



THE INSIDER

FOR THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS

Your community
resource guide for the
City of Harper Woods!
SUMMER EDITION

JULY THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 2026

75 Years Strong | Celebrating Community, Culture, and Connection

HARPER WOODS CITY CALENDAR

July

*Check City's website
for time and format

July 2 - Community Concert, 6:30pm
July 3 - City Offices Closed (Observed)
July 3 - Rubbish Delay
July 4 - Happy 250, America!
July 4 - Siren Test, 1:00pm
*July 9 - Family Movie Night (A Minecraft Movie)
*July 13 - City Council Meeting/Tax Day
July 15 - Water Bill Due
July 16 - Community Concert, 6:30pm
July 25 - Lost in the Woods, 1pm-5pm
July 30 - Community Concert, 6:30pm



August

*Check City's website
for time and format

August 1 - Siren Test, 1:00pm
*August 1 - Family Field Day & Senior Stroll
August 4 - Election Day Polls Open, 7am-8pm
August 4 - National Night Out, 5pm-8pm
*August 10 - City Council Meeting
*August 13 - Family Movie Night (Dora and the Search for Sol Dorado)
August 17 - Water Bill Due
August 22 - Blues in the Woods Festival, 5 pm-10 pm
*August 27 - Family Movie Night (Rule Breakers)



September

*Check City's website
for time and format

September 5 - Siren Test, 1:00pm
September 7 - City Offices Closed (Labor Day)
September 7-Sept 11 - Rubbish Delay
*September 9 - City Council Meeting
*September 12 - Wellness in the Woods
September 12 - Fall Seed Exchange, 10 am-12 pm
September 14 - Summer Taxes Due
September 15 - Water Bill Due
September 17 - Community Concert, 6:30 pm
*September 21 - City Council Meeting
September 22 - Fall Begins



The Summer The City of Harper Woods Turned 75

This year has special significance for our community. On October 29, 1951, Harper Woods officially became a city and adopted its City Charter. This year marks the **75th Anniversary** of the City that we proudly call home. This serves as a remarkable milestone that reflects generations of growth, resilience, and community spirit.

To honor this occasion, the City is planning a series of commemorative events and activities that celebrate our shared history while looking ahead to a vibrant future. From June through November 2026, the City of Harper Woods will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of its incorporation with a six-month season of signature events under the theme **"75 Years Strong | Celebrating Community, Culture, and Connection."** These celebrations will highlight what makes Harper Woods unique: strong neighborhoods, dedicated residents, and a deep sense of community pride.

Building on last year's success, we will continue our **Community Concert Series at Johnston Park** and our popular **Family Movie Nights at WCCCD Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center**. These events offered free opportunities for neighbors to gather, relax, and enjoy entertainment close to home.

Throughout the season, residents will enjoy community concerts, movie nights, youth activities, wellness events, National Night Out, Harvest Fest & Maker Market, and the signature Blues in the Woods Festival. Featured performers will include the Harper Woods All Star Jazz Ensemble, Urban Art Orchestra, Laura Rayne Band, Groove Session, and more.

The City welcomes all residents, families, and friends to participate in this exciting season. The 75th Anniversary season is more than a celebration. It is an opportunity to honor longtime residents, welcome new families, support local and regional talent, strengthen community partnerships, and create new traditions for the future. Your presence helps continue the traditions that make The City of Harper Woods such a special place.

Together, let us make this summer and this historic anniversary year one to remember!



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Events**

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It's picnic season!
**Having a gathering and
need a space to host?**
Our Johnston Park
Shelters are
available for rent.
See Page 27 for more details.

The City of
Harper Woods
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Mayor Pro Tem
Vivian M. Sawicki

City Council
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Teresa Foster
Gerianne LaPratt
Ivery Toussant Jr.
Regina Williams

City Manager
John Szymanski

Deputy City Manager
Phil Cavanagh

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 - Mayor Pro Tem, City of Harper Woods

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Phil Cavanagh - Deputy City Manager

Questions or comments? Please email info@drivecreativeservices.com

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Employee in the Spotlight

Phil Cavanagh

Phil Cavanagh has always been a man of the people—whether advocating for clients in his law practice or serving residents as a State Representative and Wayne County Commissioner. On April 20, 2026, he was officially appointed Deputy City Manager at the City Council meeting, marking the next chapter in a career deeply rooted in public service. John Szymanski, City Manager, spoke highly of his potential, stating, *“Phil brings a fresh eye and perspective that will help take the City to the next level.”*

Coming from a family rooted in public service, he sought a new way to contribute as he stepped back from his legal career. Drawn to the City’s growth and redevelopment efforts, he saw the role as an opportunity to support that momentum.

Now in his position, Phil is focused on understanding the City’s history, needs, and long-term goals. *“I am accountable to the people and to the City Council,”* he said. With a strong interest in advancing development along Kelly Road, the City looks forward to what he will bring.

Welcome Aboard, Phil!



Neighbor in the News

Makenna Champney

Makenna Champney, a lifelong Harper Woods resident and current President of the Library Board, grew up spending time at the Library, playing in local parks, and riding bikes around the City. She reflected on the loss of Poupard Elementary, a place she attended, volunteered at, and considered a major part of her childhood. Although sad to see it close, she is glad it is being repurposed for community benefit.

In 2023, Makenna and her partner bought a home in Harper Woods. *“We just knew we had to come back to Harper Woods,”* she said, calling it, *“An amazing place to put your roots down and start building a family.”* After settling in, she became more active in the community, especially through the Library. Her focus is ensuring that, *“No matter who you are, what stage of life you’re at, the Library can provide something for you to better your life.”* Along with the Library Director, Kelly Guyman, they have already made significant improvements such as the seed library, the library of things, a food pantry, and so much more.

Thank you, Makenna, for showing the importance of supporting your local community!



City Clerk Info

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION AUGUST 4

On August 4, 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 countywide ballot proposals.

The last day to register, in any manner other than in person with the local clerk, is Monday, July 20, 2026.

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
- ✓ Saturday, July 25, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
- ✓ Sunday, July 26 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
- ✓ Election Day from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm



If you are unsure of your registration status, or where to vote, please call 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.

EARLY VOTING

Voters can also visit an early voting site to cast a ballot in person during the early voting period. The early voting site for Harper Woods will be City Hall at 19617 Harper Avenue.

Early voting allows a voter to cast a ballot before Election Day, in an experience similar to voting on Election Day.

During the early voting period, voters are issued a ballot and can then insert their ballot directly into a tabulator at their early voting site.

Voters can look up their assigned early voting site(s) up to 60 days prior to Election Day at [Michigan.gov/Vote](https://michigan.gov/Vote).

The early voting period takes place for a minimum of nine consecutive days, ending on the Sunday before an election and early voting sites must be open for at least eight hours each day during the early voting period.

For more information, please visit the Michigan Secretary of State's webpage at:
<https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/early-in-person-voting>

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 21, no later than 4:00 pm. Petition forms are available in the Clerk's Office. Please call the City Clerk's Office if you have any questions.

ORDINANCE REMINDER

Summer has arrived... with it comes backyard 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 pm and 7:00 am.

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 pm and 7:00 am, 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.



HARPER WOODS ACH DIRECT DEBIT

Pay directly from your bank account—secure, convenient and reliable.

Harper Woods ACH Direct Debit lets you pay your water bills and tax bills directly from your bank account.



SECURE

Connect directly to your bank through a secure platform.



CONVENIENT

One-time or recurring payments — it's up to you.



RELIABLE

A dependable way to keep your account up to date.

Select a payment method



US bank account



Card

Search for your bank

CHASE

Bank of America

WELLS FARGO

citibank

Capital One

usbank

Pay \$52.07

Save your bank account.
Pay less every time.

Use ACH once and keep the lowest fees on future payments.

ACH FEES (MAX \$8 PER PAYMENT)



ONE-TIME PAYMENT

1% + \$1.75



RECURRING / SAVED PAYMENT METHOD

1% + \$0.30

Never more than \$8 per payment.



PAY ONLINE ANYTIME
harperwoods.cityinsight.com
Fast, secure, and easy payments.



QUESTIONS?
Contact the City of Harper Woods
Treasurer's Office at (313) 343-2500.

Treasurer Info

Public Notice – City of Harper Woods **Applications for Deferment 2026 Taxes**

The Harper Woods Treasurer's Office accepts applications for the 2026 tax deferments starting July 1 for the summer tax bills 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, an eligible service person, a veteran, a widow or widower, blind, or totally and permanently disabled. The deferment applications can be obtained at the Treasurer's Office Monday–Thursday from 9:00 am–5:00 pm.

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



The City's website, www.harperwoodscity.org, provides a link to Assessing/property information, including photos, sketches, assessed and taxable values, as well as amounts due for taxes, water, or miscellaneous

invoices and payment history. There is no charge to view this information. However, there is a processing fee to pay invoices with a credit card that will apply to any of the payments made through the portal.

Delinquent Tax Information Online

For delinquent taxes, visit www.waynecountymi.gov/government/elected-officials/treasurer. Searching for delinquent real tax information can be done by entering the parcel ID, street number, and street name.

Property Transfer Affidavit

A "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.



ALERT:

The City is now processing "actual" reads on the monthly water bills. There will be no more "estimated" reads.

Water/Sewer Rates*

As of January 1, 2024

Fixed Water Charge:	\$11.58/month
Fixed Sewer Charge:	\$20.41/month
Debt Service Charge:	\$2.50/month
Refuse User Fee:	\$4.16/month
Water Usage Fee:	\$67.08 per thousand cubic feet

***Rates subject to change**



Water Bill Delivery

- Bills are mailed on the 20th of each month.
- Payment by 5:00 pm 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 December 18, 2023

Water Disconnect Fee for Non-Payment:	\$100.00
Final Water Bill Fee:	\$20.00
Unauthorized Turn On of Water:	\$200.00
Water Appointment No Show:	\$50.00

Pay Water Bills &

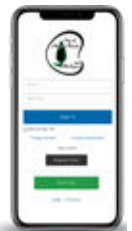
(Now Available) Tax Bills Online

harperwoods.cityinsight.com

Water Bill: NO FEES

Tax Bill: A CONVENIENCE FEE APPLIES

Convenience fees are assessed by the Credit Card Company and subject to change.



Automatic Payment-Water/Tax Bills

Your water bills and tax bills can be automatically deducted from your savings account or checking account.

- Contact the City Treasurer's office for the automatic water bill payment enrollment form.
- The automatic tax bill payment enrollment form will be mailed with the tax bill

For further information, please call (313) 343-2500.

Fraser Square Dream Fund

Fraser Square Homeownership Program · Harper Woods, Michigan

Powered by
Homium

A community-focused path to sustainable, affordable homeownership for Michigan's working families

ABOUT FRASER SQUARE

Built on the former Grosse Pointe Poupard Elementary School site, Fraser Square will bring 71 new townhomes and duplexes to Harper Woods, creating missing-middle homeownership opportunities for households earning 60 to 120% of Area Median Income. Developed by Renovare Development and Robertson Brothers Homes, this community offers proximity to **top-rated schools, a neighborhood park, and quality homeownership in Metro Detroit.**

\$235,990

Home Price

~\$1,200–1,500

Est. Monthly Payment with
Homium*

~\$750–1,000

Monthly Savings**

HOW THE DREAM FUND WORKS

The Fraser Square Dream Fund is designed to help qualified buyers at Fraser Square bridge the affordability gap and reduce barriers to homeownership (e.g., upfront funds needed for down payment, high monthly payments, private mortgage insurance) through Homium's Shared Appreciation Mortgage (SAM). The Homium SAM is a 1:1 2nd Lien Mortgage, meaning that program borrowers would repay the greater of the SAM principal or the % LTV that was borrowed at origination – only due upon sale, cash-out refinance, or maturity. **This model is intended to expand fair, transparent access to homeownership by bringing monthly payments to a truly attainable level for LMI and workforce households, while supporting long-term community investment in Harper Woods.**

Please note: The City of Harper Woods is not a sponsor, contributor, participator or legally tied to Homium and its partners. Harper Woods does acknowledge that this is a unique program that will serve beneficial to its potential future residents.

CIVIC & ECONOMIC OUTCOMES

- Builds generational wealth for LMI and workforce Michigan families
- Transforms vacant public-school land into vibrant homeownership opportunities
- Delivers long-lasting community and economic development to Harper Woods
- Advances fair, transparent access to homeownership

Building on a Proven Model: The Fraser Square Dream Fund leverages the shared equity model pioneered in Detroit by the [Tobias Harris Homeownership Initiative \(THHI\)](#) – bringing real pathways to affordable ownership and financial freedom to communities in Michigan. THHI homeowners are, on average, paying ~20% less in PITI + Maintenance when compared to prior rent costs.

FRASER SQUARE COMMUNITY SITE PLAN



HIGHLIGHTS

- 71 Units — Townhomes & Duplexes
- Target Households: 60–120% of Area Median Income
- Minimum FICO Score: 620
- Homium SAM up to 40% of Purchase Price
- Community Park & Landscaping Included
- Top-Rated School District
- 2-Year Mechanical Warranty
- Target Program Launch: Q3 2026

*Estimated Monthly PITI with a 25–40% Homium SAM, assuming 6.25% first mortgage rate

**Monthly savings with Homium SAM vs. traditional (97% LTV 1st) purchase without Homium SAM, assuming 6.25% first mortgage rate

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Community Progress

Welcome to Fraser Square

Something new and exciting is taking shape in Harper Woods. Fraser Square is a new community in Harper Woods that will feature top quality construction and living amenities within each home. Fraser Square will be home to 71 new Harper Woods families. They will be looking forward to a warm welcome from current residents. Each new duplex and townhome will feature well-appointed bedrooms, bathrooms, a kitchen, and living/dining spaces. The adjacent photos feature these quality interior spaces which are on display in the model home at the corner of Van Antwerp and Duprey. We encourage you to visit the model home, which is open from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm, from Friday through Tuesday every week. They are not open on holidays.

The builders of this extraordinary new subdivision made remarkable progress over the winter months. Already, five of the duplex structures have been built and are being completed. The primary roads are almost completed, along with storm water and sewer infrastructure. The new three-story town home structures are also being built adjacent to I-94/Harper Avenue. Adjacent to this article are exterior photos of these structures being constructed. Homes are being completed weekly and the entire 71-unit Fraser Square neighborhood will be completed by February of 2028.

For additional information, available homes, appointments, and financing opportunities, visit FraserSq.com or contact the sales team directly at (313) 631-7179.



Community Highlights



Salter Park Closure

To ensure public safety throughout the construction period of the Community Center Dome, **Salter Park is closed to vehicle traffic**. The park will remain open for visitors arriving on foot, but this temporary restriction means that **shelter and pavilion rentals at Salter Park will be unavailable** until construction is complete.

Residents who wish to reserve a shelter rental during this time may still do so at **Johnston Park**, which will continue offering its single rentable shelter without interruption.

For updates or questions, residents may contact the **Parks and Recreation Office**, visit the **City website under the Parks and Recreation tab**, or check our **official Facebook page**.



Roscommon Pocket Park

Taking a walk down Roscommon? Stop and take a break at Roscommon Pocket Park, our newest addition to our parks. Located at 20321 Roscommon Street off Duprey Street. Please be mindful of the surrounding neighbors as well as construction crews putting finishing touches on the park.

Please Enjoy!

Easter Egg Hunt

We had a fun and successful egg hunt this year! It was nice to see some familiar faces as well as some new ones as we welcomed in the Spring Season. Children completed spring crafts, hunted for eggs filled with sweet surprises, captured goodie bags, and were visited by the Easter Bunny. We hope to see you all next year!



40th Annual Dance Recital

On April 22nd, 2026, the Harper Woods Dance Program celebrated its 40th Annual Dance Recital, marking the grand finale of the Fall 2025 program. Featuring our youngest dancers at 3 years old to our mature adult dancers, everyone had the ability to show off their creativity and talent. The students' hard work throughout the season was on full display. Join them next fall for the full season or just give it a try during the summer dance classes!

Earth Day Cleanup

On April 25, 2026, our Beautification Commission held the annual Earth Day Cleanup event. Neighbors and friends gathered to clean City Hall, Beaconsfield Street, and Kelly Road. Thank you to our dedicated residents who made time to come out and clean our beautiful City.



Memorial Day Ceremony

The Memorial Day Ceremony was held May 25, 2026, at the Veterans Memorial in Johnston Park. State Officials, City Administration, and residents gathered to pay respect to our soldiers who were lost protecting our country. It was a solemn moment to remember our fellow citizens who risked their lives fighting for the protection of our country.



SAVE THE DATE - UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Movie Nights are Back!

This Summer, for the second year, the City of Harper Woods is partnering with Wayne County Community College to present **Free Family Movie Nights!** Join us on select Thursdays for an evening activity to bring the family together. Bring your lawn chairs, picnic baskets, and your favorite people to enjoy blockbuster favorites.

Rain or shine, **Thursday Movie Nights** are happening once again! On clear evenings, movies will begin at dusk; on rainy nights, we'll head indoors and start the show at 8 pm. Movies will take place at the Wayne County Community College District's Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center. Stay connected and up to date by visiting the City of Harper Woods website, the WCCCD website, or following us on social media. **Mark your calendars!**



Family Movie Night Schedule

June 25	Hoppers
July 9	A Minecraft Movie
August 13	Dora and the Search for Sol Dorado
August 27	Rule Breakers



Community Highlights

Bringing Music Back to the Parks

We are excited to bring our **Community Concert Series** back to **Johnston Memorial Park**! Last year we showcased the incredible talent of City natives, and this year we are amping up the fun.

A special part of the concert series will include three-time Grammy Award nominee De'Sean Jones of Urban Art Orchestra, who will help open each concert with young local talent. By giving young performers the opportunity to open for professional musicians, Harper Woods is investing in youth, creativity, confidence, and cultural exposure.

Each concert night will spotlight a different genre, offering something for every music fan from devoted listeners to those with eclectic tastes. Featured performers will include the Harper Woods All Star Jazz Ensemble, Urban Art Orchestra, Laura Rayne Band, Groove Session, and more.

The series begins on Thursday, July 2nd, at 6:00 pm and continues on select Thursdays throughout the season. In addition, on one special Saturday (August 22nd), we will be hosting the **3rd Annual Blues in the Woods Festival** from 4 pm–10 pm. This was the inaugural concert that paved the way for our community concert series, so it holds a warm place in our hearts.

Bring your lawn chairs, picnic baskets, friends and family!



Thursday, July 2nd
Thursday, July 16th
Saturday, July 25th
Thursday, July 30th
Saturday, August 1st
Saturday, August 22nd
Thursday, September 17th
Thursday, October 1st

Concert Schedule:
Harper Woods Jazz All Star Ensemble
R&B / Neo Soul
TBA (Check City's Website for announcement)
Laura Rain Band
TBA (Check City's Website for announcement)
Blue in the Woods Festival
Groove Session
Urban Arts Orchestra Choir



ADDITIONAL EVENTS (Hosted at Johnston Park)

<i>Saturday, July 25th</i>	<i>1:00 pm–5:00 pm</i>	<i>Big Bounce Bash, Lost in the Woods</i>
<i>Saturday, August 1st</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>Family Field Day & Senior Stroll</i>
<i>Saturday, Sept. 12th</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>Wellness in the Woods</i>



National Night Out

Join us!
Tuesday, August 4, 2026 • 5:00 pm–8:00 pm
Johnston Park

For more information, contact Lieutenant Jason Sakowski or Marva Myles at (313) 343-2530, jsakowski@harperwoods.net, or mmyles@harperwoods.net, or view the City Calendar at www.harperwoodscity.org for event announcements and itineraries.



Fall Seed Exchange

The Harper Woods Beautification Commission is hosting their annual Fall Seed Exchange on Saturday, September 12th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm behind the City Hall building. Come grab some seeds to start your own garden or diversify your current garden!

Building Dept. & Assessing Dept.

Contact Information by Department

Assessor (WCA)

(313) 343-2527

Building Department

(SAFEbuilt)

(313) 343-2526

City Clerk/Elections

(313) 343-2510

City Manager

(313) 343-2518

Deputy City Manager

(313) 343-2501

Economic and

Community Development

(313) 343-2500

Finance Director

(313) 343-2516

Fire Department

(313) 343-2550

Housing Inspection

(SAFEbuilt)

(313) 343-2526

Library

(313) 343-2575

PAATS

(313) 394-9712

Parks and Recreation

(313) 343-2560

Public Safety Department

(313) 343-2530

Public Works

(313) 343-2570

Treasurer Tax and Water Billing Information

(313) 343-2500



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 daily. Most 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 achieved.

Our department is asking all to be aware of your surroundings, communicate with your neighbors, and to always help out your neighbors 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 one another, we can make this an achievable goal. We all need to participate in the success of Harper Woods.

Looking to report a violation or concern with a potential violation? Please email or call the Building Department with any and all concerns at (313) 343-2526 or building@harperwoods.net.

To check and see if a potential violation has turned into enforcement, you can always check online at bsaonline.com. Click on Wayne County, then Harper Woods. Type in the address, and then look under the Building Department tab.

Assessing Department Info



The Assessor is available on Wednesdays during normal business hours, 9:00 am–5:00 pm. You can contact the Assessor at (313) 343-2527 or by email at assessing@harperwoods.net. All assessment information is available online through the City's website, www.harperwoodscity.org. For a better understanding of your assessment, taxes, and general questions, please visit the website and click on the Department of Assessing.

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

MCL 211.7b(1)(a) provides an exemption from property taxes under the General Property Tax Act for real property owned and used as a homestead by a disabled veteran who served in the United States Armed Forces, including the reserve components, and was discharged under honorable conditions. To know if you meet the criteria and guidelines, you can review the application available on the City website or obtain it from the Assessor's Office.

As a reminder, whenever there is a change in ownership of a property, you must file a Property Transfer Affidavit (PTA) within 45 days to the Assessor's Office. You can obtain the PTA from the City website or the Assessor's Office. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure the name and mailing address is correct on the property. Please inform the Assessor's Office in writing of any changes.

Department of Public Safety – Police

IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION



Identity theft is a crime where a criminal assumes someone else's identity for profit. It is becoming increasingly common in developed countries, especially the United States.

There is a multitude of ways your identity can be stolen.

A few are listed below:

- Bank Statements
- Discarded Credit Card & ATM Receipts
- Falsely Obtained Credit Reports
- Pre-approved Credit Card Applications
- Stolen Mail
- Theft of a Wallet or Purse, Credit Cards, Social Security Card, Birth Certificate, Passport
- Internet Websites

Tips to Protect Yourself from Identity Theft:

- Shred sensitive documents with a personal shredder. Shredders with diamond cuts are best.
- Don't give personal information over the phone.
- Do not routinely carry your social security card or birth certificate in your wallet or purse.
- Disclose your social security number ONLY when absolutely necessary.
- Change your driver's license number to a randomly assigned "S" number.
- Contact card carriers (such as health insurance) who use your social security number as identification and ask if they can use a different identification number.
- Carry ONLY those credit cards you use regularly and cancel all unused credit cards.
- Keep an accurate list of all credit cards and bank accounts, including the name, mailing address, and telephone number of creditors, the account number, and expiration date. Update the list regularly and keep it in a secure place.
- Closely review all credit card statements each month to detect unusual activity or unauthorized charges.
- Destroy pre-approved credit card solicitations, contact all three major credit-reporting bureaus in writing and "opt-out" of pre-screening lists.
- Do not use your year of birth or other easily identifiable code as a password or PIN for credit cards or ATM machines. Do not allow others to closely view you as you enter your password or PIN.
- Destroy all credit card and ATM receipts, do not discard them in banks or retail establishments.
- If you suspect that your mail is being stolen or tampered with, contact your local post office or postal inspector.
- Never give your PIN out to someone over the telephone, even if they say that they work for the bank or financial company in question.
- Use encryption software when transferring personal identifying information over the Internet.
- Be very cautious about sending personal identifying information over the Internet.
- If you believe you have been the victim of identity theft, please contact our department at our non-emergency number (313) 343-2530.

DOG ORDINANCES



The Harper Woods Department of Public Safety is asking our residents to familiarize themselves with the following animal ordinances (specifically canines) which can be found on the City of Harper Woods website. Additionally, as of January 1, 2024, dog licenses have increased to \$15 and must be renewed yearly.

- Sec. 4-26 Dog Bites
- Sec. 4-27 Running at Large
- Sec. 4-28 Vicious and/or Potentially Dangerous Dogs
- Sec. 4-29 Impoundment
- Sec. 4-41 Licensing



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 following types of incidents can be reported online:

- Harassing Phone Calls/no known suspects
- Identity Theft/no known suspects
- Lost Property
- Private Property Traffic Crash/Parked Unattended (returned to find car blocked in)
- Accidental/Non-Intentional Property Damage
- Threats
- Suspicious Situation

The Online Citizens Police Reporting System can be accessed on the City of Harper Woods website at harperwoodscity.org

Department of Public Safety – Fire

GRILLING SAFETY

Though more than three-quarters of U.S. adults have used a grill — yet grilling sparks more than 10,000 home fires on average each year. To avoid this, the Red Cross offers these grilling safety tips:

- Always supervise a barbecue grill when in use. Don't add charcoal starter fluid when coals have already been ignited.
- Never grill indoors — not in the house, camper, tent or any enclosed area.
- Make sure everyone, including pets, stays away from the grill.
- Keep the grill out in the open, away from the house, deck, tree branches or anything that could catch fire.
- Use the long-handled tools especially made for cooking on the grill to help keep the chef safe.
- Don't leave perishable food out in the sun.



FIREWORK ORDINANCES



The Harper Woods Department of Public Safety encourages the safe and legal use of fireworks, but when doing so, please be aware of our City ordinances. The City of Harper Woods enacts this ordinance regulating the ignition, discharge, and use of consumer fireworks, including, but not limited to, an ordinance prescribing the hours of the day or night during which a person may ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks. The ignition, discharge, or use of consumer fireworks shall be permitted as follows:



- After 11:00 am.
- December 31 until 1:00 am on January 1.
- The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day until 11:45 pm on each of those days.
- June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 pm on each of those days.
- July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45 pm.
- The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45 pm on each of those days.

The penalty for violation of section (2) of this ordinance shall subject the violator to a civil fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each violation of the ordinance. In accordance with MCL 28.451, five hundred dollars (\$500.00) of the fine collected under the ordinance shall be remitted to the local law enforcement agency responsible for enforcing the ordinance.

FIREWORK SAFETY TIPS

If you are setting off fireworks at home, follow these safety steps to help keep your community safe:

- Choose a location away from buildings and trees.
- Always follow the instructions on the packaging.
- Never give fireworks to small children, and never throw or point fireworks toward people, animals, vehicles, structures, or flammable materials.
- Be sure your spectators, including children and pets, stay well back.
- Keep a supply of water or a fire extinguisher at hand. If you live in an area that's experiencing a drought, consider canceling the show this year—a stray spark that lands on dry grass or leaves can lead to a wildfire.
- Make sure the person lighting fireworks always wears eye protection.
- Light only one firework at a time and never attempt to relight a "dud."
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from children and pets.

Department of Public Works

Refuse Collection Guidelines

- ✓ The maximum weight of any one item is 40 pounds. 30 to 35 gallon cans or bags are recommended. Oversize containers will not be collected.
- ✓ Please do not dispose of liquids in refuse.
- ✓ Paint must be dried out and placed on the boulevard with lids removed for pick-up.
- ✓ Cardboard, scrap wood, and lumber must be bundled securely with heavy binding material. Please remove all nails. Bundles should not exceed five feet in length and should not weigh more than 40 pounds.
- ✓ Carpet, carpet padding, and bundled brush will also be collected according to the same size and weight limits.
- ✓ Window or plate glass is not recyclable and will only be collected if it is broken into pieces and placed in a secure container marked GLASS.
- ✓ Encapsulated mattresses, encapsulated box springs, appliances, TVs, 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.**



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.



Yard Waste & Curbside Leaf Collection

Yard waste collection will begin the week of **April 6th** and run through the week ending **November 23rd**. 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 between the dates listed above.

Curbside leaf collection will run from the week of **October 12th** through the week ending **November 16th** (*weather permitting*). Please be aware that "heavy/large" leaf piles may cause a delay in collection. Leaves should be collected the following day. Please **DO NOT**:

- Park on top of leaf piles in the street.
 - Blow or place leaves in the street until the night before your trash day.
 - Place leaves on top of/near the storm drain in the curb line.
- Collection will be on your trash day, barring any complications. It might be necessary to collect leaves the day after your trash day. Please check your calendar for specific dates. For more information go to www.harperwoodscity.org or call (313) 343-2570.



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 DPW for drop off. Please take waste oil to your nearest O'Reilly's Auto Parts for disposal. Please contact the DPW for further information at (313) 343-2570.

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



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

Residents, please note that according to the City ordinances, any grass over five inches is in violation. This also includes flowerbeds. 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 that all homeowners 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 18 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 water on to your neighbors' property.



Department of Public Works



UPDATE: DPW CONSTRUCTION

Although construction season sometimes brings frustration, it is progress and that is great news! These projects bring a positive change for the residents of Harper Woods. We appreciate your consideration for crew safety as well as your patience as we complete these projects throughout the City.

The City has the following DPW project extensions planned during the summer/fall season of 2026:

- Joint/crack sealing
- Sewer rehabilitation– pipe lining/line cleaning/televising
- Storm line/catch basin rehabilitation
- Concrete replacement
- Street striping/pavement marking

The Great Lakes Water Authority will be starting a water transmission main project during the fall and winter of 2026. This will take place along Northbound Harper from Kingsville to Vernier—more details to follow.

Residents that will be affected by these projects will receive resident notification letters posted by either the construction contractor or AEW (our engineering firm).

If there are any instructions for residents, they will be included in the notice. Please follow the instructions posted to ensure the best possible outcomes for the projects in your area.

As always, if you have further questions or need more details, please call the DPW:

Hours: Monday–Friday | 7:00 am–3:30 pm

Phone: (313) 343-2570

Best wishes for a safe construction season,

Heather Toutant
DPW Director



WATER NOTICE - URGENT

Water Sample required

Please contact the
Department of Public Works

313-343-2570

to schedule immediate delivery of sample
bottles for state mandated - lead/copper
in drinking water testing.

Thank you for your assistance



If the DPW has tagged your residence with this notice, we prompt you to call the Public Works Department to schedule a time for us to deliver water-sampling bottles. We are taking lead testing seriously and we ask for your cooperation on this matter. Residents who received a red "testing required" door tag are responsible for contacting the DPW to comply with the city's EPA requirements.

The Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act has changed to better protect your health. The State of Michigan has updated the water sampling rules to better detect lead in your drinking water. These changes require communities with lead service lines to do more sampling. The new sampling method is likely 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.

The City of Harper Woods continues to provide public education material to every water customer in Harper Woods. As in the past, essential information will also be included in the Annual Consumer's Confidence Water Quality Report.

In 2025, we collected samples from 77 homes. "EGLE" evaluates compliance with the Action Level based on the 90th percentile of all lead and copper results collected in each round of sampling. The lead 90th percentile for the City's water supply was 11.7 for phase 1 and 5.1 for phase 2 in parts per billion (ppb), which is below the "Action Level" of 12-ppb. The "Action Level" is a measure of corrosion control effectiveness; it is not a health-based standard. The goal for lead in drinking water is 0 ppb; there is no safe level of lead in the blood.

Due to the hard work and dedication of both DPW personnel and our residents, we have SUCCESSFULLY completed phase 1 sampling for 2026. Preliminary results show we remain in compliance for a second sampling cycle. We will be applying for a reduced sampling schedule moving forward.

Testing the same homes in each round will help us determine if corrective actions are necessary to reduce corrosion in household plumbing.

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, 7:30 am to 3:00 pm.

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 <https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/drinking-water-and-environmental-health/drinkingwater>, or call the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD, or contact your health care provider.

Department of Public Works

Waste Management Information for Harper Woods Residents



Priority Waste is proud to partner with Harper Woods to provide top-quality waste and disposal services. We are committed to caring for the environment and the people of Harper Woods, actively supporting local community education and sustainability initiatives.

- **Service Days:** Monday–Friday
- **Compost Pickup Period:** Weekly pick up beginning on April 1 through October 31. Residents must place materials in Kraft paper bags, or 32-gallon containers marked “yard waste.”
- **Bulk Pick Up/Special Pick Up:** Bulk picked up on scheduled day of service.

Customer Service

Need Help? Reach a member of our team.

Contact us today for all your waste management needs.

(586) 228-1200 or 1 (855) 927-8365

<https://www.prioritywaste.com/municipality/harper-woods-mi/>

Holiday Pickup Schedule

We observe the following holidays:

- New Year’s Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

If your service day is on or after the holiday, that week, your service day will be delayed one day.



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.

Library News & Events

Adult Programs

Adult Summer Reading Program: Plant a Seed, Read!

Open to adults, ages 18 years and older. Read or listen to at least 3 books to be eligible for food & prizes at our End of Summer Reading Celebration. Call the Library to sign up or see the librarian at the Reference Desk.

Sign-up starts Monday, June 22, and runs until Friday, July 31



Film Club

Like a Book Club, but for films! Movies will be watched independently, then we'll get together at the Library, have some snacks and discuss the movie.

**1st Tuesday of each month: July 7, August 4, September 1,
5:30 pm–6:30 pm**

Gentle Evening Yoga

In this yoga class, instructor Yemisi Odetoynbo will be guiding us through poses and postures focused on increasing flexibility and reducing stress. This class is designed to be accessible to all skill levels. Please bring your own yoga mat if possible, as there are a limited number available.



**Biweekly, Monday Evenings: July 13, July 27, August 10, August 24
and September 21, 6:00 pm–7:00 pm**

A Novel Evening at the Library

\$40 per ticket

The Friends of the Harper Woods Library invite you to A Novel Evening at the Library, a special fundraising event celebrating our beautiful Library and the role it plays in our community. Guests will enjoy an evening of food, drinks, live jazz music, and engaging company. All proceeds go to the Friends of the Harper Woods Library and their effort to support Library programs and improvements..

Friday, July 17, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm

The History of Black Bottom and Paradise Valley



Join author and historian Ken Coleman for an insightful discussion of Detroit's historically Black neighborhoods: Paradise Valley and Black Bottom. Coleman will explore the culture, politics, and community of these neighborhoods through the experiences of the people who

lived there and why their stories are important to remember. Sponsored by the Friends of the Harper Woods Library.

Monday, July 20, 6:00 pm–7:00 pm

Summer Reading Celebration

Summer Reading Program Participants are invited to celebrate their reading accomplishments with prizes, refreshments, dinner and trivia!

Wednesday, August 5, 6:00 pm–7:00 pm

Vase Glazing Workshop

Glaze a handmade vase at the Library with artist Josh Kochis! Attendees will choose a handmade vase which they will then glaze. Vases will be fired off-site and then be ready for pick-up the following Wednesday.

Registration is required.

Wednesday, August 12.

Session 1: 4:00 pm–5:00 pm, All Ages

Session 2: 6:00 pm–7:00 pm, Ages 12+

Michigan Labor History

Jamie McQuaid, the Secretary of the Michigan Labor History Society, will be at the Library to discuss the organized labor movements in Michigan. Sponsored by the Friends of the Harper Woods Library.

Wednesday, August 19, 6:00 pm–7:00 pm

Fall Book Sale

Stop by for an amazing deal on books, comics, DVDs and more! Organized by the Friends of the Harper Woods Library.

Friday and Saturday, September 18 and 19, 10:00 am–2:00 pm

Ongoing Adult Programming

Healing Book Club

This new book club's theme is Rest, Restore, Rise:

A Self-Care & Healing Journey. We'll explore both fiction and nonfiction books that share relatable stories and provide opportunities to gain new perspectives around mental health, healing, and personal growth. July's book is *I Am Malala*, by Malala Yousafzai. .

**Last Wednesday of each month: July 29, August 26 and
September 30, 6:00 pm–7:00 pm**

Afternoon Book Club

July 22: *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

August 26: *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn

September 23: *The Book Club for Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick

Wednesdays, 1:30 pm–2:30 pm

Grief Work

This program is intended for those who have experienced loss and provides a space to share their experiences and heal. Led by clinical social worker Frank Wilberding.

**2nd Tuesday of the month: July 14, August 11, September 8,
12:00 pm–1:00 pm**

Library News & Events

Pinochle at the Library

July 9 and July 23

August 13 and 27

September 10 and 24

2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month, 1:30 pm–3:30 pm

Meeting with an aide from Sen. Hertel's Office

July 14

August 11

September 8

Second Tuesday of each month, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm

Community Conversations with State Rep. Veronica Paiz

State Rep. Paiz will be at the Library to answer questions and discuss constituent concerns.

July 20

August 17

No September Meeting

Third Mondays of each month, 5:30 pm–6:30 pm

Youth Department Programing

Summer Reading Program

Join us for our Summer Reading Program, "Unearth a Story," where we'll dig into dinosaurs, paleontology, and of course, reading! Kids and teens can read to earn prizes and attend fun programs each week. This year the Detroit Lions are partnering with us to provide a special incentive. **All Ages.**

Sign-up starts Monday, June 22. The program runs through Friday, July 31.



DIY Dino Dough

Drop in and mix up your own batch of play dough to create with and take home. **Ages 3 and Up.**

Monday, June 29, 5:00 pm–6:00 pm and Tuesday, June 30, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm

Build a Dinosaur

Drop in to decorate and assemble a 3-D wooden dinosaur figure to take home.

Ages 5 and Up.

Tuesday, July 7, 1:00 pm– 2:00 pm and Wednesday, July 8, 5:00 pm–6:00 pm

Dino Fun!

Children will become junior paleontologists in this fun; hands-on STEAM program related to dinosaurs presented by TechKnow Kids. **Ages 6-10. Please Register.**

Tuesday, July 14, 5:30 pm

Sand Art

Drop in and make a layered sand art creation to take home

Ages 5 and Up.

Tuesday, July 21, 5:00 pm–6:00 pm and Wednesday, July 22, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm

Dinosaur Bubble Safari

We'll learn all about the science of bubbles in this entertaining and interactive dinosaur-themed bubble program.

All Ages.

Please Register.

Wednesday, July 29, 5:30 pm

Summer Reading Celebration

Summer Reading Program participants and their family are invited to celebrate the end of the program and their reading accomplishments with fun and frozen treats! **RSVP by July 31.**

Tuesday, August 4, 5:00 pm–6:30 pm

Comic Book Workshop

Do you love superheroes and comic books? Join Detroit artist Andre Batts, founder of Motor City Black Age of Comics, as he presents a comic book workshop discussing the history of Black comic creation. Participants will also learn the basics of comic book structure and get the chance to create their own!



Ages 8 and Up. Please register, limited spaces available.

Tuesday, August 18, 5:30 pm

Family Fun Outdoor Games

Drop by and play some fun games on the Library's front lawn (indoor rain-out location)!

Wednesday, August 26, 4:30 pm–6:00 pm

The Weather Hunters

PBS Kids will be here to present a screening of an episode of their show, The Weather Hunters, followed by a related weather activity. **Ages 6–8. Please Register.**

Wednesday, September 2, 5:30 pm

School Supply Makeover

Add some personality to your school supplies with stickers, washi tape, and more. Stop by with one of your own items to customize or use one of our basics.

Tuesday, September 15, 4:00 pm–6:00 pm

Jump Back Into Reading

Having a hard time getting back into the swing of things at the beginning of the school year? Come to the Library for three bite-sized sessions focusing on different "reading for meaning" strategies. **Kindergarten–3rd Grade Reading Levels.**

Wednesdays, September 16, 23, and 30, 5:00 pm–5:30 pm

Ongoing Youth Programs

Summer Storytime- Through August 20

Join us to sing, move, and listen to stories with your little one. Stick around after for unstructured play time. No registration required. **Ages 2–5 with Caregiver.**

Thursdays, 11:15 am–12:30 pm

Storytime Fall Session starts Thursday, September 10.

Engage with Reading

A fun, low-pressure group activity designed to help enhance and improve children's reading comprehension using a story map to help talk about what we have read!

Ages 6–8.

Thursdays, June 25–July 30, 12:00 pm–12:30 pm



Read To A Dog!

Do you like to read? Do you like dogs? Come to the Library to read to a certified therapy dog, Dolly! She loves to listen to stories and meet new friends.

Friday, July 31 and August 21 from 2:00 pm–3:00 pm, and Saturday, September 26 from 12:00 pm–1:00 pm

Anime & Manga Club

Interested in anime and manga? Come talk about and watch some of your favorites. Snacks provided. **Ages 10–18.**

Tuesday, August 11 and September 1, 4:00 pm–5:00 pm

Nintendo Switch Game Night

Drop in with the family to play *Mario Kart* and *Overcooked*. **Ages 10 and Up.**

Tuesday, August 25 and September 29, 4:00 pm–6:00 pm

Halloween Costume Drive

Do you have any Halloween costumes or dress-up outfits that your kids have grown out of? The Library will be accepting clean, gently used costumes that can be dropped off at the Youth Services Desk. Early entry tickets to our Costume Closet will be given to those who donate.

Drop off starting Monday, August 31.

Look for details about pick up in October.

Register for programs by phone (313) 343-2575
or email: youthhwl@libcoop.net

Summer Library Hours:

Monday–Wednesday: 12 pm–8 pm

Thursday & Friday: 10 am–5 pm

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

New Regular Hours

(beginning 9/8/26):

Monday–Wednesday: 11 am–7 pm

Thursday & Friday: 10 am–5 pm

Saturday: 10 am–2 pm

Call or stop by the Library, check out our website's calendar or follow us on Facebook and Instagram for up to date and additional programming information.

Applications for Harper Woods Residents Are Now Being Accepted for the Harper Woods School District's Center of Excellence

EXCELLENCE INSTITUTE
COLLEGE CAREER DRIVEN: HEALTH & WELLNESS

FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS:

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- OPEN TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS AGED 55+
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JUNE 1, 2026

LOCATION
20255 BEACONSFIELD ST
HARPER WOODS, MI 48225
*ADJACENT TO THE HARPER WOODS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD

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www.hwschools.org
313-205-2213

THE EXCELLENCE INSTITUTE

Get ready to embark on a journey to a healthier, stronger you at Harper Woods School District's new state-of-the-art health and wellness facility.

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!



PACE Southeast Michigan revolves around YOU



PACE Southeast Michigan keeps nursing home-eligible seniors with chronic illnesses independent, in their own homes, for as long as possible. When you enroll in PACE, our expert elder care team works with you to develop a personalized care plan, including social, medical, and other PACE services. We provide access to a full continuum of preventative, primary, acute, and long-term care services 24/7, 365 days a year in our day health centers across southeast Michigan and in the home. By aging in place, seniors have more hope, vitality, joy, and an overall higher quality of life. The center for Harper Woods residents is 250 McDougall Ave, Detroit, MI 48207. Call (855) 445-4554 or visit **Pacesemi.org**.

The Helm Truly has Something for Everyone!



The Helm, located at **158 Ridge Road, Grosse Pointe Farms**, is a vital hub for older adults in the community, offering a wide array of social, recreational, educational, and health-related programs and activities designed to promote both physical and mental well-being, and enhance quality of life.

From fun exercise classes to arts and craft workshops, trips around town, educational seminars, or language

classes, The Helm truly has something for everyone. The Helm also provides essential services to the five Grosse Pointe communities and Harper Woods, including Meals on Wheels, a medical loan closet, community resources, home repair programs, and case coordination. The Helm is here to help older adults maintain their independence and navigate the challenges of aging with dignity and support. Come see us soon! Call (313)-882-9600 or visit **www.helmlife.org**.



WOW! PAATS WILL TAKE ME THERE?

salon parks shopping



clubs/restaurants shop the Gratiot Loop



doctor/dentist --visit friends/family-- post office



THE HELM -- city hall area attractions ---coffee shop

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 pm–2:30 pm

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

Our Fares

ZONE 1

\$2.00 each way:

- Within Harper Woods & the Grosse Pointes

ZONE 2

\$3.00 each way:

- 8 Mile Rd. to 11 Mile Rd.
- Kelly Rd. to Gratiot Ave.

ZONE 3

\$4.00 each way:

- St. John Surgery Center
- V.A. Hospital
- Henry Ford Main Campus
- City County Building
- Detroit Medical Center
- 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 voicemail if you are calling after hours.

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



The PAATS mission is to provide safe and reliable transportation, ensuring our residents continue to live their daily lives with independence and dignity.

32A District Court News



Greetings Harper Woods,

At the 32A District Court, serving our community with fairness, efficiency, and respect remains at the heart of everything we do. This quarter has been a productive one, with continued improvements in our daily Court operations and a strong emphasis on accessibility, transparency, and public trust.

Beyond our daily responsibilities, we place great value on staying connected with the community we serve. We believe an informed public is essential to a strong and effective justice system, and we welcome opportunities to educate residents about how the Court operates and the important role it plays in civic life.

We warmly encourage community members to visit the Court and observe proceedings to gain a better understanding of Court processes, Courtroom decorum, and the administration of justice. Observing Court sessions provides a firsthand look at how cases are handled and how decisions are made with care, professionalism, and respect for all parties.

We remain committed to open communication and invite our neighbors to stay engaged, ask questions, and take part in learning more about their local court. Together, we can continue to strengthen confidence in the justice system and uphold the rule of law.

We sincerely thank our community members, Court users, staff, and justice partners for their continued support and cooperation. Your trust and engagement help us carry out our

mission and serve the public with integrity, professionalism, and respect.

Court Operations & Community Engagement

We continue to make steady progress in managing our docket efficiently, helping to reduce delays while ensuring due process for everyone involved. Online services, including case lookups, payment options, and virtual proceedings (when appropriate) remain available to make interacting with the Court more convenient. Ongoing staff training and workflow improvements are also helping us create a more positive experience for visitors and Court users.

The 32A District Court remains dedicated to transparency and public education. This quarter, the Court welcomed community members and students interested in learning more about Court operations, continued collaboration with local agencies, law enforcement, and community organizations, and promoted greater understanding of Court procedures, jury service, and civic responsibility.

Staff Recognition

Our dedicated Court staff is the foundation of our daily operations. Their professionalism, patience, and commitment to public service do not go unnoticed. We extend our sincere appreciation to our team for their continued hard work and dedication to excellence.

Important Reminders

Please respond promptly to jury summons and ensure your information is up to date. When visiting the Courthouse, we ask that you arrive early, dress appropriately, and silence electronic devices while in the Courtroom. Whenever possible, we encourage the use of online payment and filing services to save time and reduce wait times.

Looking Ahead

As we enter the next quarter, the 32A District Court looks forward to continuing improvements in service delivery, strengthening community trust and engagement, and upholding justice with integrity and professionalism.

With respect and gratitude,

Judge Rebekah R. Coleman

CAREERS:

We're Hiring: Court Officer / Court Clerk

The 32A District Court is currently accepting applications for the position of Court Officer/Court Clerk. Qualified candidates must be able to understand and follow oral and written instructions, establish priorities, and work independently. The position requires the ability to maintain confidentiality, build effective working relationships with co-workers and the public, and interact professionally with members of the community.

TO APPLY:

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and application to:

Tamie Rice
Court Administrator
32A District Court
19617 Harper Ave.
Harper Woods, MI 48225
trice@32adc.net

Applications are available at the 32A District Court or online at the City of Harper Woods employment opportunities webpage.

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2026 Summer Recreation Program

Important Notice

Please be advised that all programs, activities, dates, times, and locations are subject to change and/or cancellation. Please call our office at (313) 343-2560 with any further questions. You can also visit us on Facebook @ City of Harper Woods Parks and Recreation Department.

Youth Tennis

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



Regular Sessions (4 weeks):

Session I: June 23–July 23 **No classes the week of June 29**

Session II: July 28–August 20

Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Times: Ages 6–8, 9:00 am–10:00 am
Ages 9–High School Age, 10:00 am–11:00 am

Fee: \$40 per 4-week session

A minimum of 5 students is required to run classes

Adult Tennis

We offer adult lessons as well. This class is held at the Johnston Park tennis courts. Great for beginners or more advanced players.

Regular Session (4 weeks):

Session I: June 27–July 25 **No class July 4**

Session II: August 1–August 22

Days: Saturdays

Time: 10:00 am–11:00 am

Fee: \$50

Fall Tennis

Tennis in the fall will take place on Saturdays, for both youth and adults at the Johnston Park courts.

Regular Session (4 weeks):

Dates: September 5–October 3

Days: Saturdays

Youth (Ages 6–High School Age):

Time: 10:00 am–11:00 am

Fee: \$40

Adult:

Time: 11:00 am–12:00 pm

Fee: \$50



Pickleball

Pickleball was created with one thing in mind: fun. It is designed to be easy to learn and play, whether you are five, eighty-five or somewhere in between. Classes are held at Johnston Park in the court next to the tennis courts.

Organized Group Play

Days: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays

Dates: July 1–September 30

Times: 9:00 am–11:00 am

Fee: Free

Discover Pickleball - (Beginners Only!)

Days: Thursdays

Dates: July 2–September 24

Times: 6:00 pm–7:00 pm

Fee: Free



Summer Dance

Come join the fun and dance as we start our 43rd year of the Dance program! **There is no residency requirement.** Classes will be held on the stage in the Harper Woods High School Auditorium. We require at least one adult to stay with each student. **Pre-registration** is required at the Recreation Office with cash, check, or money order, or mail your form with a check or money order to the Recreation Office. You can also mail to or use the drop box at City Hall. **All students must be paid in full prior to participating.** The payment plan is not available for the summer classes.



Please contact the dance program director, Nonny Sperry, at (313) 885-3714 or nedra.sperry@gmail.com for more details or updates.

Dates: June 22–July 27

Monday Classes

Instructors: Miss Mikayla Schiller, and Miss Nonny Sperry

10:30 am–11:00 am--- Babes in Danceland, ages 2–3
(with an adult, no extra fee)

11:00 am–11:30 am--- Creative Movement/Pre-Ballet, ages 3–5

11:30 am–12:00 pm--- Pre-Jazz and Hip Hop, ages 3–5

12:00 pm–12:30 pm--- Lyrical, ages 6–8

12:30 pm–1:00 pm--- Hip-Hop, ages 6–8

1:00 pm–1:30 pm--- Ballet, ages 6–8

1:30 pm–2:00 pm--- Lyrical, ages 9–12

2:00 pm–2:30 pm--- Jazz and Hip-Hop, ages 9–12

Dance Tuition - \$45 (plus \$5 registration fee per family), includes 6 lessons

2026 Summer Recreation Program

(Planning Ahead) - Fall Dance

Come join the fun and dance as we start our 43rd year of the dance program! There is no residency requirement. All classes will take place in the New Haper Woods Dome, located at Salter Park, 19430 Harper Avenue. We require one parent or guardian to stay and watch their child during classes. Siblings are welcome. Students will have the opportunity to perform at the annual recital. The recital will be in April at the end of the session. You can register in person, on site for the first week of classes. We suggest you arrive ten minutes prior to your child's class time if you choose this option. After that, the Recreation Office will oversee all payments. The other options to register are by mail or via the drop box at City Hall.

Please contact the dance program director, Nonny Sperry, Please call Nonny Sperry for more details at (313) 885-3714, or e-mail nedra.sperry@gmail.com.

Instructors: Jannette Haxter, Mikayla Schiller, Caitlin Skerske, Nonny Sperry

Tuesdays, starting September 22nd

Times:

4:30 pm–5:00 pm--- Babes in Danceland, ages 18 months–3 years (with an adult)
5:00 pm–5:30 pm--- Creative Movement/Pre-Ballet, ages 3–5
5:30 pm–6:00 pm--- Mini-Movers (Pre-Hip-Hop), ages 3–5
6:00 pm–6:30 pm--- Tap, ages 6–8
6:30 pm–7:00 pm--- Ballet, ages 9–12
7:00 pm–7:30 pm--- Pom-Pom Jazz/Dance Team Skills, ages 7–12
7:30 pm–8:00 pm--- Teen/Adult Hip-Hop

Wednesdays, starting September 23rd

Times:

5:00 pm–5:30 pm--- Tiny Tappers, ages 3–5
5:30 pm–6:00 pm--- Shimmer & Shake (Pre-Jazz/Pom), ages 3–6
6:00 pm–6:30 pm--- Hip-Hop, ages 6–8
6:30 pm–7:00 pm--- Ballet, ages 6–8
7:00 pm–7:30 pm--- Tap, ages 9–12
7:30 pm–8:00 pm--- Jazz/Hip-Hop, ages 9–12
8:00 pm–8:30 pm--- Teen/Adult Tap
8:30 pm–9:00 pm--- Teen/Adult Lyrical

Dance Tuition - \$190 per class (plus \$10 family registration fee). Tuition can be paid in two installments with HALF DUE at time of enrollment. There will be an additional \$10 installment fee for the payment plan. Final payment of the payment plan is due January 19, 2027. **Only cash, checks, or money orders accepted.**

Family Plan Discount - \$170 per class for two or more. Applies to siblings OR one child enrolling in two or more classes.

Zumba Classes!



Fabiola Zumba - Live

Get ready to dance, sweat, and have a blast with our live Zumba class! This is a high-energy workout that combines Latin rhythms, Hip-Hop, and Pop music to keep you motivated. Whether you are looking to boost your fitness, burn calories, or have fun, Zumba is the perfect way to stay active and feel great.

Day/Time: Mondays at 6:15 pm,

Dates: July 6–September 30

Wednesdays at 6 pm, Saturdays at 9:30 am

Location: Pointe Fitness & Training (19556 Harper Avenue))

Fee: Free to City residents & City employees

Must register at the Recreation Office to reserve a spot

Fabiola Zumba - Water

Dive into this fun and energizing workout. This class combines the rhythmic moves of Zumba with refreshing resistance of water. This class is perfect for all fitness levels. Burn calories, improve cardiovascular health, and tone your muscles—all while enjoying a low-impact, soothing exercise in the pool.

Classes Begin on September 14

Day/Time: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 5 pm, Saturdays at 8 am

Location: Pierce Middle School (15430 Kercheval, enter from back of school, door letter H)

Fee: Free to City residents & City employees

Must register at the Recreation Office to reserve a spot

**Celebrating
43 Years!!**

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 are accepted starting the first business day of January. Only one picnic allowed per household per year. Residents making a reservation must be 21 years of age or older. **No Moon bounces, trains, charcoal grills, confetti, port-a-potty's, bands, or DJs** allowed for picnics. Picnics may be reserved from Memorial Day through Labor Day, and must be reserved four weeks in advance, with a minimum of three weeks in advance. Refunds for cancellations are only given if you cancel at least four weeks before your scheduled picnic date. ****There are no dogs allowed in Johnston or Danbury Park. Dogs are allowed at Salter Park on a leash, not allowed under shelters 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 Park is \$100. The fee is due at the time of reservation. Cash or check only. See page 8 for more information regarding Salter Park.

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 two 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 or as credit for future recreation registration fees for amounts of \$10 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: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm 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 _____

the Community Resource Guide



Harper Woods Edition

"Connecting Residents to Community"

Highlighted in this Edition:

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Keep it Going To Keep Going

Recent months have been pretty crazy in our world. The more chaotic things get, the less control we feel we have. Exploding gas prices in just a few short weeks is an example of the many things that are outside our control. These events make daily life that much more challenging. It's easy to see why some people might become very depressed and lose motivation when it comes to working out. Stress drains your energy, and the time you intended to work out becomes an overwhelming burden to avoid. You're not up to it.

Something to keep in mind: in an out-of-control world the one thing you do have control over is your health. Your schedule may scatter you around a bit and obligations can mount, but there's still room for you to find ways to exercise, eat right, and

get the sleep you need. No one can dictate how you take care of yourself. The options are endless. You get to decide the best ways to keep yourself in shape. There's a real satisfaction in the gains you can make with your workouts at a time when everything else in life feels so heavy. It would seem like a no-brainer, but it's surprising how many people don't realize this simple, self-preserving concept.

No matter what happens in our future world and as it trickles down into your life, I can guarantee that if you keep yourself in good condition, you'll cope much better than if you didn't.

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WELLNESS TOGETHER IN HARPER WOODS



The Family Center

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As spring brings warmer weather, fresh beginnings, and more opportunities to gather outdoors, it is the perfect time to focus on community wellness. Taking time to connect with others can improve both physical health and mental wellbeing, while helping people feel supported, valued, and encouraged. Although there seems to be a recent shift away from prioritizing mental wellness across the country, communities like Harper Woods can continue leading the way because we have welcoming spaces where people feel connected.



Wellness does not always require large programs or events. Sometimes it begins with something simple—enjoying a spring walk in one of our beautiful parks, attending a neighborhood event, joining a local club, or visiting the library for some fun activities. These moments encourage conversation, reduce stress, and strengthen community bonds.

When neighbors come together, communities grow healthier, happier, and stronger. This spring, Harper Woods will have many opportunities to promote wellness, connection, and hope for everyone—so get connected!

Tracy Purnell, MA, LPC, NCC, CAADC is the founder and CEO of Reason For You Counseling Services. For more information, please visit: reason4you.wordpress.com.

The Family Center hosts FREE fun and educational programs in Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe. Check us out at FamilyCenterHelps.org.



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Harper Woods, MI 48225
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SENIOR RESOURCES

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1333 Brewery Park Blvd. Suite #200
Detroit, MI 48207
(313) 446-4444 Ext. 5225
detroitseniorsolution.org

EDUCATION

Grosse Pointe Public School System
20601 Morningside
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236
(313) 432-3000
gpschools.org

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Joe Murray - NMLS: 1698513
joe@michiganmortgagepro.com
(586) 210-3077
michiganmortgagepro.com

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- A+ Niche grade
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- 2 Grammy Winning Music Programs
- 5 world languages
- 30 Varsity sports, 120 teams
- 18:1 student-to-teacher ratio
- 100% of core classes taught by a highly qualified teacher
- New Virtual High School for those not currently enrolled in GPPSS who live in the district
gpschools.org/virtual



NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

As this magazine goes to print, GPPSS is celebrating our Grosse Pointe North students who graduated this year. Did you know that 97% of our students graduate within four years, and our dropout rate is 1%? That is because we are committed to providing the very best education and supports for our students to be successful.



Dr. Roy Bishop Jr.
Acting Superintendent

Preparation + Opportunity = Success.

As we seek to continuously improve, we are creating a Portrait of a Graduate using our new **vision**: The premier educational community where we innovate, learn, grow and thrive together and **mission**: Our mission is to empower ALL students to reach their full potential through exemplary instruction, innovative experiences, and collaborative community engagement.

This year we are establishing metrics for 5 key goal areas: Academics & Programs, Culture, Personnel, Community Engagement & Communications, and Operations. We welcome your input as we continue to refine what we offer to meet your student's needs. Listening sessions include:

- 6 p.m., August 27, South's front lawn, 11 GP Blvd.
- 3:45 p.m., September 10, Mason's Outdoor Classroom, 1640 Vernier
- 8:30 a.m., September 29, Pierce front lawn, 15430 Kercheval

As always, we welcome your participation in our Back to School Nights, our conferences that 96% of parents and guardians attend, and school events like Homecoming and our Open House. You are critical partners in education. Your involvement is why our test scores are steady and strong. Family support is why average daily attendance is 94%. We all have high expectations for our students, staff and district.

We can't wait to see you the first day of school!

THE GREAT MICHIGAN MOOSE LIFTS

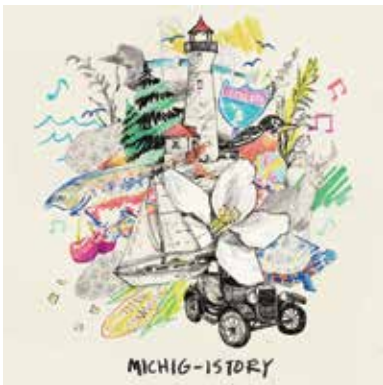
About 40 years ago, moose took to the skies to avoid extinction. Or rather, they were taken to the skies.

By the 1980s, centuries of hunting, logging, and disease had virtually wiped-out Michigan's moose population everywhere but Isle Royale. This left the DNR with a choice: let the mainland moose die out and watch the ecosystem suffer the consequences, or strap five dozen Canadian moose to helicopters and relocate them to the Upper Peninsula.

Needless to say, they went with the latter.

From 1985-1987, 59 moose were individually tracked down in the Canadian wilderness, tranquilized, blindfolded, airlifted by helicopter, loaded onto a truck, and driven 16 hours to Marquette, MI. Upon arrival, each moose was greeted by thousands of onlookers eager to welcome it to its new home.

It is thanks to these eccentric "moose lifts" that you can still find moose in the Upper Peninsula today.



For more on the history of Michigan's moose, wolves, and Isle Royale, tune into episode 21 of the Michigistory podcast. Available wherever you get your podcasts.

FACE ADDICTION NOW LAUNCHES MOBILE HEPATITIS C TESTING PROGRAM



Face Addiction Now (FAN) has launched a free mobile hepatitis C testing and treatment program, funded through a Hepatitis C Elimination Initiative Pilot from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

The program brings care directly into the community, offering rapid hepatitis C testing with results in about 20 minutes. Individuals who test positive receive on-site confirmatory testing and are immediately connected to treatment and ongoing support.

Staffed by a nurse practitioner, registered nurse, and community health workers, the initiative is designed to remove barriers such as transportation challenges, insurance access, and stigma—especially for underserved populations.

Hepatitis C is now highly curable, with treatment using oral pills effective in more than 95% of cases.

Additional services, including free HIV and STI testing, are also available. All services are free, and no insurance is required. For more information or to request mobile outreach services, call (586) 551-3097.



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COMMUNITY PRIDE & LOCAL BUSINESS

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce plays a crucial role in strengthening the economic and social heartbeat of our community, serving as a unifying force for businesses, residents, and local partners. As the nation celebrates the Semiquincentennial, marking 250 years of American history, the work of chambers like ours feels especially significant.

This milestone invites us to reflect on the values that have carried communities forward for generations: collaboration, resilience, and a shared belief in building something greater together. The Chamber continues to foster

connection, support local enterprise, and create spaces where unity can thrive.



The Semiquincentennial is more than a national anniversary—it is a reminder that progress is rooted in people coming together with purpose. By championing local businesses and nurturing community pride, the Chamber helps ensure that unity remains not only part of our heritage but a guiding force for our future.

For more information about the Grosse Pointe Chamber, email info@grossepointechamber.com, call (313) 881-4722, or visit www.grossepointechamber.com.

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THE HELM WILSON DAY CENTER



The Helm at the Boll Life Center has launched The Helm Wilson Day Center, a new adult day program designed to support adults age 50 and older in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods who are experiencing cognitive decline, including Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

Located in Grosse Pointe, The Helm Wilson Day Center provides structured daytime care, social connection, enrichment activities and wellness-focused programming in a safe, welcoming environment for individuals who would benefit from routine, engagement, and opportunities for meaningful interaction.

Activities are tailored to participants' abilities and interests and may include music, art, games, gentle movement, social interaction, and cognitive enrichment. The program also provides caregivers with valuable support and respite.

The Helm Wilson Day Center is currently enrolling participants. Caregivers and those interested in learning more about the program or determining whether it may be a good fit are encouraged to contact The Helm at (313) 882-9600 or visit HelmLife.org/Wilson-Day-Center.



NOW ENROLLING

THE HELM WILSON DAY CENTER

Providing daytime support, social engagement and enrichment for older adults living with cognitive decline and memory-related conditions, while offering caregivers support and peace of mind.

To learn more about the program and enrollment opportunities, call 313.882.9600 or visit HelmLife.org/Wilson-Day-Center





Understanding Mortgage Decisions in Today's Housing Market

An educational guide for today's homebuyers

Mortgage decisions today are about more than simply purchasing a home—they're about understanding how financing choices shape long-term stability. As the housing market continues to normalize, education has become one of the most valuable tools for buyers, especially those entering homeownership for the first time.

Why Mortgage Structure Matters

A mortgage is more than a monthly payment. Loan terms, repayment structure, and how a balance is paid down over time all influence affordability and equity growth. Buyers who understand these fundamentals are better prepared to choose financing that supports both their lifestyle and long-term financial goals.

Predictability Supports Better Planning

Consistent housing costs allow homeowners to plan with confidence. Understanding how different loan options affect payment stability helps buyers avoid surprises and build a strong financial foundation.

"Understanding how a mortgage works is just as important as choosing the right home."

Refinancing as a Long-Term Consideration

Refinancing is often misunderstood as a short-term tactic. In reality, it's a planning tool that homeowners may use to realign their mortgage with changing life circumstances or financial priorities.

Supply, Demand, and Decision-Making

While price growth has moderated, housing supply remains limited in many areas. Knowing how supply and demand affect the market helps buyers approach homeownership thoughtfully rather than reactively.

Education Builds Confidence

In a more balanced market, informed buyers are empowered buyers. Taking time to learn how mortgages work leads to clearer decisions, reduced stress, and a more confident path to homeownership.

Mortgage Basics Every Buyer Should Understand

Loan Term

The length of time you have to repay your mortgage. Common terms range from shorter timelines to longer ones, which impact how payments are structured over time.

Amortization

How each payment is divided between principal and interest. Early payments are structured differently than later ones, which affects how equity builds.

Equity

The portion of your home you truly own. Equity grows as you pay down your loan and as property value changes over time.

Refinancing

Replacing an existing mortgage with a new one to better align with financial or lifestyle goals. Often used as a long-term planning tool.

Fixed vs. Adjustable Loans

Fixed loans offer consistency, while adjustable loans change over time. Understanding the differences helps buyers choose stability or flexibility.

Pre-Approval

An early step that helps buyers understand purchasing power before shopping for a home.



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AVERAGE SALE PRICE

▲ 13.0%
FROM Q4 2025

▲ 7.9%
FROM Q1 2025

40

NUMBER
OF SALES

▲ 5.3%
FROM Q4 2025

0.0%
FROM Q1 2025

73

AVERAGE DAYS
ON THE MARKET

▲ 92.1%
FROM Q4 2025

▲ 32.7%
FROM Q1 2025

87

AVERAGE MONTHLY
INVENTORY

▼ 5.4%
FROM Q4 2025

▲ 16.0%
FROM Q1 2025

14.5%

ABSORPTION
RATE¹

▼ 0.5%
FROM Q4 2025

▼ 18.5%
FROM Q1 2025

MARKET ACTIVITY

Single Family • Detached

QUARTER (Q1 2026) OVER QUARTER (Q4 2025)

▼ 5.4%
AVERAGE ACTIVE

▼ 17.3%
TOTAL UNDER CONTRACT

▲ 5.3%
TOTAL CLOSED

YEAR-OVER-YEAR (for Q1 2026 vs. Q1 2025)

▲ 16.0%
AVERAGE ACTIVE

▲ 4.9%
TOTAL UNDER CONTRACT

0.0%
TOTAL CLOSED

The market in Harper Woods remains strong with continued low sales the result of low inventory. This trend does appear to be reversing as the year over year figures suggest. Please note that with small amounts of data, average sale price is likely to fluctuate noticeably and is a less reliable indicator than Days on Market.

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¹The Absorption Rate is the rate of home sales taken by dividing the number of sales by the inventory. Above 18.3% is considered a seller's market.

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UNDERSTANDING THE NUMBERS

Q1 2026 in Harper Woods is genuinely interesting. In a market that has been heavily influenced by investment activity, Q1 can look a little rough (winter slows showings and occasionally motivation), but this year is the strongest start seen in quite a while. Closed prices and sales are up, which is a solid sign that demand is holding even as values climb. The one metric that still gives pause is the absorption rate: it hasn't changed much and remains in buyer's-market territory. Still, as Harper Woods shifts toward a higher-priced, entry-level home market for the area, a slower absorption pace is understandable and likely part of buyers adjusting to the new normal.

The number of sales – Good: As noted above, the combination of increased sales and value appreciation is a strong indicator that the Harper Woods market is moving through a healthy transition. In other words, buyers aren't just browsing, they are actually writing offers.

Days on Market (DOM) – Fair: At 73 days on market, timing is closer to a normal pace, but it can feel downright sluggish if you've been spoiled by the last decade of lightning-fast sales (that post-Great Recession stretch reset everyone's expectations). If DOM continues to rise in Q2, that could be an early warning sign. More likely, DOM will ease back down as the spring market picks up and buyers recalibrate to today's pricing.

Inventory – Good: Quarter-over-quarter, inventory is down, although it is down by less than we typically see this time of year (which is a nice change of pace). The more meaningful story is year-over-year: the increase is a very positive sign that supply is rebuilding in a healthier way.

Absorption Rate – Buyer's Market: This is the closest thing we have to a real-time metric, as it measures both seller and buyer activity. At 14.5%, it is sitting just under the balanced-market minimum of 15.3%, so close you can almost hear it knocking. What it does in Q2 2026 will be important, so stay tuned.

Note: An absorption rate between 15.4% and 18.3% is considered a market in balance. Higher favors sellers, lower favors buyers.

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MEET YOUR LOCAL REALTOR

Hello Harper Woods! My name is Colleen Hanna, and I'm a REALTOR® with Keller Williams- The Monzo Group, proudly serving Detroit and the surrounding Metro-Detroit communities.

Having grown up in Southeast Michigan, I've lived throughout Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne County in cities including Detroit, Troy, and Sterling Heights. Being raised in this area has given me a deep appreciation for the people, neighborhoods, and communities that make Metro-Detroit so unique. I genuinely enjoy connecting with people and helping the community however I can, both personally and professionally.

Real estate became a natural fit for me because I've always been passionate about helping people create opportunities and reach their goals. Whether it's assisting

first-time homebuyers, sellers, or investors, I strive to make the process feel comfortable, honest, and straightforward. As part of KW- The Monzo Group—the #1 real estate team in the country for closed transactions—I'm able to provide my clients with strong market knowledge, resources, and support throughout every step of the process while helping them navigate the ever-growing Detroit & Metro-Detroit market.

Outside of real estate, I enjoy golfing, spending time in downtown Detroit, supporting local businesses, exploring new places around the city, and staying active within the community.



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18933 Kenosha Street
Harper Woods, MI 48225
\$145,000

20000 Lancaster Street
Harper Woods, MI 48225
\$160,000

21737 Roslyn Road
Harper Woods, MI 48225
\$184,000

20631 Lochmoor Street
Harper Woods, MI 48225
\$219,000

18567 Woodside Road
Harper Woods, MI 48225
\$65,000

20602 Kenmore Avenue
Harper Woods, MI 48225
\$163,850

20842 Ridgemoor Road
Harper Woods, MI 48225
\$85,000

18981 Kenosha Street
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\$77,500

18953 Woodcrest Street
Harper Woods, MI 48225
\$105,000

19249 Kelly Road
Harper Woods, MI 48225
\$27,500

20402 Kenmore Avenue
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\$110,000

19115 Old Homestead Drive
Harper Woods, MI 48225
\$240,000

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Harper Woods, MI 48225
\$159,278

20871 Van Antwerp Street
Harper Woods, MI 48225
\$170,000

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\$186,000

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\$110,000

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\$200,000

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Harper Woods, MI 48225
\$106,000

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- ❖ **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**
- ❖ **Home-Based Primary Care**
- ❖ **Home Repair Services**
- ❖ **Michigan Coordinated Health (MICH)**

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