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**From:** Craig Nelson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 27, 2025 2:53 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** Park West Plaza Redevelopment  
**Attachments:** RABID.docx

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Please see the attached document.

SUBJECT; PARK WEST PLAZA DEVELOPMENT

Hello, my name is Jennifer Morgan; this communication is in support of Rabid Brewing.

I've had the pleasure of knowing the owners of Rabid Brewing, Raiye and Tobias for about seven years.

I have visited over 150 microbreweries during my travels over the past 20 years and while many provide good beer, none have ever come close to providing the warmth and acceptance to anyone who walks through the door.

One can see that brewing quality beer takes second place only to their having personal relationships to anyone open to it. This not at all the norm for brewery owners- it is actually rare and therefore a major reason for Rabid's success.

I am in awe of Raiye and Tobias having done what many businesses were unable to do- KEEP THEIR DREAM ALIVE AND SURVIVE THE COVID PANDEMIC.

Now they wish to continue building that dream into its next phase which is to provide the full service of having great food to pair with their great beer accompanied by the wonderful personalized experience they provide.

Their dream of staying in the community in which they started and building upon their success requires a location with greater vehicular traffic and the space in which to do it.

They have found everything they need in the new location being discussed today.

I hope this Board will consider their already significant contributions to the Village of Homewood, and the community and help Rabid Brewing reach its dreams of expanding its customer base and becoming an even greater partner in growth for both entities.

Thank you.

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**From:** Bob Robertson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 20, 2025 7:02 PM  
**To:** PublicComments; PZC  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Homewood Useless Hot Topic Forum

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I am writing to express frustration shared by many in our community regarding the so-called “Hot Topic Pop Up” promoted by the Village. Frankly, what’s the point of holding forums or encouraging public input when the Village refuses to answer even basic questions directly?

Residents have taken the time to write letters, use the new, and poorly functioning app, and post concerns on the Village's Facebook page. The result? Silence—or worse, blame deflected to the state, the county, or even neighboring towns. Sometimes, they actually say it's too complicated. We’re tired of hearing, “It’s not our responsibility” every time a pothole, park issue, village property issue, or public safety concern is raised.

Even during board meetings—when we take time out of our lives to attend—public feedback is either ignored or not allowed at all. Often a decision has already been made, and Lord Hofeld's say is the end all. Why should we keep wasting our time when the Village shows no interest in listening or responding?

A community forum only works if the Village is willing to engage in good faith and take responsibility where it's due. Until that happens, stop pretending like public input matters. We're not interested in more empty meetings or lip service.

**From:** Frenchie France  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 18, 2025 9:36 AM  
**To:** Hofeld, Rich <  
**Cc:** PublicComments <comments@homewoodil.gov>; Youngblood, Marla  
**Subject:** Starry Night Pride

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Rich Hofeld  
Village President

Dear Mr. Hofeld,

I have been chosen to be the spokesperson for many unhappy, displeased and perplexed long time Homewood residents including myself.

We would like to know why a long time favorite "Starry Night" event was replaced with "Starry Night Pride"?

Yes we understand Diversity, Equity and Inclusion but we don't understand the rationale behind replacing "Starry Night" with "Starry Night Pride".

Why was our **ONE** day a year in June "**Starry Night**" event taken away and or incorporated with the pride celebration, especially since the entire month of June is pride month?

The event planning is bias and viewed as a lack of balance in how special events are recognized and or celebrated.

i.e.

Are there any events planned for:

"Starry Night Hispanic" in September  
"Starry Night Black" in February  
"Starry Night Asian" in May  
"Starry Night Heterosexual" in Any Month

Cordially,  
Patricia Dean

CC: Maria Youngblood, Events Manager

Homewood Board of Trustees

Please see Attachment



# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

## Homewood's 2025 Special Events Calendar

The Village of Homewood announced the upcoming special events calendar for 2025. The Village will organize and manage approximately 16 events throughout the calendar year.

"I am very excited for our events calendar this year," said Event Manager Marla Youngblood. "We have engaging events geared toward children, families, and adults! We are looking forward to seeing all Homewood residents at our staple events throughout the year."

The following events have been released for the upcoming year:

- Indoor Farmers Market—January 25, February 22, March 29, April 26
- Village Clean-Up Day—To be determined
- Public Works Open House—May 17
- Memorial Day Program—May 26
- Outdoor Farmers Market Opening Day—May 31
- Art & Garden Artisan Fair—June 6 & June 7
- **Starry Night Pride** (with H-F Park District, Village of Flossmoor)—June 20
- Martin Square Block Party—Select Thursdays; summer 2025
- Fourth of July Parade—July 4
- National Night Out—August 5
- Back to School Party (with School District 153)—To be determined
- Fire Open House—October 4
- **Fall Fest**—October 11
- Haunted Homewood—October 27
- Holiday Lights—December 5
- Homewood-Flossmoor Light Tour—December 11

Homewood is bringing back the star-studded events such as Art & Garden Street Fair, Back to School Party, Fall Fest, and Holiday Lights. The Back to School Party event invites children, families, and neighbors to gather and celebrate heading back to school, collect resources from School District 153, interact with massive trucks, emergency vehicles, and more.

Additionally, the Martin Square Block Party will be held the last Thursday of select months in the summer. Food trucks, carts, and vendors will line Martin Square hoping to provide a place for residents and visitors to gather and enjoy company, great food, live music and amazing camaraderie during coveted summer nights. Back by popular demand are

the Haunted Homewood and the Homewood-Flossmoor Lights Tour where residents will have the opportunity to view the very best light displays our Homewood-Flossmoor community has to offer for the fall and winter holidays.

The event schedule is pictured below and can be found on the Village of Homewood website.

**HOME Sweet HOMewood. 2025 Events Schedule**

<b>JAN. 25</b> Indoor Farmers Market Homewood Auditorium 8 a.m. - Noon	<b>JUNE</b> <b>JULY</b> <b>AUG.</b> Martin Square Block Party Martin Square Thursday evenings; TBD
<b>FEB. 22</b> Indoor Farmers Market Homewood Auditorium 8 a.m. - Noon	<b>JULY 4</b> 4th of July Parade downtown Homewood 10 a.m.
<b>MARCH 29</b> Indoor Farmers Market Homewood Auditorium 8 a.m. - Noon	<b>AUG. 5</b> National Night Out Irwin Park 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
<b>APRIL 26</b> Indoor Farmers Market Homewood Auditorium 8 a.m. - Noon	<b>AUG.</b> Back to School Party TBD
<b>APRIL</b> Village Clean Up Day 17755 Ashland Ave. TBD	<b>OCT. 4</b> Fire Department Open House 17950 Dixie Hwy. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
<b>MAY 17</b> Public Works Open House 17755 Ashland Ave. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<b>OCT. 11</b> Fall Fest downtown Homewood 12 p.m. - 9 p.m.
<b>MAY 26</b> Memorial Day Program Veteran's Memorial 10:30 a.m.	<b>OCT. 11</b> Last Outdoor Farmers Market downtown Homewood 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
<b>MAY 31</b> Outdoor Farmers Market Begins Martin Square Saturdays; 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<b>OCT. 27</b> Haunted Homewood Judging Homewood 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
<b>JUNE 6 &amp; 7</b> Art & Garden Street Fair downtown Homewood 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. & 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	<b>DEC. 5</b> Holiday Lights in Homewood downtown Homewood 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
<b>JUNE 20</b> Pride Irwin Park 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.	<b>DEC. 11</b> H-F Lights Tour Homewood & Flossmoor 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

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**From:** Bob Robertson < >  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 15, 2025 6:30 PM  
**To:** generalinfo; PublicComments  
**Subject:** 187th and Riegel Road Intersection Crosswalks

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We, many residents of Homewood, have been asking for safer conditions for pedestrians and cyclists on 187th Street. One of the things we want is the buttons to change the signals and crosswalk signs at the crosswalk at this intersection. Most intersections in Homewood have this feature. Every time we have asked for this Napoleon and Rich have blamed IDOT, and many other reasons for not having this. This is not true, and IDOT has confirmed this. They stated that the Village can implent this. Why is this not a safety feature at this intersection? We could also use red light cameras at this intersection, since cars stop in the crosswalk and often ignore the red lights, but we assume that's too much to ask.