
From: jenna weglarz
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 4:08 PM
To: Hofeld, Rich; Jones, Vivian; Heiferman, Jay; Siemsen, Patrick; Roman, Lauren; Willis, Julie; Mason, Phillip; Mesaros, Angela; Haney, Napoleon; PublicComments
Subject: APPROVE the Southland Development Authority

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Hello,

The residents have spoken up over and over. We do NOT want the proposal that Hofeld and some of the board wants. The community does not want that. They want public parking and green spaces.

Why is there such a rush? Why are we trying to hurry and pass this when residents are saying no?????

There need to be more public input into this decision.

Do not rush this decision. Listen to the residents.

The residents like the Southland Development Authority. If you approve a plan, approve that.

But this needs to be slowed down and no vote should be made today.

I want my email included in the board agenda notes.

Thank you,
Jenna Monaco

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From: Brenna Piszewski
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 4:42 PM
To: Hofeld, Rich; Jones, Vivian; Heiferman, Jay; Siemsen, Patrick; Iroman@homewoodil.gov; Willis, Julie; Mason, Phillip; Mesaros, Angela; Haney, Napoleon; PublicComments
Subject: Downtown Development

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Hello Village Trustees,

I do not agree with the proposed downtown development in the village parking lot.

Parking is already an issue, and the village is actively adding more businesses downtown. We do not know how these businesses are going to affect the already strained parking situation.

I feel it is not in the best interest of the village residents nor local businesses to add another development of the Hartford building magnitude.

Sincerely,
Brenna Piszewski

From: Hilary Pries
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 4:42 PM
To: Hofeld, Rich; Jones, Vivian; Heiferman, Jay; Siemsen, Patrick; Roman, Lauren; Willis, Julie; Mason, Phillip; Mesaros, Angela; Haney, Napoleon; PublicComments
Subject: Southland Authority Proposal

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Dear Trustees,

I strongly encourage you to consider the Southland Authority proposal. I believe that it is the best option for Homewood residents in terms of affordability, greenspace, and public parking. The community has strong opinions about the need for public parking in the downtown area. If the village is going to give away TIF incentives to private businesses, they should be more seriously considering the opinions of the people who already live here. The local, small business focused downtown is a part of what makes Homewood special. This decision feels hasty and deaf to the wishes of residents who would like to see a local collective carve out a really unique development for the Matrix building and village parking lot.

I think that a government, whether local or national, works best when there is a diversity of opinion that is encouraged and cherished.

Thank you,

Hilary Juretic Pries, M.Ed

Homewood

From: Nancy Baker
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To: Hofeld, Rich; Jones, Vivian; Heiferman, Jay; Siemsen, Patrick; Iroman@homewoodil.gov; Willis, Julie; Mason, Phillip; Mesaros, Angela; Haney, Napoleon; PublicComments
Subject: Development of Village Hall parking lot

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To the Board,
I and most of the residents of Homewood are against the development of the parking lot. IT WILLNOT BE AN ENHANCEMENT TO THE VILLAGE. It is not needed will take up precious space.

Nancy Baker
Fourth generation Homewood resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: Lisa O.
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 5:07 PM
To: Hofeld, Rich; Jones, Vivian; Heiferman, Jay; Siemsen, Patrick; Iroman@homewoodil.gov; Willis, Julie; Mason, Phillip; Mesaros, Angela; Haney, Napoleon; PublicComments
Subject: Please don't rush your vote tonight!

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Good afternoon,

I respectfully request that the Village Trustees delay the vote on the proposed Village Hall parking lot development. This decision has the potential to influence the direction and identity of our village for many years to come. Given the significance of this project, it would be beneficial to allow more time for thoughtful evaluation and meaningful input from residents. Taking additional time for discussion and community engagement will help ensure that the decision is thoughtful, transparent, and aligned with the long-term interests of the village. Allowing additional time for community engagement will help ensure that any decision made reflects the long-term interests and values of our beloved Homewood.

Sincerely,
Lisa Opiola

From: Lisa O.
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 5:11 PM
To: Hofeld, Rich; Jones, Vivian; Heiferman, Jay; Siemsen, Patrick; Iroman@homewoodil.gov; Willis, Julie; Mason, Phillip; Mesaros, Angela; Haney, Napoleon; PublicComments
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From: Terri Riley
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 6:20 PM
To: Iroman@homewoodil.gov; Hofeld, Rich; Heiferman, Jay; Siemsen, Patrick; Willis, Julie; Mason, Phillip; Mesaros, Angela; Haney, Napoleon; PublicComments; Jones, Vivian
Subject: The development on the vote this evening

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Hi,

I appreciate wanting to further develop downtown. However there is already limited parking. When I take my daughter to piano lessons at Melody Mart I would watch people illegally park in handicapped spots or in parking that is private property. I struggle to find parking to pick up a sandwich at Bergstiens. I worry if I have to walk a long way in the dark to get my hair cut at Artistix. I see the village wants to develop the Auditorium, yet take parking away. St John is not the answer as crossing Dixie is not safe. What about the farmers market or other events downtown? I have limited ability so I need to park close but I may stay away from downtown if I can't park. I feel taking parking away for high priced apartments is doing a disservice to the businesses downtown.

Terri

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

From: Amy Dillman
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 6:26 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: Building proposal

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Hello,
I was encouraged to email with my thoughts before tonight's vote on the development of the parking lot and Matrix building.

We have so many nice stores here and no parking. The people who live here can't afford the "luxury condos" that some people want to have built! We could instead create an updated parking lot with some attractive green space which would invite people to come, park their cars and walk around town. If there's no clear space for public parking, people won't stay to shop! Why would you build yet one more place for people to live and shop when we don't have enough parking as it is? Using the space across the street at St John Neuman is ok, but it's not a space that invites people to stop by.

I hope this makes sense, I'm writing at the last minute. Please hold off from voting and give the idea some more thought.

Thank You,
Amy Dillman

Sent from my iPhone

From: Bob Robertson
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2026 5:42 PM
To: PublicComments; Hofeld, Rich; ; Willis,
Subject: Julie; Siemsen, Patrick; Mason, Phillip; Roman, Lauren; Heiferman, Jay
187th Street Speeding

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Right now during Friday rush hour all cars near 187th and Ashland are driving at least 31miles an hour. The speed limit is 25. We haven't seen a cop in a week. We call 911 constantly. What are you doing? We want answers.

From: Bob Robertson
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2026 6:26 PM
To: PublicComments; Hofeld, Rich; ; Willis,
Subject: Julie; Siemsen, Patrick; Mason, Phillip; Roman, Lauren; Heiferman, Jay
Re: 187th Street Speeding

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2026 5:12 PM
To: PublicComments; Hofeld, Rich; Willis, Julie; Siemsen, Patrick; Mason, Phillip; Roman, Lauren; Heiferman, Jay; Haney, Napoleon; Steinmiller, Antonia; Acquah, Terence;
Subject: Re: 187th Street Speeding

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Cars are flying by RIGHT NOW. We are still waiting for a reply. ANYONE? When are you going to do something about the speeding? How many more people are going to die in vehicle accidents in this town?

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