

# THE HIGHLANDER



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## Join Us at the Holiday Lighting Ceremony November 22

Celebrate the kick-off to the holidays at Highland Park's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, November 22 from 3:00-5:30 p.m. at Port Clinton Square. Join Mayor Rotering and other city officials, and the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce, as more than 200 trees in Downtown Highland Park will be magically lit for the 2014 holiday season. The event is sponsored by the City, Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Alliance.

There will be plenty of family friendly activities throughout Downtown Highland Park including the Holiday Scavenger Hunt from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m., where participants stroll through town searching for answers to fun questions about specific businesses and landmarks. Each participant will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win great prizes.

Live entertainment will be featured on Port Clinton Square including North Shore School of Dance at 3:00 p.m., Lake Forest Country Day School Choir at 3:30 p.m. and Soul 2 Sole Hip Hop at 4:00 p.m., all leading up to the parade arrival at 4:30 p.m. featuring Mayor Rotering, Santa Claus, and the Highland Park High School Marching Band. There will be Nutcracker performances by Irina Makkai Ballet in the windows of Uncle Dan's, and Nutcracker



readings by Clara and the Sugar Plum Fairy at Sprout Kids from 3:00-5:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to explore and support the charming businesses of Downtown Highland Park. Shoppers will be able to find the perfect gift for anyone on their holiday shopping list from the great mix of unique boutiques and well known retailers, great salons and spas, or one of the many fabulous restaurants and treat shops.

Shop local this holiday season and enjoy the lights and fun festivities on this special day with family and friends! Free parking will be available throughout the Central Business District on November 22 as part of the Holiday Lighting Ceremony. For more information, please contact the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1000.

For more information on Downtown Highland Park happenings, visit [www.downtownhp.com](http://www.downtownhp.com), or "like" the Downtown Highland Park Facebook page.

**Holiday Lighting Ceremony**  
AT PORT CLINTON SQUARE  
**Saturday, November 22**

**3:00PM SCAVENGER HUNT**

LIVE PERFORMANCES BY  
North Shore School of Dance  
Lake Forest Country Day School Choir  
Soul 2 Sole Dance

**4:30PM HPHS MARCHING BAND PERFORMS**  
SANTA ARRIVES

**5:00PM OFFICIAL TREE LIGHTING**

**3:00-5:30PM NUTCRACKER PERFORMANCES**  
by Irina Makkai Ballet at Uncle Dan's  
READINGS OF THE NUTCRACKER  
by Clara and the Sugar Plum Fairy at Sprout Kids

## Extended Parking Hours Offered in November

*Shop local and park longer this holiday season!*

The City of Highland Park encourages residents and visitors to shop and dine local this holiday season with extended parking hours in the month of November.

### Extended parking hours:

Holiday Lighting Ceremony, November 22  
Thanksgiving Day, November 27  
Friday, November 28  
Saturday, November 29

Parking restrictions will be suspended at all municipal parking lots. There will be no time limit enforced at these public lots. Disabled parking, fire hydrant zones, loading zones and on-street customer only parking will still be in effect. Permit parking still remains in effect during these parking holidays. Employee parking restrictions will also be strictly enforced.



A list of available on- and off-street parking lots and garages can be found at [www.cityhpil.com/parking](http://www.cityhpil.com/parking). Additionally, a complete list of Highland Park retail and restaurant locations can be found at [www.cityhpil.com/shoppinganddining](http://www.cityhpil.com/shoppinganddining).

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

CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK

HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

# 'HIGH' NOTES

## Holiday Gift Drive

It's time for the Phyllis Santullano Holiday Gift Drive, Moraine Township's annual event to provide gifts for children whose families are struggling during the holiday season. The township partners with the community and schools for this effort, and hope to increase the number of children matched with generous volunteer sponsors.

The age, gender, size and a wish list from the anonymous child is provided to sponsors, who commit to spending \$40-\$50 on new toys and clothing for each child. Gifts are then distributed by the Township to the children and their families. Families also receive grocery gift cards for Sunset Foods or Jewel to shop for the foods that make their family's holiday celebration special.

Community Volunteer Sue Kach and Clerk Gail Brown will once again lead this effort. Sponsor forms will be available at [morainetownship.org](http://morainetownship.org) after October 14, or at the Township office, 777 Central Avenue; you can also email the Township at [clerk@morainetownship.org](mailto:clerk@morainetownship.org) to request one to be emailed to you, or call the Clerk at (847) 432-3240.

## Winter Parking Regulations Begin December 1

Please be reminded that the "Snow Ordinance" (72.040) is in effect each year from December 1 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 Citywide ban facilitates snow removal operations when necessary and decreases damage to vehicles parked on the streets or in City lots. 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 [conneill@cityhpil.com](mailto:conneill@cityhpil.com).

## Thanksgiving Information

City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Residents may call the Public Safety Switchboard at (847) 432-7730 if assistance is required.

Also please remember that garbage will not be collected on Thursday, November 27. Residents with regular Thursday refuse and recycling collection will receive service on Friday, November 28, and residents with normal Friday collection will receive service on Saturday, November 29. For info, contact Advanced Disposal Services at (847) 272-4145.

## Moraine Township Helps Residents Navigate Affordable Care Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act begins November 15, 2014, and continues through February 15, 2015. Moraine Township is again partnering with the Lake County Health Department and the Alliance for Human Services to assist residents in navigating the Health Insurance Marketplace.

Residents currently enrolled in health insurance plans through the Marketplace have two options: they may re-enroll in their existing plan for another year, or they can select a different plan for 2015. There are new plans available through the Marketplace for 2015 that were not available last year.

Moraine Township has Certified Navigators available at no charge to work one-on-one with residents. Navigators help residents understand and compare coverage and costs of the various plans and also help ensure that enrollees receive the premium subsidies and cost-sharing reductions they may be income-qualified to receive.

Residents who did not have health insurance for all or part of 2014 may be subject to a tax penalty when filing their 2014 federal tax return, and penalties increase in 2015. Appointments are available daily from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., plus weekend and evening hours. Call (847) 432-3240 to schedule.

## Art Is Alive Contest

Calling all artists! The City's Cultural Arts Commission and The Art Center are jointly sponsoring the Art Is Alive in Highland Park contest, to be judged on Saturday, December 6 at The Art Center in Highland Park, 1957 Sheridan Road.

"The Art is Alive in Highland Park contest allows community members to kick their creativity into high gear, make great art and have fun," says Rhoda Pierce, the Chairperson of the Highland Park Cultural Arts Commission.

To enter, bring a finished piece of artwork to The Art Center for judging on December 6 between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The contest is open to Highland Park residents and students attending Highland Park schools. A jury of arts professionals will select one winner and five finalists in each category. Prize ribbons will be awarded by Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering. Winners and finalists will be announced in *The Highlander*, and selected art works displayed at The Art Center in January 2015.

Submitted art can be in all forms, from drawing and painting, ceramics, sculpture, to mixed media. Submittals will be accepted only on Saturday, December 6. Artists may submit only one work of art. All community members are encouraged to participate. For more information about Art Is Alive, contact Lee Smith at (847) 926-1612 or visit [www.cityhpil.com/cac](http://www.cityhpil.com/cac) or email [info@theartcenterhp.org](mailto:info@theartcenterhp.org).

## Telephone Scam Warning

Residents have reported unsolicited calls from an individual purporting to be a US Treasury Department (IRS) agent, claiming the resident is delinquent on tax payments. The caller states IRS agents are en route to arrest the responsible parties. The resident is instructed to contact a phone number to make payment and avoid arrest. Should you or a family member receive such a call, DO NOT provide the caller with any information, and terminate the call. No Government Agency will contact you and request immediate payment via phone. For additional info, contact the Police Department Non-Emergency line at (847) 432-7730.

# CITY COUNCIL NEWS

## Hunger in Highland Park

Food insecurity is something that most of us don't think about everyday, but it quietly impacts hundreds in our community. According to Moraine Township, over 25% of our kindergarten through eighth grade students qualify for free or reduced-cost lunches. Additionally, many seniors count on the Moraine Township food pantry for basic food supplies. In October, over 400 families received food from the pantry.

We are fortunate to live in a community where we take action to help our neighbors in need. Earlier this year, I convened a meeting with area clergy to discuss the City's work in human services and issues specific to their congregations. The group identified hunger as an immediate opportunity for action and a spring food drive was held in cooperation with the City and Moraine Township. In September, the City of Highland Park staff, Council and I adopted the pantry, providing over 40 bags of food and assisting with cleaning and stocking the shelves. In addition, a Highland Park resident has arranged to supply the Township with weekend food supplies for 50 Highland Park students each week and is looking for volunteers (<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/3310424784040>). Another group of parents is similarly committed to providing weekend food supplies to 100 students from various schools and the Boy Scouts hold annual food drives in March. These are terrific efforts from committed individuals and groups, but the Food Pantry needs coverage every single week.

In an effort to mitigate the inconsistent supply of food supply at the pantry throughout the year, the Township has asked for assistance from all of us. As the saying goes: Many hands together make light work. If everyone joins the effort, we can ensure a consistent level of food pantry supplies throughout the year.

Are you involved with a civic, religious, or other group? Are you or your family looking for a volunteer project? Are you a service-minded individual? If so, please consider adopting the Moraine Township Food Pantry for one week a year. Contact Moraine Township Supervisor Anne Flanigan Bassi at (847) 432-3240 or [super@morainetownship.org](mailto:super@morainetownship.org). Together, we can eliminate food insecurity for our community. No one should go hungry here.

Sincerely,



Mayor Nancy R. Rotering



## Protect you and your family with these important crime prevention tips

Crime prevention only works when the community takes an active role. It's important to report any suspicious persons or activity in your neighborhood to the Police Department. Please take the following precautions to avoid becoming a victim of crimes in your neighborhood:

- Always lock your car even if it is in your driveway or in front of your home.
- Do not leave valuable items in your car in plain view. Purses, wallets, electronic items, and shopping purchases should be removed or secured in the trunk out of sight.
- Always park in a well lit area if possible, and leave your outside



lights on overnight if your car is in your driveway.

- Consider motion activated outdoor lighting or lighting on timers.
- Make sure your garage door is closed and any access door into the garage is secured including the door from the garage to your home.
- Consider a car alarm in conjunction with an alarm for your home. Many insurance companies offer a discount on premiums for property with alarms.
- Secure your house with good locks; patio doors are generally not as secure
- Consider joining the City's Neighborhood Leader Program. Call (847) 926-1000 for more information.

### Sign Up for Public Safety Alerts & Newsletters

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/signup](http://www.cityhpil.com/signup). Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/HighlandParkIL](http://www.facebook.com/HighlandParkIL) and on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/CityHPIL](http://www.twitter.com/CityHPIL).

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Local Quilter Sandra Lewis Receives 2014 Mayor's Award for the Arts

Sandra Lewis, a 50-year resident of Highland Park, was awarded the 2014 Mayor's Award for the Arts on October 27 at the City Council meeting. Mayor Nancy Rotering honored Lewis for her volunteer efforts to beautify and soften the treatment rooms of Highland Park Hospital's NorthShore Kellogg Center through the donation of her handmade quilts.

Although she had worked in many art genres, quilting became Lewis's passion when her husband, Allen Lewis, was diagnosed with cancer and treated at the Kellogg Center. Accompanying her husband to the chemotherapy rooms, she found those spaces sterile and clinical at a time when the people in them most needed a peaceful ambience and comfort.

When her husband was terminally ill in Highland Park Hospital, Lewis brought in one of her cheerful quilts and hung it across from his bed. It lent warmth, color, and, best of all, brought to the room a sense of home.

When Sandra herself was diagnosed with breast cancer 11 years ago, she again noticed the sterility of the treatment rooms. Once she recovered, she determined she would do something about it and, in time, she outfitted each of the seven treatment rooms at Kellogg with her handmade quilts.



Photo by Jonathan Hillenbrand

When the center added nine additional rooms, Lewis made quilts for them too and got fellow quilters to donate their quilts. Other quilts by Lewis are in the Breast Center and the hallway of the Kellogg center.

"It's a tiny thing, but I feel the quilts are important to help patients feel better," Lewis says modestly of her work. But Dr. Leon Dragon, who nominated Lewis for the prestigious award, thinks the quilts also have a lasting value. Dr. Dragon, who retired recently as medical director of the Highland Park Kellogg Cancer Center and now is emeritus staff, believes that by sharing her quilts, Lewis has

contributed to the healing and comfort of many patients.

And hers, the doctor says, is a gift that will continue to give in years to come. Their legacy is that "the quilts will be at Kellogg and at Highland Park Hospital still giving comfort and pleasure, still enveloping patients and families, and still eliciting conversation." The Mayor's Award for the Arts is given yearly to a Highland Park individual or arts organization for contributions to the community through art. Nominations for the award are solicited from the public by the Cultural Arts Commission which reviews the nominations and provides the Mayor with a recommendation. There were eight nominees for this year's award.

## Winter Driving Safety Tips

Poor visibility and roads covered with snow and ice can make traveling stressful, frustrating and hazardous. The Highland Park Police Department offers these additional suggestions for safe travel:

- Buckle seat safety belts...it's the law.
- Drive with headlights on and don't use bright lights during a snowstorm as it increases the glare and reflection from falling snow. It is state law to drive with headlights on when conditions are such that windshield wipers are operating.
- Keep your gas tank full.
- Keep all windows clear of snow and ice
- Drive slower and increase the distance between your car and the one in front of you. Speed should be adjusted for conditions to match traffic flow. This is a primary cause of crashes which can be avoided.
- If pavement is snow or ice covered, start slowly and brake gently. Braking



abruptly can result in skidding and loss of control. Begin braking before approaching an intersection. Remember, bridges and lesser-traveled portions of roadways freeze over first.

- Be careful if you are involved in a minor accident. Exiting your vehicle on a road may result in additional accidents or injuries. If possible, relocate the vehicles involved to the nearest location free from other motorists that may cause further danger.

• Hand-held cell phone use while driving is illegal in Illinois. Hand-held cell phone use while driving is even more dangerous during winter driving and greatly compromises public safety.

• Maintain a safe distance from State and City snow plow trucks. Do not pass snow plow trucks when they are engaged in snow plowing and salting activities.

• Move over a lane width when possible and slow down when passing stationary emergency and highway maintenance vehicles with their emergency warning lights activated. It's the law.

Winter driving is often a challenge for motorists. Be a safe driver and drive responsibly. Allow more time for travel and consider public transportation. Help the Police Department reduce accidents and injuries this winter driving season by following these important safety tips.

# YOUTH & SENIOR SERVICES

## senior

Serving Adults Over 50  
54 Laurel Avenue  
(847) 432-4110

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



### Events & Activities ~

**Festival of Lights Celebration**  
**Weinberg Community**  
**Wednesday, December 17**  
**12:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

**Fee: \$5 / NM: \$15**

Celebrate the holidays with delicious food, wonderful music, friends, and fun! CJE Weinberg Community for Senior Living invites you to join them for a delicious kosher lunch including seared salmon, potato latkes and applesauce. You'll enjoy traditional music which is sure to get you into the holiday spirit. Each participant will receive a special goody bag, and facility tours will be available upon request. All registration fees will be generously donated to the Highland Park Senior Center.

**Live on the Links Classic Concerts: Holiday Bazaar**  
**Highland Park Country Club**  
**Thursday, December 18**  
**1:30 - 2:30 p.m.**

**Free for members / NM: \$10**

*Sponsored by Aperion Care Highwood*

Filled with surprises, just as holidays should be, this Bazaar is a sackful of

songs to make audiences laugh and cry and hold their loved ones close. Hilary Ann Feldman sings a smorgasbord of off-the-beaten path of holiday gems, along with some festive standards. This unique holiday show will raise your spirits!

**The Senior Center offers the following activities which are free for members, and \$10 for non-members.**

**Monday at the Movies**  
**HP Police Department**  
**Monday, 1:30 p.m.**

*Sponsored by BrightStar Care*

Join others for a weekly movie newly released to DVD, shown with captions. A bi-monthly schedule is available at the Center.

**Duplicate Bridge**  
**Mondays, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.**

This duplicate bridge game allows experienced players the opportunity to play with their partner in a casual and beautiful environment.

**Senior TV Production Team**  
**Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m.**

**HP Public Access Center**  
**1677 Old Deerfield Road**

Have fun creating and working on

cable TV shows at the new studio. Some of the many exciting positions include camera, sound, directing, and TV host.

**Yiddish Conversation & Culture**

**Wednesdays, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.**

Join facilitators Ludmilla Coven and Bernie Hammer for a fun and lively Yiddish group. Learn basic Yiddish phrases, sing songs in Yiddish, and watch Yiddish movies.

**News & Views**  
**Current Events**

**Fridays, 10 - 11:30 a.m.**

Irving Drobny facilitates intellectual discussion on worldwide current events. Share thoughts and opinions with the group.

**Open Canasta**  
**Fridays, 12:30 p.m.**

Experienced canasta players gather each Friday for drop-in canasta in a friendly and inclusive game. Participants must be willing to play with all other players and rotate when appropriate.

**Please call (847) 432-4110 for information.**

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## CITY MEETINGS

For information about City Meetings, please view the Calendar on the City's website at [www.cityhpil.com](http://www.cityhpil.com)

### **The Art of Influence: Breaking Criminal Traditions**

**Exhibit thru January 3**

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

This exhibition explores human rights and criminal traditions and features some of the country's most accomplished artists working with noted curator/painter Chuck Gneich, author Cheryl Jefferson and painter Rich Laurent.

### **Fact or Fiction**

**Exhibit thru January 3**

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

This juried exhibition examines the relationship between reality and illusion. Juried by Rhoda Pierce, Vice Chair of the Illinois Arts Council Agency and Chair of the Highland Park Cultural Arts Commission.

### **Argonautika by Mary Zimmerman**

**November 20 thru 22**

**7:30 p.m. &**

**November 22 - 2:30 p.m.**

HPHS Studio Theatre  
433 Vine Avenue  
(224) 765-2171

Tickets \$8

Greek Mythology transformed into mesmerizing theatre - Jason & the Argonauts illustrate the essence of all human journeys to follow - unpredictability, loss, humor, failure, and victory!

### **The 48-Hour Musicals: Encore!**

**December 4 thru 14  
Thurs. - Sat., 8:00 p.m.  
Sundays, 2:00 p.m.**

The Music Theatre Company  
1850 Green Bay Road  
(847) 579-4900

Tickets \$35 - \$40  
48-Hour Musicals features a new 20-minute musical by Billy Corgan of The Smashing Pumpkins, his first foray into musical theatre.

### **The Nutcracker**

**December 6 & 7**

**4:00 p.m.**

Elm Place Middle School  
2031 Sheridan Road  
(847) 433-1449

Tickets \$20

[www.balletmakkai.com](http://www.balletmakkai.com)

Irina Makkai Classical Ballet & Dance School presents two performances of this beloved holiday favorite.

### **Robert Clark Remem- bers: Growing Up in Highland Park during the 1930's**

**December 6, 7:00 p.m.**

Highland Park Library  
494 Laurel Avenue  
(847) 432-7090

FREE

The Highland Park Historical Society presents Robert Clark as he shares his recollections of boyhood experiences in Highland Park during the 1930's.

### **The Nutcracker**

**December 6, 1:00 p.m. &  
4:30 p.m.**

**December 7, 2:00 p.m.**  
[www.northshoredance.com](http://www.northshoredance.com)  
(847) 432-2060

Tickets \$22 adults, \$14 stu-

dents, seniors & military

The North Shore School of Dance presents Tchaikovsky's holiday treasure featuring more than 40 dancers from Highland Park performing with guest professionals. Visit [www.northshoredance.com](http://www.northshoredance.com).



*The Nutcracker performed by North Shore School of Dance*

### **TAC's Artful Holiday Sale & Abilities Holiday Gift Boutique**

**December 7**

**10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

The Art Center  
1957 Sheridan Road  
(847) 432-1888  
Shop local with TAC, featuring handcrafted artwork talented students, faculty and artists. Also, the Abilities Awareness Holiday Gift Boutique offers artists with disabilities an opportunity to exhibit and sell their work.

### **Affordable Housing Information Session**

**December 9**

**7:00 p.m.**  
Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH)  
400 Central Avenue, Suite 111  
(847) 681-8746  
CPAH provides affordable

homes to low and moderate income households. To see if you qualify, register to attend the information session, contact (847) 681-8746 or [akaufman@cpahousing.org](mailto:akaufman@cpahousing.org).

### **Winter Orchestra**

#### **Concert**

**December 9  
7:00 p.m.**

HPHS Auditorium  
433 Vine Avenue  
(224) 765-2171  
Free

Cozy up to some musical classics with HPHS Concert Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra and Cello Choir.

#### **Winter Band Concert**

**December 11**

**7:00 p.m.**

HPHS Auditorium  
433 Vine Avenue  
(224) 765-2171

Free

Featuring all three HPHS curricular concert bands, the program consists of a wide range of repertoire for wind instruments.

### **The Sugar Plum Fairy Tea Party**

**December 14**

**10:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.**

North Shore School of Dance  
505 Laurel Avenue  
(847) 432-2060

Tickets \$15 per child ages 3 - 8  
The Sugar Plum Fairy serves "tea" and special treats to her young guests. Children enjoy dancing, games, crafts and a special performance of The Nutcracker. The Party lasts 90 minutes. Register at [www.northshoredance.com](http://www.northshoredance.com).

# SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

## District 113 updates community on leadership search process

Township High School District 113 is moving ahead with its search process to find four new administrative leaders for the 2015-16 school year: Superintendent of Schools, Principal of Deerfield High School, Principal of Highland Park High School and Director of Student Support Services for District 113.

District 113's consultants from Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates met with more than 250 stakeholders during the week of October 13, including students, certified staff members, classified staff members, administrators, parents, community members, and government and business leaders. Additionally, more than 450 stakeholders completed an online survey regarding the desired characteristics in the new superintendent.

Surveys regarding the characteristics desired in the Deerfield and Highland Park principals are available on the Leadership Search Updates page of the District 113 website, [www.dist113.org/leadership](http://www.dist113.org/leadership), through Friday, November 21. Community members are invited to participate.



During a special meeting held on November 10 prior to the regular Board of Education meeting, the HYA consultants shared their Leadership Profile Report with the Board and facilitated a discussion to determine the characteristics that are most important in the next superintendent. HYA will be recruiting candidates and reviewing applications based on this profile. The Board will begin interviewing candidates in early December and hopes to have the new Superintendent identified by mid-January.

In December the Board will also convene a stakeholder committee comprising staff members, parents, students and community members to interview the semi-finalists for the superintendent position. This committee will provide input and insights to the Board of Education before the Board conducts final interviews with the semi-finalists and makes the final selection. The identification of committee members was facilitated by various staff, student and parent groups, and the mayors/village presidents of the commu-

nities served by District 113.

Once the new superintendent is determined and announced, that individual will be involved in the hiring of the two principals and the Director of Student Support Services. A process similar to the one described above for convening stakeholder committees to interview semi-finalist candidates for each of these positions will be conducted in February.

If you have any questions about the search process or wish to share any information or suggestions, please contact our lead HYA consultant, Hank Gmitro, at (630) 336-1712 or [hgmitro@ecrargroup.com](mailto:hgmitro@ecrargroup.com).

The Board wishes to thank everyone who took the time to complete the survey or meet with the consultants and share their input. The Board is excited about the work that has been completed thus far in the search process and looking forward to identifying the new leaders who can help District 113 continue its traditions of excellence and help move District 113 forward to even greater levels of success for all students.

## Architects continue to refine cost estimates for 7-building configuration

After a series of community meetings attended by more than 300 residents, the District continues to work with its architectural firm Nagle Hartray to look for ways to bring projected costs for reconfiguring the district in line with its funding capacity.

The architects were charged with devising a plan for consolidating the District that would meet its goals in three separate areas: educational programs, facilities and finances. "In an ideal world, these three paths would have come together into a perfect solution that we could bring forward to you today," District Superintendent Dr. Michael Bregy told residents who attended the workshops. "But we don't live in an ideal world, and they have not yet come together the way we hoped."

However, one of the architectural options came much closer than the others in terms of being able to provide enhanced educational opportunities to students, while providing for upgraded facilities and maintaining a geographically-balanced distribution

of elementary schools. That option would put a middle school campus on the current Red Oak/Sherwood property, with one building serving grades 5-6, and one building serving grades 7-8. Five elementary schools serving grades K-4 would feed into the middle school campus. Those schools would be located at the current Edgewood, Indian Trail, Northwood/Wayne Thomas and Oak Terrace sites, as well as either Braeside or Ravinia.

While neither the architects or an advisory committee that had studied district consolidation initially envisioned the idea of a middle school campus, the idea arose when other options being studied proved cost-prohibitive, and with an unbalanced distribution of elementary schools near centers of student population.

"The more we reflected on it, the more we realized that a middle school campus serving grades 5-8 allows us to offer students significant educational opportunities that are beyond our current capabilities," said

district parent and Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Jennifer Ferrari. A separate building for grades 5-6, adjacent to the 7-8 building, allows for a more gradual transition to the middle school experience, while giving the district the capability to expand educational and extracurricular program offerings for grades 5-8.

Initial cost projections of that model were \$219 million, above the district's funding capacity of about \$190 million. Nagle Hartray is expected to come back to the Board of Education on November 20 with revised cost estimates based on a narrowed scope. The Board has until January 20 to make a decision about placing a referendum question to fund district reconfiguration on the April 7, 2015 ballot.

"We have no intention to put forward a plan that we can't afford," Dr. Bregy told participants who attended the meetings. "We are going to continue to work to get to a solution that meets all of our goals."

# PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK

## Fun for All Ages

### Moonlit Ski

Ages 6-Adult

Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Rd.

Cross-country ski by the light of the full moon!

Fee includes ski rental.

Dec 6 6-8pm \$13/Adult \$8/Child

### Friday Night Drop-In Tennis

Adults Level 3.5 and Above

Deer Creek Courts • 701 Deer Creek Parkway

Play organized matches that are rotated every half hour.

Fri Dec 5, 12, 19 7-9pm \$16/18/20\*per night

\*Fee is per Friday.

### Sunday Night Drop-In Tennis

Level 3.0 and Above

Deer Creek Courts • 701 Deer Creek Parkway

Organized matches that are rotated every half hour.

Sun Dec 7, 14 7-9pm \$16/18/20\*per night

\*Fee is per Sunday.

### Parents Night Out

Ages 5-10

Centennial Ice Arena • 3100 Trail Way

Drop the kids off for an awesome pizza party while you finish your last minute holiday shopping. Pizza dinner, climbing through obstacle course in the gym, games, and crafts are all included!

34861 Dec 12 6-9pm \$30/child

### Winter Skating Exhibition

Family

Centennial Ice Arena • 3100 Trail Way

Enjoy a skating performance by Centennial Ice Arena figure skating students.

Dec 13 4-7pm FREE to watch

## PUBLIC SKATE at Centennial Ice Arena

### Monday

8:30-9:10am (Adults Only)  
11am-1pm

### Wednesday

8:30-9:10am (Adults &  
Late Arrival Students)  
11:30am-1pm

### Friday

11am-1pm

### Prices

### Tuesday

8:30-9:10am (Adults Only)  
11am-1pm  
3:40-4:50pm

### Thursday

8:30-9:10am (Adults Only)  
11am-1pm

### Saturday

1-2:20pm

Adult 18 & up: \$6

Child: \$5

Skate Rental: \$3

### Sunday

1-2:20pm

 **Rainout Line** 847.579.9008

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



# Make Your Own Meade



At Sunset Valley Golf Course

Learn the 4,000 year old craft of  
brewing Honey Wine.



Wine will be available for purchase.

Sat Dec 6: 1-3:30pm



Sunset Valley Golf Course

Ages 21+ \$25



## 50+ Active Adults

### Group Exercise Classes

Recreation Center of Highland Park • 1207 Park Avenue West

Basic Stretch  
Fri 8-8:30am

HydroSplash  
MTWFS 8:30-9:30am  
Sun 9:30-10:30am

Aqua Zumba  
Thur 9:20-10:20am

Aqua-Pilates  
10-11am

Aqua Light  
Thur 10:30-11:30am

Hydro-Light  
Tue 10:30-11:30am

Light n' Lively  
Mon 11:10am-12:10pm

Body Sculpt Light  
Thu Noon-1pm

Chair Yoga  
Tue Noon-1pm  
Thur 12:15-1:15pm

Cardio Tone Light  
Wed Noon-1pm

Group exercise classes are included in membership.  
Nonmembers may pay a day fee of \$12R/15NR.

### November Pickleball

Tues 2:30-4:30pm  
Thurs 10am-12pm  
Sat 10am-12pm

### Evening Pickleball

Thur Nov 20 8-9:30pm

There will be no Pickleball on  
Tue Nov 25 or Thur Nov 27

## JOIN THE UKE NATION!

Celebrate the unveiling of the library's new ukulele collection.  
Yes! You can check out a ukulele from the library!



Ukulele virtuoso Jake Shimabukuro, declared a musical hero by *Rolling Stone*, makes a special appearance at the library to introduce the new ukulele collection!

Enjoy Hawaiian refreshments and a chance to win Jake Shimabukuro's CDs and tour t-shirts.

## Tuesday, November 18, 3:30 p.m.

CATCH JAKE'S PERFORMANCE AT THE NORTH SHORE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS  
IN SKOKIE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, AT 7:30 P.M.

# Friends Can Do So Many Things For Our Community



*The Friends sponsored a special exhibit from the Mémorial de la Shoah, Paris, France.*

## Héléne Berr, A Stolen Life

Generous donations to the Friends of the Highland Park Public Library support literary and cultural programs for adults and children throughout the year.



*The Friends restored the sculpture "Skylark" by Bill Keating and provided a new base.*



*The Friends sponsored the 2014 Summer Reading Program.*

## PAWS to READ

## Your contribution will help our library!

The Friends also provide equipment and furnishings which improve the library experience for patrons.

We met our goal for 2014: \$20,000!

## Our goal for 2015: \$25,000

Please fill out and detach the form below. Completed forms and checks should be returned to the Friends of the Highland Park Public Library, 494 Laurel Avenue, Highland Park, IL 60035.

Contributions are tax deductible within the limit of the law. Friends of the Highland Park Public Library is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Please make checks payable to *Friends of the Highland Park Public Library*.



*The Friends purchased a high-capacity DVD and CD cleaner for the Audio Visual Department.*

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I am making a gift in the amount of  \$1,000  \$500  \$250  \$100  \$50  \$25  OTHER

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Please contact me with volunteer opportunities.

# Thank you!

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## 2014 Business Summit Recap

The City of Highland Park hosted its second annual Business Summit Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at the Highland Park Country Club to enhance business retention and attraction and facilitate economic growth within Highland Park. In attendance were more than 200 community leaders, real estate professionals, businesses and business prospects.

At the event, City officials provided an overview of Highland Park's initiatives and highlighted the proven advantages of locating a business in Highland Park. Keynote speaker Michael Gamson addressed how companies, both large and small, can transform the way they hire, market and sell by leveraging the power of LinkedIn's network. John Mautner, founder and managing partner of Cycle of Success



Institute, engaged attendees in a workshop, and educated them on how to identify hundreds of thousands of dollars in profit and sales opportunities hidden inside their companies, as well as how to create and

organization that will empower their people to manage their business successfully.

"The Summit is an extension of the work we do to retain and attract business to Highland Park and the region. It provides an excellent opportunity to review economic trends, discuss the local economy and work together to shape our future," stated Mayor Nancy Rotering. "Learning derived from the Summit serves as a catalyst to shape short and



long-term economic policy and identify opportunities for businesses, developers and the City."

The event was sponsored by Ravinia Music Festival, First Bank of Highland Park, Meisow Financial, At Properties, Northshore University HealthSystem, Renaissance Place, American Chartered Bank, Lake County Partners, New Vernon Wealth Management, NorthStar Funds, Stahl Cowen, Warady & Davis LLP, Crossroads Car Wash, Candy Carter and JSK Financial Services LLC.

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