



The

Mayor's

MESSAGE

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Trustee Terry Schuepfer says goodbye



After 14 years as the Trustee of Harwood Heights, Terry bids farewell as she is moving just outside of the Village. Terry served as Trustee since 2007 chairing the Ordinance and Finance Committees. She was also a member of the Contract Negotiation Team and dealt with union contracts.

Terry approached every project, problem or decision with much thought and strategy. She was always willing to participate in Village events. Fests, Movies, Halloween and Easter drive-bys. She's also a member of the Seniors Assistance Center Board.

We will miss Trustee Schuepfer in the day-to-day functions of the Village but Terry will remain on as the Mayor's Administrative Assistant for the next year assisting with events and completing some projects including Union Negotiations.

Village of Harwood Heights welcomes GENE BRUTTO as new Village Trustee



Gene Brutto, a lifelong resident of Harwood Heights, is employed as a program manager for a major health care company in Chicago. He and his wife, Laura, raised their two children, Kelly and Joe, who attended our local schools and completed their college degrees. Recently, Gene became a widower but is proudly taking on the role of grandpa enjoying his grandson, Ben.

An examination of Gene's 30 years of public service began in 1989 and reveals that he has performed a variety of roles across our community. For 10 years, our Harwood Heights Little League teams were proud to call him, Coach. Gene was elected to the Pennoyer District 79 School Board in 1993 and served for twelve years. He was a member of the Harwood Heights Plan Commission for 9 years and served as the Village Street Commissioner. Gene was the Village License Inspector for 10 years beginning in 2001. Most recently, he has been a member of the Police and Fire Commission for the last three years.

I am excited to add the role of Village Trustee to his record of service to Harwood Heights. Gene will bring a wealth of experience and dedication to our Village Board. Please join me in welcoming Gene and wishing him success in his new role.

Join us for cake, strudel, and coffee at our Board meeting on July 22nd to congratulate Gene Brutto and to thank Trustee Terry Schuepfer for her dedication and contribution to the Village.

(More topics on reverse side.)

Congratulations to our Scholarship Award Winners!

Each year our refuse service, Republic Services, provides scholarships based on the amount of recycling collected.

Award recipients will receive a check payable to their selected college. This year's award recipients are:

Kiara Cannon
Attending Loyola University

Natalia Skyba
Attending Dominican University

Adam Klopotoski
Attending Arizona State

Village-wide Garage/Yard Sale

Our Garage & Yard sale was challenged by hours of heavy rain.

We want your input on whether you would like us to reschedule this event.

Please call the Village Hall at 867-7200 or email us at: giolase@harwoodheights.org

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

Village Hours:

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

Questions?

My office door is always open to residents and businesses.

To make an appointment, simply call my direct line:
708-867-7205

Watch for Scams!

Be aware of anyone asking you for personal information! Public scammers will pose as Utility employees to gain access to your home. They will also pose as ComEd, IRS, and Secretary of State through phone calls to gain access to your personal information. Watch for unsolicited texts and emails.

As Medicare covers the cost of vaccines for seniors, don't believe anyone who asks for your medicare number or payment. It's a scam!

Also, watch for robocalls that want you to take immediate action by purchasing credit cards or asking you to provide bank or social security numbers.

If you have questions about text messages, scams or identity theft, call the Illinois Attorney General Consumer Fraud Hotline at 1-800-243-0618 or our local police department at 708-867-4353.

Anytime you want to check who is at your door, you may call the Harwood Heights police department. If they are a legitimate business, they will stay until police arrive.

Crossing Guards wanted for Fall Season

If you are interested in becoming a Crossing Guard for Union Ridge School, please contact our Village office. Crossing Guards are needed for the next school season beginning in September. If selected you will be trained by our Police Department and provided uniforms and equipment for safety crossing.

Mosquitos

The Village began to spray for mosquitos and treating sewers for larvae. If you want to be notified when spraying occurs, contact the Village Hall. Please help us to control the mosquito invasion. Change standing water from bird baths at least once a week. Empty water from pails, barrels or buckets around the house - stack pails upside down. Throw away all trash that holds water.

Are you Recycling?

The more we recycle, the more it helps to provide scholarships for our high school students toward college. Items that can be recycled are:

Newspaper: mixed paper, advertisements, direct mail, office paper, stationery, envelopes, paper bags, gift wrap, magazines, catalogs and telephone books, cardboard, soda and beer carrying cases, glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans and foil, tin and steel cans, empty aerosol cans, plastic bottles and containers codes #1-#7 (except #6), milk and juice cartons.

Note: Items with food in or on them should be put into your regular garbage containers.

Village Improvements

All infrastructure projects that began earlier this year are now complete with the exception of punch list items that the Engineers are conducting. Another project on the horizon this year will be going out for bid next month for the streets of Rutherford, Senior Place, Carl Cassata, and 4500 Newcastle.

All affected residents will be notified.