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We are all tired and frustrated as we hope to end our nightmare with COVID-19, and we look forward to enjoying the warm weather and outdoor spaces.

Park Ridge is a wonderful place to enjoy the warm weather. We have spectacular outdoor spaces, beautiful parks and fantastic dining. These venues offer all of us, young and old, the opportunity to enjoy our family, friends and schoolmates. For all of us to enjoy these venues we must demonstrate mutual respect for one another.

Recently, the Police Department has received numerous complaints about teens congregating at Hinkley Park and in the Uptown Area. Complaints range from disrespectful comments to people, minor damage to property, littering, underage drinking, blocking entrances and offensive graffiti.

Outdoor spaces are for everyone to enjoy, young and old. Young people have the right to meet and have fun. But, when the line is crossed, enforcement action will be taken.

The Police Department wants to avoid any negative encounters with young people. We ask that all parents monitor their children and make certain they are acting appropriately in these areas. Parents, grandparents, relatives, neighbors and friends should continue to remind children of the importance of making good choices and the consequences of making poor choices.

We anticipate a wonderful spring and summer in Park Ridge. Please help us make it enjoyable for everyone.

Please see our video message: https://youtu.be/IzoV6zNEWi0

Thank you for your cooperation.

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