

60th Anniversary Questionnaire

1. What year did Harwood Heights become a village?
1947
2. Who was the first Mayor?
Herbert Huening
3. Where was our first village hall?
5122 North Oconto
4. Who was our first clerk?
Mrs. McCabe
5. At what point did we tie in to Chicago's water?
On Foster Avenue approximately 150 feet west of Harlem
6. Who was our first Building Commissioner?
Henry Kirschner
7. Who was our first justice of the peace?
Walter Ziemec
8. Who was our first police chief?
Blaesing Wilbur
9. Where was our first lockup (jail)?
River Grove
10. In 1955 what were the village's boundary lines?
Harlem on the East Oketo on west Foster on the North & Lawrence on the South.
11. What is the oldest business in Harwood Heights still operating?
Landmark Pub
12. Who was the first big store in Harwood Heights?
National Tea located at Harlem & Foster
13. What is the oldest Deli Store in Harwood Heights?
Elliott's Dairy
14. Where was the second village hall located?
In Jack Schuepfer's building at Lawrence & Octavia
15. Where was the third village hall located?
Lawrence Avenue

16. Where is the present village hall located?
7300 West Wilson Avenue
17. What is the approximate population of Harwood Heights?
8300
18. In what year was the McDonalds on Harlem Avenue built?
1957
19. In what year was the Harwood Heights drive in McDonalds built and where is it located?
Narragansett and Montrose
20. What was located on the east side of Harlem to Lawrence then east to Narragansett in the 50's?
Big Oaks Golf Course
21. What was located at the Northwest corner of Harlem and Lawrence in the 1950's?
Al's Gas Station and Jimmy Moe's Restaurant
22. What occupied the land where Parkway Towers now stands?
The Heckel Farm
23. What was the name of the restaurant on the Northwest corner in the 1950's?
Jimmy Meo's
24. How did Holiday Plaza get its name?
The bowling alley was built there
25. What was the name of the first department store located in the rear of the True Value Store's? George Raft the movie star was one of the owners.
O.M.A.
26. What business was located on the west side of Harlem in the 4600 block?
Republic Lumber
27. Where was our first address of our library?
Parkway Towers
28. Where is our new library being built?
The North East corner of Wilson and Oketo
29. What year did the school now known as Union Ridge open?
1908 1876-1899
30. Who was the first settler in what is now known as Harwood Heights?

Catherine Chevalier, Israel Smith

31. Why is Wilson Avenue East of Harlem called Cassata Drive?
To honor Carl Cassata who started our baseball teams
32. What book gives insight into Harwood Heights history?
Island Within A City
33. What was the name of the building located by Jay's Beef Montrose and Narragansett before the Village annexed the area?
The Wagon Wheel
34. What was the name of the strip of land from Montrose to Forest Preserve Drive before it was annexed to Harwood Heights?
The Strip
35. Who lived at 4343 Oak Park Avenue now moved?
Ray Willas
36. Who was the longest serving Mayor in Harwood Heights?
Ray Willas
37. Name all the Mayor's from the start?
Herbert Huening, Theodore Schwegel, Joseph D. Zizzo, Patrick Arbor, Harold Majeske, Ray Willas, Norbert Pabich, Margaret Fuller
38. Which Building Commissioner served the longest?
Ed Connelly 21 years
39. Which Zoning Boards of Appeals served the longest?
Ed Connelly 11 years
40. Who was our longest serving Mayor's secretary?
Betty Smith 27 years
41. Who owned the water line in the East end until it was annexed to Harwood Heights?
Mr. Linos
42. How much could you purchase a 30 foot lot on Newcastle-New England and Newland 4300-4400-4500 Streets in 1948-1949?
\$600 dollars
43. How far did the people living in the East end of Harwood Heights have to walk to get a bus?
Montrose and Narragansett

44. How much did a lot 44 feet x 125 feet West of Harlem to Oketo from Foster to Lawrence cost?
\$1,400
45. How many children were there in 1960 Oconto from Ainslie to Foster?
There were 63 children- One family 9 the other 8
46. How many condos' are there in Harwood Heights?
9 1) Carlson Condo –Elegante 2) Oriole Point 3) Courtyard 4) 4700 Harlem 5) Brutto's Building 6) Norwood Court 7) Clocktower 8) Sayre 9) Newcastle
47. Where was the first fire station built in Harwood Heights?
Lawrence and Octavia- now taken down
48. Where is the present fire station in Harwood Heights and what was it before they renovated it?
Lawrence Ave. and it was a deserted factory
49. Which fire chief was responsible for this station house being built in Harwood Heights?
Mr. Rocky Olita
50. What Mayor built the present village hall?
Mayor Pabich
51. In what year was the Public Works new garage built?
2006
52. Who owned the property that St. Rosalie's Church and school are built on?
The golf course-Ridgemoor
53. Who was our 1st meter reader?
Henry Hank Schultz
54. Who built Parkway Bank?
S & V Builders, Denny Voss- Al Sachowitz
55. Who built Parkway Towers now the Mont Clare Apartments?
Ted Schwalo
56. Who is the current Police Chief?
Martin Podosek
57. What year was the area from Lawrence Avenue to Wilson and Harlem to Olcott Annexed to the Village?
1956

58. What year was the area from Harlem to Narragansett and Gunnison to Forest Preserve annexed to the Village?

1957

59. How many gallons of water are stored underground at our reservoir?

2 million gallons

60. How many gallons of water are stored in our over head tank?

150,000