

THE HIGHLANDER



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The Taste of Highland Park: August 26-28 Port Clinton Art Festival will feature over 260 juried artists August 27, 28

Enjoy the last days of summer at the Taste of Highland Park and the Port Clinton Art Festival in Downtown Highland Park. The 5th Annual Taste of Highland Park kicks off the weekend at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 26, featuring the following restaurants: Abigail's American Bistro; Bluegrass; Cafe Central; the City Park Grill; Dunkin Donuts & Baskin Robbins; Fuddruckers; Jade China Bistro; Max's Restaurant, Deli & Bakery; Moccio's Pizzeria; New York Slices; Piero's Pizza; Real Urban BBQ; Stash's Grill; Sunset Foods; Sushi Kushi Too; and Tamales...A Mexican Joint. In honor of the Taste's 5th Anniversary, select restaurants will feature "\$5 favorites," as well as "The Art of the Mix" unique beverages. The Highland Park Chamber of Commerce Beer & Wine Tent will also be available.

In addition to fine art and fare, and continuous live music and dance performances throughout the day, the Taste of Highland Park welcomes the following line-up:

Friday, August 26 - 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Od Tapo Imi This high energy, one of a kind tropical review is best described as Blue Man Group meets Jimmy Buffet. With their steel drums and other assorted percussion instruments, guitars, horns, vocals, and dancing, Od Tapo Imi is sure to delight.

Kevin Chalfant's Journey Experience Talented singer song-writer Kevin Chalfant's very impressive bio spans more than three decades and includes: top hits on the national Billboard charts; a BMI award for co-writing and singing one of the most frequently aired rock radio hits "I've Got A Lot To Learn About Love" and "Show Me The Way," performing lead vocals for Journey and touring with the band in the 1990s as Steve Perry took time off to produce a single album; performing lead vocals for the Alan Parsons Live Project; and more.

Taste of Highland Park Hours
Friday, August 26
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 27
12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 28
12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Port Clinton Art Festival Hours
Saturday, August 27
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 28
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 27
- 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Soul Cookin' Known for their outstanding vocals and a powerhouse rhythm section

that includes some of Chicago's top musicians, Soul Cookin' performs the great hits of the 50s, Motown sounds of the 60s, disco of the 70s, all the way through to contemporary dance hits.

Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone Peter Noone is universally regarded as one of Rock and Roll's finest and most versatile entertainers. With over 80 million records sold, and 20 top 20 hits, Peter Noone is second to none. His hits include: "I'm Henry VIII, I Am," "Mrs. Brown, You've Got A Lovely Daughter," "There's A Kind of Hush," "I'm Into Something Good," "Silhouettes," "Wonderful World," "Just A Little Bit Better," "Can't You Hear My Heartbeat," "A Must To Avoid," "Listen People" and more.

The 5th Annual Taste of Highland Park is made possible in part by the following sponsors: Big Top Productions, CDM, Crossroads Shopping Center, Fields Fiat of Highland Park, MB Financial, Marriott Courtyard, Razny Jewelers, Service Sanitation, Sunset Foods, Veolia Environmental Services and Viper Alley.

For 28 years, the Port Clinton Art Festival has been recognized as one of the most successful juried art festivals in the country. This distinguished outdoor festival offers fine art from more than 260 of the world's most celebrated artists. More than 250,000 art enthusiasts visit the festival annually. Young artists, ages eighteen and under, shine in the Youth Art Division of the show, which offers artists the opportunity to participate in a real art festival. The festival also offers free art activities for kids, including projects from Make-A-Messterpiece, the ultimate creative studio for children ages 0 - 12, and an art scavenger hunt make the festival a perfect family experience. The festival also features live daytime music and dance. Both events are open to the public and admission is free. For parking information, please visit www.cityhpil.com/parking. For more information about the Taste of Highland Park, please contact Carolyn Hersch at (847) 926-1027/chersch@cityhpil.com. For more information about the Port Clinton Art Festival, please contact Amdur Productions at (847) 926-4300/info@amdurproductions.com.

This year, the City of Highland Park held a contest for Highland Park High School graphic design students to create the 2011 Taste of Highland Park marketing poster. Twenty-seven students submitted poster designs to the City for consideration. The winning poster, which was submitted by Highland Park High School senior Kayla McCraren, was selected. On August 8, the City Council recognized Kayla McCraren for her design talent. Congratulations, Kayla!

'HIGH' NOTES

Labor Day Holiday Information

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day. Residents are asked to call the Public Safety switchboard at (847) 432-7730 if assistance is required. Also, please remember that refuse will not be collected on Monday, September 5, in observance of the holiday. Residents with Monday refuse and recycling collection will receive service on Tuesday, September 6. Thereafter, the collection schedule for the remainder of the week will be one day later than usual. For more information, please contact Veolia Environmental Services at (847) 272-4145.

Reminder to Trim Landscaping in Right-of-Way

With warm summer weather and recent consistent rainfall, trees and shrubs in Highland Park are enjoying an extended growth season. As a result, there is an increased need for additional foliage trimming to maintain the public right-of-way. Please be reminded that in Highland Park, it is the homeowner's responsibility to trim shrubs and trees away from the sidewalk on the private property side. Failure to comply will result in a sidewalk obstruction citation. For more information, please contact City Forester Joe O'Neill at (847) 432-0807/joneill@cityhpil.com.

Summer Concert Series Winds Down

Don't miss out on a family-oriented evening of entertainment. The remaining summer concert will be held on August 18 featuring Peach's Beach Party. The concert begins at 7:00 p.m. in Port Clinton Square, located on Central Avenue between First and Second Streets. Admission is free. For more information, please contact Brian Bourdeau in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1043/bbourdeau@cityhpil.com.

Tee Up for an Exciting Summer of Golf

The Highland Park Golf Learning Center is operating on the following summer

schedule through 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.

Take advantage of an "early bird" special and save 20% on buckets of golf balls purchased before 10:00 a.m., Monday through Friday. Also, River's Edge Adventure 18-hole Miniature Golf is perfect for families. For more information about River's Edge Adventure Golf and the Highland Park Golf Learning Center, please contact Rob Van Duyse at (847) 433-3422/rvanduyse@kempersports.com. Both facilities are located at 2205 Skokie Valley Highway. The Highland Park Country Club is featuring a Monday foursome special on August 22 - golf with a foursome for only \$35 per player, including cart fee. Call the Highland Park Country Club at (847) 433-9015 to schedule a tee time.

Drinking Water Treatment Process Change

Next month, in preparation for the upcoming water treatment plant upgrade, the Highland Park Water Plant will switch from the present chloramine disinfectant to free chlorine. This EPA approved method is the most widely used water disinfection process. All other water utilities in Illinois that treat Lake Michigan water currently use free chlorine. This disinfectant offers several advantages, including elimination of anhydrous ammonia in the treatment process. Free chlorine reduces the potential for nuisance biological growth in the water mains and is also less likely to promote corrosion in the lead service lines that serve many older homes. Residents will not notice a difference in the water. For additional information on the disinfectant change as well as the latest news of the Water Plant upgrade project, please visit www.cityhpil.com/watertreatment.

Vehicle Sticker Renewals Available This Month

Renewal applications for City vehicle stickers will be mailed to residents in August. Stickers cost \$40 per passenger vehicle and

must be displayed by October 1. For an additional \$30, residents may upgrade their sticker to support the District 112 Education Foundation and receive a discount card for use at various local retailers. For convenience, residents are highly encouraged to renew vehicle licenses online or send in their vehicle sticker renewal applications by mail in advance of the October 1 due date. Instructions on how to renew vehicle licenses online can be found at www.cityhpil.com/vehicelicense. Please note that information from vehicle license renewal application packets will be required to access vehicle information online. Residents are asked to verify that all information appearing on renewal applications is correct. Residents failing to purchase vehicle stickers by the deadline will be subject to a late fee of \$10 per sticker. Additionally, residents failing to display a sticker after October 1 may be subject to a fine of \$50. New residents and those who do not receive renewal packets in the mail by August 31 are asked to contact the Finance Department at (847) 432-0800/finance@cityhpil.com.

Dog License Renewal to Begin in August

Renewal applications for 2011-2012 City of Highland Park dog licenses will be mailed in August. Renewal fees for the 2011-2012 license year are \$5.00 for spayed or neutered dogs (proof required) and \$10.00 for unaltered dogs. A current rabies vaccination certificate is required for renewal if the vaccination listed on the dog license application has passed its expiration date. Dog licenses can be renewed by mail or in person at City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue. Beginning this year, the Finance Department will offer online renewal for dog licenses on the City's website at www.cityhpil.com. Instructions on how to renew dog licenses online will be mailed along with the renewal applications. As a reminder, 2010-2011 dog licenses will expire on September 30, 2011; residents are encouraged to notify the Finance Department if a renewal application has not been received by September 1, 2011. For more information, please contact the Finance Department at (847) 432-0800/finance@cityhpil.com.

Message from the Mayor

First Quarter Report: We've had a busy first three months as Mayor and City Council. Here are some highlights and plans:

Budget – The City Council and I along with the City Manager and City professional staff started early with our discussions about 2012 budget policies. We also took an in-depth mid-year look at how we are doing in 2011.

The major issues we faced earlier this year (and will likely face in the future) were interest by the State of Illinois and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) in claiming some of our sales tax revenues as their own. In Highland Park, sales tax revenues significantly help reduce the property tax burden on residents. While the revenue sharing did not occur in FY 2011, the possibility of the State and/or CMAP taking a portion of those revenues in an effort to fill their own budgetary gaps remains. The end result would be a drop in resources available to provide many of the services our residents have come to expect and challenges in meeting obligations that are part of running a municipality.

We have and will continue to lobby against these attempts, but as we head into our 2012 budget, we will be planning for contingencies. Past standards that applied to our decision-making (such as target levels for our fund balance) are being analyzed in light of the new economic environment we are all experiencing.

ComEd – Our community has experienced enormous public health, public safety and economic burdens due to power reliability issues related and unrelated to the extreme storms of recent months. While the City has worked to ensure protective measures as feasible (police traffic management on the highway, cooling and power stations, excess garbage removal, tree debris removal, well-being checks), we continue to share with everyone the frustrations borne out of chronic outages, insufficient communications, delayed repairs, aging infrastructure, overgrown vegetation and uncoordinated repair teams. We have held three meetings with ComEd management to identify specific issues and expect a report of planned procedural changes by our September 12 City Council meeting.

On Tuesday, August 16, at 10:00 a.m. the Illinois House of Representatives Public Utilities Committee is holding a hearing on ComEd reliability matters with the Illinois Commerce Commission (the regulating agency for ComEd). The hearing is open to the public and will be held at the Highland Park Country Club, 1201 Park Avenue West. Residents interested in testifying (2 minutes maximum) should RSVP to State Rep. Karen May at (847) 433-9100.

Highland Park Movie Theater – In 2009, the City purchased the Highland Park Movie Theater for \$2.1 million. Since that time, the City has been operating the theater with real costs to the City in terms of both professional staff time and money.

Earlier this summer, the Council decided to move ahead with a redevelopment of the theater. To date, we've had three open meetings to discuss our priorities (ownership, use, preservation or not) and how we wish to proceed. At our most recent meeting, we provided comments on a draft Request for Proposal (RFP) with an eye toward offering the theater to the open market in the near-term.

On September 7, the City will hold a public roundtable meeting (see page 5 for more details) to hear what residents would like us to do with the theater building. So far, we have heard interest in preserving the theater, rebuilding the theater, creating a retail center and developing a boutique hotel. The Council has been consistent in stating its interest in considering all projects, so long as they mesh with the neighborhood in terms of bulk, density and use.

The RFP will be released September 16 and will be due Monday, October 28. The City Council and I are looking forward to seeing proposed options for the theater. Michael Blue, Director of Community Development, will be heading up the RFP process and he can be contacted at (847) 926-1600/mblue@cityhpil.com.

Thank you,



Affordable Housing Information Sessions

Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH), a not-for-profit that provides affordable housing to low and moderate income households that live or work in the area, is holding the following information sessions:

Tuesday, August 16, at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m.

These sessions will be held at 400 Central, Suite 111, Highland Park. For more information, please contact CPAH at (847) 681-8746/www.cpahousing.org.

Register for Well-Being Checks

The Police Department conducts well-being checks on residents during severe weather events, such as blizzards or extreme heat. This program is aimed at high-risk adults, such as seniors, who benefit from a courtesy check during inclement weather. Those interested in registering for the well-being check program may register online at www.cityhpil.com/wellbeingcheck. For more information, please contact Detective Jon Lowman at (847) 432-0807/jlowman@cityhpil.com.

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.

**Nova HP
Teen Center**
1770 First Street
(847) 579-4555
www.novahp.org

**Benjamin
Contemporary American Cuisine**
1849 Second Street
(847) 748-8737
www.BenjaminRestaurant.com

M Restaurant
American Cuisine with a Southern Influence
675 Central Avenue
(847) 748-8954

**Calibre Coffee
Coffee Shop & Juice Bar**
Crossroads Shopping Center
115 Skokie Valley Road
(847) 529-3080

Morning Blend Coffee Shop
Downtown Highland Park Train Station
1700 St. Johns Avenue
Coffee, Breakfast Items, and More

Macnician
Apple Computer Repair, Sales & Service
651 Roger Williams Avenue
(Enter on Broadview Ave.)
(224) 770-0070
www.macnician.com

**New Day Psychology
Counseling Services**
580 Roger Williams Avenue
(847) 980-8707
www.newdaypsychology.com

Dr. Ali Tekadogan, D.D.S.
General Dentistry
580 Roger Williams Avenue
(847) 432-7400

Wind Energy Ordinance Now Effective

On May 23, 2011, the City Council approved an ordinance regulating Wind Energy Systems in Highland Park. The purpose of the ordinance is to promote sustainable energy resources, facilitate energy cost savings for residents and business owners and to establish reasonable and uniform regulations regarding the installation of Wind Energy Systems. After obtaining the necessary building permits, residential property owners are permitted to install up to three building mounted turbines within the height, setback and other regulations outlined in the ordinance. On residential lots larger than 80,000 square feet, property owners may pursue a Special Use Permit to install a tower mounted turbine. The number of permitted building mounted turbines on commercial properties is determined by the size of the building on which they will be located. The ordinance addresses all regulations including, but not limited to:

- Number of Turbines
- Height
- Setback
- Sound Level
- Maintenance
- Color
- Shadow Flicker
- Safety

For more information regarding Wind Energy Systems, please contact Lee Smith, Senior Planner, at (847) 926-1612/lsmith@cityhpil.com. For additional information related to wind energy systems, please refer to the following websites:

- The Illinois Wind Energy Association (IWEA) - www.windforillinois.org
- Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) - www.cnt.org
- Illinois Wind Working Group (IWWG) - <http://renewableenergy.illinoisstate.edu/wind>
- Database for State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency (DSIRE) - www.dsireusa.org

Historic Preservation Commission Accepting Nominations for 2011 Award Program

The Historic Preservation Commission is accepting nominations for the 2011 Highland Park Historical Preservation Awards. The Historical Preservation Commission sponsors the awards in order to recognize and encourage projects that protect historic homes in Highland Park. The 2011 Awards recognize five categories: Restoration, Rehabilitation, Adaptive Reuse, Landscape Restoration and New Construction/Addition. Nominations are due to City Hall by September 30. Awards will be presented in November. Nomination forms are available at the Highland Park Public Library or online at www.cityhpil.com. For more information, please contact Andy Cross, City Planner, at (847) 432-0867/across@cityhpil.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

2012 Budget Workshop Schedule Announced

The City Council and professional staff have begun the process of developing the City's 2012 Annual Budget. The City Council has scheduled the following budget workshops, which will be held in the City Hall Pre-Session Conference Room, 1707 St. Johns Avenue:

Wednesday, August 24	4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Monday, August 29	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 6	4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 10	2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday, October 17	4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Monday, November 14	2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday, November 21	3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Additional information regarding the budget development will be provided in future editions of the *Highlander* and on the City's website at www.cityhpil.com. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Holleb, Finance Director, at (847) 926-1021/eholleb@cityhpil.com.

Highland Park Theater Goals Community Meeting

The City Council invites community members to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss ideas for the Highland Park Theater on Wednesday, September 7, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at City Hall, City Council Chambers, 1707 St. Johns Avenue. The City has been engaged in a planning process for the Theater since it was purchased in 2008, and the next step is to solicit public input on goals for the property and the immediate area. The community has a well-established commitment to the Central Business District, and potential improvements of the property provide a unique opportunity to revitalize an important part of the downtown. The meeting will provide the opportunity for you to share your thoughts with elected officials and City staff, and engage in dialogue on the future of the Highland Park Theater with fellow community members. For more information on the September 7 community meeting, please contact the Department of Community Development at (847) 432-0867.

Mayor Announces Beautification Award

Mayor Nancy Rotering and the Business and Economic Development Commission invite nominations for the Mayor's Beautification Award. The Award recognizes Highland Park businesses whose overall appearance integrates aesthetics, consistency and the environment within the community. Given annually, award recipients will be granted a Mayoral Certificate, public recognition at a City Council meeting, publicity in the *Highlander*, and a press release for local publication. Below is a list of business categories eligible for this award and the criteria by which businesses will be judged:

Business Categories

- Retail
- Restaurants
- Automotive Dealers
- Office Buildings
- Services

Award Criteria

- Façade/Building Appearance
- Cleanliness
- Window Clarity
- Adherence to Code
- Landscaping

Please submit nominations by completing the form at www.cityhpil.com/mayorsbeautificationaward. To complete a paper application, please contact the Office of Economic Development at (847) 926-1027. Nominations must be postmarked by September 16, 2011. For more information, please contact Carolyn Hersch, Economic Development Coordinator, at (847) 926-1027/chersch@cityhpil.com.

Register For Electronic News and Announcements on City's Website

Highland Park residents are encouraged to register through the City's website to receive electronic news and information, including the monthly *Highlander* newsletter. Residents may register by visiting www.cityhpil.com, selecting the icon "Subscribe to Newsletters and Announcements" and entering an email address and a telephone number. At this time, residents will receive an email from CivicPlus, the firm that hosts the City's website, and residents will only need to confirm the email address in order to receive future news from the City. Residents can register to receive the *Highlander* newsletter, public safety alerts, bid postings, press releases and calendar events. For more information regarding the City's website, please contact Emily Palm, Assistant to the City Manager, at (847) 926-1004/epalm@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., Aug. 15	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
Tues., Aug. 16	Library Board of Trustees (494 Laurel Avenue)	7:15 p.m.
	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Aug. 18	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Aug. 22	Committee of the Whole	4:30 p.m.
	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Aug. 23	Business and Economic Dev.	6:00 p.m.
Wed., Aug. 24	Transportation Commission	6:30 p.m.
Tues., Aug. 30	Parking Commission	3:45 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 1	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 6	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 7	Housing Commission	6:30 p.m.
	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 8	Historic Preservation	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 12	Committee of the Whole	4:30 p.m.
	City Council	7:30 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 14	Natural Resources Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 15	Zoning Board of Appeals	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.hplib.org. The Library will be closed on Sunday, September 4, and Monday, September 5. The Library will be open during normal hours on Tuesday, September 6, and will open at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 7.

Art Dedication, Sunday, August 21, 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Three pieces of art depicting historically significant places in Highland Park by local artist Yelena Klairmont will be dedicated. View the paintings of an original Indian council ring, Jens Jensen's Rosewood Bridge, and the Central Avenue Park ravine, and enjoy refreshments.

Meet The Author: Vanessa Diffenbaugh - *The Language of Flowers*, Wednesday, September 7, 7:00 p.m. The first-time novelist introduces Victoria Jones, 18, and recently emancipated from the foster care system in her book, *The Language of Flowers*. Victoria has a talent for flowers, an understanding of how blossoms can convey emotions, and a life in need of tending. The book is receiving rave reviews from booksellers and will be for sale at the event. The first 50 attendees will receive a special gift thanks to Floral Gardens.

Career Counseling, Wednesday, September 14, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 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 the Reference Desk or call (847) 681-7031.

Fall Storytimes. Fall storytime sessions, with activities designed to foster pre-reading skills for newborns to six-year-olds, begin in September and October. Registration begins Monday, August 29. Visit www.kidsevents.org for storytime dates and times and to register.

CULTURAL ARTS EVENTS

"Gogh Green" Recycled Art Sale	The Art Center 1957 Sheridan Road (847) 432-1888	<i>The Figure, Approximately</i> August 26 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Free	The Art Center 1957 Sheridan Road (847) 432-1888
Crazy Quilts	Historical Society 326 Central Avenue (847) 432-7090	<i>Explorations: New Works by New Artists</i> Aug. 26 - Sept. 24 Call for times; Free	The Art Center 1957 Sheridan Road (847) 432-1888
The Lincoln Trio	Bennett Gordon Hall 200 Ravinia Park Road (847) 266-5100	Juilliard String Quartet September 7 8:00 p.m.; \$10-\$60	Martin Theatre 200 Ravinia Park Road (847) 266-5100
<i>Bizarre Books: A Compendium of Classic Oddities</i>	Music Theatre Company 1850 Green Bay Road (847) 579-4900	HP Poetry Featuring Stella Radulescu September 9 8:00 p.m.; Free	The Art Center 1957 Sheridan Road (847) 926-1006

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.

Register now for fall programs at *The Firehouse* Youth Center. All students grades 6-8 living in Highland Park or attending a Highland Park school are eligible. Early registration is encouraged as space is limited. Register via telephone by calling (847) 433-3090 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. 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.

Peer Jury

High school student jurors are needed for the Highland Park Police Department's Peer Jury program. Hearings are held once a month to decide appropriate consequences for juveniles who are first-time offenders of minor crimes who have already admitted guilt. A minimal commitment of once a month for two hours is requested. Training is provided. For more information, please contact Detective Jenny Olson (847) 926-1116/jolson@cityhpil.com or Don Miner at (847) 926-1861/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.

Chicago Botanical Garden Tour & Dinner

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

The Chicago Botanic Garden offers 385 acres of beauty and serenity where you will find waterfalls, English walled and 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 wonderful 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. *Sponsored by Visiting Angels*

Live on the Links: The Music and Dance of Spain

Highland Park Country Club, Thursday, August 25
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.; Free; For Members Only
Advance registration required

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*

Jim Kenney Lecture: 2012: Why the World Won't be Ending Any Time Soon

Highland Park Country Club, Thursday, September 15
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Free; For Members Only
Advance registration required

The latest New Age apocalyptic preoccupation is based on a curious misreading of the ancient Mayan calendar. In short, the interpretation (rejected by Mayan elders and serious scholars alike) suggests that the calendar's ending in 2012 portends a world-ending or at least world-changing cataclysm in that year. The bookstore shelves are bursting with "expert" analyses of the coming crisis. And a well-reviewed blockbuster movie, 2012, has stirred considerable interest. Join Jim for a serious look at a great story, woven from questionable scholarship and genuine hope for a better world. *Sponsored by ManorCare Health Services*

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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.



City Proactive in Emergency Management Planning

As a result of a recent series of storm events, professional staff would like to remind the community regarding the City's emergency management response program. The City of Highland Park has the potential to be affected by incident situations on a daily basis, including disasters, emergencies, fires, floods, tornadoes, transportation accidents, and more. The City's emergency operations program aids in facilitating recognition of emergencies and providing an efficient, timely and effective response for the community.

The City has demonstrated its efficient planning and execution to various events and emergency situations, including traffic management at Ravinia Festival and the Taste of Highland Park, to emergency response during the February 2011 blizzard event. Emergency planning will not guarantee that critical incidents, especially ones developed from natural phenomena, cannot be prevented. However, actions taken by the Highland Park Fire and Police departments will provide critical assistance to the community when it is needed most.

Modeled after the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) program entitled National Incident Management System (NIMS), the City utilizes a similar preparedness model, which includes the following steps: planning, organizing, training, equipping, exercising, evaluating, and taking corrective action (as needed). In emergency response situations, the Police department is typically the first responders to an emergency scene and oversees the incident until the Fire department staff can provide additional aid. As part of emergency preparedness, Highland Park is also part

of mutual aid agreements with surrounding municipalities to aid each other in the event of an emergency.

In order to remain aware of City public safety notifications, residents are encouraged to register for Police Department emergency notifications through the City's website: www.cityhpil.com/notifyme. Residents may follow the three steps listed at the top of the webpage to register for public safety alerts.

As part of summer weather events, warning sirens may be utilized when the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning for the City of Highland Park. For more information about emergency warning sirens, please refer to the July 2011 edition of the *Highlander*. As a reminder, if outdoor public warning system sirens are activated, do not call 911. Instead, please seek shelter in a basement or lowest level of a sturdy structure.

Additionally, FEMA has designated September as National Preparedness Month. In advance of this designation, City professional staff encourages residents to seek additional information regarding personal preparedness. For more information about personal emergency preparedness, please visit the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website for recommendations: www.fema.gov/pdf/areyouready/areyouready_full.pdf.

For more information about emergency preparedness, please contact the Police Department at (847) 432-7730 or the Fire Department at (847) 433-3110.