



Village of Homewood
Beautification Committee
2025 Annual Report

Village Hall Board Room
Homewood, IL 60430

PURPOSE:

The Homewood Beautification Committee works with Public Works to beautify the village with horticultural plantings throughout the year in areas of the village and to award citizens and businesses with Beautification Awards at the end of each summer.

MEMBERSHIP:

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| Sylvia Alexander | Arla Blocker |
| Karen Gallagher | Nicole Gleeson |
| Heidi Klekamp | Laurie Klupchak |
| Geraldine Piepenbrink | Joe Sherman |

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

HBC meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room.
(unless work sessions take the place of some monthly meetings)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

• **Plant Work**

The Committee chose all plant varieties for downtown hanging flower baskets, sidewalk pots, giant pots at various downtown corners, Central Business District in-ground planters, welcome to Homewood planters and viaduct planters. The Committee planted and maintained all but the hanging baskets and viaduct planters.

• **Holiday Decorations**

The Committee designed and decorated outdoor pots for winter/holiday decor. The holiday lights purchased by the Village in 2023 were again installed on 120 pedestrian poles in the CBD.

• **Beautification Awards/Ceremony**

The Committee divided the village into 10 map areas and each member looked at every residence and business in their area, choosing the 2024 Beautification Award winners. There was a formal ceremony on September 18th at Dolphin Lake Clubhouse. On that evening, the committee members, along with Mayor Rich Hofeld, presented the residential and business winners with a sign to display at their homes and thanked them for their beautification efforts.