



The Mayor's MESSAGE

MAYOR ARLENE JEZIERNY

MAY 2022

Garbage reminder:

Tuesday, May 3, Republic Services is changing their recycling & waste collection. Thursday & Friday collections will now be Tuesday, Wednesday is unchanged.

These changes only affect residential households (3 flats or less).

**Happy Mother's Day
to all the moms
Sunday, May 8th**

Water & Sewer Rates (Effective 6/1/22)

The Chicago Code states that beginning June and every year thereafter the annual rates shall be adjusted upwards based on the Consumer Price Index but will be capped at 5% of the previous year's rate. The new water & sewer rates are posted on our website.

Water, Sewer, and Garbage Collections

Due to Covid and other hardships, we will waive all penalties for any overdue balance if paid in full by July 1st.

Memorial Day



The Village Hall & Recreation Center will be closed Monday, May 30th in honor of the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

Coffee with a Cop

Meet with our Officers and Command Staff on **Wednesday, May 11** at 9:30 am at Family Palace Restaurant. Share your concerns and they will share safety ideas with you.

Garbage Bins

After garbage collection, please return your bins back onto your property. Bins left in alleys or in the streets risk causing accidents especially during windy days when bins tip over and become an obstacle course for cars. It is also important to put garbage inside the cans and cover cans.

Garbage Fee

The Village kept your scavenger fees down over the past 10 years. However, we have been absorbing the increases each year that affect our budget. It costs \$674,000 to maintain the scavenger service and your fees only generate \$300,000, so a modest increase will be effective June 1st of this year.

Garage Sale Days - June 24-25-26

Join in on the annual Garage Sale. Just call our office and let us know which day or days you'd like to participate and whether you will sell in the front or garage of your home. Our local paper will be notified, as well as our Newsletter and website, so you can begin to prepare for your fun days.

Big Garbage Day Pick-up - June 28 & 29

Spring & Summer clean up and following the Garage Sale Days, the Big Garbage Day is perfect to get rid of the old and make room for the new.

Water Report

In compliance with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Primary Drinking Water Standards, the Consumer Confidence Report is complete and posted on our website via this link: <https://www.harwoodheights.org/wp-content/uploads/2022-Water-Quality-Report.pdf>. You can also access this report from our website under Public Works - Water Quality Reports.

Four \$500 Scholarships Available!!

Republic Services is providing (4) \$500 Scholarships to Harwood Heights High School Seniors. Applications and essays on Recycling Efforts are due June 10, 2022 at the Village Hall. See our website for forms & details.

Village 75th Anniversary

This year the Village will celebrate 75 years of being incorporated with a Carnival and Festival including bands & food. Save the dates... August 18-21 at St. Rosalie's.

Reunion News

Congratulations to Ridgewood High School graduating class of 1971, who celebrated their 50th anniversary here at our Harwood Heights Recreation Center. Good memories and a good time were had by all who attended.

Hall of Fame Recipient

Congratulations to our Sergeant Sam Palazzo who joined the Hall of Fame at Ridgewood HS.

Fitness Classes:

Stretch, & Flex Morning Exercise

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

Every Thursday 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

Cost is \$5 per class

Dancercise

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 708-667-7070

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

Improvement Projects

The Village continues capital improvements in the community through various grants. Some projects may take 1-2 years due to the application, paperwork and approval process. The following is a listing of what projects are in the planning stage:

Oriole & Leland Area - Expansion of storm water detention facility.

Ainslie - Paving and alignment of the 7400-7500 blocks

Montrose Paving from Sayre to Forest Preserve Drive

Various Street paving and Curb replacements based on engineering

Various Sidewalk replacements

Water Main replacement along Foster Avenue

Storm water study with sensors in manholes at certain locations

New Village identification signs

Village tuckpointing, painting and Police building upgrades

Thank you for your donations of hygiene items for Ukraine.
We will continue to collect items throughout the month of May.
Your generosity is overwhelming!

Small Stars Sports & Crafty Kids

Small Stars Parent/Tot is an ongoing program that meets on Wednesday mornings (except the 1st Wednesday of every month). Upcoming dates for May are 5/11, 5/18, and 5/25 and June 6/8, 6/15 and 6/22

Time: 10:00 - 10:45am Ages 2-5 with parent participation
Residents \$10; Non-residents \$15 for each monthly session

Crafty Kids is an ongoing program that meets on Thursday mornings (except the 1st Thursday of every month). Upcoming dates for May are 5/12, 5/19 and 5/26 and June 6/9, 6/16, and 6/23

Time: 10:00 - 10:45am Ages 2-5 with parent participation
Residents \$10; Non-residents \$15 for each monthly session

Small Stars Biddy classes is an ongoing program that meets on Tuesday afternoons. Upcoming dates for May are 5/10, 5/17 and 5/24 and June 6/7, 6/14, and 6/21

Time: 3:45 - 4:30 pm Ages 5-8
Residents \$15; Non-residents \$20 for each monthly session

Village Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00a-5:00p

Website: www.harwoodheights.org

Holiday Notice

The Village Hall and Recreation Center will be closed Monday, May 30th in honor of Memorial Day.

Your Village Board:

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