



The Mayor's MESSAGE

MAYOR ARLENE JEZIERNY

JANUARY 2022

Snow Removal - When do I move my car?

Remember that any snowfall of 2" or more requires the removal of your car so plows can clean your side of the street from 8:00am - 4:00pm Please adhere to the following rules to avoid ticketing:

On even-numbered dates of the month, no parking on the even side of the street
On odd-numbered dates of the month, no parking on the odd side of the street

The next day the plows will remove snow from the opposite side of the street.

If you are uncertain, call the SNOW BAN HOTLINE at 708-867-7605. Please do not shovel snow onto the street, as this defeats the snow plowing efforts.

Parking Passes

Resident-only parking passes are \$5.00 for streets with RESIDENT-ONLY parking. Restricted truck passes are also available.

Christmas Decorating

Contest Congratulations to our winners! There were so many beautiful decorations and many winners! Thank you for sharing the enjoyment of the holiday lights with us.

Old Christmas Lights

You can bring your old holiday lights to the Village Hall to recycle.

A Year in Review - 2021

Wishing everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year with a new fresh start for 2022. As we move forward, let's look at our accomplishments thus far.

- * Standard & Poors increased our financial rating to A+ stable which is great news in this economy!
- * Art Van left but is currently occupied by Choice Furniture until a more permanent tenant is found.
- * Covid became an issue for employment, businesses and personal safety. Many supported our businesses with pick-up orders. However, events had to be canceled including our annual fest, weddings, graduations, and remote learning became the norm. Then, things opened up a bit allowing patrons in restaurants & bars, and recreational activities were back introducing: Zumba, Dancercise and Stretch & Flex exercises.
- * A craft fair, car show and in-school classes resumed.
- * Despite our losses from Covid, we ended the fiscal year with a balanced budget.
- * We hosted the Seniors Assistance luncheon, the tax appeal seminar, Youth Halloween and Christmas parties and Cooking classes with Chef Boris.
- * After completing an extensive review of our required Pension obligations, the Village issued Pension Obligation Bonds that will result in anticipated savings of almost \$4 million over the course of future pension payments.
- * Hired 4 new officers for Village public safety
- * The Village is partnering with Metropolitan Water Reclamation District to identify capacity of our sewers during heavy rainfall and obtain an accurate reading for advanced notice of any potential flooding.
- * The Village also partnered with Morton Arboretum and planted over 30 trees.
- * Despite the slow down, the Village kept up with Capital Improvement Projects:
 - Paving & new crosswalks for Carl Cassata Dr. from Sayre to Oak Park
 - Paving Rutherford and Senior Place
 - Paving 7500 block of Winnemac
 - Alley paving at Carmen by Octavia and Odell
 - Paving 4400 & 4500 blocks of New England
 - Paving and aligning the 7400 & 7500 blocks of Argyle
 - Green alley 4700 blocks of New England and Newcastle

Fitness Classes:

All New!

Stretch, & Flex Morning Exercise

Begins January 12 and every
Wednesday 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Cost is \$5 per class

(This seated or standing workout will focus on stretching, low-impact cardio, and increased flexibility for a well-rounded and enjoyable workout)

Zumba Begins January 13
and every Thursday 6:00 - 6:45pm

Cost is \$5 per class

Dancercise Begins January 15
and every

Saturday 10:00 am - 10:45 am

Cost is \$5 per class

Recreation Room Rentals

If you are interested in renting one of our rooms for your next party, contact Mike Grono at 708-867-7200 Ext 213

Village Closure

The Village Hall and Recreation Center will be closed on Monday, January 17 Martin Luther King Day and Monday, February 21 for Presidents' Day

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

Your Village Board:

Mayor Arlene Jezierny

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Gene Brutto

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Larry Steiner

Annette Brzezniak-Volpe

Anna Brzozowski-Wegrecki

Giuseppe Zerillo

Questions?

My office door is always open to residents and businesses. To make an appointment, simply call my direct line: 708-867-7205

Small Stars Sports & Crafty Kids

January - March Schedule

Small Stars & Biddy classes will be starting Wednesday, Jan 12th

Parent-Tot class 10:00 - 10:45am Ages 2-5 with parent participation
Residents \$10; Non-residents \$15 for 3 week sessions

Biddy class 11:00 - 11:45am Ages 5-7 with no parent participation
Residents \$10; Non-residents \$15 for 3 week sessions

Biddy class 3:45 - 4:30 pm -- begins Tuesday, February 8th

Residents \$10; Non-Residents \$15 for each 3 week sessions

This is an afternoon class geared for youth that are just getting out of school

Crafty Kids classes will be starting Thursday, Jan 13th

Parent-Tot class is 10:00 - 10:45am Ages 2-5 with parent participation
Residents \$10; Non-residents \$15 for 3 week sessions

HHYC Winter Recreation Activities

Registration on Saturday, January 15th 9:00 am-Noon

at the Recreation Center in the Harwood Room

Activities: Volleyball, Soccer, Hockey, Arts & Crafts and Variety Sports

(Recreation Center will be closed January 17th and February 21st)

Cooking with Chef Boris

Wednesday, January 19th 6pm-7:15pm Cost \$20

Featuring Dish: Mushroom Risotto.

Watch for another class coming in February!

Cook County Mitigation Order for Vaccination Requirements

Effective January 3, 2022, Cook County Health is requiring individuals 5 years or older to show proof of vaccination when visiting restaurants, bars, & food courts. Masks should also be worn except for eating and drinking.

Exemptions: Individuals entering an establishment for less than 10 minutes for ordering and carrying out food, making a delivery or using restroom facilities. Those with medical exemptions. Grocery stores and places of worship. Individuals 18 or younger participating in recreational activity. Masks to be worn.

The full Mitigation Order can be found on cookcountypublichealth.org



**Thank you for
your kind donations!**

Because of your kindness, we delivered 8 large bags containing coats, gloves, hats and scarves and canned goods to the Salvation Army for distribution. All the Toys collected were delivered to many families, as well as to the Marine Corp, making children very happy. Your kindness during this season is what makes Christmas and the Holidays a special time of the year for all!