

THE CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS
7607 W. College Drive, Palos Heights, IL 60463



Freedom of Information Act
2021 Municipal Sunshine Law Posting Requirement

The City of Palos Heights, formerly called Harlem Heights, was incorporated on April 16, 1959. The City operates under a Mayor/Alderman form of government and is a non-home rule community as defined by the Illinois Constitution. Palos Heights is a bedroom community with a downtown business district. Palos Community Hospital and Trinity Christian College are also located in Palos Heights as well as many professional and service offices. The “gem” of Palos Heights is the Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanical Gardens. The population of Palos Heights is 12,520.

The City of Palos Heights is committed to growth yet strives to preserve the quality of life and supports high-quality community facilities and services. The purpose of the City is to provide its residents and businesses the highest level of local government services within its corporate limits.

City of Palos Heights Operating Budget - F/Y 2021 \$28,929,900

Name and Location of all Municipal Buildings

Palos Heights Administration Building	7607 W. College Drive
Palos Heights Public Works Department	7607 W. College Drive (separate building)
Palos Heights Police Department	7607 W. College Drive (separate building)
Palos Heights Recreation & Fitness Center	6601 W. 127 th Street
Lake Katherine NCBG	7401 Lake Katherine Drive

Employees

Full-time = 70 Part-time & Seasonal = 213

Elected Officials

Mayor – Robert S. Straz	Ward 1 Aldermen: Jeffrey Key & Donald Bylut
City Clerk – Thomas Kantas	Ward 2 Aldermen: Jack Clifford & Bob Basso
City Treasurer – James Daemicke	Ward 3 Aldermen: Dolores Kramarski & Brent Lewandowski
	Ward 4 Aldermen: Jerry McGovern & Mike McGrogan

Boards and Commissions

Library Board of Trustees

Dawn Bronson
Geraldine Burek
Steven Foertsch
Jannifer Georgis
Sue Jankowski
Hilary Rhodes
George Fear
Susan Snow
Rose Zubik

Planning & Zoning Commission

Edward J. Stevens
William DeLeo
Jeff Barry
Pat Scully
Michael Lombard
Tim Cronin

Zoning Board of Appeals

Thomas Stuchly
Thomas Gregory
Jim Hughes
John Hanley
Shannon Harvey

Fire & Police Commission

John M. Doody
John Sexton
Charles Doerr

Police Pension Board

Bill Czajkowski
Dave Delaney
James Daemicke
Bob Sterba
George Jasinski
Dan Liston

Public Arts Commission

Maria DeCaprio-Sunta
Kathleen Peters
Lynda Schiappa
Vanessa Sunta

Recreation Advisory Board

Gale Greenwald
Denise Hyker
Lynda Schiappa
Lisa Pesavento
Timothy Cronin

Veterans Commission

Scott Kelly
Scott Allen
James Helsdingen
Joseph Stachon

Ad Hoc Cable Committee

Alderman McGovern
Ron and Sue Jankowski
Carl Germann
Carol Stefan
Jim Conerty

Beautification Committee

Lois Duran
Gary Duran
Anne Girzadas
Bob Grossart
John Hanley
Denise Hyker
Eileen Lunter
George Rock
Bob Starzyk
Jan Collopy
Lynda Schiappa

Requests for Public Records

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Submitting a FOIA Request via Email

Police Requests

Kate Caruso, Admin Assistant, Police Department
kcaruso@palosheightspd.org

City Requests

Margaret Carey, Deputy City Clerk
mcarey@palosheights.org

FOIA Officers

Margaret Carey, Deputy City Clerk
mcarey@palosheights.org
708-480-3003

Kate Caruso, Admin Assistant, Police Department
kcaruso@palosheightspd.org
708-448-5060

Thomas Kantas, City Clerk

Kathy Jirik, Office Manager

Open Meetings Act (OMA) Certifications

Thomas Kantas, City Clerk

Margaret Carey, Deputy City Clerk