

THE HIGHLANDER



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City Presents Budget Objectives, Development

The City's 2016 budget process began in May 2015 and will continue through the remainder of the 2015 year. Based on input and direction from the Mayor and City Council, the City has identified four main priorities:



- Fiscal Stability
- Public Safety
- Infrastructure Investment
- Community Vibrancy

The budget and annual work plan are driven by these principles.

The City continues to undertake a comprehensive review of every program and service, and explore service redesign options to ensure that the City remains fiscally stable, while still providing core services in the most responsible manner. However, as a result of the proposed decrease in state revenue sharing in the governor's proposed budget, the City will reflect a decrease in department operating expenditures.

"Although the economic climate has improved in Highland Park, the State's budget crisis and its impact on local communi-

ties remains a significant concern," stated City Manager Ghida Neukirch. "We will continue to provide high quality services to our community in an efficient and fiscally responsible manner."

The budget process includes an opportunity for public feedback and input through neighborhood meetings and budget workshops. The City conducted five neighborhood meetings in the months of May, June and July in order to obtain public feedback from the community in an informal setting. These meetings were attended by all governmental entities serving the community.

The City's budget workshops are scheduled August 24, September 28, October 12 and October 26 during the Committee of the Whole meetings in the Pre-Session Conference Room located at City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue.

Formal consideration of the budget will take place in November, followed by the adoption of the Property Tax Levy in December.

Residents are invited to provide their feedback by emailing cityhp@cityhpil.com. Additionally, all budget workshops and City Council meetings are open to the public.

The City's budget calendar and presentation documents can be found on the City's web site at www.cityhpil.com. Agendas will be posted prior to each workshop and City Council Meeting. The City's work plan for 2015 and previous years can be found at www.cityhpil.com/workplan.

For questions regarding the budget process, please contact the Finance Department at (847) 432-0800.

Taste of Highland Park & Port Clinton Art Festival, August 28-30

For over 30 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. Exceptional artwork is available, including ceramics, drawings, furniture, glass, jewelry, metal, paintings, photography and wood.

The Taste of Highland Park gives festival attendees the chance to indulge in local specialties and libations while enjoying live music and performances from the main stage. Participating Highland Park restaurants include: Bake 425, Beelow's, Bluegrass, Cafe Central, Highland Pop, Michael's, Phoenicia, Piero's, Pleez, Real Urban BBQ, Ruby of Siam, Simple Greek, Sunset, Tamales, the Chamber Beer and Wine tent and more.

The 2015 Port Clinton Art Festival runs Saturday, August 29 to Sunday, August 30 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Taste of Highland Park opens Friday night from 5-10 p.m., and continues Saturday from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more info, go to www.AmdurProductions.com or call (847) 926-4300.

CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK

HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

'HIGH' NOTES

City Offices Closed

September 7, Labor Day

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day. Residents may call the Public Safety Switchboard at (847) 432-7730 if assistance is required.

Also, please remember garbage will not be collected on Monday, September 7. Refuse and recycling collection will be delayed by one day for the entire week. Services will return to normal on Monday, September 14. For info, contact Advanced Disposal Services at (847) 272-4145.

Woof!

Time to Renew Dog Licenses

Renewal applications for 2015-2016 City of Highland Park Dog Licenses will be mailed in August. Renewal fees for the 2015-2016 license are \$7.00 for spayed or neutered dogs (proof required) and \$12.00 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. The Finance Department offers online renewal of Dog Licenses on the City's website, www.cityhpil.com. Instructions on how to renew Dog Licenses online will be mailed along with the renewal applications. As a reminder, 2014-2015 Dog Licenses will expire on September 30; residents are encouraged to notify the Finance Department if a renewal application has not been received by September 1, 2015.

For more information, please contact the Finance Department at (847) 432-0800 or finance@cityhpil.com.

What to Do About Nuisance Animals

For information about nuisance animals such as skunks, coyotes and feral cats, visit the City's website: www.cityhpil.com/nuisanceanimals. Residents may report deceased animals on public roadways and properties to the Police Department via the non-emergency number (847) 432-7730. Residents may contract with private animal control services to trap and remove nuisance animals on their properties.

2015 Vehicle Sticker Renewals on Sale

Renewal applications for City vehicle stickers are scheduled to be mailed to residents in August. Stickers cost \$45 per passenger vehicle and must be displayed by October 1. For an additional \$30 fee, residents may upgrade their sticker to support the District 112 Education Foundation.

2015 vehicle sticker renewals will also be available for purchase online via the City's website in August. Residents are strongly encouraged to renew online. Online renewals save stamps, paper, and time. Residents can renew online at www.cityhpil.com/onlinerenewal.

For more information, please contact the Finance Department at (847) 432-0800 or finance@cityhpil.com.

Seeking Nominations for Beautification Awards

The Business and Economic Development Commission is currently accepting nominations for the Mayor's 2015 Beautification Awards. These awards recognize Highland Park businesses whose overall appearance integrates aesthetics, and consistency within the environment of the community. Award recipients will be granted a Mayoral Certificate and receive public recognition at the 2015 Business Summit, in the *Highlander*, and through a press release issued by the City.

The award is given in five different categories which include Retail, Restaurant, Auto Dealer, Service, Office or Mixed-Use Building. Award criteria includes Façade and Building Appearance; Cleanliness; Window Clarity; Adherence to City Code; and Landscaping.

Nominations must be postmarked by September 4, 2015. Nomination forms may be downloaded from the City's website at <http://www.cityhpil.com/DocumentCenter/View/4136>. Nomination forms should be sent to the Office of Business Development, 1707 St. Johns Avenue, Highland Park, IL 60035, or via email to apalbitska@cityhpil.com. For more information, or to receive a nomination form by U.S. mail, please contact Ashley Palbitska in the Office of Business Development at (847) 926-1046 or apalbitska@cityhpil.com.

Student Parking Permits Available

City Student Parking Permits (S-permit) are available for the 2015-2016 school year. The S-permit allows students to park in designated spaces in the North St. Johns Parking Lot (with entrance at Park Avenue), in any available non-handicapped space in the 1987 Second Street Lot as well as designated on-street spaces on First Street north of Elm Place. The S-permit is valid between August 15, 2015 through June 15, 2016 and costs \$250.

Similar to campus parking permits sold by the Highland Park High School, students must complete a permit application and provide copies of a current driver's license, vehicle registration and insurance, as well as an "Alive @ 25" program completion certificate.

Permits are sold at the Finance Department at 1707 St. Johns Avenue on a first-come, first served basis. Only 95 S-permits will be available.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Jennifer Dotson in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1006 or jdotson@cityhpil.com.

Citizen Satisfaction Survey for Police Services Available Online

The Highland Park Police Department encourages residents to participate in the Citizen Satisfaction Survey. Your opinions are important to us and will help us maintain a high quality of service for our residents.

The survey is available in both English and Spanish at www.cityhpil.com/police and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Your answers will remain anonymous. There is an opportunity to submit your contact information if you wish for someone at the Police Department to contact you in regard to any of your responses. The survey will be available until September 15.

For more information, please call the Police Department non-emergency number at (847) 432-7730.

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

Re-Connect with Neighbors & the Community This August

With the lazy days of summer slowly winding down, thoughts turn to getting back to a daily routine. As we return to business, there are many opportunities to re-connect with neighbors and be an active part of our vibrant city!

Shop, dine and stroll Downtown Highland Park and Ravinia Business District. While we were relaxing at the lake all summer, a number of new stores and restaurants opened (and more are coming soon!). Cap off the summer at The Taste of Highland Park and Port Clinton Art Festival on August 28-30. In addition, be sure to check out events popping up all over town at The Art Center, Highland Park Historical Society, Ravinia Festival, the Highland Park Public Library and more.



Fall is also a great time to get involved. Volunteering can be interesting and rewarding. Put your passion to work by volunteering at our schools or at a number of organizations around town, including our newly-formed Highland Park Highwood Legal Aid Clinic (www.hphlegalaid.org), the Moraine Township Food Pantry (www.morainetownship.org) or with Go Green Highland Park (www.gogreenhp.org). Looking for something else? We are fortunate to have the Volunteer Pool of Highland Park (www.volunteerpoolhp.org) ready and willing to connect you to short and long-term volunteer experiences.

Live with heart throughout the City this fall and stay connected all year long. Sign-up for City notifications at www.cityhpil.com. You can also follow the City on Twitter @CityHPIL and on Facebook at City of Highland Park, IL. Follow me on Twitter @NancyRotering and Facebook at Nancy Rotering – Highland Park Mayor. Or email anytime with ideas for projects at nrotering@cityhpil.com. As always, I look forward to hearing from you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy R. Rotering".

Mayor Nancy R. Rotering

Neighbor to Neighbor Meeting August 27

On Thursday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall (1707 St. Johns Ave), the City will host a Neighbor to Neighbor meeting to discuss strategies that improve neighborhood communication, enhance neighborhood safety and create an overall sense of community. The City will also provide attendees with information about City operations and upcoming projects that may impact specific neighborhoods. All residents are encouraged to attend.

Residents who are interested in the Neighbor to Neighbor initiative should visit the City's website at www.cityhpil.com/n2n for more information. A map of

neighborhoods that are participating in the Neighbor to Neighbor program is available on the website. Residents are encouraged to view that map and contact Tyler Hall in the City Manager's Office, at (847) 926-1042 or thall@cityhpil.com, if they wish to get in contact with their Neighborhood Coordinator or become a Neighborhood Coordinator for their neighborhood.

If you are interested in attending the Neighbor to Neighbor meeting on August 27 or if you have any questions about the initiative, please contact Tyler Hall in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1042 or thall@cityhpil.com.

Stay Informed on City Updates

Register for alerts, enews and more on the City website and via social media. To sign up for City alerts and enews, go to www.cityhpil.com/signup.

Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HighlandParkIL and on Twitter at www.twitter.com/CityHPIL. And now, find us on Youtube at www.youtube.com/user/CityHPIL.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Back to School Safety Reminders

Students will soon return to area schools in late August for the 2015-2016 school year. Traffic and pedestrian safety at and around area schools continues to remain a priority for the community and is everyone's responsibility.

The City frequently receives concerns from school officials, parents and residents about the driving behavior of motorists at or near area schools. These concerns generally include complaints that motorists are speeding, disobeying stop signs, failing to yield to pedestrians, failing to obey crossing guards, passing stopped school buses that are loading or unloading, obstructing traffic, texting while driving, using cell phones while driving in a school zone, double parking, and illegal parking in bus loading and no stopping, standing or parking zones.

Historically, the number of parents driving their children to and from school increases when inclement weather occurs. School bus ridership has also declined over the years. Many of the City's neighborhood

schools and properties were constructed years ago and were not designed to handle the traffic volumes, traffic patterns and parking demands that we experience today. These variables greatly increase the risk of an accident and associated injury to children and pedestrians at or near schools.

The City has worked with both local School Districts to improve traffic flow, parking options, drop-off and pick-up locations and procedures and signage at and around many schools. Police have historically increased their presence and enforcement efforts at and near schools and will continue to do so in the future in an effort to encourage and obtain traffic and parking regulation compliance.

Please do your share to increase traffic and pedestrian safety by following these safety measures at or near schools by:

- Learn where designated drop-off and pick-up areas are located at your child's respective school and utilizing them. Do not use City streets for drop-off and pick-ups; this greatly increases risk to children

and pedestrians.

- Encourage your children to use school buses and carpools to reduce the amount of vehicle traffic and pollution at and near schools.

- Obey existing State and City traffic and parking laws at all times.

- Do not pass stopped school buses which are loading or unloading passengers while its lights are flashing and its stop signal arm is extended.

- Obey State laws and City ordinances pertaining to Electronic Communication Devices and Wireless Telephone use:

1. A person may not operate a motor vehicle on the road while using an Electronic Communication Device to compose, send or receive electronic messages.

2. A person may not use a hand-held telephone at anytime while operating a motor vehicle on a City roadway unless it is utilized in a hands-free mode.

For more information, contact Sgt. Chris O'Neill at (847) 926-1766 or conceill@cityhpil.com.

Outdoor Grilling Safety Tips

Summer is Barbecue Season. The Highland Park Fire Department wants you and your loved ones to enjoy this season SAFELY! Below are some fire safety tips you should keep in mind while grilling:

- Always supervise a barbecue grill when in use.
- Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets far away from grills: declare a three-foot "safe zone" around the grill.
- With charcoal grills, only use charcoal starter fluids designed for barbecue grills and do not add fluid after coals have been lit. NEVER use gasoline!
- With gas grills, be sure that the

hose connection is tight and check hoses carefully for leaks. Applying soapy water to the hoses will easily and safely reveal any leaks.

- All propane cylinders manufactured after April 2002 must have overfill protection devices (OPD). OPDs shut off the flow off propane before capacity is reached. OPDs are easily identified by their triangle-shaped hand wheel.



- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions and have the grill repaired by a professional, if necessary.

- Remember to keep your grill clean! Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

- Wear short, close fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto grill and catch fire.

- REMEMBER! Propane and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors. If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces, such as tents, they pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation.

If you have any safety concerns or questions, please call the Fire Department at (847) 433-3110. If you have an emergency, dial 911.

YOUTH & SENIOR SERVICES

Weekly Activities:

Free for members /
\$10 for non-members

Duplicate Bridge

Mondays, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

This duplicate bridge game allows experienced players the opportunity to play with their partner in a casual environment. New players must register in advance and will receive a game orientation prior to playing.

Knitwits

Tuesdays, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Share conversation and great company while knitting items for local charities. Participants work on hats, scarves, mittens, blankets, and other items, often sharing new techniques.

Senior TV Production Team

Tuesdays, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

**HP Public Access Center
1677 Old Deerfield Road**

Have fun creating and working on cable TV shows at the new studio. Exciting positions available include camera, sound, directing, and TV host.

Games Galore

Tuesdays, 1 - 4 p.m.

Do you love to play Rummikub, Scrabble, Pinochle, Yahtzee, canasta, mah jongg, and other games? Are you and your friends looking for a comfortable place to play your favorite card or board games? Gather a group of your friends and your favorite game in the Senior Center card room, overlooking beautiful Lake Michigan.

Drop-In Poker

Wednesdays, 12:30 - 3 p.m.

Daily Fee: \$2 / NM: \$4

Championship Poker adds a competitive edge to this friendly game of poker. Players receive chips each week, and the top chip winner gets a gift card to a local business.

Yiddish Conversation & Culture

Wednesdays, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Join facilitator Ludmilla Coven for a fun and lively Yiddish group. Learn basic Yiddish phrases, sing songs and watch movies in Yiddish.

“For Men Only” Discussion Group

First Thursdays, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Whether the topic is sports, politics, health, the best restaurants around, or whatever is making the headlines, join this men’s group for stimulating conversation and camaraderie. Facilitated by Dr. Albert Miller.

Mah Jongg

Thursdays, 1 - 3 p.m.

This Mah Jongg game is designed to give players an opportunity to meet and play with others. Participants must be willing to play with all other players and rotate when appropriate. Please bring a current card.

Laurel Larks Singing Group *

Sponsored by First Bank of Highland Park

This lively group of singers rehearse popular and upbeat songs for concert performances at local senior living facilities. No experience necessary; just a love for music and a love for fun!

senior

Serving Adults Over 50

**54 Laurel Avenue
(847) 432-4110**

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

**The Laurel Larks are currently on summer break, and will resume this fall.*

Living Alone Today - Support Group Second & Fourth Tuesdays

1:30 - 3 p.m.

Free

Share some laughs, discuss an interesting topic or lend a compassionate ear. This group welcomes those living alone seeking to spend time in the company of others in a safe and supportive atmosphere. Guided by Jennifer Aiello, LPC, participants share delights, plights or ways to handle life’s transitions.

Notary Public - At Your Service!

Looking for a legal witness to sign important documents? Schedule an appointment with Jennifer Aiello, Notary Public for notary assistance

SHIP-Senior Health Insurance Program

Volunteers available free of charge to (1) help interpret and resolve problems with medical bills, Medicare, Medicare supplemental insurance, and appeals, if needed; (2) explain Medicare supplements available for people newly eligible or interested in changing plans; (3) review and explain long-term care policies; and (4) explain the new Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.

The **Firehouse Youth Center** meets the after school needs of families with children in middle school. Look to the Firehouse for a fun and safe place, supervised by qualified personnel. Open from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on full school days, the Firehouse can be used on a drop-in basis. Your child can socialize, play games, and enjoy indoor and outdoor activities. Also, the after-school study program, **After 3**, provides supervision by professional staff who offer students assistance with homework, enrichment activities, and a daily snack. Transportation is available from all three middle schools to the Firehouse.

- Firehouse membership fee: \$40 per school year
- Transportation fee: \$80 per day of the week, per school year
- After 3 fee: \$80 per day of the week, per school year
- Drop-In fee: Included with membership or \$10 daily

For further information or to register your child, call (847) 433-3090.

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

Ravinia Third Thursdays: Highland Park Bank & Trust's Family Fun Night

August 20, 4 to 7 p.m.

Brown Park

FREE

Families will enjoy the carnival atmosphere, food and entertainment. The event includes a bounce house, face painting, carnival games and a drawing to win a free backpack. A short concert by The Performers School of Highland is part of the entertainment.

Dr. Mark & the Sutures August 22, 7:00 p.m.

Port Clinton Square
600 Central Avenue

FREE

Dr. Mark & the Sutures performs "Get Back," their community benefit concert supporting the District 112 Education Foundation in memory of Daniel W. Kornblut, former principal of Elm Place Middle School. Bring your own chair to Port Clinton Square. In the event of rain, the music moves indoors to Elm Place Auditorium.

Food, Family & Tradition: Hungarian Kosher Family Remembrances

September 2, 7:00 p.m.

Highland Park Public Library
545 Laurel Avenue

FREE

Highland Park Historical Society presents Lynn Kirsche Shapiro, a daughter of Holocaust survivors, as she chronicles the story of one Hungarian-Czech Jewish family whose survivors emigrated to the U.S. where they created new family traditions and stories, woven through with threads from the old, to celebrate

afresh the spirit of Eastern European Jewish traditions.

Affordable Housing Information Session

September 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 akaufman@cpahousing.org.

Sandra Marchetti Poetry Reading & Open-Mic

September 11, 8:00 p.m.

The Art Center
1957 Sheridan Road
FREE

Highland Park Poetry welcomes poet Sandra Marchetti celebrating the publication of her debut collection, *Confluence*. Refreshments served. Poetry Open-mic follows.

Alliance Brass Quintet September 12, 7:00 p.m.

Midwest Young Artists
878 Lyster Road, Highland
FREE, \$5 suggested donation

MYA welcomes the Alliance Brass Quintet, heralded as the "perfect blend of virtuosity and vitality" to their Music at the Fort series. Wine & cheese reception immediately follows.

Pastels 2015

October 2, 6:30-9 p.m.

Opening Reception Exhibit runs thru Oct. 31

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

Pastels 2015 is the 5th Biennial National Juried Open Exhibition features 100 works created in the medium of pastel. Diverse imagery, styles and subject matter by the most elite pastel painters across the U.S.

The Highland Park Community House: Legacy and Mission

The Highland Park Community House is a beautifully renovated historic landmark available for private and non-profit rentals. Our red brick Colonial-Revival-style house features a spacious ballroom, large living room with bay windows, a commercial kitchen, restrooms and three outdoor garden areas. The Community House is fully air-conditioned and has a handicap accessible entrance and washroom.

A historic treasure of Highland Park, the Community House serves as a beautiful host to a wide array of functions from wedding receptions and ceremonies, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, business meetings, corporate and speaker programs, holiday parties, cultural seminars, theater rehearsals, theater productions and fundraising events to special, more personal celebrations such as anniversaries and birthdays.

The Highland Park Community House is a non-profit organization governed by a Board of Governors, volunteers who maintain the legacy of the Community House to support and enhance Highland Park's intellectual and cultural life.

The Highland Park Community House began in 1924 as the Highland Park Woman's Club. Designed by prominent architect Arthur Brown as a clubhouse, the magnificent red brick

Colonial-Revival home was an architectural and philanthropic accomplishment.

The Highland Park Woman's Club, founded in 1899, opened the doors to what is now the Community House in

1924 and used the facility for their meetings and programs. Among their many accomplishments, the Woman's Club established the first public library in Highland Park, conducted blood drives during World War II, supported civic improvements and social agencies, provided relief during a typhoid epidemic and built a strong tradition of community philanthropy.

It is the mission of the Highland Park Community House to provide a volunteer, citizen-led, self-sustaining, civic and cultural center that is home for a diverse array of programs, events and functions both public and private, while preserving a historically significant building.

We are proud of our heritage as a charitable, cultural and educational resource for the community. And we are honored to remain the heart of the Highland Park Community.



SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

District 112 Reconfiguration: Necessary to Maintain, Improve Education

Over the last 12 months, the District has been working on developing a reconfiguration plan that will allow it to maintain and enhance educational opportunities for children while ensuring long-term financial sustainability. Figuring out **how** to reconfigure our district is complex, but the reasons behind it are simple.

If the district continues to operate and maintain 12 buildings, it won't be able to sustain the same quality educational programming for its children. Here's why:

- **Ageing Buildings:** With the exception of Oak Terrace, the average age of our buildings is 75 years old. They require significant and expensive repairs.
- **Number of buildings:** Because our district was formed 20 years ago from a merger of three smaller elementary districts, we have a large number of buildings for the number of students we serve. This results in inefficient staffing, and high building maintenance and upkeep expenses.
- **Financial Challenges:** District expenses

continue to grow faster than revenues. Although the District has implemented significant cost containment measures over the last five years, these will not sustain our ability to operate 12 buildings going forward. Additionally, anticipated changes at the state level will place further strain on our finances.

Most importantly, reconfiguration leads to improved education for students. To prepare students to be contributing members of a global economy, we must provide them with the skills to think critically, collaborate, apply knowledge to new situations, and ensure that they are well-versed in technology.

Elementary schools: Many elementary schools have just two sections per grade, which limits teachers' ability to share ideas and resources and creatively group students based on needs and interests. Increasing the number of sections at each grade level allows teachers to collaborate more effectively, and to better personalize instruction

and meet student needs.

Middle Schools: At the middle school level, it is challenging to staff schools efficiently while offering a full complement of courses and meeting complex scheduling needs. Opportunities for teachers to collaborate and become true content experts are limited. Consolidating middle schools will build cohesive staffs with the instructional expertise, skill and knowledge to create vibrant professional learning communities, and will result in more robust educational and extracurricular opportunities for students.

Next steps: Plans for two reconfiguration options continue to be refined. In the fall, the District will host community listening sessions focused on three general topics: Educational opportunities; Community impact (including traffic, student busing, etc.); and Facilities and finances. To stay informed, visit www.nssd112.org and click "Join Our Mailing List". Questions and comments may be submitted by clicking on "Let's Talk".

Summer is a time for learning and growth in District 113

In Township High School District 113, summer continues to be a time of learning and growth for students and staff alike.

Again this year, District 113 offered a variety of summer school courses for Highland Park High School and Deerfield High School students including Consumer Economics, Graphic Design, Introduction to Programming, World Literature, Creative Writing, Etymology, Music Essentials: Bach to Rock, Mural Design and Creation, Summer Dance Workshop, Summer Theatre, and various math, science and social studies classes.

Our teaching staff is dedicated to continually honing and improving

their craft to better serve students and many have participated in a variety of learning opportunities this summer, including more than a dozen classes sponsored by District 113 and taught by administrators, District 113 staff, and outside facilitators. Workshops centered on the District's Equity goals and the integration of technology/utilization of the Chromebook.

Giving our students and teachers the tools they need to succeed in a digital world is an important endeavor for District 113, and 2015-16 marks the second year of our phased-in 1:1 rollout that provides each student with a Chromebook to use throughout the day and at home. In addition to offer-

ing a variety of in-district technology integration/1:1 workshops throughout the summer, on August 20 District 113 will join forces with North Shore District 112 and Deerfield District 109 to host the second annual Tech-Camp North Shore. This day-long symposium brings together teachers and administrative staff from all three districts to share ideas and best practice related to the use of technology as a teaching and learning tool.

District 113 also continues to offer staff development aligned with our Equity goals. Learning opportunities this summer included Beyond Diversity: Eliminating Racial Disparities to Achieve Excellence for All Students, and Restorative Justice in Action.

We are excited to welcome back our students for the first day of school on Wednesday, August 26!



For more updates from HPHS and DHS, "like" our schools on Facebook, follow our schools on Twitter, visit our school websites, and/or sign up for the 113 Connects e-newsletter at www.dist113.org!

PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK

Fun for All Ages

Movies in Nature: Fern Gully

Family

Fri Aug 21 7-10pm FREE

Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Rd.

Bring the kids and blankets for an evening of family activities music and film-picnic optional!

Family Golf Night

Family

Sun Aug 23 5pm FREE

Sunset Valley Golf Course • 1390 Sunset Rd.

Spend a beautiful summer evening golfing with the family at Sunset Valley Golf Course... for FREE! Reserve your spot early. Reservations will be taken the Thursday prior to the event.

Brunch & Learn Nature Workshops

Seniors

Fri Sep 11 10am-12pm \$10

Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Rd.

Enjoy a delicious catered brunch at Heller Nature Center followed by a fun and informative hands-on workshop, discussion or walk.

Old-Fashioned Campfire

Family

Fri Sep 11 6-7:30pm \$8

Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Rd.

Take a short hike with a naturalist along the trails, play games with family and friends and enjoy marshmallows roasted over the campfire!

Beekeeping

Ages 6-Adult

Sun Sep 13 1-2:30pm \$8

Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Rd.

Put on a bee suit and get a safe, fascinating look inside Heller's beehives and taste our own special honey!

Autumn Fest

Family

Fri Sep 18 4-7pm FREE

Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Rd.

Live reptiles, a campfire, crafts, games, nature walks, hayrides, a pumpkin hunt and much more!



WOOFSTOCK

FREE FAMILY EVENT

DEBBIE GOTTLIEB BEITLER DOG PARK
IN LARRY FINK PARK

SUN AUG 30
NOON-2PM



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

Park District of Highland Park • www.pdhp.org • 847.831.3810

Our mission: "To enrich community life through healthy leisure pursuits and an appreciation of the natural world."



Registration is Going On Now!

Pre-K can enjoy a full day of fun and discovery by combining a morning, lunch and afternoon program.

Register at: pdhp.org



50+ Active Adults

Group Exercise Classes

Recreation Center of Highland Park • 1207 Park Ave. West

Zumba

Mon 8-9am
Tues 9:30-10:30am
Fri 9:30-10:30am
Sat 10:45-11:45am
Sun 8-9am

Indoor Aqua

MTWThF 8-8:50am
Sun 9:30-10:30am

Outdoor Aqua at Hidden Creek

MTWThF 9-10am

Pilates

Mon 9:30-10:30am
Wed 10:30-11:30am

Light n' Lively

Mon 11am-Noon
Fri 11am-Noon

Tai Chi

Mon 12:15-1:15pm

Yoga Flow

Tue 6:30-7:30pm
Th 10:45-11:45am
Sat 8-9:15am
Sun 9:30-10:45am

Chair Yoga

Tue Thur 12-1pm

Cardio Tone Light

Wed 12-1pm

Open Meditation

Mon 5-5:30pm

Balance & Tone

Tue 10:30-11:30am

WERQ Dance Class

Wed 6:30-7:30pm
Thu 10:30-11:30

Women on Weights

Tue 6:15-7:15pm

FUNctional Fitness

Mon 5:45-6:45am

Barre Fusion

Fri 8:30-9:25am

Body Sculpt

Wed 5:30-6:30pm
Sun 9:15-10am

TRX

Wed 5:30pm

Sets & Reps

Thu 1:15-2:15pm



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

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Our mission: "To enrich community life through healthy leisure pursuits and an appreciation of the natural world."

September 1 –
September 30



**GREAT
CITIES** **GREAT
LAKES** **GREAT
BASIN**

View this special exhibit that focuses on the world's largest fresh water asset and the environmental restoration and economic renewal of the cities and ecosystem around it including six miles of Highland Park shoreline.

Highland Park Responds Sunday September 20, 2 – 4 p.m.

As a Great Lakes basin community, Highland Park has an important role to play in the sustainable use of the world's greatest fresh water resource. Join a public discussion surrounding the *Great Cities, Great Lakes, Great Basin* exhibit. WBEZ's Jason Marck leads a panel discussion with local experts including Bertram C. Frey, acting regional counsel for U.S. EPA, and David Naftzger, executive director, Council of Great Lakes Governors.

Designed and created as a public service by the Chicago office of the international architecture and city design firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill.

THANK YOU!



Thanks to American Enterprise Bank for generously sponsoring this year's Summer Reading program. More than 800 children participated!



Find One Of the Most Important Items on the Back-To-School Supply List at the Library!

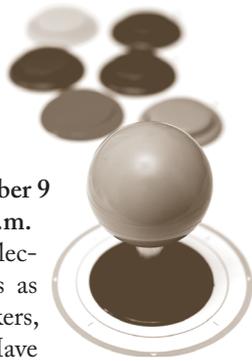
A library card is one of the most important items on the back-to-school supply list — it opens doors and opens minds. Visit your library in September during Library Card Sign-Up Month and sign up for a card.

Not heading back to school? Use your library card to help find a job, start a business, or simply get ahead. Your library card is your key to opportunity.

Senior Gaming Morning

Wednesday, September 9
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Choose from a selection of video games as well as chess, checkers, and backgammon. Have a favorite game? Bring it along! Have a Bunco group that needs a meeting place? Play at the library!



Career Counseling

Wednesday, September 9, 1 – 4 p.m.

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

An Introduction to Electronics

Saturday, August 22, 1 – 3 p.m.
Ages 9 – 12.

Learn about the fundamentals of digital electronics, an array of sensors, motors, wireless technologies, display technologies, and the fundamentals of the family of Arduino microcontrollers. Brought to you by the **Center for Talent Development at Northwestern University**. Registration required. Register at kidsevents.org.

Moon Over Highland Park

Thursday, August 20, 7:30 – 9 p.m. Event will be canceled due to rain or clouds.

Lake County Astronomical Society brings their sophisticated telescopes to the library! Drop by to view the moon and other objects in the sky. Kids will receive glow bracelets, astronomy stickers, and can use a kid-friendly telescope!

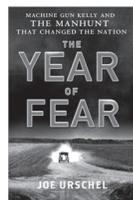
MEET THE AUTHORS! GET YOUR BOOKS SIGNED!



Vanessa Diffenbaugh *We Never Asked For Wings*

Tuesday, August 25, 7 p.m.

Bestselling author Diffenbaugh (*The Language of Flowers*) returns to the library to discuss her new book that explores some of life's most powerful lessons. It's the story of a young woman learning how to be a mother and longing to give her family a better life.



Joe Urschel *The Year of Fear: Machine Gun Kelly and the Manhunt that Changed the Nation*

Thursday, September 17, 7 p.m.

Joe Urschel, an award-winning journalist and one of *USA Today's* founding editors, gives a gripping account of a turning point in the history of American crime — a high-profile kidnapping and the chase led by J. Edgar Hoover.

Learn something new this fall! Try a Library U class.



Register at hplibrary.org/LibraryU.

COMPUTERS

Mail Merge on Windows with Word 2013

Wednesday, September 30, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$10

Introduction to Word 2013 using Windows

Wednesdays, October 7 – 21, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$30

Introduction to Excel 2013 using Windows

Wednesdays, October 28, November 4, 11
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$30

WRITING

Memoir Writing

Thursdays, September 24, October 8, 22
November 5, 19, December 10
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$60

Creative Writing

Thursdays, October 1, 15, 29
November 12, December 3, 17
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$60

LANGUAGE

Beginning Spanish

Tuesdays, September 8, 29, October 6 – 27
7 – 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$60

Advanced Beginning Spanish

Tuesdays, October 5 – 26, November 2, 9
7 – 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$60

Beginning Yiddish

Mondays, September 21, 28, October 5 – 26
1 – 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$60

CRAFTS

Beginning Knitting

Tuesdays, October 1 – 29, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$50

GAMES

Canasta

Mondays, September 21, 28, October 5 – 19
10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Cost: \$50

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NEW BUSINESSES

Ruby of Siam
1849 Second Street
(847) 433-9332
www.rubyofsiam.com
Full Service Thai Restaurant

Trunk Club
583 Central Avenue
service@trunkclub.com
www.trunkclub.com
Retail and Custom Men's & Women's Apparel

Quiksilver Factory Store
223 Skokie Valley Road
(714) 889-2200
Men's, Women's, Teen's & Children's Sportswear & Accessories

NEW OWNERSHIP

Burger King
90 Skokie Valley Road
(847) 831-0012
Fast Food Restaurant

Save the Date! Ravinia District Fall Festival October 2 – 3

The Ravinia District is hosting its 1st annual fall festival October 2-3 along Roger Williams Avenue between St. Johns Avenue and Dean Avenue, and in Jens Jensen Park. Enjoy two days of live outdoor music performances, activities, and great food and beverages including artisan beer, mule and wine flights, with plenty of seating under the big tent on Dean Avenue. The community will also get a first look at the new Ravinia District streetscape signage at the opening ceremony on Friday at 4pm. This event is open to the public and admission is free. Follow Ravinia District on Facebook for more info and live music updates. Don't miss out!



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