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City Launches Redesigned Website

Enhanced features include Apple iPhone application; e-mail notification system

At the March 28 City Council meeting, the City of Highland Park unveiled a redesigned website that includes a refreshed graphic design and numerous features and functionalities, all of which will enhance the City's interaction and communication with the community.

Beginning in August 2010, the City Council approved an agreement with the firm CivicPlus to evaluate the City's previous website and provide recommendations to redesign the site to provide increased functionality for the community. In November 2010, City staff conducted a focus group meeting whereby members of the community provided feedback regarding the City's previous website and selected a new graphic design format. Since that time, City staff evaluated the previous website, revised the content and proceeded with implementation of the new design.

The City's website, www.cityhpi.com, promotes participation in City events and activities as residents can register to receive press releases and the *Highlander* newsletter via e-mail. Residents can also be notified of updated calendar events by registering to receive an e-mail when a new event is available. This timely dissemination of information will enhance the quality of life for residents, visitors and business owners. The latest techniques, designs and technologies have been utilized to redevelop the website to provide visitors with a user-friendly and informative City resource that allows them to not only locate answers to questions, but to perform tasks such as completing applications or requesting services.

The following is a sample of the new easy-to-use website functionalities that will provide an engaging customer service experience:

• **Subscribe to Newsletters & Announcements:** Just by entering

an e-mail address, register to receive the *Highlander* newsletter, press releases and public safety alerts;

• **Customer Service Requests:** The customer service request module allows residents to e-mail the City with pothole location information in order to expedite completion;

• **Shopping & Dining Guide:** A complete listing is available of all shopping and dining opportunities in Highland Park;

• **Carbon Calculator:** In keeping with the City's sustainability initiatives, residents may personally track an individual carbon footprint;

• **Language Translation Availability:** The website can also be translated into another language of one's choosing.



The City's redesigned website contains updated functionalities that will enhance communication with the community.

The City will also provide the community with a new and additional method for responding to customer service requests. CivicPlus, the firm that redesigned the City's website, offers Apple iPhone apps as another means of allowing municipalities to communicate with and respond to residential customer service inquiries. Residents may download the application to an iPhone by searching "CivicPlus" in the App Store and selecting "Citizen Request Tracker." Once downloaded, residents may register with Highland Park, Illinois, and complete a profile before submitting a request. The resident may also take a photograph of the customer service matter and this information will collectively be e-mailed to City staff. At that time, staff will respond to the resident and complete the customer service inquiry by following the same process as is conducted for all customer service matters.

For more information regarding the City's redesigned website, please contact Emily Palm, Management Analyst, at (847) 926-1004/epalm@cityhpi.com.

'HIGH' NOTES

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.

Enter Fourth Of July Parade

If you are a local organization, business or neighborhood group, consider participating in the 2011 Fourth of July parade. Applications will be accepted until June 7, 2011. To obtain an application, visit www.cityhpil.com or contact Jennifer Dotson in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1006/jdotsen@cityhpil.com.

Shop Downtown This Spring

Warm weather is just around the corner and the Downtown Highland Park Alliance is encouraging everyone to get out and shop this spring season. The Alliance is sponsoring a "Tax-Free" shopping weekend on April 14-16. Participating businesses will offer an 8 percent discount on their products and services. Spring is also the season of gift giving with Mother's Day, Father's Day and graduations right around the corner. Downtown HP gift cards are accepted at over 80 businesses and are the perfect gift for everyone on your list. Gift cards are available in any amount from \$5-\$500 and there is no activation fee to purchase. For more information on the "Tax-Free" weekend or the Downtown HP gift card visit www.downtownhp.com or contact Bridget Kagan, Downtown Alliance Marketing and Communications Coordinator, at (847) 780-4293/bridget@downtownhp.com.

Report Potholes to Public Works Department

With the onset of warmer weather and the freeze-thaw cycles that occur this time of year, potholes may materialize on City streets. To help the Public Works Department in its efforts to maintain City streets in the best possible condition, please report potholes to the City via the Pothole Hotline at (847) 926-1178. This hotline is available 24-hours a day and allows residents to report a pothole location. Residents are asked to leave their name, address, phone number and the specific location of the pothole. Additionally, potholes may also be reported online on the City's website at www.cityhpil.com. Please note that all repairs completed now are temporary and some areas will require repairs to be made more than once because weather conditions in conjunction with traffic movement may displace the material. Permanent repairs will be made later this spring when the asphalt necessary to complete the repairs is available. For more information, please contact the Department of Public Works at (847) 432-0807.

Contributors to Public Art Fund Recognized

The City of Highland Park is grateful for all of the donations made to Public Art Fund. It is through the generosity of the individuals and the community that the City is able to support public art activities including: acquisition and installation of new works of art; maintenance and conservation of the existing collection; and public education about the collection. The City would like to thank the following supporters: Lorry and Sandra Charak; Paul and Eileen Goldstein; Elise and Ira Frost; Michael and Maxine Bonn; David and Susan Heller; Charles and Barbara Gitkin; Elaine Hacker; Ben Kopin and Beth Shapiro Kopin; Debra and Jim Koziarz; Mike and Gloria Morison; Robert and Terri Olian; and John Blane. For more information about the Public Art Fund and to make a contribution, please contact Lee Smith, Senior Planner, at (847) 926-1612/lsmith@cityhpil.com.

Comcast to Close Highland Park Facility

In an effort to consolidate resources, Comcast will close the payment center located at 1600 Old Deerfield Road effective April 30. Comcast customers who would like to make payments, schedule equipment delivery and pick-up, or receive assistance in cable related issues, may contact Comcast at 1-800-Comcast. Customers may also visit Comcast facilities located at 1585 Waukegan Road, Waukegan, or 9651 Gross Point Road, Skokie. For more information, please contact Brian Bourdeau in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1043/bbourdeau@cityhpil.com.

Task Force Sponsors Fundraiser for Japan

The Highland Park Emergency Relief Task Force is sponsoring a community fundraiser for Japan disaster relief. The fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 23, at the Highland Park Public Library, 494 Laurel Avenue, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. The event will include Japanese Koto and Shakuhachi music, storytelling by Anne Shimojima, a conversation by Skype with Highland Park resident Yumi Ross's mother, Atsuko Murayama, who was in Japan at the time of the March 11 earthquake, origami folding, letter writing to children in Japan, and additional activities for children. For more information, please contact Councilwoman Terri Olian at (847) 432-5662.

Yard Waste Collection Underway

Veolia Environmental Services is now accepting yard waste in conjunction with its collection schedule. Yard waste is collected weekly, on the same day as refuse and recyclables. Yard waste must be bundled separately from refuse and recycling and will be collected at the curb only. Collection can be initiated on a sticker or subscription basis. For subscription customers, unlimited yard waste is accepted. For those utilizing stickers, a sticker must be affixed to each 50-pound Kraft paper bag, 50-pound bundle of branches, or 45-gallon container. Stickers are available for purchase at local retailers, including Sunset Foods and Jewel, City Hall, or from Veolia. Large stumps, branches exceeding four feet in length, rocks, and dirt are not accepted. For more information, contact Veolia at (847) 272-4145.

Message from the Mayor

By the time you read this, a new Mayor will have been elected and this will be my last opportunity to communicate to you through this monthly column. So I wanted to take this time to thank all the past Mayors I worked with, including Dan Pierce and Ray Geraci when I was a Councilman (1995-2003) for giving me the leeway to develop and implement new ideas such as having a standing Finance Committee, establishing the Intra-City Parking Committee, which led to the new parking decks just south of downtown and the expanded lot next to the movie theatre, and the work that was done to make The Art Center happen. Thank you too to my mentors and friends that I served with as a Councilman, like Peter Kokous, Jack Blane and Margie Weiss for their guidance and advice but most importantly their friendship.



As Mayor and a Councilman I always ran for office with a platform of very specific ideas that were aimed at making a great city even better. In some cases ideas arise in response to a crisis or from the good work of the hundreds of unbelievably talented people on our advisory commissions; from our very capable and creative staff under the leadership of David Limardi; from the City Councils I have had the privilege to work with, or from a very caring and active business community, and most of all you - a thoughtful and engaged public. In reflecting on this I am very proud of what has been accomplished over the past 8 years: the Taste of Highland Park; the Mayor's Youth Council; increased school funding for military dependents from \$770 per pupil to \$4,500 (I want to especially thank Senators Kirk and Durbin for their assistance in securing this funding); *Parents: The Anti-Drug* and other teen safety programs; the Downtown Business Alliance; nationally recognized affordable housing policies; an innovative environmental sustainability plan; financial best practices such as a fund balance policy and capital budgeting necessitating annual investment in streets, sidewalks, storm and sanitary sewers; establishing a regional consortium of communities to work on combating flooding during storm events; Healthy Highland Park and its many great programs on weight loss and smoking cessation; the Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT), which is a group of our neighbors volunteering to help our police; finding homes for the Music School, the Community Family Center, and The Music Theatre Company; *One Book, One Highland Park*; the Emergency Relief Task Force; and downtown beautification such as additional flower pots.

During my tenure as a Councilman we renovated City Hall; constructed a new Police Firing Range; a new Fire Station Headquarters and renovated the Library. While I was Mayor we worked with the Park District to build a new Recreation Center, and add an addition to our Public Works Building; and we built a new Police Department Headquarters. We paved many streets, upsized and repaired storm and sanitary sewers. I feel I have left the community better off than when I first took the oath of office as Councilman and then as Mayor.

I want to thank all the members of the City Council that served during my tenure as Mayor. Each Council member is intelligent, honest, hard-working and a caring public servant who helped to greatly improve the quality of life for all of our residents. I will miss working with each one of you. I want to thank all the members of our citizen advisory commissions. Highland Park is an award-winning City because of your efforts. I am proud to have appointed many of you and served with you as well. As I have said so many times we would not be able to afford to pay for the time and expertise you so generously donate. I also want to thank the entire not-for-profit arts and social service groups. I enjoyed being your advocate in City Hall because you are of critical importance to Highland Park. I will also miss working with our business community and service clubs - the groups and business people that help make Highland Park a unique place to live, work and shop. Thank you also to the many elected and appointed officials from our sister governments such as the Park District of Highland Park, the School Districts 112 and 113, Moraine Township and Lake County. I enjoyed collaborating with you on issues of mutual benefit to our community.

I want to thank City Manager David Limardi for all the excellent work and support he has provided to me, the City Council and the people of Highland Park. We are fortunate to have his intellect, experience and talent. I also want to thank all the staff, the department directors, the City Manager's Office, the snow plow drivers, the police officers, the fire fighters, the people who keep our water clean and flowing, the people who process our transactions, the people who resurface roads and fix potholes, the people who staff our meetings and the people who respond to citizen inquiries and complaints. All of you make Highland Park a great place to live.

Finally, I would like to thank the people of Highland Park for giving me the honor and privilege to serve you. As Mayor over the past eight years, I have loved this job. While I am proud of what I recited above, I am most honored to have had the opportunity to help people and govern in a community that values diversity, creativity, compassion and progress.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Michael D. Sebelly". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Cellular Device Restriction Takes Effect on 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.

Police 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 on the following websites: www.nsc.org, www.distracton.gov and www.cyberdriveillinois.com. For more information regarding the amended ordinance, please contact Police Sergeant Chris O’Neill at (847) 432-7730/coneill@cityhpil.com.

School Bus Traffic Safety Reminder

Due to an increase of customer service complaints to the Police Department regarding motorists illegally passing stopped school busses, the City is requesting resident assistance by reminding the community that when motorists fail to stop for a loading or unloading school bus, it greatly increases the potential for a pedestrian accident.

In Illinois, it is illegal to pass a stopped loading or unloading school bus on a two-lane road (in either direction) when the school bus is displaying flashing lights on the front and rear of the bus and when the stop signal arm is extended after the school bus comes to a complete stop. A motorist must remain stopped until the stop signal arm is no longer extended and the flashing lights are turned off, or the school bus driver signals the motorist to pass. However, a motorist is not always required to stop when meeting a stopped loading or unloading school bus on a roadway with four or more lanes. For instance, a motorist does not need to stop if traveling in the opposite direction of the bus. Motorists traveling the same direction as a stopped school bus on a four-lane road are required to stop.

Illegally passing a stopped school bus is a serious traffic violation. A mandatory court appearance is required and if a motorist is convicted of the offense, the motorist’s driver’s license will be suspended for three months. If a person receives two such convictions, the motorist’s driver’s license will be suspended for one year. In addition, violators will be fined \$150 for the first conviction and \$500 for a second or subsequent conviction. For more information pertaining to Illinois Rules of the Road, visit the Secretary of State’s website at www.cyberdriveillinois.com or contact Sergeant Chris O’Neill at (847) 432-7730/coneill@cityhpil.com.

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.

Seva Beauty, LLC
Corporate Office
600 Laurel Avenue, Suite 2R
(317) 205-0000
www.sevabeauty.com

North Shore Chinese Medicine
Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine
467 Roger Williams Avenue
(847) 809-1200

Arriva Dolce Gelato & Coffee Bar
Restaurant
1823 St. Johns Avenue
(847) 433-3103

COMMUNITY NEWS

Spring Clean-Up Program Commences This Month; Continues Through May

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. Collection will coincide with residents' primary garbage collection day (the primary collection day is the day both garbage and recycling are collected). Refer to the adjacent map to determine your primary collection day and then utilize the table to view your Spring Clean-Up collection date. In order to keep City streets clean, it is requested that residents not place any material out for collection earlier than one week before a scheduled collection. Items must be placed at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. on collection day.

Oversized Items

Veolia Environmental Services will pick up all allowed oversized items that are placed at the curb on residents' scheduled Spring Clean-Up days. To discard waste from a "do-it-yourself" project, please make sure that the material is bundled so that one person can pick it up and place it in the truck. Carpeting must be rolled and should not exceed the weight that one person can carry. Waste material generated by general contractors will not be accepted. Veolia will be accepting large appliances for collection. Residents with large appliances are requested to place them in a separate pile at the curb.

Prohibited Items

The following items will not be accepted: regular garbage; yard-waste; debris generated by landscapers, tree trimmers, or contractors; demolition material from fences, roofs, or exterior building debris; rubber tires; batteries; and oil and household hazardous wastes such as paint, pesticides, or pool chemicals.

Additional Recycling Opportunities

To assist in diverting waste from landfills, visit www.swalco.org to view recycling options for unique materials, including scrap metal, latex paints, tires and more. As a reminder, the City offers twice weekly electronics and polystyrene foam recycling at the Public Safety Training Facility, 1180 Half Day Road, on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sustainable Practices Incorporated Into Highland Park Residential Services

Veolia Environmental Services has transitioned its fleet of collection trucks to ones that operate on compressed natural gas (CNG).



<u>Area</u>	<u>Collection Day</u>	<u>Spring Clean-Up Day</u>
SE	Monday	Saturday, April 30
SW	Tuesday	Saturday, May 7
NE	Thursday	Saturday, May 14
NW	Friday	Saturday, May 21

Veolia replaced all refuse and recycling collection trucks that service Highland Park with CNG trucks effective March 31. CNG fuel burns with 85% fewer emissions than traditional motor fuels, thereby reducing the City's carbon footprint while improving local air quality.

In addition to operating with compressed natural gas, the collection trucks have an automated arm that is used to empty refuse and recycling carts placed at the curb. In order to ensure residents' refuse and recycling is collected as scheduled, the City would like to remind all residents who utilize curbside collection that refuse and recycling carts need to be placed side-by-side and within four feet from the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. on their designated collection day.

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/bboudeau@cityhpil.com.

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., April 18	Sister Cities Foundation	7:00 p.m.
Tues., April 19	Intra-City Parking Commission	3:45 p.m.
Wed., April 20	Design Review	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., April 21	Firefighters Pension Fund (1130 Central Avenue)	7:00 p.m.
	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Mon., April 25	Committee of the Whole	4:30 p.m.
	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Tues., April 26	Business and Economic Dev. Plan Commission	6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Wed., April 27	Transportation Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., April 28	Firefighters Pension Fund (1130 Central Avenue)	4:00 p.m.
Mon., May 2	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
Tues., May 3	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Wed., May 4	Housing Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., May 5	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Mon., May 9	Committee of the Whole City Council	4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Tues., May 10	Library Board of Trustees (494 Laurel Avenue)	7:30 p.m.
Wed., May 11	Natural Resources Commission	6:30 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 be closed on Sunday, April 24. The Library will open at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 4.

***Ray Bradbury: The Man Behind The Masterpiece*, Thursday, April 28, 7:00 p.m.** Sam Weller, authorized biographer of Ray Bradbury, discusses Mr. Bradbury and provides information on the unknown origins of *Fahrenheit 451*. Mr. Weller has been given unparalleled access to Bradbury's archives and to the author, and shares his insight. A *One Book, One Highland Park* event.

***Meet The Author: Nathaniel Philbrick*, Thursday, May 5, 7:00 p.m.** Pulitzer Prize finalist, National Book Award winner, and best-selling author Nathaniel Philbrick will discuss his book, *The Last Stand: Custer, Sitting Bull, and the Battle of the Little Bighorn* that takes on the mythic story of the American West, making human the iconic figures who fought and died beside the Little Bighorn. The book is a modern version of a defining event in America's past. Books will be for sale and the evening will conclude with a book signing.

***In A Nutshell: The Worlds Of Maurice Sendak*, May 15-June 24.** This special exhibit explores the influence of Old and New worlds in the work of renowned illustrator Maurice Sendak. The exhibit was organized by the Rosenbach Museum & Library, Philadelphia, and developed by Nextbook, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting Jewish literature, culture and ideas, and the American Library Association Public Programs Office. The national tour of the exhibit has been made possible by grants from the Charles H. Revson Foundation, the Righteous Persons Foundation, the David Berg Foundation, and an anonymous donor, with additional support from *Tablet Magazine: A New Read on Jewish Life*.

CULTURAL ARTS EVENTS

Paperweights: Jewels of the Glass Art World Through April 27 Call for Times; Free	Historical Society 326 Central Avenue (847) 432-7090	<i>Voices of Chicago: An Evening of Famous Chicago Poets</i> April 27 7:00 p.m.; Free	Highland Park Library 494 Laurel Avenue (847) 926-1006
<i>Merrily We Roll Along</i> Through May 1 Call for Times; \$30	Music Theatre Company 1850 Green Bay Road (847) 579-4900	<i>Indexing The World: Invention Abstraction and Dissonance</i> April 29 - June 4 Call for Information	The Art Center 1957 Sheridan Road (847) 432-1888
Stars of Tomorrow April 17 3:00 p.m.; Free	Community House 1991 Sheridan Road (847) 432-1515	Trumpet Fanfare May 15 3:00 p.m.; \$8-\$20	Community House 1991 Sheridan Road (847) 432-1515
Student Poetry Challenge April 20 7:00 p.m.; Free	Highland Park Library 494 Laurel Avenue (847) 926-1006	Red Hot Gala May 5 Call for Information	The Art Center 1957 Sheridan Road (847) 432-1888

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. 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.

Eskape in Buffalo Grove

Friday, April 22; 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Fee: Members: \$50/Non-Members: \$65

Have fun by bowling, throw in a game of laser tag and lunch, and you will have a great start to your three-day weekend.

Fall 2011 registration begins May 13. Register via telephone with a credit card, or in person with cash, check or credit card.

After 3 at *The Firehouse* was designed to serve the growing needs of working families with children in middle school. Research has shown that the hours between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. are a crucial time for supervision of middle school students. After-school programs fill that gap for parents, and many experts refer to these programs as the "new neighborhood."

After 3 at *The Firehouse* provides highly trained adult supervisors who offer your child enriching activities that can develop their potential, build their confidence and help them with their schoolwork. Make the most out of your child's after-school time.

Transportation is also available from all three middle schools to *The Firehouse* in a 14-passenger bus and 7-passenger van.

Register to fit the needs of your family, whether it be one day a week or five. Once registered, your child will have a seat reserved for the days you wish.

<u>Days per week</u>	<u>Fee w/out Transportation</u>	<u>Fee w/ Transportation</u>
1 Day	\$40	\$80
2 Days	\$80	\$160
3 Days	\$120	\$240
4 Days	\$160	\$320
5 Days	\$200	\$400

Your child may also come to *The Firehouse* without being enrolled in the After 3 program to enjoy the many games and activities, to socialize, as well as participate in community service activities.

Senior Services

Serving adults over 50

54 Laurel Avenue (847) 432-4110

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

Ron Miller Lecture: Living in a World Without God

Highland Park Country Club; Thursday, May 5
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Free; For Members Only
Advance registration required

In the United States today there are probably more people simply living their lives without reference to any higher order than there are people actively fighting the idea of a transcendent reality. Ron will discuss the various forms "living without God" takes, from humanism to agnosticism to militant atheism. And through understanding them, you will better grasp the positions people are drawn to, whether in agreement or disagreement. *Sponsored by ManorCare Health Services.*

Senior Golf Clinics

Golf Learning Center, 2205 Skokie Valley Road
Thursdays, May 5 - 26; 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Fee: Members: \$70/Non-Members: \$80

Offered in cooperation with the Highland Park Country Club, lessons are designed with the senior golfer in mind. Beginners will learn the fundamentals of grip, stance, alignment, swing and rules of play. Experienced golfers will work on expanding techniques. Taught by Alex Prior, Head Golf Professional, this is a great opportunity to learn a new skill or improve on an existing one. Please call the Senior Center at (847) 432-4110 for further details or to register.

Grief Group

Tuesdays, May 10 - June 14; 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.; Free
A new group is forming for persons who are experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one within the past two years. This 6-week educational group will address the stages of grief, provide coping skills and offer the support of others experiencing similar loss. Facilitated by Paula Cyphers, M.A., Social Services Coordinator at the Senior Center, and Lois Silverstein, LCSW, at Family Services of South Lake County.

Lunch and Learn Nature Workshops: Wildflower Walk

Heller Nature Center; Friday, May 13
Noon - 2:00 p.m.; Fee: Members: \$10/Non-Members: \$15
This new and exciting series features a delicious lunch catered by Sunset Foods including bread, entree, starch, vegetable, dessert and beverage. Following lunch, you will enjoy a hands on workshop lead by the professional staff at Heller Nature Center. Advanced registration is required; please call the Senior Center at (847) 432-4110. *Sponsored by Bright-Star Lifecare.*

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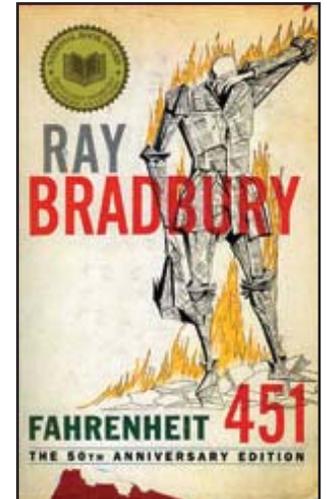
Look for LATE NITE HP events on Friday and Saturday evenings in Highland Park.
Visit www.latenitehp.com for more information.



One Book, One Highland Park Spring Selection

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury is the spring title for the *One Book, One Highland Park* community-wide read program. In this classic novel on censorship, a tyrannical government rules in a grim future where books are illegal and firemen are trained to burn them until one fireman begins to question the government's destructive ideology that knowledge is evil. The title refers to the temperature at which all books catch fire and burn. First published in 1953, *Fahrenheit 451* was immediately recognized as a masterpiece of science fiction writing and continues to receive international acclaim. Among his many awards, Ray Bradbury has received the National Book Foundation Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters, the World Fantasy Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Science Fiction Writers of America Grand Master Award.

There are several upcoming events that will be held in conjunction with the *One Book* program. The *One Book* program is looking to inspire readers to write their own vision of the future with a Science Fiction Short Story Contest. The deadline for residents to submit stories is Friday, April 22, at 5:00 p.m. Science fiction stories may be submitted to Jennifer Dotson, City of Highland Park, 1707 St. Johns Avenue, or jdotsen@cityhpil.com.



Other events include:

- **Ray Bradbury: The Man Behind The Masterpiece;** Thursday, April 28, 7:00 p.m.; Highland Park Public Library: Sam Weller, authorized biographer of Ray Bradbury and author of *The Bradbury Chronicles* and *Listen to the Echoes: The Ray Bradbury Interviews*, discusses Mr. Bradbury and provides information on the unknown origins of *Fahrenheit 451*.
- **Book Discussion and Presentation of Science Fiction Short Story Awards;** Wednesday, May 4, 7:00 p.m.; Half Price Books, 151 Skokie Valley Road

For more information about the contest and other *One Book* events for *Fahrenheit 451*, please contact the Highland Park Public Library at (847) 432-0216 or www.hplibrary.org or contact Jennifer Dotson in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1006/jdotsen@cityhpil.com.