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Mayor's MESSAGE

VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER

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Covid Vaccines

Please visit our website for any updates we may have.
www.harwoodheights.org

Those with computers, log on to: <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/vaccination-location>
Put in your zip code, enter, and select the closest location. Click to the right of that location to see if an appointment can be made.

OR CALL:
833-308-1988

You may need to try several times to get an appointment, as new locations continue to be added.

The Village is not involved in distributing the vaccine.

After you had your vaccine, please continue to wear face masks and do your part with washing hands, surfaces, etc.

Unemployment Insurance Fraud

If you are a victim of Unemployment Fraud...

1. Make a Police report
2. Advise your Employer
3. Contact IDES Illinois Department of Employment Security 800-814-0513 (Be patient as call volumes are high) (www.identitytheft.gov)
4. Do NOT activate the debit card if you received one.
5. Review your credit reports to check for any fraudulent activity. (www.annualcreditreport.com)

Reminder

New Refuse & Recycling Collections

Effective March 1st, collection days for Recycling & Waste will change. To better service all Harwood Heights customers, Republic is changing some of the collection days in our area.

The NEW Recycling & Waste Collection is as follows:

<u>Current Service Day</u>	<u>New Service Day</u>
Monday	Wednesday (Starting March 3rd)
Tuesday	Friday (Starting March 5th)
Thursday	Thursday (No change)

Changes only affect residential households (3 flats or less) who receive curbside or alley service through the Village's contract with Republic Services. Questions? Contact our Village office at 708-867-7200.

When putting out your garbage, yard waste, and recycling cans, please do NOT put them in the street as this can be dangerous to motor vehicles and they also get in the way of street sweeping and maintenance. Thank you!

Thank you everyone!

These last few days and weeks have been challenging with all the snow that fell in our area. We want to extend our thanks to all our residents who have been understanding and moved cars so plows could get down your streets. Thanks to all those who lent a helping hand to neighbors.

Alleys were plowed twice with our equipment and then again after 14" of snow fell with the help of contracted equipment to assist in snow removal. We removed as much as we could without damage to garages. Garbage collections were delayed due to all the snow. Republic Services had crews working on Saturday to catch up and remove trash.

Thanks to St. Rosalie's for allowing us to dump many truck loads of all that snow. Thanks to our office staff and dispatch for answering many snow calls, to our Police who kept patrol and assisted with stuck cars and also to the Fire Department for clearing snow from fire hydrants.

And, many thanks to our Public Works crew who worked day and night keeping up with the snow, helping cars that were stuck, and attending to water breaks in the middle of it all. They did everything they could to keep our streets and alleys open for residents and emergency services.

Their job is still not done. As warmer temperatures climb, they are out clearing snow so sewers are open for drainage. We appreciate you!

Thank you to... Tom, George, Ron, Carmine, John, Andy and Justin!

Recreation Center

Our Recreation Center is now open for **Fitness Classes** and **Youth Commission activities**.

Zumba is offered every
Thursday 6:00 - 6:45 pm
Cost is \$5 per class

Dancercise resumes every
Saturday 10:00 - 10:45 am
Cost remains at \$5 per class

Looking to host an Event?

Two rooms are available to rent for parties and gatherings abiding by the Governor's directives.

Rooms are clean and sanitized.
Interested? Call Liz at the
Village Hall at: 708-867-7200

Recreation Center Operation:

Mon-Fri: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm;
and 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - Noon
Closed Sunday & Holidays
Phone: 708-667-7092

Email: recdesk@harwoodheights.org

Eisenhower Library

The Library will reopen on
March 1st. Refer to their website
for days and hours.
eisenhowerlibrary.org/reopening/

Village Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00a-5:00p
Website: www.harwoodheights.org

Village is closed
April 2 for Good Friday

Your Village Board:

Mayor Arlene Jezierny
Clerk Marcia Pollowy

Trustees:

Ziggy Lewandowski
Terry Schuepfer
Larry Steiner
Annette Brzezniak-Volpe
Anna Brzozowski-Wegrecki
Giuseppe Zerillo

Infrastructure Projects for 2021

Funds have been secured and bids have all been approved to improve the following projects:

Green Alley between the 4700 blocks of New England and Newcastle

Paving and aligning of the 7400 and 7500 blocks of Argyle

Paving of the 7500 block of Winnemac

Alley paving at Carmen between Octavia and Odell

4400 and 4500 blocks of New England,
Carl Cassata Dr from Sayre to Oak Park, Rutherford and Senior Place

Construction meetings will take place to determine the start date for each project. Residents will then be notified in advance when the project will begin and advised on project details.

We will look at other areas in the Village as funding becomes available.

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Vehicle Stickers

Vehicle Stickers renewals will be mailed March 22. Please wait until you get a renewal before obtaining a sticker. If you have not received a renewal by April 5th, please come in with your vehicle registration. Stickers must be adhered to your front, passenger window by May 1st.

Street Sweeping/Maintenance & Yard Waste

In hopes that all the snow is gone, Street Sweeping & Maintenance begins April 1st. Please follow the street signs on your block.
Yard Waste pick up begins April 1st.

Garage Sale & Big Garbage Day

Village-wide Garage Sale will return this year - June 25-26-27.

Please call the Village to register.

Big Garbage day is the week of June 28 on your regular garbage pickup day.

Electronic Recycling and Paper Shredding

Electronic Recycling and Paper Shredding are planned once again for HH residents on July 10th from 9:00 am - Noon at the Village Hall.

Shop Harwood Heights - Thank you for supporting our local stores and restaurants.

Post Office

Many have called and indicated that they have not received mail anywhere from 3 days to 1 week or more. This affects their prescriptions and bills, etc. Each week I go to the Post Office to complain. I've written letters to the local Postal Service, to our federal legislators and the US Post Office. I continue to advocate for our residents, but I'm told they are short on staff and need to hire more or develop a plan. This falls under the Federal Government and needs to be resolved!! You can also write to:

Richard Durbin
US Senator
230 S. Dearborn, Ste #3892
Chicago, IL 60604

Tammy Duckworth
US Senator
524 Hart
Senate Office Bldg
Washington, DC 20510

Mike Quigley
US Congressman
4345 N. Milwaukee
Chicago, IL 60641