration to recognize and honor all those who are serving or have served our country.

**Konow's Farm, 16849 S. Cedar Road
Sunday, November 10
Noon to 3:00 p.m.**

If you would like to share a digital photo of a veteran, please email it to mediarelations@homerglenil.org. We also would like all Homer Glen veterans to have the opportunity to attend the celebration. If you need a ride to the event, please contact Village Hall at 708-301-0632 by Thursday, November 7. For more information about the event click [here](#).

Homer for the Holidays

I hope all residents join the Village in lighting up our new holiday lights display at the annual holiday event, "Homer for the Holidays".

**Heritage Park, 14240 W. 151st Street
Saturday, December 7
4:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

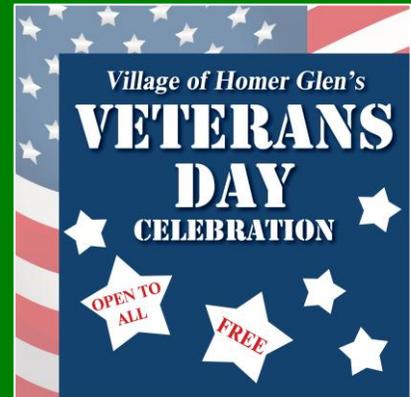
This year, the event begins with the lighting ceremony at the Active Core in Heritage Park. Be prepared to be wowed by the monumental light sculptures and thousands of mini-lights, new pole lights, and tree spritzers which will cover the park. Photos with Santa, holiday crafts, live music, hot cocoa, free train rides and more will be included at the event. "Homer for the Holidays" is free and available to Homer Glen residents of all ages! Come help us spread holiday cheer this year at the Village of Homer Glen!

For more information about these special events, visit our website at homerglenil.org and find us on Facebook @villageofhomerglen.

If you have any other questions, please email me at mayoryukich@homerglenil.org. Please check back next month for another Mayor's Blog.

-Mayor George Yukich

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Holiday Lights at the Active Core!

Click the photo above to see a preview of the dazzling display coming to Heritage Park this winter!



