

# FLOSSMOOR

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## FLOSSMOOR *fest*



**September 11, 2010**

**11:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.**

**Downtown Flossmoor & Flossmoor Park**

**9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at 11:30 a.m.**

**Live Entertainment**

**Free Kids' Activities and Games**

**Great Food from Local Restaurants**

*Detailed Schedule on Page 8*

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# School's Open - Drive Carefully



With schools in Flossmoor now open, the Flossmoor Police Department reminds motorists to be especially careful. Motorists are encouraged to be extremely cautious and to be on the lookout for students and school buses. Children get caught up in the excitement of the back to school season and forget to look out for cars. For that reason, it is best to slow down when you are nearing school zones and residential areas. Motorists are reminded that state law requires motorists to stop when buses are loading and unloading students and to obey school speed zones. Flossmoor Police will continue to watch for these types of violations.

## DATES TO KNOW

**Sept. 6** Village Hall Closed in Observance of Labor Day

**Sept. 11** Flossmoor Fest/5k Run & Walk

**thru Sept. 15** Lawn Sprinkler Ban Effective from 12 to 6 p.m.

**Oct. 3-9** Fire Prevention Week

**Oct. 7** Second Annual Community Relations Commission Meet and Greet

**thru Oct. 15** Farmers Market, every Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Oct. 18-22** Character Counts! Week

**Oct. 31** 3rd Grade and Under Halloween Party (Sponsored by the Fire Department)

**Nov. 7** Daylight Savings Time Ends (Set clocks back one hour)

**Nov. 11** Veteran's Day

**Nov. 25 & 26** Village Hall Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

**Dec. 4** Winterfest

## VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS

Village Hall 798-2300

Fire 798-3885  
*non-emergency*

Police 957-4500  
*non-emergency*

TDD 647-0179

Public Works 957-4100

Building Department 957-4101

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## Flossmoor Farmers Market

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# BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Jonathan Kane Salon & Spa | Sweet Thing Inc.

Opening new stores, businesses and restaurants generates jobs and tax revenue, as well as improves the quality of life for the community. For every dollar you spend in Flossmoor, one percent comes back to the community supporting Village services.

Flossmoor welcomes new businesses Jonathan Kane Salon & Spa and Sweet Thing Inc. to the community.

## Jonathan Kane Salon & Spa

**Location:** 2635 Flossmoor Road  
**Phone:** 708-206-3336  
**Website:**  
JonathanKaneSalonSpa.com  
**Salon Hours:**  
Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

With a grand opening in the fall, **Jonathan Kane Salon & Spa** is a full service Aveda Concept Salon & Spa designed to meet your needs from head to toe. The salon offers complete hair, skin and nail care and body services. Featuring Aveda's full line of hair care products, Jonathan Kane gives customers the opportunity to use the same products at home that professionals use in the salon.

Purchased in February 2010, owners and Flossmoor residents Larry and Kathy Kane wanted Jonathan Kane to be a place where time seemed to stand still, giving customers the opportunity to discover their style, relax their body and sooth their soul.

Larry and Kathy Kane are active members of the community. They have lived in Flossmoor for the last 10 years and are involved with the South Suburban Family Shelter, Cancer Support Center and South Suburban PADS. Larry has been in the professional salon industry since becoming a stylist in 1979.

Contact the salon for an experience

that will exceed your expectations. They can accommodate groups, wedding and private parties.

If you're on the hunt for some old school candies from when you were growing up, you need to look no further than downtown Flossmoor. **Sweet Thing Inc.** opened in December 2009, offering both retro and contemporary sweets.

Kelly Rayburn, owner and Flossmoor resident, loves candy and always wanted to own a candy store. She was tired of driving long distances to satisfy her sweet tooth for candies such as Mary Jane, Bit O Honey, and Banana Splits.

Sweet Thing Inc. is a candy boutique that specializes in old fashion candies in their original packaging from the 1940s to today's special treats. The name of the business came from Rayburn's belief that "Everyone deserves a sweet thing."

Sweet Thing Inc. offers customized goody bags for birthdays, events,

and special occasions, in addition to chocolate delicacies and other snacks and beverages. In addition, Sweet Thing Inc. hosts special events and creates custom candy bars.

Although the thought of a candy store may evoke mixed reactions from those who are trying to take off a few pounds, Sweet Thing Inc. offers options that keep those who are health-conscious from feeling left out.

Sweet Thing Inc. prides themselves in providing exactly what their customers want. If you don't see it, just ask!

## Sweet Thing Inc.

**Location:** 2559 Flossmoor Road  
**Phone:** 888-834-9777  
**Website:** sweetthinginc.com  
**Hours of operation:**  
Monday - Thursday:  
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Sign Up for the Flossmoor Electronic Newsletter

Would you like Village News delivered to your e-mail inbox?

Then sign up for the Flossmoor E-News. The e-news provides current Village information and events bi-monthly that are of interest to residents and the business community. To join, go to [www.flossmoor.org](http://www.flossmoor.org).

## Come Out to the 2nd Annual Meet & Greet

Once again, the Community Relations Commission is holding its 2nd Annual Meet and Greet with community residents for the evening of October 7. The objective of the event is to connect and introduce Flossmoor residents to neighbors who do not know one another in an attempt to share the good news of the community. All residents are invited. Space is limited, so RSVP today!

**Event:** Flossmoor Meet and Greet | **Date:** October 7, 2010

**Time:** 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Flossmoor Station Restaurant and Brewery

**RSVP:** 708.335.5411 or [krichardson@flossmoor.org](mailto:krichardson@flossmoor.org)



## Children's Halloween Party

The Flossmoor Volunteer Fire Department invites all young residents (Pre-school through 3rd Grade) to its Annual Children's Halloween Party. The party will be held at Parker Junior High in the main gym from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 31, 2010. We look forward to seeing you in costume!

## SKYPE @ The Library

Flossmoor Library is pleased to announce the addition of a Skype station for use in the library!

Skype is a software program that allows users to make telephone calls over the internet. Calls to other users of the service are free of charge, while calls to landlines and cell phones can be made for a fee. To use the Skype station, patrons must have a government-issued photo ID (not a school ID). Please see an Adult Services staff member for additional rules and information.

## Board Approves "Green" Study Group

The Village of Flossmoor has always considered itself to be an environmentally-friendly community and has had a long tradition of taking progressive action for the benefit of its residents and the greater south suburban region.

Recently, the Village Board determined that it was now necessary and appropriate to establish an environmental study group to explore opportunities for Flossmoor to become more environmentally friendly.

Made up of three (3) residents, the Green Study Group will have one (1) year to examine and recommend a feasible green action plan and present their findings to the Board. The action plan will include educational programs along with activities and practices that promote environmental awareness and behavior by residents in an effort to promote an environmentally conscientious community at the household level.

Members of the Green Study Group are Maggie Bachus, Jackie Riffice, and Brian Zakem.

## Fall Improvements

Are you planning on putting up a fence, adding onto your house, or maybe building a deck and shed? It is important to contact the Village's Division of Inspectional Services prior to making any changes to your property because all new construction work is subject to the Flossmoor Building Code. The Division of Inspectional Services may be reached by phone at 708.957.4101.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Catch Hockey Fever at the H-F Ice Arena

By Laura Nichols

Patrick Kane was just 21 years old when he scored the legendary final goal for the Chicago Blackhawks' 2010 Stanley Cup championship. Sixteen years ago he was just starting to learn the game of ice hockey. The H-F Park District's Hockey Coordinator Brit Terry had the young Patrick Kanes in mind when she created the new Dyno-Mites Hockey Program at the H-F Ice Arena this fall.



"Dyno-Mites is a precursor for kids who are too young for a hockey league or who are just starting to learn the game," she said. "We are following the American Development Model (ADM) of USA Hockey and the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois (AHAII)." Participants in Dyno-Mites must be born between 2002-2005. While prior hockey experience is not required, the boys or girls must have participated in a Learn to Skate program or have had some skating experience.

All practices and games will be held at the H-F Ice Arena — located at 777 Kedzie in Flossmoor — between Oct. 7-Jan. 30. Practices will be held twice a week and Jamboree Days will be held on Sundays. During Jamboree Days, teams will compete in three-on-three games. The Dyno-Mites league plays Cross-Ice Hockey, which means they play the width of the ice rather than lengthwise. "The skaters get more ice time, touches on the puck and opportunities to score with this format," said Terry.

There will be a Dyno-Mites meeting for interested parents on Monday, Sept. 13, at 6 p.m. Registration will start after the meeting and is \$350 per skater. A payment plan is available. To register, players must have a current USA Hockey registration form, available at [www.usahockey.com](http://www.usahockey.com).

In addition to Dyno-Mites, the H-F Ice Arena also offers youth hockey teams (including a girls-only team), hockey development classes and the free AHAII Hockey is for Everyone program, available only at one other rink in the State of Illinois. For those kids and adults only interested in skating, Learn to Skate lessons are available in beginner, intermediate and advanced levels, and the arena also features award-winning synchronized skating teams, the Icettes. For more information, call or click 708-957-0100, [hfparks.com](http://hfparks.com).

## Lend Your Expertise

Your work experience, education, or interests can be of service to your community. Flossmoor often has volunteer opportunities for residents of diverse backgrounds to serve on various advisory boards, commissions and committees. Application forms are available at Village Hall or online at [flossmoor.org](http://flossmoor.org).

## Cell Phones for Seniors Program

Sheriff Thomas Dart is collecting used cell phones to distribute as 911 Emergency Cellular Phones for Cook County senior citizens who are considered at risk. By donating your old cell phone, you will be allowing seniors to feel more secure about living and traveling independently. You might be surprised at the number of seniors who do not have a home telephone due to their limited budgets. You may be providing the only outlet for a senior citizen to call for emergency service. The cell phones are free to seniors and can only be used to access 911 in case of an emergency. Senior citizens who receive the free cell phone from the Sheriff's Department will have a stronger sense of security when out in their cars, on public transportation or participating in outdoor activities.

Please bring any old cell phones to the Flossmoor Public Library, 1000 Sterling Avenue.

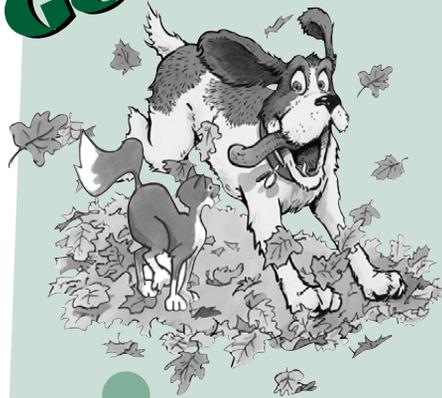
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# GOOD NEIGHBOR CORNER

**Nominating: Ms. Shirley Beale & Sons and Daughter  
(John, Cameron & Candace)**

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They are special and thank God for them.

*Submitted by Barbara J. McEwen*

## We're looking for Good Neighbors!

The Good Neighbor Corner is a feature highlighting the good news in our community. In order to praise the efforts of local residents, organizations and businesses, we need your help! We're looking for those friendly folks, good deeds, and special neighborly touches that make living in Flossmoor special.

If you know a good neighbor, fill out the form below and send it to Flossmoor Village Hall, 2800 Flossmoor Road, Flossmoor, Illinois, 60422.

Help us share the efforts of good neighbors with the entire community. Submissions will be featured in the upcoming edition of Flossmoor News.

### GOOD NEIGHBOR NOMINATION FORM

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the name and address of the person/group you are nominating \_\_\_\_\_

Why are they a Good Neighbor to you?  
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**CALUMET CITY**  
1600 Torrence Ave.  
(170th and Torrence)  
708.730.1300

# FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS



“Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!” is NFPA’s official theme for Fire Prevention Week (FPW), October 3-9. If you’re wondering why NFPA, the official sponsor of FPW for nearly 90 years, is focusing on smoke alarms when most homes already have at least one, you’ve come to the right place!

This year’s campaign is designed to educate people about the importance of smoke alarms and encourages everyone to take the steps necessary to update and maintain their home smoke alarm protection.

## Smoke Alarms

■ Smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a reported fire in half.

■ Most homes (96%) have at least one smoke alarm (according to a 2008 telephone survey.)

■ Overall, three-quarters of all U.S. homes have at least one working smoke alarm.

■ Each year, nearly 3,000 people die in U.S. home fires.

■ In 2003-2006, roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

- No smoke alarms were present in 40% of the home fire deaths.

- In 23% of the home fire deaths, smoke alarms were present but did not sound.

■ In more than half of the reported home fires in which the smoke alarms were present but did not operate even though the fire was large enough, batteries were missing or disconnected. Nuisance alarms were the leading reason for disconnected alarms.

■ More than half of the smoke alarms found in reported fires and two-thirds of the alarms found in homes with fire deaths were powered by battery only.

■ Most homes still have smoke alarms powered by battery only. In a 2007 American Housing Survey (AHS), 67% of the respondents who reported having smoke alarms said they were powered by battery only.

■ In fires considered large enough to activate a smoke alarm, hard-wired alarms operated 91% of the time; battery-powered smoke alarms operated 75% of the time.

■ Interconnected smoke alarms on all floors increase safety.

- In a U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) survey of households with any fires, interconnected smoke alarms were more likely to operate and alert occupants to a fire. (This includes fires in which the fire department was not called.)

## Fire

■ Cooking is the #1 cause of home fires and injuries.

■ Smoking is the leading cause of fire deaths.

■ Heating is the second leading cause of home fires, fire deaths and fire injuries.

■ Electrical failures or malfunctions are factors in roughly

50,000 reported fires each year.

■ Roughly 30,000 intentionally set home structure fires are reported each year.

## In 2008

■ U.S. fire departments responded to 386,500 home fires.

■ Home fires killed 2,755 people and injured 13,160.

■ Someone was injured in a reported home fire every 40 minutes.

■ Roughly eight people died in home fires every day.

■ A fire department responded to a home fire every 82 seconds.

■ 83% of all fire deaths and 79% of fire injuries resulted from home fires.



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# FLOSSMOOR *fest*

September 11, 2010 | 11:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
Downtown Flossmoor and Flossmoor Park



## Fest Kickoff Ceremony

**11:30 a.m.** 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony  
Downtown Main Stage  
Special Performance by the HF Viking Band

## Main Stage Schedule

(Downtown Stage)

**11:45 a.m.** Mayor's Welcome  
**12:00 noon** Western Avenue School Children's Chorus  
**12:30 p.m.** Infant Jesus of Prague Children's Choir  
**1:00 p.m.** Flossmoor Hills Children's Chorus  
**1:30 p.m.** Heather Hill Children's Chorus  
**2:00 p.m.** Serena Hills Children's Chorus  
**2:30 p.m.** HF Inspirational Voices  
**5:00 p.m.** The Walk-ins  
**8:00 p.m.** Staff Infection

## Children's Activities Flossmoor Park

All Activities are Free  
**12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

- Lazer Tag
- Atlantis Moon Jump w/ Slide
- Wild One Obstacle Course
- Berry Go Round
- Kelly Katerpillar Adventure
- 80' 3 Lane Fiberglass Fun Slide
- Balloon Artist
- Tattoos
- Olympic Bicyclist
- Pony Rides
- Flossmoor Fire Department Demonstrations
- Children's Crafts presented by Art 4 Soul
- HF Park District: Free Throw Contest, Speed Throw Contest, Bean Bag Toss, Stacking Cup Game Challenge, Pop-a-Shot, and Putting Green.
- Baseball Clinic presented by Flossmoor Baseball

*Times subject to change*

## Flossmoor Park Stage Schedule

**12:30 p.m.** Science Show: "Getting Excited About Science"  
**1:30 p.m.** Martial Arts by Draco Academy  
**2:00 p.m.** Yoga Demonstration by Yoga Beyond  
**2:30 p.m.** Dave Fleming Variety Act

## Flossmoor 5k Run/Walk

Sponsored by HF PARK DISTRICT and CONROY SPORTS PHYSICAL THERAPY

### Leavitt Park

**8:00 a.m.** Check in  
**9:00 a.m.** Race time  
\$19/ HF resident  
\$22 Non-resident  
(\$27 on race day)

Pre-registration ends at noon on Thursday, September 9.  
Raceday registrations accepted from 7-8 a.m.



# PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

Flood Information Handbook



**F**looding affects most of Chicago's suburbs, and Flossmoor as one of them, has been subject to intermittent flooding. Numerous streets and basements have sometimes been under water.

The Village of Flossmoor has created this packet of information to educate residents about dangers of flooding and what they can do to mitigate flood hazards.

## PROPERTY PROTECTION

There are various actions that can be taken to flood proof a home. Electrical boxes, furnaces, water heaters, and washers/dryers should be elevated or relocated to a location less likely to be flooded. Basement floor drains and interior and exterior backwater valves can be installed, and interior flood walls can be placed around utilities.

Other ways to keep water away could include regrading your lot or building a small floodwall or earthen berm. These methods work if your lot is large enough, if flooding is not too deep, and if your property is not in the floodway. The cost of material for an average size berm can be between \$440 to \$1600. A permit is required for all regrading projects. The Flood Protection Information at the Flossmoor Public Library and the Village Hall has more on the ideas discussed above. Also, the Building or Public Works Departments can provide additional information and ideas.

If flooding is likely, and time permits, move essential items and furniture to upper floors of your home. Keep materials like sandbags, plywood, plastic sheets, and lumber handy for emergency waterproofing. This action will help minimize

the amount of damage caused by floodwater.

Many houses, even those not in the flood hazard area, have sewers that can back up into the basement during heavy storms. A plug or a standpipe may prevent this if the water does not get more than two feet deep. For deeper sewer backup flooding, talk to a plumber about overhead sewers or a backup valve.

## DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

The Village of Flossmoor adopted the Floodplain and Stormwater Management Code in 2008. In general, the goals of this code include protecting residents and their property from flood hazards, complying with national regulations and preserving the natural characteristics of the stream corridors.

The code specifies two types of flood hazard areas, the floodway and the floodplain. Land uses which have a low flood damage potential and do not restrict flood flows may be permitted in the floodway, provided they are not prohibited by ordinance. These uses do not include structures, fill, dumping of material or waste, or storage of materials or equipment. The most common permitted uses in the floodway are agricultural or recreational in nature, and include vegetated areas around residences.

Floodplain areas permit the same type of uses as the floodway. The construction of structures such as residences is also permitted, provided the lowest floor of any residential structure is no lower than two feet above the base flood elevation and compensatory storage is provided.

It is very important to contact the

Flossmoor Public Works Department before proceeding with any work in flood hazard areas. This is necessary as development permits are required for any construction, and special permit provisions apply to work in a floodway or floodplain. Also, be sure to notify the Department of Public Works at 708.957.4100 if you notice any illegal floodplain development.

## FLOOD PROTECTION LIBRARY

Additional information concerning flooding and related topics is available for review at the Flossmoor Public Library, located at the corner of Park and Sterling (across from the Metra Station) and at the Public Works Service Center, 1700 Central Park Avenue. You may also visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov).

## QUESTIONS?

Contact the Office of the Public Works Director at 708.957.4100. Staff can provide guidance and information pertaining to flooding. In addition, they can answer the following questions concerning the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM):

- Your community number
- Your panel number and suffix
- The date of the FIRM
- FIRM zone of particular property
- Base flood elevation of properties

The services listed above are especially important to insurance agents, real estate agents, lenders (banks, savings & loans, credit unions, etc.), and current or potential homeowners. If you have further questions, call the Public Works Service Center at 708.957.4100.

## FLOOD WARNINGS

Residents of flood prone areas should always try to be aware of approaching storms and the possibility of flash flooding. Tuning into local TV and radio stations (some listed below) is the best source of information before or during a storm.

TV- ABC, CBS, NBC, WGN, FOX, CABLE WEATHER INFORMATION, etc.

RADIO - WBBM(780AM), WCGO (1600AM), WGN(720AM), WLS(890AM), etc.

You may also contact the following non-emergency numbers:

Flossmoor Fire Department: 708.798.3885. Flossmoor Police

Department: 708.957.4500.

## FLOOD INSURANCE

Flooding can be a costly problem that isn't always covered by standard homeowners' insurance policies.

It can be helpful determining if your home is in an identified flood hazard area. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided newly-revised flood maps for the Flossmoor area. Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) identify flood hazard areas and provide additional information, including the flood zone and base flood elevations of particular properties.

The Village of Flossmoor participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This program provides federally subsidized flood insurance to Flossmoor residents who desire or are required to carry this coverage. Cost for insurance depends on the amount of coverage and the degree of the flood hazard. Continuing Village efforts to improve storm water management have resulted in a 10% premium reduction for policies purchased by Flossmoor residents.

To obtain more information on flood hazard areas, residents can call the Public Works Director's Office at 708.957.4100. Your insurance agent can provide specific information regarding the NFIP policy and how it relates to your residence. Several flooding publications have been written for homeowners. These documents are available for review at flood protection libraries set up at the Public Works Service Center and the Flossmoor Public Library.

You can also visit the website at [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) which is an official site for the National Flood Insurance Program. Here you will be able to learn the basics, know your flood risk, NFIP in the community, estimate your premium, and find an agent.

## FLOOD WATCH, FLOOD WARNING

Floods can take several hours to days to develop.

- A flood watch means a flood is possible in your area.
- A flood warning means flooding is already occurring or will occur soon in your area.



Morton Tuftedal

to the Flossmoor Police Department Auxiliary Police at its inception on October 4, 1965. Mort taught weapons courses for the Northeast Multi-Regional Training Group for twenty-five years, imparting his experience and skills to hundreds of law enforcement officers. His skill as a range officer was such that he once served as a teaching model for several Chicago Police Department Range Officers.

Mort provided the Village of Flossmoor with over 43 years of both professional and volunteer service up to his retirement in 2009.

## IN MEMORY OF HIS SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE

Retired Auxiliary Officer and Range Master Morton (Mort) Tuftedal of the Flossmoor Police Department passed away on July 4, 2010. Mort was appointed

## PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR RETIRES

After 35 years of service to the Village of Flossmoor, Public Works Director Greg Buenzow retired in May. During his tenure as director, he was instrumental in creating



Greg Buenzow

and implementing a number of exceptional programs including a street maintenance program, sanitary sewer reconstruction program which has resulted in rehabilitation of over 50% of the system, a computerized parkway tree inventory and database program, and a multi-phase storm sewer rehabilitation program.

In addition, Greg assisted with the design and construction of a new \$1.5 million public works service center that opened in 1996, the first public works facility constructed in the Village.

Greg served as a volunteer firefighter with the Flossmoor Fire Department for 33 years rising to the rank of Captain and retiring in 2009.

The Village of Flossmoor thanks Greg for the significant impact he has made in Flossmoor and wish him and his family success, health, and happiness in the future.

George Peluso, who has been Assistant Public Works Director since 2006, was appointed Flossmoor's new Public Works Director. Peluso will oversee the Public Works Department, which is responsible for a water utility, 38 miles of streets, storm and sanitary sewer utilities, parkway trees, parking lots, and public buildings and grounds.



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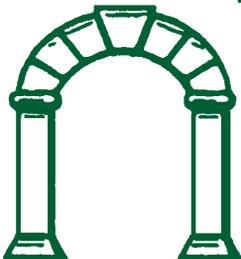
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