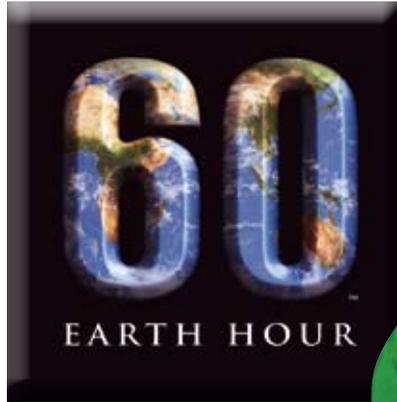


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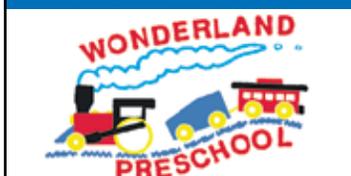
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DATES to know

MARCH 1

2011 Vehicle Stickers and Animal Tags on Sale

MARCH 26

Earth Hour. Turn off your lights from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

APRIL 10

28th Annual Free Family Health Fair (sponsored by the Homewood Rotary Club and Ingalls Health System)

APRIL 15

Last Day to Purchase Vehicle Stickers and Animal Tags before Fee Increase.

APRIL 16

Flossmoor Baseball Opening Day Parade and Ceremonies - Parade begins at 8:30 a.m. at Parker Junior High

APRIL 16

H-F Park District's Earth Day Celebration (Irons Oaks)

APRIL 28

South Suburban Diversity Dinners

MAY 7

H-F Park Pride Day (All Parks)

MAY 15

Lawn Sprinkling Ban Begins

MAY 18

Flossmoor Service League Annual Housewalk

MAY 20

Flossmoor Farmers Market Plant Sale

MAY 21

Flossmoor Rain Barrel Event



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BUSINESS *spotlight*

SWEET ANNIE'S RECEIVES 2010 SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

Sweet Annie's Bakery, located in downtown Flossmoor, was selected for the 2010 Small Business of the Year Award by the South Suburban Small Business Association (SSSBA) at their 9th annual Summit Awards breakfast in February. This annual award honors leading business people who have contributed to the economic growth of the region. The Small Business of the Year award is carefully selected from the many businesses in the region for their outstanding performance and excellence.

The owner and long-time Flossmoor resident, Anne Aboushousha, turned her love for baking into a reality when she opened her bakery in October 2008. Since then, Sweet Annie's Bakery has become a

community staple. "Receiving such an award validates the countless hours and dedication to making a small business successful and continuously pleasing our customers. Plus, it's a tremendous feeling to be acknowledged by my peers in the business community," said Aboushousha.

The South Suburban Small Business Association is a 14-year-old regional organization, serving sixty-nine communities within the south suburban area of Chicago. Its mission is to assist and promote small businesses through programs and activities that provide economic benefits and opportunities while working to improve the economic climate of the organization's service area.



Front Row: Mohammed Aboushousha, Anne Aboushousha, Bridget Wachtel, Sara Vanbuskirk. Back Row: Carmen Quinn, Jennifer Hathcock, Judge George Scully, Mayor Paul Braun, Rhonda Aaronson.

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Vehicle stickers expire every year, and you can receive a \$50 ticket for not having a current sticker. In addition, a penalty fee will be added to all applications received or postmarked after April 15. (A passenger car sticker will cost \$55 rather than \$40 after the deadline.) Stickers may be purchased at the Village Hall front counter during normal business hours, mailed, or dropped in the drop box located in the Village Hall parking lot or Flossmoor Police Station lobby.

Animal License Tags

All dogs and cats six months or older are required to be licensed with a 2011-2012 tag by April 15, 2011. Animal tags may be obtained at the Village Hall or by mail beginning March 1, 2011. Owners must provide a veterinarian's certificate of a current rabies inoculation. Licensing fees are \$15 per animal. The Flossmoor Municipal Code limits the maximum number of animals to three (3) per household.



Campaign Sign Policy

As we move closer to the 2011 local elections, we would like to remind residents of the Village's policies regarding campaign signs. Campaign signs are allowed on private property either by the property owner or with the permission of the owner. There are no restrictions on the size and/or number of political signs placed on private property. We ask that residents take care not to create unsafe situations, such as blocking views at intersections, when placing campaign signs. We also ask that campaign signs be removed promptly after the election so as to reduce visual clutter.

Campaign signs (or any signs for that matter) are NOT permitted on public property, which includes the parkways along the Village's streets. Campaign signs placed on public property will be removed and disposed of by Village personnel.

Homewood-Flossmoor Science Pub

According to USA Today, across the country, thousands of people are gathering for monthly science pubs which are informal lectures combined with food and drink that cover everything from the physics of flight to fire ecology to crime forensics. The H-F science community now has its own science pub and wants the public to join in the fun.

The first meeting will be at Grady's Grill in Homewood on March 29 at 8 p.m. Come early to eat, drink and mingle. Information and an email sign-up for future announcements can be found at <http://homewood-flossmoorsciencepub.blogspot.com>.



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People throughout Chicago's southern suburbs will gather together in celebration of the 14th annual Diversity Dinners. The objective of the dinners is to celebrate the diversity that typifies and enriches our region. The dinners exist to promote positive communication between people who might not otherwise have a chance to sit down and converse with one another. Dinners will be served at homes in the south suburbs from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., Thursday, April 28, 2011.

The dinners are free for both the dinner hosts and guests due to contributions from local organizations, businesses and individuals to underwrite the cost of the dinners. For more information or to register, visit www.facebook.com, search word South Suburban Diversity Dinners or call 708.335.5411.

Flossmoor Service League Annual Housewalk

The Flossmoor Service League's 2011 Annual Housewalk will occur on May 18, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The Housewalk highlights several unique homes in Flossmoor and Homewood. Tickets to this year's Housewalk are \$20. Proceeds from the Walk will go toward scholarships to charities and philanthropic organizations in the south suburbs. For tickets or more information regarding this event, please visit www.flossmoorserviceleague.org.

Portable Temporary Storage Containers

As the construction and moving season begins, the Village wants to remind residents of our policy regarding temporary storage containers. Property owners must receive a permit in order to have a storage unit. No permit fee is required; however, a ticket may be issued for failure to obtain a permit. The ordinance states the following:

Portable temporary storage containers are allowed in any single family residential district provided they meet the following conditions:

- Only one container may be located on a residential lot at a time.
- No portion of any container may extend onto a right-of-way or easement for ingress and egress.
- The container shall not exceed eight (8) feet in width, sixteen (16) feet in length and eight (8) feet in height.
- The container must be located on an impervious surface.
- Placement of a portable temporary storage container shall be limited to fourteen (14) days per residential lot, per calendar year.
- The container must be locked and secured when not being loaded or unloaded.
- The container shall not be used for storage of flammable liquids and/or hazardous materials.

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WINTER *wrapup*



A New Holiday Tradition in Flossmoor

Residents of Flossmoor joined together to usher in a more environmentally conscious New Year on January 1 & 8 at the First Annual Community Christmas Tree Recycling Program. Held at Irons Oaks Environmental Learning Center, the collection brought in over 300 Christmas trees! Mulch from the trees will be used on the paths and trails at Irons Oaks this Spring. The Village was a proud partner of this inaugural event.

Donors travelled from all over the Chicago Southland area and were so appreciative that this new holiday tradition had been created. Flossmoor resident Mr. Richard Barr commented, "A Christmas tree is a living thing and I have always had a hard time just dumping the tree into the garbage. I feel strongly about this new program in that my tree is being redistributed back to our earth. I was so glad to do this!"

As a small token of thanks, all donors were given a "goodie bag" which contained coupons for several local businesses and an educational fact sheet on the benefits of real Christmas trees.

This program was presented by the Western Avenue School Green Team, Irons Oaks Environmental Learning Center and the Molski and Manos Families who saw this as a way to give back to our community. The program founders said that, "We wanted to establish a resident initiated, simple, and most importantly, free opportunity that would keep Christmas trees out of landfills and vital nutrients from being wasted. We gathered together several like-minded organizations in the community who were already invested in environmental issues to spearhead the project, invited local businesses, organizations, churches and individuals to serve as sponsors and partners, and created an ad campaign to help spread the word of this recycling program. We set a goal of 100 trees for our first year and proudly surpassed it. We are so grateful to everyone for their participation!"

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VILLAGE *bulletin*

H-F High School Recognized by the College Board for Second Straight Year

In a report released this week, the College Board recognized Homewood-Flossmoor High School as the only school in the State of Illinois with an exemplary Advanced Placement program for its efforts in getting African-American students to succeed in A.P.[®] classes. For the second year in a row, Homewood-Flossmoor had the highest number of African-American students earn at least a 3 on the A.P. Psychology exam of any school in the nation. The A.P.[®] Psychology course is taught by teachers Lauren Chasey and Jennifer Juenke.

"We invest a great deal of resources to getting letters to students and parents about their opportunities to take on and succeed in challenging A.P.[®] courses," said Dr. Von Mansfield, superintendent.

The push towards rigorous coursework starts early, even before students begin at the high school.

"High expectations and equity and access to all of these courses are highlighted for incoming students every winter when we host our A.P.[®] Showcase event," said Mansfield. "Communicating early has really allowed us to create interest among many, many students."

Last year at H-F, more than 50 percent of students enrolled in at least one A.P.[®] class; the average in the State of Illinois is 17.2 percent. The school currently offers 23 A.P.[®] courses in six different content areas: English, Fine Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, and World Language.

The College Board is a not-for-profit membership organization committed to excellence and equity in education. Its 7th Annual A.P.[®] Report to the Nation shows how well educators across the U.S. have increased access to the types of rich academic experiences that prepare students for success in college. Additional data from the report can be found at collegeboard.com/apreport.

Understanding the Village's New Permit Requirements for Roofs

The Village of Flossmoor requires all work performed to a roof of a structure to be permitted with a basic building permit and one (1) inspection to make sure the work was completed.

A roofing contractor must provide a copy of his/her roofing contractor license in order to receive a building permit. Any person who performs roofing or waterproofing work to his or her own property will not be required to produce a roofing contractor license but will need to obtain a building permit.

The building permit application is available online at www.flossmoor.org. It must be signed by the homeowner and submitted with a copy of the roofing contract, a copy of the roofer's license (if it is not already on file) and the \$85.00 permit fee.

A general contractor who applies for a building permit that includes any roofing work must provide the license of the subcontractor who is doing the roofing work.



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In April of 2010, the Village Board created an environmental study group to explore opportunities for Flossmoor to become a more environmentally friendly community. The Green Study Group is made up of three residents that have one year to examine and recommend a feasible green action plan 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.

The Green Corner is a new feature to our newsletter developed by the Green Study Group to provide residents with environmental friendly tips, events and programs throughout the Village, the Park District, and neighboring communities.

GARDENING TIPS

Start Planning

■ Get familiar with your property and reduce the risk of buying and planting the perfect flower in an imperfect spot.

■ Don't rush it. Spring can be a weather roller-coaster! If March comes in like a lamb, get working. If she's a lion, savor it and gear up for warmer weather.



Consider Something Earth-Friendly

■ Think about transitioning your garden areas from pansies and petunias to a plant palette that is longer lasting, less expensive and better for the environment. Explore the world of native and perennial plants, shrubs and trees. You'll be glad you did.

■ Consider something new like a rain garden, vegetable garden or butterfly garden. They're beautiful to behold and each offers something wonderful for you and the planet.

It's Time to Groom

■ Clean up lawn debris like branches and dead leaves. Cut back the ornamental grasses to 3"-6", do the same to the coneflowers and other leggy plants that provided such beautiful winter interest. Please remember, yard waste collection for Homewood Disposal customers begins April 1 and collection for Skyline Disposal customers is year-round.

■ Re-edge sloppy garden areas with a sharp shovel. The ground is just moist enough to cut a clean edge with ease.

■ Start to turn the compost bin. It's been sitting outside all winter and it's time to shake it up!

■ Turn the mulch. It will need some refreshing after a long winter.

Get the Blooms Ready

■ It's time to plant summer-blooming bulbs if you missed it in the fall. Consider bulbs like iris, allium, dahlia and lily. Don't wait, get them in early.

■ Daffodils in tight spots can be relocated elsewhere in the yard when they finish blooming.

■ Set out plant hoops now before they are difficult to place around the peonies and other widespreading plants.

■ Pinch back late summer bloomers like asters and mums to promote bushier growth.

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RAIN BARREL SALE

April 1 – May 13, 2011

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Rain Barrel Reservation

In an effort to promote water conservation, the Village of Flossmoor will make rain barrels available to residents at a reduced price. These 55-gallon, recycled food grade plastic rain barrels come equipped with a spigot, garden hose threaded overflow and screen in the top to help keep out bugs and debris, and have screw-off lids.

What is the cost?

\$51 each. Reserving as part of the bulk Village order saves residents \$30 over the regular price.

How do I reserve a rain barrel?

Return mail-in reservation form or complete the reservation form online at www.flossmoor.org. Reservations will be accepted through May 13, 2011.

Payment and Pick-up

Customers are responsible for picking up their rain barrels at Flossmoor Village Hall at 2800 Flossmoor Road on Saturday, May 21, 2011 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **NO DELIVERY IS AVAILABLE.** Checks ONLY, made payable to the Village of Flossmoor, will be accepted with the reservation form.

RAIN BARREL ORDER FORM

Reservations will be accepted through May 13, 2011. Complete a reservation form on the Village website at www.flossmoor.org OR return this form to: Village of Flossmoor, Attn: Rain Barrel Program 2300 Flossmoor Road, Flossmoor, IL 60422

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On August 5, 2008, the Village updated the Floodplain and Stormwater Management Code. 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. Floodplain areas permit the same type of uses as the floodway and also may allow the construction of structures.

Any illegal floodplain activity that is observed should be reported to the

Public Works Director's Office at 708.957.4100. For those residents interested in determining if their home is in a floodplain or floodway, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided flood maps for the Flossmoor area. If interested in obtaining this information, please call the Public Works Department at 708.957.4100.

Those residents located near creeks and drainageways can take some precautions to reduce the risk of flooding. It is very important that property owners near creeks or drainageways protect one another through property maintenance and observance of State and Village regulations. Dumping in creeks or drainageways is illegal and should be reported to the Ordinance Officer of the Police Department at 708.957.4500. The following actions can protect residents and their neighbors from potential flooding:

- No grading or any alteration of the floodplain area is to be performed without obtaining a permit. To receive more information on how to obtain a permit, residents can call the Building Department at 957.4101.
- No materials, natural or manmade, are to be placed in the drainageway or along the banks without a Village permit.
- Grass clippings may not be put

within the drainageway or on its banks; this is true of all landscape waste.

- Any materials in the drainageway which may impede the flow of water should be removed as soon as possible.

It is important to know that standard homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to floods. Flossmoor is, however, a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program, which makes it possible for Flossmoor residents to obtain federally backed flood insurance. Due to Village efforts to improve stormwater management, the National Flood Insurance Program policies for Flossmoor residents have been reduced by 10%.

While many homeowners would not entertain the thought of being without fire insurance, they need to consider the possibility of insuring their homes

against flood damage as well which may be a higher risk than fire. Persons who live or own properties in flood hazard areas are urged to purchase flood insurance to protect themselves against flooding losses. It should also be noted that property does not have to be located in a flood hazard area to qualify for federally backed flood insurance.

Several flooding publications have been written for homeowners. These documents are available for review at www.floodsmart.gov. To obtain more information on flood hazard areas, residents can call the Public Works Department. Further, our new Assistant Public Works Director, John Brunke, is a Certified Floodplain Manager. He can assist our residents with any questions regarding flooding issues and can be reached at 708.957.4100 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

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