

# THE HIGHLANDER



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## Festivities Mark Independence Day

As the Nation's 235th birthday approaches, the City of Highland Park is pleased to announce the schedule of events for the Fourth of July, with all events occurring on Monday, July 4. The theme for this year's festivities recognizes the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce 100th anniversary.

### Children's Bike & Pet Parade - 9:30 a.m.

The Independence Day celebration begins at 9:30 a.m. with the Children's Bike & Pet Parade, sponsored by the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce. (Please note the adjusted start time of the Bike & Pet Parade as it has commenced at 9:45 a.m. in previous years). Those interested in participating should meet at 9:15 a.m. in the lower level of the parking structure at the northwest corner of St. Johns and Laurel Avenues. For more information, please contact the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce at (847) 432-0284/[info@chamberhp.com](mailto:info@chamberhp.com).

### Independence Day Parade - 10:00 a.m.

Immediately following the Children's Bike & Pet Parade, residents

are encouraged to continue the celebration with the annual Independence Day Parade, hosted by the City and the Park District. The parade features floats, marching bands, dignitaries, novelty groups, community entries and other special entertainment. The parade will begin at the intersection of Laurel and St. Johns Avenues and head north on St. Johns Avenue, then turn west on Central Avenue and continue to Sunset Park. For more information, please contact Emily Palm, Assistant to the City Manager, at (847) 926-1004/[epalm@cityhpil.com](mailto:epalm@cityhpil.com).

### Fourth Fest - 11:00 a.m.

After the parade, the fun moves to Sunset Park for Fourth Fest from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Fourth Fest will feature a variety of food vendors and musical performers to entertain residents. Also, enjoy carnival rides, a petting zoo, pony rides, picnic games, carnival games, live music, and concession stands. For more information, please contact Cathy Fiori of the Park District of Highland Park at (847) 579-3121/[cfiori@pdhp.org](mailto:cfiori@pdhp.org).

### Stay Safe During Fireworks Use

With the Fourth of July just a few weeks away, the City would like to remind residents that it is "better to be safe than sorry" when encountering fireworks of any kind. The use of fireworks in Highland Park is not permitted by City ordinance. Should fireworks play a part in your holiday celebration at another location, please heed the following safety tips:

- Keep children away from fireworks
- Follow all fireworks instructions
- Never make or use homemade fireworks
- Use fireworks outdoors only
- Keep water nearby for emergencies
- Immerse sparklers in water once they are out
- Never use illegal fireworks such as M-80s and M-100s, etc.
- Leave display-grade fireworks to professionals
- Be sure bystanders are out of range
- In case of eye-related injuries, avoid touching or rubbing the injured eye; seek immediate medical attention

Always remember to exercise safety and caution when using novelty fireworks, such as sparklers or poppers. For more information regarding fireworks safety, please contact Fire Department Lt. John Kwasny at (847) 433-3110/[jkwasy@cityhpil.com](mailto:jkwasy@cityhpil.com).

### Character Counts at Fourth of July Parade!

Each year, thousands line Central and St. Johns Avenues to view the Fourth of July Parade. As a "Character Counts" Community, consider these actions so that all may view the parade in a festive manner:

- Parade goers are asked to refrain from entering the street, so that parade participants may pass. Specifically, parade goers are allowed to stand and sit in marked parking stalls or on public sidewalks and parkways, but should not move past the end of marked parking stalls into the street, even to retrieve candy or other materials dispersed by participants.
- If a parade participant has candy or other items to disperse, the participant is urged to walk along the crowd to disperse, as opposed to throwing materials to the crowd.
- If a parade goer desires to save an area in marked parking stalls or on public sidewalks and parkways for others joining the respective group, the parade goer is encouraged to 1) not place blankets, chairs, etc. prior to 7:00 a.m. on the parade day, 2) claim only an area sufficient for the size of the group, and 3) ensure one member of the group is present at all times.

For more information, please contact Emily Palm, Assistant to the City Manager, at (847) 926-1004/[epalm@cityhpil.com](mailto:epalm@cityhpil.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](mailto: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.

## City Offices Closed on Monday, July 4

City offices will be closed on Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Residents are asked to call the Public Safety switchboard at (847) 432-7730 if assistance is required. Please remember that garbage will not be collected on Monday, July 4, and residents with normal Monday service will receive collection on Tuesday, July 5. Thereafter, the collection schedule for the remainder of the week will be one day later than usual. For more information, contact Veolia Environmental Services at (847) 272-4145.

## Festival of Fine Craft: June 25-26

The 14th annual Highland Park Festival of Fine Craft will be held on Saturday, June 25, and Sunday, June 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sheridan Road between Central Avenue and Elm Place. Sponsored by The Art Center of Highland Park, the festival is a juried show of premier craftsmen from across the country who sell jewelry, furniture, ceramics, glass, art, clothing and sculpture. Demonstrations and hands-on activities, music and food will provide fun for all ages and benefit educational programs at The Art Center. For more information, please contact The Art Center at (847) 432-1888 /[info@theartcenterhp.org](mailto:info@theartcenterhp.org).

## Summer Concert Series Underway!

Don't miss out on a free, family-oriented evening of entertainment. The following summer concerts are scheduled during June, July and August:

- June 16: Chicago Outskirts
- June 23: Maryann and the Professors
- June 30: Maxwell Street Klezmer Band
- July 7: Saturday June Band
- July 14: Rico! Band
- July 21: Eight Miles South
- Aug. 4: Highland Park Pops
- Aug. 11: Tzofim Friendship Caravan
- Sat., Aug. 13: Dr. Mark and the Sutures
- Aug. 18: Peach's Beach Party

All concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. in Port Clinton Square, located on Central Avenue between First and Second Streets. Admission to summer concerts is free. Residents and visitors looking for information regarding Highland Park's summer events may contact Brian Bourdeau in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1043/[bbourdeau@cityhpil.com](mailto:bbourdeau@cityhpil.com).

## Golf Learning Center Open for the Summer Season

The Highland Park Golf Learning Center is now open for the 2011 season. The Center is operating on the following summer schedule:

### May 1 - September 30

- Monday-Thursday: 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Friday: 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday-Sunday: 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Punch cards are also available for purchase, ranging in cost from \$110 for mats to \$150 for grass. Punch cards may be used Mondays through Thursdays through the duration of the season. Additionally, residents who buy one punch card will receive a free

round of golf including a cart for use at the Highland Park Country Club between Monday through Thursday during the season. For additional information about the Highland Park Country Club, please call (847) 433-9015 or visit [www.highland-parkcc.com](http://www.highland-parkcc.com). Also, River's Edge Adventure Golf is now open for the season. For more information about River's Edge Adventure Golf, please call Rob Van Duyse at (847) 433-3422. Both facilities are located at 2205 Skokie Valley Highway.

## New Film Festival Geared Toward Families

The Highland Park Theatre is excited to present the 2011 Family Film Festival. This summer, the Highland Park Theatre will show family-oriented movies every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Moviegoers can receive free tickets by visiting [www.highlandparkmovies.com](http://www.highlandparkmovies.com) and select "buy online." Free tickets will be available one week prior to the date of the feature show. Tickets may also be purchased for \$2 per person at the box office on the day of the show. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. and seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. A special "kiddie combo" snack, which includes popcorn, drink and a treat, will be offered for \$5.50. The 2011 Family Film Festival is as follows:

- June 15: Furry Vengeance
- June 22: Shrek Forever After
- June 29: Despicable Me
- July 6: Cats & Dogs: Revenge of the Kitty Galore
- July 13: Legend Of The Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole
- July 20: Megamind
- July 27: Yogi Bear
- Aug. 3: A Surprise Show; TBD

For more information, please contact Kevin Anderson at (847) 432-3322/[kevinanderson@kempersports.com](mailto:kevinanderson@kempersports.com).

## Message from the Mayor

On June 27, the City Council will start a process of decision-making concerning the disposition of the Highland Park Movie Theater. The theater was purchased by the City in February 2009, with an eye toward creating a live performing arts venue. That goal, unfortunately, was not achieved and it is currently being run as a movie theater by an outside consultant hired by the City and City professional staff.



The Council and I have expressed an interest in looking at alternatives to the status quo. As a result, we are starting an open, informed consideration of all options available in order to maximize the City's return on the asset.

As part of our due diligence, members of the City Council took a tour of the building from top to bottom on June 8. It is a tremendous space with all kinds of potential. The Council is reviewing environmental, financial and background reports and at the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 27, the Council will begin discussion and consideration of what steps to pursue next: what process do we want to follow to obtain the best use of this space? These meetings are open to the public and the exact time at which we will be having our discussion can be found at [www.cityhpil.com](http://www.cityhpil.com) under the City Government tab by following the link to City Council Agenda Packet after the agenda is posted on June 23.

The economic development goal behind the original purchase of the theater continues. We are always looking for ways to attract shoppers and diners to Highland Park because the sales tax revenue generated reduces our dependence on property taxes to cover City expenses. The question is just one of how.

I will be asking the Council to discuss strategic plans for the theater building in terms of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats presented with the current situation (the City owning and contracting out the management of the theater) versus alternatives (private ownership, public/private partnership, partial or full-renovation, a new building with similar purposes, a new building with new purposes, increased parking, etc.).

The bottom line is, however, the bottom line.

No final decisions will be made at the June 27 Committee of the Whole meeting. If we decide to request proposals for the property, we will use an open process and consider our choices. Of interest are a few matters: recouping our investment and covering any ongoing costs, creating an attraction to draw visitors to our City, and meeting community needs and interests that exist as well as possibly identifying new opportunities.

Going forward from June 27, we will be discussing suggested projects. To date, the Council has not set priorities or even parameters. That is my goal with this first discussion: to get a sense of what direction the Council is interested in going with the theater.

We will be thoughtful, reasonable and responsible in our analysis and decision-making. We recognize and appreciate the history of the building and the charm it brings to Central Avenue. Let's see what we can do!

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy R. Pettigrew". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## 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](mailto:chersch@cityhpil.com).

Amdur Productions, Inc.  
Art Festival Production Company  
2115 Green Bay Road  
(847) 926-4300  
[www.amdurproductions.com](http://www.amdurproductions.com)

ArrivaDolce Gelato & Coffee Bar  
Coffee, Tea, Gelato, Smoothies, Fresh Baked Goods,  
Sandwiches & Soup  
1823 St. Johns Avenue  
(847) 433-3103  
[www.arrivadolce.com](http://www.arrivadolce.com)

Elite Integrated Tech  
Consulting  
1480 Old Deerfield Road, Suite 18  
(847) 579-0363

Ravinia Wine Shop  
Wine, Cheese, Gourmet Baskets & Fresh Flowers  
597 Roger Williams Avenue  
(847) 831-1049

Sweet Bites  
Specialty Baking  
478 Central Avenue  
(847) 432-4440  
[www.sweetbitesusa.com](http://www.sweetbitesusa.com)

Schwartz's Intimate Apparel  
Intimate Apparel & Swimwear  
Crossroads Shopping Center  
161 Skokie Valley Road  
(847) 251-1118

## Cellular Device Restriction Now Effective

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 became effective 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 now conduct a one-month written warning period until June 30. 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](http://www.nsc.org), [www.distraction.gov](http://www.distraction.gov) and [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com). For more information regarding the amended ordinance, please contact Police Sergeant Chris O'Neill at (847) 432-7730/[coneill@cityhpil.com](mailto:coneill@cityhpil.com).

## Resident Input Sought for Upcoming Community Meetings

The City of Highland Park is inviting residents to share experiences and ideas regarding bicycle and pedestrian improvements in Highland Park. Professional staff is in the planning phase of a Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and needs the community's assistance by identifying improvements that will benefit residents and employees of the City. Meetings will be held on Saturday, June 25, at 11:00 a.m. and Wednesday, June 29, at 7:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held at the Police Station Headquarters, 1677 Old Deerfield Road. For more information, please contact Lee Smith, Senior Planner, at (847) 926-1612/[lsmith@cityhpil.com](mailto:lsmith@cityhpil.com). Additionally, residents are encouraged to provide feedback and complete the non-motorized transportation survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/hpbike-pedsurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/hpbike-pedsurvey).



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Residents Reminded of Proper Bicycle Safety Precautions and Etiquette

The Highland Park Police Department is reminding bicyclists about the importance of wearing bicycle safety helmets. Bicycle safety helmets are an essential element of bicycle safety and should be properly fitted and adjusted. Bicyclists should always wear a bicycle safety helmet while riding to protect the head from injury should an accident occur. In Highland Park, bicyclists under sixteen years of age are required to wear a bicycle safety helmet while riding a bicycle. Additionally, state law requires bicyclists to utilize a headlight and a rear reflector at night. Vehicles are also expected to “share the road” with bicyclists. Motorists should pass bicyclists with three feet or more of space between them. Motorists are also required to yield when making right and left turns in front of bicyclists. Motorists should look for bicyclists in the roadway, in crosswalks or on sidewalks when leaving driveways, alleys or side streets.

On most roadways, bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as other roadway users. In Illinois, bicyclists are required to:

- Travel in the same direction as vehicles, riding near the right edge of the roadway;
- Ride no more than two abreast on the roadway, riding near the right edge of the roadway so as not to impede vehicle traffic;
- Stop at all posted stop signs and yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk (even when bicyclists think that there is not a vehicle or pedestrian at the intersection at the same time);
- Yield to pedestrians while riding on sidewalks.

The Highland Park Police Department is committed to achieving the highest level of traffic and pedestrian safety within the community. Citizen cooperation and compliance is an integral component of the Department’s safety philosophy. Please assist us in our goal by complying with traffic laws. For more information, please contact Highland Park Police Sergeant Chris O’Neill at (847) 432-7730/[coneill@cityhpil.com](mailto:coneill@cityhpil.com). For further information on bicycle rules of the road, visit [www.bikelib.org](http://www.bikelib.org) or [www.sos.state.il.us/publications/pdf\\_publications/dsd\\_a143.pdf](http://www.sos.state.il.us/publications/pdf_publications/dsd_a143.pdf). Residents may also contact the Illinois Department of Transportation at (217) 524-5338.

### Nominations Due for Mayor’s Award for the Arts

Mayor Nancy Rotering and the Highland Park Cultural Arts Commission are once again inviting individual artists, arts organizations, businesses, and residents of Highland Park to participate in the Mayor’s Award for the Arts. Given annually, these awards recognize outstanding achievements in, or contributions to, the arts in Highland Park. For the award, arts can include visual arts, such as drawing, painting, printmaking, or sculpture; performance, such as dance, theater, or music; architecture; and literature, including poetry, fiction, or scriptwriting. Achievements will be recognized in the following categories:

- Individual - An individual who has achieved artistic excellence, or who has made a significant contribution to his/her artistic discipline and to the arts in the community/local area.
- Arts Volunteer - A volunteer who has consistently supported the arts through a commitment of personal time, energy, and devotion.
- Arts Organization - A non-profit organization that has made a substantial impact on the cultural development of the community as demonstrated through exceptional artistic achievement, outstanding programming or other leadership initiatives.
- Arts Entities - An arts organization that provides artistic programming for the community and makes a significant contribution to fostering the arts in the community. Such entities could be publishers, musical ensembles or theatrical groups.
- Business or Corporation - A local business or corporation that has demonstrated significant commitment to the arts, recognizing the imperative role of public/private partnership. This commitment may be in the form of financial, personal and/or resource support.

Please submit a nomination form online at [www.cityhpil.com/cac](http://www.cityhpil.com/cac) by August 16. Current members of the Cultural Arts Commission and past recipients of the Mayor’s Award for the Arts are not eligible to apply. The Cultural Arts Commission will review all nominations, select recipients and present awards at a future City Council meeting later this fall. For more information, please contact Lee Smith, Staff Liaison to the Cultural Arts Commission, at (847) 926-1612/[lsmith@cityhpil.com](mailto:lsmith@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., June 20	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
Tues., June 21	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Wed., June 22	Transportation Commission	6:30 p.m.
Mon., June 27	Committee of the Whole	4:30 p.m.
	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Tues., June 28	Business and Economic Dev.	6:00 p.m.
Tues., July 5	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Wed., July 6	Housing Commission	6:30 p.m.
	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., July 7	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Mon., July 11	Committee of the Whole	4:30 p.m.
	City Council	7:30 p.m.
Tues., July 12	Police Pension	7:00 p.m.
	Cultural Arts Commission	7:30 p.m.
	Library Board of Trustees (494 Laurel Avenue)	7:30 p.m.
	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Wed., July 13	Natural Resources Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., July 14	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](http://www.hplibrary.org). The Library will be closed on Monday, July 4. The Library will be open during normal hours on Tuesday, July 5, and will open at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 6.

**The Journey of Jewish Identity in the 20th and 21st Centuries, Thursday, June 16, 7:00 p.m.** Michael Berenbaum, renowned scholar, professor of Jewish Studies and past project director of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, discusses the journey of Jewish identity. Presented in partnership with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Midwest Regional Office in conjunction with the exhibit "In a Nutshell: The Worlds of Maurice Sendak."

**A Conversation with Welz Kauffman and Brian Dickie, Thursday, June 23, 7:00 p.m.** WFMT host George Preston moderates a conversation with Welz Kauffman, Ravinia Festival's president, who has presented forgotten music of the Holocaust, and Brian Dickie, Chicago Opera Theater's director, who has collaborated with Maurice Sendak on several productions. A costume and set piece from Chicago Opera Theater's production of Brundibar, designed by Sendak, will be on display. Presented in conjunction with the exhibit "In a Nutshell: The Worlds of Maurice Sendak."

**Stories Under the Stars, Mondays, through July 25, 7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. All ages.** The entire family is invited to drop by the clearing near the Rose Garden to hear special stories.

**Sleeping Beauty in the Woods, Wednesday, June 29, 7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Ages 3-10.** A classic French fairytale with a beautiful princess, enchanted castle, knights, and a handsome prince comes alive with Elsenpeter Marionettes. Registration required and limited to residents of Highland Park or residents of the North Shore School District 112 service area. Register online at [www.kidsevents.org](http://www.kidsevents.org) beginning June 22.

## CULTURAL ARTS EVENTS

<b>90 Years of Excellence:</b> Honoring HP Hospital Through June 17 Call for Times; Free	Historical Society 326 Central Avenue (847) 432-7090	<b>Emerson String Quartet</b> July 6 8:00 p.m.; \$10-\$60	Martin Theatre 200 Ravinia Park Road (847) 266-5100
<b>HP Art Walk</b> Through June 30 Call for Details or visit <a href="http://www.highlandparkartwalk.org">www.highlandparkartwalk.org</a>	Downtown HP Businesses (312) 514-1802	<b>Chicago Symphony Orchestra</b> July 8 8:00 p.m.; \$10-\$70	Ravinia Festival 200 Ravinia Park Road (847) 266-5100
<b>Jazz Showcase</b> June 17 6:00 p.m.; \$10	Bennett Gordon Hall 200 Ravinia Park Road (847) 266-5100	<b>Jazz, Orchestra and Wind Symphony</b> July 23, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Midwest Young Artists 878 Lyster Road, Highwood (847) 926-9898
<b>Architecture Walking Tour</b> June 26; 2:00 p.m. Call for Details	Port Clinton Square 600 Central Avenue (847) 432-2433	<b>"Gogh Green" Recycled Art Sale</b> July 29 - August 18 Call for Information	The Art Center 1957 Sheridan Road (847) 432-1888

# SENIOR SERVICES

## Senior Services

Serving adults over 50

54 Laurel Avenue (847) 432-4110

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

## Live on the Links Classic Dance and Concerts

*Highland Park Country Club; 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Free, For Members Only; Advance registration  
required*

### Neil Diamond Tribute: Thursday, June 23

Denny Diamond & The Family Jewels are an accomplished family trio who perform the music of one of America's favorite singer/songwriters, Neil Diamond. Mixing in songs made famous by artists like Johnny Cash, Roger Miller, Dean Martin, and Ricky Nelson along with countless others, creates a recipe for a fabulous afternoon.

### The Best of Broadway: Thursday, July 21

Peter Oprisko and his musical trio are thrilled to perform their celebration of Broadway which highlights selections from some of the most popular and beloved shows such as Showboat, Porgy & Bess, South Pacific, West Side Story, and many other favorites!

### The Music and Dance of Spain: Thursday, August 25

Las Guitarras de Espana presents a wonderfully exciting program of music and dance based on "Spanish Guitar." This spectacular ensemble plays a variety of music styles including Flamenco, Spanish Classical and Latin American. *Sponsored by Lake Forest Place*

## Mix and Mingle Social Events

The Highland Park, Lake Forest/Lake Bluff, and Northbrook Senior Centers invite members to attend the Mix and Mingle Social Group. These early evening events are designed to give members an opportunity to meet and socialize with new friends. Registration is required; deadline is 1 week in advance.

### Ristorante Abruzzo Dinner Outing

*Wednesday, July 13; 483 Lake Cook Road - Deerfield  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Fee: \$20/Non-Members: \$30*

This Italian cuisine offers flavorful, homemade food using the freshest ingredients. Dinner includes bread and butter, prosciutto and mozzarella appetizer, soup or salad, a choice of entree served with a vegetable medley and rigatoni pasta, tiramisu for dessert, and coffee, tea or soda. When registering, please indicate your choice of chicken breast with artichoke, sauteed lake perch or eggplant parmesan.

### Chicago Botanic Garden Tour & Dinner

*Tuesday, August 23; 1000 Lake Cook Road - Glencoe  
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.; Fee: \$35/Non-Members: \$45*

The Chicago Botanic Garden offers 385 acres of beauty and serenity with waterfalls, rose gardens, native prairies, water gardens and more. The evening begins with a narrated grand tour tram ride that includes views of the Japanese Gardens, the oak woodland and the native prairie. The event continues with a buffet dinner in a private dining facility featuring traditional caesar salad, grilled boneless chicken breast, whipped potatoes, sauteed seasonal vegetable medley, roasted vegetable pasta, and New York Style cheesecake for dessert, and iced tea. Following dinner, you are welcome to enjoy live entertainment on the Esplanade until 8:00 p.m. The band Pantastic 4 features a steel-pan combo performing original compositions in Latin/Caribbean styles.

*The Mix and Mingle Series is sponsored by Visiting Angels*

### Brain Builders Club

*Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*

*Highland Park Senior Center; Free, For Members Only*  
Facilitated by Larry Meyer of Arden Courts in Northbrook, this group was created to provide challenges recommended to maintain healthy brain function. Advance registration required; call (847) 432-4110.

• June 16 - Brain Games; July 14 - Is it a Senior Moment or Something More?; August 18 - Brain Games & Technology; September 22 - Dementia Research: Prevention & Treatment; October 20 - Name That Tune and other Brain Games. *Sponsored by Arden Courts*

### IPRA Six-County Senior Olympics 2011

*Wednesday, July 6 - Friday, July 22; Located throughout area  
communities; \$14 single day/\$20 unlimited days*

The IPRA Six-County Senior Olympics provides an opportunity for older adults to compete with their peers in an atmosphere of friendship and support, and receive recognition for their efforts and achievements. The event is open to seniors of all ability levels, and hosts more than 30 events including: golf, tennis, bowling, swimming, biking, track & field, bocce, volleyball and more. Participants must be 50 years of age and older.

### 18-Hole Golf Outing

*Monday, July 11; Highland Park Country Club  
8:00 a.m. shotgun start; Fee: \$55 (plus the Senior Olympics  
entry fee)*

This popular golf outing held at the Highland Park Country Club includes 18-holes of golf with cart and a sit down lunch followed by an awards ceremony. All participants must submit an IPRA Six-County Senior Olympics registration form no later than July 2. *Senior Olympics is sponsored by Presbyterian Homes, Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center and BrightStar Lifecare*

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Look for LATE NITE HP events on Friday and Saturday evenings in Highland Park.  
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## Concert and Fireworks - 6:30 p.m.

Now in its sixth year, the Independence Day concert will feature the grand finale of the Battle of the Bands contest, where winners from previous rounds compete against each other for a grand prize and the chance to be named the 2011 champion. As the concert ends and dusk falls, the evening concludes with an aerial fireworks display, which is best viewed from Wolters Field. Residents are reminded that regulations prohibit alcohol at this location. This year, residents may view the fireworks from the baseball field at Wolters Field. Parking is also available at Wolters Field. Eventgoers are also encouraged to consider parking at Highland Park Hospital's East Parking Lot, or in parking lots located at the Highland Park Country Club or the Staples lot (see right). Residents are asked to refrain from parking along Route 41 and Park Avenue West during the fireworks display. For more information, or to obtain any weather-related announcements or updates, please call the City's City Summer Events Hotline at (847) 926-1033.



*Parking is available at several locations. Pedestrians may cross Park Avenue West at the Highland Park Country Club or Sunset Road. Attendees are not permitted on the Highland Park Country Club golf course.*