

THE HIGHLANDER



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City to Transition to New Electricity Supply Agreement

In March, the Cities of Highland Park, Lake Forest and the Villages of Deerfield, Glencoe, Lake Bluff, Northbrook and Skokie (North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium) entered into agreements with Integrys Energy Services (soon to be consolidated into Constellation Energy Services) to provide electricity supply and services to the communities' municipal electricity aggregation programs. On March 23, 2015, the Highland Park City Council approved the City's contract with Integrys with an electricity rate that includes the purchase of renewable energy credits or RECs to support renewable energy generation.

An REC is created when one megawatt hour of energy generated by a renewable source, such as wind power, is placed onto an electricity grid. RECs help finance cleaner sources of energy, supporting the City's goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The additional cost of purchasing RECs is approximately \$20 per year for the average Highland Park home.

The transition to the new agreement and pricing will require residential and small commercial accounts that are currently enrolled in the Consortium communities' aggregation programs to return to ComEd default service rates in the interim until a rate with Integrys is locked in. The return to ComEd default rate service will allow the Consortium communities the opportunity to lock in rates after the new ComEd default service rates have been announced.

Aggregation customers can expect the following to take place as part of the transition process:

1. ComEd will send letters to all accounts currently enrolled in the municipal aggregation programs notifying them that their current supply contract is expiring and that their account will revert to the ComEd default rate;

2. Once a new electricity supply price has been locked, the City will send opt-out letters to all residential and small commercial accounts to provide account owners the opportunity to either participate or opt-out of

the program;

3. Accounts that are enrolled in the new municipal aggregation supply contract will then receive a final letter from ComEd verifying that the account has been enrolled into the municipal aggregation program

Electricity supply and billing schedules will not be interrupted due to the transition. Residents should be aware that no representatives from Integrys Energy Services will be calling or visiting their homes as part of the transition process, and should exercise caution if they are asked for their ComEd account numbers by any party.

The Consortium's decision to enter into a new agreement with Integrys does not prevent residents from individually seeking their own Alternative Retail Electric Supplier.

For questions or more information on electricity aggregation please go to the City's website at www.cityhpil.com/electricityaggregation or contact Karen Berardi, at (847) 926-1043 or kberardi@cityhpil.com.

Ordinance Banning Assault Weapons Ruled Constitutional

On Monday April 27, 2015, the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit affirmed the constitutionality of the City of Highland Park's ban on assault weapons and large-capacity magazines. In a 12 page written decision authored by Judge Frank Easterbrook, the Seventh Circuit affirmed the United States District Court ruling that Highland Park's ordinance does not violate the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. This decision is a resounding victory for the City of Highland Park and the safety of its residents. Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering stated: "The City of Highland Park took action because it was in the best interest of those we serve. While we were confident of the legality of our legislation, we are gratified that the Northern Illinois District Court and now the 7th Circuit Court affirmed that this ordinance is lawful, main-

taining our right to protect our community."

On June 24, 2013, the City passed an ordinance prohibiting the possession, sale, or manufacture of certain military-style weapons and large capacity magazines. The City later amended the ordinance to create exceptions for qualified retired law enforcement officers and for owners of curios or relics that are safely stored. The City modeled its ordinance after a federal statute that had been in effect for many years before its natural expiration, and after a Cook County ordinance that the Illinois Supreme Court had upheld.

On December 12, 2013, Plaintiffs Arie S. Friedman, MD and the Illinois State Rifle Association filed a complaint claiming that the ordinance, on its face, violated the Second Amendment. Both the City and the Plaintiffs filed cross motions for summary judgment. On September 18, 2014, Judge

John Darrah (United States District Court - Northern District of Illinois) ruled that the City of Highland Park's ban on assault weapons and large-capacity magazines does not violate the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. On appeal, the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit affirmed the decision of the court on April 27, 2015.

The City's Corporation Counsel, Steven M. Elrod of Holland & Knight LLP, drafted the ordinance and supervised the litigation defense strategy. However, to save legal fees for the City, an arrangement was made through the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence to engage the Perkins Coie law firm on a pro bono basis to represent the City. Chris Wilson, an accomplished federal court litigator, and Managing Partner of the Chicago Office of Perkins Coie, handled the case for the firm.

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'HIGH' NOTES

Neighborhood Meetings Scheduled Through July

In an effort to develop impactful discussion on enhancing our community, the City of Highland Park, North Shore School District 112, Township High School District 113, Park District of Highland Park, Highland Park Public Library, Moraine Township and Lake County will host several Neighborhood Meetings this summer to meet with residents to discuss Highland Park community priorities.

Neighborhood Meetings provide an opportunity to interact with staff, elected officials, and other community leaders in a friendly, informal environment. The meetings are intended to offer an opportunity for the public to provide input and feedback to Highland Parks' government bodies.

The schedule and location of these two-way conversations are listed below. All neighborhood meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

May 18 – District 112 Administrative Offices, 1936 Green Bay Road

June 2 – District 113 Administrative Building Board Room, 1040 Park Ave. West

July 22 – City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Ave.

Residents are invited to attend the neighborhood meetings to share their ideas on enhancing our community. For more information about the Neighborhood Meetings, please contact the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1000.

National Public Works Week: May 17 - 23

Since 1960, the American Public Works Association has sponsored National Public Works Week. The City of Highland Park, among other communities across North America, uses this week to energize and educate the public on the importance of the contribution of public works to their daily lives: planning, building, managing and operating the heart of our local communities and building quality of life.

Please join the City of Highland Park May 17 - 23 in supporting National Public Works Week.

Sprinkler Restrictions Begin May 15 Thru September 15

Sprinkling restrictions, effective May 15 until September 15 of each calendar year, prohibit sprinkler use from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and limit lawn irrigation to odd/even days that correspond with the property's address (odd numbered properties are permitted to use sprinklers on odd numbered days and even numbered properties are permitted to use sprinklers on even numbered days).

For more information, visit www.cityhpil.com/waterconservation or call the Public Works Department at (847) 432-0807.

Thank You to Our Sponsors: New Resident Fair

The City of Highland Park would like to graciously thank the sponsors of the City's New Resident Fair held on Sunday, April 19. Thanks to @Properties, Coldwell Banker and Baird & Warner for making this event possible to the dozens of new residents in attendance. Special thanks also to The Art Center of Highland Park for their assistance and providing a lovely venue for the New Resident Fair.

Enter Fourth of July Parade

Businesses and organizations may still register for the 2015 Fourth of July parade. All applications received between May 16 and June 5 require an additional \$40 late fee. No applications will be accepted after June 5th. Forms are available at www.cityhpil.com/July4 or contact Jennifer Dotson in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1006 / jdotson@cityhpil.com.

Sign up for News & Alerts

From the *Highlander* to the website to our enews and social media, the City strives to maintain a fluid and transparent two-way communication with the public.

Sign up for City Enews, Public Safety Alerts and the Business Bulletin at www.cityhpil.com/signup. On the same page, you can verify and sign up for emergency voice notifications from the Police Department.

And don't forget to find us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Youtube!



Fire Department Hosts Blood Drive May 23

Highland Park firefighters will band together Memorial Day weekend to support fellow firefighter and Purple Heart recipient Nathan Abbott by hosting a LifeSource blood drive in honor of his two-year-old daughter, Kyla, who is fighting a high-risk cancer.

The blood drive takes place on Saturday, May 23, from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Fire Department Headquarters, Fire Station #33, 1130 Central Avenue, Highland Park.

The Highland Park firefighter is a former U.S. Marine who was awarded the Purple Heart during Operation Iraqi Freedom. For Abbott's fellow firefighters, the chance to host a blood drive on the military's most solemn day was the perfect fit.

"We're in the career of service—including service to our own," says Fire Chief Dan Pease. "In our endless effort to save lives, we now focus on trying to help a brother and his family in their time of need."

Appointments for the blood drive are preferred, but all walk-ins are welcome. Donors can schedule their appointment by calling LifeSource at (877) 543-3768 or visiting www.lifesource.org and using sponsor code 243D.

Donors should expect the entire process to last approximately one hour, however the actual blood donation should last no longer than 10 minutes. As a part of the process, donors will be given a questionnaire, and a short physical by LifeSource personnel to test hemoglobin (iron) levels, blood pressure, temperature and pulse. Refreshments will be provided immediately following all blood donations.

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

Our Assault Weapons Ban Is Not Only Constitutional, It Makes Sense

In 2013, when the State of Illinois passed legislation that offered the City a brief opportunity to regulate assault weapons, we made sure that the chance to protect our community wasn't lost. We faced an intense and concerned public. Despite threats from special interest groups, we took decisive action to ban assault weapons in an effort to reduce the risk of a mass shooting.

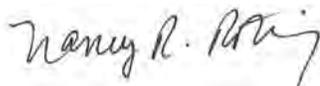
As a Mayor and the mom of four sons, the memories of Sandy Hook ran through my mind as we took the vote. Banning assault weapons is a common sense step to reducing gun violence and protecting our children, our law enforcement officials and our community from potential mass violence and grief.

While those special interest groups challenged our decision, first the Northern Illinois District Court and most recently the 7th Circuit Court affirmed that Highland Park's assault weapons ban ordinance is lawful under the U.S. Constitution. While the ruling allows all Illinois municipalities the opportunity to safeguard their residents, current Illinois state law limits their ability to enact their own firearm restrictions as part of the conceal carry legislation passed during the 98th General Assembly. Municipalities wishing to take the same or similar steps as Highland Park needed to do so within a ten-day period of time in 2013. That time has come and gone. Highland Park was among a handful of municipalities to pass an assault weapon ban.

Upon receipt of the news of the ruling, I contacted State Senator Julie Morrison, urging her to draft legislation to amend the law to allow all municipalities the opportunity to take action at anytime. Senator Morrison agreed that all Illinois municipalities should have the opportunity to protect their communities and she introduced SB 2130 to the Illinois General Assembly on May 1, 2015.

While we know that we cannot stop every violent crime, we can and will continue to take sensible action and do our part to protect our children and families.

Mayor Nancy R. Rotering



Community Organizations Consider Development of New Community Center

The City of Highland Park, the Park District of Highland Park and the Community Family Center are collaborating to explore the potential development of a Community Center serving Highland Park area residents. The proposed center would facilitate programs and services for recreational, educational and family support purposes and would be located on and adjacent to the property currently occupied by the Karger Recreation Center and Firehouse Youth Center on Green Bay Road.

The Park District and City are considering donating a portion of the land necessary to accommodate the development. Any other organizations involved in the project would operate programs and ser-

vices out of the center with an emphasis on combined programming and shared space to create economies of scale, cost savings, and increased effectiveness in operations.

In developing the proposed center, the possible partner agencies have discussed the following comprehensive human services be included: General Counseling Services, Community and Social Services, Pre-Natal Counseling, Early Childhood Education and Children's Services, Individual and Family Support, Youth After School Services, and Comprehensive Senior Services.

The City is exploring this development as one option to meet the needs of their senior and youth services programs. "It is critical that we meet the needs of our neighbors

from youth to seniors. Doing so effectively and responsibly is our collective goal," said Mayor Nancy Rotering. "Consolidating these programs and services could achieve community-wide efficiencies within a centrally located, accessible, financially sustainable, functional and up-to-date facility."

The Center would be a City-owned, operated and maintained facility that would replace the Karger Center and Firehouse Youth Center, also City-owned facilities. Costs associated with the development, construction and maintenance of the center would be shared proportionately amongst all agencies.

For more info, go to www.cityhphil.com under "News and Announcements."

COMMUNITY NEWS

Congratulations to the 2015 Humanitarians:

Aliza Gilbert and the Jordan Michael Filler Foundation

On April 22, 2015, Aliza Gilbert and the Jordan Michael Filler Foundation were awarded the 2015 Humanitarian Award as part of the City's Human Relations Commission Humanitarian recognition.

Aliza was nominated for her commitment and dedication in helping high school students pursue higher education and the Jordan Michael Filler Foundation was nominated for their efforts to bring substance abuse awareness to suburban communities.

Aliza Gilbert is currently a college counselor at Highland Park High School and believes that "we are all members of a global society – and as members of that society, we are better served when our citizens are educated." To this end, Aliza guides HPHS students through the application process and points undocumented students towards college and scholarship opportunities, as well as resources to assist them as they work towards attending college.

Aliza is also a member to numerous professional associations and is heavily in-

involved with the Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling and the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

The Jordan Michael Filler Foundation was established in 2014 by Mark and Julie Filler following the loss of their son Jordan to substance abuse. The Fillers bravely brought Jordan's fight with heroin addiction into the spotlight in order to raise awareness of drug addiction and prevent other families from sharing such a loss.

Through educating children and their parents at schools and community events such as the Jordan Michael Filler Foundation 5K in October 2014; working with legislators to improve privacy laws to enable treatment providers to work more effectively with families; and expanding a program called "Text a Tip," which pro-



vides students an opportunity to anonymously get help for themselves or others, the Foundation has and will continue to make a difference in the prevention and treatment of substance abuse.

The Humanitarian Award is sponsored and presented by the City's Human Relations Commission. To be selected for the award an individual must be nominated and demonstrate strong characteristics in personal and community service.

Highland Park has presented this award since 1996. For more information, go to www.cityhpil.com/humanitarianaward.

• In celebration of National Bike Month •

Highland Park Bike Fair

Saturday, May 16
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Metro Park by Lot 46 St. Johns & Ravine Dr.

Free Raffle Prizes!



Activities for the Whole Family!

- Children's Bike Rodeo
- Biking 101 Workshop
- Maintenance Clinic
- Helmet Checks
- Bike Donation Drop-off
- Community Bike Ride, meet at 9:15 a.m.
- Stationary Bike Power Generators
- And so much more!

Rain Date: Saturday, May 30
www.cityhpil.com/bikefair

Brought to you by:



Prepare for Ravinia Season Starting June 13

Ravinia season kicks off on Saturday, June 13, and the City is fully prepared as always to manage traffic and congestion around the Ravinia area.

Residents for both the Ravinia East Neighborhood and the Ravinia West Neighborhood will be receiving Parking permits in the mail before May 31, 2015. Parking permits should be properly displayed in residents' and their guests' vehicles from June 1 and September 15 between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. and within 500 feet of the property identified on the permit. Violators will be cited \$100. Please note that these parking permits are meant for residents and guests, and are not to be used for Ravinia off-site parking.

Additionally, please be reminded that Ravinia Festival rebuilt its North Bus Turnaround at its own expense and the turnaround will be opened with the 2015 season. The turnaround will allow up to four buses to be loaded simultaneously instead of idling while waiting their turn to be filled. This should cut down on the time it takes to deliver people from the park, reducing noise and emissions. The newly completed turnaround also separates vehicular traffic from pedestrians waiting to board the buses.

For questions about the Ravinia neighborhood parking permits, please contact Traffic Sergeant Chris O'Neill at (847) 432-7730 or coneill@cityhpil.com. For questions about the Ravinia Festival turnaround, please contact Jim Schmitz, Director of Park Operations, Facilities and Grounds, at (847) 432-5787.

YOUTH & SENIOR SERVICES

Day Excursions ~

Cantigny Museums and Gardens

Tuesday, June 2

Fee: \$65 / NM: \$85

Bus departs Toys R Us at 9 a.m., and returns at approximately 4 p.m.

Early registration deadline: May 15

The Royal Ballet - Don Quixote

Saturday, June 20

Fee: \$115 / NM: \$135

Bus departs Toys R Us at 12:30 p.m., and returns at approximately 6 p.m.

Early registration deadline: May 29

Kinky Boots

Saturday, July 25

Fee: \$129 / NM: \$149

Bus departs Toys R Us at 12:30 p.m., and returns at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Early registration deadline: May 29

Back Yard Bashes: Music, Food & Fun

Highland Park Senior Center

Fridays, 12 - 2 p.m.

Fee: \$10 / NM: \$20

Sponsored by Freedom Home Care

The Senior Center back yard provides some of the best views in Highland Park. Overlooking beautiful Lake Michigan, it is the perfect spot to enjoy a fun-filled afternoon. Sit back and listen to live entertain-

ment, enjoy a meal catered by a popular local restaurant, and play some games including bocce, baggo, horseshoes, and board games such as chess, backgammon, and rummikub. Picnic tables will be available, but please feel free to bring your favorite folding chair. Early registration deadline: 1 (one) week in advance.

June 26 - Real Urban BBQ

July 17 - Las Casa de Isaac y Moshe

August 7 - Sunset Summer Salads

Gardens Tour, Dinner & Concert Outing

Chicago Botanic Gardens - Glencoe

Tuesday, June 9 from 4 - 8 p.m.

Fee: \$45 / NM: \$55

Early registration deadline: May 22
4 p.m. Grand Tram Tour, 5 p.m. Dinner Buffet, 6 p.m. Concert

Weekly Activities ~

Introduction to iPad Classes

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Fee per class: \$25 / NM: \$45

To allow for a complete learning experience, each week will cover one specific topic, with plenty of time to learn and practice each subject. Workshops will include an in-depth lesson of the topic as

senior

Serving Adults Over 50

54 Laurel Avenue

(847) 432-4110

Monday - Friday

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

well as handouts. Please register a minimum of 3 days prior to the class.

June 3 FREE Demonstration Class

June 10 iPad Basics

June 24 iPad Internet

July 1 iPad eMail

July 8 iPad Standard Apps

July 22 iPad Camera & Video

July 29 iPad Facetime &

Skype

Grief Group

Thursdays, May 21 - June 25 (6 weeks)

1:30 - 3 p.m.

Free; please register by May 19.

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

Early Birds at the Firehouse Youth Center!

Students who are finishing 5th grade may begin attending the Firehouse after school starting May 18 through the end of the school year. After school hours for 5th graders are from 4:15-6:00, and earlier on early dismissal days. Memberships purchased during this time period will cover the entire 6th grade year. As many 5th graders get restless at this point in the school year, this is a great opportunity to see the fun that awaits you for your middle school years.

youth

Serving youth in grades 5-8

1830 Green Bay Road

(847) 433-3090

The Firehouse School Year Hours:
Monday - Friday, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CITY MEETINGS

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

Midwest Young Artists' Music & Family Fun Fest May 17, Noon - 6:00 p.m.

MYA Center in Fort Sheridan
878 Lyster Road
(847) 926-9898

Join MYA for an all-day outdoor festival featuring many of our incredible ensembles. The Fest has, in addition to performances throughout the day from orchestral, chamber, jazz and choral ensembles, games, raffles, karaoke, food, drink and much more! With something for the

entire family, expose yours to the power of music in an exciting, carnival atmosphere.

Ravinia Third Thursdays: 80's Night May 21 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Don't miss a one night only chance to step inside Shelton's and relive some 80's movie magic where a famous **Risky Business** scene was shot. Shelton's Diner, 481 Roger Williams, will re-open its doors for ice cream treats, courtesy of Yelp's Hugh & Me Tour of the North Shore. Many other area businesses will remain open and hold special promotions as well. Third Thursday hours are from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Meditative Surfaces Aftereffect From Nature Opening Reception May 22, 6:30 p.m. Exhibits thru July 10 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 a.m.

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

These 3 Art Center exhibits run thru July 10. *Meditative Surfaces* highlights the work of painters Charles Gneich and Rebecca Moy, mixed media artist Deanna Krueger and photographers Maggie Meiners and Doug Fogelson. *Aftereffect* is a solo exhibition by Teresa Hofheimer exploring the human spirit and society's issues with gun violence. *From Nature* is a nationally juried exhibition with views of elements found within nature.

The 9/11 Report May 23 at 11:00am May 24 at 7:00pm

The Music Theatre Company
1850 Green Bay Road
(847) 579-4900 FREE Reading

The 9/11 Report explores the 9/11 Commission's Report and the myriad of perspectives, agendas, and failures of imagination surrounding the darkest day in modern American history.

Memorial Day Observance

May 25
11:00 a.m.
Memorial Park
405 Prospect Avenue
(847) 926-1006

Mayor Rotering invites residents to attend the Memorial Day Observance with representatives from the American Legion Post #145, Veterans

of Foreign Wars Post #4737 and Jewish War Veterans #29. Members of the Highland Park High School Band perform. In the event of rain, the observance will move to City Hall.

Historical Society's Save Frances Stupey Cabin Picnic

June 6

11:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Stupey Cabin at Laurel Park on St. Johns Avenue
\$10/person or \$20/family suggested donation
(847) 579-6838

The 4th Annual Save Frances Stupey Cabin Picnic Fundraiser and Fair features beekeeping demonstrations, Civil War re-enactments, music, crafts, petting zoo, delicious food and much more.

Affordable Housing Information Session June 9, 7:00 p.m.

Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH)
400 Central Avenue, Suite 111
(847) 681-8746

CPAH provides affordable homes to low and moderate income households. To see if you qualify, register to attend the information session, contact (847) 681-8746 or akauffman@cpahousing.org.

Mill Girls

June 14-15 at 7:00pm

The Music Theatre Company
1850 Green Bay Road
(847) 579-4900 FREE Reading

Mill Girls is a new musical about the female mill workers of 1840's Lowell, Massachusetts who must decide whether to cling to their jobs at all costs or stand up against the mills?



10th Annual Bitter Jester Battle of the Bands

June 5, 12, 19, and 26

7:30 p.m.

Port Clinton Square
(847) 433-8663

High School bands from multiple locations throughout Chicagoland and of varying musical styles compete every Friday night in June at Port Clinton Square Plaza and on July 4th for prizes! The final Battle at the July 4th Concert is at Wolters Field leading up to the City's fireworks display. Applications are being accepted through email at BattleOfTheBands@BitterJester.com. Performances occur rain or shine. For more information, go to hwww.bitterjester.com/BattleOfTheBands.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

District 113's Referendum Work On Time and On Scope

Township High School District 113's referendum projects to enhance the learning environments at Highland Park and Deerfield High Schools continue to proceed on time, on budget, and on scope. It is shaping up to be another busy, transformative spring and summer at both buildings, and we are appreciative of the community's continued support.



On April 7 our Referendum Oversight Committee toured the P.E. addition at Highland Park High School, and were slated to tour the P.E. addition at Deerfield High School May 5. Both are taking shape nicely, and we look forward to welcoming our students, staff, parents and community members to the finished facilities! The DHS gym is slated to be complete at the beginning of the 2015-16 school year, and the pool is slated to be completed by late fall 2015. At HPHS, the new three-court gymnasium is slated to be complete for the start of the 2015-16 school year. Construc-

tion of the new HPHS pool will begin after the new DHS pool is completed, with completion of the HPHS pool slated for spring 2017.

Exterior masonry restoration of the 102-year-old B Building at HPHS will begin in late spring, and the C Building will be demolished this summer to begin the new classroom building construction. Additional classrooms also will be renovated this summer at HPHS.

This summer at DHS, the commons and cafeteria will be renovated, and the library renovation/expansion will begin. The DHS cafeteria will be complete for the start of the 2015-16 school year and the library is scheduled to be completed in late fall 2015. Additional classroom renovations will take place at DHS next summer.

All major referendum projects with the exception of the HPHS Building B interior renovations, which will be bid in late 2015/early 2016, have now been designed and

bid, and the bids came in on budget. The current estimate for all projects indicates the overall cost at \$89 million, including \$3.8 million in remaining contingencies.

District 113 recently issued the remaining \$6.6 million in bonds to finance the referendum projects, allowing the District to take advantage of historically low interest rates. Concurrently, District 113 also issued \$4.5 million in working cash bonds to fund Health/Life Safety work at both high schools as identified in the 10-year Life Safety Survey required by Illinois School Code.

Moody's Investors Service assigned a Aaa credit rating, the company's highest rating, to both of these recent bond issuances. This rating reflects the District's strong financial position and fiscal management, and helped the District qualify for the lowest available interest rates.

For more information about the referendum projects or the Life Safety projects, visit www.dist113.org/facilityupdates.

Board Hears Alternate Concepts for District Reconfiguration

April saw many new developments related to district reconfiguration plans. The district's architectural firm developed alternate concepts that would involve having two separate middle schools, each serving approximately 1,000 children in grades 5-8. It is also continuing to develop details for a middle school campus model at the Red Oak/Sherwood site.

This complex process continues to evolve as the district studies its options, conducts extensive research and gathers the detailed information necessary to make an informed decision.

Over the next several weeks, the Board of Education will continue to gather information to help narrow the options down to those that are most viable. At that time, the board will invite community input and dialogue, in the form of meetings and surveys, in order to help determine a model with which to move forward.

Here's a brief summary of what happened in April, and what's on the horizon. The Board of Education has continued to

move forward on two parallel tracks:

- 1) Gather information and refine plans for a middle school campus model
- 2) Explore alternate configuration options that would include two 5-8 middle schools at separate locations

On April 16 the Board heard several new concepts. Three of these included using Edgewood as one of the middle schools, with Red Oak, Northwood or Olson Park as the other middle school site. Since then, preliminary results of a traffic study indicated there would be significant challenges in accommodating the increased traffic at Edgewood that would occur in expanding the school to 1,000 students. Overcoming those challenges would require reconfiguring the roads to allow for another entry and exit point. Because of these challenges, two new concepts were presented at the May 5 board meeting: Two 5-8 middle schools at Red Oak and Northwood, or Red Oak and Olson Park.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Michael Bregy extend their thanks

to the community for their patience and understanding during this process. "I have the utmost confidence that this will result in improved and sustainable educational opportunities for our children," said Dr. Bregy. "Our community has a long and proud tradition of supporting outstanding education. This continues to be evident through the proactive approach being taken to arrive at a solution that allows us to continue that tradition. It is clear that our community members understand that our district's ability to offer excellent education will require a degree of change. While we don't yet know what that change looks like, and while there are sure to be some long and spirited dialogues about what is best, I can assure you that we have the collective ability to navigate this change. Ultimately, this will make us better and stronger, and will put the district on firm financial footing and serve the needs of our community for generations to come."

Visit www.nssd112.org and click "join our mailing list" to receive district updates.

PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK

Fun for All Ages

YOU'LL DIG OUR NEW BEACH!

Grand Opening of the new "Rosewood Beach"

Saturday, June 6

11 am – 1pm (beach hours are from 10 am – 6pm)*

- Free ice cream
- Give-aways
- Yoga on the beach
- Tours and family activities at the new Interpretive Center

PARKING

Beach parking is available for residents with a valid City of Highland Park vehicle sticker. Alternate parking is available at upper Rosewood Park (45 Roger Williams Ave.) for residents with a valid City of Highland Park vehicle sticker and for non-residents with a 2015 Lakefront Season Parking Decal or for a \$20 daily parking fee. Remote parking is also available at Ravinia School (763 Dean Ave). Free shuttle service is available to and from the beach from Rosewood Park and Ravinia School from 11am-6pm. Weekends & Holidays only, June 6-Sept 7.

*Event and hours are subject to change depending on weather conditions and temperature.

Old-Fashioned Campfires

All Ages

Fri Jun 12 8-9:30pm

36903

Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Rd.

Take a short hike with a Naturalist, play games, and enjoy marshmallows roasted over the campfire!

FREE Junior Golf

Ages 11-18

Sun Jun 14 1pm and after

FREE

Sunset Valley Golf Course • 1390 Sunset Rd.

Juniors of Highland Park, come try golf at Sunset Valley Golf Course for FREE. For juniors who have an interest in golf or just want to try it for fun.

Firecracker 5k

Sun Jun 28

Bring the entire family for our annual 5k Run and 2-mile walk. Where there will be fun for everyone!

Individual 5k \$30

Individual 2-mile walk \$17

Family Walk \$50

Register Today at pdhp.org.

SPLASH BASH

NEW SPLASH PAD GRAND OPENING

Saturday, May 23

10AM-1PM

10 am-Noon Free Admission to AquaPark

10:15 am Ribbon Cutting Event

11-1pm Free ice cream

Our new Water Play Area & Splash Pad

will be your family's favorite destination for exploration, play and splashing around all summer long. Fun for all ages, a "Hidden Creek" meanders across the pad with fun nature-themed water play structures along the way. Your little ones will delight in the Gecko, Frog, Snake, Ant, and Geyser ground sprayers.

Not sure if inclement weather will interfere with your activities? Sign up for the Rainout Line and get up-to-date information the way you want to receive it.

Sign up today at pdhp.org.

 **Rainout Line** 847.579.9008

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Less than 50 Days to Summer Camp!

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Don't let your kids miss out on an awesome summer camp experience! Space is limited, so sign up today at pdhp.org.



50+ Active Adults

Group Exercise Classes

Recreation Center of Highland Park • 1207 Park Ave. West

<u>Zumba</u> Mon 8-9am Tues 9:30-10:30am Fri 9:30-10:30am Sat 10:45-11:45am Sun 8-9am	<u>Yoga Flow</u> Tue 5:45-7pm Sun 9:30-10:45am	<u>Balance & Tone</u> Tue 10:30-11:30am
<u>Power Aqua</u> Tue Fri Sat 8:30-9:30am Sun 9:30-10:30am	<u>Aqua Fusion</u> Fri 10-11am	<u>WERQ</u> Wed 6:30-7:30pm Sat 8:30-9:30am
<u>Aqua Intervals</u> Wed 8:30-9:30am	<u>Aqua TBC</u> Mon 8:30-9:30am Tues 10-11am	<u>Women on Weights</u> Tue 6:15-7:15pm
<u>Aqua Zumba</u> Thurs 9:30-10:20am	<u>Light n' Lively</u> Mon 11am-Noon Fri 11am-Noon	<u>Fit for Life* Paid Class</u> Thur 10-11:30am
<u>Pilates</u> Mon 9:30-10:30am Wed 10:30-11:30am	<u>Tai Chi</u> Mon 12:15-1:15pm	<u>FUNctional Fitness</u> Mon 5:45-6:45am
	<u>Chair Yoga</u> Tue Thur 12:15-1:15pm	<u>Barre Fusion</u> Fri 8:30-9:25am
	<u>Cardio Tone Light</u> Wed 12-1pm	<u>Body Sculpt</u> Wed 5:30-6:30pm
	<u>Open Meditation</u> Mon 5-5:30pm	

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

Sunset Valley Golf Course is Open for the Season



Sunset Valley Golf Course is one of the premier golf courses on the North Shore.

- 18-hole, 6,500 yard, bent grass course
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HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUMMER READING JUNE 8 – AUGUST 1



TO THE RHYTHM

PARTICIPATE IN THE LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM & GET READY TO SING, DANCE, AND MAKE SOME NOISE!

Sign up online at tinyurl.com/hpsummer.

Post an online review or visit the library to report about a book and:

- choose treasure chest prizes (for kids ages 3 – 5)
- collect tokens (for kids in grades K – 5)
- earn “library credit” (for teens in grades 6 – 9)

Trade in tokens or credit for great prizes.

Babies and toddlers have their own activity program. Parents, register in the Youth Department or at storytime class.

Summer readers can choose to support **Ravinia Festival's Reach*Teach*Play**, a program that ensures music education remains accessible to all. Children can use game tokens and teens can elect to use their “library credit” to contribute.

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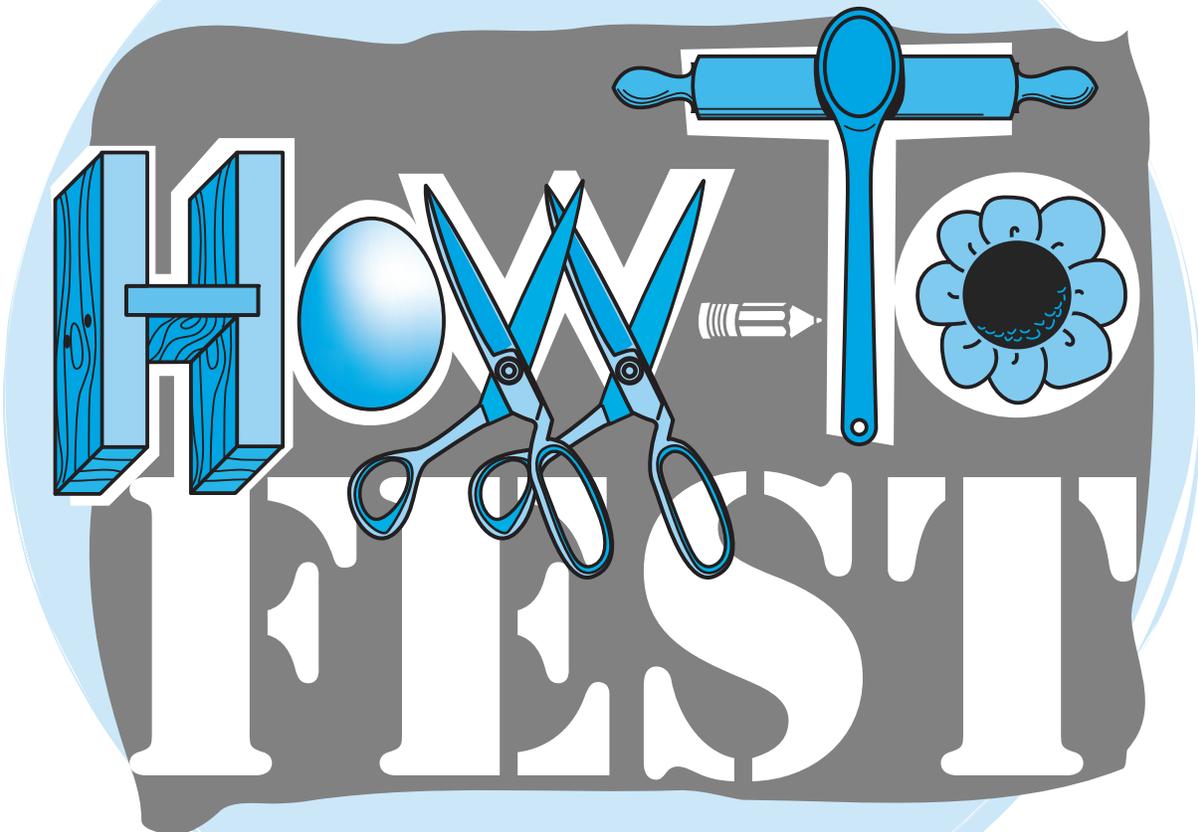
Kick Off Summer Reading!

INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO & MUSIKGARTEN CLASS

Saturday, June 6, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Try out string, percussion, guitar/bass, keyboard, and wind instruments. Instructors from the Music Institute of Chicago will introduce and demonstrate the instruments. For the youngest, try a Musikgarten class from 2:30-3 p.m., ideal for newborns through age three.
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Join us on Wednesdays beginning June 17 for more fun, song, and dance! Visit hplibrary.org for more events.

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MAKE SOMETHING NEW.
ALL IN ONE AFTERNOON.**



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Spend an hour or an afternoon and learn a new skill!

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Second Nature Massage is a full service massage therapy business. Business owner Mary Schacht contributes her success to great customer service and continuing education. She puts her customers first and makes each person feel welcome in a professional and safe environment.

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