



THE INSIDER

For The City of Harper Woods

Your community
resource guide for the
City of Harper Woods!
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OCTOBER THROUGH
DECEMBER 2021

Get the most out of our community!

HARPER WOODS CITY CALENDAR

October

*Check City's website
for time and format

October 2 – Siren Test 1:00pm
October 4* – City Council Meeting
October 11 – Columbus Day
October 14 – Water Bills Due
October 18 – Curbside Leaf Pickup
Begins
October 18* – City Council Meeting

November

*Check City's website
for time and format

November 1* – City Council Meeting
November 2 – Election Polls Open
7am-8pm
November 6 – Siren Test 1:00pm
November 8* – Special City Council
Meeting
November 11 – City Offices Closed –
Veterans Day
November 15 – Water Bills Due
November 15* – City Council Meeting
November 15 thru 19 – Curbside Leaf
Pickup Ends
November 17 – Tree Lighting at City Hall
November 22 thru 26 – Yard Waste/
Compost Pick Up Ends
November 25/26 – City Offices Closed –
Thanksgiving

December

*Check City's website
for time and format

December 4 – Siren Test 1:00pm
December 6* – City Council Meeting
December 15 – Water Bills Due
December 20* – City Council Meeting
December 22 – Winter Begins
December 24 – City Offices Closed –
Christmas Eve
December 25 – Christmas Day
December 27 – City Offices Closed
December 31 – City Offices Closed –
New Years Eve

A Message from the Mayor...

Saving our Police and Fire – Job #1 for 2022

Numbers can be tricky: Who would have imagined that having an increase in our census count would be a bad thing for our city. Population numbers determine how Federal Programs such as Medicaid, Highway Planning, School Lunch programs and Head Start are funded. Population numbers also affect a provision in Public Act 33 which allows the City of Harper Woods to have an annual special assessment to fund our Police & Fire operations if we have under 15,000 residents. Well, the 2020 census count has brought our population up to 15,492 residents. So, starting in 2022 this part of P.A.33 no longer applies to us or any other community across the State with over 15,000 residents.

Our City Council and City administration took immediate action when we realized our dilemma. The City could not afford to cut (14) Police Officers, (3) Firefighters, furlough staff from Finance & Treasury and lay off virtually all (24) part-time employees from our City and District Court.

A concerted effort was made to contact our District State Representative and State Senator and State Treasury Officials to explain our unique problem. We even contacted

our City Auditors to help explain our unique need. All agreed we need help, and all have agreed to help. We now understand there is a State House Bill that is in committee to amend the P.A.33 population threshold from 15,000 to 25,000 residents. Please let our State Representatives and Governor know you are supporting this bill on behalf of the city to keep staffing levels of Police & Fire at least at their current level. We will move cautiously optimistic in the Budget of 2022.

Major road construction planned for 2022: Major investments in roads throughout the city will take place in 2022. Danbury Lane will be paved and lots of spot surface replacement projects will take place throughout the entire city. Beaconsfield, from Woodland to Vernier will also be finished. Use of traffic calming devices throughout the city will be evaluated as well.

New City Manager: As of August, the city has received resumes for this position and will begin the process of filling this vacancy soon. Our Acting City Manager will remain to help transition the new City Manager, then return to his full-time position as Finance Director/Treasurer and devote more time to the financial matters of the City and the new property developments replacing the current Eastland Mall site and others. Our best years remain close ahead!

Respectfully yours,

Valerie G. Kindle



Look for your

HARPER WOODS 2022 CALENDAR

inserted within the special Winter Edition of *The Insider* this December.



The City of Harper Woods

Mayor

Valerie J. Kindle

Mayor Pro Tem

Cheryl A. Costantino

City Council

Ernestine Lyons

Veronica Paiz

Vivian M. Sawicki

Ivery Toussant Jr.

Regina Williams

Acting City Manager

John Szymanski

City Clerk

Leslie M. Frank

The City Council welcomes resident comments on areas of concern or praise. Residents are welcome to attend a council meeting to comment in person, or they can write a letter to the council. All letters must be signed. Mail Letters to City of Harper Woods 19617 Harper Ave., Harper Woods MI 48225.

Harper Woods Insider Advisory Board

Vivian Sawicki - Council member, City of Harper Woods

Larry Hakim - Planning Commissioner, City of Harper Woods

Ty Hinton - Economic and Community Development Director, City of Harper Woods

John Szymanski - Acting City Manager

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Employee in the Spotlight

James Bennage

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of James Bennage. Jim passed away suddenly in his sleep on August 5, 2021, at the age of 70 years old. Jim had been a valued member of the City of Harper Wood's Building Department (SAFEbuilt) as a Rental Inspector since 2016 and will be greatly missed.

Jim's background was vast, and his experiences gave him the knowledge to resolve matters professionally and courteously. He was known around town as "Uncle Jimmy" or just "Bennage" by homeowners, contractors, tenants, and landlords. He strived every day to give people a fair shake, better living conditions and a sense of security. He was known for his laugh, his spunk, his intelligence, his attention to detail and generosity. There are plenty of residents in Harper Woods who would attest to his generosity; as he would help with finding

furniture for their home, a handyman to help around their house, or even giving residents money to buy their children something to eat that night. Jim always did the right thing.

His co-workers characterized him as the "life of the office" and how he will be extremely missed. "I never knew of another inspector that could make people feel so at ease by simply telling them a story of a similar incident in his life," said Jim LaPalm, Building Official.

"Bennage was more than just a coworker. He was a mentor in my life inside and outside of the office. His absence will be felt by our entire staff. But his kind words, laughter and outrageous jokes will remain with us forever," said Tara Boschman, Permit Technician.

"Jim was one of the most personable people I've ever met in my life. From the first day we met, it felt like we had been friends forever in which he had the greatest knack of doing with everyone. We would talk about anything from our beloved SPARTANS to our stories as young kids and told many stories about our families and adventures. We had more laughs together in the office than should be allowed, which I'm sure annoyed some co-workers at times, but we always felt like middle school kids that never grew up once we got started- as Jim would say, "GO GREEN" and I would say, "GO WHITE!" He will truly be missed!" said Greg McBryar, Code Enforcement.

Jim was a special presence in Harper Woods that will be irreplaceable and forever missed. Please keep Jim's family in your thoughts as they go through this difficult time.



Please be advised that all programs, activities, dates, times and locations are subject to change and/or cancellation.

We will be awaiting further instructions from The CDC, Governor Whitmer and our State leaders on how to proceed.

Please call our office at 313-343-2500

or visit our website at

www.harperwoodscity.org for more information.

Featured Business/Organization – The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society

The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society is inviting the community to celebrate its 25th Anniversary, on Sunday, October 10th, 3:00-6:00pm with food and beverages at their new adoption center location. The entertainment will be by Harper Wood's famous Sun Messengers!

Their new facility, the Thomas A. Mackey Animal Adoption Center founded in May of 2019, provides a pleasant environment with natural light for cats and dogs to live in while waiting for adoptive homes. Prospective adopters enjoy outdoor showings of multiple dogs on Saturdays, as well as individual appointments to meet cats and kittens throughout the week. GPAAS places about 350 pets per year, mostly finding homes in our community.

The GPAAS intake shelter, also in Harper Woods next to the Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital, is still in place and continues to operate taking in lost and stray animals brought in by local police departments by contract. The shelter was established next to the Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital as many of the incoming animals need immediate veterinary care. Intake is about 500 animals per year which are returned to owners once vaccinated and licensed, or offered for adoption.

According to GPAAS President Corrine Martin, the following Milestones have steered the organizations long-lasting success:

- 1996- GPAAS was established as a foster home based non-profit organization serving the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods community.
- 2010- GPAAS opened a state licensed Animal Protection Facility in Harper Woods to provide a needed service to the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods municipality's for housing of lost/stray and injured animals.
- 2016- GPAAS founded the Harper Woods K9 Program to raise funds to establish a K9 Team including purchase of a K9 dog, training, specially equipped vehicle, and ongoing support.
- 2020- GPAAS opened the Thomas A. Mackey Animal Adoption Center in Harper Woods to provide a facility where the public can meet animals for adoption.



Martin explained, "GPAAS provides community outreach and are always available to provide advice and education about pet ownership. Many of our callers have concerns about feral cats in the neighborhood, appropriate veterinary care for their dogs, or where to find low cost sterilization services. We are always there to answer a call and offer information and advice."



Martin also expressed, "On a personal note, I am very fond of Harper Woods, having grown up on Williamsburg Court and always having friends, family and ties to the community. When considering where to have our animal shelter, Harper Woods was the perfect location to serve our needs... close to the Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital, the Harper Woods Police Department and easily accessible on the service drive from anywhere in the community. We are pleased to provide this service to the community."

Coinciding with their 25th Anniversary, the need for donations are continuously welcomed. GPAAS does not receive any state or federal funding and is solely supported by public donations. Their adoption fees have remained the same for more than 5 years as fees were set at a breakeven point. In addition, GPAAS assists the Harper Woods K9 Program by hosting a Pancake Breakfast and Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser to help raise funds for the program. The Harper Woods K9 Program is solely supported by donations and needs about \$10,000 annually to sustain.

Mayor Valerie Kindle said, "Congratulations to Corrine and GPAAS on their 25th Anniversary. The City of Harper Woods is fortunate to have their organization as part of our community. Their commitment to maintaining facilities servicing pets in our area is a wonderful example of true community spirit."

Public Safety Director Vincent Smith said, "On behalf of the Public Safety Department, I want to congratulate Corrine and GPAAS on their organizations 25th Anniversary. Corrine and GPAAS have been a friend to the Public Safety Department, pet owners locally and in other communities for many years. In addition, the Harper Woods K-9 Program would not exist without Corrine's support and innovative ideas to sustain the program. To sustain public health, in 2020-2021, Corrine's efforts have led to more pet owners licensing and vaccinating their pets through educational programs. Corrine may not recognize it, but her

service to the community and lost or stray pets are invaluable. Corrine, Cheers to you and GPAAS on your 25th Anniversary!"

The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Administrative Offices are located at 20542 Harper Ave. Call (313) 884-1551 or find them on Facebook.



Department of Public Safety – Police



Halloween Tips for Kids

1. Walk with other kids or have your parents walk with you.
2. Stay on the sidewalks and don't cut across people's yards.
3. Cross at intersections only and obey traffic lights.
4. If you wear a mask, make sure the holes are large enough to see and breathe through easily. MAKE-UP IS SAFER.
5. Have a plan for walking so you cross the street only when necessary.
6. Do not go into other people's houses. Stay outside.
7. Go only to houses that are well lit.
8. Wear bright, reflective colors so that drivers can see you when it gets dark. Remember that just because you see the cars doesn't mean the drivers see you.
9. Be courteous and say "Thank you" to the people who give out treats. Don't push others when you are at the door.
10. Have your parents check your treats for tampering. If you see something suspicious, throw it away. Make sure that the treats are in their original wrappers. Do not eat homemade treats unless you know the people who gave them to you.
11. Carry identification, including your name, address, and phone number.
12. Trick-or-treat only in your own neighborhood.
13. After dark, take a flashlight along. This will help you see where you are going, and let drivers see you.
14. Wear costumes that are fireproof and not too long or too loose.
15. Do not forget to invite a parent to go with you.

How can I protect myself on the internet?

Opting to join Black Friday or Cyber Monday from your couch?

You still need to be on the lookout.

- Stick to retailers you know and preferably, have shopped with before.
- Research a business you haven't purchased from before by checking customer reviews or complaints with the Better Business Bureau.
- Never commit to a deal that seems too good to be true.
- Refrain from using public Wi-Fi to make purchases, or use a VPN to avoid hackers intercepting your information.
- Check a webpage's security by looking for the lock icon in the URL field, and making sure the URL starts with "https", not just "http". The "s" means the site is safer and more secure.



Safety Tips for Dealing With the Upcoming Snow and Cold Weather.

Stay off the roads if possible. More cars and people out in severe conditions raises the chances of accidents. If you can, keep yourself safer by staying inside.

Increase awareness and leave space. Be aware that other vehicles and pedestrians won't be moving as quickly or may begin to lose traction. Keep a safe distance and allow time to avoid problems.

Avoid parking in street during snow emergency. Parking in the street during snow emergencies causes hazards for city plow drivers and residents themselves. It prevents the plow drivers from doing a thorough job and poses a risk to residents who now have to remove large snow drifts to gain access to their vehicles.

Special cautions for pedestrians:

Don't walk in the street. Streets are for vehicles and bikes, and pedestrians in the roadway can become a hazard for drivers or cyclists who are already contending with snow and ice.

Look up and around, not down. Be aware and put the phone away. Hazards like bad footing and sliding vehicles could be nearby.

Use crosswalks and be visible and purposeful. Cross streets at intersections, with the proper signals, and go straight across. Don't go in a diagonal line and spend more time in the street than necessary. With the snow and ice, cars or bicycles will have a very hard time slowing, stopping or avoiding a pedestrian who is in the roadway.

Wear appropriate clothes. It's cold and wet. Exposed skin can become frostbitten or lead to other medical problems. Cover up and wear shoes that can take the snow and keep some traction.



Department of Public Safety – Fire

FIRE PREVENTION TIPS FROM THE HARPER WOODS FIRE DEPARTMENT



October 3-9, 2021 is Fire Prevention Week.

This year the NFPA has focused on "Learn the sounds of safety". The Harper Woods Fire Department encourages parents and teachers to educate children on the different sounds created by the alarms within the home.

- A continuous set of three loud beeps - beep, beep, beep - means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single chirp, every 30 or 60 seconds, means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced, means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.
- Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory and/or physical disabilities.

As we enter the fall and winter months many homeowners will be turning on furnaces or enjoying a nice warm home cooked meal. During these months the Harper Woods Fire Department will typically see an increase in 911 calls to Carbon Monoxide alarms, this is a good time to check your alarm to make sure it is in operating order and as always check your smoke detector, if it is chirping it needs a battery! Most carbon monoxide and smoke alarms have a life expectancy of 10 years, if yours is near its life it may be time to replace it. Ventilating your home while cooking can help reduce any carbon monoxide produced from the oven or stovetop.



As colder months move in many residents often turn to alternative heating methods in order to heat their home. The fire department is often dispatched to residences that have been heated with space heaters and open ovens. Remember the best way to heat your home is with the furnace. If using a space heater, make sure it does not exceed the capacity of the provided electrical outlet and is meant for indoor use. It is never a good idea to heat your home using your oven! This may lead to fire; excessive carbon monoxide within the home and may cause burns to people within the home, especially small children.

City Clerk Info

Remember to Vote - November 2, 2021

October 18, 2021 - Last day to register in any manner other than in person with the local clerk for the November general election

October 19 - November 2, 2021 - In person registration at the City Clerk's office with proof of residency

November 2, 2021 - General Election. Polls Open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Voters will be responsible for electing the Mayor to a two-year term and three Council members to four-year terms.

A list of candidates as they will appear on the November 2, 2021 ballot are as follows:

Mayor - (One 2-Year Term)

Valerie Kindle
Ernestine Lyons

City Council - (Three 4-Year Terms)

Frankie Brooks	Michael W. Jarvis
David M. Calus	Tom Jenny
Jasmyn Colemon	Vivian M. Sawicki
Gerald L. Ervin	Ivery Toussant, Jr.

You will be able to get a sample ballot on our Elections page at www.harperwoodscity.org or in the City Clerk's office.

New Polling Location

With the closure of Poupard Elementary School, precincts 5 and 6 will now be voting at Triumph Middle School located at 19800 Anita Street. If you are unsure where your precinct is located or your voter status, please contact the Clerk's office or Michigan.gov/vote.

City Council Installation

Newly elected Mayor and City Council members will be sworn in on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Registering to Vote:

- Will now be automatic when obtaining a driver's license at a Secretary of State office, unless specifically declined.
- In-person or by mail is permitted up to the 15th day prior to the election.
- In-person is now required to be processed only at the City Clerk's office beginning the 14th day prior to the election up through and including election day with residency verification.

Acceptable Proofs of Residency shall identify the applicant's name with a current Harper Woods address. The following will be accepted: current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document.

Voting by Absent Voter Ballot:

- An absent voter ballot can be issued by the Clerk's office to any registered voter that requests one, with no reason needed.
- A regular AV ballot can be requested by mail until 5 p.m. on the Friday prior to the election.
- In-person AV deadline is 4 p.m. on the Monday prior to Election Day, however a resident may register to vote and obtain an AV ballot after this deadline, if voting the ballot in the Clerk's Office.
- The Clerk's office will be open the Saturday prior to Election day from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Permanent Absent Voter Application Mailing List:

- A reason is no longer required to obtain an Absentee Ballot, thereby qualifying all registered voters to be placed on the Permanent AV list upon request. A request may be received by the City Clerk in writing or by phone for a voter to automatically receive an Application for Absent Voter's Ballot for all future elections. Once you are on the permanent list, you will remain there until you request to be removed.
- Absentee voters who do not wish to automatically receive an Application for Absent Voter's Ballot in the mail for all future elections will have to request an application form prior to each and every election that the voter desires to vote by absentee.
- Avoid long lines at the polls, vote absentee. Contact the City Clerk's office at 313-343-2510 or by email, lfrank@harperwoods.net to request an application, to request placement on the permanent list or to check on your voting status.

Check out our Webpage for more Election Information at www.harperwoodscity.org or the State of Michigan Voter information page at Michigan.gov/vote.

Contact Information by Department

Assessor

313-343-2527

SAFEbuilt Building Department

313-343-2526

City Manager

313-343-2505

Economic and Community Development

313-343-2501

Elections

313-343-2510



Finance Director

313-343-2518

Fire Department

313-343-2550

SAFEbuilt Housing Inspection

313-343-2526

Library

313-343-2575

PAATS

313-882-9600

Parks and Recreation

313-343-2560

Public Safety Department

313-343-2530

Public Works

313-343-2570

Treasurer Tax & Water Billing Information

313-343-2500

32A District Court News

Judge Rebekah R. Coleman



Greetings Harper Woods,

I hope all is well with you and your family as we begin to prepare for The Holiday Season. As the world is still looking to solve the multiple issues associated with Covid-19, my hope is that the upcoming season will provide some rest and relaxation. As a community, we have been continuously working towards finding our new normal amid this pandemic. This global crisis has imposed the learnings that old ways must be reevaluated in order to manage what is now our normal. These learnings are reflective in our professional, personal, and social interactions. A clear example in my professional life is the power of technology. While the existence of technology has been both a saving grace, allowing court to continue, it has also played its role as the delicate needed crutch, causing an important hearing to be stopped due to dropped Wi-Fi!

As we approach the last quarter of this year, I am grateful to be with you all first as a citizen of this great community, but secondarily as the Judge of the 32A District court. I am happy to share that the 32A District Court is open and operating at full capacity. It has been great working with those of you who have needed matters resolved over the last 8 months. As some may know, appearing via zoom is still an option and is highly recommended in order to ensure everyone's safety. Additionally, you have the right to attend Court in person. The Court's request is for you to continue to wear a mask and/or face shield while practicing social distancing. If you are feeling sick, please remain at home and consider attending Court via zoom. Safety and Justice are the Courts main goals, so let's continue to all do our parts in keeping everyone safe. Lastly, when the time is right, I look forward to meeting you all face to face.

Meet The Staff Corner



I would like to introduce the Harper Woods Community to Court Officer Nolan Turner. Officer Turner has been a Harper Woods resident for 11 years. He loves the position at the court because it gives him the ability to serve the Community and truly help citizens through the court's process. I personally enjoy working with Officer Turner as he is always willing to offer a helping hand and provide insight. Away from the court, he plays a key role in multiple organizations including the Prince Hall Masonry, Shriners, and Order of the Eastern Stars. Officer Turner also is a published poet and a dedicated family man. His friends have described him as a vessel that is focused on doing God's will. Lastly, it would be an injustice to not acknowledge Officer Turner's allegiance to Detroit's Martin Luther King's High School. As a proud alumnus, he remains an active fan of their academic and athletic departments. When you see Officer Turner, say hey! He is always one for a great conversation!

Careers

***We're Hiring: Part-Time Deputy Court Clerk

Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions, establish priorities and work independently. Must also possess the ability to establish and maintain effective relationships with co-workers and the public. Must be able to deal effectively with the public in handling and meeting deadlines. Ability to maintain confidential information.

To Apply: Submit cover letter, resume and application to:
Rachelle Matouk
Court Administrator
32A District Court
19617 Harper Ave.
Harper Woods, MI 48225
rmatouk@32adc.net

Application is available at the 32A District Court or
<http://www.harperwoodscity.org/employment-opportunities>.

An Equal Opportunity Employer

Please continue to stay safe and follow COVID 19 protocols.

I am delighted to continue to serve our great city,
Judge Rebekah R. Coleman

Resident Sign Up
any one of these ways

- 1 Text Zip Code to 888777
- 2 Sign up at www.nixle.com
- 3 Download Nixle Mobile App

Nixle keeps you up-to-date with relevant information from your local public safety department and schools.

The City of Harper Woods encourages all of our residents to join Nixle. This is a community messaging system run in partnership with our local government. Participating members will receive real-time messages regarding important topics such as crime alerts, traffic safety issues, important dates, and community events. The program is safe, and registration is easy and is provided at no cost. Messages are received by email or through the web depending on your custom settings. Stay informed by signing up now at www.nixle.com.

Treasurer Info

Public Notice – City of Harper Woods **Applications for Deferment 2021 Taxes**

The Harper Woods Treasurer's Office accepts applications for the 2021 tax deferments starting July 1 for the Summer and December 1 for the Winter tax bills. To qualify, a household income cannot exceed \$40,000. The applicant must also be 62 years of age or older, paraplegic, hemiplegic, quadriplegic, eligible service person, veteran, widow or widower, blind, or totally and permanently disabled. The deferment applications can be obtained at the Treasurer's Office Monday-Thursday from 9:00am – 5:00pm.

Assessing, Tax and Utility Billing **Information Online**



The City's website www.harperwoodscity.org provides a link for: assessing/property information including photos, sketches, assessed values and taxable values as well as tax amounts due and payment history. We

now have water billing information on the same website. Once you are online, go to bsaonline.com, and it will take you to the Access My Gov website to view and pay all City invoices and view property information. There is no charge to view this information however, there is a fee to pay invoices with a credit card; 2.95% of the amount you are paying.

Delinquent Tax Information Online

www.waynecounty.com/treasurer is the website address for delinquent taxes. Searching for delinquent real tax information can be done by entering the parcel ID, street number, and street name.

Property Transfer Affidavit

The "Property Transfer Affidavit" must be filed whenever real estate is transferred. The new owner must file the affidavit with the City Treasurer's Office within 45 days of the transfer.

Electronic Debit Transactions

When a check is provided as payment, it is an authorization for the City to use the information from your check to make a one time electronic funds transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. When the City uses the information from your check to make an electronic funds transfer, funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day your payment is received, and you will not receive your check back from your financial institution.



Water/Sewer Rates

As of May, 2020

Fixed Water Charge:	\$9.69/month
Fixed Sewer Charge:	\$17.08/month
Debt Service Charge:	\$2.50/month
Refuse User Fee:	\$4.16/month
Water Usage Fee:	\$65.13 per thousand cubic feet



Water Bill Delivery

Bills are mailed on the 20th of each month. Payment by 5:00pm on the due date is the resident's responsibility. Failure to receive the bill does not excuse late charges. If you do not receive your monthly billing, contact the Treasurer's Office at 313-343-2522 for the balance due. Please return your water bill with your payment.

Fees Effective January 4, 2018

Water Disconnect Fee for Non-Payment:	\$70.00
Final Water Bill Fee:	\$20.00
Unauthorized Turn On of Water:	\$200.00
Water Appointment No Show:	\$50.00

Automatic Payment-Water Bills

Your water bill can be automatically deducted from your savings or checking account. Contact the City Treasurer's office for the enrollment form. For further information, please call 313-343-2500.

Pay Water Bills Online – NO FEES!

Free Mobile Water App Available!
Please login to harperwoods.cityinsight.com and register for free!
See website for new features!



Automatic Payment-Tax Bills

Your tax bill can be automatically deducted from your savings or checking account. The enrollment form will be mailed with the tax bill. For further information, please call 313-343-2500.

Pay Property Taxes by Credit Card Online

Mastercard, VISA, American Express, and Discover
Internet Payment: Go to City website www.harperwoodscity.org
Select: Water & Tax Billing
Pay Your Taxes Online

The resident will be charged a 2.95% convenience fee. Convenience fees are assessed by the Credit Card Company and subject to change.



Senior Resources

Help for Seniors and Family Caregivers

Let the Detroit Area Agency on Aging (DAAA) help you.

Whether you need assistance for yourself, an aging parent or an older friend, one phone call directs you to helpful resources for family caregivers, as well as information or referrals related to healthy aging, home-delivered meals, household chores, or long-term care planning.

Call 313-446-4444.

You'll find out why DAAA is called The Senior Solution!



**How are
YOUR
parents
doing?**

Learn More Here

The Helm at The Boll Life Center

The Helm is an essential resource for adults ages 60 & up in Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointes. At The Helm you can participate in classes and activities to stay healthy and safe, expand your knowledge and enjoy fun and friendship. We also provide support services and information to help older adults continue living independently including chores assistance, caregiver programs, income tax preparation, Medicare counseling, medical equipment loan closet, Meals on Wheels and more. Contact The Helm at The Boll Life Center at (313) 882-9600.



PAATS News

Do you know about PAATS?

Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Service (PAATS) provides transportation to persons age 60 or older and disabled residents of Harper Woods and the five Grosse Pointes. You MUST call at least 48 hours in advance to reserve a ride.

Service Area – The service area takes residents to all locations in an area bound by the following: 11 Mile Rd., Gratiot Ave., Alter, Jefferson. We also go to several site specific locations including: Henry Ford Hospital, DMC, New Center, V.A., and others. Call for more details.

The following fares are per one-way trip.

Fares: Within Harper Woods & the Grosse Pointes	\$3.00
Outside of the City limits of Harper Woods and the 5 Grosse Pointes	\$4.00
Site Specific Locations	\$5.00

Call the PAATS office for more information at 313-343-2580.

Special Trips

We also provide transportation to special trips arranged by The War Memorial. Trips include plays, tours, shopping, great lunches at area restaurants, and many more. Call The War Memorial at 313-881-7511 for more information.



Department of Public Works

Refuse Collection Guidelines

- ✓ The maximum weight of any one item is 40 pounds. Thirty to thirty-five gallon cans or bags are recommended. Oversize containers will not be collected.
- ✓ Please do not dispose of liquids in refuse.
- ✓ Paint must be dried out and placed on the boulevard with lids removed for pick-up.
- ✓ Cardboard, scrap wood, and lumber must be bundled securely with heavy binding material. Please remove all nails. Bundles should not exceed five feet in length and should not weigh more than 40 pounds.
- ✓ Carpet, carpet padding, and bundled brush will also be collected according to the same size and weight limits.
- ✓ Window or plate glass is not recyclable and will only be collected if it is broken into pieces and placed in a secure container marked GLASS.
- ✓ Encapsulated mattresses, encapsulated box springs, appliances, TV's and furniture will also be collected on regularly scheduled refuse collection days.
- ✓ Building materials such as wood with nails, dirt, cement, and sod can be collected as a special pick-up by the Public Works Department by calling 313-343-2570.
- ✓ (*Bulk waste exceeds size limits*) includes the following: Move outs, evictions and large set outs. Contact the Department of Public Works for a special pick up.
- ✓ Loose debris will not be cleaned up by the trash contractor. All trash must be contained in bags.
- ✓ **Do not place trash bags/cans in the street, this creates a traffic hazard. All cans/bags should be placed on the boulevard.**



Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day

Please check waynecounty.com for information on various drop off days. Waste oil/antifreeze is no longer accepted at the D.P.W. for drop off. Please take waste oil

to your nearest O'Reilly's Auto Parts for disposal. Please contact the DPW for further information 313-343-2570.

Trash Delay Reminder!

A delayed trash day will **ONLY** occur when the holiday falls during a weekday. If the holiday falls on the weekend, your trash pick-up day will remain on your normal day.

***When in doubt, put it out.**



MISS DIG – If you notice colored flags in your yard or along the roadway, it is an indication that someone is planning to perform

underground construction in that area. The following utility companies are represented by colored flags as indicated:

- Blue – Water ● Green – Sanitary Sewer/Storm Water
- Orange – Telephone/Cable/TV ● Pink – Survey
- Red – Electric ● Yellow – Gas or Oil



Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste collection begins the week of **April 5th** and ends the week of **November 27th** on our trash collection day. Please place your yard waste in brown biodegradable lawn bags or rubbish cans no larger than 35 gallons and labeled YARD WASTE/COMPOST. Yard waste will **ONLY** be collected from the beginning of April through the month of November.

Please check your City calendar for specific dates. Curbside leaf collection will run from **October 18th - November 19th**. For more information go to www.harperwoodscity.org or call 313-343-2570.

Grass Cutting Violations #89-9 Sec. 16-42 (b)

Residents, please note that according to the City ordinances, any grass over 5" is in violation. This also includes flower beds. When a GREEN TAG is placed on your door, you will have 48 hours to take corrective action. If your grass is not cut within that time, the City will hire a private contractor to cut your grass/weeds and the owner will receive an invoice to reimburse the City for such costs. If the owner fails to pay, the City Assessor shall add these charges to the tax rolls for this property. If you have any questions, please call 313-343-2570 upon receipt of warning or notice.

Sidewalk Maintenance

A friendly reminder to all homeowners and business owners that they are responsible for maintaining and correcting any sidewalk or driveway approach defects. However, before any repairs are made, a permit from the Building Department must be obtained. For more information, please call 313-343-2526.



Maintaining Sewer Lines

Below are a few tips to help maintain your sewer lines!

- ◆ Decrease your chances of home sewer issues by making an effort not to flush any paper products other than rolled toilet paper.
- ◆ Limit the use of your garbage disposal to small scraps that fall through the strainer. DO NOT use your disposal as a food processor.
- ◆ Do not pour cooking grease or cooking oil down your sink. This causes blockages as it hardens and can restrict flow.
- ◆ Living in a community with large, mature trees has its benefits, however, wandering roots can be problematic for sewer lines. To prevent possible sewage back ups, it is recommended that homeowners, with or without trees in their area, perform annual sewer line maintenance. This could include routine line cabling, root cutting and chemical treatments.
- ◆ The sanitary sewer line from the home to the City main is the responsibility of the homeowner. We suggest you get several quotes and references before having any work performed.
- ◆ Sewer line excavation and repair is a permissible event. The permit and inspection can be secured by contacting the Building Department at 313-343-2526.



Don't forget – the only paper product that should be flushed is toilet paper! All others belong in the trash – grease too!

Rodent Control

The following check list will help eliminate rodents from breeding in your area.

- ◆ Keep your yard free of trash.
- ◆ Use trash cans with tight fitting lids.
- ◆ Keep your yard free of high weeds, brush/branch piles and building materials.
- ◆ Make sure debris does not collect under wooden decks and porches or along side garage. Pick up fallen fruit and vegetables from gardens daily.
- ◆ Clean up dog feces and leftover uneaten food daily.
- ◆ Firewood must be stored a minimum of eighteen inches above ground.
- ◆ If you compost, turn pile daily. Food scraps should not be put in compost piles. This will only invite rats.
- ◆ Feeding the birds and squirrels on a regular basis can cause rodent problems.
- ◆ Lastly, rat bait (poison) can be purchased at your local store. **EXTREME CAUTION** should be exercised when using these products. Always follow manufacturers instructions. These products **MUST** be kept away from children and pets.

Professional exterminators can be hired to address this situation, if need be. Please contact our department if we can provide additional information.

Downspouts, Surface Drainage, Etc.

The City requires that downspouts be disconnected from the drain tile or weeping that surrounds your home. Failure to do so is a violation of City Ordinance# Sec. 27-54. Downspouts, surface drainage, etc. and can significantly contribute to a flooded basement.

Gutters should be kept clean of debris.

Downspouts should have elbows, splash blocks and extensions to direct storm water away from the foundation of your home. Additionally, the grade (slope) of dirt around your home should be pitched to direct storm water /melting snow away from the foundation of your home. Driveways or other solid materials should also be pitched to direct water away from the foundation of your home. Failure to take these corrective actions can significantly increase the likelihood of a flooded basement.

Just a reminder Be a good neighbor and **DO NOT** direct storm water on to your neighbors' property.



Department of Public Works



The Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act has changed to better protect your health. New water sampling rules have been added to better detect possible lead in your drinking water. These changes require communities with lead service lines to do more sampling. The new sampling method is expected to result in higher lead results, not because the water source or quality for residents has changed, but because the act has more stringent sampling procedures and analysis.

In 2019, the City of Harper Woods increased the number of water sampling locations to 30 residential homes. This is known as lead and copper monitoring. The criteria was to sample water from homes known to have or suspected to have lead water service lines. These samples were then analyzed by the Great Lakes Water testing lab. The results were forwarded to the participants.

Of the 30 locations sampled, 4 yielded results in exceedance of the action level of 15 ppb (parts per billion). All copper results were in the acceptable range. **This exceedance is not a health based standard nor a violation of The Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act**, but rather an indicator that triggers additional action on the City and water supplier's part. To date, the City has made a public service announcement through media outlets. Additionally, the City will provide public education material to every water customer in Harper Woods. As in the past, important information will also be included in the Annual Consumer's Confidence Water Quality Report.

In 2020 we increased our sampling location sites from 30 to 60. We sampled 60 sites twice. Samples were analyzed, and the results forwarded to the participants while continuing to drive public education.

Due to our favorable results in 2020, The State has placed the City of Harper Woods on a "reduced monitoring schedule."

In 2021 the City will ask 30 residential locations to participate in 1 round of sampling between June and September.

If you have questions, concerns, need information on, or can provide us with information on the service line material in your home or business, please contact the Public Works Department, Monday through Friday, 7:30am to 3:00pm.

For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit the City's website at www.harperwoodscity.org, the EPA's website at www.epa.gov/lead, the EGLE website at www.michigan.gov/deqleadpublicadvisory or call the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD, or contact your health care provider.

Snow and Ice Emergencies

Our Public Works Department is responsible for keeping streets clear throughout the winter season whenever there is snow or ice. During a major winter storm, please check to see if Harper Woods has declared a snow emergency by looking at the City's Informational sign, watching your local television news, or listening to the radio. When a Snow or Ice Emergency is declared, all vehicles **must** be removed from the street or they may be towed at the owner's expense. If you live on a corner lot, please be aware that you are responsible for the clearing of the corner cross walk areas. During a salting or plowing event, we typically begin treating the major streets such as Harper, Beaconsfield, 8 Mile, the east section on Vernier, Canton and Peerless. Depending on the time of day, we will focus on the areas around schools.



Please be a good neighbor and do not pile snow against your neighbor's house or cover basement windows, furnace or dryer vents.

Ordinance Penalty

Sec. 23-4. - Removal of snow and ice from sidewalks by owners of abutting property. The occupant or owner of any premises shall keep the sidewalks in front of, or adjacent to such premises cleared, so far as is practicable and reasonable, from snow and ice to facilitate pedestrian use. Where there are no sidewalks, the occupant or owner as aforementioned, is required to clear a path

free from snow and ice where a sidewalk would otherwise be, to facilitate pedestrian use. Whenever any snow or ice has fallen or accumulated it shall be cleared within thirty-six (36) hours after it has fallen or accumulated.

(Code 1962, § 7-119; Ord. No. 2014-01, § 1, 7-14-2014; Ord. No. 2016-02, § 1, 3-7-2016)

Sec. 23-4a. - Penalty; enforcement.

(a) Any person who is found to have violated this section shall be deemed responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined by section 113(1) of the Revised Judicature Act (MCL 600.113 (1)) and punished by a civil fine as provided herein plus costs and expenses.

(1) For first offense, a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be assessed.

(2) For a second offense, a fine of seventy-five (\$75.00) shall be assessed.

(3) For third offense and all subsequent offenses, a fine of one hundred twenty-five (\$125.00) shall be assessed.

We truly regret plowing snow into driveways and covering crosswalks. We know what a difficult task removing this snow can be. Our objective is to keep the streets safe for travel and access for emergency vehicles. **Please refrain from blowing or pushing snow onto cleared streets.** It can cause additional icing and hazardous situations. Please watch the forecast. When snow is predicted, it would be appreciated if vehicles were removed from the street to allow for a safer cleaner job. There need not be a snow emergency to remove your vehicle from the street.

Building Dept. & Assessing Dept.

Building Department Info

With Autumn in full swing, there are little to no cost maintenance items that can be addressed preventing costly damage and unnecessary repairs:



1. Keep your gutters and downspouts clean to prevent water and ice backups.
2. Make sure your downspouts have a minimum 3' extension to disperse water away from the foundation wall preventing basement flooding and/or cracked walls.
3. Clean the lint out of the dryer vent preventing fire.
4. A furnace inspection from a licensed contractor can save on energy costs and prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
5. Replace the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors
6. Turn off outside water spigots and disconnect hoses prior to freezing weather.
7. Please rake the leaves and pick up debris that may end up under snow creating slip hazard.
8. Please shovel the snow. We find no glory by issuing ordinance tickets.

Assessing Department Info

The Assessor is available on Wednesday's during normal business hours 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. You can contact the Assessor at 313-343-2527 or by e-mail assessing@harperwoods.net. All assessment information is available online through the City's website: www.harperwoodscity.org. For a better understanding of your assessment and taxes, please go to the City website, click on Departments; Assessor; and review the Frequently Asked Questions page.

As a reminder, whenever there is a change in ownership on a property, you must file a Property Transfer Affidavit (PTA) within 45 days to the Assessor's Office. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure the name and mailing address is correct on their property. You can find the PTA on the City website under the Assessing Department or at the Assessor's Office.

The State of Michigan has adopted new mandatory Poverty guidelines for requesting a reduction in taxes based on household income. You can obtain a copy of the new application and guidelines at the Assessor's Office or on the City website under the Assessor's Department. All applications must be received prior to the last session of the Board of Review. Please contact the Assessor's Office for these dates.

Local businesses that are no longer open should inform the Assessor's Office to ensure the personal property tax roll is updated. All businesses are required to file a business personal property statement that is mailed out in January. Small business owner's who have less than \$80,000 of equipment can be exempt from the personal property tax by filing the form 5076 Small Business Property Tax Exemption Claim Under MCL 211.9o. This form is mailed to your business or you may pick up in the Assessor's Office.

Community & Business Progress

The End of an Era

For the past 6 months The Harper Woods Planning Commission has been engaged in reviewing significant new developments. These new projects signify the ending of one era for the Harper Woods community and the beginning of a new era of economic development for our City and its residents.

For example, in March the Commission reviewed a request by Tim Horton's corporate officials, for a special land use and site plan approval, to build a new Tim Horton's at the current Beaconsfield and Vernier location. A new more modern restaurant will be erected after the old building is demolished. The new operations will commence this fall. In June, the Commissioners held a public hearing on plans to redevelop Eastland Mall into a "light industrial" complex. Afterwards, the Commissioners reviewed an application from the Eastland redevelopment group, NorthPoint, for site plan approval and rezoning the "development site" to a "Plan Unit Development" (PUD) designation. Recently, at their July meeting, the Commissioners reviewed a request from the current Eastland Mall owners for a "lot split" and rezoning of the site where the Dollar General and Jimmy Jazz are located. That site will be legally separated from the current mall property because that property will not be included in the new "Eastland Commerce Center".

The Planning Commission is comprised of the following nine Commissioners (pictured below). They are a hard-working group of volunteers. Also, very soon, the Commissioners will entertain an application from "Dollar Tree" corporate officials, who will convert the old Pier One building into one of their newest stores.



Pictured from left: Vice Chair Neil Patterson, Kevin Koresky, Serafin Buscemi, Frank Serraiocco, Chairman Greg Vargo, Lauren Mercer, Tom Jenny, David Kien, Economic and Community Development Director Ty Hinton. (not pictured Secretary Larry Hakim)

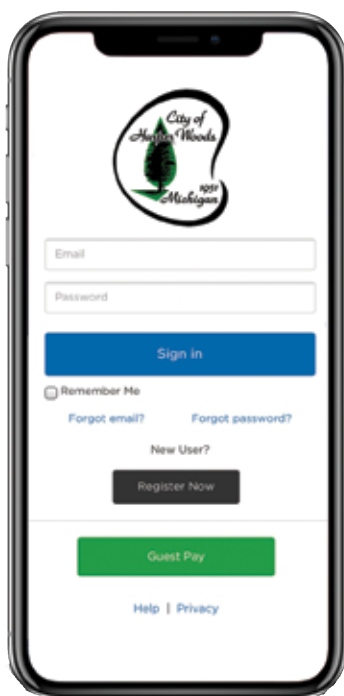
Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project

The Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project is nearing 95% completion. Pavement markings were applied, and it was open to traffic the 3rd week of August.

Boulevard restoration was completed utilizing a process called hydroseeding. Remaining is the removal of the erosion fabric from the catch basins and debris extraction cleaning from the structures. A couple of minor deficiencies (known as punch list items) identified by our DPW and engineering inspection will be addressed. The project will be completed on schedule and within the \$696,000.00, budgeted amount. Through a grant, the federal government paid for 82% of this project and the Cities portion was 18%.



Register to Pay Your Water Bill Online and Receive a Free Gift!



Since 2019, The City of Harper Woods has offered an online Water Payment App to pay utility bills **free of charge**. Since the pandemic, the City's registrations have increased tremendously. We would encourage residents who have not registered to visit www.harperwoods.cityinsight.com and create an account to keep up with City updates.

Register at City Hall and receive a promotional Bluetooth portable speaker as a thank you!

** While supplies last.*



Library News & Events



"Check out what we've got planned for you!"

Kristen Valyi-Hax
Library Director



From the Director



Left to right - Veronica Saliccioli, Kristen Valyi-Hax, Rep. Brenda Lawrence, Mayor Valerie Kindle

As I write this in August, our lower level kids area is still closed. We first closed it in July 2020 out of caution due to COVID-19. Just as we were getting ready to re-open it, we were hit on June 25 with the flooding that so many of our neighbors also suffered. As reported on the news, we lost about \$5000 worth of books as well as some computers and

other items downstairs.

We want to thank our patrons who have kindly donated funds and books to help us replace what we have lost. If you are interested in supporting the library with this endeavor, please call me or email hwl@libcoop.net. We rely on our residents – we can't serve the community without you!

With the school year fully in swing, it's time to talk with your librarians to find out how we can help your children succeed. Did you know about Tutor.com? This amazing resource will connect students with a live tutor online from 4pm – 11pm. Tutors help with all academic subjects and work from grades K-12. All you need is your library card and your PIN.

We look forward to seeing you all soon!

Ongoing Events for Children and Parents

Tot Time: Toddlers and preschoolers up to 5 yrs. old and their caregivers are invited for stories and songs on Zoom. Contact the library (313-343-2575 or hwl@libcoop.net) to join and for information.

Wednesdays, October 6 – November 10 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, December 1 – 29 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



Special Events for Families

Come to the library for take-and-make crafts and activities. Available while supplies last!

Make-a-Mask: Pick out a paper mask from one of our templates to decorate and customize!

All ages, Wednesday, October 20

Owl Puppet: Make your own paper puppet pal!

All ages, Wednesday November 3

Leaf Window Decoration: Using tissues paper, make a fall decoration that you can put on your window!

All Ages, Wednesday, November 17

Paper Penguins: Make a cute arctic friend!
All Ages, Wednesday, December 8

Mini-Pumpkin/Gourd Painting: Decorate and paint mini pumpkins and gourds.
All Ages, Wednesday, October 13

Random Acts of Kindness Bingo: Activities to do by yourself, with friends, or with family that brings us closer together as a community. Get a bingo, get a prize.

All ages, Wednesday, December 1

Engineer an Ice Lantern: Brighten these dark winter nights with these cool ice lanterns
All Ages, Wednesday, December 29



Special Programs for Teens

Come to the library for take-and-make crafts and activities. Available while supplies last!

Jack in the box Jack O Lantern: Make a Minecraft Jack-o-lantern box using our stencils.

Twins and Teens, Wednesday, October 6

DIY Lava Lamp: Have you seen this trending on Tik-Tok? Come and grab a kit to make your own lava lamp!

Twins and Teens, Wednesday, November 10

Anti-Stress Kit: Melt away stress and anxiety, and practice some self-care.

Twins and Teens, Wednesday, December 15



Ongoing Programs for Adults

ZOOM Book Club: 4th Wednesday of the month, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m

Contact the library (313-343-2575 or hwl@libcoop.net) to join. A study guide containing book summary, discussion questions, and author biography is available upon request.

October 27: *American Princess: A Novel of First Daughter Alice Roosevelt*, by Stephanie Marie Thornton

November 17: *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania*, by Erik Larson

December 22: *The Gift of the Magi*, by O. Henry

Come to the library for **Take and Make Craft Kits!** Available while supplies last.

October: Pumpkin Wall Art

November: Thanksgiving Turkey, Cardinal Birdhouse, Holiday Cards

December: Doily Santa Ornament, Reindeer Mobile, Jeweled Holly Ornament, Santa Hanging Sign

Check the library's website for hours and closure dates.

Visit www.harperwoodslibrary.org or call the library at 313-343-2575.

2021 Late Fall & Winter Recreation Program



Please be advised that all programs, activities, dates, times and locations are subject to change and/or cancellation. We will be awaiting further instructions from The CDC, Governor Whitmer and our State leaders on how to proceed. Please call our office at 313-343-2560 with any further questions.

Swimming Lessons

Spending time at the beach, up north, or wherever there is water can be hazardous for a non-swimmer. Our lessons teach children to be independent and safe in the water. Our certified instructors will teach your child all the tools they need to become a good swimmer, and they have fun too!! The children's lessons are offered for **Harper Woods residents only**. The classes are held at the Harper Woods High School pool *Register early, classes fill up fast. We offer Monday **OR** Tuesday classes for 6 week sessions.



Monday Dates

Late Fall Session: October 25-November 29

Winter Session 1: January 10-February 21
No class January 17

Monday Classes:

Aquaducks	5:00-5:30pm
Level 1	5:30-6:00pm
Level 2	6:00-6:30pm
Level 3	6:30-7:15pm
Level 4, 5, 6	7:15-8:00pm

Tuesday Dates

Late Fall Session: October 26-November 30

Winter Session 1: January 11-February 22

Tuesday Classes:

Level 1	5:00-5:30pm
Level 2	5:30-6:00pm

Swim Fees For Fall Session - 6 weeks

30 minute classes:

\$50 for 1 child, \$25 each additional per 6 week session

45 minute classes:

\$60 for 1 child, \$30 each additional per 6 week session

Beginning Adult Swim Lessons



Adults, now you can learn how to swim and be confident in the water. These classes are offered at the Harper Woods High School Pool. Ages 18 & Up.

Dates:

Late Fall Session: October 26-November 30

Winter Session 1: January 11-February 22

Day: Tuesdays **Time:** 6:15-7:00pm

Fee: \$55 per 6 week session

Water Aerobics

Water aerobics is a great low impact workout. These classes are offered at the Harper Woods High School Pool.



Dates:

Late Fall Session: October 26-November 30

Winter Session 1: January 11-February 22

Day: Tuesdays **Time:** 7:00-8:00pm

Fee: \$60 per 6 week session

Fitness Firm Aerobics

Fitness Firm offers low impact dance aerobics, incorporating kick box, yoga, free weights, Zumba, toning, flexibility and stretching. Fitness Firm classes are held at The First English Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall, located at 800 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Days: Mondays & Wednesdays **Time:** 9:30-10:30am

Tuesdays & Thursdays **Time:** 4:00-5:00pm

If you have questions, please contact Judy Sheehy at 313-886-7534 or vitaftjsheehy@comcast.net.

Participating Partner



38110 Executive Dr. Suite 200, Westland, MI 48185 • Phone: 734-331-3980

2021 Late Fall & Winter Recreation Program

The Helm at the Boll Life Center

This organization provides assistance with many needs for older adults ages 60 & up in Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointes. If you need some help or have a question, please contact the Helm at the Boll Life Center at 313-882-9600 for information on available services.



**Celebrating
38 Years**

Dance

Come join the fun and dance, as we start our 38th year of the dance program! There is no residency requirement. All classes are held at the Harper Woods High School on Beaconsfield near Johnston Park. The classes are held on the stage area in the auditorium. We require at least one adult to stay with their child and watch each class and a maximum of two family members total. Please note dance families will be spaced apart in the auditorium. Masks (covering your face and nose) must be worn by all staff, students, parents, etc. Students have the opportunity to perform in the annual Recital. It will be held in late April (end of the session) and there is no charge to attend the Recital. There are ballet barres. We suggest you arrive ten minutes prior to your child's class time if you choose this option. Please call dance program director Nonny Sperry with questions at (313) 885-3714.

REGULAR SEASON DANCE PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2021-2022

DANCE STAFF: Mary Salada, Mikayla Schiller, Caitlin Skerske, Nonny Sperry

Dance Program Director: Nonny Sperry (313) 885-3714

Begins Tuesday, September 28 and ending with tentative rehearsal - 25 dance lessons***

Tuesdays

5:00-5:30pm	Creative Movement/Ballet, ages 3-5
5:30-6:00pm	Tiny Tappers, ages 4-6
6:00-6:30pm	Lyrical, ages 7-10
6:30-7:00pm	Hip Hop, ages 7-10
7:00-7:30pm	Hip Hop, ages 11 & up
7:30-8:00pm	Hawaiian and Tahitian, children and adults

Wednesdays

5:00-5:30pm	Jazz and Hip Hop, ages 4-6
5:30-6:00pm	Ballet, ages 6-8
6:00-6:30pm	Tap, ages 7-10
6:30-7:00pm	Ballet, ages 9-12
7:00-7:30pm	Tap, ages 11 & up
7:30-8:00pm	Lyrical, ages 11 & up
8:00-8:30pm	Teen Jazz
8:30-9:00pm	Teen Ballet

Dance Tuition

\$150.00 per class *plus \$10 family registration fee and typically includes 25 dance lessons. Tuition can be paid in 2 installments with **HALF DUE** at the time of enrollment. There will be an additional \$10 installment fee for the payment plan.

Family Plan Discount:

This discount applies to siblings OR one child enrolling in two or more classes.

2-5 classes: 10% off the total

6 or more classes: 20% off the total

Recital Costumes

Please be aware that you will not be purchasing a costume for the 2022 Dance recital. Students will be putting together their own costumes or buying accessories at minimal cost.



Tree Lighting

Come and see City Hall aglow with lights on

*Wednesday, November 17th
at 6:30pm.*

*Join fellow dignitaries in singing
carols and socializing.*

*This event is held outdoors
in front of the Harper Woods
Fire Department.*

Refreshments will be served.

**Please note, event is subject to
change or cancellation*

Parks & Recreation Update

Park Facilities

The Recreation Department has three parks for community use, each with children's playground equipment and picnic sites. Picnic reservations will be taken from May through Labor Day. Only one picnic allowed per household per year. No moon bounces, trains, charcoal grills, confetti, port-a-potty's, bands or DJ's allowed for picnics. Reserve at least 3 weeks in advance. Refunds for cancellations are only given if you cancel at least 3 weeks before your scheduled picnic date.

****There are no dogs allowed in Johnston or Danbury Parks.****

Please see Harperwoodscity.org for a complete list of Park and Picnic rules.



Park Fees *(Fees are subject to change)

There is a fee for picnic reservations. A shelter at Johnston or Salter Park is \$75. The Pavilion at Salter is \$100.

The fee is due at the time of reservation.

Financial Assistance Program

The City of Harper Woods believes in providing recreation opportunities to all residents regardless of economic circumstances. For a confidential inquiry, please contact the Recreation Director at 313-343-2560.

Recreation Refund Policy

1. Requests must be submitted in writing to the Recreation Department within the first 2 weeks of the program.
2. No refunds will be given after the second week of class, except under special circumstances, i.e. medical reasons.
3. Refunds will be given in check form through City Hall for amounts over \$10.00 or as credit for future recreation registration fees for amounts of \$10.00 or less.

To Register:

Register at the Recreation Office or mail in the registration form with payment. Phone reservations not accepted.

Make checks payable to: **City of Harper Woods**

The Recreation Department is located near the front of Johnston Park

Office hours: 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday

The mailing address is: City of Harper Woods Parks & Recreation

20221 Beaconsfield, Harper Woods, MI 48225

313-343-2560

Harper Woods Recreation Department

Participant Name _____

Age _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Birthdate _____

The undersigned recognizes that injuries sometimes occur in connection with athletic activities, and hereby exonerates the City of Harper Woods Recreation Department, its employees and volunteers for any liabilities in connection therewith. The City of Harper Woods is not liable for any accidents or injuries to participants or spectators.

Activity _____ Days/Times _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Signature of Parent, Guardian, or Adult Participant _____