



The Mayor's MESSAGE

MAYOR ARLENE JEZIERNY

VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER

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Parking Passes

Parking Passes for Resident-Only Street parking are now available at the Village Hall for a cost of \$5.00 each.

Limit 2.

Snow Ban and Snow Parking Regulations

When snow reaches 2" or more parking restrictions shall be in effect from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm.

On even-numbered dates of the month, no parking is allowed on the even-numbered side of the street. On odd-numbered dates, there is no parking on the odd-numbered side of the street.

If you are unsure, you may call the main number at: 708-867-7200 and press (3) for the Snow Ban Hotline.

Do NOT blow or shovel snow onto the streets.



Safety tips:

When shopping or getting gas be aware of your surroundings and use these simple tips to help avoid theft.

While in stores, keep your wallet or purse next to you (around your waist) and keep it closed. Pick pockets can easily grab wallets or small purses in your jacket pockets when you're not paying attention. So be aware at all times.

When getting gas, do not leave your keys in the car with the car running. Hide purses or wallets, lock your doors, turn off your car and keep keys with you even if you are next to the pump.

Be sure to lock your cars and homes to avoid temptation for potential intruders. An unlocked door invites theft. Also, do not leave anything of value in your car.

Winter tips:

Spring is just around the corner but we may still be faced with cold weather and snow. Remember when snow reaches 2" or more, please follow the snow ban listed in the left column.

For frigid cold weather, take precautions to protect inside water pipes. It's a good idea to let your faucet drip to avoid pipes freezing. Open cabinets so warm air will protect pipes on outside walls.

Garbage Pick-up during Holidays

The dates below are the **only** holidays when Republic Services will NOT pick up garbage. As a result of these holidays, your garbage pickup will be delayed by one day:

Jan 1 -- New Year's Day
May 27 -- Memorial Day
July 4 -- Independence Day
Sept 2 -- Labor Day
Nov 28 -- Thanksgiving Day
Dec 25 -- Christmas Day

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Pets

Please keep your family pets safe during the cold. Do not leave them outdoors for long periods of time.

When walking pets, keep them on a leash and be sure to pick up after your pets respecting your neighbors.

Christmas Decorating

Contest Winners

Congratulations to our contest winners and all those who decorated for the Christmas Holidays! We had several winners that tied.

East Side

1st Place - 6600 block of Montrose
1st Place - 4700 block of New England
1st Place - 6700 block of Senior Place
2nd Place - 4700 block of Newcastle
2nd Place - 4400 block of Newland
3rd Place - 4700 block of Newcastle

West Side

1st Place - 7500 block of Winnemac
1st Place - 7500 block of Strong
1st Place - 7300 block of Leland
2nd Place - 7600 block of Ainslie
2nd Place - 5000 block of Oketo
3rd Place - 5000 block of Oconto

Holiday Closings

The Village and the Rec. Center will be closed **Monday, Feb 19th** for Presidents' Day.

Village Hall and Recreation Center:

Village Hall - 708-867-7200
Recreation Center - 708-667-7092

Recreation Center Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00am-1:00pm
and 3:00pm-7:00pm
Saturday 9:00am-Noon
Closed Sunday & Holidays

Your Village Board:

Mayor Arlene Jezierny
Clerk Marcia Pollowy

Trustees:

Gene Brutto
Ziggy Lewandowski
Larry Steiner
Annette Brzezniak-Volpe
Anna Brzozowski-Wegrecki
Giuseppe Zerillo

Project Update

The Oriole Detention Project will resume construction in the Spring. It will include additional sewers on Oriole from Argyle to Carmen. Once contractors advise us of their schedule, we will keep those in the area informed regarding parking and traffic control.

Upon completion, Oriole will be paved along with the 7400 & 7500 block of Strong where previous work took place.

Oconto, Octavia and Odell Streets

Final documents are being prepared to go out for bid to pave and align the streets of Oconto, Octavia and Odell streets from Ainslie to Foster. We anticipate this project to begin in the Summer. Residents will be kept informed as the project commences.

Ainslie Street

We are in the process of obtaining funding and preparing documents to go out to bid to pave and align the 7400 block of Ainslie with the 7500 block of Ainslie. We anticipate this project to commence in the Summer or Fall. Residents will be kept informed as the project commences.

Cross-Connection Survey

Surveys were mailed to residential homes and businesses sooner than expected but they are important to determine if you have a sprinkler system, hot tub, etc. and where back-flow devices may be needed. The State requires that cross-connections are maintained to avoid contamination with the water supply. Forms can be returned to the Village Hall.

Help with gas and electric bills

The Senior Assistance Center is an approved CEDA (Economic Development Assoc of Cook County). Residents can apply for heating and electric assistance through LIHEAP to income eligible households. A direct vendor payment (DVP) issues a one-time benefit applied directly to your utility account as long as funding is available. Call the Senior Assistance Center for an appointment or more information. 708-456-7979.

Prescription Drugs

If you have any old or unused medications, DO NOT flush them down the toilet or pour them into the sink. It contaminates our water system. You can properly dispose of them at our Police Department. A drop box is located in the Police lobby. Simply remove your information from the medication container and deposit in the lock box.

Senior 55+ Club

If you're looking to meet others and enjoy getting out, the Harwood Heights Senior Club awaits you. They meet twice a month in the Recreation Center of the Village Hall - the 2nd and 4th Friday. They meet for lunch, bake sales, bingo and participate in pre-scheduled events. Meeting dates are posted on our 2024 calendar. Senior meeting begins February 9th. The Village Bus is available to take you to and from the meeting.

Each year we keep those in our hearts who are in need.
Thank you to everyone
for your donation to each of our charities.
Here's some photos of our collections.

Toys For Tots

Toys were distributed in the community, the US Marines and hospitals.



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Angel Tree

Gifts collected from the Village and businesses were brought to the Salvation Army



Veterans Day Collection

Items have been delivered to the Illinois Veterans' Home on Oak Park.

