

PUBLIC COMMENTS –
for the Tuesday, August 26, 2025 Board Meeting

From: mitzi johnson
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 6:55 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: Fw: Homewood sidewalks in Homewood Estates

Hello I am a concerned resident of Homewood and this email was sent in June to the mayor and Trustees. To this date I have not received a reply at all. Would appreciate it if this would be shared at the next meeting.

Subject: Homewood sidewalks in Homewood Estates



Hello it would be of great appreciation if this could be shared at the next meeting. Since I never received a reply when this email in June of 2025.

Dear Mayor and Trustees of Homewood,

As a concerned taxpayer and resident of Homewood Estates, I am writing to request transparency, and accountability regarding the condition of our community and the use of public funds.

It is deeply frustrating to see cannabis dispensaries and a casino operating within our town- generating substantial revenue- yet there is no visible investment from these funds back into our neighborhoods. Specifically, our streets and sidewalks are in poor condition, particularly in residential areas like Homewood Estates.

Meanwhile, the business district and areas surrounding the casino are well-maintained, creating a stark and troubling contrast.

In our neighborhood, sidewalks have been crudely ground down to reduce trip hazards, leaving them in disrepair and visually unappealing. In some areas, blacktop has even been applied to sidewalks- a temporary fix that reflects neglect, not investment. This kind of patchwork maintenance sends a clear message: the residential areas are not a priority, despite the high property taxes we are paying.

These high taxes should translate into real improvements- resurfaced roads, replaced curbs, and safe, well-maintained sidewalks. The current state of our infrastructure is unacceptable. Furthermore, I question the reasoning behind allowing a casino, such as Wind Creek, to be established here. Casinos are known to extract wealth from the communities they're placed in rather than reinvest in them. Why was this allowed, and where is the revenue going? It certainly doesn't appear to be benefiting the residents.

Neighboring communities like Tinley Park- though smaller- maintain their infrastructure at a higher standard, even with comparable tax rates. They are replacing curbs, resurfacing streets, and prioritizing upkeep in a way that Homewood is clearly not.

We deserve to know:

- . Where is the cannabis and casino tax revenue going?
- . Why aren't these funds being used to lower the tax burden or reinvest in infrastructure ?
- . Why are patch jobs being prioritized over proper repairs?
- . When can residents expect meaningful improvements to the streets and sidewalks? As taxpayers, we deserve transparency. We deserve Investment in our neighborhoods.

And we deserve answers.

Sincerely,

Concerned Homewood Resident.