

THE HIGHLANDER



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Mayor Delivers State of the City

Mayor Nancy Rotering delivered the State of the City Address at the City Council meeting on January 26, 2015. She highlighted the City's achievements and identified priorities and plans for the coming year. Below is a reprint of her address.

2015 State of the City: Like many of you, at the beginning of each New Year, I feel a sense of fresh beginning and hopefulness about the infinite possibilities that lie ahead. Together, we plan and achieve great things for our city. With an eye to the future, I present the 2015 State of the City.

Core Priorities

Working together, we build coalitions and find solutions to meet the needs and achieve the hopes of our community. With each project, we face opportunity and embrace thoughtful change. This is evident as we focus on our core priorities of fiscal stability, public safety and investment in our infrastructure. We join together to support business development, meet the needs of our most vulnerable community members, celebrate the arts and preserve our natural resources. Be proud of these achievements, borne out of more than 120 work goals developed at the beginning of last year from City Council policy, resident feedback and staff recommendations.

Balanced Budget, Aaa Rated

Over many months our City staff, my council colleagues, and I work as a team to create our budget - the most important policy statement we make. We are fiscally responsible with your dollars and plan for the coming year and the future with an eye on potential challenges and opportunities. I am proud to say that we approved a balanced operating budget for the fourth year in a row and with healthy reserves, our financial house is in order. The strength of Highland Park's financial condition was recently re-affirmed by Moody's with our continued Aaa bond rating, a rating held by only a handful of cities in Illinois.

Public Safety

Through strong partnerships with our dedicated police and fire departments, public safety is robust and highly effective both on a day-to-day basis and during the Ravinia Festival summer season, when more than 600,000 people come to town to celebrate the arts.

Infrastructure Investments, New Sidewalks, Upgraded Water Plant

City-wide infrastructure investment means we plan and build for a safe and healthy today and years to come. Our Department of Public Works crew works hand in hand with us, meeting our daily and long term infrastructure needs. They said "it couldn't be done," but new sidewalks were added for the second year in a row, filling in decades-old dangerous gaps on major roads. This means safer streets for all of us, from our kids to our seniors. It also means we have created attractive and connected neighborhoods for families and businesses to grow. In response to dialogue with residents, we are plowing all City sidewalks for the first time this winter, another example of how responsive public works enhances our community. Long-awaited upgrades to the City's water treatment plant are complete, on time and on budget, ensuring the highest quality drinking water for our residents and customers for decades to come.

Strong Economic Outlook, Development, Jobs, New Businesses

The economic outlook is positive in Highland Park, with increased development, jobs, improved sales tax revenues and enhanced vibrancy in our city. New businesses continue to open and the City's retail occupancy rate is at a pre-recession high. I welcomed hundreds of community leaders, real estate professionals, businesses and business prospects to the City's Annual Business Summit. This event provides an excellent opportunity to review economic trends, discuss the local economy, enhance business retention and attraction and facili-



tate economic growth within Highland Park. Based on conversations at the Business Summit, I will be hosting an upcoming technology roundtable that will focus on furthering Highland Park's appeal to this growing sector.

Providing Regional Leadership

In 2014, our Leadership Alliance of Lake County (LALC) convened four quarterly breakfasts fostering important partnerships among regional leaders. An organization that I created in 2013, LALC brings hundreds of regional leaders together to address human service needs through business and economic development, ensuring that these interests in Lake County are identified and addressed. We have examined a broad range of topics including the demand for seamless regional transit and the importance of civic engagement by major businesses, all focusing on regional economic opportunities and meeting the needs of our vulnerable populations.

Taking a Stand Against Bullying

Last fall, inspired by the U.S. Conference of Mayors' (USCM) National Call to Action against bullying and the Elm Place Project Citizen students, I convened representatives from the City of

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'HIGH' NOTES

Fix a Leak Week, March 16

The average American household wastes more than 10,000 gallons each year from easy-to-fix water leaks. That is why in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the City of Highland Park is encouraging homeowners to find and fix leaks during the seventh annual Fix a Leak Week, March 16 through 22, 2015. Sponsored by EPA's WaterSense program, Fix a Leak Week reminds homeowners of the easy steps they can take to help save water in their community now and for future generations. For more information on Fix a Leak Week visit www.cityhpil.com/fixaleak.

Rental Registrations Due April 1, 2015

On January 27, 2014 the City Council unanimously approved a new registration program for residential rental properties not otherwise covered by City regulations. The approved ordinance requires owners of certain residential rental dwellings to register their units with the City by April 1 each year.

Through an annual registration, owners of rental units within single-family, two-family and attached buildings are required to provide the name, address and telephone number of each owner and contact information for a property agent, if any. Contact information will assist the City in its delivery of emergency and code enforcement services.

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

Last year nearly 650 rental units were registered. The City will use multiple means to notify property owners including *The Highlander*, the City's website, City Enews, and direct mail.

For more information or for any questions, please contact the Department of Community Development, at (847) 926-0808.

Earth Hour

Mark your calendar for Earth Hour 2015. The "lights off" event will take place on Saturday, March 28 between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. The City of Highland Park encourages all residents to turn off their non-essential lights for this event. Earth Hour is a global initiative led by the World Wildlife Fund.

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

Winter Parking Regulations

Please be reminded that the City's "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 City-wide 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.

Public Meeting about Cable Services

On Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., the City will hold a public meeting on cable and Internet services available to residents. All residents are invited to attend this public meeting which will take place at City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue, in the Council Chambers.

Representatives from Comcast and AT&T will be in attendance to provide an overview of their operations, programs and services available to residents.

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

New Resident Fair

New and potential residents are invited to the Second Annual New Resident Fair sponsored by @Properties, Coldwell Banker and Baird & Warner in partnership with the City of Highland Park and The Art Center. Additional participating organizations include the Park District, Library, Hospital, School Districts 112 and 113, Moraine Township, Chamber of Commerce and Ravinia Festival.

This family-friendly event will feature complimentary refreshments, raffles, art projects for kids, and plenty of informative material.

Date: **Saturday, April 19, 2015**

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

Place: **The Art Center, 1957 Sheridan Rd**

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

Attention All Lobbyists

Did you know the City of Highland Park regulates the lobbying of City officials and staff for the purpose of influencing City actions and decisions? Pursuant to Section 11.2 of the Illinois Lobbyist Registration Act, 25 ILCS 170/11.2, and Section 37.006 of the Highland Park Code of 1968, as Amended, the City is authorized to regulate lobbyists.

However, there are exemptions. Concerned citizens and neighbors are not considered lobbyists. Lobbyists are individuals paid to speak or communicate with the City or doing so on behalf of their employer. Persons who work for a not-for profit advocating on behalf of that employer are also not considered lobbyists. If you are an attorney, contractor or real estate broker compensated for your efforts to influence any legislative or employee action by the City of Highland Park you may be considered a lobbyist.

Lobbyists are required to register with the City Clerk. To register as a Lobbyist with the City of Highland Park please visit the City's website at www.cityhpil.com or contact the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1000 for a mail-in application.

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

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Highland Park, our sister governments, agencies and not-for-profit organizations to join together to promote an on-going and unified message about bullying awareness, prevention and intervention. This Anti-bullying Initiative recognizes that bullying knows no bounds, and can have detrimental impacts on all ages, genders, races and economic groups. We are coming together and addressing it in many forums. Each organization has planned activities, events and dialogues focused on the message 'We Stand Together'. Building on our success, an expansion into Lake County is underway with a Mayors' roundtable and a region-wide introduction planned at our spring LALC meeting. Standing together, we will make a difference.

Comprehensive Human Services, Hunger, Legal Clinic

In our own community, as State resources continue to vacillate, we work to meet the human service needs of our neighbors. In 2013, I created the Human Services Task Force, a group of over 250 volunteers ranging in age from 17-85. We assessed needs and inventoried services available. A comprehensive human services plan was created and immediate outcomes led to creatively addressing various service issues, including an all-community invitation for schools, civic groups, faith-based organizations and businesses to adopt the Moraine Township food pantry throughout the year (ensuring

a consistent supply of food year-round), finding financial support for free medical care, identifying specific housing and transit opportunities, and so on. Access to affordable legal services was also identified as a clear need, particularly for our senior and immigrant populations.

The Highland Park/Highwood Legal Aid Clinic will soon open to meet this need and will provide pro bono services for and by community members.

Investing in Our Children, Our Future Leaders

Recognizing that our students are our future leaders, the City has taken an active role in connecting students with opportunities for experiential learning that engages students in critical thinking, problem solving and decision-making. Through a partnership with North Shore School District 112, all third graders visit City Hall to meet with the mayor and participate in a mock city council meeting. Our City of Highland Park Student Commissioner program offers high school juniors and seniors representation on our various boards, commissions and task forces. Our community benefits from the unique perspective each student provides as they work on policy-related matters and projects. In the coming weeks, high school students will have a new opportunity through a student internship program. Pairing students with local businesses, this program will provide

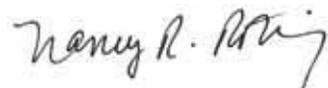
an 'open door' to a career or future job, and give our students and employers an edge while building a pipeline of talent for our community and beyond.

Your Input is Important

Our community is driven by a collective desire to work together to shape our future, starting with fresh thinking and appreciating our city as a place where new ideas and approaches make a tangible difference in what we do and how we evolve as a community. I love that our residents care about each other and care about our city. You call and write, and your input is vital to our vibrancy and progress. Hearing from you is my favorite part of this job. Anne Frank said, "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." I could not agree more.

We are a team. Thank you to my Council colleagues and our staff. Your dedication and hard work is appreciated and impactful. And most of all, thank you to our residents, our sister governments, partner organizations and our businesses. Our community is strong thanks to your passion and our partnership.

Thank you.



Nancy R. Rotering, Mayor

Acclaimed Speaker Barbara Coloroso to Speak on Bullying in Highland Park

Inspired by the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Campaign to End Bullying, Mayor Nancy Rotering convened representatives from Highland Park sister governments and not-for-profit organizations to launch 'We Stand Together,' an Anti-Bullying Campaign. The goal of the coordinated effort is to promote a unified message about bullying awareness, prevention and intervention.

As part of this initiative, participating Highland Park organizations have invited the internationally recognized public speaker Barbara Coloroso to speak to the

Highland Park community on bullying in a series of free presentations. All are invited to attend one of the following presentations: **Tuesday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Highland Park High School and Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Deerfield High School.** Spanish translation will be available at the Tuesday night presentation.

A full biography and list of books, lectures and articles about Barbara Coloroso can be found at www.kidsareworthit.com. Coloroso has appeared on Oprah, CBS, NBC, ABC, CNN and NPR and has been featured in the New York Times, Time, U.S. News & World



Report, Newsweek, and other national and international publications for her work and lectures.

The partnering organizations include the City of Highland Park, Park District of Highland Park, North Shore School District 112, Township High School District 113, the Highland Park Public Library, and Family Service. For more info go to www.cityhpil.com/WeStandTogetherHP.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Winter Isn't Over Yet: Take Note of These Key Reminders

The City plows approximately 260 miles of streets which takes approximately 6-8 hours to pass at least once with the City's snow plow fleet. In addition to the streets that are plowed, the City plows about 120 miles of sidewalks when snow accumulation is more than 4 inches. For both streets and sidewalks, main roads are prioritized as well as school routes and business districts before plows begin to focus on residential and side streets.

What You Can do to Help

The City asks citizens to assist in the following ways during and following snow accumulation to ensure the safety of friends, family and neighbors throughout the community:

- Check in with neighbors who may have difficulty shoveling their driveways or walkways and assist them if necessary. Contact the City for information on the volunteer snow shovelling program.
- Clear the reduced sight lines at the end of your driveways in order to safely exit your driveway.

- Be cautious when pulling out onto the street due to limited sight lines from high snow piles.
- If you have a fire hydrant on or near your property, please clear the snow around the hydrant in case of an emergency. The Fire and Public Works Departments clear hydrants, but community assistance is appreciated.
- If you are aware of a sewer inlet near your property, please clear the snow on and around that inlet to allow melted snow a passageway to clear.
- Please remember to follow the City's snow removal guidelines, which can be found at www.cityhpil.com/snow. Please be reminded that contractors are prohibited from moving snow onto public right of way.
- Call the Public Works Department at (847) 432-0807 from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. if you have any questions. During off-hours, call the non-emergency number at (847) 432-7730.

Sign Up for Enewsletters & Alerts

The City encourages residents to sign up to receive the City Enews as well as Pub-



Please assist the Fire and Public Works Departments by clearing any fire hydrants on or near your property from snow.



lic Safety Alerts by going to www.cityhpil.com/signup.

Additionally, the City regularly updates its Facebook and Twitter accounts to provide real-time updates during inclement weather operations. You can find these accounts at www.facebook.com/HighlandParkIL and www.twitter.com/CityHPIL.

Humanitarian Award & Character Counts

The Highland Park Human Relations Commission is accepting nominations for the Highland Park Humanitarian Award. This award recognizes an individual who has rendered outstanding service to the Highland Park community. Any person who has a record of sustained giving and has through his/her efforts made a significant contribution to changing lives in Highland Park may be nominated.

The Human Relations Commission is also accepting nominations for the **Robert Barnard Character Counts Pillar Award** honoring nominees whose beliefs, attitudes and actions consistently exemplify the six pillars of character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

The Character Counts awards are a collaboration between the City of Highland Park, North Shore School District 112 and Highland Park High School.

Nominations for both awards must be made no later than Monday, March 2, 2015 and may be submitted at www.cityhpil.com/awards.

For more information contact Don Miner, Manager of Youth & Senior Services at (847) 926-1861 or dminer@cityhpil.com.

President's Day Gaming Tournament for All Students Grades 5 - 8

youth

Serving youth in grades 5-8
1830 Green Bay Road
(847) 433-3090

On **Monday, February 16**, the Firehouse Youth Center hosts a gaming tournament for all students grades 5-8. This free event consists of video game tournaments, including **Super Smash Brothers, Mario Kart, Injustice**, and many others. There will also be a **Yu-Gi-Oh!** tournament. The event starts at 10:30 a.m. running until 4:00 p.m. but participants may arrive as early as 9:00 a.m. and stay until 6:00 p.m. This is a rare opportunity for students in 5th grade to participate in Firehouse activities and check out the facility. During the day, participants are welcome to play other games such as pool, air hockey, ping pong, classic arcade games and numerous board games. Prizes are awarded to the winner of each tournament. Lunch and snacks are served for a nominal fee, but participants may bring their own lunch. There is no cost to enter any of the tournaments, but parents and guardians must sign a special permission form to allow participation. For more info, contact Don Miner, Manager of Youth and Senior Services at (847) 926-1861 or dminer@cityhpil.com.

SENIOR SERVICES



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

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

Events & Activities ~

West Side Story & Lunch

Drury Lane, Oak Brook

Thursday, March 12

Fee: \$70 / NM: \$90

11:00 a.m. depart Toys R Us

6:00 p.m. approximate return

Registration deadline: February 19

Drury Lane closes its 30th anniversary season with *West Side Story*. This modern musical version of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* tells the tale of two star crossed lovers caught between rival gangs. A revolutionary work that changed the American musical, *West Side Story* features an electrifying Latin and jazz-infused score including *Some-where*, *Tonight*, *I Feel Pretty*, and *America*. Lunch includes Mandarin spinach salad, chicken marsala or lemon salmon, and chef's choice of sides and dessert.

Senior Adult Travel Golf League

Wednesdays, May - September

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

Fee: \$40 / NM: \$60 + weekly greens fees

Resident registration begins March 17

Open registration begins March 24

Classes ~

Registration accepted for the following classes to begin in March. Call (847) 432-4110 to register a minimum 3 days prior to the start of the class.

Continuing Bridge: Conventions

Tuesdays, March 10 - April 21

(7 classes) 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$56 / NM: \$76

Beginning Canasta Lessons

Fridays, March 20 - April 24

(5 classes) 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$40 / NM: \$60

Total Body Fit

Tuesdays, March 10 - April 21

(7 classes) 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Fee: \$39 / NM: \$59

Low Impact Dance Aerobics

Wednesdays, March 11 - April 22

(7 classes) 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Fee: \$39 / NM: \$59

Gentle Tai Chi

Fridays, March 13 - April 24

(6 classes) 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Fee: \$33 / NM: \$53

Watercolor Workshop

Tuesdays, March 10 - April 21

(7 classes) 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$56 / NM: \$76

Drawing & Painting

Thursdays, March 11 - April 22

(7 classes) 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$56 / NM: \$79

Introduction to iPad (I)

Wednesdays, March 4 - 25

(4 classes) 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Fee: \$80 / NM: \$100

The Apple iPad is the hottest senior-friendly electronic gadget. Instructor Bill Marks provides iPad fundamentals at a slow pace. iPad topics include basic use and functions, internet exploration, and e-mail operation. The final class allows for review and an extensive question and answer period.

Laurel Larks Singing Group

Fridays, February 6 - May 29

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Free, for members only

Sponsored by First Bank of Highland Park
Under the direction of John Kula, and accompanied by Dave Massello, this lively singing group rehearses popular, upbeat songs for spring performances at local senior living facilities. Join other members who love singing and bringing joy to others! No experience necessary! No rehearsal 4/3.

Grief Group

Thursdays, March 19 - April 23

(6 weeks) 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Free

Please register by March 16.

For those experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one within the past year, this 6-week interactive group addresses the process of mourning, provides coping skills, and offers the support of others facing similar loss. Facilitated by Jennifer Aiello, LPC, each participant must attend the initial meeting in order to participate.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CITY MEETINGS

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

Winter Art Display Exhibit now thru May

City Hall
1707 St. Johns Avenue
(847) 926-1006

The Art Center curated a new show by local artists throughout City Hall.

Good Night Moon February 14, 15, 21 and 22 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Edgewood Middle School Auditorium
929 Edgewood Road
www.highlandparkplayers.org
Tickets \$10, general admission

Highland Park Players presents *Good Night Moon*, a musical for young audiences based on the beloved children's classic. The one-hour performance is suitable for ages 2 and up. Children are encouraged to wear pajamas; characters will greet audience and sign autographs after each performance.

Youth Art Month Exhibition of School Districts 112/113 Exhibit thru February 26 District 112 Reception February 24, 5:00 p.m.

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

The Art Center presents its annual community outreach exhibit featuring artwork from elementary and middle school students of North Shore District 112 as well as high school students of Township District 113.



Painting of Miles Davis by Joseph A. Bowlby in City Hall Display

Midwest Young Artists Chamber Music Program February 22

2:30 p.m. - Free Concert
Gordon Bennett Hall
Ravinia Festival
418 Sheridan Road
(847) 926-9898

Enjoy a free chamber music performance by students of the Midwest Young Artists Chamber Music Program.

The Road Joyfully Traveled: Judging Family Heirloom Recipes at State Fairs

February 24, 7:00 p.m.
Highland Park Public Library
494 Laurel Avenue
(847) 432-7090

The Highland Park Historical Society sponsors Catherine Lambrecht's presentation on judging the Greater Midwest Foodways Family Heirloom Recipes (circa 1950 or earlier) contest featuring interesting food and rich Midwestern history.

The Harlem Wizards February 27, 8:00 p.m.

Highland Park High School
433 Vine Avenue, Gymnasium
(224) 765-2079
Tickets: \$10 online at www.harlemwizards.com or HPHS Bookstore or \$15 at the door

The Harlem Wizards are an en-

tertainment basketball show (similar to the Harlem Globetrotters). They will play a combination of HPHS students and staff. Proceeds support Help the Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation. Full concessions offered at the game.

Affordable Housing Information Sessions

March 11 - 7:00 p.m.

April 7 - 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. Additional info and pictures of homes available at www.cpahousing.org.

Greatness Explained: The Great Lakes

March 12, 7:00 p.m.

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

The Highland Park Historical Society presents Norman Moline, Augustana College and IL Humanities Council Road Scholar as he illuminates one of the great natural wonders of the world.

String Fantasy

March 15, 3:00 p.m.

HP Community House
1991 Sheridan Road
(847) 433-0992

Tickets: Adults \$20, Seniors \$16 and Students \$8

Pilgrim Chamber Players presents Norwegian music including Handel's *Passacaglia in G*, transcribed by 20th century Norwegian composer Hans Halvorsen, Edvard Grieg's *String Quartet in G Minor* and Antonin Dvorak's *Quintet for Piano and Strings*.

World Water Day Film Series

March 22 is World Water Day! Join us for a month long look at the resource that most of us take for granted. Each film will be followed by a guest speaker, an optional discussion or activity.

Sponsored by: Heiler Nature Center, Highland Park Public Library, and the Highland Park Natural Resources Committee.

Watermark
Diverse stories from around the globe about our relationship with water: how we are drawn to it, what we learn from it, how we use it and the consequences of that use.
Sun Mar 1 1-3pm FREE

Flow
An in-depth look at the growing privatization of the world's dwindling fresh water supply and the people and institutions providing practical solutions and developing new technologies to address the water crisis.
Sun Mar 8 1-3pm FREE

The Marion Lake Story
A compelling tale of an ecological crisis: the complete degradation and eventual restoration of an 18-acre lake that provides crucial habitat for migrating birds, rare turtles and other flora and fauna.
Sun Mar 15 1-2:30pm FREE

SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

District 112 Moves Forward with Consolidation Planning Process

The North Shore School District 112 Board of Education has said it will seek a bond referendum in March 2016 in connection with the ongoing effort to reconfigure the district into a fewer number of buildings. Over the next several months, district leadership will further develop and refine the work that has already been accomplished over the past three years, and will continue to engage community members in open and transparent dialogue about the future of District 112 schools. Information about the ongoing planning process will be available in the coming weeks.

"We must continue to move forward responsibly," says District 112 Board of Education President Bruce Hyman. "We are committed to proceeding with a ballot measure in March 2016 and understand that we cannot further delay these very challenging and important decisions."

The Board of Education and district administrators issued a joint letter to residents last month that lauded the collective

effort of community members, board members, and administrators: "In just the last six months, we moved from having a broad vision to laying a framework for an innovative and viable alternative that will provide our children the best possible education.

However, we know we still have work to do."

The district will continue to answer questions, gather information, and refine analysis of the work that has been done. "We understand that the community still has questions and some issues need further information and time to resolve," says Superintendent Michael Bregy. "This additional time will allow the opportunity to answer those questions and gather additional information. In the course of refining our analysis, creative ideas and possibilities that build upon the great work that has already been done may also emerge."

Over the next year, the district will con-

tinue its open dialogue with the community through an approach that allows for multiple avenues of input for all interested stakeholders, including residents without children in the system as well as current and prospective District 112 parents. Discussions will also continue between the district's planning team and city and park officials to address key issues such as traffic impacts.

"We have made great progress together," says Board President Hyman. "I am excited for what the future holds as we continue to work toward putting the district on strong financial footing and serving the needs of our students, our families, and our community for generations to come."

For the most up-to-date information on the District 112 Your Voice Our Future planning process, please visit the district's website at www.nssd112.org, and click "Join our mailing list".



District 113 Selects Experienced High School Administrator as New Superintendent of Schools

The Township High School District 113 Board of Education voted unanimously January 12 to approve the employment of Laurie Kimbrel, Ed.D., as the new Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1, 2015. Dr. Kimbrel will succeed Dr. George Fornero upon his retirement.

Dr. Kimbrel has spent seven years as Superintendent of Schools for Tamalpais Union High School District in the San Francisco, California area. Tamalpais is a high-performing district serving approximately 4,000 students in three high schools in an active and supportive community.

District accomplishments under Dr. Kimbrel's leadership have included creating and executing a strategic plan with extensive stakeholder input and feedback; modernizing all school sites via a \$200 million bond program; maintaining a balanced budget and a AAA bond rating from Standard and Poor's; and creating and implementing an extensive two-way communication plan for

various stakeholder groups. Dr. Kimbrel is highly involved in the communities served by her district and holds several leadership roles at the state level.

Prior to her tenure in Tamalpais, Dr. Kimbrel spent six years as an administrator in Grayslake Community High School District 127, five years as an administrator in Lake Forest High School District 115, and eight years as a special education teacher.

Staff, students, parents and community members are invited to meet Dr. Kimbrel during receptions on the following dates, both of which are open to all:

- **Wednesday, February 18 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.** in Student Commons at **Highland Park High School**, 433 Vine Avenue

- **Thursday, February 19 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.** in Student Cafeteria at **Deerfield High School**, 1959 N. Waukegan Road, Deerfield

The Board selected Dr. Kimbrel as District 113's new leader following a robust search and interview process facilitated by consult-



ing firm Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates. A key component of this process was soliciting input from students, staff, parents and the community regarding the characteristics that are most important in the District's next leader. HYA met with 250 stakeholders during the week of October 13, and more than 400 survey responses were submitted. For more information about the process, visit www.dist113.org/leadership.

PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK

Fun for All Ages

Schools Out Ski Trip (Middle Ground)

Grades 6-8
Mon Feb 16 7am-4pm
34934 Lift Ticket Only: \$50/ Lift Ticket & Equipment: \$95
Meets at the Recreation Center of Highland Park • 1207 Park Av.
Spend a day at Wilmot Mountain skiing and snowboarding.

A Hootin' Good Time

Ages 6-Adult
Mon Feb 16
34938 \$8
Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Rd.
Visit Heller to meet several live owls of prey up close and personal!

Daddy-Daughter Whimsical Wonderland

Father/Daughter Ages 3-9
Sat Feb 21 6:30pm-8:30pm
34948 \$45/55
Highland Park Country Club • 1207 Park Ave
Dance the night away in your favorite party dress! This magical evening will be filled with sweet treats, surprises, and special guests!

Magic Class

Ages 5-12
Tues Feb 24 6:45-7:45pm
34946 \$20/27
West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Rd
Amaze family and friends with tricks that involve cards, ropes, coins, mind reading, and more!

Winter Astronomy

All Ages
Fri Feb 27 7-8pm
FREE
Heller Nature Center • 636 Ridge Rd
Crisp winter nights are ideal for sky viewing! Visit Heller to see the moon, constellations, and Jupiter through our telescopes.

Family Tennis Night

Family
Sat Feb 28 6-8pm
34702 \$10/person or \$30/family
Deer Creek Courts • 701 Deer Creek Parkway
Have a family game night at Deer Creek Courts with tennis, wallyball, basketball, and indoor golf!

Spring
Baseball & Softball
Register NOW at pdhp.org

Not sure if inclement weather will interfere with your Park District activities? Sign up for the Rainout Line and get up-to-date information the way you want to receive it. Options range from texts to emails to phone calls. Sign up today at rainoutline.com.

 **Rainout Line** 847.579.9008

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50+ Active Adults

Group Exercise Classes

Recreation Center of Highland Park • 1207 Park Avenue West

Stretch & Core

Wed 8-8:30am

Zumba

M Sun 8-9am

TF 9:30-10:30am

Wed 6:30-7:30pm

Sat 10:45-11:45am

Aqua

MTWFS 8:30-9:30am

Tues 10-11am

Sun 9:30-10:30am

Pilates

Mon 9:30-10:30am

Wed 10:35-11:30am

Yoga Flow

Fri 10:45am-Noon

Aqua Fusion

Fri 10-11am

Aqua-Pilates

10-11am

Light n' Lively

Mon 11am-Noon

Wed 12-1pm

Tai Chi

Mon 12:15-1:15pm

Chair Yoga

Tue Thur 12:15-1:15

Cardio Tone Light

Fri 11:30am-12:30pm

Women On Weights

Tue 6:15-7:15pm

NEW Walking BINGO!

On Tuesday's in February, the Recreation Center of Highland Park (1207 Park Avenue West) will be offering Walking BINGO! It will be held February 17 and 24 from 11-12pm on the indoor track.

Participants will check in and receive a BINGO card. While participants walk around the track, BINGO numbers will be drawn and called out. If your card has the number, mark it off. If you win BINGO you get a prize!

Prizes include gift certificates, household items, and healthy living items.

Charge is free for members of the Recreation Center and \$5 for Non-Members.

Questions? Contact Sue Cohen at 847.579.4048

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

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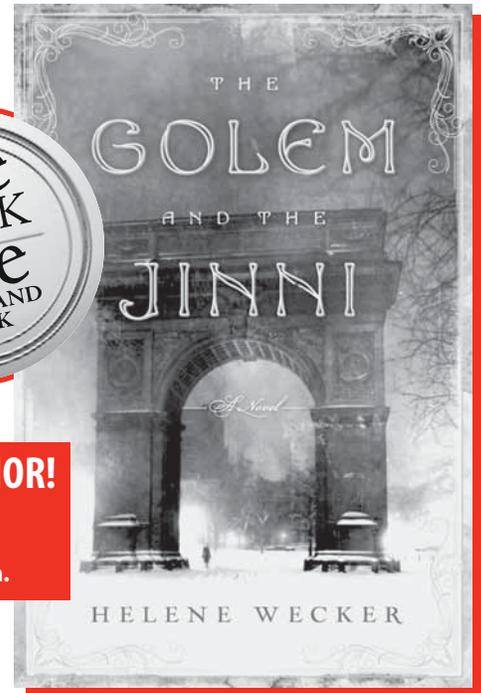
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One Book, One Highland Park

Start Reading Now!

A community-wide read program designed to broaden and deepen an appreciation of reading and to encourage friends, families, and neighbors to share their experience while reading the same book.

The Golem and the Jinni is an immigrant tale that combines elements of Jewish and Arab folk mythology. Wecker's debut novel tells the story of two supernatural creatures who arrive separately in New York in 1899. The two meet, finding both conflict and comfort in each other and kinship despite their differences.



READ THE BOOK!

Check out a copy from the library or look for one of the many copies distributed around town.

ATTEND EVENTS!

Kick off One Book, One Highland Park.
Sunday, March 22, 1:30 p.m.

MEET THE AUTHOR!

Author Helene Wecker will discuss her book.
Sunday, April 19, 3 p.m.

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Use **#onebookonehp** on social media.

Violin/Cello Duo Liba and John Sharp



Saturday, February 21,
2 p.m.

John Sharp, principal cello, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and Liba Shacht, violin, Lyric Opera of Chicago, perform works by Ravel, Glière, and Boccherini.

Frozen Sing-Along Movie & Party

Saturday, February 28, 1 – 3:30 p.m.

Sing along with the award-winning Disney movie! The words to the songs will appear on screen so all can sing along. Come dressed as your favorite *Frozen* character and enjoy *Frozen*-themed crafts and a drawing for *Frozen*-themed prizes following the film. Registration required. Register at kidsevents.org. Adults should register as 21 years old. Movie is rated PG.

Storytime With Milk & Cookies At Panera!

Tuesday, February 24, 9:30 – 10 a.m.

Meet at Panera in Highland Park for a special storytime and enjoy milk and cookies. For children, ages 2 – 5, accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. Register at kidsevents.org. Panera is located at 1853 Second Street. Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month through May.

Career Counseling

Wednesday, March 11, 1 – 4 p.m.

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

MEET THE AUTHOR! Get Your Book Signed!

Renée Rosen



*What the Lady Wants:
A Novel of Marshall
Field and the
Gilded Age*

Wednesday, February 18, 10:30 a.m.

A bestselling book about the visionary retail tycoon.

Boris Fishman



*A Replacement
Life*

Wednesday,
February 25, 7 p.m.

A *New York Times* Sunday Book Review 100 Notable Books of 2014.

Readers' Round Table

Tuesday, February 24, 2 p.m.

Book lovers, join a lively conversation about books and authors. Share your favorite recent reads and recommendations. Receive a complimentary copy of a new or forthcoming book.

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BUSINESS REPORT

NEW BUSINESSES

Crumbs of Highland Park
469 Central Avenue
(773) 463-6328
Bakery

Forest Glen Construction Company
1540 Old Skokie Road
(847) 236-0895
General Contractor/Residential Construction

Mizuki Grill
474 Central Avenue
(224) 619-5100
Japanese, Sushi & American Grill

The Next Salon LLC
181 Skokie Valley Road
(847) 831-3770
Beauty & Hair Salon

Dr. Carol Lockwood, D.D.S.
1770 First Street, Suite 430
(847) 748-8077
Dental Office

NEW OWNERSHIP

Happi Sushi
561 Roger Williams Avenue
(847) 432-1516
Japanese Restaurant

Jamba Juice
1849 Green Bay Road
(847) 266-8121
Fresh Smoothies & Juices

Warren Barr North Shore
(Formerly HCR Manor Care)
2773 Skokie Valley Road
(847) 266-9266
Skilled Nursing Facility

NEW LOCATION
Blood & Marrow Transplant Information Network
1548 Old Skokie Road
(847) 433-3313
Patient Support Group

NEW NAME
Douglas Vacuum & Allergy Relief Center is now
Kritz Vacuum

& Allergy Relief
332 Skokie Valley Road #101
(847) 831-0011

Bullion Express is now
Chicago Gold & Diamond Exchange
1831 St Johns Avenue
(847) 780-0010

Collision Revision is now
Gerber Collision & Glass
1325 Park Avenue W
(847) 432-5353

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