

FLOSSMOOR NEWS

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CELEBRATION SEASON

Flossmoor's beautiful traditions continue to roll down Flossmoor Road. Join in two joyful parades this summer: Juneteenth (June 19) with You Matter 2 and the Flossmoor Volunteer Fire Department Corporation's Children's Bicycle Parade (July 4).

Downtown Streetscape

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Senior Services

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New Neighbors

*Meet some new residents and School District 233's new superintendent.
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village meetings

Village Board Meeting

1st & 3rd Mondays of the Month at 7 p.m.

Plan Commission Meeting

3rd Thursday of the Month at 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals

4th Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 p.m.

Public Art Commission Meeting

2nd Monday of the Month at 6:30 p.m.

Community Relations Commission Meeting

4th Monday of the Month at 6:30 p.m.

Green Commission Meeting

3rd Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 p.m.



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

flossmoor.org

Thursday, June 19

Juneteenth Parade — 10 a.m. / Western Avenue School Lot

Enjoy this joyful parade, which travels west from Brassie Ave. on Flossmoor Road to Parker Junior High, ending with a block party until 2 p.m. in the PJH parking lot. For more information, visit www.Youmatter2.org.

Friday, June 20

H-F Pride Fest — 5-9 p.m. / Irwin Park

Join the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District — in partnership with the Villages of Flossmoor and Homewood — for a shared community-wide pride celebration in Homewood's Irwin Park. The free party includes live music by The Divas with MC Sasha Love, refreshments, resources and fun.

Friday, July 4

Independence Day Parade — 10 a.m. / Parker Jr. High Lot

Decorate your bike and wagon in red, white, and blue, meet up at Parker Junior High's parking lot at 9:30 a.m., then join the Flossmoor Volunteer Fire Corporation in its annual parade down Flossmoor Road.

Thursday, July 24

IPO Chamber Night — 5:45 p.m. / Flossmoor Commons

(Vollmer & Governors Hwy.) A select group of musicians from the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra will entertain with an evening of music at Flossmoor Commons. Enjoy local vendors from the Flossmoor Business Association. New this year: Stay for the post-performance band!

Tuesday, August 5

National Night Out & Touch a Truck — 5-8 p.m. / Village Hall

Parking Lot. Learn more about our Police, Fire & Public Works Departments. We'll feature games, refreshments and demonstrations from the departments, plus food and Village vehicles to explore.

Friday, August 29

Back to School Bash — 4-6 p.m. / Flossmoor Park

Kick off the school year with fun activities, spirit wear swap, giveaways, and refreshments hosted by the Village of Flossmoor, Flossmoor Public Library, Flossmoor School District 161, Homewood-Flossmoor High School, and the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District!



Artist's rendering of downtown improvements by Teska Associates.

TIME FOR A REFRESH FOR DOWNTOWN FLOSSMOOR

Downtown Flossmoor will be getting a much-needed renovation this summer to become safer and more appealing to residents, business owners and visitors! This project has been designed by Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers with input from the Project Steering Committee, made up of 20 individuals including Village residents, downtown business owners, commissioners and staff. The Flossmoor Board of Trustees approved the project design and budget in fall 2024.

“This project will improve the safety and accessibility of our central business district,” says Mayor Michelle Nelson. “The renovation will also improve the charm and beauty of our downtown, which, for many, is their first impression of our Village.”

Project benefits include:

- Permanent safety measures
- Slower, safer traffic
- Increased seating
- More trees and native plants
- Safer passage for pedestrians
- Beautification of Central Business District

The project has been assigned to D Construction, Inc., by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The Village was awarded an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grant in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,184,456, which is expected to cover a portion of the construction and construction engineering costs.

According to Mayor Michelle Nelson, the Village is committed to providing accessibility to downtown businesses at all times during the project.

“This project will be an asset to help our business owners attract patrons and provide a welcoming backdrop for residents and visitors for decades to come,” says Nelson.

Residents will enjoy a beautifully landscaped space now downtown with additional seating and a larger gathering area for small events on the southside of the Flossmoor Public Library. Efforts were made to retain as much downtown parking as possible, although a few spaces will be eliminated for controlling traffic and making the area more pedestrian friendly.

The Downtown Flossmoor Streetscape Project is anticipated to take place this summer and fall. Watch for a project timeline on the Village website and for updates — including an informational open house for residents and business owners — in the Village’s biweekly enewsletter.

NEXT PHASE FOR FLOODING RELIEF UNDERWAY

In 2020, Flossmoor contracted with Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers to develop a solution to the decades-old flooding problem in the central part of the Village. Phase 1 of the five-phase Flossmoor Road Viaduct Drainage Improvements Project involved infrastructure improvements on Berry Lane, completed in 2022. Phase 2 included the creation of a naturalized detention basin near Heather Hill Elementary School, completed in 2024.

Next up, Phase 3 includes the placement of a large-scale storm sewer on Lawrence Crescent between Maryland Avenue and the newly constructed Heather Hill Detention Basin. Work is anticipated to begin in June for this phase with substantial completion by August 15 and final completion — including restoration — by October 15. During this project, residents of the Heather Hill neighborhood can expect increased truck traffic and road detours.

Phase 4 — which includes the storm sewer installation on Sterling Avenue from Maryland Avenue — will be bid out this summer by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as part of the Section 219 Grant Program. Work on this phase should start this summer.

The last and final phase of this project is Phase 5, which includes the remaining storm sewer installation on Sterling Avenue to the viaduct. This phase should be bid out this summer with construction starting this fall through spring 2026.



SUPPORTING SENIORS

According to Census.gov, the U.S. population aged 65+ increased by 38.6 percent from 2010 to 2020, marking the fastest growth rate in more than a century. In Flossmoor, around 20 percent of residents fall into the senior category. Flossmoor offers many volunteer activities that are suitable for seniors who want to give back and make connections in their community. Flossmoor is also fortunate to collaborate with community partners that provide a range of opportunities for this important segment of our population. Visit Flossmoor's website for more resources for seniors at www.Flossmoor.org/558/Senior-Services.

Rich Township & Bloom Township

Flossmoor homes are part of either Rich Township or Bloom Township, both of which are committed to supporting their senior residents with a variety of programs and services. Programs offered by both townships include social lunches and events, podiatry services, and health and fitness classes. Rich Township also offers in-home support for those who need help with light housekeeping, and it provides transportation to medical appointments and grocery stores. Bloom provides driver education instruction and reviews for seniors. Learn more at: www.RichTownship.org/Seniors and www.BloomTownship.org/185/Senior-Services.

State of Illinois

At the state-level, the Illinois Department on Aging features a wealth of information on available resources to seniors and caregivers, including adult protective services, care coordination, housing assistance, meal provider information and the Family Caregiver Support Program. Visit www.ilaging.illinois.gov or call 800-252-8966 to learn more.

Flossmoor Public Library

Locally, the Flossmoor Public Library (1000 Sterling Ave.) is a great resource for all residents. Residents can be issued a free library card which provides access to thousands of books, magazines, movies, music and games. With grants from AgeOptions, the Flossmoor Public Library has also added materials that assist with closing the digital divide and to help minimize the social isolation that older adults may feel by providing access

to technology. Available items include WiFi hotspots and iPads with easy-to-follow instructional videos made to help patrons stay in touch with families and friends. The library also offers Launchpads, which are tablets that do not require an internet connection and that have been preloaded with games designed for older adults. Free, regularly scheduled programs at the library that may appeal to seniors include book discussion groups, crafting together, Yoga classes and computer learning. See schedules at www.FlossmoorLibrary.org or call 708-798-3600.



Bingo is played every Thursday at the Irwin Community Center in Homewood.

Homewood-Flossmoor Community High School

While they may have graduated from high school many decades ago, H-F High School extends a warm invitation to seniors through its Golden Card Club. This initiative allows seniors to enjoy:

- **Theatrical and Musical Performances:** Seniors can experience the talents of students in theater productions and concerts. By simply presenting their Golden Card at the door, they can attend many of these events for free.
- **Athletic Events:** Golden Card members also receive free admission to all regular-season athletic games, making it easy to cheer on the school's teams.
- **Annual Senior Citizen's Breakfast:** Each fall, the high school hosts a special breakfast event on campus for Golden Card Club members, creating an opportunity for seniors to socialize and connect with the school community.

Flossmoor senior residents (ages 62+) are invited to join the club by contacting HFInfo@HF233.org or calling 708-335-5581.

Homewood-Flossmoor Park District

The Homewood-Flossmoor Park District is dedicated to providing a variety of programs, events and trips for seniors throughout the year. These offerings ensure that seniors remain active, engaged, and connected within the community. Flossmoor residents benefit from resident rates, making these programs accessible and affordable.

Many activities are low-cost or free, including popular drop-in events held weekly at the Irwin Community Center in nearby Homewood (18120 S. Highland Ave.).

Weekly Events

- **Current-Events Discussion Group:** Held every Thursday at 10 a.m., this group provides a platform for seniors to discuss and debate current issues in a friendly and engaging environment.
- **Bingo Games:** Enjoy a lively session of Bingo at noon on Thursdays for a fun and social way to spend the afternoon.
- **Line Dancing:** Traditional Western-style Line Dancing takes place on Fridays at 10 a.m., while those who like to dance to a variety of musical styles should join in on Mondays at 10 a.m.

In addition to weekly programming, Devin Frendreis, the recreation supervisor at the park district, has organized several exciting daytrips for seniors this summer. On Tuesday, June 17, experience the beauty and flavor of Southwest Michigan's wineries. A shopping trip to Pleasant Prairie Premium Outlets is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15, and on Friday, July 25, take a trip to scenic Lake Geneva for a day of relaxation and sightseeing.

To sign up to receive a seasonal senior newsletter from the park district, contact DFrendreis@hfparks.com or call 708-957-7275.

NEWS TO USE!



Parading Down Flossmoor Road this Summer

This year, You Matter 2, the South Suburban non-profit youth-development organization, will celebrate 10 years of service in the Flossmoor area with its annual Juneteenth Parade down Flossmoor Road on Thursday, June 19. This event has been growing each year and now includes several enthusiastic groups, including the Parker Junior High School Cheer Team. Join in the fun this year! The parade will start rolling at 10 a.m. from Western Avenue School's parking lot, heading to Parker Junior High School. New this year: Join You Matter 2 for a post-parade block party with food trucks and entertainment in the Parker Junior High parking lot until 2 p.m.!

The Flossmoor Volunteer Fire Department Corporation's 4th of July Children's Bicycle Parade has been rolling down Flossmoor Road for decades. It continues this year, too, on Friday, July 4. The Downtown Flossmoor Streetscape Project may slightly alter the route (check www.Flossmoor.org for details), but plan on lining up at 9:30 a.m. at Parker Junior High School's parking lot. Put on your brightest reds, whites and blues, and decorate your bikes, wagons, scooters, strollers or skates to celebrate Independence Day with your neighbors and friends. The parade will start promptly at 10 a.m., led by Flossmoor fire trucks. After the parade concludes, stick around to enjoy free refreshments and fun.

House Watch Program

The Flossmoor House Watch Program allows residents leaving town to notify the Police Department and request additional patrols while they are away. Officers will periodically conduct security checks of the residence, which includes ensuring all exterior doors are locked, and no damage or entry into the home is apparent. Although this does not guarantee that your home will not be damaged or burglarized, it gives you some added protection and peace of mind. Those interested are encouraged to complete and return the House Watch Application Form, located at www.Flossmoor.org. The Police Department also reminds you to "Lock It or Lose It" this summer. Be sure to lock your home's doors and windows when you leave home, even for short trips. Don't forget to also lock your garage and shed doors. And always lock your car's doors and close the windows, even when its parked in your driveway. Reduce property crime by using your locks and always report any suspicious activity to the Police Department promptly.

Don't Pass on Permits

If the warmer summer weather has you planning some construction at your home, remember that permits are required for many home-improvement projects, including decks, patios, pools, driveways, sheds, garages, gazebos and windows. Permits are handled through Flossmoor's Building & Zoning Department to ensure projects are completed safely. For a list of required permits and how to obtain them, visit the Flossmoor Building Department website here: www.Flossmoor.org/154/Items-Requiring-Permits.

Village-Owned Properties Update

There are pending agreements for two properties currently owned by the Village:

- **19725 Governors Highway** — Once home to Sunnycrest Nursery, this property was donated to the Village in 2021. On the Fly Hospitality is looking to purchase the property to open Flossmoor Smokehouse, an authentic barbecue restaurant.
- **Flossmoor Road** — This property, just west of the downtown business district, was purchased by the Village in 2018. BG Park Centre LLC has proposed to create Flossmoor Town Centre, featuring townhomes and a café with outdoor dining space.

Learn more about these potential developments and other Village-owned properties on Vollmer Road, Crawford Avenue, Kedzie Avenue and Governors at www.Retail360.us/Flossmoor-Illinois.

Summer Regulation Reminders

Be a great neighbor this summer by following the Village's regulations, which help keep our community thriving, safe and beautiful.

- **Dogs** — Please keep your pooch on a leash when going for a walk and always pick up any droppings along the way. If you have a barker, be considerate of your neighbors and don't leave your dog unattended outdoors for long (or early or late) hours.
- **Leaf Burning** — Open fires for the disposal of solid waste, leaves or combustible materials are prohibited in Flossmoor.
- **Street Parking** — Be sure to let your guests and visitors know that parking on residential streets is restricted to the side opposite fire hydrants. Also, parking is not permitted on any Village street between the hours of 3-6 a.m. without special approval from the Police Department.
- **Tall Grass** — Weeds, grasses or plants (other than trees, bushes, flowers or other ornamental plants) are not permitted taller than eight inches on unimproved property and five inches on improved property anywhere in the Village. Please also remember to mow the parkway adjacent to your homes and road.
- **Trash Collection** — Remember to place your trash and recycling containers at the street no more than 24 hours before pickup and to remove them no later than 24 hours after collection. Cans should not be visible from the street. For any inquiries regarding the Village's municipal code and regulations, visit www.Flossmoor.org.

We Want to Hear from You!

1. How do you prefer getting non-emergency news (events, meetings, resident reminders) from the Village?
Please select your top two:
 - Enewsletter from the Village (Sign up at info@flossmoor.org)
 - Printed Newsletter from the Village
 - Social Media Posts (Facebook, Instagram & LinkedIn)
 - Village Meetings
 - Village Website (www.Flossmoor.org)
 - Word of Mouth
2. What can the Village do to keep you better connected to your community?



Please return your responses to the Manager's Office at Village Hall, 2800 Flossmoor Road, Flossmoor, IL 60422; or email info@flossmoor.org.



business spotlight

There are three new women- and minority-owned small businesses for you to support in our connected Village. Please give a warm welcome to:

The Artist Collab Balloon Bar & Party Supplies Shops on Sterling, 1050 Sterling Ave.

Just in time for prom and party season, this new party supply business opened in April. This cheerful and colorful shop — owned by the creative Javanah Barnes — offers decorations, themed paper goods, plus mylar and latex balloons in every color and creation. Stop by if you need a smile and want to bring a smile to someone else! Hours are Tuesdays-Saturdays from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. See more at: www.BalloonPartys.com.



The Artist Collab Balloon Bar & Party Supplies



Eclectic Artistry Boutique

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Flossmoor Commons, 3309 Vollmer Road

Etrenda Free is now in town to get you ready for the weekend or for your next big special event at her new boutique, which offers one-of-a-kind, show-stopping fashions and accessories. Stop in to see her collection in Flossmoor Commons (between Kluger Furs and PoppinCorks Bistro) Wednesdays-Fridays 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Pinki's Beauty Salon

Shops on Sterling, 1056 Sterling Ave.

Unique services offered at Pinki Koli's new salon include threading, waxing, tinting, lash extensions, lash lifting, henna tattoos and facials. This skilled, friendly technician will have you feeling beautiful and refreshed. Visit her Mondays, Wednesdays-Saturdays from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and by appointment on Tuesdays.



Pinki's Beauty Salon

school spotlight

Flossmoor Welcomes New D233 Superintendent & Neighbor

The Village of Flossmoor welcomes Dr. Jennifer Norrell — the newly appointed superintendent of Homewood-Flossmoor Community High School District 233 — and one of its newest residents. A longtime Southland native, Dr. Norrell has recently purchased a home in Flossmoor as she prepares to begin her new role on July 1, officially. “We are absolutely thrilled to welcome Dr. Norrell to the

districtwide dual-language program in the state and has contributed her expertise as a statewide advisor for underperforming school systems, university faculty member and national speaker. Her experience spans major school systems, including Chicago, Atlanta, Dallas and Indianapolis, and she currently serves on numerous educational boards, such as the College Board’s National Superintendent’s

Advisory Council. Her honors are many, from being named the Aurora African American Leader of the Year in 2023 to receiving the Transformative Leader in Education Award by the DuPage County NAACP in 2024. She was also recently featured in a national publication, EdWeek’s “Leaders to Learn From” series.

Dr. Norrell’s educational journey began with a degree in biology from

Hampton University, followed by advanced degrees from Saint Xavier University and Loyola University — Chicago. Her roots in the Southland run deep: she was raised in the South Suburbs, and her daughter attended Flossmoor schools. In meeting with HF faculty and staff, she shared that the only prom she attended as a teen was HF’s, even though she attended a school down the road. Now, she and her family are excited to return to the place they’ve always called home.

Dr. Norrell has been working closely with current Superintendent Dr. Scott Wakeley to ensure a smooth leadership transition. As she settles into both her new role and new home, Flossmoor is excited to welcome her as both a community leader and neighbor.



Dr. Jennifer Norrell and her husband, Vernon Cole, networked with other Flossmoor rookies at the 2025 New Resident Meet & Greet at the Conservatory Vintage & Vinyl in downtown Flossmoor in April.

district,” said HF District 233 Board President Gerald Pauling. “She demonstrated throughout our search process that she understands the opportunities, challenges and needs of our community, and she has the skills and vision to lead us into the future.”

Dr. Norrell brings with her a remarkable legacy of leadership. Since 2018, she has served as superintendent of East Aurora School District 131 — Illinois’ 12th largest school district — managing a \$300 million budget and nearly 2,000 employees. Her achievements include being named Superintendent of the Year for the Kishwaukee region in 2022 and being the first female and African American female superintendent in that district’s 180-year history.

A champion for equity, Dr. Norrell has led the only

flossmoor faces & places

Consolidated Election Brings Two New Faces to Village Board



On May 5, newly sworn-in members (Mayor Michelle Nelson, Clerk Gina LoGalbo, and Trustees Gary Daggett, Kevin Dorsey and Carolyn Rodgers) joined current Trustees George Lofton, Jim Mitros and Rosalind Mustafa to create the Flossmoor Board of Trustees.

Trustee Kevin Dorsey

Trustee Carolyn Rodgers

The 2025 Consolidated Election was held on Tuesday, April 1. Congratulations to returning Trustee Gary Daggett and returning Mayor Michelle Nelson, who have each earned an additional four-year term in Flossmoor! Filling the trustee seats of Joni Bradley-Scott (Clerk 2017-19 and Trustee 2019-25) and Brian Driscoll (Trustee 2017-25) and taking the oath of office at the May 5 meeting were Kevin Dorsey and Dr. Carolyn Rodgers; learn more about them here:

Trustee Kevin Dorsey

Years Living in Flossmoor: 23

Family: Father of two children — Shelby & Bryce

Occupation: Executive Director of a health system, plus a retired U.S. Navy Master Chief

Education: Trustee Dorsey has a Ed.D. in Policy, Organization and Leadership, plus an MBA and master's degree in Human Resources / Organizational Development. He holds a BA in Communications.

Community Involvement: He served one three-year term on Flossmoor's Community Relations Commission, and he is the Finance Chair and inaugural board member of the Village Legal Community Project.

Trustee Carolyn Rodgers

Years Living in Flossmoor: 11

Family: Married to Maurice Rodgers with three sons — Aiden, Jeremiah & Noah

Occupation: Public Health Professional

Education: Dr. Rodgers holds Ph.D. in Public Health — Epidemiology; a MHS in Addiction Studies and Behavioral Health; and a M.S. in Public Health — Community Health Sciences. She is also a National Academy of Sports Medicine (NASM)-certified Group Personal Training Specialist and Youth Exercise Specialist.

Community Involvement: Dr. Rodgers is the co-founder of the American Heritage Youth Foundation (AHYF), a non-profit organization that specializes in program planning, implementation and evaluation for community-based interventions. Her expertise lies in research, grant writing, research design and data analysis; she has published several articles and presented them at national conferences. She is also a part of the DEI board for Illinois charitable and free clinics, the Chicago Community West Music Center, and the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing (NCHEC) as a board member of the Division Board for Professional Preparation and Practice (DBPPP). She is also the co-chair for the American Public Health Association (APHA) Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (ATOD) Section Communication Committee.

The Flossmoor Board of Trustees meets the first and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at Village Hall (2800 Flossmoor Road). See agendas, minutes and more information — including Zoom links to meetings — at www.Flossmoor.org/210/Village-Board.

commission corner

Green Commission Celebrates Successful Spring

The Flossmoor Green Commission has had a vibrant and productive spring, celebrating environmental wins and strengthening community partnerships across the Village. Flossmoor was awarded the 2025 ComEd Power Planting Program grant. This opportunity — pursued at the suggestion of the Green Commission — will bring the Village 25 native sapling trees. The Commission also rolled up its sleeves to make a visible impact. The Commission hosted a Southland Community Clean-Up on the Village-owned land near Meijer, bringing together volunteers to remove litter and improve the area's natural appeal. On Earth Day, members joined the Heather Hill Elementary School PTO for a neighborhood clean-up. The Commission also partnered with the Parker Junior High Green Team to plant a pollinator garden on school grounds. In May, the Commission planted potatoes with the High School Girls Soccer Team in the school's community garden. These efforts bring together sustainability, education and local pride.

Bricks & Benches Support Public Art

Sixteen new bricks were placed in the downtown traffic circle early this spring, following donations from supporters of Flossmoor's public art fund. Resident Dr. Joyce Campbell-Terry also ordered a custom plaque for a downtown bench near the Flossmoor Public Library. These donations help the Public Art Commission maintain and grow Flossmoor's public sculpture collection. To learn more, please visit: www.ArtFlossmoor.com.

New Residents Welcomed with Warmth, Music & Local Flavor

The Community Relations Commission hosted a successful new resident event in April. Held at the cool and eclectic Conservatory Vintage & Vinyl (owned and operated by Flossmoor residents Tony and Chogie Fields), the event welcomed Flossmoor's newest neighbors in style. New residents received a warm welcome from Mayor Michelle Nelson, who helped set the tone for an evening of connection and community. Attendees had the opportunity to mix and mingle with Village staff and leaders from key community agencies, creating a welcoming atmosphere that encouraged conversation and new friendships. The Commission was grateful for the generous support of community partners, including the Park District, High School, School District 161 and the Flossmoor Public Library. Attendees enjoyed a delicious "Taste of Flossmoor," featuring light bites from Dunning's Market, Bistro on Sterling, D's Cookie Dough Co., and Flossmoor Station Restaurant & Brewery. Great music kept everyone in good spirits, and an increased attendance allowed the event to spill out onto the sidewalk, creating a fun, block party feel. Throughout the evening, new residents could be seen exchanging numbers and making plans to connect again soon. Welcome home to Flossmoor!



Soccer players help the Green Commission plant potatoes at the H-F High School Community Garden.



Dr. Joyce Campbell-Terry enjoys a visit to the downtown bench named for her family.



The Beasley family were among the new residents warmly welcomed at this year's New Resident Meet & Greet, held in April.

Village of Flossmoor

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Hi, Friends and Neighbors! I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has helped prepare our parks and neighborhoods for summer. Whether you picked up litter, planted flowers, picked weeds, spread mulch, swept sidewalks, or showed gratitude for a neighbor's efforts, your commitment to keeping our community beautiful makes Flossmoor not just a place where we live, but a place to be proud of. Volunteer efforts make a visible difference across our Village and truly reflect the spirit of Flossmoor. Let's carry that energy forward into everything we do: supporting one another, caring for our surroundings, and celebrating the strong sense of community that makes Flossmoor so special.



Mayor Michelle Nelson visits with Thairapy owner Rita Barnes and U.S. SBA Illinois Director Willette LeGrant.

Summer is the best time to reconnect with neighbors, while enjoying live music, delicious food and family-friendly activities. There are many festivals and events to add to your calendars, but I'm particularly excited to partner with the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce, Flossmoor Business Association, HF Chronicle, and local supporters to host the 5th Annual Chamber Night, featuring local talent and a chamber group from the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra starting at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 24, in Flossmoor Commons. The theme for this year will be music

from musicals and movies. All are welcome at this family-friendly event, but please remember to BYOC (bring your own chair).

As the days grow longer and temperatures rise, summer brings more than just sunshine and festivals: it also marks the peak of a short construction season. Whether it's road, sidewalk and sewer repairs, downtown reconstruction, new developments or home renovation projects, the warmer months provide the ideal conditions for getting work done outdoors. While construction can be inconvenient, it's a sign of investment in our Village. Improved roads, upgraded infrastructure, new developments and home improvements contribute to a safer, more efficient and beautiful community. Your patience and understanding during these projects help ensure projects are completed smoothly and safely.

Construction projects may temporarily impact certain areas, including our downtown businesses. Local shops, restaurants, salons and service providers are the backbone of our community. They support our local economy, create jobs, and bring character and charm to our business districts. Many of our local businesses are owned by friends, neighbors and longtime residents who have invested in Flossmoor with love and dedication that goes way beyond their products and services. These hardworking entrepreneurs were highlighted by the U.S. Small Business Administration when Illinois Director Willette LeGrant visited with them in early May during National Small Business Week. Please make an extra effort to visit and support the businesses that may be affected by summertime construction. A quick detour or a little patience can make a big difference for someone who's poured their heart into serving our community.

Thank you for your continued support and patience this construction season. The work you'll see happening across our Village is more than maintenance: it's progress. These projects represent our shared commitment to keeping Flossmoor a vibrant, safe and welcoming place for all who visit, work and live here! I look forward to seeing you out and about!