



HOMER GLEN

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2024



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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



I've been thinking about the advisory referendum results. Although I still strongly support eliminating redundancies and consolidating where we can, I would have liked to have seen a more overwhelming response to the advisory question.

With voter turnout only around 15%, and the referendum passing by about 270 votes, I believe more guidance and input is needed from residents. As mayor, I am committed to doing a better job of communicating the benefits and downfalls fairly.

Moving forward, the village will investigate all options and communicate the potential outcomes. Our goal is to lessen the tax burden, and with cooperation from Homer Township, we can make that a reality.

Why is this important to our residents? When the village was incorporated in 2001, the need for township services began to fade. That has only become more evident with the passing years.

While serving on the Township Board from 2009 to 2015, I watched the township's responsibilities fade and the village continue moving full steam ahead. In fact, some of my fellow board members at that time shared the same sentiment and still hold township seats.

In 2015, I became a Village Trustee and truly understood the difference between the two municipalities and the overlap.

In 2021, the village created its own Public Works Department, which now maintains 130 miles of road, leaving only 18 miles in the township. The township also transferred six parks to the village, keeping only the dog park in its jurisdiction. The process of consolidation and elimination has already begun. Why not finish what we started?

The township and the village both provide a medical closet, resident activities, senior events, and more. In fact, majority of Township events are hosted on Village grounds and work in conjunction with the Village. I believe it would better serve our residents to consolidate these efforts and be more fiscally responsible.

I want to assure the residents who access township services, as well as those employed and elected in the township, that your needs and concerns are not overlooked. I am committed to being sensitive to your situation and believe that we can find a solution that lessens the tax burden for all through open conversations, meetings, and resident involvement.

I look forward to answering questions and addressing concerns in the coming months. I hope to build support for this measure, as it represents a positive move in the direction of smaller and better government.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christina Neitzke-Troike'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mayor Christina Neitzke-Troike



## Disputed 143rd Street expansion project in limbo

After much debate and opposition to Will County’s plan to widen 143rd Street between Lemont and Bell roads, the proposed project may still play out through the courts.

The Will County Board voted 12-9 on February 15 to stop the planned expansion from two to five lanes. Will County Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant signed the resolution the following day. However, she then said her signing was by mistake, and issued a veto the following day.

The parties involved currently await legal opinions. Movement on the project should only occur after these decisions are made. The Village of Homer Glen will evaluate its next course of action as this issue continues to develop.

## Village communication improvements

The village has taken a significant step toward enhancing communication with residents.

The Village Board voted to hire a public relations firm and the mayor has introduced Homer Highlights video updates. Once fully operational, these initiatives will ensure that residents are well-informed about all important village matters.

One of Mayor Neitzke-Troike’s primary goals is to find effective ways to communicate with residents. “Providing factual information is crucial to the village, and we are committed to promptly addressing any rumors or misinformation,” she said.

To stay updated on village matters, please:

- Attend Village Board meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays
- Watch the Village Board meeting recordings on Channel 6, YouTube (@HomerGlen), and the village website ([www.homerglenil.org](http://www.homerglenil.org))
- Watch Homer Highlights videos on Channel 6, YouTube, and Facebook at [facebook.com/villageofhomerglen](https://facebook.com/villageofhomerglen)
- Visit the village website or Facebook page
- Sign up for Civic Ready, the village’s new mass alert system. See pg. 13.

Still have questions? Call the village, 708-301-0632, or email staff. The village staff email directory is at <https://homerglenil.org/directory.aspx>

## Village acts to protect the Parker-Hadley Road corridor

In 2023, The Will County Division of Transportation began a study of the Parker Road and Hadley Road corridor which includes Parker Road, Chicago-Bloomington Trail, Hadley Road, and 167th Street from US Route 6 to Will-Cook Road. The county proposed potential roadway improvements that would include taking homeowner’s land to widen the roads, cutting down old growth trees and more.

This would be detrimental to the area, which is heavily wooded with mature trees that provide not only an environmental benefit, but are a defining cultural aesthetic of Homer Glen.

The Hadley area was an early rural crossroads settlement in northwest Will County. The corridor is located along a route that had been a Native American trail. Although few structures from the original settlement remain, several intact farmsteads and other elements including the Hadley Cemetery, the Hadley Settlement, and the nationally registered Stone Manor still exist along



Hadley and Chicago-Bloomington roads. The region’s first post office

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# VILLAGE UPDATES

## Drainage, construction, expansion, transportation updates

### Drainage improvements

Multiple drainage improvement projects will move into Phase II engineering design in the first half of 2024. Construction (Phase III) of the drainage improvement projects are expected to take place towards the second half of 2024 or early 2025.

transportation throughout the village while maintaining the original intent of providing a coordinated, sustainable, safe and efficient system of roadways and pedestrian facilities that enhance and coincide with the rural character and environmental amenities of the village.

### Heritage Park parking expansion

After being on hold over the winter months, this project resumed in March with completion of the inner ring road and east parking lot expansions to be completed first, followed by the cul-de-sac road.

### Bell Road progress

Progress has been delayed due to utility relocations. The previously targeted completion date of August 2024 has been pushed back about six months. The current Bell Road construction from 159th to 151st street is expected to continue into 2025.

### Future Will County construction

Will County will be moving ahead with the next phase of its Bell Road Widening Project from 151st Street to Martingale Lane following the completion of the current phase from 159th to 151st street.

### Bike Trail Expansion

Phase II engineering design will be completed for the Heroes Trail Extension project. Construction may start towards the second half of 2024. We are always looking into new routes and potential expansions for our bike trail. Planning efforts are underway to enhance connectivity throughout the village.

### Transportation Study

An RFP was advertised to update the village's Transportation Plan which has not been updated since 2007. The new plan will evaluate the many facets of



## Protect your investment with permits

Planning construction and updates to your home this spring? Some common projects might require a building permit. This includes: roofing, siding, pools, sheds, decks, remodels, fences, concrete work, and other various upgrades. Obtaining a building permit helps protect the investment in your home against unsafe construction practices and safety hazards. Additionally, most insurance providers will not cover work completed without a permit.



During the permit process, the village will verify that the contractor is licensed, bonded, and insured. Inspections will also be done throughout the construction phases.

For more information, contact the Building Department at 708.301.1301, email [buildingdepartment@homerglenil.org](mailto:buildingdepartment@homerglenil.org) or scan the QR code.

## Energy-efficient tax credits

If you made or will make qualified energy-efficient improvements to your home after Jan. 1, 2023, you may qualify for a tax credit. You can claim the credit for improvements made through 2032. Improving energy efficiency in our homes and businesses reduces carbon pollution, while also saving money on utility bills. Scan the QR code to learn more.



## Public Works Department gears up for seasonal work

The Homer Glen Public Works Department is gearing up for spring and summer operations and maintenance.

### Tree Trimming

Public Works only trims trees in the village right-of-way that are causing a hazard or obstruction to

the public. This includes branches hanging down low enough to cause issues for pedestrians or motorists. They do not manicure, top or groom trees for aesthetic purposes.

### Storm Damage Clean-Up

The village may provide storm damage pick-up following a significant storm that has impacted large areas. This service is for clean-up of severe damage and not the result of tree trimming.

If the village determines a need for storm damage pick-up, it will notify residents via the village website and Facebook page.

Residents should place branches on the parkway parallel to the street but not in the street. They must be no larger than five inches in diameter with the cut end at the street. No stumps, roots or root balls will be picked up.

### Restoration Work

Restoration work to parkways damaged by snow plows will begin in late spring. The village will restore the areas with black dirt and grass seed. If a plow damaged the parkway in front

of your home, please email [hgpublicworks@homerglenil.org](mailto:hgpublicworks@homerglenil.org).

### Road Resurfacing

The village continues a robust road resurfacing program with the scheduled improvement of four miles of neighborhood roads at an investment of more than \$1.4 million. This project will be bid out in April and begin in mid-July, weather permitting.





# VILLAGE EVENTS

All events take place at Heritage Park, unless otherwise noted. More information and registration (when required) can be found under at [homerglenil.org](http://homerglenil.org) under the Events tab.

## Spring Food Drive

**April 1-19**

Thanks to everyone who donated non-perishable food items for the Lockport FISH Food Pantry.



## Tulips/Butterflies in the Park

Residents decorated wood flowers and butterflies that will be displayed at Heritage Park during May.

## Kite Festival

**Saturday, May 11**

**11am to 3pm**

Giant kite demonstration by Chicago Kite, food vendors, kids games, activities and more. Bring a kite, grab a free one at the village tent (limited quantity), or purchase from Chicago Kite.



## Stargazing

**Friday, May 17**

**7:30pm** Animal Quest exhibit

**8:30pm** Telescope viewing

Join area astronomers for an evening with the stars! Telescopes available for free viewing. Presented by the Environment Committee.



## Seedlings

**May 25**

**11am-2pm**

**Ages kindergarten-fifth grade**

Bring the kiddos to learn hands-on tips for dividing perennials then plant vegetable and herb seeds to take home and start a garden. Presented by the Environment Committee.

## Village-Wide Garage Sale Days

**Friday and Saturday, June 7-8**

**9am -3pm**

Register for the inaugural village-wide garage sale days. Registration is \$5 for one or both days and gets your address on a list shared the week of the event.



## Homer Community Festival

**Thursday-Sunday, June 27-30**

The village's premier, annual summer event. (See pages 8-9). Carnival MegaPass pre-sales May 1-June 26 at Whitmore Ace Hardware and June 3-26 at Village Hall.



## Movie Under the Stars

**Friday, July 12 & 26, & Aug. 9**

**6:30pm, movie at dusk**

Outdoor movie showings with pre-show fun at Heritage Park. Food vendors and more on-site. *Rain dates: Sat. July 13, 27, Aug. 10*



## Kids Fishing Derby

**Saturday, July 20**

**8:30-11:30am**

Kids 3-7 and 8-12 will cast their poles in the stocked pond and see what they can catch. Prizes awarded. Watch for registration.



## Family Fun Day

**August 3**

Bring the family out for a day of fun, games, contests, music, food and friends. More details to come.



## Labor Day Weekend Parade

**Saturday, August 31**

**10am**

Join us for the village's first Labor Day Weekend/ Back to School parade! More details to come.



## Food Truck Fridays

**August 23 (w/Touch a Truck)**

**September 6 (with live music)**

Wrap up your week with dinner and/or dessert and fun at Heritage Park.



See the village website and Facebook page for updates. When you attend an event at the village, photography, audio, and video recording may occur. By entering the event premises, you consent to such recording media and its release, publication, exhibition, or reproduction to be used for village promotional purposes.

# Environment Committee announces contests, awards and memorial program



## Big Tree Champions Contest

Residents and stakeholders are once again encouraged to search in forest preserves, parks, and on their own private property. The largest tree of each species (such as maple, oak, pine, etc.) will be recognized. Scan the QR code for the entry form. Submission deadline: May 15.



## Memorial Tree & Marker Program

The village's Memorial Tree and Marker Program, launched in 2023, provides the opportunity for family and friends to dedicate a tree and a long-lasting marker to commemorate a loved one. These can be purchased for many occasions including, but not limited to, the memory of someone who has passed, in honor of a service member, a birthday celebration, a graduation, or any other occasion. Such dedications will not only provide a lasting memory, but also help beautify village parks. Scan the QR code for more program information and application.



# Stonebridge Park courts renovated

Stonebridge Park recently received a much-needed facelift.

The tennis and basketball courts were renovated and the pavilion area was spruced up.



## The Community and Nature in Harmony Awards Program

recognizes individuals, businesses, groups, and community organizations that through the creation of wildlife habitat or preservation, restoration, and/or beautification of land within the village, have demonstrated a commitment to the environment and, in the process, significantly contributed to community pride. Scan the QR code to learn more and download the nomination form. Deadline for submission is July 5.



## Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorship is a great way to promote your business and support the village's 2024 events including HomerFest.

Details and deadlines at [homerglenil.org](http://homerglenil.org).

# Homer Glen's First Labor Day Weekend/ Back to School Parade



Saturday, Aug. 31  
10 a.m.

Parker Road starting at 151st Street,  
heading north to Briarwood.

Watch the village website & social media for more details.



# JUNE 27-30, 2024

HERITAGE PARK | 14240 W 151<sup>ST</sup> ST, HOMER GLEN

## HOMERFEST



Scan for Fest Info



**Don't miss...**

- Food Trucks
- Live Entertainment
- Carnival games & rides
- and more!

**Don't Forget...**

- Lawn chairs
- Blankets
- Rain Ponchos
- Open-air stage

**NO PETS**  
**NO COOLERS**  
**NO UMBRELLAS**  
**NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK**

### FREE ADMISSION | FREE PARKING

## 2024 ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

<b>Thursday June 27</b>	 The 815 4:00 - 6:00 PM	 Hillbilly Rockstarz 6:30 - 8:30 PM	 Mike and Joe 9:00 - 11:30 PM
<b>Friday June 28</b>	 Olivia Minogue (Contestant from The Voice) 4:30 - 6:30 PM	 All American Throwbacks 7:00 - 9:00 PM	 Simple Band (Keith Simple - Contestant from The Voice) 9:30 - 11:30 PM
<b>Saturday June 29</b>	 Duncan 3:00 - 4:00 PM	 Instant Recall 4:30 - 6:30 PM	 BUCKLE BAND 7:00 - 9:00 PM
<b>Sunday June 30</b>	 The Music Company Polka 3:00 - 5:00 PM	 Davenport Project 5:30 - 7:30 PM	 7th Heaven 9:30 - 11:00 PM
			 "Shake Baby Shake" Lance Lipinsky & the Lovettes Celebrating the Birth of Rock and Roll 8:00 - 10:00 PM

PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS, BE A FEST SPONSOR! SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE FOR DETAILS.

# MEGAPASS & UNLIMITED RIDE SPECIALS

## MegaPass

Unlimited rides  
all four days!

Pre-Fest sale \$65

available at:

Whitmore Ace Hardware

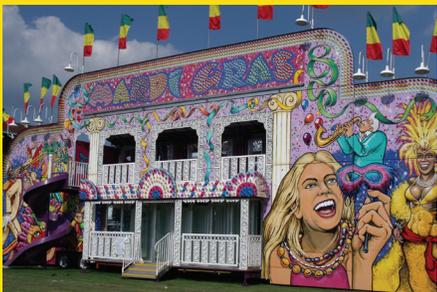
May 1-June 26

Homer Glen Village Hall

June 3-26

\$75 purchased at Fest

## NEW RIDES FOR 2024



## Unlimited Ride Sessions

\$35 per session

Thursday, June 27

3pm-Midnight

Friday, June 28

5pm-Midnight

Saturday, June 29

Session 1: 12-3:45pm

Session 2: 4:15-Midnight

Sunday, June 30

Session 1: Noon-5:15pm

Session 2: 5:45-10pm

*No refunds for closure due to inclement weather etc.*

## SPECIAL NEEDS DAY

Friday, June 27

2:30-4:30pm

Carnival fun for

Homer Glen special needs residents and their families.

## SALUTE TO SOLDIERS

Sunday, June 30

4:45pm at the stage

Watch for more information at [HomerFest.com](http://HomerFest.com)

# FIREWORKS SHOW



Thursday, June 27

@9:15pm

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to experience the best fireworks display in the state by Ace Pyro.

In case of inclement weather, watch for updates on the Village and Fest websites and social media.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Students & Adults Needed!

Sign up at [HomerFest.com](http://HomerFest.com)  
Volunteers 14 and older are needed to help keep Fest clean, deliver ice to vendors and assist adult volunteers. Earn community service hours!

Volunteers 21 or older may also check IDs at the Information Booth.



## 2023 Business Activity Roundup

A total of 28,227 square feet of commercial space was filled as a result of new and retained business activity during 2023. Fourteen new businesses opened, and eight businesses were retained in the village through expansions and new ownership. The current retail space vacancy is a low 1.7 percent.

Business success stories of the year include:

- The opening of Jersey Mike’s.
- The opening of Luis Cabinet Depot in the former Circle Tractor property at 12608 W. 159th.
- Runnings, a Minnesota-based retailer serving 12 states, purchased R.P. Home & Harvest, including the 92,000-square-foot store in Homer Glen.
- Whitmore Ace Hardware, a fifth-generation family-owned business, purchased its 14th location, the former Will-Cook Ace Hardware.
- The corporation operating Davidson’s Bar & Grill was acquired by new owners.
- New independent operators offering nutritional drinks opened The Golden Spot on Golden Oak Drive and Mega Smoothie inside the Megaplex sports center.
- Zenflower Integrative Pediatrics, a new therapy clinic opened.
- Momentum Dance Studio expanded its dance floors into an adjacent available unit.

## Welcome New Businesses

**Fairway Independent Mortgage**  
14148 S. Bell Road

**Mega Smoothie**  
15301 S. Bell Road (in Megaplex)

**Whitmore ACE**  
12121 W. 159th Street

**Great Lakes Auto Collision**  
15823 Annico Drive

**Nikki’s Bar & Gaming**  
14411 S. Bell Road

**Zenflower Integrative Pediatrics**  
14757 S. Founders Crossing

**Jersey Mike’s Restaurant**  
14009A S. Bell Road

**Runnings**  
15830 S. Bell Road

**Luis Cabinet Depot**  
12608 W. 159th Street

**Shawn Hogel Focal Point Creations**  
12551 W. 159th Street

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was established on July 27, 1835, at the intersection of present-day Parker and Chicago-Bloomington roads.

In a coordinated effort to protect the area from any impact, the Mayor and Village Board voted in support of protecting the

“Heritage Routes” of the Parker Road, Hadley Road and Chicago-Bloomington Trail. On December 13, 2023 the Village Board boldly approved the formal jurisdictional transfer of the corridor from Will County to the village street system. The Will County Board

completed the formal transfer at its December 21, 2023 meeting.

With the road now under the village’s control, further evaluation of the pavement, sightlines, and drainage will be occurring.



RIBBON

CUTTINGS



## Tips for protecting trees and shrubs before cicadas emerge

With cicadas due to emerge in mid-May, Morton Arboretum's website offers some tips to ensure that susceptible trees and shrubs remain healthy.

Mulching, watering and addressing any disease problems the trees may have can help ensure they're healthy enough to sustain cicada damage.

After leaves emerge, preferably when they are fully expanded and hardened off, and before the cicadas arrive, cover small trees and shrubs, including those with few developed branches, with a fine protective netting, such as tulle fabric.

Close gaps in the netting with binder clips, clothespins or staples and gather the fabric around the trunk as near to the ground as possible. Once the emergence event is over, remove the netting. Consider waiting to plant young trees with a trunk diameter of less than two inches until after adult cicada activity has ceased or in the fall.

The Arboretum does not recommend insecticides against cicadas. Netting is the best protection for susceptible trees and shrubs.



More information about the cicada emergence and how to protect young trees and shrubs can be found at [mortonarb.com](http://mortonarb.com).



## Homer Glen Town Center Visioning process complete

Since Homer Glen was incorporated, many residents have desired a center where people can gather, enjoy community, and support local businesses.

In March 2023, the Village engaged The Lakota Group, an urban planning and design firm based in Chicago, to embark on the visioning process for a town center. Guided by input from residents, the plan would capture the community's overall vision for a town center, its preferred location, market viability, and a roadmap to developing the right place for Homer Glen. The work consists of three parts: Community Engagement, Market Assessment, and Concept Plan.

In the Community Engagement phase, the goal was to give residents multiple opportunities to contribute their thoughts and ideas on what a town center means to them and engage with citizens on various digital and in-person platforms.



The planning team connected with more than 500 residents through more than 400 survey responses, 25 focus groups and interviews, a community workshop in May 2023, social media outreach, a project website with comments, ideas submitted, and stations at Kite Fest, Stargazing, and Homer Fest.

Phase two, Market Assessment, was conducted last summer and



wrapped up in September. The study provided an analysis of Homer Glen's consumer and retail economies and an assessment of potential town center locations. It considered the preferences residents expressed through surveys, focus groups, and the community workshop. It also summarized economic realities and developer considerations.

Based on resident engagement and the market assessment, the Village Board identified that concepts for a town center would focus on a location on 151st Street across from Village Hall.

The planning team then developed four initial concepts reflecting many inputs, including the preferences residents expressed in focus groups, surveys, and the first community workshop. The concepts also reflect the market assessment, which indicates an "achievable reality" for a town center would need to be supported by residential development.

The second community workshop was held January 30. About 65 residents attended and got the first look at the concepts. A virtual version of the workshop was also posted online and promoted through email and social media.



A summary of all the community input and the concepts are on the project website and were recently presented to the Plan Commission and Village Board.

At this point, the Village Board will determine how and if they want to move forward with any of the concepts.



## Community Development Committee seeks to improve the quality of life

The Community Development Committee first met in July 2023. It was inspired by the original Community and Civic Involvement Committee, which was created and active in the early years of incorporation.

The purpose of the new committee is to improve the quality of life for Homer Glen residents by building a sense of community, enhancing communications between the village and residents, promoting community and civic pride, and encouraging active participation in village events.

The committee members have a wide variety of interests and represent residents in many different stages of life. Additional members are welcome.

The committee also seeks input on ways to improve village communications and ideas for creating community spirit. We would also like to connect with community organizations to encourage and promote the many services organizations provide for our residents.

A new event being planned this year is a Family Fun Day to be held August 3. Volunteers are needed. For more information on how you or your organization can participate, please reach out to Trustee Steilen or Events and Communications Director Kris Pasquini.

The committee meets on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Community Room.

## Register for village's new Mass Alert System

The village's new mass alert system, CivicReady will allow residents to receive emergency information and weather alerts via email, text message and/or voice-mail.

You may also opt in to receive information about village events and village news and alerts.

To subscribe to emergency text message ONLY, text HomerGlenIL to 38276.

To subscribe to Emergency text messages AND other notification lists, visit [public.alert-sense.com](http://public.alert-sense.com) or scan the QR code.



You may also download and sign up for the My Alerts app on your phone.

If you have any questions, email [alerts@homerglenil.org](mailto:alerts@homerglenil.org)

## Behavioral Health & Addiction Recovery Committee strives to make impact

The Behavioral Health and Addiction Recovery Committee held its first meeting in February 2023. The goal of the committee is to promote awareness and communicate helpful information for anyone in need of programs, contacts, support or any helpful service.



are simply putting forward current information and holding meetings to brainstorm ideas to keep getting important information and messages out to our community, with the hope of making a difference to all who need it.

Committee members include a variety of professionals with diverse backgrounds and experience, all with important insight to bring to the table. The intent is to be a source of information for those seeking education and who may be living with an addiction or other mental health concerns.

Being aware and sensitive that these are private matters, we

Mental health and addiction is a growing crisis. The stigma associated with these issues needs to be lessened. There is strength in unity, and It will take the entire community working together to make an impact.

We invite you to join us and bring your ideas and experiences. We meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room.

## Grant will be used to purchase AEDs

The Village has been awarded a \$10,000 Safe Community First Responder grant from Enbridge, an energy delivery company.

The funds will be used to purchase additional AEDs to supplement the ones already in place at Village Hall and the Public Works building.

One will be added to the concession stand by the baseball diamonds, and the remaining will be deployed during outdoor events, said Ron Kus, the village's EMA Director who applied for the grant.



# FOR YOUR REFERENCE

## Village cracking down on unlawful use of off-road vehicles

Will County Sheriff's Department and the village continue to receive complaints about unlicensed off-road motor vehicles.

The use of ATVs, dirt bikes, snowmobiles, or motorized play vehicles is prohibited on public

roadways, trails, and right-of-ways. Riding these vehicles on ComEd property, through parks or other people's property is considered trespassing.

Violators caught or identified may have their vehicle impounded and

subject to citation and fines up to \$1,000.

These types of vehicles may only be driven on private property, where permission has been granted by the property owner.

## Register your golf carts for use on some village roads

With the warmer weather, more residents are dusting off their golf carts to enjoy.

Reminder that the village allows golf carts to be used on certain types of streets in the village, but you must register and have a current registration sticker in your cart. Stickers expire annually on April 30.

Golf cart rules and the registration application are available at Village Hall and on the village website.

Specific safety and insurance requirements will need to be met. Failure to abide by the ordinance's provisions could be subject to impoundment of the golf cart, citations, and fines up to \$2,500.



## Emergency Management Agency offers preparedness tips

Planning for family emergencies is crucial for survival. Engage your family in discussions to prepare them for various situations. Involve everyone in the planning process to address their specific needs. Familiarize yourself with emergency procedures at places you frequent, like school, work, church, or daycare.

During crises, resources may be scarce. Be ready to self-sustain for at least 72 hours. In the case of public health emergencies, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) advises having a two-week supply of groceries to manage quarantine or isolation effectively.

### Essential Steps

Disasters can strike unexpectedly, leaving little time to react. Take these essential steps to ensure preparedness.



Establish a Plan with family and friends for potential emergencies.

Build emergency supply kits for your home, vehicle, and workplace, ready for sheltering or evacuation so your family has what it needs ready to leave your home as quickly as possible.

Get trained in first aid, CPR, sheltering procedures, and utility shutdown protocols.

### Tornadoes

Illinois ranks fourth in the U.S. for

the most tornadoes per square mile with the majority between 3 and 10pm, April thru June. The chances of being affected by a tornado may seem small, but if you are in a threatened area, act QUICKLY when the threat is confirmed.

Find more emergency preparedness information at [www.ready.illinois.gov](http://www.ready.illinois.gov).

### Homer Glen Emergency Management Agency

Consider volunteering for the Homer Glen Emergency Management Agency (EMA). For more information, please email [ema@homerglenil.org](mailto:ema@homerglenil.org).

Please tear off this perforated page and keep for reference.



Your recycling protects our planet's resources for the next generation. But, what to recycle can be confusing. This confusion leads to poor recycling habits. In fact, 25%-35% of the recycling stream is not recyclable, it's contaminated. The contamination of "good" recyclables puts the entire recycling process at risk. With this simple guide, your recycling will continue to make a difference for our planet.

## CURBSIDE RECYCLING - ACCEPTED ITEMS



Glass Bottles & Jars



Paperboard Boxes - Cereal, Tissue & Frozen Food Boxes



Newspapers, Catalogs, Phone Books, Paper Bags



Plastic Jugs (not #6 plastics)



Plastic Bottles



Cartons - Milk, Juice, Broth, Soup & Other



File Folders, Office Paper, Envelopes



Junk Mail, Glossy Paper, Magazines



Flattened Cardboard Boxes



Aluminum, Tin, & Other Metal Cans

## NOT ACCEPTED



Plastic Bags



Food



Electronics



Hazardous Material



Film Wrap, Film Plastic, Sheets, Tarps



Styrofoam & Containers

### PAPER:

Self Stick Labels  
Shredded Paper  
Used Paper Plates  
Tissue Paper  
Gum / Candy Wrappers  
Waxed Paper  
Paper Cups  
Paper Towels

### CARTONS:

Foam Egg Cartons  
Ice Cream Cartons

### PLASTIC:

#6 Plastics

Large storage bins  
Plastic Wrap  
Plastic Grocery Bags  
Plastic Bread Bags  
Snack Bags (chips, fruit snacks, etc.)  
Storage Bags  
Outdoor Hoses  
CD, DVD Packaging  
Bubble Wrap  
Flex Packaging (baby food pouches, fruit snack pouches, etc.)

Plastic Silverware  
Solo Cups  
Prescription Bottles  
Motor Oil Containers  
Clothes Hangers  
Polystyrene Cups or Plates  
**METAL:**  
Aluminum Foil  
**GLASS:**  
Mirrors  
Window Glass  
Dishes / Drinking Glasses

### OTHER:

Wood  
Food  
Yard Waste  
Hazardous Material  
**Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste** should be disposed of at a Household Hazardous Collection Center or Event.

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[www.homerglenil.org](http://www.homerglenil.org)  
[www.willcountyygreen.com](http://www.willcountyygreen.com)

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## Village Facilities

**VILLAGE HALL**

14240 W. 151st Street  
708-301-0632  
Administration Department  
M-F 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Building Department  
M-F 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

14400 W. 151st Street  
708-966-0059

**HERITAGE PARK**

14240 W. 151st Street  
Located behind Village Hall

**CULVER MEMORIAL PARK**

14600 S. Parker Road

**ERIN HILLS PARK**

13725 S. Dublin Drive

**EVLYN'S GATE NORTH PARK**

16066 S. Syd Creek Drive

**GLENVIEW WALK PARK**

15603 James Lane

**GOODINGS GROVE PARK**

13900 S. Greystone Drive

**GOREHAM PARK**

14431 S. Pheasant Lane

**KINGSTON HILLS PARK**

14848 S. Carlton Lane

**LAMERS PARK**

12307 W. Lakeview Trail

**SENDRA PARK**

14727 S. Greenbrier Lane

**STONEBRIDGE PARK**

16000 S. Stonebridge Drive

**SPORTS COMPLEX**

14354 W. 151st Street

**YANGAS PARK**

12001 W. Venetian Way

## Village Committees, Commission, and Agency

Below is a list of the village committees, commission and agency. These groups consist of trustees, staff and residents. All meetings take place at Village Hall unless otherwise noted. Any changes to regular meeting times and more information is posted on our website, homerglenil.org. All meetings are open to the public. Appointments for committees are made in May of each year. Scan the QR Code for more information and an application.

**Ability Awareness Committee**

6:30pm, 1st Tuesday  
Chair: Mayor Christina Neitzke-Troike

**Behavioral Health & Addiction Recovery Committee**

6pm, 1st Wednesday  
Chair: Trustee Curt Mason

**Community Development Committee**

6:30pm, 2nd Thursday  
Chair: Trustee Sue Steilen

**Community Fest Committee**

5:30pm, 1st Wednesday  
Chair: Trustee Dan Fialko

**Economic Development Committee**

7pm, 2nd Monday, Village Hall  
Chair: Trustee CJ McNaughton

**Emergency Management Agency**

7pm, 1st Thursday, 15757 Annico  
Director: Ron Kus

**Environment Committee**

6pm, 1st Monday  
Chair: Trustee Jennifer Consolino

**Parks & Recreation Committee**

9:30am, 1st Friday and 4pm, 3rd Monday  
Chair: Trustee Rose Reynders

**Plan Commission**

7pm, 1st and 3rd Thursday  
Chair: John Hand

**Public Services & Safety Committee**

4pm, 1st Wednesday  
Chair: Trustee Curt Mason