



# THE INSIDER

For The City of Harper Woods

Your community  
resource guide for the  
City of Harper Woods!  
**FALL EDITION**  
OCTOBER THROUGH  
DECEMBER 2022

## Get the most out of our community!

### HARPER WOODS CITY CALENDAR

#### October

*\*Check City's website  
for time and format*

**October 1 – Siren Test 1:00pm**  
**\*October 3 – City Council Meeting**  
**October 8 – Art in the Park 12-4pm**  
**Salter Park**  
**October 17 – Water Bills Due**  
**\*October 17 – City Council Meeting**  
**October 17 – Curbside Leaf Pickup**  
**Begins**  
**October 22 – Fall Family Night –**  
**6-8pm Johnston Park**  
**October 31 – Halloween**

#### November

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for time and format*

**November 5 – Siren Test 1:00pm**  
**November 6 – Daylight Savings –**  
**Set Clocks Back 1 Hour**  
**\*November 7 – City Council Meeting**  
**November 8 – Election Polls Open**  
**7am-8pm**  
**November 11 – City Offices Closed –**  
**Veterans Day**  
**November 14 thru 18 – Curbside Leaf**  
**Pickup Ends**  
**November 15 – Water Bills Due**  
**November 16 – Tree Lighting 6:30pm**  
**– Outside HW Fire Department**  
**\*November 21 – City Council Meeting**  
**November 21 thru 25 – Yard Waste/**  
**Compost Pick Up Ends**  
**November 24/25 – City Offices Closed**  
**– Thanksgiving (Rubbish Delay)**

#### December

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for time and format*

**December 3 – Siren Test 1:00pm**  
**\*December 5 – City Council Meeting**  
**December 15 – Water Bills Due**  
**\*December 19 – City Council Meeting**  
**December 21 – Winter Begins**  
**December 23 – City Offices Closed**  
**December 24 – Christmas Eve**  
**December 25 – Christmas Day**  
**December 26 – City Offices Closed**  
**December 30 – City Offices Closed**

### Dear Harper Woods Neighbors,

*It's that time of the year... the holidays! One of my favorite times to enjoy our community.*

*Over 30 years ago, I fell in love with Harper Woods when my husband and I took our two-year-old son to the Tree Lighting Ceremony... what a totally charming small town. Since that time, a lot has happened in our City, but so much that makes this place "home" remains the same.*

*One thing that remains the same is that we celebrate trick-or-treating with little ones dressed in their Halloween best costumes. In early November, we sing, light up City Hall, and share cookies and hot chocolate at our traditional Tree Lighting. These may be our traditions, but we are always open to ideas for safe and fun community events, so don't hesitate to share your thoughts. Beyond the holidays, much is happening that fills me with hope for our community.*

*Recently, Mayor Kindle asked me whether I would like to put some perspective on the recent developments in our City. As the longest serving member of our City Council, I have had the honor of working for the residents of Harper Woods through four mayors, four city managers, five police chiefs, two DPW directors, three judges and many city council members. In addition, I've raised my three children, substitute taught in the Harper Woods School District, and taught at Regina High School when it was located where the Chandler Park campus now exists. I have to say that I've seen many changes and attempts at improvements in our community, and I am happy to share my insight.*

*Right now, I am pretty thrilled with the new developments at Eastland. I'm also encouraged by the potential for development along Kelly. We've been discussing putting in a "pocket park" with perhaps a few beautiful murals.*

*Finally, the planned development at the former Poupard School site is exciting. Adding a new residential neighborhood with beautiful new homes is bound to make Harper Woods attractive to young families and make all our neighborhoods appealing. I've seen many of our houses getting facelifts over the past two years and that is wonderful. In the annual City calendar, you'll find photos of this year's award-winning homes selected by the Beautification Commission.*

*Our pride in our community really makes Harper Woods a lovely place we can all enjoy. I think anyone who chooses to live in Harper Woods wants the same thing: a stable community with great city services and a strong family atmosphere. I can say that our City Council, who are all residents and deeply concerned about our community, and our City employees, many who have dedicated their careers to our city, have always worked to keep our community strong, and I am looking forward to what the future has in store for us.*

*Happy Holidays!*

~ Vivian M. Sawicki  
Mayor Pro Tem



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# The City of Harper Woods

## Mayor

Valerie J. Kindle

## Mayor Pro Tem

Vivian M. Sawicki

## City Council

Cheryl A. Costantino

Tom Jenny

Veronica Paiz

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

Questions or comments? Please email [info@drivecreativeservices.com](mailto:info@drivecreativeservices.com)

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# Employee in the Spotlight

## Sandy Olivieri

Sandy Olivieri has worked for the Harper Woods Police Department since September of 2001. She was originally hired as a part-time police clerk and later answered her calling to become a Public Safety Dispatcher in October of 2015. Since then, Olivieri has embraced her new role in the Public Safety Department with pride and compassion. Sandy is a trusted, valued Harper Woods employee who has made a commitment to the safety of our residents and first responders.



Public Safety Director Jason Hammerle expressed, "Our public safety dispatchers are often overlooked, but they are the lifeline between the public and our first responders. Dispatchers are relaying vital information from a frantic caller to responding units. They must remain calm and empathetic. Dispatcher Olivieri was a shining example of this during the Kenosha barricaded gunman incident in July. A recording of Olivieri's dispatch audio was used by local media when covering the event."

Sandy said, "My original interview for the Police Department Records Clerk position was on September 11, 2001, the day all our lives changed forever- I knew the job was meant to be. Fourteen years into my tenure as records clerk, a midnight dispatcher position opened up and I applied... again something that changed MY life forever. This job is very demanding for the most part but helping people when they truly need it makes it all worth it. I have a great deal of respect for my fellow employees... they also do a tremendous job! I love working midnights; however, I miss a lot of the people I used to see during the day." **Great job Sandy!**

## 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

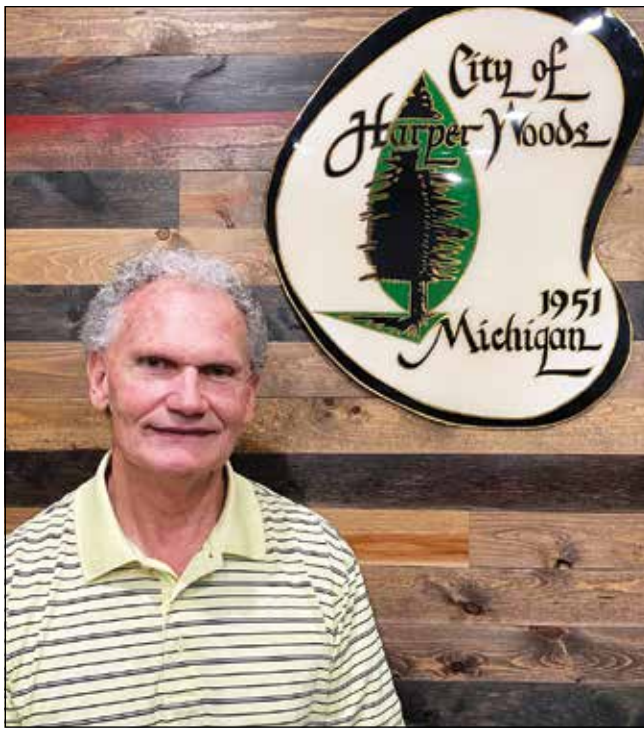
### Public Works

313-343-2570

### Treasurer Tax & Water Billing Information

313-343-2500





# Neighbor in the News

## Greg Vargo

The Insider recently asked Planning Commissioner Greg Vargo about his Harper Woods vision and foresight on the City's collective developments. Vargo replied, "I had a personal quest back in 1992 to find the "Right" home in the "Right" community. This search ultimately led me to take up residency in Harper Woods. I was already a veteran to public service, after having completed a two-year term as a councilmember in the City of Eastpointe. Once I became settled in, as a resident, I reached out to a few councilmembers and expressed my desire to be part of a commission, with a goal of investing some of my personal experiences in the community, and the people who live in it. Subsequently, I was appointed to the Planning Commission, in June of 1993, and through the continued support of my colleagues, have chaired that commission since 1997.

Since that beginning and now to the present, I've experienced people from diverse backgrounds, working toward a common goal. I've also had the privilege to learn about the functions and

operations of our local government. I've been fortunate enough to work alongside city officials, employees, and fellow volunteers, and have gained knowledge of local resources available to help solve our community needs.

In recent years, I've become more enthusiastic as to the possibilities moving forward, and feel a sense of camaraderie and teamwork building, as to the potential that Harper Woods has to offer its residents and myself.

With that said, my intent is to remain steadfast on my path, with a goal of sharing my efforts and skills, to assist the City of Harper Woods, to become a diverse destination where people will want to live and raise their families."

## Featured Business/Organization: They Say

### "Open For Business"

They Say wants residents of Harper Woods and the general public to know that they are still open for business, while the former Eastland Mall is transitioning to a light industrial complex. Since the beginning of the Mall's demolition, three of the remaining businesses have experienced a reduction in customers coming to their places of business, namely They Say, Dollar General and Jimmy Jazz. "They Say's" owner, Terry Payne, recently stated that one contributing factor is that the streetlights, along western entrance to the former mall, adjacent to his building, no longer lights up that street. This leaves the impression to the general public and passing drivers that his business is closed at night.



Consequently, They Say will increase the days they are open and their hours of operation. They will be open Mondays through Sundays, including extended hours for Monday Night Football and Thursday Night Football. Additionally, they are working on certain special evening events featuring outside dining with entertainment. They are also working with the NorthPoint Development to provide an inviting environment around They Say while Eastland mall is being demolished and the new industrial buildings are being constructed.

# Treasurer Info

## **Public Notice – City of Harper Woods**

### **Applications for Deferment 2022 Taxes**

The Harper Woods Treasurer's Office accepts applications for the 2022 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](http://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](http://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](http://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

\*Rates subject to change



## **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.

## **Current 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](http://harperwoods.cityinsight.com) and register for free!

*Coming Soon: Tax Payments - convenience fees apply*



## **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](http://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.





# City Clerk Info

## ELECTION NEWS



### 2022 General Election

The General Election will be held on November 8, 2022. Polls will be open from 7am to 8pm. Voters will be asked to elect Governor, US Senator, U.S. Representative in Congress, State Senator and State Representative. Voters will also be voting on candidates for the Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe School Boards.

You can register to vote at any Secretary of State office, the City Clerk's office or by filling out a Voter Registration application and mailing it to the Clerk's office. You can also register and vote on Election Day, November 8:

In person at your City Clerk office before 8 pm

You may vote that day - **Residency Verification Required**

Acceptable documents for Residency Verification include:

- Driver's license
- State ID \*Paycheck
- Bank Statement
- Current Utility Bill
- Other Government ID
- Government Check

*Documents must have name and current address - Digital copies are acceptable.*

Contact the Clerk's office if you are unsure of where you should vote or to check your registration status -

313-343-2510 or by email at [cthompson@harperwoods.net](mailto:cthompson@harperwoods.net)

### Need an Absentee Ballot? Here's How to Get One

First, request a ballot by getting an application from your county or city clerk's offices or at <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/> and returning the completed form to your city clerk's office. Once your application is received, we will mail your ballot to your house, vacation home or anywhere else in the world. Why wait in line on Election Day - vote by mail!

- Ballots will be sent by mail for any ballot application received by 5pm the Friday before the election (November 4). Absentee ballots requested after this date will only be issued in person at the clerk's office.
- Voters can request and receive a ballot from 8am - 4pm on the Saturday before Election Day (November 5) or between 8am and 4pm on the Monday before Election Day (November 7).

Next, complete, sign and submit your ballot as soon as it is complete... the sooner the better!

- Drop off your ballot in person to your city clerk or
- Return your ballot to your city clerk through the mail. All ballots must be received prior to closing of the polls at 8pm on Election Day.

Please be sure to return your absentee ballot before election day if possible to assist in getting election results processed and posted in a timely manner. There are two drop boxes for your use, one in the lobby of City Hall and the other on the sidewalk of the parking lot for City Hall. Both are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and are monitored.



## Fall Family Fun Night

On Saturday, October 22nd the City of Harper Woods Recreation Department will be hosting a Fall Family Fun Night at Johnston Park. Bring the kids in their costumes for a fun night of games, crafts, snacks and more!! Attendees will vote on the best costume!

**Cost:** Harper Woods Residents: \$5 per person  
Non-Residents: \$7 per person  
**\*Pre-registration is required.**  
Please register by  
Wednesday, October 12th.

**Date:** Saturday, October 22  
**Time:** 6pm-8pm

**If you have any questions, please call the Recreation Department at 313-343-2560. When planning your Costumes, please remember this is a family friendly event.**



# 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.

## PORCH PIRATES CAN STEAL YOUR JOY



With Christmas around the corner there is an increase in online shopping and packages being delivered to your home. These criminals are known to follow delivery trucks around and when they see an opportunity – they strike!

Take steps to protect your delivered packages.

- Ensure you are home when delivery is scheduled.
- Have packages delivered to a trusted neighbor at home.
- Have packages delivered to your work, if your employer will allow.
- If available, use store pickup.



### 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.

Citizens Police Reporting System can be accessed through the City's Website.



# Department of Public Safety – Fire



## **FIRE PREVENTION TIPS FROM THE HARPER WOODS FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### **October 9-15, 2022 is Fire Prevention Week.**

This year the NFPA has focused on "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape!" The Harper Woods Fire Department urges residents to be aware of simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires.

- It is important for everyone to plan and practice a home fire escape. Everyone needs to be prepared in advance, so that they know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Given that every home is different, every home fire escape plan will also be different.
- Have a plan for everyone in the home. Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Make sure that someone will help them!



- Smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger. Smoke alarms need to be in every bedroom, outside of the sleeping areas (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of your home. Do not put smoke alarms in your kitchen or bathrooms.

Choose an alarm that is listed with a testing laboratory, meaning it has met certain standards for protection.

For the best protection, use combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that are interconnected throughout the home. These can be installed by a qualified electrician, so that when one sounds, they all sound. This ensures you can hear the alarm no matter where in your home the alarm originates. 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.

# 32A District Court News

## Judge Rebekah R. Coleman



***"You have the power within you to overcome every situation. It is all in your mind; if you can conceive it, you shall receive it."***

~Setjhaba Msibi

Greetings Harper Woods,

People are feeling powerless these days! Many are still reeling from the aftershock and ongoing trauma of the COVID-19 pandemic, and challenges with Monkeypox are now emerging. The power to keep ourselves healthy and secure has been chipped away at. On top of these issues, the economy has spiraled downward. Interest rates have risen, gas prices have soared, and the overall cost of living is out of control. Our power to make a living and create a desirable lifestyle is threatened.

Our schools do not feel uniformly safe, and even the sanctuary of churches has been disrupted by gunfire. It is estimated that 2022 may be one of the deadliest years that the United States has seen because of gun violence. Our lawmakers seem powerless to agree on reasonable solutions to address violence.

The sun seems to beam hotter as record temperatures are set. Unusual rainfall in deserts is creating mudslides. Forecasters expect that hurricane season will be a doozy this year. There is no power to harness the elements around us.

If you are feeling powerless, it's no wonder. But know YOU can restore your power. Maintain a healthy lifestyle by eating well, exercising, getting enough sleep, attending annual checkups, and establishing connections that are stress free. Continue to follow CDC guidelines to help protect yourself and others against COVID-19 and Monkeypox. Get power over your finances by watching the gas prices and knowing which day of the week is best to fill the tank. Take time to clip coupons and make a grocery list before heading to the market which will help prevent impulse buying. And set aside time for self-reflection and meditation.

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

### Meet The Staff Corner

I would like to introduce the Harper Woods Community to Court Clerk Denise Wentland.

Denise has been a long-time resident of Harper Woods along with her husband of 30 years. Together they have raised two children in the city, who have brought them an extreme amount of joy over the years.

Denise has worked for the city for over eighteen years, thirteen of those years have been for the court. When asked what Denise enjoys about working for the City of Harper Woods, she indicated that she loves helping others and being able to connect with fellow residents. She also indicated that the commute isn't too bad either!

Family time is what Denise cherishes the most so when not working, she will undoubtedly be spending quality time with family and friends in the outdoors camping. If you can't find them at the campground, then they will be at the local ice cream shop.



**Resident Sign Up**  
any one of these ways

- 1 Text Zip Code to 888777
- 2 Sign up at [www.nixle.com](http://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](http://www.nixle.com).



# 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!***



## 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 ...your ride is just a phone call away

### Our Service Area

The PAATS service area is any location bound by 11 mile Road, Gratiot, Alter Road and Jefferson.

### Requirements – Passengers must:

- Be a resident of Harper Woods or the Grosse Pointes.
- Be at least 60 years of age or disabled.

**Reserve Your Ride** – To reserve a ride, call 313-394-9712. Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

- Make appointments at least two days in advance.
- We will accept standing appointments.
- Please be ready at your appointment time.

### Our Fares

ZONE 1	ZONE 2	ZONE 3
<b>\$1.00 each way:</b>	<b>\$2.00 each way:</b>	<b>\$3.00 each way:</b>
Within Harper Woods & the Grosse Pointes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8 Mile Rd. to 11 Mile Rd.</li><li>• Kelly Rd. to Gratiot Ave.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• St. John Surgery Center</li><li>• Henry Ford Main Campus</li><li>• Detroit Medical Center</li><li>• V.A. Hospital</li><li>• City County Building</li><li>• The New Center</li></ul>

**Cancellation Policy** – It is very important that you call to cancel an appointment so we can reroute our buses to ensure client pick up and arrival times.

Please call 313-394-9712 as soon as possible and leave a message on the voice mail if you are calling after hours.

**For More Information: Call our PAATS dispatch office at 313-394-9712**



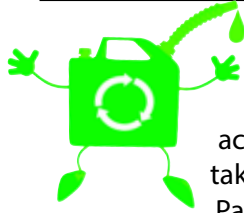
# Department of Public Works

## Refuse Collection Guidelines

- ✓ The maximum weight of any one item is 40 pounds. Trash cans can be **NO LARGER** than 35 gallons.
- ✓ 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](http://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 4th** and ends the week of **November 21st** 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 17th - November 18th**. For more information go to [www.harperwoodscity.org](http://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 provided 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.

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

In 2022 the City asked 30 residential locations to participate in 1 round of sampling between June and September.

Results will be sent to each participant and will be available in the yearly "Consumer Confidence" water report.

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](http://www.harperwoodscity.org), the EPA's website at [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead), the EGLE website at [www.michigan.gov/deqleadpublicadvisory](http://www.michigan.gov/deqleadpublicadvisory) or call the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD, or contact your health care provider.



# Rain... rain go away



If you are fortunate enough to have a yard drain, you may have had relief from yard flooding. If not, prolonged standing water can be problematic. With warmer temperatures on the way, standing / stagnant water can become a breeding area for mosquitoes or other aquatic life. It is important to eliminate standing water. A sump pump and garden hose may be the most economical way to eliminate standing water in yards.

Extreme care and ALL safety precautions should be taken when using a sump pump. Electricity and water can be a dangerous or deadly combination. A professional may need to be contacted for assistance with this. Most plumbing contractors are familiar with sump pumps and how to use them safely. It is a violation of City Ordinance to discharge water on to your neighbor's property.

The installation of yard drains and fill

dirt may provide a more permanent, long term solution. It is also a violation to displace water by adding fill dirt when it will displace water and flood your neighbor. A reputable landscape company could advise on fill and grading low spots. Our Building Department should be contacted to advise on grading issues.

Wet, soggy ground and significant rainfall can contribute to wet basements or crawl spaces. This would be a good time to inspect the grading around the foundation around your home. Concrete landscape materials, sod, and dirt should all be pitched or sloped away from your home. Gutters should be kept clean and there should be downspouts, elbows, splash blocks and extensions on you gutters to direct water away from your home. This may prevent excess water intrusion into a crawl space or basement.

The foundation of homes and

buildings are surrounded by drain (weeping) tile. This is typically installed on the outside of the basement, just below the level of the basement floor, when the home is built. It is designed to take in storm water that soaks / perks into the ground surrounding the home. It is NOT designed to be the main conduit for storm water. It is important to know that this storm line connects or ties into the sanitary line that takes waste water away from your home. This is evident by the 2 clean out caps in the basement located by an exterior wall.

When the drain tile around your home is overwhelmed with water it can significantly contribute to water backing up through floor drains. Again, this is why it is important to make sure you have sufficient grading, clean gutters and downspouts with extensions to direct storm water away from the foundation of your home. The slightest blockage or restriction in your sewer line in addition to the storm water can contribute to sewage backups. Sewer lines should be maintained annually by cleaning, root cutting by an experienced contractor.

Most reputable plumbing contractors offer a warranty and provide a camera inspection to identify developing problems.

All sewer repairs or plumbing work is a permissible event. Permits and inspections can be secured by contacting our Building Department @ (313) 343-2526.



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](http://www.harperwoodscity.org) for more information.

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# Department of Public Works

## 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](mailto:assessing@harperwoods.net) All assessment information is available online through the City's website: [www.harperwoodscity.org](http://www.harperwoodscity.org) For a better understanding of your assessment and taxes, please visit the website click on the Department of Assessing.

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. You can obtain the PTA on the city website or the Assessor's Office. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure the name and mailing address are correct on the property. Please inform the Assessor's Office in writing for any changes.

The State of Michigan has adopted new mandatory poverty guidelines for a reduction in taxes based on household income. You can obtain an application from the Assessor's Office or from the city website under the Assessing Department.



# Library News & Events



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

**Kristen Valyi-Hax**

*Library Director*

## From the Director

As I write this in August, our lower level is still closed. We had originally closed it in July 2020 due to social distancing concerns because of COVID. Just as we were prepared to open it up again, we got hit by flooding in 2021. But the good news is that we are moving forward, and I have hopes that this will be completed around the beginning of the New Year. In December 2021 we had backflow prevention installed to help ensure that flooding doesn't happen again. We also met with FEMA who suggested other measures we could take to help. Finally, we have put the project out to bid, so that by the time you are reading this, we should have a firm plan in place. I know that this has been a source of frustration for all of us, and we are all looking forward to having our lower level ready for visitors.

Have you seen our new online catalog? Harper Woods Library, along with all of the other libraries in the Suburban Library Cooperative, switched to a new library computer system in September. We know that these types of changes can have a lot of challenges, so thank you for your patience while we get everything sorted out.

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 for Children, Teens and Families



Come into the library and pick up Take-and-Make Kits for at-home crafts, art projects, interactive activities and more! Stay updated about Take-and-Make Kits on our Facebook and Instagram.

Keep an eye out at the library for in-person programs we will have planned for the upcoming months. Because our lower level is still closed, we aren't sure yet what we can do, but we will have fun events for kids and families.

## Ongoing Programs for Adults



**Book Club: 4th Wednesday of the month, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. in the library**

Contact the library (313-343-2675 or hwl@libcoop.net) to join. A study guide containing book summary, discussion questions, and author biography is available upon request.

**October 26:** *Frankenstein*, by Mary Shelley  
**November 16:** *Hamnet*, by Maggie O'Farrell  
**December 21:** *The Personal Librarians*, by Marie Benedict

Join the **Spice of the Month Club** - Visit the library for your free "Spice Kit," a pre-measured sample of the spice of the month, fun facts, and recipes.

- October: Curry Powder
- November: Dill Weed
- December: Ginger

Come to the library for seasonal **Take and Make Craft Kits**, while supplies last!

**Manic Mondays – Food & Craft Demonstrations in the Library:** 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

- October 17: Halloween Tricks & Treats
- November 14: Let's Talk Turkey
- December 12: Christmas Crafts & Candies

Can't make it? Ask for a "Take It"!

**Spice Club Zoom:**



Wednesday, December 14, 5:30 p.m.

Join us for a lively and "spicy" ZOOM discussion of recipes and fun facts.

### **Current Library Hours:**

**Monday – Wednesday 11am – 7pm**

**Thursday – Friday 11am – 5pm**

Check the library's website for holiday closure dates.  
Visit [www.harperwoodslibrary.org](http://www.harperwoodslibrary.org)  
or call the library at 313-343-2575

# Community & Business Progress

## Basketball Courts Are Ready for Play

With the help of Wayne County, the basketball courts at Johnston Park and Salter Park are complete! The courts were resurfaced and painted to finalize the much anticipated upgrade. The purchase was made possible with funds from a Wayne County Recreation Grant. These latest updates of equipment and materials will allow families of our community plenty of recreational enjoyment for many years to come!



## Unveiling of Mural by Local Artist to Highlight Fall Art Fair



*Photo credit: Jeff Cancelosi*

On Saturday, October 8th from 12-4pm at Salter Park the City will host its first maker's fair. Approximately, 15-20 local and regional artists and makers will be presenting and selling their work. Kelly Road restaurant Taco Bar Unlimited will be one of a few food vendors providing refreshments for the afternoon. A dedication of the mural painted by local artist Amadeus Roy will be at 12:30pm.

Amadeus is an abstract painter and sculptor, born and raised in Harper Woods. He studied graphic design at MSU for two years after graduating as the valedictorian of Harper Woods High School in 2016. He has already shown in 5 exhibitions throughout the metro area this year, and the young painter is quickly making a name for himself as an artist to watch. His newest works focus on the human experience and the world around us utilizing clean-cut, flowing shapes in a wide array of colors and textures.

As a hometown kid at heart, Amadeus will now be bringing his talents and imagination to a mural at Salter Park. "To have an opportunity to make an impact and inspire my community means the world to me. I want to show that this city is a breeding ground for creative minds who are working to shape the future!" he said. To see his past work, check out his website at [amadeusroyart.com](http://amadeusroyart.com)



# Eastland Commerce Center Groundbreaking Ceremony ~ July 7, 2022

An official "Groundbreaking Ceremony" took place for the new Eastland Commerce Center industrial park. Owners NorthPoint Development hosted the event which included speakers and attendees from the City of Harper Woods, Wayne County, guests from surrounding communities, and other stakeholders associated with the project.



*Pictured from left to right: Marc Werner, Mark LoPatin, Khalil Rahal, Mayor Valerie Kindie, John Szymanski, Ty Hinton, Stephen Lindley, Philip Hausfeld*



## Petting Zoo

The Harper Woods Recreation Department's Arts and Crafts program hosted its first Petting Zoo event for children at Johnston Park. Lou's Pet Shop was onsite and brought various animals for kids to feed and learn interesting facts about them! All

the children and parents were excited to participate and look forward to future activities in our parks!





# Community & Business Progress



## National Night Out ~ August 2, 2022

After a two-year pause, the Harper Woods Public Safety Department hosted its annual National Night Out event that's designed to strengthen relationships in our neighborhoods, raise crime awareness, and continue relationships with law enforcement while bringing back a real sense of community. A big "thank you" to the event sponsors: **Christian Financial Credit Union, Family Foods, Home Depot, BP- Vernier/Harper** for making this successful event take place again. See all of you next year!



# 2022 Fall Recreation Program

## Yoga

Yoga is a great way to take time out for yourself. Our certified instructor will lead you through the breathing and movements that can strengthen your body and relax your mind.



Message from Instructor: My name is Tiwana, a certified Yoga Teacher. My classes are warm, inviting, and fun! My love of music is showcased during class. When I teach, I like to use different genres of music to connect with students and fuel the flow. Types of practice: Ashtanga, Vinyasa Flow, and Yin. Please call the Recreation Department for updated class dates for yoga at 313-343-2560.

## Pickleball Lessons

Pickleball is a fun, friendly, and social game that combines aspect of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. No experience is necessary, and equipment is provided. Reserve a 2-hour lesson for between 1-4 players at the Pickleball Court at Johnston Park with our experienced Pickleball instructor. Please call the Recreation Department to reserve your time at 313-343-2560.

## Zoom Zumba

Workout in the comfort of your own home or location of your choosing. Jenna's Zumba class offers a fun, mid-high intensity dance workout combining cardio and strength training.

**Dates:** Ongoing

**Days:** Tuesdays & Thursdays  
Sundays

**Time:** 6:30 - 7:30pm

**Time:** 11:00am - 12:00pm

**Fee:** Residents  
\$10/month

Non-Resident  
\$40/month

## Fitness Firm Aerobics

Fitness Firm offers low impact dance aerobics, incorporating kickbox, 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  
Tuesdays & Thursdays

**Time:** 9:30-10:30am

**Time:** 4:00-5:00pm

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

## Swimming Lessons

Due to the shortage of lifeguards in Michigan, we are currently not able to safely run our popular Swim classes. We understand how important swim is in our community and we are working hard to rectify this situation. **Please call our office for more information as to when our classes will resume.**



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.

## Dance

Classes will be held on the stage at Tyrone Elementary's gym/stage. Session starts on September 27 and ends on May 2. We require one adult to stay in the auditorium and watch, siblings are welcome.

## Schedule

### Tuesday Classes

Instructors: Miss Mikayla Schiller, Miss Caitlin Skerske, Miss Nonny Sperry.

5:00-5:30---Creative Movement and Ballet, ages 3-5

5:30-6:00---Pre-Jazz and Hip Hop, ages 3-5

6:00-6:30---Ballet, ages 6-8

6:30-7:00---Hip Hop, ages 6-8

7:00-7:30---Lyrical, ages 9-12

7:30-8:00---Tap, ages 9-12

8:00-8:30---Teen Hip Hop

### Wednesday Classes

Instructors: Miss Mikayla Schiller, Miss Caitlin Skerske, Miss Nonny Sperry.

5:00-5:30---Tiny Tappers, ages 3-5

5:30-6:00--- Lyrical, ages 6-8

6:00-6:30---Tap, ages 6-8

6:30-7:00--- Hip Hop, ages 9-12

7:00-7:30--- Ballet, ages 9-12

7:30-8:00--- Teen Ballet

8:00-8:30--- Teen Jazz

8:30-9:00--- Beginning Adult Tap



## Dance Tuition (includes approximately 25 dance lessons)

\$175 per class plus \$10 registration fee per family.

## Family Plan Discount:

This applies to siblings OR one child enrolling in 2 or more classes.

\$150 per class plus \$10 registration fee per family.

Tuition can be paid in two installments with HALF DUE at time of enrollment. The other half is due no later than January 20, 2023 so that the student(s) can continue to participate.

## TREE LIGHTING

Come and see City Hall aglow with lights on Wednesday, November 16th 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.





# 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 4 weeks before your scheduled picnic date.

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



## **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 Harper Woods 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

To stay up to date with all of the recreation  
offerings, please visit our Facebook page:

**City of Harper Woods**

**Parks & Recreation Department.**

You can also contact us at

**harperwoodsrec@harperwoods.net**

**or 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 \_\_\_\_\_