



The Mayor's MESSAGE

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Snow Ordinance

The snow ban takes affect when there is 2" of snow or more on the appropriate side of the street.

On even-numbered dates of the month, parking is NOT allowed on the even-numbered side of the street. On odd-numbered dates, parking is NOT allowed on the odd-numbered side of the street.

Do not blow or shovel snow onto the streets. This defeats the purpose of our plows keeping your streets free of snow.

NOTE: If you are unsure you may call the Snowban Hotline at:
708-867-7605

Snow Shovelers needed?

The Village has a list of those who signed up for snow removal from sidewalks and driveways. Costs are determined between those who signed up and the resident.

Pet Safety

When walking your pets, please be sure they are on a leash. This is for their safety and the safety of others.

Also be sure to pick-up after your pets as a respect to your neighbors.

During cold and hot temperatures, do not leave your pets in cars or outside for long periods of time.

Holidays:

The Village is closed for
Presidents' Day
Monday, February 20

Safety First

We urge residents to lock your car doors to keep vandals from taking any belongings. Don't leave anything of value in your car or on the car seats. Should anyone vandalize your car, do NOT go out and take matters into your hands. Call the Police at 911 immediately.

To help assist the Police or Fire Department, it is recommended to put your address above your garage door which is off the alley. This way emergency services can quickly identify the correct house.

Another Safety Seminar will be scheduled in April to continue making our residents aware of safety measures and scams that are taking place in the area.

Property Tax bills

The Cook County Treasurer announced that the first installment of your property tax bills has been extended to Monday, April 3, 2023. Bills can be paid online, at Chase Bank or by mail. Tax bills can be viewed online at www.cookcountytreasurer.com

Cooking Demonstrations Return

Cooking Demonstrations are returning to our Recreation Center with Chef Boris Kirzher from Ridgemoor Country Club. Learn techniques and sample the results. Mark your calendar 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm for **Tuesday, February 21st** for a Mushroom Bisque dish and **Tuesday, February 28th** for Steak Au Poivre (Pepper Steak). Cost is \$20 per session or \$35 if you sign up for both!

Flower Arrangements

This Recreation Center class will offer tips on creating your flower arrangement masterpiece. Great for Spring flower decorations and Mother's Day! Join us **March 15** from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. JoAnn from Flower Fantasy will share her secrets. Cost is \$18.00 and you take home your creation.

Ridgemoor Country Club hiring Golf Caddies

Ridgemoor Country Club located at 6601 W. Gunnison Street is looking for Golf Caddies for the 2023 season. If your child, or someone you know that loves golf and would like to be a Caddy, please have them go to Ridgemoor Country Club on **Saturday, March 4, 2023** from 9:00 am - Noon.

Registration will be in the Ridgemoor Clubhouse anytime between **9:00 am and Noon** to fill out paperwork. All applicants must be at least 13 years old and be accompanied by a parent.

Fitness Center

We welcome you to join our Fitness Center located at our Village Hall. The cost is \$10 month and offers treadmills, ellipticals, bikes, recumbent Nu Steps, or free weights to get you started and in shape from all the holidays feasts.

Or, if you prefer, you can sign up for Dancercise, Zumba or basic Chair Exercises.

Call the Recreation Center for details: 708-667-7092

Happy Valentines to all our families in Harwood Heights

Island Within A City-Reminder

The Eisenhower Public Library is asking you to share a brief story of living or working in our community to include in the new edition of our local history book. The first book was written by Thomas McGowen and covered the history of Norridge-Harwood Heights Area.

Now, the Library is working on Book 2 from 1990's and beyond. You can either write it down, or set up a one-on-one interview with the Library and have your story recorded. Check out the Library's website for guidelines and writing prompts. www.eisenhowerlibrary.org/island.

Summer Fest - 2023

The Village will be planning a Summer Fest this year with food, bands, bingo and carnival. Stay tuned for more details.

75th Anniversary shirts are still available for sale. Great to wear them at our next Fest.

Village Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00a-5:00p
Website: www.harwoodheights.org
The Mayor's Office is always open.
For an appointment, please call my direct line: 708-867-7205

Recreation Center Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00am-1:00pm
and 3:00pm-7:00pm
Closed Sunday & Holidays
Phone: 708-667-7092

New Phone System

We apologize for any inconvenience when trying to call the Village Hall last Monday and Tuesday. We were in process of converting and installing new phone service through Comcast. Please note that the 911 system has not been disturbed and we made sure it worked fine for any emergencies.

Village Improvements for 2023

Streets Paved

The streets of Oconto, Octavia and Odell will soon be going out to bid. Once a contractor is selected, residents will be notified when work will begin along with directions as to when cars need to be moved to allow for resurfacing.

Village Hall Improvements:

The Village Hall will go through some improvements with painting, tuckpointing, new windows, entrance repair, police area upgrades, and parking lot resurfacing. This will also include new Village signage at various locations.

Flood Detention

The Oriole detention project will be expanded to allow for more drainage.

Future Projects will include:

Leland detention project expansion

Additional street resurfacing

Alley grant submitted for 7500 Argyle/Strong

Street grant is submitted for resurfacing for 7400 & 7500 Ainslie

Postal Service Issues

We continue to work with our local and Federal representatives to rectify this situation. As a result, some areas have improved, however others are still experiencing delays. We continue to reach out to get results!

Short-Term Rentals

The Village has enacted a ban on short term residential rentals such as Airbnb and VRBO that are rented out for up to 30 consecutive days at a time. It is unlawful to offer for rent or advertise for short-term residential rentals in the Village. Violations can result in a \$250 fine per day.

The Village seeks to protect the character of neighboring properties avoiding the nuisances sometimes associated with short-term rentals without a longer-term stake in the community.

Small Stars Sports & Crafty Kids Recreation

Small Stars is a parent/tot introductory sports class. This is an on-going program that meets on Wednesday mornings (except the 1st Wed of every month) from 10-10:45am.

Crafty Kids is a Parent/Tot introductory to basic arts and crafts. This is an on-going program that meets on Thursday mornings (except the 1st Thurs of every month) from 10-10:45am.

Both programs are for ages 2-5 with parent participation. Monthly session rates \$10 resident/ \$15 non-resident. For more information contact Mike at Village Hall.

Kindness

Our Community is celebrating Kindness Day on **Saturday, April 29, 2023**. Kindness Day is a day that promotes the importance of being kind to one another and to help brighten someone's day. One simple act of kindness can lead to positive outcomes. A good rule of thumb is to treat people the way you want to be treated. Small acts such as a smile, a compliment, volunteering your time, donating to a food pantry or animal shelter, and helping a neighbor all contribute to a great community. Let's make **'kindness'** a part of our daily lives.