



VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER
The Mayor's MESSAGE

MAYOR ARLENE JEZIERNY

April 2025

Safety First

Some new scams are sending bills through emails saying they are from the tollway and that you owe money. Other emails target iCloud discontinuance, Netflix and others. Be aware of these fraudulent calls and emails and DO NOT send any money!

Family Movie Night

Friday, April 11th will feature Moana 2. Show begins at 6:00pm. Seats will be provided but kids may want to bring a blanket for comfort.

Coming...

- Next Movie Night - May 16
- Shredding & Recycling - June 7
- Kid's Fair - June 14
- Garage & Yard Sale - June 20-22
- Big Garbage Day - Week of June 23

Holiday Closing

The Village Hall and Recreation Center will be closed on Friday, April 18th for Good Friday.



Scholarships for High School Seniors!

Two High School Seniors that live in Harwood Heights have an opportunity of winning a \$500 scholarship for a 500 word essay. Submit your essay to our Village Clerk, Marcia Pollowy by Friday, June 6, 2025. Your essay should be titled "What Can Individual Families do to Contribute Toward Green Initiatives, Capitalize on Energy Saving Efforts, and Increase Recycling?" The winners will be announced at our July 10th Board Meeting. Good Luck!

Improvement Projects

Ainslie/Oketo

The Village Board approved the Contractor for the 7400 and 7500 blocks of Ainslie and also paving the west side of Oketo between Lawrence and Ainslie.

We will be meeting with the contractor to determine a schedule and will keep our residents informed.

Sidewalks

We are also looking to replace some sidewalks in the Village that could be considered a hazard. Sidewalks will be evaluated.

Street Paving

Funding is also available to pave a couple streets east of Harlem. Streets are being evaluated to see which ones need it most.

Tree Planting Program

If you are interested in having a tree planted in your parkway, please call the Village Hall at 708-867-7200. Trees are provided at no charge through the Morton Arboretum.

Trees are a benefit. They absorb water runoff and a variety of pollutants. They produce oxygen and trap carbon dioxide. If you have space on your parkway, let us know.

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Pets

Reminder to keep pets on a leash when walking them.

New Ordinance states leashes to be no longer than 6'.

Respect your neighbors by picking up after your pets placing their feces in **your own trash container!** Tickets will be issued if not followed.

Rodent Control

Please use proper bird feeders. Do NOT leave food for them on the grass or concrete. We don't want to feed the rodents.

It is important that your refuse containers are closed at all times!

The Village will bait areas in the alleys if rodents are present, but we do not encroach on personal property. Our Health Inspector can make recommendations.

Property Maintenance

As the weather warms, please keep lawns cut and weeds and shrubbery under control. This helps to prevent rodents and keeps our community beautifully manicured.

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Clerk Marcia Pollowy

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Water Rate Increase

The City of Chicago has informed us that they are raising their rates by 4%. This affects Harwood Heights. The rate increase takes effect on June 1, 2025.

Air Conditioners

Per Village Ordinance, condensers for HVAC systems shall be installed 3' from your property line and are only allowed in the rear yard. Air conditioning condensers are not allowed in gangways between homes.

Fertilizers

As Spring brings flowers and plants, please use proper fertilizers. Mixing fruits or vegetables into plants will aid in attracting rodents, which we are trying to avoid.

Kindness Day - Saturday, April 26th

Kindness Day is around the corner and the Village will once again participate in a number of goodwill projects. One will be sandwich making for the homeless taking place on this day.

From April 1st-26th, a *playpen* and table will be in our lobby for collections to the Salvation Army. The playpen collects items such as wipes and diapers and pull-ups, (specifically sizes 4, 5 & 6). The *table* will collect needed items such as: Jelly/jams, cereal, flavored oatmeal, canned fruit, ketchup, mustard, mayo, cooking oil, fruit juice, spaghetti sauce and pasta.

Other projects for us and other communities will be announced on our website and lobby. There are so many ways to spread kindness. We strive to make kindness a part of our daily lives. Join us!

Emission Testing

Emission Testing returns to 6959 Forest Preserve Drive. It opened on March 17th. The testing facility is open during the week from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm and on Saturday from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm. It's best to call in advance to check on opening times 844-258-9071.

Sirens

The sirens that you hear from our Water Tower are test sirens and are tested every first Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am.

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

The Seniors Assistance Center

★★★ 3rd Annual ★★★

Bourbon & Wine Tasting



Bourbon & Cigar
Tickets
\$60.00

Thursday, May 15, 2025
6:00 P.M.

Wine Tickets
\$40.00

THE EVENING INCLUDES
Silent Auction, Great Food, & Raffles

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