



THE INSIDER

For The City of Harper Woods

Your community
resource guide for the
City of Harper Woods!
SUMMER EDITION
JULY THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 2022

Get the most out of our community!

HARPER WOODS CITY CALENDAR

July

*Check City's website
for time and format

July 2 – Siren Test 1:00pm

July 4 – City Offices Closed
Independence Day

July 4 through July 8
Rubbish Delay

July 11* – City Council Meeting

July 14 – Water Bills Due

Through July 29 – Summer
Reading Program

August

*Check City's website
for time and format

August 2- Election Day
Polls Open 7am-8pm

August 2- National Night Out
5pm-8pm at Salter Park

August 2-5 Lavendar Festival
Harper Woods Library

August 6 – Siren Test 1:00pm

August 8* – City Council Meeting

August 15 – Water Bills Due

September

*Check City's website
for time and format

September 3 – Siren Test 1:00pm

September 5 – City Offices Closed
Labor Day

September 5 through September 9
Rubbish Delay

September 7* – City Council Meeting

September 14 – Summer Taxes Due

September 15 – Water Bills Due

September 17 – Fall Perennial Plant
Exchange 10:00am – 12:00pm
at Salter Park

September 19* – City Council Meeting

September 22 – Autumn
Begins

A Message from the Mayor...

Progress is finally here:



Sometimes it may feel like improvements come awfully slow. Some residents are always quick to point out the faults of our City, but rarely does anyone offer praise when it's due. Maybe that's just a part of human nature.

From time to time let us spend a few moments acknowledging the good work performed by our City Officials and the good work

performed by our City Staff. The redevelopment of Eastland Mall is one of those moments. Thanks to the work of State, County, local officials and developers, the work is finally getting done and the Mall is finally being torn down. In its place will be a new building development that will ship out products that were formally sold at the former Eastland Mall.

As many residents know, the Mall site and surrounding roads were a hazard to drive on and around because of the massive potholes and years of neglect. The need for repair and development were known for years, but funding was nowhere in sight. The City could not afford to develop the site, the State couldn't afford to develop the site and the County couldn't afford to develop the site. But that is a story for another time.

The good news is that Harper Woods Officials have finally partnered with the right developer and things are starting to happen. I would like to say "Thank you" to all, for a job well done and a much-welcomed development!

I want to remind all of you to please be safe and orderly while enjoying activities the summer season brings upon us. Also, please remember to visit one of our three City parks to experience many of the new improvements and outdoor activities they have to offer!

Regards,

Mayor Valerie Kindle

SUMMER FUN!

*Having a
family reunion,
birthday party or
gathering this summer?*

Our City Park Shelters
are available for rent.
See page 20 for more details.

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The City of Harper Woods

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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

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Employee in the Spotlight



Kimberly Keogh

Kimberly Keogh is presently the City's Acting Treasurer who's responsible for all money collections in the Treasurer's Department that includes tax collection, water billings, special invoicing, and applicable Federal/State & County finance reporting.

Kim started working part-time for the Clerk's Department in 2006 and then hired into working with the Building and Treasury Departments in 2011. She was promoted in 2015 and has served as the Deputy Treasurer since. She said, "I have been

fortunate to work in different departments and have learned a lot about how the City operates." Kim enjoys working with the public and believes in providing the best customer service to residents. She added, "There are many reasons why I love working here, but mainly getting to meet and talk to new and longtime residents. Also, I love working with a great staff that support and work well with each other!"

Acting City Manager John Szymanski said, "Kim not only dreams of success, she works hard for it! She has built a firm foundation solving complex problems others have thrown at her. We are so glad to have her."

Most recently, Keogh led the initiative to improve resources that could offer residents a more convenient way to pay City invoices. Ultimately, the **City's Citizen Portal** was introduced to the public in 2019 for making water bill payments. She also continuously sought enhancements to the system throughout the pandemic making the payment process uncomplicated and touch free for the end user. **Coming this summer is the New Q Scan Code that features the ability to make Tax and Water payments online!**

An advertisement for the City of Harper Woods Customer Portal. It features a smartphone displaying the portal's login screen with fields for email and password, and a "Sign In" button. To the left of the phone is a QR code labeled "Skip the Line, Pay your Water and Tax Bills online!" and "Open Camera Scan Code". Below the QR code is a button labeled "Access via the Web". The background is a light blue gradient with a large, faint "Q" shape. The City of Harper Woods logo is in the top right corner. The website address "www.harperwoods.cityinsight.com" is at the bottom.

Neighbor in the News - Alyssa Walker

Alyssa Walker relocated to Harper Woods a year ago and is determined to make an impact in our community. She's extremely passionate about being involved as well as volunteering activities. Walker expressed, "Community involvement means getting out and serving the public, helping my neighbors, and being better informed on the happenings within the City." In starting her purpose, Alyssa was recently appointed to serve as a member of the Harper Woods Board of Appeals. She is excited and said, "I love helping my community and the opportunity to join the Board of Zoning Appeals is a way I can be involved and give back. I hope my serving on the board helps the City grow positively!"

Alyssa keeps busy by volunteering for non-profits such as the Belle Isle Conservancy and Motown Rocks when she's not actively working as a National Park Service Fellow. She truly loves natural environments and appreciates Harper Woods' natural aesthetics. When Alyssa and her fiancé Brad were looking for an affordably welcoming community to put down roots, they knew Harper Woods was a special city. She added, "It is nestled between major cities like Detroit and the Grosse Pointes and has many mature trees enveloping the neighborhood like a green oasis within the Metro Detroit area."

Acting City Manager John Szymanski said, "I was especially impressed with Alyssa's knowledge of taxing authorities and her previous participation on Boards and Commissions, particularly the Zoning Board of Appeals in her former city of residence. Her experience and input will certainly benefit our development projects in Harper Woods." **Welcome to Harper Woods Alyssa!**



Featured Business/ Organization: Harper Deli

Harper Deli is well-known for their delicious submarine sandwiches. For 44 years, the business has welcomed support from not only the Harper Woods community, but from across the metropolitan area. Owner Joseph Aboona said, "Loyal customers have come from all over for my subs and what's even more heartening is that the families keep coming for generations. Many of my customers kids come back when their grown and bring their kids for subs. I love my customers and they like me too!"

Aboona opened the business in 1978 after he decided he wanted to work in the Food and Beverage industry during that decades recession. Harper Deli has kept him and his family busy over the years. Although Aboona is operating the business currently solo, he enjoys spending time with his eleven grandchildren as well. He said, "I like to serve my community. I'd like to keep it going for 6 more years to make it an even 50 years," after explaining he had to shut down for over a year due to the pandemic and when the building sustained damages caused by an accident in 2021.



Harper Deli is also known for being the lottery "lucky spot" in Harper Woods selling three large winning jackpot tickets and numerous winning instant tickets in Michigan's Lottery games since establishing. Stop in and visit Harper Deli located at 20408 Harper Ave. They are open Monday-Saturday 10am to 7pm and on Sundays from 10am-4pm.

Department of Public Safety – Police



SAFETY TIPS for Children Home Alone:

1. Always check with your parents before you go anywhere or do anything. Be sure to check-in regularly with your parents when you're not with them.
2. Always take a friend with you when playing or going anywhere. It's safer and more fun.
3. Don't be tricked by people who offer you special treats or gifts. Never accept anything from anyone without your parent's permission.
4. Stay safe when you're home alone:
 - Keep the door locked.
 - Do not open the door for or talk to anyone who stops by unless the person is a trusted family friend or relative, and the visit has been pre-approved by your parents or guardians.
 - Never telling anyone who calls that your home by yourself.
 - Before you are home alone, talk to you parents about a neighbor or trusted adult you can call if you feel scared, uncomfortable, or there's an emergency.
5. Never go into a public restroom by yourself.
6. Never go alone to malls, movies, video arcades, or parks. Take a friend with you, and always check first with your parents to make sure it's okay.
7. Don't panic if you feel lost. Identify the safest place to go or person to ask for help in reuniting you with your parents or guardians. Safe helpers could be a uniformed law-enforcement or security officer, store salesperson with a name tag, person with a name tag who is working at the information booth. Never search for your parents or guardians on your own, and never go with anyone who is trying to reunite you with them.
8. Be careful when you play.
 - Never take shortcuts unless you have your parents or guardians' permission.
 - Don't play near busy streets or deserted areas.
9. Don't wear clothes or carry items with your name on the outside.
 - Don't be confused just because a person you don't know calls out your name.
10. Don't get into a vehicle or go near a vehicle with anyone in it unless you are with your parents or a trusted adult.
 - Never take a ride from anyone without checking first with your parents or guardians.
11. Don't be afraid to say NO and GET AWAY from any situation making you feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused. TRUST YOUR FEELINGS and be sure to TELL a trusted adult if anything happens to make you feel this way.



Bike Theft Prevention

- Most bikes are stolen while left unlocked. If you're not riding it, **LOCK IT UP!**

Bike Safety Tips

- Obey the rules of the road.
- Always wear a helmet.
- Wear bright-colored or reflective clothing while riding.
- Always ride with traffic – never against it.
- Parents should be aware of where their children are going.

Online Citizens Police Reporting



It is the policy of the Harper Woods Police Department to provide the highest level of service to the community it serves. The Online Citizens Police Reporting System allows citizens to file police reports for specified offenses over the internet thereby truncating the reporting process and providing more unassigned time for officers to engage in crime suppression activities. The Online Citizens Police Reporting System can be accessed through the City's Website.

Department of Public Safety – Fire

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS FROM THE HARPER WOODS FIRE DEPARTMENT



Safety Tips During a Storm

- **Stay at least 20 feet away from downed power lines** and anything they are in contact with, including puddles of water and fences. Keep children and pets away too.
- **Be extremely cautious near metal fences**, which conduct electricity, following a severe storm. Electric current will be the strongest where a downed power line is touching a metal fence. Even a connecting fence several backyards away can be energized and dangerous.
- **Stay out of flooded/damp basements** or other areas if water is in contact with outlets, a furnace or any electrically-operated appliance. Most water or moisture conducts electricity. Contact may cause a serious or fatal injury.
- **Keep portable heaters or candles away from flammable materials.** Properly vent portable or space heaters. Keep children and pets away.



From firing up the grill to lighting off fireworks, many of our favorite summertime activities involve fire. Follow these guidelines & enjoy the soft glow of the campfire safely.

- **Adults Only!**
It is not safe for children to handle fire of any kind.
- **Be prepared!**
Have a bucket of water, running hose, or a fire extinguisher nearby to put out an unruly fire quickly.
- **Don't let kids handle fire tools!**
Serious burns can happen away from the flame itself. Never let kids handle grilling tools, fire pokers, or firework debris.
- **Watch the flames!**
Never leave a fire unattended, even if in an enclosed pit.
- **Secure a safe spot!**
Look around & above for trees, overhangs & structures. Keep at least a 8-10 foot perimeter around your grill & 25 feet around fire pit areas.
- **Extinguish properly!**
Dwindling fires can easily get picked up by the wind & ignite nearby structures. Don't let a fire die out on its own, douse it with water to eliminate fire hazards.

Fireworks Safety

Leave it to the professionals:

The best way to keep your family safe is to go see a professional show.

You should NEVER:

- Allow kids to handle fireworks.
- Light fireworks near face / clothing / hair.
- Hold / light fireworks in your hand.
- Use old fireworks from past years.
- Make your own fireworks.
- Re-light "duds" or fireworks that don't go off on the first attempt.
- Point fireworks at people, pets, or structures.



City Clerk Info

State Primary Election August 2

On August 2 voters throughout Michigan will participate in an open primary election for the purpose of nominating candidates to most state and county elective offices. In addition to voting for various elective offices, there may be several state or county wide ballot proposals. The last day to register in any manner other than in person with the local clerk is Monday, July 18, 2022. After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency in the clerk's office during regular business hours, or from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 30 and on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. If you are unsure of your registration status, or where to vote, please call 313-343-2510 for assistance. If you need an absentee voter ballot application for this election or have any other questions, please call the City Clerk's office.



Register to Vote on Election Day

Through July 18 you can register to vote:

- Online at michigan.gov/vote
- Any Secretary of State branch location
- Your City or County Clerk office
- By Mail - postmarked by July 18, 2022

July 19 through August 2 you can register to vote: In person at your City Clerk office - **Residency Verification Required**

Election Day, August 2, you can register and vote:

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

August and November Polling Locations -

Precincts 1 and 2 - Beacon Elementary School, 19475 Beaconsfield

Precinct 3 - Harper Woods City Hall, 19617 Harper Avenue

Precinct 4 - Tyrone Elementary School, 19525 Tyrone

Precincts 5 and 6 - Triumph Middle School - 19800 Anita

School Board Candidate Deadline

Eligible Harper Woods School District residents interested in becoming a school board trustee must file petitions with the City Clerk on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 no later than 4:00 p.m. Petition forms are available in the Clerk's office.

Summer is here...



with it comes back yard parties, late night barbeques with friends, windows open, loud music from cars and radios, etc. Please be mindful of your neighbors and the Noise Ordinance which requires all noise to cease, particularly between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances, Noise excerpt... It is hereby declared to be unlawful for any person to make, create or continue or cause to be made, created or continued, any loud, unnecessary, unnatural or unusual noise which annoys, disturbs, injures, endangers or impairs the health, comfort, safety, peace and quiet, welfare and enjoyment of the residents of the neighborhood in which the noise originates...

Radios, phonographs, loudspeakers, televisions and musical instruments. The playing, use of operation, or the permitting to be played, used or operated of any radio,

phonograph, loudspeaker, television or musical instrument, particularly between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., in such manner as to cause unnecessary or objectionable noise penetrating more than a reasonable distance from the room, building, structure, place or vehicle from which the noise emanates, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation...

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 of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) plus costs and all other remedies permitted. Each incident of a noise violation shall be considered a separate violation.

32A District Court News

Judge Rebekah R. Coleman



"Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light."

~J.K. Rowling

Greetings Harper Woods,

The past few years have been challenging. As we continue to move through the great pandemic of the 21st century, and face exploding gas and food prices, social isolation, and political unrest, it is understandable that many people are battling mental health issues.

Prior to the pandemic, statistics showed that 1 in 5 Michigan residents had been diagnosed with depression at some point. It is estimated that anxiety and depression cases increased by over 12% between January 2020 and December 2021. Unfortunately, mental illness is stigmatized and those suffering might be too ashamed to seek help. In fact, over 50% of people with mental illness did not receive care in the last year.

The first steps toward help for mental illness is in recognizing the signs and knowing who is at risk. Mental illness can affect people of any age, gender, race, religion or economic background. Depression is the number one mental illness worldwide.

Common signs of mental health issues include: mood swings, changes in eating and

sleeping habits, excessive worrying, problems concentrating, and avoiding friends or social activities.

Although there are barriers to treatment for mental illness, there is hope! Resources have been allocated toward programs in our state to improve access to mental health services. If you or someone you know needs help with mental illness, one road to treatment is to speak with your primary care physician who may refer you to a mental health specialist.

Meet The Staff Corner

I would like to introduce the Harper Woods Community to Court Officer Tim Folmar affectionately known as "Officer Tim".

Officer Tim was born and raised in the city of Detroit and has been married to his lovely wife Kathy for the last 34 years. To their union they have two sons and have lived in the city of Harper Woods since 1988. Officer Tim has spent the past 43 years in Public Safety Service. He retired in 2016 and accepted the Court Officer position in July of 2018.

Officer Tim enjoys collaborating with his co-workers at the 32A District Court. He is heavily involved in the Community Treatment Court program where he helps guide the participants towards success by helping them to develop tools that can be used in their day to day lives.

Despite the various forms of communication available these days, Officer Tim enjoys a "good ole fashion conversation", so you can find him regularly engaging with people coming to the Court as well as those conducting business at City Hall. He is thankful to have met and worked with so many dedicated City workers in Harper Woods. When Officer Tim is not working, he enjoys spending time at his favorite getaway spot, Northern Michigan.



To the Graduates

On behalf of the 32A District Court, we would all like to give a huge congratulations to the Class of 2022!!! You all have completed the task and we wish you continued success in your future endeavors!

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 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 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

*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

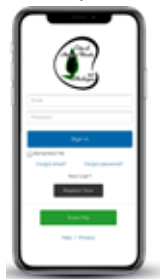
Water Disconnect Fee for Non-Payment:	\$70.00
Final Water Bill Fee:	\$20.00
Unauthorized Turn On of Water:	\$200.00
Water Appointment No Show:	\$50.00

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 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!



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

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



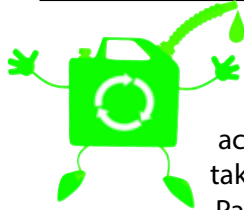
Department of Public Works

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 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 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.

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

This will remain the same for the 2022 sampling schedule.

Please be on the look out for the red **"testing required"** door tags and call to schedule delivery of sample bottles as soon as possible.

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/deqeadpublicadvisory 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.

Important Notice

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.

Building Dept. & Assessing Dept.

Building Department Info

The Building Department would like to wish all residents and business owners a safe and happy summer. The Building Department handles multiple complaints on a daily basis. The majority of these complaints are regarding grass and yard maintenance, as well as trash and rodent issues. We all wish to live in a better environment and by taking the time to maintain our properties this objective can be obtained. Our Department is asking all to be aware of your surroundings, communicate with your neighbors and to always help your neighbors out when you can. It is only by acting as a team that a community can change for the better. With all residents and business owners taking the time to properly maintain their properties and help out one another, we can all make this an achievable goal. We all need to participate in the success of Harper Woods.

Participating Partner



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

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 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.

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

Library News & Events



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

Kristen Valyi-Hax

Library Director



From the Director

We are deep into the summer now! Beaches and baseball and barbecues are all around us, and the longer days make them easier to enjoy. While you are thinking about fun places to go with friends and family, consider checking out the Michigan Activity Pass. You can get free or discounted admission to places like Belle Isle, Milliken State Park, Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, and many other locations. Just go to our website www.harperwoodslibrary.org, click the link to Michigan Activity Pass, and follow the instructions at their website.

Summer Reading Program: Oceans of Possibilities

Summer Reading continues until the end of July. It is not too late to sign up!

Summer Reading Storytime

Join us outside for "Oceans of Possibilities" themed stories, songs and movement; and then stick around for an activity at the end! Ages 6 & under, with caregiver.

Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 pm.: July 6, 13, 20, 27.

Summer Reading Events

Every week we will have a different "Oceans of Possibilities" craft program, science experiment, or engineering project. Come to the library to get our program activity calendar and to register for programs. You can also see updates and information on our social media.



Ongoing Events for Children, Teens and Families

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

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.

July 27: Choose a book by Ernest Hemingway
August 24: *The Chanel Sisters*, by Judithe Little
September 28: *The Women of Chateau Lafayette*, by Stephanie Dray

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.

- July: Cinnamon
- August: Cloves
- September: Cumin

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



Special Programs:

• **Adult Summer Reading Program: June 20 – July 29**

Call the library to sign up or see the librarian at the Reference Desk. Open to adults 18 years and older. Read or listen to at least 3 books to be eligible for gift cards & prizes at our ***End of Summer Reading Celebration*** on Monday, August 1.

• **Lavender Festival: August 2-5**

Come to the library for "All Things Lavender" – lavender sachet samples, cooking with lavender, crafting with lavender, and a "Lavender Tea on the Lawn."

• **September: Fall Cooking Demonstration September 26**

Easy Comfort Food Recipes for Fall.



Current Library Hours:

Monday – Wednesday 11am – 7pm

Thursday – Friday 11am – 5pm

Check the library's website for holiday closure dates.
Visit www.harperwoodslibrary.org
or call the library at 313-343-2575

Thank You For Your SUPP♥RT!

This Spring the City began to sponsor events for residents after a two-year pause due to the lingering pandemic. At this time, we would like to thank all of the event's organizers and participants for making these successful events take place!



Easter Egg Hunt



Earth Day Clean-Up



Memorial Day Ceremony

Congratulations Officer Pauley



Pictured with Officer Pauley is Mayor Valerie Kindle and Harper Woods Department of Public Safety Jason Hammerle

May 4th, 2022, Police Officer Luke Pauley was recognized by the Lakeshore Optimist Club for his heroic, lifesaving actions on the evening of June 27th, 2021. Officer Pauley responded to a rollover accident on westbound I-94. Upon arrival to the scene, Officer Pauley observed a vehicle flipped on its roof engulfed in flames while being told by

several bystanders that the driver of the vehicle was still inside. With no regard for his own safety, Officer Pauley approached the car, pried open the passenger door, pulled the male driver from the burning vehicle and dragged him to safety.

Officer Pauley's actions are a shining example of the selfless service that our police officers provide on a daily basis. **Great Job Officer Pauley!**



National Night Out - 2022

WE'RE BACK! SAVE THE DATE.

National Night Out is on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Salter Park. National Night Out is an annual nationwide event designed to strengthen relationships in our neighborhoods, raise crime awareness, and continue relationships with law enforcement while bringing back a real sense of community. It provides an excellent opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. For more information, contact Sergeant Jason Sakowski at jsakowski@harperwoods.net, or view the city calendar at harperwoodscity.org for event announcements and itineraries.

TRANSITION: **The Mall is Coming Down**



For residents of Harper Woods and other local Communities, the demolition of Eastland Mall brings bitter-sweet reactions. For most east siders the mall was the place to be from the mid 50's through the 90's. Now the mall is transitioning to an Industrial Park, with three giant buildings to be erected, where our favorite stores once proudly stood. They gave many holiday memories to those of us who enjoyed their shopping splendor and the mall's other amenities.

The new owners, NorthPoint Development, have brought the promise of a new beginning for Harper Woods. That means, along with much needed additional tax revenue for the City, 350 new workers will come to the new industrial park every day. That many new workers will bring increased prosperity to Harper Woods and the adjacent communities. According to NorthPoint executives, they have already received a lot of promising leasing interest.

The timetable for completing demolition and site preparation activities is another four to five months. However, their project managers are already completing a sequence of steps to prepare the front portion of the overall site, along Vernier, for the construction of building number one. This building will be a 295,000 square foot structure, to be completed by Christmas, for an interested client. Two more giant facilities will follow. One will be 535,000 square feet in size, on the back portion of the industrial park. The new industrial park will be called "The Eastland Commerce Center".

2022 Summer Recreation Program

Important Notice

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.

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. About our instructor: My name is Tiwana, a certified Yoga Teacher. My classes are warm, inviting, and fun! My love for 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.



Kids Tennis - Summer Session

Whether you are a beginner or more advanced, you will have a great time in this class. This class is held at Johnston Park.

Dates: July 26-August 18

Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Fee: \$40.00

Times: Ages 6-8, 9am-10am

Ages 9- High School, 10am-11am



Fall Tennis

Tennis in the Fall will be held on Saturdays for both adults and kids.

Dates: September 10-October 8
(5 lessons)

Days: Saturdays

Age: 6-high school

Times: 10am-11am

Fee: \$25.00

Age: Adult

Times: 11am-12pm

Fee: \$40.00

Play on
our newly
renovated
tennis courts!

Pickleball Lessons

Pickleball is a fun, friendly and social game that combines aspects 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.

Dates: June 22-August 6

Days: Wednesdays & Saturdays

Times: 9am-11am OR 1pm-3pm

Fee: \$2 per person

Recreation Department Limited Saturday Hours:

The Recreation Department will be open on the following Saturdays:

Saturday, August 27th

10am-1pm

Saturday, September 3rd from

10am-1pm

Basketball Courts

The basketball courts at both Johnston and Salter Parks are currently being upgraded. The courts should be re-opening by early August.



Walk at Salter Park

Come walk the newly expanded walking trail at Salter Park to get healthy and socialize with your neighbors. Each complete lap around the walking path is approximately ½ mile. Restrooms will be open. Pre-registration is not needed and there is no cost.

Days: Saturdays through September **Time:** 9am-10am

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

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

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.



Fall 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 of the tools they need to feel safe and independent in water. The children's lessons are offered for Harper Woods residents, or those who go to a school located in Harper Woods. The classes are held at the Harper Woods High School Pool. *Register early, classes fill up fast. We offer Monday OR Tuesday classes.

Fall Session 1: September 12-October 18 (6 weeks)

Fall Session 2: October 24-December 6 (6 weeks)

***No class October 31 or November 1**

Monday Classes

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

Tuesday Classes

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

Swim Fees:

Aquaducks, Level 1, Level 2:

\$50 for 1 child, \$25 each additional

Level 3, 4, 5, or 6:

\$60 for 1 child, \$30 each additional

Beginning Adult Swim Lessons



Adults, now you can learn how to swim and be confident in the water. These classes are for ages 18 & up.

Fall Session 1: September 13-October 18 (6 weeks)

Fall Session 2: October 25-December 6 (6 weeks)

***No class October 31 or November 1**

Days: Tuesdays

Time: 6:15pm-7:00pm

Fee: \$55

Water Aerobics



Water Aerobics is a great low impact workout.

Fall Session 1: September 13-October 18 (6 weeks)

Fall Session 2: October 25-December 6 (6 weeks)

***No class October 31 or November 1**

Days: Tuesdays

Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm

Fee: \$60

Summer Dance Session

Classes will be held on the stage at Harper Woods High School. Session starts on June 27 and ends August 15th, no classes July 4th. We require one adult to stay in the auditorium and watch, siblings are welcome.

Schedule

Monday Classes

4:00-4:30—Creative Movement and Ballet, ages 3-5

4:30-5:00—Pre-Jazz and Hip Hop, ages 3-6

5:00-5:30—Ballet, ages 6-8

5:30-6:00—Hip Hop, ages 6-8

6:00-6:30—Lyrical, ages 6-8

6:30-7:00—Lyrical, ages 9-12

7:00-7:30—Jazz and Hip Hop, ages 9-12

7:30-8:00—Ballet, ages 9-12

8:00-8:30—Teen Ballet

8:30-9:00—Teen Jazz

Dance Tuition

Tuition is \$50

Family Registration Fee is \$5

Discount \$10 off 2, \$15 off 3, \$20 off 4 or more

***All summer dance students are invited to participate in a special class (FREE) that meets one time. Under the Sea for ages 3-6, Shake, Rattle, and Roll for ages 7-10 and Dance Drills & Skills for ages 11 & up. The date is to be determined.



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.

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.**

****Dogs are allowed at Salter Park on a leash, not allowed under shelter or playscape. 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 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**

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 _____