



PUBLIC COMMENTS –
for the Tuesday, February 11, 2025 Board Meeting

Mayor Hofeld and Homewood Trustees,

I'm a Homewood resident since March of 2023. My wife and 6 yr old son were relocating for work and family needs, and found Homewood to be well suited for our family - great value for housing compared to most other suburban towns, ultra convenient train trips to Chicago for work and fun, and great schools with walkable amenities. Most surprising to us has been the incredible neighbors and residents we've met - it's the first home I've ever lived in where neighbors will text one another, join for pizza, and share Christmas gifts and cards. Purchasing our home on Olive has been one of the best decisions we have made.

The development work to help young families like ours move to Homewood should be commended. The new apartments built and recently proposed are great uses of the vacant space to let more residents join the sweet community of Homewood. I for one would love more neighbors - new friends to meet at the Farmer's Market, join for Holiday Lights, etc.

I especially support the new parking plan proposed in November. Each recommendation is thoughtful, considers tradeoffs, and is looking to make the most of the infrastructure and assets the Village already has. That type of approach will help keep our taxes from rising further from infrastructure bloat. More importantly than money - working with orgs like St John Neumann to right size parking for the whole community actually *strengthens* our communities ties.

One comment: crossing Dixie to utilize Neumann's parking lot will require additional safety and pedestrian friendly efforts. Signage won't be enough to give pedestrians the confidence they need to park at Neumann and get to their downtown destination, especially during busy rush hours at night.

Kudos to you all for the momentum present in Homewood!

Jason Kircher

Good Afternoon!

My name is Jake Ter Haar, I'm the owner of State Street Repair in South Holland where we specialize in Outdoor Power Equipment sales and repair. I'm also soon to be a resident of Homewood as my fiance and I are in the final stages of purchasing a home.

Currently I live in South Holland and sit on the village's Economic Development Commission and as I am leaving here soon I was wondering if there are any positions like that with

Homewood? I have very much appreciated my time on South Holland's board and I would absolutely love to continue to be a positive source for growth in my new home town!

If this is possible could you let me know the best ways to get involved or to submit my name for any future board openings or whom I should reach out to/connect with to do so?

Thanks so much and I look forward to hearing from you!

Greetings,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the intersection of Pine Ave Park and Dixie Hwy. I have observed several near-miss accidents at this location, and I believe the lack of a stop sign in all directions is contributing to this safety issue.

While I understand that installing a traffic light may be costly, I strongly feel that a stop sign at this intersection could help prevent accidents and improve safety for drivers and pedestrians alike. Given the frequency of close calls I've witnessed, I urge you to assess the situation and consider implementing this simple yet effective solution.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to seeing the change for the community.

Sincerely,
La Shonda
