



A Letter to the Community from the Village of Wilmette Board of Trustees- June 4, 2020

The Village of Wilmette Board of Trustees denounces the actions of the police officers involved in the tragic and abhorrent death of George Floyd. Those actions and similar incidents have led to demonstrations and calls for racial and social justice across our country.

Our Board absolutely rejects any acts of violence and discrimination against another person in our community. The Village Board is proud of the high standards established by our Police Department and their efforts to build relationships throughout our entire community. Our Police Department has and will continue to serve our community with compassion, empathy, acceptance and understanding.

Acts of racial injustice have no place in our society. It is our responsibility as a community to foster an inclusive environment where people of all racial, ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds feel safe and welcomed. We must not pretend that Wilmette is immune from racism; we need to support our neighbors and reject racism in all its forms.

Peaceful protests have historically been a catalyst for bringing about positive change in our society. For those seeking to peacefully exercise their First Amendment rights to demonstrate and seek change, the Village wholly supports those efforts and will treat all involved with understanding, compassion and respect.

Civic trust is a privilege that must continue to be earned by the Village daily. To earn this trust, we will continue to foster a safe and equitable community for our residents and visitors. It is our duty to join together peacefully as neighbors to cultivate a welcoming Wilmette.

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