

# FLOSSMOOR

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**ART**  
**auction**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**

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for Details!**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11**

A Benefit Auction for Flossmoor's Public Sculpture Collection

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**FLOSSMOOR** *fest* **SEPT. 6TH**

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## Village MEETINGS

**Village Board Meeting**  
1st & 3rd Mondays of the month  
at 7:30 p.m.

**Plan Commission Meeting**  
3rd Thursday of  
the month at 7:30 p.m.

**Zoning Board of Appeals**  
4th Tuesday of the month  
at 7:30 p.m.

**Public Art Commission Meeting**  
2nd Tuesday of the month  
at 7:00 p.m.

**Community Relations  
Commission Meeting**  
4th Tuesday of the  
month at 7:00 p.m.

**Green Committee Meeting**  
3rd Tuesday of the month  
at 7:00 p.m.

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# DATES to know

### September 1

Village Hall offices closed in  
observance of Labor Day

### September 6

**Flossmoor Fest**  
More information on page 11

### September 6

**Flossmoor 5k Run/Walk**  
7 am – Registration / Check-in  
8 am Race time  
Details at [www.hfparks.com](http://www.hfparks.com)

### September 15

Lawn Sprinkling Ban Ends

### October 5

**Cancer Support Center Walk of Hope**  
Irwin Park, 18120 Highland Avenue  
in Homewood  
9 am Registration  
10 am Survivor Celebration  
10:30 am All walkers begin  
[www.cancersupportcenter.org](http://www.cancersupportcenter.org)

### October 9

**Community Relations Commission  
Meet and Greet**  
6 am - 9 pm | More information on  
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### October 11

**Flossmoor Paper Shred**  
Flossmoor Village Hall (2800  
Flossmoor Road)  
11 am - 1 pm  
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### October 11

**Flossmoor Public Art Commission  
Art Auction**  
7 pm Preview | 8 pm Live Auction  
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### October 13

Village Hall offices closed

### October 17

Last day of the Flossmoor Farmers  
Market

### October 18

**HF Green Team Electronic  
Recycling**  
Parker Jr. High School  
9 am – 1 pm

### October 31

**Halloween Trick or Treat Hours**  
3 am – 7 pm

### October 31

**Children's Halloween Party**  
7 pm  
Parker Jr. High School Gymnasium

### November 27 & 28

Village Hall closed for Thanksgiving

### December 6

**Winterfest – Flossmoor Public  
Library**

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# Fine Art on the Block

This year's Flossmoor live Art Auction is an event you won't want to miss — great art, great food, great people, for a great cause. On October 11, Flossmoor Art Auction will not only bring fine art into residents' homes, it will bring new public sculpture to the Village in the years to come. "The last Flossmoor Art Auction was in 2004 and the Commission raised \$10,000 toward the Public Art Program. This year, the Commission is partnering with Marlin Art Gallery to raise \$15,000 in support of the world-class outdoor sculpture collection that is one of the hallmarks of the Village," said Richard Bumstead, chairman of the Flossmoor Public Art Commission. The Art Commission, established in 1998, is self-supported by donations and no tax dollars are used to acquire sculpture.

If you want to know more about what you can expect at the auction,

here are answers to the most common questions we're asked:

## HOW MUCH DOES THE ART SELL FOR?

In the past, some of the artwork has sold for hundreds of dollars, while other pieces have sold for thousands. Of course, since this is an auction, the price of any item will be determined by the highest bidder. We offer art with opening bids from \$55 to \$10,000, with an average in the \$75 to \$450 range. Opening bid prices are one-half to one-third of gallery prices on most items.

## WHAT WILL BE ON AUCTION?

Few art companies can match the Marlin Art Gallery collection. They feature signed lithographs, serigraphs, sculptures, sports memorabilia, etchings, animation art, giclees, and originals in every

medium, size, and style. All art is guaranteed for its authenticity. The collections include an exciting mix of masters such as Neiman, Borelli, Delacroix, Agam, Fazzino, Tarkay, Boulanger, Wooster-Scott, Rockwell, and Lui. Established artists, along with undiscovered artists and important art publishers, allow Marlin Art to offer exciting art at the most reasonable prices.

## WHAT SHOULD I WEAR TO THE ART AUCTION?

Wear what you feel comfortable in. Guests may wear everything from jeans to cocktail dresses. Whatever you wear, you'll fit in.

## WHAT IF I AM NOT THE HIGHEST BIDDER ON ANYTHING, BUT I STILL WANT TO HELP FLOSSMOOR PUBLIC ART?

## Art Auction

Saturday, October 11

Flossmoor Village Hall  
2800 Flossmoor Road

7 pm preview | 8 pm  
auction begins

Tickets: \$20 per person  
in advance

[www.flossmoor.org](http://www.flossmoor.org) for  
more information

The Commission will be accepting donations for Flossmoor Public Art Commission the night of the auction as well. Keep your eye out for raffles and other items, not included in the live auction, that are for sale.

## HOW DO I PURCHASE TICKETS?

Tickets are available in advance for \$20 per person and can be obtained at Flossmoor Village Hall or online at [www.flossmoor.org](http://www.flossmoor.org).

Additional tickets will also be available at the door for \$25 each.



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## Changes Coming to Your Water Bill

The review of the Flossmoor Municipal Code provided an opportunity to address growing issues relating to the water bill collection process. Customers who are paying on time or at least avoiding the shut-off process end up paying for the delinquent customers through the impact of user rates as the user rate must end up covering all costs not covered by other revenues. These new fees will hopefully serve as a deterrent for customers who incur habitual delinquencies

Starting this fall, the water bill due date will be 28 days after the rendition of the bill for service. This additional week to pay gives account holders almost a month to pay the bill by the due date. If the bill is paid after the 28th day, a 10 percent late charge is imposed.

In the event that the water bill and late charge are not paid, a shutoff notice is sent to the account holder and an additional shutoff notice fee of 10 percent of the amount of the bill is imposed.

In the event the water bill and

all other fees are not paid and the account is placed on a shutoff list, whether or not a door hanger notice is placed, a shut off fee of \$100 is imposed. The reconnection fee will be an additional \$100 if water is shut off.

For account holders who request temporary water shutoff associated with short-term nonoccupancy of residence, a reconnection fee in the amount \$50 will be added to the following water bill. No reconnection fee shall be charged when the account

holder requests a short-term shut off/turn on due to a plumbing problem on the premises.

No reconnection fee shall be charged to an owner when an account holder, who is not the owner, caused shutoff and the owner was not occupying the premises at the time of the shutoff. The following changes will collectively improve efficiency, reduce workload by reducing delinquencies and raise revenue to cover costs for the water billing collection cycle.

## Village Code is Online

The Flossmoor Municipal Code is now online and viewable on many platforms, including desktop, tablet and mobile devices. In July, the Village Board adopted the 2014 Flossmoor Municipal Code (FMC). This yearlong process is the first comprehensive review of the municipal code in fifty years. It was the goal of the Village to review current ordinances and to remove outdated ordinances that were not up to date with Illinois completed statutes.

To facilitate the process, the Village began working with General Code, a company specializing in codifying and publishing municipal codes online, in June of 2013.

Using General Code, the Flossmoor Municipal Code is now searchable by keyword, printable, downloadable, able to be emailed, and consistent in formatting of chapter and section numbering. Now everyone will have access to the Village Code of Ordinances in



a format that is quick and easy to navigate. Prior to the recodification process with General Code, the FMC was only available in paper. A hard copy of the new municipal code will still be available at the Village Hall for viewing. The code will be updated quarterly, as new ordinances are adopted by the Board.

To view the Municipal Code, go to [www.flossmoor.org](http://www.flossmoor.org) and click on "Municipal Code."

## Time to Shred

The Village of Flossmoor and the Flossmoor Public Library will host a free document shredding event on Saturday, October 11, from 9 – 11 am in the Village Hall parking lot at 2800 Flossmoor Road.

Residents can help prevent identify theft by disposing of sensitive documents with personal information such as financial records, bank statements or medical data through this secure on-site mobile shredding unit that will be provided by Shred X, a records destruction company.

Participants will be required to remove boxes from their cars and proceed to the on-site mobile unit.

Shred X will shred paper documents only. Small paper clips and staples do not have to be removed.

Junk mail does not need to be shredded. Shredding documents consumes energy, and decreases the value of



paper.

Please recycle junk mail and magazines.

## Parker Junior High Student is Flossmoor Mayor for a day

Prince Jones, an eighth grader at Parker Junior High School, was Flossmoor's mayor for a day on August 4. Prince won the opportunity to be mayor as part of Flossmoor School District 161's Mardi Gras Tuesday fundraiser. Prince's day as mayor included lunch with Mayor Paul Braun and a tour of the Flossmoor Village Hall, police and fire departments. Later that evening, Prince had an opportunity to officiate at the Village Board meeting.



## Understanding Flood Risks

Many property owners do not know the basics about flooding or flood insurance. To make informed decisions, residents and business owners need a solid understanding of their flood risk and how flood insurance can help. The following are important facts and figures to share with property owners so that they better

understand the risk of flooding, its impact, and how flood insurance can help reduce the financial impact of flooding. Federal disaster assistance is usually provided in the form of a loan that must be paid back with interest along with any existing mortgage. Flood losses in the United States averaged \$2.9 billion per year for

the last decade. Nearly 75 percent of all federally declared disasters over the past five years involved flooding. Property owners, renters, and business owners can purchase flood insurance on their building and contents through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). It typically takes 30 days after the purchase of flood insurance for

the policy to take effect.

The average premium is around \$640 a year; the average claim in the past five years was more than \$35,000. More than 20 percent of all flood claims come from areas mapped outside high-risk flood zones. For flood insurance and flood risk information, visit [FloodSmart.gov/facts](http://FloodSmart.gov/facts).

## The Library Seeks Talent For New Project

Do you or someone you know have a gift/talent you would be willing to share with the community? What inspires you? What would you be willing to share? The Flossmoor Public Library would love to hear from you!

As part of the Flossmoor Public Library's ongoing Re-Imagining The Library project, an area of the library has been dedicated as a makerspace called "The Inspiration Station". This area is a community workspace where people can create and explore with technology as well

as hands-on materials. Examples of uses in "The Inspiration Station" can include knitting, crocheting, jewelry making, Lego building, painting, drawing, blogging, writing, music, and technology.

If you have ideas for the "The Inspiration Station", please submit by visiting [www.flossmoorlibrary.org](http://www.flossmoorlibrary.org) or stop by the Library to fill out a survey form.

## Community Bike Ride

**Come join the Flossmoor Green Committee for a Community Bike Ride through our wonderful Village on Saturday, September 6, and spend the morning with friends and neighbors. Check-in begins at 9:30 am at Leavitt Park, and the bike ride begins at 10 am.**

This will be a leisurely ride (not a race) and is approximately a 3.0 mile route. This event is geared towards families. Children under the age of 13 will need to be accompanied by an adult. Following the bike ride, participants are encouraged to attend Flossmoor Fest beginning at 11:30 am.

The Committee partnered with Active Transportation Alliance

to develop a special Flossmoor bike map highlighting area parks, gardens and our ever famous Flossmoor Art Sculptures. The route will begin and end at Leavitt Park. The Bike Ride is free to participate. Don't forget to head over to Flossmoor Fest on your bike – the annual bike valet will be available in Flossmoor Park by the baseball field on Flossmoor Road.

## Meet and Greet

In the spirit of building a sense of community, the Community Relations Commission invites residents to its annual Meet and Greet at the Flossmoor Station and Brewery on Wednesday, October 9, at 6:30 pm. This fun evening is an opportunity for new residents

to meet their neighbors and for established residents to get an opportunity to share all that makes Flossmoor a great community to live in. The gathering will feature some of the Flossmoor Station food and award-winning brew. Space is limited; RSVP at [www.flossmoor.org](http://www.flossmoor.org).

## Commission Wants to Recognize Your Neighbor

The Community Relations Commission is seeking nominations for its first Flossmoor Cares Resident Recognition Program. Residents are invited to nominate individuals in our community who are outstanding examples of "good neighbors," residents who have given significant time/effort toward the civic improvement, beautification or betterment of Flossmoor. Honoree selection will be based on civic responsibility, volunteer service, special projects and overall commitment to the community.

Qualifications:

- Nominees must be current residents.

- Self nominations are not allowed.

- Nominations must include information on the significance of the honoree's community contribution.

- Elected officials may not be nominated.

- Nominations must be submitted by September 12, 2014

Nominees will be recognized at the October 9 Community Relations Commission Meet and Greet at Flossmoor Station Restaurant and Brewery.

Nomination forms are available online at [www.flossmoor.org](http://www.flossmoor.org) or at the Flossmoor Village Hall.



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Unfortunately, some suppliers are incorrectly suggesting to residents that they represent the supplier the Village chose, and need to sign up with them to receive a low rate on their energy bill. The competing suppliers are not representing the Village of Flossmoor, only appearing to capitalize on the Village's publicity regarding our municipal electric aggregation program.

The Village's agreement with Verde Energy went into effect in July as the Village's contract with FirstEnergy Solutions expired. The agreement with Verde Energy provides electric power supply at the following 24-month fixed rate of \$.06871/kWh. ComEd's current rate of \$.07596/kWh is in effect until the end of September.

For residents not currently participating in the program, please contact Verde Energy at 1.800.241.0295 (Monday — Friday, 8 am — 5pm) to sign up for the Flossmoor rate.

As a reminder to all Flossmoor residents:

1. We know of no other offerings available with lower pricing
2. Verde Energy will not contact you in person or by phone
3. If you select an alternate supplier on the individual market,

## Flossmoor Program vs. ComEd rate in cents per kilowatt hour

	Supply + transmission	PEA fee <sup>1</sup>	Effective rate
<b>Flossmoor Rate</b>	6.871¢ (effective until July 2016)	none	6.871¢
<b>ComEd Rate<sup>2</sup></b>	7.596 - summer (June - Sept) 7.42¢ - non-summer (Oct - May) Effective June 1, 2014	0.50¢	8.1 to 7.92¢

- (1) The Purchased Electricity Adjustment (PEA) is variable and ranges as high as 0.5 cents per kilowatt-hour. There is no PEA charge from the program's Supplier.
- (2) The ComEd Price to Compare changes; the current rate can be found at [www.pluginillinois.org](http://www.pluginillinois.org) by adding the Electric Supply Charge and the Transmission Services Charge.

*For new residents or if you are interested in switching providers, contact Verde Energy at 1.800.241.0295 (Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5pm).*

make sure you understand the terms of agreement and if the rate is fixed or variable.

The Village hopes this will eliminate much of the confusion that these suppliers are causing. If there are any additional questions or concerns, please email Kimberly Richardson at [krichardson@flossmoor.org](mailto:krichardson@flossmoor.org) or call her at 708.335.5411.

## Receive Outage Alerts on Your Cell Phone

ComEd has instituted a two-way text messaging capability that allows customers to text their outage to ComEd and enables ComEd to text restoration information back to customers.

The expanded outage alert text message program will provide added convenience for customers and help to improve your experience when you are unable to reach a live person on the phone. Sign up online at ComEd's website at [www.COMED.com](http://www.COMED.com).

## Village Continues to Receive Recognition For Financial Reporting

State law requires the Village to prepare a set of audited financial statements following the close of each fiscal year in the form of a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). For the past 36 years, the Village has received recognition for its CAFR in the form

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## Teaming Up to Bring Recycling to Flossmoor Park Pays Off

As players on a traveling soccer team, Josie Bachus and Shallon Malfeo have visited plenty of parks and soccer fields in communities all around Chicago. Despite the acres of immaculate green fields, they noticed, an amazing number of the facilities don't have any recycling options.

A few years ago their mothers, Maggie Bachus and Carrie Malfeo, started Flossmoor Park Recycling by using the recycling totes and cans from Western Avenue School, which were not being used during the summer. This year, as members of the Parker Junior High National Junior Honors Society, the two eighth grade girls took over the job to earn service hours. Josie and Shallon meet up at the park once a week and make sure the recycling is moved to the EcoRewards Recycling bin located in Western Avenue's north parking lot.

Changing people's habits takes



Shallon and Josie Zero Heroes.

time. The first two years, many of the recycling cans were filled with unwanted food and other garbage as well as recyclable items. But this year, the garbage can next to the recycling can is almost completely empty, while the recycling can is filled to the brim with plastic bottles and cardboard.

"Shallon and I needed service hours for NJHS over the summer, so our moms naturally had an idea," Josie said. "We bring all

the recycling from the ballpark and put it in the large recycling bin at Western Avenue School, then put new bags in the emptied cans. It's a very hard (and gross!) job for volunteer hours, but it makes our park look good. For a recent soccer tournament, we went to this park, and it was disgusting because the garbage and recycling was flying all over the place, onto the fields. We wouldn't want our ballpark to ever look like that."



## Business Zero Hero: Drew's Coffee

When Drew Mohan had a chance to start his own business, he had a lot of decisions to make. But he knew from the start that Drew's Coffee, 1050 Sterling Avenue, would be eco-friendly when it opened its doors in June 2013.

Drew sells his delicious iced coffee and smoothies in cups that, once they hit the trash, decompose and also are compostable. This eco-friendly step costs a bit more than traditional packaging, but he says it is well worth the price. "I'm an environmentalist, and the kind of cups we use was a big issue from the start because we do such a big to-go business," he said. "But it's really important to me, and it's definitely worthwhile."

He has recycling visibly in place at this store. Also, he makes the coffee grounds readily available to people who want to add them to their own compost piles. Plenty of people take him up on the offer on a regular basis. "I hear the grounds are also great if you're growing roses," he said. As for the coffee itself, Mohan chose to sell the Intelligentsia brand, which is grown sustainably by coffee farmers.

His efforts have drawn customers' attention. "People notice, and that makes me feel good," he said. Drew's Coffee also participates in ways the public cannot spot by joining other shop owners along Sterling Avenue in recycling whatever cans and bottles he has.

Living an environmentally friendly life "is a process," Mohan said. "I'd love to move toward using no plastic at all. It's a challenge. We move toward it as we can."

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**SATURDAY, Sept. 6, 2014**

**11:30 am-10:00 pm**

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## Event Schedule

(Entertainment and times subject to change)

### Downtown Main Stage Entertainment

11:30 am Mayor's Welcome & Homewood-Flossmoor Viking Band Performance (Opening Ceremony)  
 12:00 pm Western Avenue Children's Choir  
 12:30 pm Infant Jesus of Prague School Children's Choir  
 1:00 pm Flossmoor Hills Children's Choir  
 1:30 pm Heather Hill Children's Choir  
 2:00 pm Serena Hills Children's Choir  
 2:30 pm Parker Jr. High Children's Choir  
 4:00 pm Fret Brothers  
 5:00 pm RetroActive  
 6:45 pm Euphony Band  
 8:30 pm Staff Infection

### Booths

Public Art Commission — Caricature Artist at booth (\$10 donation to the Flossmoor Public Art Program)  
 Flossmoor Service League — Bean Bag Toss Contest

## Flossmoor Park Children's Stage Schedule

12:15 pm Rope Warrior - Jump Rope Show  
 1:30 pm Mad Science - Fun Science Demos  
 4:00 pm David Seebach - Mentalist/ Magician

## Flossmoor Tennis Courts Stunt Shows

2:45 pm Matt Wilhelm Bike Stunt

## Booths and Activities 12 — 5 pm

Games and Crafts by H-F Park District  
 Flossmoor Fire Department Demonstrations  
 Pony Rides, Crafts, Inflatables  
 Kiddie Express Train  
 Balloon Artist (12 — 2 pm)  
 Face Painting (2:30 — 4:30 pm)

## Flossmoor 5k Walk/ Run

Sponsored by the HF Racquet Club and Conroy Orthopaedics and Sports Physical Therapy 7:00 am Registration/ Check-in, 8:00 am Race time Pre-registration ends at noon on Thursday, September 4. Register online at [hfracquetandfitness.com](http://hfracquetandfitness.com)

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