

THE HIGHLANDER



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Spring Clean-Up Program Begins April 26

The City's annual Spring Clean-Up Program will be offered by Advanced Disposal Services on four consecutive Saturdays beginning April 26 and ending May 17. This year, collection will again coincide with residents' primary garbage collection day (the primary collection day is the day both garbage and recycling are collected). Items must be placed at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. on collection day.

Refer to the map on the right to determine your primary collection day and then use the table to view your Spring Clean-Up collection date.

In order to keep City streets clean, it is requested that residents not place any material out for collection earlier than one week before a scheduled collection.

Oversized Items

Advanced Disposal Services will pick up all allowed oversized items that are placed at the curb on residents' scheduled Spring Clean-Up days.

To discard waste from a do-it-yourself project, please make

sure that the material is bundled so that one person can pick it up and place it in the truck. Carpeting must be rolled and should not exceed the weight that one person can carry. Waste material generated by general contractors will not be accepted.

Appliances

Residents with appliances for collection such as refrigerators/freezers (doors must be removed), stoves, dishwashers, washers/dryers, furnaces/boilers, hot water heaters, air conditioners, and microwave ovens must call Advanced Disposal at (847) 272-4145 to arrange for pick-up. When calling, please indicate your name, address, and the type of item to be collected. Please note that residents must bring the item to the curb in order for it to be collected.

Area	Collection Day	Spring Clean-Up Day
SE	Monday	Saturday, April 26
SW	Tuesday	Saturday, May 3
NE	Thursday	Saturday, May 10
NW	Friday	Saturday, May 17

landscapers, tree trimmers, or contractors; demolition material from fences, roofs, or exterior building debris; rubber tires; batteries; and oil and household hazardous wastes such as paint, pesticides, or pool chemicals.

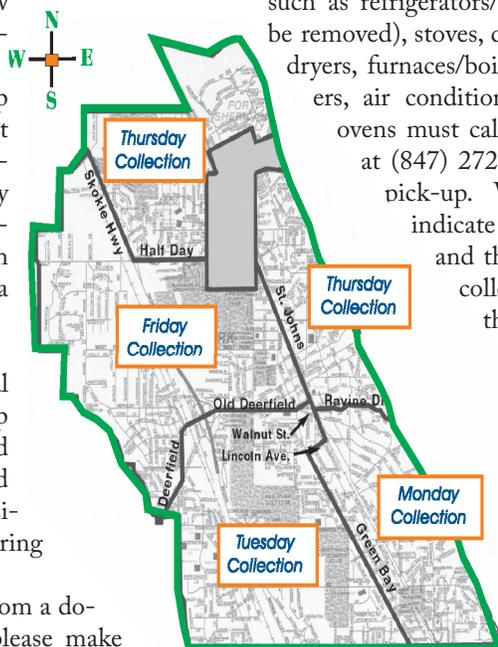
Effective January 1, 2012, in accordance with Illinois law, it is illegal for landfills to accept electronics, such as monitors, printers, televisions and computers. As a reminder, the City, in conjunction with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) hosts an electronics recycling drop-off site at the Firearms Training Center, 1180 Half Day Road, on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Item Donations

If you intend to dispose of an item that is still within its useful life, there may be an option to donate the item to a charitable organization. Residents wishing to have items picked up from their home can contact the Salvation Army at (888) 574-2587. For a larger list of organizations accepting donations, visit the City's website at www.cityhpil.com/springcleanup.

Prohibited Items

The following items will not be accepted: regular garbage; yardwaste; debris generated by



City Recognized for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The City has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the 29th consecutive year. The award represents the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

"Out of 2,731 eligible governmental units in Illinois, only 140 cities received this award in 2013," stated Finance Director Nikki Larson.

To receive the award, a local government must meet a set of rigorous criteria in the development of its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Producing the CAFR is a legal requirement of the City, but receiving recognition for the CAFR requires that the report serve as an effective policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communications device.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional

association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago and Washington, D.C.

The City's CAFR can be viewed on the City's website at www.cityhpil.com/cafr. For more information on the GFOA or the award, please visit the GFOA website at www.gfoa.org or call the Finance Department at (847) 432-0800.

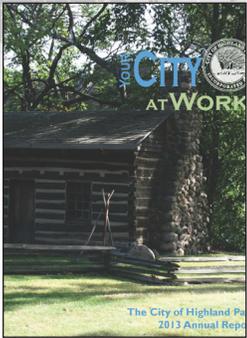
CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK

HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

'HIGH' NOTES



Check out the 2013 Annual Report!

Visit www.cityhpil.com/annualreport.

Pay Parking Tickets Online

Parking citations can now be paid online through the City's website at the online payment portal found at www.cityhpil.com by selecting the "Online Services" tab.

Both the citation and plate number of the vehicle will be required to access information online. Please allow up to three business days from the issue date of any parking citation to be entered into the system and available for online payment.

Contact the Finance Department for questions about online payments at (847) 432-0800 or finance@cityhpil.com.

Winter Parking Regulations

The "Snow Ordinance" (72.040) is in effect through March 31. Vehicles may not be parked in excess of 15 minutes on any public streets between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. This ban applies at all times regardless of snow conditions. Authorized overnight City parking lots require a valid overnight parking permit, which is available for purchase in City Hall, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Sergeant Chris O'Neill at (847) 432-7730 or coneill@cityhpil.com.

Enter Fourth of July Parade

If you are a local organization, business or neighborhood group, consider participating in the 2014 Fourth of July parade. This year's parade theme honors the 125th anniversary of the Highland Park Fire Department. The fee for a business is \$60; not-for-profit organizations may participate for free. The deadline to register for the parade is May 15. Applications are available at www.cityhpil.com/July4 or contact Jennifer Dotson in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1006 or jdotson@cityhpil.com.

Fix A Leak Week

The average American household wastes more than 10,000 gallons each year from easy-to-fix water leaks. That is why in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the City of Highland Park is encouraging homeowners to find and fix leaks during the sixth annual Fix a Leak Week, March 17 through 23, 2014.

Sponsored by EPA's WaterSense program, Fix a Leak Week reminds homeowners of the easy steps they can take to help save water in their community now and for future generations. For more information visit: www.cityhpil.com/fixaleak.

Open Enrollment in Health Insurance Marketplace Ends March 31, 2014

Under the Affordable Care Act, individuals are required to enroll in a health insurance plan in 2014. The deadline to enroll on Healthcare.gov is **March 31, 2014**. Depending on your income, you may be eligible for assistance with monthly health insurance premiums, deductibles, and copays when enrolling on healthcare.gov.

Moraine Township has trained and certified Navigators to provide confidential and free assistance. Appointments are available weekday, weekend or evening hours. Call (847) 432-3240 to schedule an appointment with a Navigator to guide you through choices and if financial support may be available to you.

Affordable Housing in Highland Park

Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) has several homes available for low and moderate income households. To learn more about the program and see if you qualify, please register for an information session on:

Tuesday, April 8 at 7 pm

Tuesday, May 6 at 7 pm

Contact CPAH at (847) 681-8746, or akaufman@cpahousing.org. Sessions are held at CPAH's office, 400 Central Avenue, Suite 111. For information on available homes, please see www.cpahousing.org.

Earth Hour

Mark your calendar for Earth Hour 2014. The "lights off" event will take place on Saturday, March 29 between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. The City of Highland Park encourages all residents to turn off their non-essential lights for this event. Earth Hour is a global initiative led by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

Individuals, businesses, governments and communities are invited to turn out their lights for one hour to show their support for a more sustainable future. Visit the Earth Hour website for additional information about this initiative at www.earth-hour.org.

Tell us how you plan to spend Earth Hour on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HighlandParkIL and on Twitter at www.twitter.com/CityHPIL.

Annual Backflow Test

Spring is here! If you have a lawn sprinkler system, please be sure to schedule a backflow prevention assembly test when the system is started up. These require annual testing to prevent contamination from flowing back into your household water supply. Backflow preventers are also used on fire protection systems, large boilers and permanent swimming pool fill lines. If you have more than one backflow preventer at your home you can have them all tested at the same time. Just ask your certified plumber. For more information: visit www.cityhpil.com/backflow or phone the Water Plant (847) 433-4355.

New Resident Breakfast

All new residents are invited to a new resident breakfast at City Hall, sponsored by @Properties, Coldwell Banker and Baird & Warner. The speakers at the breakfast include the Mayor, sponsor brokers, City, Park District, Library, School District 112, School District 113, Moraine Township, Chamber of Commerce and Ravinia Festival.

Date: Saturday, April 12, 2014

Time: 9:30am-10:30am

Place: City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue

For more information, please contact the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1000.

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

Balancing the Extremes

With daylight savings time in effect and the Spring Clean-up on the calendar, surely the weather will get on-board and this dreadful winter will finally come to an end! I can't say it enough: we have seen some incredible work this winter by our Public Works team. Between record snowfalls and 'round the clock plowing, water main break repairs, icing of our water intake pipes, and sewer blockages, our team has done an amazing job.

As you'll read in Public Works Director Kanapareddy's Highlander article on page 4, as the weather warms up, potholes are the next challenge. The high number of potholes and their earlier-than-usual emergence reflect how extreme this winter was. Take a minute to read about the science of potholes and you'll have a better understanding of cold-patching vs. hot-mix patching and why the potholes cannot be sufficiently fixed until the asphalt plants re-open in April. Additionally, note the continued efforts being made by our team to coordinate with Lake County and the State of Illinois to address the conditions of their roads in our city (many of our major roads such as Rt. 41, Half Day Road and Lake-Cook Road are actually the responsibility of the County or State). Nevertheless, our crews are out daily, meeting our continued mission of investing in our City's infrastructure. Help them out by calling the pothole hotline (847-926-1178) to report potholes in your neighborhood.

We as a City Council plan for these types of extreme situations. As we develop our budget every year, we make sure we set aside funds for emergencies and higher-than-expected costs due to unanticipated circumstances. In this case, we are still within our budget for salt purchasing, but significant overtime was incurred (we had a major snow event on every single holiday this winter starting with Thanksgiving) and we will be discussing an increase in road repairs and other demands resulting from this extreme winter.

To keep our budget balanced, these high priority items must be considered against other lower priority items in our budget, and we will be having that discussion in the coming days. With our stated City Council goals: 1. public safety (snow-cleared roads), 2. infrastructure investment (drivable roads, functional water mains, working sewers) and 3. fiscal stability (planning for extreme situations), we were able to do our job this winter and will be able to address the continued demands as a result of the extreme weather. But needless to say, we are looking forward to spring!

Sincerely,



Mayor Nancy R. Rotering



New Statewide Cell Phone Restriction

Elected state officials recognize that distracted driving continues to compromise public safety. On January 1, 2014, a statewide law went into effect which restricts the use of hand-held cellular devices while driving a vehicle.

Although this law may be new to many individuals within the state, Highland Park progressively enacted such a restriction in June 2011. As this new law is classified as a "primary offense," police may stop, detain and cite driver's observed utilizing a hand-held cellular device while driving.

Drivers in Illinois may still use hands-free cell phone technology while driving such as a headset, ear bud or Bluetooth device.

Fines for violations begin at \$75, with a second offense carrying a fine up to \$150. Violations are also considered moving violations. The accumulation of three moving violations within a 365 day period could result in a driver's license being suspended by the Secretary of State.

Distracted drivers who harm other drivers or pedestrians face a Class A misdemeanor which could result in fines up to \$2,500 and up to a year in jail.

Distracted drivers involved in fatal crashes could be charged with a Class 4 felony which carries fines up to \$25,000 and up to three years in jail.

Drive safely.

Stay Informed on City Updates

Register for alerts, enews and more on the City website and via social media. To sign up for City alerts and enews, go to www.cityhpil.com/sign-up.

Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HighlandParkIL and on Twitter at www.twitter.com/CityHPIL. And

now, find us on Youtube at www.youtube.com/user/CityHPIL.



Questions? Call us at (847) 926-1043.



Lake County Leadership Alliance Promotes Collaboration, Leadership

The City's Economic Development Work Plan sets forth an ambitious strategic business development agenda for the City of Highland Park. The Plan's purpose is to provide a clear set of strategies and actions supporting economic growth and new business opportunities in the City.

An important part of the plan is the enhancement of local and regional partnerships to bring new investment to Highland Park and the region. With these goals in mind, Mayor Nancy Rotering created the Lake County Leadership Alliance (LCLA). LCLA commenced with a series of conversations with regional leaders (civic, corporate, non-profit) focusing on unique opportunities for business development, new strategies (such as digital marketing) and other thought-provoking programs to help develop new partnerships and spur collaboration.

In addition, the City gains from its membership in Lake County Partners, a not-for-profit corporation working to maintain economic vitality and quality of life in Lake County by creating and retaining quality jobs, stimulating capital investment, pursuing economic diversity and improving the county's business climate.

Through these and other efforts, the City of Highland Park is advancing public-private partnerships for our city and region now and for the future.

The Science of the Roads: With spring comes pavement repairs

The City maintains public infrastructure comprising of a 12 square mile area. Over the past three years the City has been aggressive and prudent in budgeting and identifying major infrastructure improvement projects in the annual 5-year Capital Improvement Program. These improvements alleviate long-term costly repairs and help build a sustained foundation for a good preventative maintenance program.

Among major public infrastructure, roadway maintenance is a high priority for residents and businesses of the community. One of the primary areas of accelerated pavement deterioration is formation of **potholes**.

Fixing potholes and streets is a multi-step process that uses four methodologies scheduled successively:

- **Annual Crack Sealing Program.** This contractual process begins in April when weather warms up, frost is no longer a threat and asphalt plants reopen. During this period, pavement fissures are sealed.

- **Annual Pavement Resurfacing Program.** This contractual process begins in

May when streets are grinded and overlaid.

- **Annual Pavement Patching Program.** This contractual process begins in August to patch streets.

- **In-House Pavement and Potholes Repairs Program.** This process has already begun; however, it is performed more aggressively beginning in April to address reported potholes. This cold-patching process is only a temporary solution until the other programs kick off.

Due to the record breaking 2013-2014 winter season, a high volume of potholes are expected this year. The combined record amounts of snowfall, sub-zero temperatures and an increased amount of salt being applied, this season's freeze-thaw cycle will accelerate pavement deterioration in the form of heaving, longitudinal and transverse cracking, and most noticeably potholes.

All pavement repairs are completed by early October of each year. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at (847) 432-0807. The pothole hotline can be reached at (847) 926-1178.

City Offers Residents Transfer of Private Activity Bond Volume Cap

Private Activity Bonds (PAB) are tax exempt bonds issued on behalf of businesses engaged in the manufacture or production of tangible personal property. PAB's can be used to finance the acquisition of fixed assets such as land, buildings, or equipment. They may also be used for renovation and new construction, as well as construction or renovation of residential units that meet income guidelines.

Under Section 146 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the City is allocated an annual amount for private activity bond use. This allocation is commonly referred to as a volume cap and represents an ability to borrow funds. The City is seeking offers from the any organizations that may be interested in purchasing this allocation from the City.

A wide variety of businesses can qualify

under the Private Activity Bond guidelines, including nontraditional manufacturing operations such as food processing or printing firms. Because the bonds are exempt from federal income tax, they typically command competitive interest rates and may be combined with other tax credit programs to stimulate projects.

The Illinois Private Activity Bond Allocation Act provides that a government may transfer its allocation to any other unit of government, the State of Illinois or any agency of the State. Interested parties may contact Nikki Larson, Finance Director, at nlarson@cityhpil.com or 847-432-0800 by Monday, March 31, 2014.

For more information on Private Activity Bonds, visit <http://www.state.il.us/budget/Volume%20Cap.asp>.

YOUTH & SENIOR SERVICES

Passover Seder

Highland Park Nursing and Rehab

Thursday, April 10

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Fee: \$5 / NM: \$10

Sponsored by Highland Park Nursing and Rehab and Right at Home

Enjoy a traditional Passover Seder and lunch. Rabbi Matt Field leads a condensed service following a specially designed Haggadah created for this event. Enjoy a delicious holiday meal featuring chopped liver, matzo ball soup, gefilte fish, brisket, chicken, noodle kugel, tzimmes, green beans, and assorted desserts. All faiths are welcome to learn about Passover history and traditions. Registration fees will be donated to the Highland Park Senior Center.

Senior Citizen Prom

Highland Park High School

Saturday, April 12

5 - 8 p.m.

Fee: \$5 / NM: \$10

Hosted by the HPHS Class of 2017

Sponsored by CJE SeniorLife Weinberg Community for Senior Living

The Highland Park High School Class of 2017 invites you to join them for a fabulous night of dinner, dancing, and entertainment. The HPHS DJ Club provides music to dance the night away and talented students perform. Advanced registration is required; call the Senior Center at (847) 432-4110.

Easter Brunch

Silverado Senior Living -

Highland Park

Sunday, April 20

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Fee: \$5 / NM: \$10

Sponsored by Silverado Highland Park

Brunch includes fresh fruits, juices, cheese blintzes, vegetable frittata, waffle bar, pasta bar, lamb chops, glazed ham, as well as an array of fresh salads, baked goods, and desserts. Immediate family and friends are welcome to join and share in the celebration. All registration fees will be generously donated to the Highland Park Senior Center.



The following classes are held at the Senior Center and require advanced registration; please call (847) 432-4110.

Bridge Class: Play of the Hand in the 21st Century (The Diamond Series)

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Elaine Morrison continues The ACBL Bridge Series with the Diamond Series course which concentrates on the play of the hand (making a plan, promoting winners, finessing, trumping losers, etc.). The initial bidding concepts are reviewed and new bidding concepts are also introduced (Jacoby transfers and slam bidding). Prerequisite Class: Bidding in the 21st Century (The Club Series), or previous bridge experience with the instructor's consent. Please bring your copy of the ACBL Diamond Series book to each class.

Supervised Art Studio

Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

This class, taught by a professional art instructor, is designed for experienced painters of all levels. Each class begins with a mini-lesson designed to teach students skill specific objectives. Participants will receive individualized instruction to help them learn new techniques and improve their work. This opportunity allows artists to work independently, while receiving professional guidance. Please bring supplies.

Conversational Spanish:

Beyond the Basics

Fridays, 10 - 11 a.m.

Hola Amigos! Certified Spanish teacher, Leslie Fenster, teaches students the fundamentals of Spanish, including everyday vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar. Class will focus on speaking, listening and vocabulary.

senior

Serving Adults Over 50

54 Laurel Avenue

(847) 432-4110

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sit & Be Fit - Chair Exercise

Thursdays, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Join Carol King for a fun workout you will do while seated. Exercises to increase range of motion, mobility, and strength will be performed to well-loved music. The class utilizes light weights and resistance tubes to build and tone muscle and strength.

Reminisce with Music

Wednesdays, March 19, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$5 per class / NM: \$10

Music has the power to engage people experiencing memory loss. Hans Christian Anderson had the right idea; "When words fail, music speaks." Often a person can remember, engage, connect, and relate best through music. This group, led by Becky Froman, MA, MT-BC (board certified music therapist), will provide opportunities for those with dementia to interact with loved ones, caregivers, and each other, through music activities. Explore how music helps those with dementia function at their very best.

* A loved one and/or caregiving partner are encouraged to participate at no additional charge.

youth

Serving youth in grades 5-8

1830 Green Bay Road

(847) 433-3090

The Firehouse School Year Hours:
Monday - Friday, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Learn more about our youth services
at www.cityhpl.com/youthcenter.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CITY MEETINGS

For information about City Meetings, please view the Calendar on the City's website at www.cityhpil.com

Vocational Arts & Better Homes in America: From Highland Park Classroom to America's Living Room

Ongoing exhibit
Highland Park Historical Society
326 Central Avenue
(847) 432-7090

The Historical Society has extended this free exhibit and offers expanded hours: Sundays from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Primal Awareness through April 1

The Art Center
1957 Sheridan Road
(847) 432-1888

This exhibit examines the strong connection to animal life as it contrasts with the evolution of man's self-absorption in society today. Featured artists include Piotr Antonow, Tiffany Moeller, Matthew Runfola and Cheryl Steiger.

Encaustic Nature in Art through April 1

The Art Center
1957 Sheridan Road
(847) 432-1888

This juried exhibit of encaustic art is inspired by the mystery and wonder of the natural world.

The Lost Bird Project
March 16, 2:00 p.m.
Highland Park Public Library
494 Laurel Avenue



The Natural Resources Commission and the Cultural Arts Commission co-host a screening of *The Lost Bird Project*, a short film illustrating one artist's plight to commemorate extinct bird species in sculpture. Following the film, Highland Park resident and bird expert Donnie Dann leads a discussion of the film and the importance of local bird populations. The event is free, and all are welcome to attend. For information, please contact Planner Barbara Cates at (847) 432-0867.

Pilgrim Chamber Players: Spanish Rhythms
March 16
3:00 p.m.

Highland Park Community House
1991 Sheridan Road
Tickets \$20 Adult, \$16 Senior and \$8 Students
(847) 432-0992

Experience the delights of an unusual, mostly Spanish program presented by the Pilgrim Chamber Players. Concert includes works by Bach, Granados, Turina and ends with the exciting *Fantaisie Brillante* on themes from the opera *Carmen* written for flute and piano by Francis Borne.

Tania Runyan Reading & Poetry Open-Mic
March 29
8:00 p.m.
Madame ZuZu's
582 Roger Williams Avenue

Highland Park Poetry features Tania Runyan, author of *Second Sky*. Poets may bring up to 6 poems for open-mic.

26th Annual Central Suburban League (CSL) Student Art Exhibition
April 10
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The Art Center
1957 Sheridan Road
(847) 432-1888

The Central Suburban League seeks to unify the CSL schools through the visual arts. Participating high schools are Deerfield, Evanston, Glenbrook North, Glenbrook South, Highland Park, Maine East, Maine South, Maine West, New Trier, Niles North, Niles West and Waukegan. The exhibit runs through April 19 with special viewing hours on Friday, April 11 until 8:30 p.m.

New Resident Breakfast
April 12
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
City Hall
1707 St. Johns Avenue

For more details go to page 2.

HP Poetry Chain Gang
April 12
8:00 p.m.
Madame ZuZu's
582 Roger Williams Avenue

The Highland Park Poetry Chain Gang reveals the remarkable results of its Chaining Project. Poets may bring up to 6 poems for open-mic immediately following.

East On Central's Haiku at High Tea
April 23
7:00 p.m.
Madame ZuZu's
582 Roger Williams Avenue

Celebrate National Poetry Month by learning about the ancient Japanese poetic art from expert, Charlotte Digregorio.

Coming This Spring

French Market at Port Clinton Square
Fridays, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Begins April 26 through October 31

Ravinia Farmers Market
Dean Avenue
between Roger Williams & St. Johns Avenues
Wednesdays
7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Begins June 4 through October 29



SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

District 112 Board Appoints New Superintendent

The North Shore School District 112 Board of Education has appointed Michael Bregy to serve as the District's new superintendent, effective May 30, 2014. Dr. Bregy is the current superintendent of Community Unit School District 300 in Carpentersville, a post he has held since July 2011. He will replace Dr. David L. Behlow, who is retiring at the end of the school year.



"We are delighted to appoint Dr. Bregy as the district's next leader," said North Shore School District 112 Board of Education President Dr. Bruce Hyman. "Michael is known and respected in his district and among his peers statewide for his inspiring leadership and communications skills, his clear focus on students, and his ability to successfully guide his community

in tackling tough issues.

"In a highly competitive field of candidates, Dr. Bregy stood out as an engaging leader with an ideal set of experiences and a dynamic personal leadership style well-suited to leading our community at a very important juncture in its history," Dr. Hyman said.

"I am honored and grateful to be selected as the next superintendent of North Shore School District 112," said Dr. Bregy. "The district is known and recognized for the value it places on education, and I look forward to being an active part of the Highland Park and Highwood communities and getting to know staff, parents and community members. I am aware of the tough but exciting challenges in our future, and I can assure the entire community that I will respect and build on the work that has been accomplished to date. I could not be any more excited to get started. I am ready to listen, learn and lead."



Your Voice, Our Future

A big thank you to all community members who attended one of the *Your Voice, Our Future* meetings held last month. It is clear that the residents of North Shore School District 112 care about their community and their schools. More than 680 District residents and staff members took the time out of their busy schedules to learn about the District's challenges and share their feedback. Results from the meetings and from an online survey will be shared soon on the District website, www.nssd12.org. Residents who want to stay informed are encouraged to click the "Join Our Mailing List" button on the website.

District 113 Encourages Engagement of "All Voices" Through Equity Work

In late February, Township High School District 113 sponsored a very special town hall meeting to foster achievement of all students. In order to examine visible and invisible barriers that impact connections to the school community, the District invited students and families from diverse backgrounds (inclusive for instance of diverse races, income levels, military affiliation, or members of the LGBTQ community) to hear a panel presentation provided by school administrators.

The Leadership Panel included Dr. George Fornero, District 113 Superintendent, Ms. Andrea Johnson, District 113

Director of Equity and Grants, Ms. Audris Griffith, Deerfield High School Principal and Mr. Brad Swanson, Highland Park High School Principal.



Families were also given an opportunity to network with other families to discuss issues and to brainstorm potential improvements to these shared challenges. The evening sparked conversations surrounding staff practices and allowed for mutual assessment of our cultures and norms. The purpose of the event was to promote inclusivity. It is thought that open dialogue fosters our capability to advocate and successfully partner on behalf of District 113 students.

There are a number of community mem-

bers who have dedicated themselves to the advancement of this work. They serve as an oversight group that provides suggestions and strategies District 113 can implement to move students from survive to thrive. District 113 extends their thanks to the community members who are invested in our Equity work.

District 113 appreciates their guidance and involvement. District 113 looks forward to expanding our capacity in order to fully benefit all members of our school community. Our work seeks to result in: 1) the implementation of our outcomes-based strategic plan, 2) the advancement of leadership, governance and staff skills, and 3) the improvement of services/programs that meet the needs of all students and families.

Please join the HPHS or DHS Facebook pages or follow HPHS or DHS on Twitter to receive additional updates. For email newsletters from the District, sign up on the district home page at www.dist113.org.

PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK

Fun for All Ages

Denim Handbags

Grades 4-7

West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Rd.

Got an old pair of jeans collecting dust in your closet? We will repurpose those old blues as a brand new handbag, perfect for school or weekend fun!

32035 Mar 21 7-8:30pm \$20/25

Movies in Nature: Chasing Ice

Adults

Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Rd.

As debates about climate change rage on witness James Balogs, National Geographic photographer, revolutionary footage of the world's glaciers and hear the tale of his adventure in places most of us will never get a chance to see.

Mar 20 7-8:30pm FREE

Highland Park Hikers

Families

Illinois Beach State Park • Zion IL.

Want to get outside and hike with the family but not sure where to start? Let a Heller Naturalist guide the way. We'll provide binoculars, trail maps, snacks, and other tools to help us discover nature, as well as pre-trip guidance on what to wear and bring.

32017 Apr 5 2-4pm \$15

Parent/Child Ceramic Birdhouses

West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Rd.

Grab Mom or Dad and build a birdhouse for those robins, blue jays, swallows, and more!

32036 Apr 11 7-8:30pm \$18/23

Zumba Fun

Ages 5-10

Recreation Center of Highland Park • 1207 Park Av. West

Rock out with this fast forward fusion of Zumba moves. A high octane workout let's kids max out on fun and fitness!

32321 Apr 18 2-3:15pm \$15/20



Hidden Creek AquaPark:

A summer escape in your own backyard
Register today for your 2014 Season Pass!

2 Ways to Register

1. In-Person

In-person registration is held for returning 2013 season pass holders and new pass holders.

2. Mail-In

Mail-in registration began March 3.

Park District Job Fair March 22

The Park District of Highland Park is conducting its annual Job Fair at the Recreation Center of Highland Park on Saturday, March 22 from 10am-3pm. Applicants sixteen years of age and older seeking seasonal part-time employment or summer internships are encouraged to attend. Apply online at www.pdhp.org.

Come Spin With Us!

The Indoor Cycling Studio at the Recreation Center of Highland Park (1207 Park Avenue West) has received a make-over complete with new Keiser M3 Indoor Cycles, sound system, and visual displays. Join us for a ride! For more information call the Recreation Center at 847.579.4554.



SunsetValleyGolfCourse.org

The Park District of Highland has launched a new website for **Sunset Valley Golf Course**. Visit the new site for convenient online tee time booking, course details, and program and event information. Register to receive a free round of golf on your birthday!

Park District of Highland Park • pdhp.org • 847.831.3810

Our mission: "To enrich community life through healthy leisure pursuits and an appreciation of the natural world."



Discounted early bird prices end at noon Feb 28

Experts in Play!

Enjoy summer 2014 with PDHP Camps! Our camps are sensory rich and supportive of your child's need for stimulation and activity. Whether on the beach or under the big top, your child is sure to make new friends and learn new skills, while creating lifelong memories in the process.

Seniors in Action

Park District programs and events for active adults!

Wonderful Woodcocks

Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Road
Discover this amazing woodland bird with a short indoor presentation, led by local birders, followed by a walk outside.
Apr 4 • Fri 6:30-7:30pm FREE

Fit for Life

Recreation Center of Highland Park • 1207 Park Av. West
Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Rd.
Walk and talk your way healthy with this senior walking club. Each outdoor walk (weather permitting) at Heller Nature Center is led by a Naturalist to enhance the outdoor experience as well as a group fitness instructor to ensure safe physical activity! Indoor walks will be held at the Recreation Center of Highland Park. Each walk will be followed by a group led class including stretching and balance to improve overall daily function.
Apr 10-May 29 • 33284 • Thu 10-11:30am \$56/72

Ceramic Art for Adults

West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Road
Discover the art of pottery making at West Ridge Center! 5lbs. of clay is included in fee.

Egg Hunt

Family

West Ridge Park • 636 Ridge Rd.

Grab the family and come on out to our Annual Egg Hunt "Egg-stravagnza"! Gather colorful eggs filled with toys and fun surprises. One special egg will hold a family pass to Hidden Creek AquaPark for Summer 2014! Be sure to keep an eye out for an "Egg-stra" special guest! Bring the camera for a post-hunt photo op with our furry friend.

April 19 10am FREE



Self-Defense Training

West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Road
Learn techniques that will help you defend yourself.
Apr 19 • 32035 7-8:30pm \$20/25

Recreation Center of Highland Park

1207 Park Avenue West

HydroSplash

MTWFS 8:30-9:30am

Pilates

Mon 9:30-10:30am
Wed 10:35-11:35am

SilverFit

MW Noon-1pm

Better Bones

Thu Noon-1pm

Chair Yoga

Tue Noon-1pm
Fri 12:15-1:15pm

Senior Memberships and Free 7 Day Trial available.
FREE walking track is open daily!

Introduction to PICKLEBALL coming in April!

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DEMO DAY
Saturday, April 5
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Get started now at hplibrary.org
and have fun with **hoopla** and
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RAISE A READER!

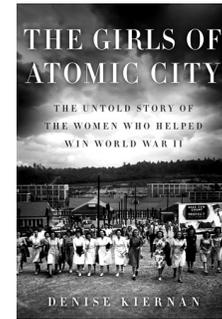
Join A Storytime Session

Engage little ones with books, activities, stories and songs that encourage language and pre-reading skill development in order to help them grow into successful readers.

Spring storytime sessions begin at the end of March and early April. Find dates and times and register at kidsevents.org.

Book Discussions

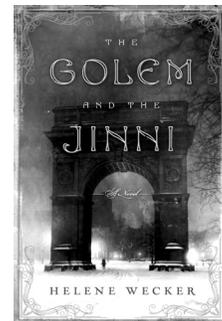
Noted book discussion leader Judy Levin leads book discussions at the library.



The Girls of Atomic City by Denise Kiernan

Tuesday,
April 8, 1 p.m.

Kiernan presents a history of the women who lived and worked in a secret facility in Tennessee during World War II as part of the Manhattan Project. Kiernan's account reveals a part of the story of the invention of the atomic bomb that is not widely known.



The Golem and the Jinni by Helene Wecker

Tuesday,
May 13, 1 p.m.

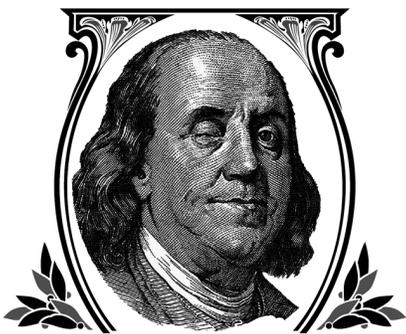
In this historical novel, creatures out of Jewish and Arab folklore meet on the streets of turn of the century New York City, finding both conflict and comfort in each other and kinship despite their differences.

Film Showing and Discussion

Sunday, April 13, 2 p.m.

Bob Coscarelli, professor emeritus at College of Lake County, introduces and screens this award-winning film as part of the Theater in Film series. Joseph Fiennes stars as Shakespeare and Gwyneth Paltrow as his inspiration.

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MONEY SMART WEEK®

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Socially-Responsible Investing

Monday, April 7, 7:30 p.m.

Many people would like their investments to serve their values as well as their wallets. Is it possible to do well while doing good? Danielle Schultz, financial adviser and principal of Haven Financial Solutions, discusses ideas for putting your money where your heart is and looks at mutual funds, investing in micro-lending, and using consumer power to support specific causes.

Effectively Dealing With Financial Crisis

Wednesday, April 9, 7:30 p.m.

What should you do about missing mortgage payments or mounting credit debt? Find out how to economize without destroying your lifestyle. Presented by Mike Cohn, JVS Chicago.

Financial Planning For Young Professionals

Tuesday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.

Francine Duke, certified financial planner and founding principal of Aqua Financial Planning, leads a discussion and presents tips about financial planning at a basic and understandable level. Topics include goal setting, credit card use, budgeting, saving, guarding your identity, and being a smart buyer. Geared toward young professionals, but all are welcome to attend as the strategies apply to all ages.

Be Smart About Identity Theft

Thursday, April 10, 7:30 p.m.

Highland Park Bank & Trust provides tips and tools for protecting yourself against identity theft.

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AWARDS listed in order of longevity
and as space permits

**Michael Metzger Photogra-
phy – Since 1973**
1292 Old Skokie Road
Michael Metzger Photography
has provided premier photo-
graphic services to Highland Park
for the past 41 years. His blend
of professionalism and fun has
proven to be a success.

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Park – Since 1973**
767 Park Avenue West
Eye Specialists of Highland Park
pride themselves on providing
high quality, personalized care.
Their high standards in safety,
technology, and education keep
Eye Specialists of Highland Park
thriving for over 41 years.

GO Promotions Inc – Since 1975
1510 Old Skokie Road, Suite
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Go Promotions has operated their
full-service promotional products
company from Highland Park
for the past 39 years. Personal
oversight, industry expertise and
competitive pricing have main-
tained the success this women-
owned business.

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