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A TREE PLANTING FOR THE RECORD BOOKS

Flossmoor Arborist Dave Becker, Green Commissioner Tristan Shaw, and volunteers Stephen and Donna Ramsey mark a location along the Hidden Gem Half Marathon route where they will plant one of more than 300 hundred trees in partnership with the Morton Arboretum and the Chicago Regional Tree Initiative.

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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 Monday of the Month at 7:00 p.m.

Community Relations Commission Meeting

4th Monday of the Month at 7:00 p.m.

Green Commission Meeting

3rd Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 p.m.



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Find us on social media! Look for updates, photos, videos and good conversation on Facebook and Instagram! We truly appreciate all the residents, business owners and visitors who have supported us and joined the conversation!

calendar

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September 10

Hidden Gem Half Marathon — Race Start: 7:30 a.m. Celebrate the Hidden Gem Half Marathon as more than 900 runners traverse the 13.1-mile course through Flossmoor's neighborhoods. Come out and cheer the Gem! Details on Page 8.

September 10

Flossmoor Fest 2022 — 1 to 8:30 p.m. | Downtown Flossmoor Enjoy a full day of activities for all featuring food, music, games, rides and more at our annual Flossmoor Fest celebration! A great day to play with friends and neighbors. Details on Page 7.

October 8

Recyclepalooza — 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. | Parker Junior High School Gather your recyclables and stop by! Visit www.flossmoor.org for a full list of accepted items. Details on Page 5.

October 13

Art Flossmoor Pop-up Tour — 5:30 p.m. | Judith Shea's Child Tour Flossmoor's historic sculpture collection with the Flossmoor Public Art Commission! Participants will walk just under a mile through Flossmoor to visit some of the Village's rotational and permanent pieces in the collection. The tour will end in Historic Downtown Flossmoor where participants will be encouraged to visit one of several local eateries.

October 15

Plant the Gem — 8:30 a.m. | Various Village Locations. Details on Page 3.

October 29

Pet Parade at Flossmoor "Bark" — 10 a.m. | Flossmoor Park The Flossmoor Business Association is calling all pets for an old fashion costume contest this Halloween. Dress your four-legged friends in their best Halloween costume then parade them through Flossmoor "Bark" (Park) where judges will pick their favorites. The top three costumes will be awarded a special prize.

October 29

Trick-or-Treat Trail — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. | Millennium Park If you are looking for a scary good time don't miss the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District Trick-or-Treat Trail. This is a free event for HF residents but you must register to reserve a time slot.

October 31

Halloween — 3 to 7 p.m. | Village-wide Trick-or-Treat Hours

November 5

Pumpkin Smash — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Coyote Run Golf Course Green your Halloween by bringing your old pumpkins to be composted. Don't trash it ... smash it! Sponsored by the Homewood Flossmoor Area Green Committee.



RECORD-SETTING, SINGLE-DAY TREE PLANTING IN FLOSSMOOR

Flossmoor's urban canopy is set to grow even larger as the Village of Flossmoor Green Commission, in partnership with the Chicago Regional Tree Initiative (CRTI), the Morton Arboretum and the Hidden Gem Half Marathon planning committee, gets set to host one of the largest, single day, volunteer-driven tree plantings in the state. The project, which will conclude with more than 300 new trees being planted along Flossmoor's parkways, specifically in the seven zones of the Gem route, comes with a \$30,000 price tag. Thanks to the attraction of the Hidden Gem Half Marathon and the event's ability to draw in hundreds of volunteers, CRTI selected Flossmoor to be awarded a \$30,000 Federal Earmark made available through the support of Representative Sean Casten.

"Tristian (Shaw) is who connected us to Flossmoor. When we learned you have such an active volunteer program around the Gem, which attracts people interested in healthy living, healthy activities, we knew it was a good fit," said Trinity Pierce, Stewardship Manager and Certified Arborist with CRTI. "Our program is all about connecting folks with trees in any way we can, advocating for trees because they provide us so many benefits, and creating a tree canopy that is more diverse, more abundant and more economically dispersed in our seven-county region."

Shaw, a Flossmoor Green Commissioner and owner of a local nursery that specializes in native plants, trees, shrubbery, and more, along with his fellow Green Commissioners, is active in seeking grants and other funding opportunities to enhance Flossmoor's urban canopy and other green initiatives.

In order to make the day successful, the group is looking to recruit somewhere between 350 and 400 volunteers to assist in the tree planting. The volunteers will be separated into teams, each team with a captain, and will be responsible for planting anywhere from three to seven trees, depending on the number of volunteers. The goal is to establish 60 teams of three to five people, to evenly distribute the planting locations across the 13.1-mile Gem race course.

An even bigger goal for CRTI and the Flossmoor Green Commission is to make strides to achieving CRTI's 30-year plan toward enhancing the Chicagoland's tree canopy and ecosystems, and investing in healthy communities.

"A lot of communities want to do projects like this, but they don't have the little things to draw engagement with volunteers," said Shaw. "For instance, we have the (Flossmoor Fest) festival and the Gem, and people ask how they can volunteer or get involved, and then you can start building that resource of people's emails and phone numbers. We're hoping other communities will see this project and maybe identify ways they can start putting the pieces together, too."

Those interested in volunteering will have the opportunity to sign up for one of three levels: team captain, team member, or team supporter. The team captains will be responsible for compiling their team members, but those interested in signing up only as a team member, may be randomly placed on a team. For those unable to physically contribute, there will be a number of opportunities to get involved, from donating equipment, like shovels, gloves, etc., becoming a tree steward, or joining the watering team that will follow the planting. Visit www.flossmoor.org to sign up!

flossmoor faces & places

Flossmoor Police Officer Brings Home Gol



David Levy with his 2022 gold medal.

When he's not busy protecting the public as a Flossmoor Police officer, David Levy is busy winning gold medals in the Can-Am Police and Fire Games. The Can-Am Police and Fire Games draws in more than 10,000 athletes from Canada and the United States to

compete in a number of different sports. For more than 14 years, Levy has competed in competitive softball for Chicago Metro, a team comprised of police officers from across the Chicago metro region. The Chicago Metro team has earned its fair share of recognitions including winning the 2020 Police National Championship.

However, when it came time for the 2022 Can-Am games, hosted in Canada, the Chicago Metro team was not able to compete due to COVID mitigations and vaccination requirements. So instead of missing out, Levy decided he would switch gears and take on a new challenge.

"Instead of not competing, I ended up signing up for golf with three of my fellow officers," said Levy. "I've been golfing since I was little. I took up golf because of my dad and ended up competing in high school. I was always interested in competing in golf and figured since I was there (at the Can-Am Games) I'd give it a go."

The four-piece, golf team competed against as many as 10 teams in the Can-Am games, but after shooting a 10 under par, they came away the victors, earning themselves a gold medal. While he's always been a competitive person, interested in a number of various sports, Levy said that it's because of his chosen career path that he has been able to compete in various sports and athletic challenges, and earn a number of recognitions along the way.

"My outlet for this job is sports. It's a great way for me to stay active, to stay young for my kids, and to stay grounded," said Levy. "I wouldn't have been able to do any of this without being an officer."

Captain Farley Joins the Department

Captain Tom Farley is one of three new captains to join the Flossmoor Fire Department. He officially joined the Department on July 7 and quickly became one of the team.

"We are excited to have Tom join the Flossmoor family and look forward to his leadership, experience and knowledge that he brings to our organization," said Fire Chief Robert Kopec. "He is a tremendous addition to our Department with vast experience in training, specialty rescue and mentoring the next generation of firefighters."

Captain Farley joins the Village of Flossmoor after serving as Lieutenant for four years with the Matteson Fire Department. Farley has also been a member of the Combined Agency Response Team for 10 years and a training officer for three years. Additionally, Farley served four years in the United States Air Force.

While serving the Matteson Fire Department, Farley earned his Bachelor's Degree in Public Safety Administration from Southern Illinois University and numerous state certifications from the Illinois State Fire Marshal.

Keith Taylor Appointed to Deputy Police Chief

Commander Keith Taylor has officially filled the role of Deputy Police Chief following the retirement of former Deputy Police Chief Clinton Wagner. Wagner welcomed his retirement in August after 20 years of faithful service to the Flossmoor Police Department. Taylor joined the Flossmoor Police Department in 2009 as a patrol officer, after working a number of years as a Cook County Sheriff's Department correctional officer and drill instructor. In 2013, he earned the title of Patrol Sergeant before being named Commander in 2019. Taylor holds a Master's Degree in Public Safety Administration and a Bachelor's Degree in Public Safety Management from Calumet College of St Joseph. He has completed the School of Police Staff and Command and the Executive Management Program at Northwestern University Center for Public Safety. Taylor is also a veteran of the United States Navy and served four years of active duty as a Military Police Officer.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to have worked alongside Deputy Chief Wagner for so many years," said Police Chief Tod Kamleiter. "His dedication to the residents of Flossmoor and the entire southland is commendable and he will be missed, but I cannot think of a better individual to serve as Deputy Chief than Keith Taylor. These are big shoes to fill and he is more than capable of filling them."

business spotlight

A Blossoming Tradition

Music on the lawn, what could be better? That was the thought of the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce and its community partners behind Chamber Night in Flossmoor. Welcoming the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra to the lawn of the Flossmoor Public Library has become a new tradition in Flossmoor, a tradition that has the community and local businesses enthused for the opportunity of connection.

The mission of the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce is to bring

attention to the south suburbs and, more importantly, the unique small businesses that exist within them. That mission is shared by the business owners themselves and Mayor Michelle Nelson, who helped spearhead the launch of the special evening in Downtown Flossmoor.

“Chamber Night is an outside concert that brings together neighbors throughout Flossmoor and the surrounding suburbs for a beautiful evening of fun,” said Mayor Nelson.

“With the added economic development that’s happened throughout the Village, Chamber Night really helps to bring in folks to highlight that part.”

Chamber Night remains a growing tradition in Flossmoor and across the south suburbs and is a great way to learn about local business and enjoy the immense talents of the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra. Be sure to keep an eye out for the next installment of Chamber Night, fall 2023.

Banking Made Easy

Bank Financial is ready to bring a new kind of banking to the residents of Flossmoor with a grassroots model that is more than 60 years in the making.



Stephanie Evans, Client Representative Three/Licensed Banker, Connie Simms, and Daisy Walls, Teller Manager are three of many friendly faces customers can expect to see at the new Bank Financial, 2743 Flossmoor Road.

Connie Simms is spearheading the grassroots efforts in Flossmoor, a community she’s familiar with as the Senior Vice President Market Manager for the entire Chicago Southland. With a soft opening in July, Simms and the entire team at Bank Financial, including Branch Manager Qiana Curtis, have already started to connect with residents and customers with hopes to become a key stakeholder in the

Flossmoor business community.

“We are truly a community bank. Our community outreach is synonymous with how we do business,” said Simms. “We’re active members of the community; we’re part of the family. That is our niche.”

As a community bank, Bank Financial prioritizes customer service above all else, and prides itself on building long-lasting relationships with its customers. That mentality is what brought the company’s 21st location to Flossmoor.

“We pride ourselves in the fact that we are one of the true community banks still left,” said Simms. “A lot of our customers have been banking with us for over 25 years and we have many customers from Flossmoor. When we found this building, we thought it was perfect. It’s right within the communities that we serve.”

While the deep-rooted relationships with existing customers is a source of pride for Bank Financial, Simms and her team are ready to welcome brand-new customers with open arms. With a full service offering of wealth management, trust services, treasury services, commercial and business lending solutions, a full line of business products, and personal banking services, Bank Financial is ready to serve the entire Flossmoor community.

“We are excited to be here. We are part of the community and we will be serving the community. We welcome everyone to come by,” said Simms.

NEWS TO USE!

Back to School Safety

It is that time of year again when traffic and vehicle safety are among the top concerns of the Flossmoor Police Department. Be aware that patrol officers are on high alert monitoring for violations, especially in school zones and neighborhoods, and identifying drivers who fail to yield to pedestrians walking in our crosswalks. Below are some important reminders for everyone, drivers and pedestrians alike, as we all have a role to play in vehicle safety. Please share these tips with your families, especially younger and more inexperienced drivers.

Attention Drivers

A driver must come to a complete stop (and yield):

- When a pedestrian is IN a marked crosswalk.
(Standing on the sidewalk waiting to enter is not in the crosswalk.)



On school days, when children are in close proximity to a school zone crosswalk. A driver must yield to a pedestrian (not stop):

- When a pedestrian is in an unmarked crosswalk on the driver's side of the roadway and there are no traffic control signals.
- When making a turn at any intersection.
- When making a lawful turn on a red light after coming to a complete stop.
- After coming to a complete stop at a stop sign or flashing red signal at an intersection.
- When a pedestrian enters a crosswalk before the traffic light changes.
- When a pedestrian is walking with a green light, to a walking person symbol or a walk signal.
- When a pedestrian is entering an intersection with a flashing yellow arrow.

Attention Pedestrians

Just because you can see the vehicle doesn't mean the vehicle's driver can see you. Please be safe! When crossing at any place other than a marked or unmarked crosswalk, pedestrians must give the right of way to drivers. This includes between closely spaced intersections where traffic signals are in operation.

Free Leaf Collection

Starting November 7, all residents of single-family homes are invited to place their leaves on the street curb for free pickup. Rake and collect leaves in 33-gallon biodegradable paper bags and set them on the street curb no later than 6 a.m. on scheduled collection days, no stickers needed! For existing Homewood Disposal customers, free leaf pick-up will coincide with regular trash pick-up. For Republic Services customers, the schedule is below. Visit www.flossmoor.org to view the color-coded map that identifies neighborhood pickup schedules. Please keep in mind, there are no limitations on the number of bags that can be picked up, but plastic bags or rigid containers will not be collected. Additionally, grass clippings, tree branches or other landscape will not be accepted.

The color-coded schedule is:

Mondays (November 7, 14, 21, 28 – Orange; Tuesdays (November 8, 15, 22, 29 – Yellow; Wednesdays (November 9, 16, 23, 30 – Green; Thursdays (November 10, 17, 24*, Dec. 1 – Blue; and Fridays (November 11, 18, 25*, Dec. 2 – Red. *Adjusted for Thanksgiving holiday.

Update on the July 10 Officer-Involved Shooting

Many of you are aware of the officer-involved shooting that took place on July 10 when Flossmoor Police officers responded to a domestic disturbance at a home on Joyce Drive. In an attempt to share as much about the incident as we can, we have posted all available information on the Police Department's page of our website, under Village Services, at www.flossmoor.org.

The Illinois State Police is conducting an independent investigation into the incident. Meanwhile, we are reaching out to our community partners and researching regional resources that we can use to work our way toward a path of understanding and recovery. As our community heals in the face of very challenging times locally and nationally, we must come together now more than ever. We encourage Flossmoor residents to watch for additional information coming from the Village about this critical issue in the weeks and months to come.

NEW WATER SUPPLIER INFORMATION



Why is the Village of Flossmoor moving to a new water supplier?

The Village of Flossmoor's clean potable water supply is purchased from the Village of Homewood. Prior to July, Lake Michigan water treated by the Chicago Department of Water Management at its Sawyer Water Purification Plant was sold to the City of Harvey and then to Homewood before being sold to the Village of Flossmoor.

Homewood is switching its water supplier from the City of Harvey to the City of Chicago Heights, which receives its water from Hammond, Indiana, which will, in turn, change the water supplier for the Village of Flossmoor.

Will the supplier change impact the water quality?

Flossmoor will continue to receive Lake Michigan water. As part of the changeover, the Village of Flossmoor has conducted a series of water quality studies to ensure the transition from the Chicago-supplied Lake Michigan water to the Hammond-supplied Lake Michigan water is not anticipated to result in an increased likelihood of corrosion resulting in elevated lead or copper levels.

However, aesthetic variations including slight taste and odor differences may occur as a result of a change in the different treatment method between the two suppliers. Any taste or odor differences should be temporary and are not an indication of any health or safety concerns. If you are concerned by your water's taste or odor or have any questions regarding the water quality in your area, please contact the Flossmoor Public Works Department at (708) 957-4100.

What is the change in treatment method?

Chlorination is one of many methods that is used to disinfect water and protect it all the way to your home. The Chicago Department of Water Management uses chlorination to disinfect water, while Hammond, Indiana, uses a process called chloramination to disinfect and protect the treated water. The IEPA recognizes both as common and approved treatment methods. Due to this difference, the period of transition may cause a change in odor or taste, though it is not a risk to health or safety.

How will these aesthetic variations be remedied?

To prevent or mitigate aesthetic changes and to facilitate the water source transition, the Village of Flossmoor will conduct hydrant flushing. During hydrant flushing activities, residents are encouraged to participate in private side flushing by running faucets and showers for two to five minutes. The Village will notify residents via the Village website and written door hangers as to when private side flushing is encouraged.

When will the supplier change happen?

The change in water sources began in late July 2022 and will continue through October 2022. While the water will be safe during the entirety of the transition, there may be aesthetic changes to the taste and odor of your water based on the different treatment procedures the two different suppliers use, both of which are safe and accepted treatment procedures. The water source will still be Lake Michigan and the water will be maintained at the highest quality.

How will the Village maintain high-quality water during and after the transition?

The Villages of Homewood and Flossmoor have been working diligently to follow all federal and state EPA guidelines and testing protocols. In November 2020, we started performing a corrosion control study to understand the potential impacts of the new potable water source on our system. Daily water samples were taken from this "test system", and all data has shown that the new system will provide the high-quality water our customers expect. Daily testing will continue throughout the transition to the new water supplier.

school spotlight

Crafting the Portrait of a Graduate in District 161 and Beyond

When the Flossmoor School District 161 Board of Education (BOE) rolled out elements of its strategic plan at the start of the 2021 school year, it wasn't clear what the future held for in-person learning. The Board, however,

felt confident in its ability to establish a firm set of educational standards, District vision and goals, and identifying what it means to be a District 161 graduate were key elements to establishing an educational foundation for its students.

At the elementary level, the term "graduate" is loose in definition, but as important an element as the true meaning of the word. In order to establish what the "Portrait of a Graduate" looks like, it starts at the earliest grade levels, according

to Superintendent Dr. Dana Smith.

Despite the different approaches to building the portrait of a graduate at the different grade levels, the program is built on the same set of standards. District 161's Portrait of a Graduate is composed of four identifiers: resilient lifelong learners, creative and critical thinkers, skilled communicator and collaborators, and connected and empathetic global citizens.

"In addition to reaching mastery of the core Illinois Learning Standards, we want District 161 students to be creative, critical thinkers who set high goals and persevere to reach them. We strive for our students to leverage the strength within themselves, each other, and their community to make a positive impact in high school and beyond," said Smith, in a memo to the BOE. "The District 161 Portrait of a Graduate represents our hopes and aspirations for all children in our district, but it is by no means an exhaustive list of skills. The competencies within this Portrait of a Graduate will guide our program development, student learning experiences, and the District 161 Strategic Plan."



Further identified in the Portrait of a Graduate, is the fabric of what makes a student these four things.

Resilient Lifelong Learner

- Leverages strength within self to set and reach challenging goals
- Seeks multiple pathways to solve problems
- Manages change confidently
- Learns from failure and success

Creative and Critical Thinker

- Navigates challenges with divergent and convergent thinking
- Demonstrates flexibility
- Engages in continuous self-directed inquiry
- Evaluates ideas based on evidence
- Seeks deeper meaning

Skilled Communicator and Collaborator

- Communicates in multiple formats for authentic purposes
- Accepts and gives feedback
- Demonstrates active listening
- Participates on teams effectively
- Engages in dialogue to resolve conflict

Connected and Empathetic Global Citizen

- Embraces the unique perspectives of others
- Exhibits integrity, honesty, empathy, fairness and respect
- Demonstrates civic, social, global and digital responsibility
- Shows initiative and resourcefulness





PHOTO BY AMY KENT.

FLOSSMOOR FEST: SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

The community celebration of the year has arrived as the Village of Flossmoor readies for Flossmoor Fest on September 10, 2022. Come together and celebrate Flossmoor Fest from 1 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 10, in Downtown Flossmoor. Join fellow residents, local businesses and special visitors for the all-day street party that celebrates life in Flossmoor and the things that unite our community. This year's Flossmoor Fest will kick off with a soft open with Go DJ at 12 p.m., following the conclusion of the Hidden Gem Half Marathon. The festivities will officially begin at 1 p.m. with a performance from the Homewood-Flossmoor High School Marching Band and the presentation of the National Anthem.

Kid's activities will run from 2 to 7 p.m. and will include amusement rides, inflatable bounce houses, kiddie train and a 90-foot slide. Additional children's activities will include a mobile magician, face painters, rolling video games, and more! Attendees of all ages can enjoy other Fest activities, including the Jesse White Tumblers, musical performers and local vendors.

Headlining the night of musical acts is Shining Star, a tribute to Earth, Wind & Fire, which will perform from 6:30

to 8:30 p.m. Additional musical acts, in order of performance, include the Raspberry Ca-beret, TiMELess Evolution and special guest King Melik, 21-year-old hip-hop and R&B sensation.

While you're enjoying the day's activities, don't forget to grab something tasty from one of Flossmoor's favorite eateries like Flossmoor Station Restaurant & Brewery, Dunning's Gourmet Market, The Bistro on Sterling, and more! The day will also feature information booths highlighting local businesses, organizations and Village committees that serve the Village and its residents.

In addition to Flossmoor Fest, the Hidden Gem Half Marathon will also return to the streets of Flossmoor on September 10. The race kicks off at 7:30 a.m. in front of Infant Jesus of Prague School, near Flossmoor Village Hall. The 13.1-mile race course winds through Flossmoor neighborhoods, passing by schools, activity centers, and finishing off north of the Flossmoor Library. See next page for more information.

Help Flossmoor race organizers and volunteers welcome runners from across the country to our beautiful community by cheering them on along the race course. Visit www.flossmoor.org for more information about Flossmoor Fest or visit www.hiddengemhalf.com to learn how to support the race!



THIRD ANNUAL HIDDEN GEM HALF MARATHON

Set your calendars for the return of the Hidden Gem Half Marathon on September 10. With the third installment of the 13.1-mile race through Flossmoor, the Gem has attracted more than 1,000 runners from around the country. An exciting new addition to this year's Gem race is its dedication to being green. With compostable water cups being handed out to runners, to giving out commemorative t-shirts made from recycled plastic bottles, it's the Gem's mission to make the event as waste free as possible. As always, the Hidden Gem Half Marathon has attracted a number of elite racers and enthusiastic runners competing for glory and prize money. Runners from Alaska to Washington D.C. will spend the morning running tree-lined streets as they are energized by the enthusiasm of Flossmoor residents cheering and supporting their efforts throughout the course.

Important Street Closures

Be as prepared as possible for road closures and traffic issues. Though we highly encourage you to stay home or in your neighborhoods on race day to cheer on runners as they pass your homes, we also understand that some of you may have prior commitments that demand you venture out in your car. If you must leave your home on Saturday morning: Travel away from Flossmoor Road. If you live south of Flossmoor Road, head south to exit your neighborhood. If you live north of Flossmoor Road, head north. Flossmoor Road will be blocked off from Crawford Avenue to Western Avenue for most of the morning of September 10. Residents along the Gem route are encouraged to park on a street

outside the course the night before. Flossmoor police will not be ticketing those parking on Village streets the Friday evening before the race (9/9). If you know you will be leaving between 7 a.m. and noon on Saturday, consider moving your car outside the course boundaries the night before, so you can walk to it and exit the Village during the race hours. Double check your neighborhood times. Each subdivision will have a hard close for a certain period of time. These are printed and available online at www.hiddengemhalf.com. Hundreds of fellow Flossmoor residents have volunteered as Course Marshals for the race. Help to keep our runners and residents safe. Please be kind, courteous and patient with traffic control.

- Flossmoor Road between Pulaski and Western Avenue
- Governors Highway
- Kedzie Avenue
- 192nd Street between Kedzie and Central Park
- Dunfries Street
- Culloden Street
- Hamlin Avenue
- Beech Street
- Central Park Avenue
- Braemar Road
- Heather Hill Crescent
- Lawrence Crescent
- Sterling Avenue
- Brassie Avenue
- Braeburn Avenue
- Vardon Lane
- Western Avenue
- Evans Road
- Hutchison Road
- Latimer Lane
- Collett Lane
- Gardner Road
- Leavitt Avenue
- Park Drive
- Heather Road
- Dundee Avenue
- Travers Lane
- Wallace Drive
- Argyle Avenue
- Brumley Drive

commission corner

New Sculptures Added to Flossmoor Sculpture Collection



Chicago southland artist Jason Verbeek stands proudly after installing Land Jacks at Leavitt Park, one of three new sculptures that are now part of Flossmoor's rotational sculpture collection.

Get Ready to Recycle

Close out summer with a cleaning spree and bring your recyclable items to Recyclepalooza! Clean out your closets, garage, attic, basement and cupboards for all types of recyclable items and bring them to Recyclepalooza on Saturday, October 8, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the parking lot of Parker Junior High. This year's Recyclepalooza will continue to be contact free. Participants are encouraged to stay in their vehicle with items sorted by category, clearly marked and placed in the trunk. From there, volunteers will unload contact free! Recyclable items include:

Recyclable items include:

- Electronics
- Metals
- Ink/Laser jet printers
- Bicycles
- Pop can tabs
- Used razors
- Eyeglasses
- Gently used clothes
- Sporting goods
- American Flags
- TVs (\$20 per set)
- Plastic gift cards
- LEGOs
- Trophies
- New travel size toiletries
- Small household items
- Used mascara wands
- Plastic bread tags
- Clean & dry Styrofoam (no packing peanuts)

Recyclepalooza is sponsored by the Village of Flossmoor Green Commission, HF Area Green Committee, H-F Chronicle, Homewood and Flossmoor Libraries and Homewood Disposal.

Flossmoor's rotational public sculpture collection welcomed three new pieces this summer with two new sculptures from artist Jason Verbeek and a swap of Sam Spiczka's Orion. Land Jacks by Verbeek is located in the Flossmoor Sculpture Garden at Leavitt Park near the intersection at Central Drive, and Vertical Vegetation stands tall along Sterling Avenue near the south Metra commuter parking lot. Spiczka's Threshold sits along the east side of the Flossmoor Public Library, standing beautifully amongst the trees.

The Flossmoor Sculpture Collection features world-class works of art installed in the village square, along charming residential streets and in the Village's award-winning Flossmoor Sculpture Garden, which was designed by noted Chicago landscape architect Peter Lindsay Schaudt. If you head out to view Verbeek's or Spiczka's new additions, or any of the Flossmoor Sculpture Collection, be sure to download the Otocast app available on Apple and Android for a guided audio tour. Visit www.artflossmoor.com to learn more.



Fest Schedule — September 10, 2022

Main Stage

- Go DJ – 12 p.m.
- Opening HF Band – 1 p.m.
- Jesse White Tumblers – 1:30 p.m.
- Raspberry Ca-Beret – 2 p.m.
- tiMELess Evolution – 3 p.m.
- King Melik – 4:30 p.m.
- Shining Star – 6:30 p.m.

Children's Activities

- Amusement rides – 2-7 p.m. along Central Dr. & Leavitt Ave.
- Rolling video games – 2-7 p.m. along Leavitt Avenue
- Mobile magician – 4-7 p.m.
- Face painting & glitter tattoos



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mayor Michelle Nelson

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

I hope you had a wonderful summer and for those of you with children, I hope the start of the school year has been successful! Speaking of the start of the school year, please use added caution as you are driving around town by observing the posted school speed limit signs and crossing guards at several of our major intersections.

Many of our families and students enjoy walking or biking to school, which means a higher number of pedestrians are traveling along Flossmoor sidewalks. Thank you for doing your part to help our children get safely to and from school.

This has been a busy construction season, and Flossmoor Public Works is nearing completion of several major infrastructure projects that include new sidewalks, roads, and sewer repairs, all in spite of inflation and material shortages. Thank you for your patience throughout the duration of these projects, which will improve public access and safety. Design work continues on our Flossmoor Road viaduct project, which we are looking forward to starting in 2023.

We are excited about end-of-year events like our hallmark event, Flossmoor Fest (see you all there!), the upcoming holiday season, and other opportunities we will

have to gather. Thanks to funding from the Chicago Regional Tree Initiative (CRTI), we have an incredible opportunity to plant more than 300 trees across Flossmoor on Saturday, October 15. The project is anticipated to be the one of the largest single-day, volunteer-driven tree plantings in the entire state. It is poised to be a day for the record books! Please be sure to save the date and check our website, www.flossmoor.org, to volunteer.

Speaking of environmental initiatives, we are thrilled to announce a new residential curbside composting service for Flossmoor residents through Urban Canopy. Thanks in part to a collaborative effort with the Village of Homewood, Urban Canopy will begin offering its residential composting services to residents throughout Homewood and Flossmoor on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis. Urban Canopy is an optional, subscription-based service available to residents with multiple options for your composting needs, including picking up your compostable scraps. Visit the Flossmoor Green Commission booth at Flossmoor Fest to learn more about Urban Canopy or visit www.theurbancanopy.org to learn about the subscription service.

As always, please continue to support our local organizations and businesses, and most importantly, each other.

Yours truly,
Mayor Nelson