



The Mayor's MESSAGE

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Street Sweeping

Street Sweeping begins Monday, **April 3rd**. Please follow the street parking signs posted on your block. There is no parking from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Maintenance work will begin on the Green Alleys on April 1st.

Income Tax Day

Income Taxes are due on Tuesday, **April 18th**. If mailing, be sure they are postmarked by April 18th.

Pet Safety - A reminder

Now that Spring is here, and you want to walk 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.

Yard Sale, Big Garbage Day, Recycling & Shredding

Yard Sale - dates are June 23-25

Big Garbage Day is the week of June 26 on your scheduled pick-up day.

Recycling & Shredding is Saturday, July 15 from 9:00 - Noon.

Free Parkway Trees Order by April 10th

The Village will be getting approximately 30 more trees from Morton Arboretum. There are many types of trees. A list of trees and their photos are on our website and in our office:



Cooking Demonstration

Mushroom Bisque had to be rescheduled and will now be held **Tuesday, April 18th** in our Recreation Center. Come see Chef Boris and get his cooking tips!

Safety Seminar coming in May

The next Safety Seminar is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 17** at 6:30 pm at the Recreation Center.

Some Safety Tips

The following are some tips we want to share with you to help keep you safe.

Catalytic converter thefts.

Thieves target catalytic converters because they contain precious metals. Catalytic converters are vulnerable because they're quick and easy to steal, but they are expensive to replace. You can help protect your car against catalytic converter theft by etching the license plate number on it, painting the converter, or installing an anti-theft device. If you witness a catalytic converter theft in progress, please do not confront the offenders yourself, since they are armed with handguns and are violent. Please call 911 immediately and provide police as much information as possible about the offenders, their vehicles and direction of travel.

Vehicle burglaries.

Please make sure to lock your vehicles and do not leave the vehicle's key fob inside the vehicle or any other valuables. Park in a well-lit area and set your vehicle alarm.

Carjackings.

If you are the victim of a carjacking – give up your car. Your life is worth more. Be aware of your surroundings. Look around before you enter or exit your vehicle and stay alert. Approach your vehicle with a key in your hand and be wary of people hanging around. Lock your doors and trust your instincts! Avoid parking in dark or secluded areas. Park your car in well-lit areas that are within sight and shouting distance of others.

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Vehicle & Pet Stickers Due May 1st

The Vehicle Sticker applications are being mailed on April 3rd. Please bring your application to the Village Hall to obtain your vehicle sticker. If you did not receive your vehicle application, or purchased a different vehicle, bring in your current vehicle registration.

Dog & Cat tags are required for all pets 4 months and older. When applying, bring the rabies certificate in order to fill out the application and obtain a tag. Tags are

Summer Fest - 2023

The Village will be planning a Summer Fest this year with food, bands, bingo and carnival. The dates are **August 17-20**. The location will be at St. Rosalies Parish

Fitness Center

We welcome you to join our Fitness Center located at our Village Hall. The cost is \$10/month for residents and \$15/month for non-residents and offers treadmills, ellipticals, bikes, Nu Steps, and free weights to get you started and in shape for the year!

Or...if you prefer, you can sign up for Dancercise, Zumba or basic Chair Exercises for just \$5.00 each.

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

Village Hall and

Recreation Center:

The Village Hall and Recreation Center will be closed on **Friday, April 7th**

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
Saturday 9:00a-Noon
Closed Sunday & Holidays

Safety Tips (Continued)

Residential burglaries.

Most residential burglaries occur when the homeowners are not home. This is because the offenders do not want to be caught by an irate homeowner who calls the police. Do not advertise that your home is unoccupied. Use a timer to switch lights on and off at various hours during the day and night to make it look like someone is home when you are away. Leave your television or radio on while you are out. Install security cameras on your residence to capture images of the offenders, which can be used as evidence in court. Install motion detector lights around your residence and garage to deter criminals. Please make sure to report any suspicious people or activities and call the police.

Inventory your valuables. Create a list with models and serial numbers, and descriptions of items and costs. Email this list to yourself so you'll always have an electronic copy if your computer is stolen during a burglary. This will be needed by police and your insurance.

Coyote Sightings

A coyote was seen on the 4700 block of Octavia last week. They were also seen elsewhere in the Village. Please be careful with small children and when walking your pets.

Distracted Driving Awareness Month/

For the entire month of April motorists can expect to see increased patrols and enforcement zones. The police will ticket anyone who is texting or using their cell phone while driving. Motorists are to give driving their full attention!

Kindness Day - Saturday, April 29, 2023

Our Village Hall will be open on Saturday, April 29th for Kindness Day. Our Community will promote the importance of being kind to one another and to help brighten someone's day.

As a result, a number of kind events will take place this day at the Village Hall.

- The Salvation Army will present **"Fill the Playpen."** Harwood Heights and Norridge are participating with a Playpen in the Village lobbies seeking donations from those who can donate diapers, wipes, pull-ups, baby bottles, etc. You can donate from **April 3rd through April 29th.**

- We welcome volunteers (both children and adults) to write cards to support our military and veterans at home and abroad. Guests can create their own cards (no glitter or confetti). The Youth Commission will provide the supplies to make your personal card. "A Million Thanks" is the organization. Just come in a show your kindness to the military.

- Volunteers are also invited to make sandwiches for the Giolas Foundation, a charity for the less fortunate. These sandwiches will be delivered to various shelters in the Chicagoland area. The supplies for the sandwiches have been provided by an anonymous donor. Sign up to be a volunteer, by calling 708-867-7200.

- Clothing is also being collected for Ascension Resurrection Hospital from April 1st through April 29th at our Village Hall lobby. Barrels will be provided for the clothing. Donations include new or gently used sweatshirts, t-shirts, sweatpants, gym shoes, new socks and undergarments. Adult sizes only.

Let's make **'kindness'** a part of our daily lives.