

THE HIGHLANDER



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Capital Improvement Projects Scheduled for 2014 Season

The City's 2014 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is already underway with an aggressive schedule and timeline to complete \$15 million in infrastructure upgrades. The projects are prioritized, as part of the annual 5-year CIP budget, based on life safety, age of infrastructure, economies of scale, functional deficiencies, and to reduce long-term expensive repairs.

Listed below is a summary of major CIP projects scheduled for the 2014 season:

Streets Rehabilitation

Due to an extreme winter season and a prolonged freeze-thaw cycle, the streets have deteriorated beyond the normal wear and tear. On average, the City spends about \$2 million in street rehabilitation and this year, an additional \$350,000 was authorized to improve street conditions. Asphalt street resurfacing is primarily prioritized based on pavement condition and this year's list of streets to be improved include Barberry Road, Berkeley Road, Crofton Avenue, Forest Avenue, Hillside Drive, Lincoln Avenue S, Lincoln Avenue W, Old Skokie Road, Old Trail and Roger Williams Alley.

Concrete streets scheduled to be repaired in sections include Clavey Road, Dato, Edgewood Court, Edgewood Road, Hill-

side Drive, Old Trail, Park Ave. West, Saxony Road, Sumac Road, Sunset Road, and Warbler Circle.

To extend the pavement life, the City invests annually in maintenance activities such as asphalt patching and crack sealing.

BikeWalk 2030 Implementation

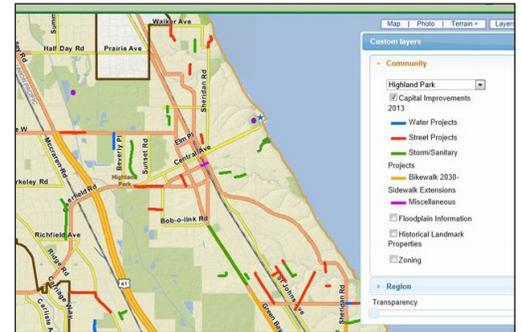
New sidewalks are scheduled to be installed on Old Deerfield Road, Oak Street, and Sheridan Road. The sidewalks will close gaps to provide for a continuous safe pathway for residents.

Watermains and Meters

The watermains scheduled to be upgraded are on Kincaid, Judson, and Briarwood. The City is in the process of securing a State loan to replace old water meters and install an automated meter reading system. This much needed upgrade will provide a superior resident service on water usage and leak detection.

Railroad Crossing Pedestrian Gates

The City, in partnership with Union Pacific Railroad, was able to install railroad pedestrian gates at Park Avenue West, Old Deerfield Road and Clavey Road crossings. The City was able to secure grants from



Union Pacific to pay for these important pedestrian safety improvements.

Storm Sewer Improvements

This infrastructure project scope entails storm sewer upgrades and pavement resurfacing on Broadview Avenue between Highland Place and Blackstone Place.

All residents directly affected by capital projects will be notified via mail for any construction taking place on their street or in their neighborhood. Other notifications are sent out through the City's communication tools such as the *Highlander*, website, electronic newsletter and social media. In addition, residents can access an interactive map on City's website to get updates on CIP projects.

Construction hours are from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on weekdays and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, visit www.cityhpil.com/construction or call Public Works during business hours at (847) 432-0807.

Learn More from the City & Sign Up for Alerts

From the *Highlander* to the website to our enews and social media, the City strives to maintain a fluid and transparent two-way communication with the public. Updates on projects, events and initiatives are posted in multiple areas made convenient for you. Are you familiar with all the tools that the City uses to communicate? See your options and sign up today! If you have questions, call us at (847) 926-1000.

Electronic Newsletters

Sign up for enews sent to your email in:
- City Enews
- Public Safety Alerts
- Business Bulletin
Sign up at www.cityhpil.com/signup.

Emergency Voice Notification System

Verify and sign up for emergency phone notifications sent by the Police Department at www.cityhpil.com/signup.

Social Media



www.facebook.com/HighlandParkIL
www.twitter.com/CityHPIL
www.youtube.com/user/CityHPIL

To view the City's communications plan, go to www.cityhpil.com/workplan.

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'HIGH' NOTES

SWALCO Household Chemical Waste Collection Event

The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) is hosting a Household Chemical Waste Collection Event on Saturday, May 17 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Vernon Hills Metra Train Station at Route 45 and Ranney Road. Accepted materials include aerosol products, antifreeze, motor oil, fertilizers, pesticides, furniture stripper and varnishes, oil-based paints and paint removers. For a complete list, visit www.swalco.org or call (847) 336-9340. SWALCO offers year-round HCW public drop-off events at their Gurnee facility, 1311 N. Estes by appointment only and are held on the second Saturday or fourth Monday of each month.

The City has Electronic and Foam Recycling Drop-Off at 1180 Half Day Road every Tuesday and Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.cityhpil.com.

Enter Fourth of July Parade

There's still time to register for 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; non-profit organizations participate for free. A \$40 late fee is added for *all* applications received between May 15 and June 6. *No applications will be accepted after June 6.* Forms are available at www.cityhpil.com/July4 or contact Jennifer Dotson in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1006 / 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, Administrative Intern, at (847) 926-1042 or thall@cityhpil.com.

National Public Works Week: May 18 - 24

Since 1960, the American Public Works Association has sponsored National Public Works Week. The City of Highland Park, among other communities across North America, uses this week to energize and educate the public on the importance of the contribution of public works to their daily lives: planning, building, managing and operating the heart of our local communities and building quality of life.

Please join the City of Highland Park May 18 - 24 in supporting National Public Works Week.

Sprinkler Restrictions Begin May 15 Thru September 15

Sprinkling restrictions, effective May 15 until September 15 of each calendar year, prohibit sprinkler use from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and limit lawn irrigation to odd/even days that correspond with the property's address (odd numbered properties are permitted to use sprinklers on odd numbered days and even numbered properties are permitted to use sprinklers on even numbered days).

For more information, visit www.cityhpil.com/waterconservation or call the Public Works Department at (847) 432-0807.

Affordable Housing in Highland Park

Interested in owning a home in Highland Park? Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) is a local non-profit that provides affordable homes to low and moderate income households. If you'd like to see if you qualify for the program, please register for one of the following information sessions:

Tuesday, June 10 at 7 pm

Tuesday, July 15 at 7 pm

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

Historical Society Seeks Archive Donations

The Highland Park Archives and Research Collections, currently housed at the Highland Park Historical Society's museum at 326 Central Avenue, welcomes donations of unique and primary Highland Park documents, images and objects of any age. Funded in part by the Henry X. Arenberg Archives Preservation Fund, this nationally recognized research collection preserves and makes accessible your history. If you would like to contribute to the community's historical record in any media, please contact archivist Nancy Webster at archives@highlandparkhistory.org or call (847) 432-7090.

Call for Photos! Enter Before June 5

The City of Highland Park and the Downtown Highland Park Alliance, and in partnership with The Art Center, are accepting photos for use in the City's marketing materials, including but not limited to, the *Highlander*, Downtown Highland Park Guides, websites, enews, annual reports, public service announcements, advertising, signage, social media and other marketing materials. The Call for Entry is open to photography only for any original works created by submitting artists within the last 5 years, ages 18+. Artists will receive acknowledgement when work is used and automatic acceptance into the Summer 2014 "Art in City Hall" outreach exhibit.

For more info, visit www.theartcenterhp.org or contact Erin Saltsgaver at esaltsgaver@theartcenterhp.org or (847) 432-1888.

Thank You To Our Sponsors: New Resident Breakfast

The City of Highland Park would like to graciously thank the sponsors of the City's New Resident Breakfast held on Saturday, April 12. Thanks to @properties, Coldwell Banker and Baird & Warner for making this event possible to the dozens of new residents in attendance.

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

Our Real Estate Portfolio

As a City Council and staff, our focus is on three core priorities: fiscal stability, public safety and investment in our infrastructure in addition to supporting our businesses, meeting the needs of our most vulnerable community members, celebrating the arts and preserving our natural resources. We run our city to be sustainable both now and for the future, investing in our infrastructure and public safety, and maintaining a balanced operating budget. Over the past few years, we have focused on improving the efficiency of City operations, scrutinizing spending and collaborating with sister governments. As part of this effort, I asked staff to provide the City Council with an inventory and comprehensive analysis of our city-owned property.



While our capital assets include our roads, sewers, water mains, equipment and machinery, they also include approximately thirty City-owned buildings. These facilities were built or acquired to help provide services to our residents and include core buildings such as City Hall, the police station, three fire stations and public works as well as non-core buildings such as the Karger Center, the Highland Park Movie Theater, the Senior Center, the Firehouse, the Community House and the Art Center.

Each of these properties represents a significant investment of public funds. Like any portfolio, these assets need to be actively managed to ensure that the highest value (in this case, to the community) is received from each considerable investment. We need to protect them from loss, make certain their value is maintained over time, and ensure that they are used effectively to meet the needs of our residents both now and for years to come.

As we move forward with our strategic analysis and review, we are looking at many factors. We will be mindful of each building's condition, useful life span, maintenance costs, historic significance and the specific resident services each facility provides.

Our goal is to identify solutions as we balance wants versus critical need. We recognize the importance of maintaining a vibrant community while mitigating the financial impact associated with owning and operating these buildings now and in the future. Your input is valued. Please let us know your thoughts. A complete list of city-owned facilities can be found on the City website www.cityhpil.com.

Sincerely,

Mayor Nancy R. Rotering

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy R. Rotering".

Highland Park Movie Theater Update: Broker Chosen to Market Property

At its April 16, 2014 meeting, the City Council approved an agreement with @properties Commercial to broker the Highland Park Theater property, located at 441-447 Central Avenue.

"We look forward to working closely with @properties as they market this important property. This partnership will allow the city to collaborate with professionals to find a thoughtful and fiscally responsible solution for the theater property," stated Mayor Nancy Rotering. "The sale of the property has been and will continue to be transparent and subject to community input. As with any redevelopment, this property will require a public planning and design review



as required by the City zoning and planned development process."

@properties was authorized to market the property, as is, along with the adjacent Ori parking lot as part of the revitalization or redevelopment of the theater property. The City is including a stipulation that there is no net loss of public parking. @properties

was chosen following a rigorous Request For Proposal and interview process based on the company's proactive approach, transparent process, comprehensive marketing plan and broad base of resources.

The City purchased the theater property in 2009 and the property includes two existing retail tenants within 441 and 447 Central Avenue, each occupying approximately 750 square feet of the 18,365 square foot building. The theater was closed in May 2012 following an independent fire inspection for life safety reasons.

For more information on the theater, visit www.cityhpil.com/theater or call the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1000.



Fire Department Hosts Blood Drive May 24

Highland Park firefighters will band together Memorial Day weekend to support fellow firefighter and Purple Heart recipient Nathan Abbott by hosting a LifeSource blood drive in honor of his 16-month-old daughter, Kyla, who is fighting a high-risk cancer.

The blood drive takes place on Saturday, May 24, from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Fire Department Headquarters, Fire Station #33, 1130 Central Avenue, Highland Park.

The Highland Park firefighter is a former U.S. Marine who was awarded the Purple Heart during Operation Iraqi Freedom. For Abbott's fellow firefighters, the chance to host a blood drive on the military's most solemn day was the perfect fit.

"We're in the career of service-including service to our own," says Deputy Fire Chief Dan Pease. "In our endless effort to save lives, we now focus on trying to help a brother and his family in their time of need."

Appointments for the blood drive are preferred, but all walk-ins are welcome. Donors can schedule their appointment by calling LifeSource at (877) 543-3768 or visiting www.lifesource.org and using sponsor code 243D.

Donors should expect the entire process to last approximately one hour, however the actual blood donation should last no longer than 10 minutes. As a part of the process, donors will be given a questionnaire, and a short physical by LifeSource personnel to test hemoglobin (iron) levels, blood pressure, temperature and pulse. Refreshments will be provided immediately following all blood donations.

Summer Safety Reminders: Rules of The Road

With the arrival of the spring season, everyone is anxious to get outside. This translates into more pedestrians and bicyclists enjoying the outdoors and motorists taking advantage of snow-free roads.

A few Rules of the Road safety reminders are listed below:

- Motorists and bicyclists are required to share the road.

- Hand-held cell phone use while driving is illegal Statewide. Violations in school and construction zones have increased fines and penalties.

- Illinois law requires motorists to STOP for pedestrians in marked mid-block crosswalks and at all designated crosswalks.

- Traffic laws apply to bicyclists. This includes STOPPING at ALL STOP SIGNS and not riding more than two abreast.

- Per Highland Park Code 75.025 (C) persons under the age of 16 years must wear a properly-fitted and adjusted bicycle helmet while either operating, or riding in, or being

towed by a carrier attached to, a bicycle upon a public way. All other persons are urged to wear such helmets while biking, skateboarding, using in-line skates or any other non-motorized user-propelled wheeled device.

- If bicyclists must ride in the evening, front lights must be visible for at least 500 feet, and red rear reflectors must be visible from 100 to 600 feet.

Motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians must

take personal responsibility in obeying existing traffic laws and exercising due caution to improve traffic safety. Highland Park is a bicycle and pedestrian friendly community. Over the last few years, the City of Highland Park has invested resources and funding to improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure,



as adopted in the BikeWalk 2013 Plan. As a reminder, pedestrians should exercise due caution for their own safety while crossing a street even if they have the right-of-way.

Enjoy the outdoors and exercise safe practices!

• Helmet Safety Tips •

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), bicycle helmets reduce the risk of bicycle-related head injury by about 80%. A properly fitted bicycle helmet is the most effective way to prevent head injuries resulting from a bicycle crash.

Below are important tips to follow:

- Helmets should be adjusted for a level, snug fit.

- Helmets should be worn level and low on the forehead. While wearing the helmet, a rider should be able to look up and see the front edge.

- Straps should form a "Y" just under the ears.

- Chin straps should be snug so that no more than one or two fingers could fit under the strap.

Bicyclists should occasionally inspect helmets for excessive wear or damage. Most manufacturers recommend replacing a helmet every three to five years. A helmet should be replaced after any crash resulting in a helmet contact. For more information on helmet standards and helmet safety visit the Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute at www.bhsi.org.

YOUTH & SENIOR SERVICES

Day Excursions ~

Bytes & Bites

Highland Park High School

Sunday, May 18

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Free for members; advanced registration at (847) 432-4110 required

Sponsored by the HPHS Class of 2016

Join the Highland Park High School Sophomore Board for Technology and Noshes! Students work one-on-one or small groups to teach seniors modern technology (mainly iPads) and the fun, useful things that can be done! Students provide a light brunch of bagels and cream cheese, fresh fruit and juices, and their home-baked sweet table goodies. Students will have some iPads available; however, if you have one, please bring it with you.

A Starry Night Dinner Dance

Highland Park Country Club

Tuesday, May 20

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Fee: \$25 / NM: \$45

Sponsored by Right at Home

The Highland Park Country Club golf course is the perfect setting to watch the sun go down and the stars come out! Dinner by Chef Zahlman Greenwood features a salad, your entree choice of London broil or pan seared salmon, risotto, grilled vegetables, and dessert. Enjoy dancing to a talented trio playing oldies music to draw you to the dance floor. Song selections will include music for individual, group, and couples dancing. Dance the night away with twinkling toes under twinkling stars.

Back to the Beach Party

Park Avenue Beach

Wednesday, June 11

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$10 / NM: \$20

Sponsored by BrightStar Care

Lake Michigan is one of our greatest natural assets, and it's a perfect time to enjoy the surf, sand, and sunset at the recently reopened North Shore Yacht Club. Join others for this fun evening out featuring dinner, music and roasted s'mores by the campfire. Dinner catered by Brown's Chicken features broasted chicken, pasta, sides, and beverage. After dinner you'll enjoy a sing-along with your favorite campfire tunes.

Weekly Activities ~

Senior Adult Travel Golf League

Wednesday Mornings, May - September

Tee Off between 7:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Fee: \$40 / NM: \$60

This innovative 9-hole, coed travel golf league 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. Please call Laura at (847) 432-4110 for details.

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 learn to play bridge, this class is for you! Designed for students with no prior experience, instructor Elaine Morrison introduces the basic concepts of the game including game objectives, dealing and organizing the hand, counting points, and bidding, playing, and scoring. There is an emphasis 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. Please bring the ACBL Club Series book, to the first class. No class 7/10.

Continuing Bridge Class

Tuesday, May 13 - July 22 (10 classes)

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$80 / NM: \$100

Elaine Morrison continues the ACBL bridge series with play of the hand (making a plan, promoting winners, finessing, trumping losers, etc.). Initial bidding concepts are reviewed and new bidding concepts are introduced (Jacoby transfers and slam bidding). Attention turns to defense - opening leads against suit and notrump contracts, second and third hand play, and defensive signals. Previous experience and basic knowledge of bidding and play of the hand is required. No class 7/8.

senior

Serving Adults Over 50

54 Laurel Avenue

(847) 432-4110

Monday - Friday

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

Conversational Spanish

Fridays, May 16 - July 11 (9 classes)

10 - 11 a.m.

Fee: \$ 40 / NM: \$60

Hola Amigos! Certified Spanish teacher, Leslie Fenster, teaches students the fundamentals of Spanish, including everyday vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar. Class will focus on both speaking and listening, and is taught in a relaxed and supportive environment. No class on 7/4.

Cable TV Production Classes

Wednesdays, June 4 - 25 (4 classes)

1 - 3 p.m.

Free; advanced registration required

Welcome to the world of cable TV productions in this 4-week class including an Access Center tour, studio rules, and basic production principles. Participants learn camera theory, usage, position and composition as well as set design, lighting and sound. Instructor Vic Walter also teaches control room operations such as use of the audio and character generator controls and show direction. The final class will include course review, time for questions, and certification testing. Additionally a member of the Senior Producers will give an introduction and invitation to their unique and enticing production group.

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.cityhpi.com/youthcenter.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CITY MEETINGS

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

Vivian Maier - A Photographic Journey

May 17

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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

TAC proudly presents the work of one of the greatest photographers of the 20th century - Vivian Maier. Extraordinary black and white images of Chicago, Highland Park and urban America during the 1950's and 60's courtesy Jeffrey Goldstein/Vivian Maier Prints, Inc. The exhibit runs through July 12th.

Vietnam Re-Scene

May 17

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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

David E. Dallison spent five months traveling and painting throughout Vietnam creating a major body of new "plein-air" watercolors offering a refreshed view to this beautiful Southeast Asian country.

Food Pantry Garden Planting

May 17

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Moraine Township
Woodridge Park off Barberrry Rd.
(847) 732-6764

Help plant Moraine Township's Food Pantry Vegetable

Garden. Once again Moraine Township is partnering with the Park District of Highland Park and the Lake County Health Department to grow fresh produce for our Township Food Pantry. We will provide tools and gloves, or bring your own if you prefer. If you can spare an hour or two, please contact Volunteer-in-Chief Sam Piro (847) 732-6764 samjpiro@gmail.com.

Memorial Day Observance

May 26

11:00 a.m.

Memorial Park
405 Prospect Avenue
(847) 926-1006

Mayor Nancy Rotering invites residents to participate in the Memorial Day Observance featuring representatives from the American Legion Post #145, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4737 and Jewish War Veterans #29. Members of the Highland Park High School Band will perform. The event will take place rain or shine. All are welcome.

Highland Park Historical Society's

Save Stupey Picnic

June 7

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Stupey Cabin
Laurel Park on St. Johns Avenue
Suggested donation: \$5
(847) 432-7090

3rd annual "Save Stupey" Community Picnic, Fundraiser and Fair features music from Sue Coal and the River Ramblers, games, arts and crafts, petting zoo and much more.

Summer Camp Pre-Party

June 7

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Downtown Highland Park
Port Clinton Square
(847) 945-7674

Getting psyched for summer camp? Meet your camp friends and cabin-mates in Downtown Highland Park for the Summer Camp Pre-Party of the year. On Saturday June 7th, from 11am - 3pm, Port

Clinton Square will be transformed into Summer Camp Headquarters. Shop, dine and show your camp spirit throughout Downtown Highland Park.

Dance and sing along with the DJ, join in camp contests and games, enjoy making 'smores and more. For more information visit www.downtownhp.com/camp.

The City of Highland Park presents
The 9th Annual Bitter Jester[®]
BATTLE OF THE BANDS
Application Deadline: May 26, 2014
Email: BattleOfTheBands@BitterJester.com
APPLY TODAY!

- Battles Every June Friday - Finals on the 4th of July!
- Open to all Chicagoland high school bands!
- Pro lights, sound, and stage crews!
- Over \$2,000 in cash and prizes!
- Guaranteed Audiences!

9th Annual Bitter Jester Battle of the Bands

June 6, 13, 20, and 27

8:30 p.m.

Port Clinton Square
(847) 433-8660

High School bands from multiple locations throughout Chicagoland and of varying musical styles compete every Friday night in June at Port Clinton Square Plaza and on July 4th for prizes! The final Battle at the July 4th Concert is at Wolters Field leading up to the City's fireworks display. Applications are being accepted through email at BattleOfTheBands@BitterJester.com.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

Recommendations for next steps in D112 facilities planning

In February and March, the Superintendent's Citizen Finance and Facilities Advisory Committee (SCFFAC) gathered feedback from approximately 1,300 community members regarding the District's future plans for its facilities. As the *Highlander* was going to press, the committee was getting ready to deliver its recommendations to Superintendent David Behlow for the next steps in developing a plan for the District's facilities.

A group of committee members was scheduled to present their report to Dr. Behlow at the May 6, 2014 Board of Education Committee of the Whole Meeting. "We were pleased that so many community members engaged in this process," said SCFFAC co-chair Len Tenner. "It indicates how much our community values education."

The input from the community shows that the vast majority of district residents and staff members who took part understand that continuing to maintain 12 build-

ings is not a viable option, Tenner said.

Fewer than 10 percent of community members who attended the meetings and participated in the survey said that their preferred choice would be to keep 12 buildings. More than nine out of ten indicated they would favor seeking a referendum to reduce the number of district buildings. The majority of those indicated they favored reducing the number of elementary schools from eight to six, and reducing the number of middle schools from three to two.

Community members also said they want many more details before any final decisions are made, and would like to know the process and timeline for deciding which buildings would be renovated, rebuilt, expanded, or closed. Answers to

the most frequently asked questions from the meetings are posted on the District website, www.nssd112.org, along with the committee's final report.

The crux of the committee recommendation is that the board take action to commission a comprehensive architectural and engineering study to help formulate a specific plan for reducing the number of schools. The study would evaluate all district buildings

and property to determine the cost and feasibility of additions, renovations or new construction at each site. If that study were to begin soon, more specific information could be generated to share with the community by next September. More information can be found on the District website, www.nssd112.org.



Highland Park High School Earns National Recognition

U.S. News and World Report named Highland Park High School the 10th best high school in Illinois. Nationally, Highland Park High School ranked 293. U. S. News rankings were released in late April, 2014. The rankings also include selective enrollment schools which garnered five of the top ten slots. Deerfield High School, ranked 6th. Therefore, both Highland Park and Deerfield were rated as 2014 "Gold" badge schools. 500 of the eligible high schools were awarded "Gold" which represents 2.6%.

U. S. News and World Report began ranking high schools in 2007. This time, they studied 31,242 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia. The methodology used to determine the rankings looks at multiple factors in order to

assess the school's and their students' performance.

Primary factors include the school's college readiness performance based upon test data such as the Prairie State Achievement Examination and AP scores. The study also considered whether students at the school perform above the state average and whether disadvantaged students perform better in math and reading than statewide results for these groups.

The methodology information provided by U. S. News and World Report explains their rankings were "...based on key principles that a great high school must serve all of its students well, not just those who are college bound, and that it must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show the school is successfully educating its student body across a range of

performance indicators."

Public demand for comparative data has become prominent particularly because of the growth of secondary school choice options. Consumers look for ways to differentiate among institutions. While it is noteworthy that HPHS was identified as a "Gold" badge school, it is also important to realize that evaluating a school based upon a few measures hardly encompasses what makes any school excellent.

Careful consideration must also be given to the range of programming offered by the school, for instance, the strength of the school's Fine/Applied Arts offerings, the culture of the school, the athletic and extra-curricular programming, and the primary relationships formed between students, families and staff.

When considering all of these measures, Highland Park High School is second to none.

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

Plant a Pot

Ages 3-7

West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Rd.

It's spring! Discover plants, animals, and weather changes.

Decorate a pot to take home with a flower planted in it!

32278 May 16 6-8pm \$25/30

Spring Bird Count

Adults

Lakefront Parks

Help Park District staff and volunteers as they conduct the annual lakefront bird census, then recap the fun over breakfast at Heller. Results are added to a national database to aid in research regarding shoreline habitat protection.

May 17 6:30-10am FREE

Beekeeping

Ages 6-Adult

Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Rd.

Discover the secrets of the honeybees, then dress up in a bee suit for a safe, up-close look at life inside the hive. Everyone will get a taste of Heller Honey to enjoy!

31987 May 18 1-2:30pm \$8

Paint and Pinot

Ages 21 & Up

West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Rd.

Whether you've never put a brush to canvas or you're an accomplished artist, you'll create a custom piece of art while enjoying a glass of wine.

32775 June 3 6:30-8:30pm \$35/40

Soak It Up

Family

Hidden Creek AquaPark • 1220 Fredrickson Place

Kick-off the summer season! We'll have the grill going, as well as free snow cones and give-a-ways.

June 7 11am-2pm \$5/10

Artistic Gymnastic Show

Family

Centennial Ice Arena • 3100 Trail Way

Come watch our gymnasts showcase their talents.

June 8 10:30am & 2:30pm FREE to watch

FREE Junior Golf

Ages 11-18

Sunset Valley Golf Course • 1390 Sunset Rd.

Juniors of Highland Park, come try Sunset Valley Golf Course.

For juniors who have any interest in golf or just want to try it.

June 15 1pm and after FREE



Opening Day:
Saturday, May 24

 **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 www.rainoutline.com to receive opt-in texts or emails.

Sand Shovels

Ready?

Two Beaches to
Choose From this
Summer!

Park Avenue Beach

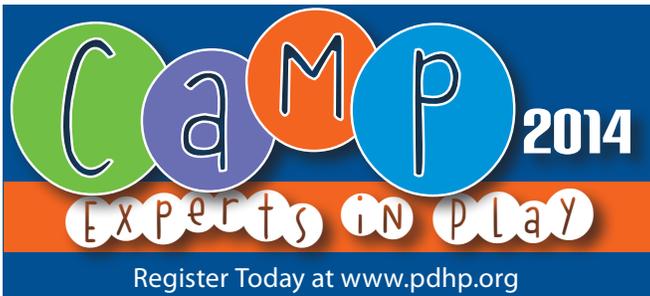
The north section of Park Avenue Beach will be staffed with lifeguards and open for swimming beginning on June 7. Parking is free for Highland Park residents displaying a valid city sticker. Call 847.831.3810 for details.

Glencoe Beach

Highland Park residents are offered resident rates at Glencoe Beach summer 2014. Early Bird savings apply until June 1. Information and season pass registration forms are available at www.glencoeParkDistrict.com or by calling 847.835.3030.

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CAMP 2014
EXPERTS IN PLAY
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.

Park District of Highland Park Youth Sports Programs

Teach your child how to play the game right with the Park District of Highland Park leagues, camps, and clinics. We strive to create a welcoming atmosphere for children of all skill levels while fostering a love of the game. Contact our Athletic Department at 847.831.3810. Register your child today!



50+ Active Adults

Group Exercise Classes

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

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.

Tue 3:30-5:30pm
Thu 10am-Noon

Golf Swing Analysis

Highland Park Golf Learning Center • 2205 Skokie Valley Rd.
Call Sunset Valley at 847.432.7140 to reserve a time slot.
May 17-18 1-4pm FREE

Summer Astronomy

Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Rd.
See the moon, Jupiter and Saturn through our telescopes! No pre-registration required.
June 6 9:30-10:30pm FREE

Full Moon Rising Campfires

Millard Park • 35 Ravine Dr.
Take a short hike with a Naturalist, play games, and enjoy marshmallows roasted over a campfire- all while watching the moon over Lake Michigan!
32811 June 13 8-9:30pm \$8

Ceramic Art for Adults

West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Rd.
Whether you are a beginner or a master in your craft, you'll enjoy this program. Price includes clay and tools.
Programs running from June-August, call 847.831.3810 for more information and to register.

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June 9 - August 2

Summer Reading

Read Books! Earn Prizes!

Participate in your library's reading awards program for all ages and celebrate the summer with the furry, feathered, and scaly creatures of the animal kingdom!

Sign up online at tinyurl.com/hpsummer.

Post an online review or visit the library to report about a book and:

-  choose treasure chest prizes (for kids ages 3 – 5)
 -  collect tokens (for kids in grades K – 5)
 -  earn "library credit" (for teens in grades 6 – 9)
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Trade in tokens or credit for great prizes.

Babies and toddlers have their own activity program. Parents, register in the Youth Department or at storytime class.

Summer readers can choose to support **Heartland Animal Shelter**, an organization that provides homes for homeless animals and promotes responsible pet ownership. Children can use game tokens and teens can elect to use their "library credit" to contribute.

More Summer Fun For Kids!

Discover, explore, and learn through STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities



PAWS to READ



Drop-In Chess

Saturdays, June 7 – August 30
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Grades K – 9
Chess will not meet July 5th.

Every level of play is welcome. Experienced players will be available and instructional opportunities may be available. Boards and sets will be provided.

90-Second Newbery

Wednesday, June 11, Tuesday, June 17,
and Thursday June 26, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Grades 6 – 10

Create a video for The 90-Second Newbery, an annual contest for young filmmakers that compress the stories of Newbery Award-winning books into 90 seconds or less. Each session will cover different movie making skills including story, scriptwriting, animation, editing, and more. Participants should select one or two Newbery or Newbery honor titles before the first session. All films will debut in the library and will be submitted to the 90-Second Newbery Film Festival. For more information visit www.hplibrary.org/90secondnewbery. Open to all.*



Stories Under the Stars

Mondays, June 16, June 23, June 30
7:30 – 8 p.m.

The entire family is invited to drop by the clearing near the Rose Garden for special stories.



THE DOORS ARE OPEN!

Saturday, May 31, 1 p.m.

Join library staff, board of trustees, and Mayor Rotering for a ribbon cutting ceremony, refreshments, and door-opening fun and games to celebrate the opening of your library's front entrance.

Junior Page Volunteers

Volunteer in the Youth Department. Shelve books, help with summer reading, and gain work experience.

Pick a session:

Session I — June 16 – July 12

Session II — July 14 – August 9

Register in the Youth Department or call 847-681-7030. For grades 6-9. Open to residents of the North Shore School District 112 service area.

Miss Deena's Summer Storytimes

Summer storytime sessions, with activities designed to foster pre-reading skills for newborns to six-year-olds, begin in June and July. Visit hplibrary.org/kids for storytime dates and times. Register at hplibrary.org/kids/storytimes or in the Youth Services Department beginning Tuesday, May 27.

Meet The Author - Jen Lancaster

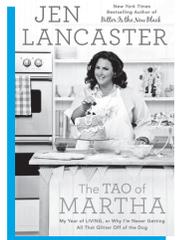
The Tao of Martha:

My Year of LIVING, or Why I'm Never Getting All That Glitter Off of the Dog

Thursday, May 15, 7 p.m.

In 2012, bestselling author Jen Lancaster embarked on

a one-year mission: to live her life according to the dictates of Martha Stewart. From closet organization to craft making, Jen lived her days according to Martha's dictates. Lancaster discusses her book, *The Tao of Martha*, a tale of self-discovery and a look at the impact the journey had on her marriage, her pets, her friendship, and herself. Books will be for sale and the event will conclude with a book signing.



Northlight Theatre Previews

Lost In Yonkers

Wednesday, May 21, 10:30 a.m.

Cast members from Northlight Theatre discuss and preview Neil Simon's Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning play. One attendee will have a chance to win a pair of tickets to the play. Presented with the Highland Park Senior Center. Sponsored by Silverado of Highland Park.

A Forever Home — Pet Adoption Mornings

2nd and 4th Saturdays in June and July
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Visit with dogs in need of homes and find out how to adopt or foster a pet.

A different rescue organization will be located by the main entrance each time.

Real Life Canine Heroes

Wednesday, June 18, 7:00 – 7:45 p.m.
Ages 3 – 12

Come meet the dogs and their handlers who help find lost and missing people and learn about staying safe. Presented by Illinois Wisconsin Search and Rescue Dogs. Registration required. Open to all.*

Reptomania: Reptiles and Amphibians on the Road

Wednesday, June 25, 7 – 8 p.m.
Grades K – 4

Do you think that snakes are slimy or that you can get warts from toads? Come meet some large toads and frogs, colorful snakes, and a humongous monitor lizard! Presented by The Science Alliance. Registration required. Open to residents of the North Shore School District 112 service area.*

*Register at kidsevents.org. For events "open to all," participants not in the North Shore School District 112 service area may register by calling 847-681-7030.

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Building Division	(847) 432-0808	Police Department:	(847) 432-7730
Planning Division	(847) 432-0867	Public Works Department:	(847) 432-0807

BUSINESS REPORT

New business information is provided for informational purposes only.

NEW BUSINESSES

Benz of Highland Park
3080 Skokie Valley Road
(847) 681-2886
Mercedes Benz auto repair

Jennifer Mordini Photographer, Inc.
1292 Old Skokie Rd, 2nd Floor
(847) 579-9663
Special occasions, portraits, pets and more

Pure Health Center
474 Central Avenue, LL2
(847) 433-7744
Holistic wellness consulting and services

Shri Yoga Center
1725 McGovern Street
(847) 847-4043
Yoga studio

NEW ADDRESS

North Shore Sports Academy
1660 Old Skokie Road
(847) 831-3250
Sports academy

NEW NAME

Formerly:
Connections Counseling, Inc.
Now: **Nozicka Center for Hypnosis and Psychotherapy**
454 Central Ave, Unit 206
(847) 202-8671
Psychotherapy practice

BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARDS

Francis Alan Bugaj, D.D.S., LTD - Since 1976
555 Vine Avenue
(847) 432-8080

Dr. Bugaj has brightened the smiles of his patients along the North Shore for the last 37 years through his discerning aesthetic sense, expertise in the field of dentistry, and his life-long interest in the latest dental technology.

The Garden Consultants - Since 1984
484 Central Avenue
(847) 433-0300

For 31 years The Garden Consultants, Inc. has been dedicated to the design, installation and maintenance of exceptional landscapes that enrich the lives of their clients.

Once Upon A Bagel - Since 1987
1888 First Street

The operators of this family-owned bagel, bakery, and delicatessen have a passion for creating great food and a welcoming atmosphere where customers feel at home whether it is breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

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



Business Owners, Property Owners and Real Estate Professionals, Save the Date for the City's 2nd Business Summit scheduled on October 15, 2014.

This year's event will feature notable speakers, including LinkedIn's Senior Vice President Global Solutions, Michael Gamson. Attendees will also learn about the City's initiatives and strategic business development work plan, and have an opportunity to network with community business leaders, property owners and real estate professionals.

For more information, visit www.cityhpil.com/Business-Summit or call (847) 926-1027.