

THE HIGHLANDER



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City Council Amends Distracted Driving Ordinance Motorists using cellular phones while driving will be required to use hands-free device beginning June 1

On January 24, 2011, the City Council amended the Distracted Driving Ordinance to require all motorists driving in Highland Park to utilize cellular devices in a hands-free mode while operating a vehicle. This ordinance amendment will take effect on June 1, 2011, and is intended to improve safety for pedestrians and motorists. The amended Distracted Driving Ordinance requires that:

- No person shall drive a motor vehicle while using any wireless, mobile, cellular, analog wireless or digital telephone, personal data assistant, or electronic communication device;
- The term "using" includes without limitation, talking or listening to another person on the telephone; text messaging; sending, reading or listening to an electronic message; and browsing the Internet.

The amended Distracted Driver Ordinance does not apply to the following:

- Law enforcement officers and operators of emergency vehicles, when on duty and acting in their official capacities;
- Persons using a telephone with a hands-free device that allows the driver to talk to and listen to the other party on the telephone without the use of the driver's hands;
- Persons using a telephone, personal data assistant, or electronic communication device for the purpose of contacting or communicating with public safety or other emergency service providers while driving a motor vehicle;
- Persons using a telephone, personal data assistant, or electronic communication device in a motor vehicle that is in a parked position.

Previously, a violation of the Distracted Driving Ordinance was

deemed a secondary offense and required that a primary offense such as speeding or a traffic control device violation occur before a motorist could be stopped and cited for utilizing a cellular device. The amended distracted driving ordinance is now deemed a primary offense and motorists may now be stopped and cited without a primary violation occurring. Bond for a hands-free cellular device restriction violation is set at \$120. Other forms of acceptable bond includes a valid Illinois driver's license or an authorized bond card. Fines can range from \$50 to \$500 for repeated violations. Violations are adjudicated in the Lake County Branch Court in Park City, Illinois.

Current State laws pertaining to electronic communication devices restrict a person from operating a motor vehicle on the road while using an electronic communication device to compose, send or receive electronic messages. Further, a person may not use a wireless telephone at any time while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a school speed zone or on a highway in a construction or maintenance speed zone (unless it is used in a hands-free mode).

Police staff will conduct a one-month written warning period after the amended ordinance takes effect. Police will begin issuing citations for hands-free cellular device restriction violations on Friday, July 1, 2011. Residents seeking more information regarding cellular device usage while driving can find additional information at the following websites: www.nsc.org, www.distraction.gov, and www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

For more information regarding the amended ordinance, please contact Police Sergeant Chris O'Neill at (847) 432-7730/conceill@cityhpi.com.

Chamber of Commerce, Hospital to Host State of the City Address

In its Centennial year, the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with Highland Park Hospital, will host the Mayor's State of the City Address on Thursday, March 10, 2011, at the Highland Park Country Club, 1201 Park Avenue West. Hear Mayor Michael D. Belsky's State of the City Address as he presents recent City accomplishments and shares his vision for Highland Park in 2011, which includes topics such as environmental sustainability and economic vitality. Jesse Peterson Hall, President of NorthShore University HealthSystem, Highland Park Hospital, the evening's presenting sponsor, will introduce Mayor Belsky.

Cocktail hour begins at 6:30 p.m. with the State of the City Address commencing at 7:30 p.m. To register in advance for this event, visit www.chamberhp.com, call the Chamber of Commerce at (847) 432-0284, or mail a check to the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce (payable to Highland Park Chamber of Commerce) 508 Central Avenue, Suite 206. The deadline to register is Friday, March 4. Tickets are \$20 in advance for Chamber of Commerce members. Tickets are \$25 for non-Chamber members and at the door. Tables of ten are available for \$190. For more information, please contact Ginny Glasner, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, at (847) 432-0284/ginny@chamberhp.com.

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Donate Your Old Automobile

The Highland Park Fire Department is looking for used and soon-to-be discarded vehicles for Fire Department training purposes. These vehicles may be in any condition, running or not. If you have a car or van that you would like to donate, please contact Lieutenant Bill Brennan at (847) 433-3110/wbrennan@cityhpil.com. The City will provide information concerning the donation of vehicles and the necessary paperwork required by those wishing to make a donation. The Fire Department will also arrange to pick up any vehicle that is slated for donation.

Polystyrene Recycling Pilot Program Commences

The City of Highland Park and the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) are pleased to announce a 6-month pilot program for foam recycling. The Public Works Department is now accepting #6 polystyrene foam products for drop-off at the same site as the current electronic recycling drop-off location, 1180 Half Day Road, on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. during regularly scheduled business days.

Acceptable materials and guidelines for recycling include:

- All foam products must have a #6 recycling symbol;
- Acceptable foam products include packaging foam like molded forms and shapes, cups, containers, egg cartons, meat trays and food/lunch trays;
- Please empty and rise foam products before recycling so they are free of food residue;
- No straws, lids, plastic wrap, foam insulation or packaging peanuts are accepted (call 800-828-2214 or visit www.loosefillpackaging.com for packaging peanut drop-off sites).

For more information, please contact Facilities and Grounds Superintendent Robert McCraren at (847) 432-0807/bmccraren@cityhpil.com.

Winter Parking Regulations Still In Effect

Residents are reminded that the City's "Snow Ordinance" is in effect through March 31, and that vehicles may not be parked in excess of 15 minutes on any public street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. This is a Citywide ban on parking to facilitate snow removal operations when necessary, and to decrease occurrences of accidental damage to vehicles parked on streets or in City parking lots. This ban applies at all times regardless of snow conditions. Authorized winter overnight City parking lots are identified on the City's website at www.cityhpil.com and require a valid overnight parking permit that can be obtained at City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Presently, fines for violation of this ordinance are \$20. For more information, contact Sergeant Chris O'Neill at (847) 432-7730/coneill@cityhpil.com.

Shop Local Gift Card Adds New Stores

Five more locations have been added to the Downtown HP gift card program: Body Evolve, Highland Park Furs, The Pilates Center of the North Shore, Real Urban BBQ and Tryst Beauty Salon & Spa have all recently joined the gift card program, bringing the total number of participants to 80. A complete list of participating businesses is available at www.downtownhp.com. Gift cards may be purchased during regular business hours at City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue; Downtown Highland Park Alliance Office, 442 Central Avenue, 2nd Floor; and Renaissance Place, 1849 Green Bay Road, Suite 280. For more information, visit www.downtownhp.com or contact Bridget Kagan, Downtown Alliance Marketing and Communications Coordinator, at (847) 780-4293/bridget@downtownhp.com.

Library Offers Donation Program

Commemorate a special occasion with a personalized plaque on a seat in the Highland Park Public Library's auditorium. Brass plaques, available for contributions of \$250, will be engraved and affixed to an auditorium seat. Commemorative books, with a bookplate in honor or in memory of someone can also be donated for a contribution beginning at \$25; program sponsorship is available for contributions beginning at \$500; and plaques for benches outside the Library are available for a contribution of \$3,000. The funds raised will assist the Library in continuing to offer special programs and services. For more information, please contact Jane Conway, Executive Director, at (847) 432-0720.

Cable Access Channels Now Available to AT&T U-Verse Customers

As of January 10, Highland Park Government Access Channel 10 and Public Access Channel 19 are now available to AT&T U-Verse customers. This is part of the City's continuing effort to provide residents with information regarding municipal affairs, City programs and events, and community television. Highland Park's Cable Access Channel 10 provides information pertaining to municipal affairs, City programs and events, and airs both the City Council meetings and the Plan Commission meetings. Cable Access Channel 19 provides the public with programs produced by community producers. To view the two channels, AT&T U-Verse customers should select Channel 99 and choose "Highland Park" from the list of available communities. For more information, please contact Renee Helm in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1030/rhelm@cityhpil.com.

BUSINESS REPORT

Monthly Business Report

The following businesses have opened in Highland Park. For more details, please contact Carolyn Hersch, Economic Development Assistant, at (847) 926-1027/chersch@cityhpil.com.

Air Fitness

Fitness Equipment Sales and
Fitness Training
463 Central Avenue
(312) 532-4372
www.airfitnessgyms.com

A to Z Health

Medical Services
767 Park Avenue West, Suite 130
(847) 214-0705

We Train Fitness

Personal Training Studio
1500 Old Deerfield Road, Unit 14
(847) 401-4492
www.wetrainfitness.com

Froelich & Company

Pizza Kitchen
1500 Old Deerfield Road, #23-24
(847) 508-9633

Stone Care Services Inc.

Cleaning & Restoring Stone
Surfaces
799 Central Avenue, #230
(847) 433-1910

Funding Sources for Business

Provides Working Capital and
Funding Options for Businesses
1360 Old Skokie Road
(847) 831-4118
www.fundingsourcesforbusiness.com

Phone Number Change:

Traveling Hygienists

Dental Hygiene for Nursing &
Private Homes
1770 First Street, Suite 420
(847) 738-1361

Message from the Mayor



There are over 87,500 units of government in the United States, with 6,500 units alone in Illinois. This multiplicity of governments is reflected in Highland Park through the Park District of Highland Park, School District 112, School District 113, Moraine Township and Lake County, and of course, the City. Under state and constitutional law, local governments are creatures of the state and, as such, any change in our system of local government would require action by the state legislature. While this system of separate taxing bodies and independently elected boards provides the residents of Highland Park with exclusive focus on these services, this can be more costly than the consolidated governments found in other states (i.e. the City is responsible for all of the above).

Recognizing this, the City and its sister governments have always strived to work together in order to save taxpayers money and to improve efficiencies. An example of this cooperation in the past has been the land swap between the City and the Park District that enabled the construction of the Fire Station Headquarters and the Park District Hidden Creek AquaPark. In turn, because of the central location of the Fire Station, the City was able to reduce the number of fire stations from four to three, which actually led to improved response times and saved taxpayers a significant amount of money. The construction of the Recreation Center on City land at the Highland Park Country Club reduced the cost of this facility substantially versus the Park District purchasing the land independently.

The organization *Parents. The Anti-Drug* is a cooperative effort between the City of Highland Park and Village of Deerfield, School District 113 and the area elementary school districts feeding into 113, as well as with Lake County and the Healthcare Foundation of Highland Park, as the primary funding source. The state and federal legislation that increased funding for military dependents from \$770 per pupil to \$4,500 per pupil included a multi-governmental task force comprised of the cities and school districts of four cities including Highland Park, Highwood, Glenview and North Chicago.

The Healthy Highland Park Task Force, a community-based group aimed at reducing health-care costs by promoting healthier lifestyles, includes the City, the Lake County Health Department, the Park District of Highland Park and area physicians. In 2009 and 2010, hundreds of residents participated in a community-wide weight loss program. This will lead to greater heart health and the avoidance of diseases such as diabetes.

The City's Green Initiatives Alliance is another excellent example of intergovernmental cooperation. This organization developed a sustainability plan that will significantly reduce the City's carbon footprint and includes the City, the Park District of Highland Park, the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO), School Districts 112 and 113, as well as the North Shore Academy, the Natural Resources Commission, Moraine Township, the Chamber of Commerce, the Public Library and Highland Park Hospital.

Recently the City initiated an intergovernmental fiscal committee at my behest. This committee consists of the finance officers of each government in Highland Park. This group meets regularly to identify opportunities for joint purchasing of products and supplies, debt planning and shared services agreements. The overall goal is to reduce duplication and reduce costs through economies of scale. The savings will be passed on to taxpayers, which is important at all times, but particularly when we are experiencing fiscal stress.

Finally, we are also exploring regionalizing our affordable housing initiatives. Through the Metropolitan Planning Council, I have held meetings with my fellow Mayors in Lake Forest, Deerfield and Highwood to look at ways to promote more affordable housing in the area, acknowledging that we have many employees in each community who would benefit from affordable housing in the area. This enhances employee retention and reduces impact on the infrastructure and the environment through shorter commuting time.

I am proud to have been involved in many of the aforementioned cooperative efforts. Intergovernmental cooperation lets us work as a community as opposed to individual governments. Consequently we can get more done for the public at a lower cost, which bodes well for the future of Highland Park.

Thank you,

Michael D. Alesky

COMMUNITY NEWS

Seven Residents on Upcoming Ballot; Register to Vote for April 5 Consolidated Election

In November, seven residents filed petitions for the April 5, 2011, Consolidated Election. Councilwoman Terri Olian and Councilman Nancy Rotering are running for the office of Mayor. Tony Blumberg, Carolyn Cerf, Paul Frank, David Naftzger and Lane Young are running for the office of Councilman.

On the April 5 Consolidated Election, residents will have the opportunity to vote for candidates for Municipal, Township, Park District and School Board Offices.

Residents must be registered to vote in the April 5 Consolidated Election. To register, one must be a United States citizen, 18 years of age by April 5, and a permanent resident at one's precinct address 30 days prior to the election. Two forms of identification are required to register; at least one must show name and current address, and only one form of identification may be a piece of mail for a contractual service addressed to you at your residence.

Voter registration does not expire unless you move or change your name. If you move within Lake County, you must provide the Lake County Clerk with written notification of your new address and sign the request. If you change your name, you must re-register to vote. Visit the Lake County Clerk's website at www.AmIRegistered.info to check voter registration status online.

Voter registration is available weekdays at City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue; Moraine Township Office, 777 Central Avenue; and at the West Deerfield Township Office, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield during normal business hours. Voter registration will also be offered by the League of Women Voters at the Highland Park Public Library, 494 Laurel Avenue, on Saturday, March 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Sunday, March 6, from 1:00 p.m.

– 4:00 p.m.; Monday, March 7, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.; and Tuesday, March 8, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The last day to register for the April Election is March 8. For more information, please contact Shirley Fitzgerald, City Clerk, at (847) 926-1034/sfitzgerald@cityhpil.com.

For the April 5 Election, early voting will be offered to registered Highland Park voters from March 14 through March 31 at the Lake County North Shore Health Center, 1840 Green Bay Road. A valid government-issued ID containing the voter's photograph, name and address is required. For more information, please call the Lake County Elections Department at (847) 377-2410.

Illinois law now permits any registered voter to receive a ballot by mail. One-time requests for a ballot can be made online, by e-mail at VotingByMail@lakecountyl.gov or by calling the Lake County Clerk's Office at (847) 377-2406.

To automatically receive a ballot by mail for all future elections, complete the enrollment form at www.VotingByMail.info, send an e-mail to VotingByMail@lakecountyl.gov, or call (847) 377-2406. The County Clerk's office will mail ballots to enrolled voters approximately 40 days prior to the election. Ballots must be post-marked no later than the day before the election.

During the period for voting by mail, you will be able to go to www.LakeCountyClerk.info and click on the "Voter Power" link to track receipt of your voted ballot. For more information on the Voting by Mail Programs - Military Voter, Permanent Voting by Mail, Snowbird and Temporarily Absent Student - visit the Lake County Clerk's website at www.VotingByMail.info or call (847) 377-2406.

Historic Preservation Commission Recognizes Homeowners

The Historic Preservation Commission held the 19th annual Preservation Awards ceremony on December 14, 2010. The Commission sponsors these awards each year to honor homeowners, architects and builders for outstanding achievements. The following winners were honored in these respective categories:

Restoration: 1689 Lake Avenue

• Owners: Claire & Juan Montenegro; Architect: John Thorpe, Oak Park, IL; Contractor: Ted & Son Construction, Glenview, IL

Rehabilitation: 1161 Green Bay Road

• Owner: Joe Klocke; Architect: Town Studios, Inc., Northbrook, IL; Contactor: Jericoe, LLC, Highland Park, IL

Rehabilitation: 212 Pine Point Drive

• Owners: Maria Weiner & Dennis Wiczorek; Architect: R. Scott Javore & Associates, Glencoe, IL; Contractor: Michael Forman, Inc., Mundelein, IL

Rehabilitation: 2480 Sheridan Road

• Owner: Dale Pinkert; Architects: Natalia Dobos, Glencoe, IL; Berry Weinstein Associates, Highland Park, IL; Contractor: Pinkert Industrial Group, Highland Park, IL

For more information, please contact Andy Cross, City Planner, at (847) 926-1856/across@cityhpil.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Revised Parking Ordinance Will Enhance Customer Experience in CBD

On January 10, 2011, the City Council amended the on-street Customer-Only Parking Ordinance with the intention of improving customer parking opportunities within the Central Business District (CBD).

Prior to the amendment, the Customer-Only Parking Ordinance only restricted employees of CBD businesses from parking on-street within the CBD while they were performing services and responsibilities as part of their employment. The intent of the Customer-Only Parking Ordinance was to prevent these employees from parking on-street within the CBD while they are working and displacing customers who intended to patronize a business. The revised Customer-Only Parking Ordinance now includes five City parking lots, which is intended to increase parking opportunities for patrons of the CBD.

As a result of customer-only parking enforcement, some employees of CBD businesses have utilized non-employee designated City parking lots within the CBD in an effort to circumvent employee parking permit requirements and enforcement. Some CBD employees have been observed by business owners, employees, customers and police personnel, “shuffling” vehicles within popular CBD City lots in an effort to avoid timed parking restriction enforcement.

In response to ongoing incidents of CBD employees displacing customers from key CBD parking lots, the recent Customer-Only Parking Ordinance Amendment now includes the following City parking lots.

- Second Street South Elm Lot (south of Michael’s Chicago Style Red Hots)
- Second Street South Central Lot (north of Harris Bank)
- Renaissance Place Surface Lots (south and east of Saks Fifth Avenue)

Signage will be posted at each of the aforementioned City parking lots advising of the amended customer-only parking restrictions. Written warnings will be issued for customer-only parking violations from April 1 through April 14, 2011. Citations will then be issued for violations. The Customer-Only Parking Ordinance may be viewed online at www.cityhpil.com/pdf/ordinances/chapter072.pdf. For more information, please contact Traffic Sergeant Chris O’Neill at (847) 432-7730/coneill@cityhpil.com.



The Renaissance Place surface lot is now included in the Customer-Only Parking Ordinance.

Art is Alive Winners Announced

The Cultural Arts Commission held the *Art is Alive in Highland Park* Art Contest Award Ceremony at The Art Center on January 7. The art contest, open to Highland Park residents and students, was a juried art competition in five categories, including elementary, middle and high school students, families and adults. Approximately 140 total entries in a range of medium including painting, drawing, photography and sculpture were submitted for judging. The following recipients were awarded first place in each category:

- Elementary School: Kevin Lickerman
- Middle School: Jocelyn Dee
- High School: Emma Van Akkeren
- Adult: Peggy Shearn
- Family: Smolensky Family

For more information, please contact Lee Smith, City Planner, at (847) 926-1612/lsmith@cityhpil.com.

Spring Clean-Up Program Begins in April

Mark your calendars now for the City’s annual Spring Clean-Up Program. The City’s annual Spring Clean-Up Program will be offered by Veolia Environmental Services on four consecutive Saturdays beginning April 30 and ending May 21. 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). Additional information regarding this event will be available in the March 2011 *Highlander*.

For additional information on the City of Highland Park’s Spring Clean-Up Program, contact Veolia Environmental Services at (847) 272-4145, or Brian Bourdeau in the City Manager’s Office at (847) 926-1043/bbourdeau@cityhpil.com.

Primary Collection Day	Spring Pick-Up Day
Monday	Saturday, April 30
Tuesday	Saturday, May 7
Thursday	Saturday, May 14
Friday	Saturday, May 21

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CITY MEETINGS

The public is invited to attend City meetings, which take place at City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue, unless otherwise noted. Dates and times are subject to change. Call (847) 432-0800 for further details.

Mon., Feb. 14	Committee of the Whole	4:30 p.m.
	City Council	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 15	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 17	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 21	Sister Cities Foundation	7:00 p.m.
	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 22	Economic Development Comm.	6:00 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 23	Transportation Commission	6:30 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 28	Committee of the Whole	4:30 p.m.
	City Council	7:30 p.m.
Tues., March 1	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Wed., March 2	Housing Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., March 3	Human Relations Commission	6:30 p.m.
	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Mon., March 7	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
Tues., March 8	Library Board of Trustees (494 Laurel Avenue)	7:30 p.m.
Wed., March 9	Natural Resources Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., March 10	Historic Preservation	7:30 p.m.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The Highland Park Public Library presents free literacy and cultural programs. Registration for certain programs may be required as noted. The Library is located at 494 Laurel Avenue. For more information, call (847) 432-0216 or visit www.hplibrary.org. The Library will open at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2.

A Night at the Oscars with *Chicago Tribune* Film Critic Michael Phillips, Wednesday, February 23, 7:00 p.m. *Chicago Tribune* film critic Michael Phillips offers predictions for this year's Academy Awards and talks about the ones that got away.

"The Housekeeper and the Professor" Book Discussion, Tuesday, March 8, 1:00 p.m. Noted book discussion leader Judy Levin conducts a discussion about "The Housekeeper and the Professor," by Yoko Ogawa.

Instrument Petting Zoo, Saturday, March 12, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Ages 3-Adult. Talk to musicians and try instruments. Instructors from The Music Institute of Chicago, Highland Park Campus and Hoffman Strings, Ltd. of Prairie View/Lincolnshire, will introduce and demonstrate string, percussion, guitar/bass and wind instruments.

Storytimes. Spring storytime sessions, with activities designed to foster pre-reading skills for newborns to six-year-olds, begin in April. Registration begins Monday, March 14. Visit www.hplibrary.org/kids for storytime dates and times.

CULTURAL ARTS EVENTS

Youth Arts Month Through February 25 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Free	The Art Center 1957 Sheridan Road (847) 432-1888	Student Art Show February 22 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Free	The Art Center 1957 Sheridan Road (847) 433-0155
"Royko in Love: Mike's Letters to Carol" February 13 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.; \$40-\$50	Community House 1991 Sheridan Road (847) 432-7090	Second Grade Play February 24 2:00 p.m., Free	Sherwood School 1900 Stratford Road (847) 831-9152
Band & Orchestra Concert February 17 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Free	HP High School 433 Vine Avenue (224) 765-2000	All Shook Up: The Musical March 9-12; \$7 7:30 p.m.	Deerfield High School 1959 Waukegan Road (224) 632-3164
Aladdin: The Musical Feb. 19, 20, 26, 27 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m., \$10	Edgewood Middle School 929 Edgewood Road (847) 682-4640	HP Poetry Open Mic March 11 8:00 p.m., Free	The Art Center 1957 Sheridan Road (847) 926-1006
Highland Park Strings February 20; 3:00 p.m. \$40	Bennett-Gordon Hall 200 Ravinia Park Road (847) 831-3622	"Corazon Alegre: Happy Heart" Bilingual Concert March 12 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.; \$10	Family Network Center 330 Laurel Avenue (847) 433-0377

YOUTH & SENIOR SERVICES

Youth Services

Serving youth in grades 6-8
1830 Green Bay Road (847) 433-3090

The Firehouse School Year Hours:
Monday - Friday, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Open on Days off of School for Those
Enrolled in Trips Only

Firehouse Field Trips

Space is limited, advance registration required. The *Firehouse* reserves the right to cancel trips and programs due to low enrollment.

Snow Tubing at Villa Olivia

Monday, February 21, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Fee: \$50 Members/\$65 Non-Members (Lunch Included)

Participate in an afternoon on the slopes at Villa Olivia Country Club in Bartlett, approximately fifteen minutes past Woodfield Mall. Artificial snow will be available if necessary.

Medieval Times

Thursday, March 17, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$50 Members/\$65 Non-Members (Lunch Included)

Take a trip back in time and visit Medieval Times in Schaumburg. While eating lunch, watch an exciting show including jousting and other competitions of the day. Bring extra money for souvenirs.

Dave and Buster's

Friday, March 18, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Fee: \$50 Members/\$65 Non-Members (Lunch Included)

Rated by *Firehouse* members as the best place for gaming and food, Dave and Buster's is always a popular destination.

A note regarding summer camps: The *Firehouse* Youth Center will not be offering summer camps this year. For information regarding summer camps, please contact the Park District of Highland Park at (847) 831-3810.

Senior Services

Serving adults over 50

54 Laurel Avenue (847) 432-4110

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

Tax Filing Assistance

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) benefits those who file basic tax returns and assists those with special needs, including persons with disabilities, non-English speaking persons, and older taxpayers. You may schedule an appointment with a VITA volunteer to assist with your 2010 tax returns by calling Laura at (847) 432-4110. Income limits may apply.

Chair Stretching

Mondays, March 7 - April 25 (7 classes)

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m., Fee: \$39/Non-Members: \$49

This upbeat class is perfect for anyone who desires a great stretching routine in a fun and supportive environment.

Mix - It - Up! Cardio, Strength, Core & More

Tuesdays, March 8 - April 26 (7 classes)

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., Fee: \$39/Non-Members: \$49

This total body conditioning class is designed to keep your interest by offering a variety of workouts in each class. Students will mix-it-up with a 20/20/20 workout set to fun, upbeat music.

Latin Dance Aerobics: Zumba Gold

Wednesdays, March 9 - April 27 (8 classes)

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Fee: \$44/Non-Members: \$54

Certified instructors teach lively Latin dances including meringue, cumbia, salsa, cha cha and bachata.

Low Impact Dance Aerobics

Thursday, March 10 - April 28 (8 classes)

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m., Fee: \$44/Non-Members: \$54

This low impact aerobics class is designed to get you moving and will improve body strength, muscle tone, and may enhance the efficiency of your heart and lungs.

Advanced Bridge Class

Thursdays, March 10 - April 28 (8 classes)

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Fee: \$50/Non-Members: \$60

This class is designed to give advanced players the opportunity to improve their game in the areas of bidding, playing and defending. Instructor Bob Burke will begin each lesson with a lecture, followed by supervised play of pre-set hands.

Conversational Spanish: Continuing

Tuesdays, March 8 - April 12 (6 classes)

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Fee: \$30/Non-Members: \$40

Enjoy this great learning opportunity for those continuing their education with the Spanish language. Certified Spanish teacher, Leslie Fenster, helps students gain basic knowledge of Spanish, including everyday vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar.

Computer Class: Let's Get Started!

Thursdays, March 24 - April 28 (6 classes)

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Fee: \$180 / Non-Members: \$200

This beginning computer class is designed for those with limited computer experience, and is fast paced but builds repetitive computing skills to give students an introduction to a variety of important computer applications. Class will start from the beginning and students will learn computer terminology and basics, including mouse skills and use of Microsoft Windows. Next, students will learn basic Internet access and use, followed by instruction on how to set-up an e-mail account and how to compose send, receive, forward and reply to e-mail messages.

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Look for LATE NITE HP events on Friday and Saturday evenings in Highland Park.
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Nominations Sought for Character Counts Award

The Human Relations Commission's Character Counts Committee is accepting nominations for the 2011 Robert Barnard Character Counts Pillar Award in the following categories: residents, business owners, employees and students. Nominees must live, work or attend a school within North Shore School District 112's boundaries. The Committee honors nominees whose actions consistently exemplify the Committee's six pillars of character. The nomination deadline is February 28, 2011. To download the nomination form, please visit the City's website at www.cityhpil.com or contact Don Miner at (847)432-4110/dminer@cityhpil.com.

City Council Honors Community's Long-standing Businesses

At the November 22 City Council meeting Mayor Belsky, the City Council, and the Business and Economic Development Commission honored fifteen businesses that have been in the community for over 50 years with Business Recognition Awards. This award recognizes excellence and innovation in business operations, and a commitment to the Highland Park community. These long-standing businesses serve as an example to all businesses of how hard work, dedication to providing high-quality service and products, creating a personal relationship with customers, and adapting to the market can lead to long-term success. These businesses are:

Bahr's Greenhouse – 116 years
Menoni & Mecogni – 101 years
Mutual Ace Hardware – 95 years
Highland Park Hospital – 92 years
Ravinia Plumbing – 82 years
Acme Awning – 75 years
Bernard Interiors – 75 years
Sunset Foods – 73 years
Werhane's Service Station – 69 years
Bishop Heating – 67 years
Williams Ski & Patio – 60 years
Hi-Land Art – 56 years
First Bank of Highland Park – 55 years
Craftwood Lumber & Hardware – 54 years
Idlewood Electric – 52 years



Representatives from the City's long-standing businesses are congratulated by the City Council at the November 22 City Council meeting.