

FLOSSMOOR NEWS

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village meetings

Village Board Meeting
1st & 3rd Mondays of the Month at 7:30 pm

Plan Commission Meeting
3rd Thursday of the Month at 7:30 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals
4th Tuesday of the Month at 7:30 pm

Public Art Commission Meeting
2nd Monday of the Month at 7:00 pm

Community Relations Commission Meeting
4th Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 pm

Green Committee Meeting
3rd Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 pm

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calendar

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Monday, September 5

Village Hall offices closed in observance of Labor Day.

Saturday, September 10

Flossmoor Fest! See page 6 for more information.

Saturday, September 10

Flossmoor 5k Run/Walk — Check-in at 7; Racetime is at 8 am

Thursday, September 15

Lawn Sprinkling Ban Ends

Saturday, October 8

PULL UP A CHAIR — Public Art Program Event. See page 3.

Monday, October 10

Village Hall Offices Closed

Monday, October 31

*Happy Halloween! Trick or Treat Hours from 3 – 7 pm
Children's Halloween Party at 7 pm in Parker Jr. High School Gym*

Thursday, November 24 & Friday, November 25

Village Hall Closed for Thanksgiving

Saturday, December 3

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Left: Visual Arts Gallery at Governors State University

Right: "Minions" by Scott McMillin

PULL UP A CHAIR!

Support Flossmoor's Public Art Program on October 8

For more than fifteen years, the Flossmoor Public Art Commission has brought distinction to the Village of Flossmoor through the installation of outdoor sculpture in the downtown, along its picturesque residential streets, and at the award-winning Flossmoor Garden and Sculpture Park. The Commission's efforts have beautified Flossmoor, stimulated conversation amongst its residents and guests, and been a great source of pride for our Village.

This year, the Commission continues its mission with the PULL UP A CHAIR fundraiser on Saturday, October 8 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Wiley's Grill at Coyote Run. The event is inspired by the beloved Scott McMillin sculpture, "Minions" which depicts a group coming together to create something greater than the individual parts and is seen as a symbol of community. This initiative requires the use of repurposed chairs that are reimagined, transformed, and artfully made to depict ideas of community, neighborly conviviality, and a thriving public life. Find a chair, alter it to make it art. All funds raised go back to the art program, which is sustained solely through donations and fundraisers.

The fundraising campaign will culminate in an evening of wine tasting and heavy hors d'oeuvres and an auction of

repurposed chairs decorated by local artists. You can contribute in a number of ways:

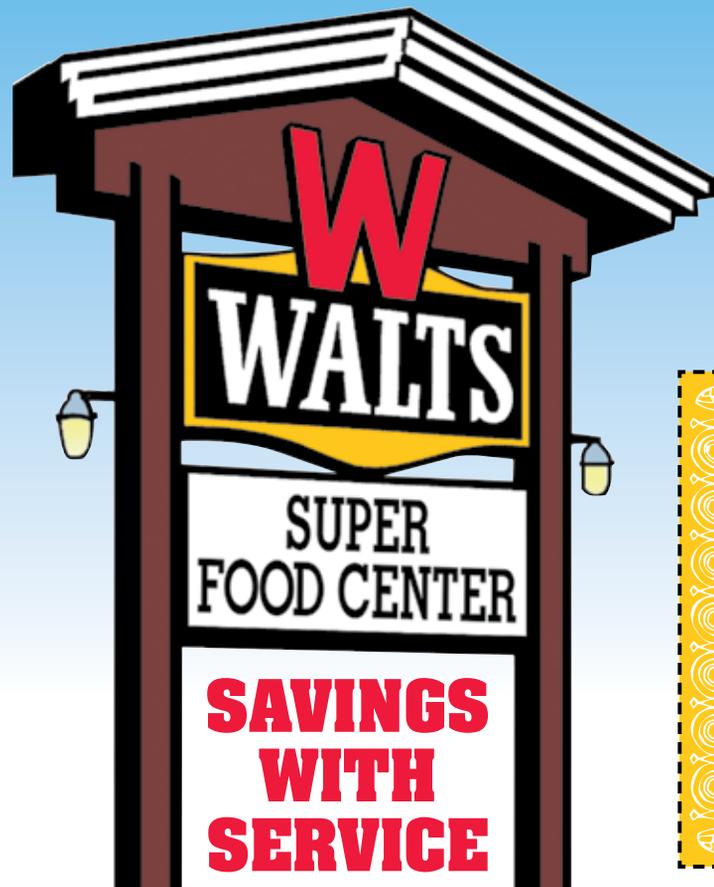
- Submit a chair to be auctioned. There is no entry fee for artwork.
- Buy a ticket for the event and bid on one-of-a-kind chair artwork or silent auction items
- Sponsor the event
- Purchase an ad in the event program

ArtForum, the Governors State University student art organization, will sell additional artwork in a tent outside the event.

Visit the Public Art Commission's table at Flossmoor Fest for more information, a sneak peak at the evening's offerings, an opportunity to create art that will be auctioned that evening and to buy your ticket! Or, visit artflossmoor.com.

Event program ad donations range from \$25 to feature your name as a supporter, \$45 for a quarter page ad and \$400 for a cover page. One day sponsorship savings will be offered at the Fest as well.

To sponsor the event or purchase an ad for the event program, contact Josephine Armsbury at 708-798-2300 or jarmsbury@flossmoor.org.



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Keeping it Fresh for 30 Years

Fresh Starts restaurant opened its doors in fall 1986 as a gourmet food store with a full bakery, ice cream, flowers and more. Display cases and counters eventually gave way to tables and chairs, and the bakery metamorphosed into a wine shop. Serving creative, delicious, expertly prepared foods, it has earned high marks from *The Chicago Tribune* to *Gourmet Magazine*.

Throughout the years, the restaurant has given itself several “fresh starts” as it keeps pace with the times. Now, at the age of 30, Fresh Starts is migrating to a fast casual concept.

“I want this to be the neighborhood place to go, where people feel comfortable coming in for a full meal, a bite to eat and a drink, or an order to go,” said Fresh Starts owner, Joann Lindholm. Patrons may enjoy lunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., order off of a bar menu from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and come for dinner from 5 until close. Catering is still available and it is now easier than ever to order from the website, freshstartsrestaurant.com.

To discover what delicious anniversary specials and surprises Joann has in store, visit the website or sign up for her email list.

Reflecting on her 30 years, Joann said, “I’ve met thousands and thousands of incredible people. It’s been a wonderful ride!”

Cheers to 20 Years! Happy Anniversary Flossmoor Station

Flossmoor Station Restaurant & Brewery has been pleasing the palates and quenching the thirsts of patrons near and far for 20 years. And what better for our favorite brew pub to mark this milestone than by brewing up a batch of Quick Witt Anniversary Ale! Also as part of their anniversary, they will be serving Wooden Hell, specially brewed by Mat Van Wyk on a return visit. The barley wine is one of the most celebrated beers they’ve brewed.

The idea for Flossmoor Station was planted when owners Carolyn and Dean Armstrong discovered brew pubs as they traveled for business. “Craft beer was a quantum leap better than mass produced American beers,” Dean noted. When the opportunity to purchase and renovate the Flossmoor train station property presented itself, locating a brewery of their own there seemed like a natural fit.

“We envisioned it as a world-class brew pub, but we also wanted it to become a community gathering place and that’s what it has become.” In January 2016 the brew pub was selected as one of the top breweries in the world by RateBeer.

Noting how the past 20 years have flown by, Carolyn said, “We’ve served three generations. So many wonderful kids from our community have started out as bussers, working their way up to servers. It’s very cool to watch them grow up.” Dean added, “We take pride in Flossmoor Station as do members of the community.”



Athletico Now Closer to Patients

Athletico Physical Therapy opened its doors at 19801 Governors Highway at the end of February. The new Flossmoor facility brings Athletico closer to many of the patients and schools they have been working with.

“We always look to be conveniently located, so when this location became available, it was an easy decision,” said Facility Manager, Joseph Lee, PT, DPT. In addition, the building offers a shorter entrance which provides easier access for patients using canes, walkers, crutches or wheelchairs.

Athletico’s services include physical therapy, athletic training and Work Comp services that encompass employer and employee education and therapy. Specialized offerings at the Flossmoor location include vestibular rehabilitation, dry needling, and Graston technique.

Athletico constantly strives to improve the care and services they provide. “Our goal is to help people move, restore function, and exceed their expectations,” Joe said. “We’ve been off to a great start, with a lot of support from the community, as well as from the Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Flossmoor in our Grand Opening. Our staff and our patients are excited about our presence in Flossmoor.”

Athletico is a leader in the rehabilitation community, opening in Chicago in 1991. It has expanded to cover nine states with more than 350 clinics, the majority of which are in the Chicagoland area.



EVERYBODY LOVES OUR FEST

The Flossmoor Fest Tradition Continues September 10 – See you there!

From residents to business owners, the annual all-day street party has proved to be a big draw year after year. The special event, which brings neighbors together for lots of reasons, offers food, music and activities for families and kids of all ages.

This year's Flossmoor Fest Lineup combines old favorites with new activities and performers, such as the National Anthem sung by Homewood resident and concert baritone Michael Cavaliere, the Grand Prairie Children's Choir, a performance by the HF Steppers and a video gaming truck.

Introduce your family to a musical hobby while you're visiting the children's activities. A new addition to the Flossmoor Park side is the community drum circle, WeDrum, a recreational drum circle organization led by Laura Miller. Laura, who also serves as the music teacher at Heather Hill School, will facilitate the activity. The circle will begin around 2 p.m. in Flossmoor Park when participants may try their hand at a variety of percussion instruments. While drum circles are meant to be fun, they also promote stress relief and a sense of community. No experience or musical ability is necessary; all children and their families are welcome.

"A drum circle is meant for people to come have fun and play some music," said Laura. "It's a fun, family activity." Get to know a different side of a hometown favorite while you're visiting Flossmoor Park. Wiley's Grill, the restaurant at Coyote Run Golf Course, joins Flossmoor Fest for the first time in 2016, selling funnel cakes and sweet treats on the park side. Wiley's is known for its high-end service and warm, contemporary dining, but also offers full-service catering, including off-premise corporate or social events, private in-home catering and cocktail and wedding receptions.

"Wiley's Grill enjoys coming out and seeing the community, and we're always happy to be a part of and support Flossmoor Fest," said Shari Klein, Food and Beverage Manager at Wiley's. Flossmoor Fest will be held Saturday, September 10 from 11:30 am to 10:00 pm. Old favorites returning this year include caricatures and art activities at the Public Art Commission booth, face painting and fair rides in Flossmoor Park. The Park area is open from 12 pm to 5 pm.

Once again, Flossmoor Road will be closed to traffic from Brassie Road to Sterling Avenue during the festivities.



Lace 'em up!...Flossmoor 5K Walk / Run

Registration / Check-in begins at 7:00 am; Ready, Get Set, Go! — Race Time: 8:00 am

Pre-registration ends at 12 noon on Thursday, September 8. Register online at hfracquetandfitness.com.

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Downtown Main Stage Entertainment

- 11:30 am Opening Ceremony with Mayor Braun and Homewood-Flossmoor Viking Band
- 12:00 pm Infant Jesus of Prague School Choir
- 12:30 pm Western Avenue School Choir
- 1:00 pm Flossmoor Hills School Choir
- 1:30 pm Heather Hill School Choir
- 2:00 pm Serena Hills School Choir
- 2:30 pm Parker Jr. High School Choir
- 3:00 pm Grande Prairie Children’s Choir
- 3:30 pm HF Steppers

Evening Entertainment

- 4:30 – 6:00 pm RetroActive
 - 6:30 – 8:00 pm Not My Dad and Two Chicks
 - 8:30 – 10:00 pm Party Crashers
- Please Note: Entertainment and Times Subject to Change*

Food Booths

- Flossmoor Station Restaurant and Brewery
- Fresh Starts Restaurant
- Siam Thai Restaurant
- Wiley’s Grill Restaurant

Flossmoor Park Activities

- Flossmoor Fire Department Demonstrations
- Pony Rides and Kiddie Express Train
- Inflatables and Fair Rides
- Face Painting and Crafts
- Gaming Truck and Mini-Golf
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H-F Viking Organic Garden Thriving in its Second Year



Bradley Powers, HF Alum, harvesting vegetables from the HF Organic Garden for The Cottage on Dixie, farm to table dinners.

The organic garden at H-F High School is tucked away on the east side of the south building. Produce grown in the garden is used in culinary classes at the school and some is sold at Homewood's Farmer's Markets. Now that its roots are established, the garden is ready to branch out.

Student gardener, Malika Toguem, found a natural connection between the garden and The Cottage on Dixie, which prefers to locally source its organic ingredients. She asked General Manager, Robert Burt, if the restaurant would like to use the garden's organically grown produce. In return, she requested that diners whose dishes incorporated the produce be told about the garden. He agreed and offered a donation.

Brad Powers, culinary team member at The Cottage, said the arrangement is working out well. "It

doesn't get any fresher or more locally sourced than when you're able to pick something in the morning and serve it in a dish that evening," he said.

In the coming school year, Malika hopes to give presentations to elementary and middle school students because, as she believes, "Healthy eating should start when you're young." More plans include the addition of benches and birdhouses as well as renovations to the storage shed to be performed as part of a boy scout project.

The garden is truly a community effort. An initial donation from an anonymous Class of '63 alumnus helped get the garden off to a good start in 2015 and the University of Illinois Extension in Matteson donated the seeds for the first planting. Organic soil and expertise are donated by Lake Street Supply, and Wally's Tree Service provides wood chips.

Homewood Disposal's WeSort Campaign Continues

Homewood Disposal's single-stream recycling program enables all types of recyclables to be mixed together in one bin. Because of this all in one system, you can easily participate in caring for the environment. The WeSort method empowers your business to be green, save time, and encourages participation.

BUT, you might be surprised to learn that these items **ARE NOT ACCEPTED** in your curbside recycling totes: plastic bags/wraps (clean and dry plastics such as these can be recycled locally at Walt's, Target, Kohl's or Meijer); used pizza boxes; aerosol cans; TV's; electronics; light bulbs; batteries; Styrofoam; and Solo cups.

Just remember...do not put recyclables in plastic grocery bags, leave your bottle caps on and please gently rinse or wipe your containers.

Fall Green Cleaning Tips

When fall cleaning, use the least-hazardous products to do the job; assess your needs and read the labels. **WHY?** Especially in cooler months, your house is closed more airtight. Toxic products can concentrate fumes in the air you breathe and harm your health. Young children can be especially vulnerable to these effects.

Use safer cleaning products such as baking soda, borax and vinegar. Use baking soda for scrubbing and vinegar for a good window wash... mix 1/4 cup with 1 quart warm water and clean green!



FREE TREE

Help Restore the Canopy

At Recyclepalooza 2016, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago donated trees, and participants were given the opportunity to take home a free oak tree to plant in honor of this initiative. The Restore the Canopy project empowers residents of Cook County to help restore our region's depleted tree canopy. The tree population has been decimated by emerald ash borer infestations and extreme weather. Not only do trees provide a beautiful green canopy for our communities, they are a powerful and effective form of green infrastructure. A medium sized oak tree can help prevent flooding by absorbing 2,800 gallons of rainfall per year. Trees are also vital to our environment as they reduce air pollution improving our health and well being, create a sense of community and keep our neighborhoods cooler, lower energy bills, increase property value and protect us from wind, noise and the beating sun.

A few notes...Please call JULIE, by dialing 811, to have utilities located in the area of tree planting, prior to planting your tree. Also, trees should be planted no closer than 10 ft. for any driveway, fire hydrant, or utility manhole, and no closer than 30 ft. from any other tree.

If you need assistance on locating the new tree in the Village's parkway, please call the Public Works Department at (708) 957-4100, and we will send someone out to assist you on selecting the new location. Please note that trees planted by the homeowner in the parkway are not guaranteed or warranted by the Village of Flossmoor.

This year on September 10th at Flossmoor Fest, the Green Committee will offer another set of gallon size oak trees to take home (for FREE!) to plant. Please visit our Flossmoor Green Committee tent to learn more about this exciting program, play the Recycle Right Game, and find out about our local Green Teams and school gardens. And remember to BIKE TO THE FEST! It is easy to be GREEN in Flossmoor!



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Some Facts about Your Water and Lead Pipes

The negative impacts of lead in drinking water have been making news lately. Lead was used in homes built in the early 20th century, phased out during the 1960s, and banned by the EPA after 1986.

The fresh water we enjoy here in Flossmoor originates from Lake Michigan where it's collected about two miles off the Chicago shoreline. It is treated at a plant located just north of Navy Pier. Water leaving the treatment plant in Chicago does not contain lead and simply having lead pipes does not mean you have lead in your water. However, your risk from lead does increase if your service line or the lead material in your household plumbing begins to corrode.

Most water service lines were installed at the time your home was constructed. The service line is the portion of pipe which extends from the water system into your home. Homes built prior to 1930 most likely have a lead water service line (unless upgraded during a remodel). Homes built between 1930 and 1960 may have a lead service line. Homes built after 1960 are likely to have a copper line.

Go to the water meter in your home and locate the portion of pipe which comes through the foundation from the outside and connects to the meter. A sure way to determine if the pipe coming into your home is made of lead is to carefully scratch it with a coin. If it is a lead pipe, the scratched area will turn bright silver.

If you do have lead plumbing, the best way to prevent exposure is by replacing the service line or the plumbing fixtures. If this is not an option, the EPA advises the following: Run your water for a few minutes to flush out lead after periods of non-use, such as first thing in the morning, after work or returning from vacation. Always use cold water for drinking and cooking. Use a filter that is certified to eliminate lead.

Testing Your Water

The Village water system complies with all IEPA requirements for lead levels. The threshold for lead is 15 parts per billion (ppb). As long as 10% or less of the samples do not exceed the 15 ppb level, the water supplied by the Village meets these standards. Since you cannot see, taste or smell lead dissolved in water, testing is a good way of telling if lead is present or not. Testing can cost between \$20 and \$100. Here are some suggested labs: Suburban Laboratories, Inc. (708) 544-3260, First Environmental Laboratories, Inc. (630) 778-1200 and TEM, Incorporated (630) 790-0880.



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Meet Dog's Best Friend

Heather's Foster Dogs (HFD) is an all-breed dog rescue organization based in the Homewood-Flossmoor area. Staffed entirely by volunteers, the group pulls dogs from area animal shelters to help alleviate crowding and lower euthanasia rates. Once a dog is removed from the shelter, Heather's Foster Dogs provides for all of its needs including medication, testing, spaying or neutering, training, and other services. The initial cost of this care for an average, healthy dog is \$500, and there are often additional medical concerns. HFD also performs "temp testing" to determine each dog's temperament in order to help match dogs with appropriate foster and permanent homes.

Local rescue groups such as Heather's Foster Dogs benefit the communities they serve by providing education about animal care, offering recommendations on training, taking care of homeless dogs who are in need and much more. Formed in 2013, HFD became certified as a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization in March 2014. Since then, they have found homes for 230 dogs while operating out of just six foster homes.

President Shirley Culbertson noted, "For every dog we pull out of a place, we make room for another, so the number of saved lives is actually double."

Heather's Foster Dogs is always looking for more foster homes. Shirley explained, "Everyone thinks they wouldn't be able to foster because they'd want to keep them all. If you try it just one time, you'll discover how rewarding it is to help that dog and the family that adopts it."

The group is funded by donations, fund-raisers and help from area sponsors. To donate, volunteer, or learn more about Heather's Foster Dogs, visit their website at heathersfosterdogs.org.

Citizen Police Academy Builds Good Relationships

The Flossmoor Police Department will be hosting its Citizens Police Academy's Fall 2016 session. The academy is designed to provide residents with an overall knowledge of the Flossmoor Police Department and how it serves the community. Participants will learn from police department personnel in the areas of crime prevention, patrol operations, traffic laws, crime scene investigation, and other related fields.

A major goal of the Academy is to increase understanding between residents and the police department and to build a strong relationship for the future of the community. When residents take a more personal interest in their community and the protection of their neighborhoods, they enjoy a safer and closer relationship with their neighbors. Graduates will be encouraged to join the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association in which continuing education is provided.

In a 2015 Southtown article, Sue Kluger co-owner of Kluger Furs in Flossmoor and participant of the first academy, told one class, "It will be the best twelve weeks of your life."

Deputy Chief Kamleiter commented in that same article, "We're establishing friendships in the community, which is the most important thing to us. We're building relationships and demystifying what we do."

The academy is free and consists of both informative presentations and hands-on experiences. Applicants must be 18 years old and a Flossmoor resident or work in Flossmoor. A criminal background check will be conducted on each applicant.

Application deadline for this session is August 31, 2016. Classes will begin in October. Visit flossmoor.org, call (708) 957-4500 or email tkamleiter@flossmoor.org.



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Dr. Atarchi is an active member of American Dental Association, Academy of Periodontology, Midwest Society of Periodontology and Chicago Dental Society.

Dr. Atarchi and his wife Israa are heavily involved with the raising of their four daughters. They all enjoy reading, and numerous outdoor activities.

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Allison Deitch

Meet Allison Deitch, Assistant Village Manager

The Village of Flossmoor welcomes Allison Deitch as Assistant Village Manager. Allison joins Flossmoor from the Village of Downers Grove where she has served as Management Analyst and most recently Performance Manager. Working directly with the Deputy Village Manager and Village Manager, Allison has been responsible for a myriad high-priority, interdepartmental and interagency projects including an assessment of 911 dispatching services, improving the Village's hiring process, the consolidation of a fire protection district and the implementation of a new downtown parking plan to name a few.

Allison also has direct experience working with residents including resolving long-term electric reliability issues. Prior to Downers Grove, Allison worked as the Assistant to the Fire Chief in Naperville, coordinating the department's human resource functions in a union environment and managing the department's operating budget and professional services. Allison has a Masters in Public Administration from Northern

Illinois University and a Masters in Business Administration from Keller Graduate School of Management. After graduation, Allison served two years in the Peace Corps as a Municipal Development Volunteer in Guatemala.

In addition to general administration and special projects, Allison will be responsible for several internal components of the Flossmoor's operations including human resources policy and staff development, risk management, and information technology and communications management.

"We are delighted to have Allison join our team," commented Bridget Wachtel, Village Manager. "The breadth of Allison's experience will provide her the foundation to be an asset to our operations."

Allison grew up in the south suburbs and is eager to contribute to her hometown area. "I'm grateful to have the opportunity to join this team, and I look forward to continuing the work that has made Flossmoor the terrific community it is today. The values and principles of public service and community that guide me are deeply rooted in my upbringing in the south suburbs. I'm thrilled to continue my career in the place that I've always called home."

Dedicated Volunteers Recognized for Years of Service

One of the special characteristics of our community is the passionate and caring volunteers we attract, many of whom volunteer for a number of years. Recently, Mayor Braun and the Village Board thanked these volunteers for all they have done for our community.

Mr. John Armellino served the Village of Flossmoor for over 18 years. He first joined the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners in 1988 serving until 1991, after which he was elected as Village Trustee until 1995. John returned to the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners in 2001 and served until 2016. John contributed his talents as a law enforcement officer, criminal justice instructor, and an attorney at law in the testing and promotional processes

in the Police and Fire Departments. Through John's tenure, he has been involved in the hiring of a majority of the Village's current police force dedicating time and talent in interviewing over a thousand police candidates as well as several promotional processes in the Police and Fire Departments.

Ms. Karen Hoag holds the credit for the fun children's activities at Flossmoor Fest each year. Flossmoor Fest began in 1999 with the community's 75th Anniversary Celebration. So much fun was had, Flossmoor Fest was born. Since 1999, Karen has volunteered her time to securing all of the children's activities in Flossmoor Park. Karen has conscientiously found safe and reliable vendors and activities for all ages and

spent countless hours in Flossmoor Park the day of each event to make sure it all ran smoothly. Thank you Karen, for bringing our children 15 years of fun!

In June of this year, the Village Board recognized **Father Mike Nacius** who served at Infant Jesus of Prague Church since 2008 and as Pastor since 2010. Under his leadership, Father Nacius and the IJP community strengthened the parish, both spiritually and financially. Father Nacius was very active in the Flossmoor community along with our other spiritual leaders in our Village, all of whom contribute to the sense of community we enjoy. Father Nacius has been assigned to St. Mary's in Lake Forest. Father Jack Jura joins Infant Jesus of Prague from St. Michael's in Orland Park.



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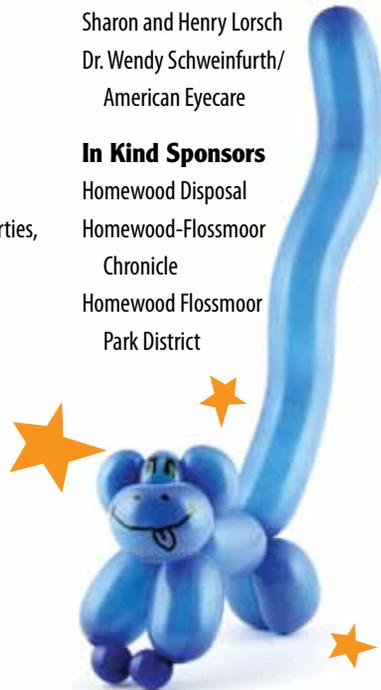
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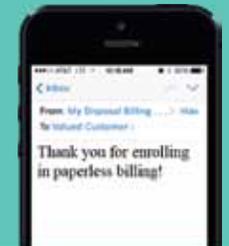
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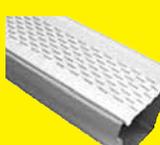
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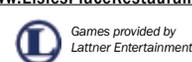

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