

THE HIGHLANDER



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Construction Season Springs into Action

Spring may be slow in arriving to Highland Park but that is not the case with the City Council's primary objective of investing in infrastructure maintenance. Continuing the aggressive schedule of the past three years, the CY 2014 Capital Improvement Program entails improvements worth an estimated \$15 million. As part of the budget process, the CIP projects are prioritized based on life safety, age, economies of scale, functionality, and reducing long-term expensive repairs.

Among the major projects being completed this year, is the upgrade of the Water Treatment Plant to membrane ultrafiltration technology. The two-year modernization project is on schedule for completion by December 2014. In addition, the City plans to continue lining approximately 1300 feet of sanitary sewers at various locations throughout the City. Infrastructure upgrades include repair and replacement of storm sewers on Broadview Avenue, from Blackstone to Highland Place and water mains on Kincaid Street, Judson Avenue and Briarwood Place. The roadway improvements will entail resurfacing of approximately 10 miles of streets along with patching of deteriorated sections and crack sealing of newly resurfaced streets to increase their pavement life.

The City originally budgeted approximately \$2 million in pavement repairs for



both concrete and asphalt roadways. With one of the worst winter seasons behind us, the roadways have worsened beyond normal conditions prompting the City Council to approve an additional \$350,000 in roadway repairs.

In its second year of implementing the Bike Walk HP2030 plan, new sidewalks will be constructed on Old Deerfield Road, Oak Street and Sheridan Road. The Robert McClory bike path will be relocated, at the northwest corner of Roger Williams and St. Johns, from the middle of the parking lot, with the assistance of State grant funds.

Facilities will continue to upgrade City buildings, spending approximately \$750,000, to replace older equipment with newer high efficiency units in accordance with our Sustainability Plan and other maintenance improvements. The public building lights and parking deck lights continue to get retrofitted with LED and

other energy saving lights. Portions of these upgrade projects are paid for by State grant funds.

The City's urban forestry division expects to trim, remove and replant an estimated 29,000 trees on the City rights of way including Emerald Ash Borer according to best management practices. The City's tree inventory estimates that ash trees make up 14% of trees in the rights of way. In addition, the CIP includes business districts beautification with annual programs such as holiday lighting and flower planting.

For more information, visit the interactive CIP map on City's website at www.cityhphil.com under Construction Projects (left side) or call Public Works during business hours at (847) 432-0807.

To help the Public Works Department in its efforts to maintain City streets in the best possible condition, please report potholes via the Pothole Hotline at (847) 926-1178. This 24-hour hotline allows residents to report a pothole location. Residents are asked to leave their name, address, phone number and the specific location of the pothole.

Additionally, potholes may also be reported online on the City's website at www.cityhphil.com. For more information, please contact the Department of Public Works at (847) 432-0807.

Highland Park Firefighter To Receive Medal of Valor Award

The Office of the State Fire Marshal will award Highland Park Firefighter Chris Gottschalk with a Medal of Valor Award at its 21st Annual Firefighting Awards Ceremony on May 6, 2014 in Springfield, Ill. Gottschalk was nominated for his courageous actions that took place in responding to a residential fire on December 21, 2013. This is the first time that any firefighter in the Highland Park Fire Department is receiving this prestigious award.

"To say the least, we are extremely proud of Chris and this achievement," Deputy Fire Chief Daniel Pease said.

On December 21, 2013 the Fire Department responded to a house fire that demanded an immediate rescue. During that rescue, Gottschalk located and carried out the victim found unconscious in the basement using thermal imaging equipment. Thermal imaging is used in heavy smoke conditions when visibility is limited, making search efforts difficult.

Congratulations to Chris and the Highland Park Fire Department!



CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK

HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

'HIGH' NOTES

Rental Registration Program Accepting Applications

Since its adoption by City Council on January 27th, 2014, this new program has registered over 500 units throughout the City. The next phase of the program will include education and outreach to rental property owners and their tenants regarding property maintenance and safety codes.

Through an annual registration, owners of rental units within single-family, two-family and attached buildings are required to provide the name, address and telephone number of each owner and contact information for a property agent, if any.

The \$30 annual registration fee will be used to conduct outreach and provide educational materials to all registered property owners and their tenants. Fines collected for non-compliance will be dedicated to social service providers.

For more information, please contact the Department of Community Development at (847) 926-0808, or visit the City website at www.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.

Seeking Vintage Cars for Fourth of July Parade

The City seeks residents with vintage cars wishing to participate in the 4th of July Parade. Honoring the Fire Department's 125th anniversary, the parade will follow the theme of progression as a way to pay tribute to the beginnings of Highland Park and the growth of the community to today. Interested residents should contact Tyler Hall at (847) 926-1042 or thall@cityhpil.com.

Yard Waste Collection

As of April 1, Advanced Disposal Services began collecting yard waste for the new season. Yard Waste is collected on each resident's regular collection day and the waste must be placed in a brown paper "kraft" bag or separate container that is clearly marked yard waste with a refuse sticker attached. Stickers cost \$2.47 each and are available at City Hall and local grocery stores. For questions about yard waste collection, contact Advanced Disposal at (847) 272-4145.

Affordable Housing in Highland Park

Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) has a 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath rehabbed home with new kitchen, new bathrooms, a garage and nice yard available to a low income household for \$190,000, or roughly \$1300/month, including PITI. To see if you qualify and to learn more about the program, register for one of the following information sessions:

Tuesday, May 6 at 7 pm

Tuesday, June 10 at 7 pm

To register, contact CPAH at (847) 681-8746 or akaufman@cpahousing.org. Sessions are held at CPAH's office, 400 Central, Suite 111, Highland Park. For more info including pictures of available homes, please see www.cpahousing.org

Drinking Water Week

For more than 35 years, the American Water Works Association and its members have celebrated Drinking Water Week – an opportunity for communities to join together to recognize the vital role water plays in our daily lives. Please join the City in supporting Drinking Water Week, May 5 through 11, 2014. For more information visit www.cityhpil.com/watertreatment.

Lockout Device Program for Annual Backflow Test

In response to requests by residents unable to perform the Illinois EPA mandated annual testing of their Cross Connection Control Devices, the City Council has authorized a program whereby residents can request that a security lockout device be installed. This lockout device only applies to lawn irrigation systems and renders the entire system unusable. There is an initial fee of \$30 to cover the cost of the device and an annual \$30 fee for subsequent years as long as the device is left in place. The lockout device can be removed at any time. Cross Connection Control Devices that are not equipped with this lockout device remain subject to the annual test requirement. To print or request a lockout device form, visit www.cityhpil.com/backflow or phone the Water Plant (847) 433-4355.

Reminder: Spring Clean-Up 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.

The table depicts the Spring Clean-up Days as they pertain to residents' primary collection day.

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.

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

For more information about Spring Clean Up, including a list of accepted and prohibited items, please go to www.cityhpil.com/springcleanup or call the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1000.

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

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

Re-connecting as a Community

Spring has finally sprung. It's like we are coming out of our caves, blinking in the sunlight and reconnecting as a community. Opportunities to be a part of our vibrant city abound!

While we were hibernating, a number of new stores and restaurants opened (*and more are coming soon*). Come check them out in downtown Highland Park and Ravinia. In addition, we are fortunate to live in a community with many philanthropic organizations and their events are popping up all over town at The Art Center, Highland Park Historical Society, Highland Park Public Library and more; a great chance to support a worthy cause, reconnect with old friends and meet new ones.

Want to get involved? We have many opportunities to make a difference right here in town. Recently, Senior/Youth Center Director Don Miner and I reported on the Human Services Task Force, a group of volunteers I pulled together ranging from age 17 – 85. I charged them with creating a comprehensive plan for responding to the human service needs in our community. Over 250 volunteers stepped up to address our community's needs. They've logged thousands of volunteer hours and the immediate outcomes have led to creatively addressing various service issues, the establishment of a local legal aid clinic, finding financial support for free medical care, identifying specific housing and transit opportunities, and so on. Want to know how you can get involved where the community needs you most? Contact Don Miner, staff liaison to the Task Force. He will help direct you to an opportunity that best matches your interests and abilities. He can be reached at dminer@cityhpil.com.

Connecting is what makes a vibrant community. I've found it's tremendously helpful for me to have regular meetings with our sister governments, businesses, neighborhoods, employees and civic groups. I recently invited area clergy to a meeting at City Hall. We discussed the City's recent work in human services and issues specific to their congregations. The group identified community hunger as an immediate opportunity for action. According to North Shore School District 112, 27.5% of Highland Park and Highwood children qualify for free or reduced cost lunches under federal guidelines and the Northern Illinois Food Bank reports that over 900 Highland Park and Highwood families depend on the Food Bank for meals. See directly below for details concerning our upcoming Passover/Easter food drive. It will kick-off a community-wide effort to assist the Moraine Township Food Pantry year-round.

Curious to know what else is happening at City Hall and in our community? Want to feel more connected? Sign-up for City notifications at www.cityhpil.com. You can also follow the City on Twitter @CityHPIL and on Facebook at City of Highland Park, Illinois. Follow me on Twitter @NancyRotering and Facebook at Nancy Rotering – Highland Park Mayor. Or email anytime: nrotering@cityhpil.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,
Mayor Nancy R. Rotering



Spring/Passover/Easter Community Food Drive

The City of Highland Park has coordinating a food drive with area clergy and Moraine Township to address food insecurity in the community. Food donations are welcome at the Moraine Township Food Pantry located at 777 Central Avenue, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. with one remaining specially scheduled holiday food drive time on Saturday, April 19 at 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This Passover/Easter food drive kicks off an on-going community-wide effort to assist the Moraine Township Food Pantry in maintaining a secure stock of food year-round. In addition to traditional holiday food items, the following are suggested donations:

- Canned fruit, vegetables and beans
- Canned chicken and other meats
- Rice, bagged not instant
- Spaghetti sauce
- Canned ravioli
- Diced and stewed tomatoes (canned)
- Coffee
- Granola bars, cookies
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Crackers, jelly

The Township's Food Pantry is open to those in need Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. In February alone, 260 individuals benefitted from the Township Food Pantry. For more information about the food pantry, please call (847) 432-3240.

Stay Informed on City Updates

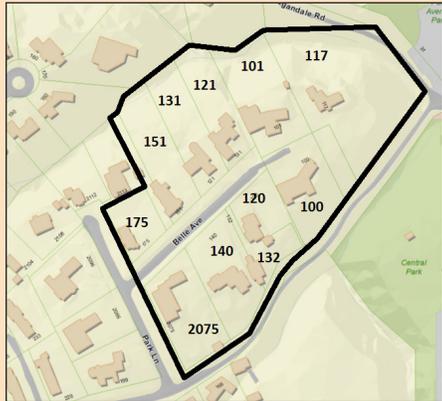
Register for alerts, enews and more on the City website and via social media. To sign up for City alerts and enews, go to www.cityhpil.com/sign-up.

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) 926-1000.



Belle Avenue Historic District

Did you know that Highland Park has six historic districts? Three are local districts and three others on the National Register of Historic Places, which is regulated by the Federal Government's Department of the Interior. The newest local district is the Belle Avenue Historic District.

Belle Avenue is a short street just north of Central Park, located at the end of Central Avenue. The historic district was established in 2002 and includes some of the original houses built by the Highland Park Building Company around 1875. Jonas Steers, Highland Park's first tax assessor, built and lived in the Italianate style house at 120 Belle. 151 Belle and 175 Belle are also original Highland Park Building Company houses built c. 1875 and are in wonderful condition. 117 Belle is located at the end of the drive and is a beautiful example of a Tudor Revival house designed by William Mann and built in 1926. Two houses in the district, 121 and 131 Belle, were built in the 1950's and are not part of the original housing stock. They are lovely in their own right, however, and don't detract from the historic feel of the neighborhood.

If you feel like stepping back in time, visit the Belle Avenue Historic District and see houses that have been in Highland Park since the very beginning! To see a map of all the historic districts in Highland Park, visit the Historic Preservation Commission's webpage www.cityhpil.com/HPC.

Share the Road

Motorists, cyclists reminded of traffic laws this season

As spring returns and the days get warmer, bicycle traffic will increase on our roadways. Both motorists and bicyclists are reminded to follow the rules of the road. According to the 2012 Illinois Crash Facts and Statistics (annual publication viewable on IDOT's website), there were 3,233 injury crashes involving pedal cycles. 2,551 of these crashes occurred on urban city streets.

Motorists overtaking a bicycle should slow down and are required to leave a distance of at least three-feet when passing. The three-foot distance must be maintained until vehicles are safely past the bicyclist.

Traffic laws apply to all persons riding bicycles. Bicyclists must stop at stop signs and may not ride more than two abreast. When riding two abreast, bicyclists shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic.

In September 2013, the Police Department partnered with the League of Illinois Bicyclists (LIB) to promote bicycle safety and education by way of a Bicyclist Traffic



Citation Diversion program. Per the Illinois Vehicle code, police officers are within their authority to stop, detain, identify and cite bicyclists that commit traffic violations. Officers have the discretion to issue a temporary written warning, in lieu of a formal traffic citation.

To avoid the issuance of a formal traffic citation, a bicyclist can take advantage of the Bicyclist Traffic Citation Diversion Program by visiting the LIB internet website within 30 days of the violation and taking an online educational bicycle safety course. This diversionary program serves as a valuable tool to increase bicycle safety awareness.

For more information, contact Sergeant Chris O'Neill at the Police Department non-emergency number (847) 432-7730.

City Announces Arts Microgrant Program

The Spark Microgrant Program has been developed to nurture and support fledgling arts enterprises in the Highland Park community. Funding is available for individual artists, arts groups, arts organizations, community organizations and collaborations engaging in arts projects or activities in Highland Park.

The Cultural Arts Commission recognizes the need to nurture the growth of the arts in Highland Park through entry level grant programs and to encourage innovative and unique arts-related projects and performances. Spark Microgrant Program will allow artists, arts groups and community organizations to apply for small grants through a simplified process. Spark Microgrants are especially intended to support artists, groups and organizations that have not participated in Arts Commission programs in the past.

Preference will be given to applicants not currently eligible for or receiving other Arts Commission grants or funding opportunities. Applicants need not be 501(C)3 tax exempt entities to apply for funding.

Applications for funding will be considered at each Cultural Arts Commission meeting throughout the year. Each applicant may request up to \$500. Applicants are not required to match the award amount.

Spark Microgrant applications must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the Cultural Arts Commission meeting where they will be considered. Spark Microgrant program guidelines and application materials can be accessed at www.cityhpil.com/cac.

For additional information contact the Cultural Arts Commission staff liaison in the Department of Community Development at (847) 432-0867.

YOUTH & SENIOR SERVICES



Day Excursions ~

Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous with My Kind of Town Tours

Chicago Neighborhoods

Wednesday, May 14

Fee: \$80 / NM: \$100

Bus departs Toys R Us at 9 a.m.

Bus returns at approximately 4 p.m.

Join historian Leah Axelrod on another amazing narrative tour throughout Chicago featuring the Gold Coast Historic District and Hyde Park area. Drive through the neighborhoods that were home to the city's Who's Who; many are still maintained as they were in the past such as Charles Dawes Mansion in Evanston and the Rockefeller Chapel on the University of Chicago campus. Plus a surprise stop at one of Chicago's grand hotels. Lunch at Lawry's is included with a presentation on the history of this lovely converted mansion off the Magnificent Mile.

Les Misérables & Lunch

Drury Lane, Oakbrook

Thursday, May 22

Fee: \$70 / NM: \$90

Bus departs Toys R Us at 11 a.m.

Bus returns at approximately 5 p.m.

Drury Lane begins its 30th anniversary season with a tale of romance, passion, suspense and redemption. Based on Victor Hugo's novel, *Les Misérables* travels through three turbulent decades of 19th century France. Convict Jean Valjean is on the run, hunted relentlessly by Javert for breaking his parole. Valjean must leave his past behind and keep his vow to raise the young orphan Cosette. With revolution in the air and Javert closing in, Valjean has no choice but to fight for his life and sacrifice everything to protect the people he loves.

Les Misérables received over 50 international theater awards including 8 Tonys. Lunch before the show includes seasonal fruit cup, your choice of entree (*salmon filet or roast strip loin - indicate preference when you register*), and chef's choice of sides and dessert.

Weekly Activities ~

Returning Student Registration

Begins: Tuesday, April 22 at 9 a.m.

Member Registration Begins:

Thursday, April 24 at 9 a.m.

Open Registration Begins:

Tuesday, April 29 at 9 a.m.

Senior Adult Travel Golf League

Wednesday Mornings,

May through September

Tee Off between 7 - 9 a.m.

Registration Fee: \$40 / NM: \$60

This innovative 9-hole, coed travel golf league is designed for singles and partners to meet and play in a fun and supportive environment. League play rotates weekly between Sunset Valley Golf Course, Highland Park Country Club, Sportsman Country Club, and Deerfield Golf Club. Greens/cart fees are additional, and are payable weekly at each course. For details and to register, please call Laura at (847) 432-4110.

Beginning Bridge Class -

Club Series: Modern Bidding

Thursdays, May 15 - July 24

(10 classes)

9:45 - 11:45 a.m.

Fee: \$80 / NM: \$100

If you've always wanted to play bridge, this class is for you! Designed for students with no prior experience, instructor Elaine Morrison starts from the beginning and introduces students to basic bridge concepts such as game objectives, dealing and organizing the hand, counting points, bidding, playing, and scoring. Emphasis is on modern bidding (*opening bids, responses, rebids, overcalls, takeout doubles and stayman*) and sufficient elements of play and defense are introduced to allow the students to start playing hands within a few weeks. Bring the ACBL Club Series book to the class. No class 7/10.

Continuing Bridge Classes - Heart Series: Defense

Tuesday, May 13 - July 22 (10 classes)
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Fee: \$80 / NM: \$100

Elaine Morrison continues the ACBL bridge series with attention turning to the defenders: detailed discussions of opening leads against suit and no-trump contracts, second and third hand play, and defensive signals. Bidding and play concepts from the earlier series are reviewed and some new ideas added. Previous experience and basic knowledge of bidding and play of the hand is required. Bring the ACBL Club Series book to the first class. No class 7/8.

Total Body Fit - Level 2

Tuesdays, May 13 - June 24 (7 classes)
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Fee: \$39 / NM: \$59

Carol King teaches this new class targeted to increase strength, flexibility and balance. This full body workout includes both chair work and low impact standing cardio, muscle strengthening exercises with light weights and resistance tubing, plus standing exercises to improve stability.

Latin Dance Aerobics: Zumba Gold

Wednesday, May 21 - June 25

(6 classes), Level 2 / 3

10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

Fee: \$33 / NM: \$43

Zumba Gold is a low impact, easier form using Latin based music and easy to follow dance moves. Cha cha, salsa, merengue and more with certified instructor Ali Margolis. A fun way to improve your mood, memory and body.

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.cityhpil.com/youthcenter.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CITY MEETINGS

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

The 26th Annual CSL Student Art Exhibition Through April 19

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.

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.

The Music Theatre Co. Gala 2014: More to See April 24

7:00 p.m.
Box Office (847) 579-4900
The Birchwood Club
1174 Park Avenue West

The Music Theatre Company's Gala features a concert celebrating the music &

lyrics of Stephen Sondheim directed by Dominic Missimi, a preview of TMTC's upcoming season of new musicals, a sumptuous buffet and silent auction.

The Art Center's Spring Gala: A Feast for the Eyes May 8

7:00 p.m.
The Art Center
1957 Sheridan Road
(847) 432-1888

Join TAC for an evening of visual inspiration and culinary creations! Gala honorees are artist and educator Iris Allen and YEA! Highland Park. Visit www.theartcenterhp.org/event/spring2014gala for event and ticket information.

Chicago River Cleanup May 10

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Highland Park Target
2099 Skokie Valley Road
(847) 926-1000

The Natural Resources Commission join with the Friends of the Chicago River in their annual Chicago River Day clean up. Ages 8 and up are welcome; however, children under 13 should be accompanied by an adult. Work clothes, gloves and boots are recommended. Join friends and neighbors along the banks of the river to collect garbage and sort for recycling, remove invasive vegetation, and plant a bio-swale with native plants.

For more info visit www.chicagoriver.org.

North Shore Residents to Realize Continued Savings in Third Year of Electrical Aggregation Program

The North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium ("Consortium") has worked collaboratively during the last two years to save participating residential and commercial customers in eight member communities more than \$32 million* off of Commonwealth Edison's ("ComEd") electricity supply rates. During this time, the average customer has saved more than \$463* on electricity against current ComEd rates.

In 2012, the municipalities of Deerfield, Glencoe, Highland Park, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, Northbrook, Park Ridge and Skokie, collectively known as the Consortium, entered into a three-year contract with MC Squared Energy Services, LLC ("mc2") to serve as the alternative electricity supplier to the almost 70,000 Consortium customers. **For the final year of the three-year contract, the Consortium secured electricity rates of 6.688 cents per kilowatt-hour ("kWh") for June 2014 through May**

2015 billing cycles for residential and eligible small commercial customers. ComEd's estimated rate for the same time period is 7.63 cents per kWh, representing an estimated savings to customers of more than 12%.

The new price is an increase from the current rate due to the significant rise in the price of capacity effective June 1, 2014. Capacity is the cost of generating electricity to meet demand during peak times. In the last two years, such capacity cost was lower and represented a smaller portion of the electricity price. However, with an expected increase in the capacity price of more than 300%, it is now a substantial part of the electricity supply price.

Customers interested in participating in the 100% Green Power Program can sign-up for an additional cost of .140 cents per kWh. Those customers already purchasing enhanced renewable energy certificates as

part of the Green Power Program do not need to take any action.

If customers are already receiving the Consortium's electricity supply rate, no action is necessary. Customers interested in signing up for the Consortium rate (those who have moved into a Consortium community or may want to change providers), can sign-up through the customer portal at www.northshoreelectricityaggregation.com. You may also call mc2 directly at (888) 808-7731 or email NorthShore@MC2energyservices.com for more info.

Customers will receive a letter from the Consortium during the first week of April regarding new pricing terms. To learn more about mc2, visit www.northshoreelectricityaggregation.com.

*The savings estimate for the Consortium reflects a period of June, 2012 to May 2014. The individual customer savings is based on an estimate of all Consortium members.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

District 113 Earns Certificate of Financial Excellence

Township High School District 113 received the Association of School Business Officials International's (ASBO) Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting award for having met or exceeded the program's high standards for financial reporting and accountability.

District 113 was recognized for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending 2013. District 113 has won the Certificate of Financial Excellence for 22 years. According to Barry Bolek, the Assistant Superintendent of Finance, "Our goal is to continue to keep expenditures at or below CPI to ensure a fiscally stable fund balance that will allow us to address the needs of the school District today and in

the future."

Sponsored by VALIC, the Certificate of Excellence (COE) award confirms the school business office's commitment to financial accountability and transparency. Recognition through the COE program can help strengthen a district's presentation for bond issuance statements and promotes a high level of financial reporting.

In fact, in June of 2013, Moody's Investors Service once again assigned Township High School District 113 the Aaa credit rating, noting its strong financial position and fiscal management. This credit rating allowed District 113 to qualify for the lowest available interest rates when issuing bonds for the capital

projects resulting from the approval of the April 2013 referendum.

"District 113 and the Board of Education put great emphasis on conservative decision making and fiscal responsibility," George Fornero, District 113 Superintendent, said. "District 113's credit worthiness benefits our community because it allows the District to finance capital projects at the most competitive rates."

Phase I construction projects will begin in early June. A construction update will be provided by District 113 officials and the professional team members from Perkins + Will (project architects) and Gilbane (project construction manager) on May 14 at Highland Park High School. The meeting will be held in the auditorium at 7:00 p.m. All community members are invited to attend.



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.

Community Invited to Farewell Reception for Behlow

All North Shore School District 112 residents are invited to attend a reception from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29 at Sherwood Elementary School to honor retiring Superintendent David L. Behlow.

Dr. Behlow has served as the district's leader since July of 2009, and during that time has moved the district forward on every front, including the areas of curriculum, school finances, technology and community engagement," said NSSD112 Board of Education President Bruce Hyman. "Dr. Behlow's tenure in our district has coincided with tremendous changes in education at both the state and national levels, including increasing fiscal pressure on districts across the state," he said.

Dr. Behlow's leadership in developing a



visionary strategic plan with input from the entire community set the stage for the progress the district has made over the past several years, Dr. Hyman said.

While the majority of districts in the state are in deficit spending, Dr. Behlow has taken proactive steps to maintain the fiscal health of the district, while at the same time ensuring that the district remains on the cutting edge of educational practices so that all its children can succeed in today's world.

Northwood Roots Fest April 24, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The 12th annual Northwood Junior High Roots Fest is a celebration of multiculturalism that the whole community is sure to enjoy. The evening kicks off at 5:30 p.m. with a "Taste of Northwood", featuring a wonderful selection of ethnic cuisines donated by area restaurants that will be available for purchase.

Dinner will be followed by student and staff performances at 6:30 p.m. Students have been learning all year about the unique artistic and cultural contributions of different world societies. Come celebrate together as they share what they have learned in a most entertaining way.

The event will take place at the school, 945 North Avenue, Highland Park.

PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK

Fun for All Ages

Dodgeball Mania

Ages 8-11

Recreation Center of Highland Park • 1207 Park Ave. West
Get pumped up for Dodgeball! Snacks and sports drinks will be provided.

31737 Apr 25 6-8pm \$12/15

Mom and Me Spring Flower Cupcake Decorating

Adult/Child Grade K-3

West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Rd.

Celebrate spring time with some sweet treats! Combine cupcake decorating skills with new flower making techniques that will almost be too pretty to eat!

32037 Apr 25 7-8:30pm \$20/25 per couple

Intro to Wheel Throwing

Grades 5-8

West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Rd.

This workshop will give you the fundamental skills you will need to use the pottery wheel. No experience or tools necessary and all materials are included.

32394 May 2 7-8:30pm \$25/30

Golf Day

Family

Sunset Valley Golf Course • 1390 Sunset Rd.

Take part in FREE "Try Golf" clinics, ask questions about short game techniques, rules of the game, and getting started in golf.

May 10 & 11 3-5pm FREE

Highland Park Hikers

Family

Palos/Sag Valley Forest Preserve

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.

32018 May 11 12:30-2:30pm \$15

Family Tennis Night

Family

Deer Creek Courts • 701 Deer Creek Parkway

Bring your family and enjoy a night of tennis, wallyball, basketball, and indoor golf driving range.

31866 May 17 6-8pm \$10/person or \$30/family

Ravine Restoration

Adults

Rosewood Park • 45 Roger Williams Ave.

Take a walk along the historic Rosewood ravine trail to welcome the wildflowers and learn first-hand about the Park District's Ravine Stream Habitat Restoration program.

May 17 10:30am-Noon FREE



Hidden Creek AquaPark:

A summer escape in your own backyard

Two ways to register for your 2014 Season Pass!

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

Mail-In registration began March 3.

 **Rainout Line** 847.579.9008

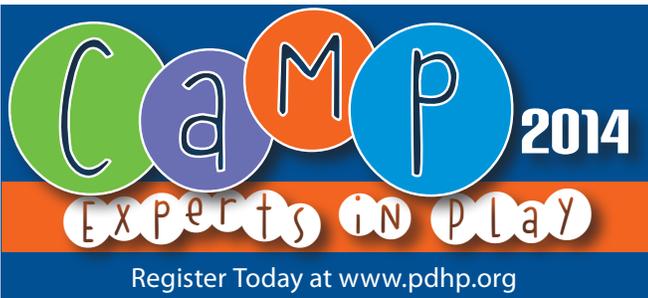
Download the free iPhone or Android app to view the current status of Park District beaches, pools, events, and programs. Visit rainoutline.com to receive opt-in texts or emails.

Looking for a Summer Job or Extra Hours?

Each summer, the Park District of Highland Park hires nearly 400 seasonal employees, 16 years of age and older, to help with the summer related programs at its facilities including Hidden Creek AquaPark, Sunset Valley Golf Course, Heller Nature Center, and Deer Creek Courts. Staff is also needed to assist with summer athletic programs and camps as well as park maintenance. Apply online at www.pdhp.org or call 847.831.3810 for information.

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."



Register Today at www.pdhp.org

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.

Seniors in Action

Park District programs and events for active adults!

Champions of Living

Recreation Center of Highland Park • 1207 Park Av. West

Join this Senior Program and be a Champion of Living! As a Champion, you'll receive:

- Initial 1-hour consultation with Exercise Coach
- Trainer assistance
- Two 45-minute guided exercise sessions
- Games of pickleball and basketball (optional)
- Pedometer to track steps and more!

Apr 21-June 1 • \$29/39 for individuals/ \$39/49 for couples

Introduction to Pickleball

Recreation Center of Highland Park • 1207 Park Av. West

Ages 50+

Targeted for the active older adult community, Pickleball combines table tennis, badminton, and tennis. Participants will learn the rules of play, basic techniques and strategies. Equipment will be provided.

Contact Mitch Carr at 847.579.4047 to sign up for a session. Introduction classes are FREE of charge.

Thurs Apr 17 10am-12:30pm
 Tues Apr 22 2pm-4:30pm
 Sat Apr 26 2pm-4:30pm

2014 Ice Show: Let's Dance

Centennial's skating school students will take to the ice for this big event. Come support the hard work and dedication of over 200 skaters!

Centennial Ice Arena • 3100 Trail Way

May 9-10

For show times and ticket information, call 847.432.4790



Brunch and Learn Nature Workshop

Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Rd.

Enjoy a delicious catered brunch followed by a fun and informative hands-on workshop, discussion or walk! Sponsored by ManorCare Health Services.

The Honeybees of Heller

May 16 10am-12:15pm \$10/15

Rain Date: May 23

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!

HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

April 13 – 19 is National Library Week!

A Look Back At Your Library In 2013



361,047 visits

24,887
cardholders



678,246
borrowed
books and media



including:

417,742
adult materials

260,504
children's materials

67,396

reference questions answered



21,011 children's questions

46,385 adult questions

580 events



attended by **20,399** people



approximately 1,000 library patrons

Celebrate National Grilled Cheese Month @ The Library



The Fat Shallot Food Truck Does Grilled Cheese!

Monday, April 28, 7:30 p.m.

April is National Grilled Cheese Month! Sample one of *Zagat's* 10 Must-Try Gourmet Grilled Cheeses in Chicago when former Highland Parkers Sarah Weitz and Sam Barron of The Fat Shallot food truck serve their special grilled cheese sandwich. Weitz and Barron, seen on Food Network, share tips on what makes the perfect grilled cheese sandwich as well as what life as a food truck owner entails.

Tattered Tomes to Treasures: An Earth Day Crafting Celebration

Saturday, April 19, 2 – 4 p.m.

Bead, weave, and wrap! Use old books, magazines, and newspaper (we'll provide) and make new recycled treasures in the spirit of Earth Day. Bracelets, key chains, and coasters are just some of the objects that can be created from old reading material. Visit our inspiration table, grab some supplies, and get crafty! Children eight and under must be accompanied by an adult. Supplies donated by Chelsea's Beads.

Business Mentoring

Thursdays, April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15
5 – 8 p.m.

Sign up for a one hour one-on-one mentoring session with a SCORE Chicago counselor for help with a variety of business issues. Score counselors are successful executives and business owners. Register at www.scorechicago.org.

Presented with the City of Highland Park's Office of Economic Development and the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce.

All's Well That Ends Well Theatrical Reading

Sunday, April 27, 2 p.m.

Equity actors from the Shakespeare Project of Chicago present a theatrical reading of Shakespeare's "problem play." In an adventure that takes us from France to the Florentine wars of Italy and back again, we can ask to what lengths we would go for the object of our desires. A discussion with the cast follows the performance.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Highland Park Public Library.

Treasures In Your Attic

Thursday, May 8, 7 p.m.

Find out more about that special object discovered in the attic. Is it an antique? Does it have value? Gallery owner, former museum director, and longtime Highland Park resident Arthur Feldman will evaluate your treasure and provide historical background. One item per person, please. No jewelry.

Career Counseling

Wednesday, May 14, 1 – 4 p.m.

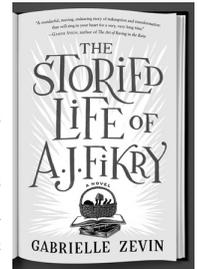
Meet with a career counselor from College of Lake County for a free half-hour session. Learn job search strategies, find assistance writing or updating a resume, and prepare for a job interview. Register at the Reference desk or call (847) 681-7031.

Meet the Authors

Gabrielle Zevin – *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry*

Tuesday, April 29,
7 p.m.

The #1 LibraryReads April Pick! LibraryReads is a list of the top 10 books published each month that library staff across the country love.



Sebastian Barry – *The Temporary Gentleman*



Monday, May 12, 7 p.m.
Two-time Man Booker Prize short-listed author.

Instrument Petting Zoo

A Grow with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program

Saturday, May 3,
2 – 3:30 p.m.

Introduce your child to the enjoyment and benefits of making music! Research indicates that playing a musical instrument enhances math ability in young children and improves attention, memory and communication skills. Children are invited to try a variety of instruments demonstrated by experienced teachers.



Presented by the Music Institute of Chicago and Deerfield Music.

Libraries change lives. Stop by during National Library Week, April 13 – 19, to post to our interactive display and tell us how you want to change your life.

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BUSINESS REPORT

New business information is provided for informational purposes only.

NEW BUSINESSES

Orion Vacation Club
430 Park Avenue, Suite 2C
(847) 786-2600
Buying Time-shares, Resort Investing

Pulling Down the Moon

1770 First Street
(847) 472-9550
Holistic Health

Rose's Bakery

478 Central Avenue
(847) 859-2723
Gluten-free Bakery & Café

Sheridan Road Gallery

1870 Sheridan Road
(847) 977-2210
Fine Arts Gallery

Wear In Good Health

1819 St. Johns Avenue
(847) 508-3537
Women's Clothing

NEW ADDRESS

The Bootery
483 Central Avenue
(847) 433-1911
Shoes and Apparel for Women, and Seasonal Footwear for Men and Children

BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARDS

Total Design Jewelry - Since 1975
3100 Skokie Valley Road
Jeff Lieb the proprietor has operated this one of a kind jewelry store for over 39 years. His excellent workmanship and creative jewelry have kept him thriving in the Highland Park area.

Pasquesi and Son Auto and Truck Repair - Since 1976 2086 First Street

This total auto maintenance center has been in operation since 1976. Their fully licensed mechanics service almost all makes and models of cars and trucks.

Ravinia BBQ and Grill - Since 1984

592 Roger Williams Avenue
This restaurant has been family owned and operated for the last 28 years. Originally established in 1984 by Lou Tannebaum and then ownership was assumed by his daughter, Bunnie Mesrirow. They strive to provide customers with great BBQ and excellent service.

This award recognizes businesses that have been in the community more than 25 years for their excellence and innovation in business operations, and a commitment to the Highland Park community. Businesses that have been in operation 25 to 49 years are recognized in the Highlander. Businesses that have been in operation over 50 years are recognized in the Highlander and presented with a Certificate of Recognition at a City Council meeting. Businesses are listed in order of longevity and as space permits.

For more info, contact Carolyn Hersch in the City's Office of Economic Development at chersch@cityhpil.com, or (847) 926-1027.

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