

Village Pride-Village Wide: Maywood Goes Live on YouTube

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View the village's YouTube video of our [Village Pride kick-off event](#).

Maywood, Illinois has had a rich heritage as a diverse community since the years following its founding on April 6, 1869, something which put it ahead of its time, a town with something for everyone, whether wealthy or poor, black or white.

Most recently, strides are being made to once again restore a sense of pride in the town. Local and village officials, staff, businesses and residents are joining together to beautify the village streets, parks and properties.

Village Pride-Village Wide means that where something needs to be done, whether it's

- litter that needs to be picked up,
- weeds that need to be pulled,
- grass that needs to be cut,
- glass that needs to be swept,
- flowers that need to be planted, watered and cared for,
- a neighborly helping hand to someone needing assistance or just a smile and warm hello,

we do not look further than ourselves to act. We say to ourselves, "If it is someone's job to do that, that someone might as well be me. If it is everyone's job to do that, then I am 'everyone'. It is my job, and I will pitch in without expectation of reward or attention. It's simply the right thing to do. It's for Maywood."

This is what happened on April 18, which was officially proclaimed as, "Maywood Village Pride-Village Wide Day", a day to celebrate those who have selflessly contributed to the well-being of the community, and to expand the sense of pride to even more volunteers who came together to give the village a small facelift.

To those who were able to come, we say, "Thank you." To those inspired to join and grow the pride in our village, we say, "You are restoring our hope."

The village belongs to all of us, a community that has historical roots in being very intentional about making sure it belongs to a diverse population, a town which can truly say, its land was made for you and me, a coming together to form a wonderful place called, Maywood.