

THE HIGHLANDER



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Waste Hauling Transition to Begin January 1, 2016 for All Residential, Commercial Customers

Following a comprehensive evaluation process, the City has selected Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) as its waste and recycling hauler for all residential, commercial and multi-family properties beginning January 1, 2016.

The following provides a short overview of services continued, new services and an overview of the future transition.

Residential Services

The new contracts will offer residents and commercial properties the same service options as currently offered. Likewise, there will be no changes to the collection day schedule for residents. All residents will see a decrease in rates, including base rate as well as in sticker price for volume-based customers.

LRS will offer residents additional service options, including an opt-in organic collection subscription that coincides with landscape season, a once-per-week bulk item collection (in addition to the City's Spring Clean-Up program), a once-per-month electronics waste collection at no additional cost, plus implementation of a radio frequency identification (RFID) program that will eventually eliminate most needs for residents to purchase stickers.

Household Environmental Sustainability Presentation Oct. 20

On Tuesday, October 20, 2015 the City's Neighbor to Neighbor initiative will be sponsoring a Household Environmental Sustainability presentation at the Police Department (1677 Old Deerfield Rd) from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The City's Sustainability Consultant, Grace Rink from Quercus Consulting, will be presenting on the best practices to become more environmentally aware in both your home and your neighborhood. There will be an emphasis on composting and the resources that are



It is anticipated that the RFID program will launch in summer 2016 when stickers will no longer be required on containers. Bags and bundles will still require stickers.

Commercial & Multi-Family Services

Commercial and multi-family properties will also receive additional services, to include an opt-in organic collection program, additional compactor size offerings, a once-per-week bulk item collection, plus the continuation of free recycling for certain containers.

Commercial and multi-family properties will see a decrease in waste collection rates, however some recycling rates will see an increase. The City will continue to offer free recycling for all containers 1.5 cubic

available including the new organic collection service that residents can take advantage of through the City's new waste hauler, Lakeshore Recycling Systems, starting April 1, 2016.

This presentation is open to the public and the public is encouraged to RSVP by contacting Tyler Hall in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1042 or thall@cityhpil.com.

For more information on Neighbor to Neighbor, please visit www.cityhpil.com/n2n.



yards or less for once-per-week collection, as well as free recycling for all 96-gallon totes serviced twice per week.

What to Expect During the Transition

Both residential and commercial customers will be able to make changes to their services at no additional cost.

In October, residents will receive a letter with a brief summary of services introducing Lakeshore Recycling Systems and providing a summary of services. LRS will also begin to reach out to commercial and multi-family properties in October to address their specific needs.

In November, customers will receive a brochure with more detailed information regarding the services under the new contract followed by the physical transition of carts which will begin in December for both residential and commercial properties. It is anticipated that this will be completed within the first two weeks of January 2016. The transition of carts from the current hauler to LRS will not interrupt service to customers.

For More Information

For more info, please contact Lakeshore Recycling Systems at (773) 685-8811 or the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1000. More info can be found at www.cityhpil.com/utilities by clicking in either "Residential" or "Commercial" hauling.

CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK

HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

'HIGH' NOTES

Vehicle Sticker and Dog License Expiration Notice

City of Highland Park Vehicle Stickers and Dog Licenses for the 2015-2016 license year should be displayed as of October 1, 2015. A late fee of \$10 will be applied to all vehicle sticker purchases made after October 1, 2015. Residents failing to display a current vehicle sticker may be subject to a fine of \$50. For more information, please contact the Finance Department at (847) 432-0800 or via e-mail at finance@cityhpil.com.

Open Enrollment for Health Insurance Under the Affordable Care Act

Moraine Township once again offers residents assistance with enrolling for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act. **Open Enrollment begins November 1, 2015, and continues through January 31, 2016.**

Certified Application Counselors (CAC), who have completed 30+ hours of training with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid and the State of Illinois, are available by appointment to assist residents in navigating the Health Insurance Marketplace.

Residents currently enrolled in health insurance plans through the Marketplace have two options. They can:

- re-enroll in their existing plan for another year;
- select a different plan for 2016.

In addition to new Marketplace plans in 2016, existing plans may have different networks, premiums, deductibles and co-pay amounts than in 2015. Trained and Certified counselors are available to work one-on-one with residents to help them understand their options, balance their medical needs and budgets, compare coverage and costs, and help ensure that enrollees receive the premium subsidies and cost-sharing reductions they may be income-qualified to receive.

Appointments will be available weekdays plus some weekend and evening hours. Call (847) 432-3240 to schedule an appointment today.

Veterans Day Information

City offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day. Residents may call the Public Safety Switchboard at (847) 432-7730 if assistance is required.

Also, the Veterans Day ceremony will be held on Wednesday, November 11 at 11:00 a.m. in the Highland Park Public Library (494 Laurel Avenue, Adult Services Section). Representatives from the American Legion Post #145, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4737 and Jewish War Veterans #29 will be present. Special guest speakers include Mayor Nancy Rotering and others. The Highland Park High School Brass Quartet will perform. All are welcome.

City Thanks Jim Chang for 26 Years of Service

On October 12, City Council recognized Water Treatment Plant Operator Jim Chang for his 26 years of service to the Highland Park community. Jim joined the City in 1989 and was part of the significant Water Plant upgrade to improve drinking water quality. Throughout his time with the City, Jim has proven reliable, conscientious and dedicated to ensuring safe drinking water to all. The City of Highland Park thanks Jim for his years of committed service and wishes him well in his retirement.

Holiday Lighting Festivities

Mark your calendar for the City's annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony to be held on Saturday, November 21 at Port Clinton Square, 600 Central Avenue, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event is a partnership with the City, the Downtown Highland Park Alliance and the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce. Celebrate the arrival of the holiday season with carolers, dancers, a scavenger hunt through the downtown business district, raffle prizes, refreshments, the Highland Park High School Marching Band and a special appearance from Santa. For more information, go to www.cityhpil.com/specialevents. Additional details will be published in the November *Highlander*.

Seeking Award Nominations for Environmental Service

The Natural Resources Commission seeks nominations for a resident and/or business that has demonstrated a noteworthy commitment to the City's environment and sustainability goals. The Commission will recognize up to one resident and one business in December. Nominees should demonstrate outstanding leadership, skills, abilities, or resourcefulness in organizing, planning, or facilitating activities that promote environmental protection, pollution prevention or reduction, environmental enhancement, or the public awareness of environmental problems in the City; resolving an environmental problem in the City; responding to an environmental emergency in the City or educating the community on environmental issues.

Nomination forms are available on the website at www.cityhpil.com/nrc. The deadline for nominations is Friday, November 6 at 4:00 p.m. Forms may be submitted to Karen Brunetti by email, kbrunetti@cityhpil.com or for more info, please call (847) 296-1043.

Serve on a City Commission

The Mayor and City Council are preparing to appoint new residents to City Commissions for terms beginning January 2016. Please visit the City's website at www.cityhpil.com/boardsandcommissions to view a list of the various commissions, the goals and responsibilities of each commission, and what is required. For more information and to apply, contact Jennifer Dotson in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1006 or jdotson@cityhpil.com.

Public Safety T-Shirts Available for Purchase at City Hall

Police and Fire Department T-shirts are available for purchase at City Hall (1707 St. Johns Ave) in the City Manager's Office. The shirts come in various sizes including youth M and L; adult S, M, L, XL and XXL. Each shirt costs \$10 and only cash payments will be accepted. Come and show your support for Highland Park's first responders!

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

Stand Together Against Bullying

In July 2014, the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) put out a national Call to Action against bullying. I immediately signed on and convened representatives from the City of Highland Park, our school districts, park district, agencies and not-for profit organizations to join together to promote an on-going and unified message about bullying awareness, prevention and intervention.

As a Mayor and a mom of four children, the call to action resonated with me. I deeply understand the need to take action to eliminate bullying. Bullying knows no bounds and impacts all ages from young children to seniors, and affects people across all socio-economic groups.

Participating organizations promoted a unified message about bullying awareness, prevention and intervention. We held proactive events with trained counselors, educators, and national experts. The “We Stand Together” Campaign Against Bullying kicked off last October during National Bullying Prevention Month. The response to the campaign and the commitment from partners and the community was overwhelmingly positive.

A few weeks ago, we made the decision to continue the campaign as an on-going initiative, building on its success and the important message that it brings. The growing list of partners includes: the City of Highland Park, North Shore School District 112, Township High School District 113, the Park District, the Police Department, the City’s Human Relations Commission, our Director of Youth and Senior Services, the Highland Park Public Library, Family Services, the Illinois Holocaust Museum, Ravinia Festival and communities across Lake County and beyond.

According to the USCM, bullying is defined as “an imbalance of power with physical, verbal, sexual or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people, and (is) considered the most common form of violence in our society affecting all ages.” Bullying occurs in neighborhoods, places of employment, playgrounds, schools, and through technology such as the Internet and cell phones, and can have dire and sometimes tragic consequences for the bullied and bullies alike.

To help continue to move our conversation and actions forward, each organization has planned activities and messages focused on the ‘We Stand Together’ campaign. A full calendar of events and resources can be found at www.cityhpil.com/WeStandTogetherHP.

We have made much progress, but there is still work to be done to eliminate bullying in our community. Please join the campaign and be a part of the solution. Have an idea? Want to be involved? Let me know at nrotering@cityhpil.com.

Standing together, we will make a difference.



Calling All Artists for *Art is Alive* Contest

Calling all artists! The City of Highland Park Cultural Arts Commission and The Art Center are jointly sponsoring the *Art Is Alive in Highland Park* contest, to be judged on Saturday, December 5 at The Art Center in Highland Park, 1957 Sheridan Road.

“The Art is Alive in Highland Park contest allows community members to kick their creativity into high gear, make great art and have fun,” says Rhoda Pierce, the Chairperson of the Highland Park Cultural Arts Commission.

To enter, bring one finished piece of

artwork to The Art Center for judging on December 5 between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The contest is open to Highland Park residents and students attending Highland Park schools.

A jury of arts professionals will select five finalists in each category. From those finalists, a First Place winner in each category will be chosen. All finalists will be awarded ribbons and the winners will receive a prize from The Art Center.

Final judging will be at a reception hosted by The Art Center on January 8, 2016. Selected art works will be exhibited at The

Art Center in January 2016.

Submitted art can be in all forms, from drawing, photography, painting, ceramics, sculpture, to mixed media. Submittals will be accepted only on Saturday, December 5. Artists may submit only one work of art. All community members are encouraged to participate.

For more information about *Art Is Alive in Highland Park*, contact Lee Smith at (847) 926-1612 or visit www.cityhpil.com/cac or email info@theartcenterhp.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

October is Historic Preservation Month

October is a perfect month to appreciate the rich history of Highland Park. The cool autumn weather is great for one of four historic walking tours. Early twentieth century houses in the Italianate, Victorian Gothic, Prairie, and Tudor Revival styles grace the Laurel / Prospect neighborhood. You can rest in Memorial Park near the war memorial monument designed by Highland Park resident James Cady Ewell in 1926 to honor local soldiers who fought in World War 1.



Or start at historic City Hall and wander down Hazel Avenue. A turn down Lake Avenue takes you past two Frank Lloyd Wright houses! Then cross the footbridge to Millard Park, a hidden treasure that's a public park with great views of Lake Michigan. Sit in the gazebo or find a bench and enjoy the breeze!

Brochures for all four historic walking tours are available at City Hall or download from the Historic Preservation Commission's webpage www.cityhpil.com/HPC.

The Historic Ravinia event will also take place this month on October 18, 2015. Check out the Community Calendar on page 6 for more information.

Halloween Safety Tips

With witches, goblins, ghosts and superheroes soon to be descending on our neighborhoods, here are some safety tips to help prepare children for a safe and enjoyable Halloween night. Trick-or-treating this year is Saturday October 31, 2015 from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

- Don't Trick or Treat alone. Stay in a group and communicate to an adult where you will be going.
- Teach children how to obtain help or call 9-1-1 if they have an emergency or become lost.
- Walk on the sidewalk, not in the street.
- Only cross the street at designated crosswalks.
- Look both ways. Listen and watch for cars before crossing the street.
- Don't hide or cross the street from between parked cars.
- Wear light colored or reflective-type clothing or try to affix reflective tape on costumes or treat bags in order to be more visible.
- Use face paint rather than masks or things that will cover your eyes. If you wear a mask, make sure that the eyeholes are large enough that your vision won't be affected.
- Carry a flashlight with fresh batteries to light your way.
- Visit homes that have inside and outside lights on.
- Accept your treats at the door and never go into a home.
- ALWAYS have an adult inspect the candy before eating. Don't eat candy if the

packaging has been opened. Remember that small, hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children.

- Be cautious around pets that may come to the door or be outside.
 - Eliminate tripping hazards on your porch and around your property.
 - Always keep lighted Jack O' Lanterns away from drapes, decorations or areas where children will be standing or walking.
- Halloween guidelines for your pets:
- Secure your pets indoors on Halloween night- preferably in a room away from your front door. Between the door bell ringing, odd-looking strangers at the door and all the children's voices, this night is no "treat" for your dog or cat.
 - Keep goodies away from pets. Chocolate can be particularly dangerous.
 - Have ID on your pets; many animals slip out of the house when the door is opened.

The Illinois State Police maintains a database of registered sex offenders in Illinois available to the public by going to www.isp.state.il.us/sor/. Once you are in this website, agree to the terms by clicking on "I Agree" and enter the zip code (60035), City (Highland Park) and County (Lake) for a complete listing of registered sex offenders in Highland Park. As always, the Police Department encourages community assistance in reporting any suspicious or unlawful activity. Hopefully by reviewing these safety guidelines, we will all enjoy a safe Halloween in Highland Park. For more info please contact School Resource Officer Amy Hynman at (847) 926-1122.

Change Your Clocks, Change Your Smoke Detector Batteries



It's time to "FALL Back" an hour. **Sunday, November 1st at 2:00 a.m.**, daylight savings time ends and all clocks must be set back by one hour. The Highland Park Fire Department would like to remind residence to be safe and change the batteries in their smoke detectors.

This simple act could save many lives. These valuable devices provide early warning of fire that can quickly grow and trap buildings occupants. Communities nationwide witness tragic home fire deaths each year, but everyone can work together to help reduce the number of home fire fatalities.

Non-working smoke alarms rob residents of the protective benefits home fire safety devices were designed to provide. The most commonly cited cause of non-working smoke alarms: worn or missing batteries.

The National Fire Protection Association recommends that there be at least one smoke detector outside of every sleeping area and on each floor of a home.

If you have any questions about installation or maintenance of a smoke detector please call the Highland Park Fire Department at (847) 433-3110.

YOUTH & SENIOR SERVICES

Events & Activities:

Grand Victoria Casino

Thursday, November 5

Fee: \$35 / NM: \$55

Bus departs Toys R Us at 8:30 a.m.

Return at approximately 4 p.m.

Discount deadline: October 16

A smoke-free facility, the Grand Victoria Casino is perched atop the spectacular Fox River and boasts over 1,100 exciting slots, a countless variety of Vegas-style table games, and wonderful dining options. Lunch at their new Indulge Show Kitchen Buffet provides guests with a one-of-a-kind experience with six micro-restaurants in one. All this makes Grand Victoria Casino one of the best gaming, dining, and entertainment destinations in all of Chicagoland. Fee includes lunch and transportation.

* All participants must bring a valid, legal form of identification.

Thanksgiving Luncheon & Concert

Highland Park Country Club

Thursday, November 19

12 - 2:30 p.m.

Fee: \$22 / NM: \$32

Sponsored by Whitehall of Deerfield

Celebrate Thanksgiving with good food, good music, and good friends. Enjoy a buffet lunch featuring traditional favorites such as turkey, cranberries, stuffing, sweet potatoes, Brussels sprouts, and a delicious

holiday dessert. After lunch, you'll be thankful for the wonderful music provided by vocalist Tom Michael and pianist Beckie Menzie. Seating arrangements will be set in advance; please indicate friendship requests upon registration.

AARP Smart Driving Course

Thursday & Friday,

October 29 & 30

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Fee: \$20 / AARP members: \$15

Held at the Highland Park Fire Station #33

Instructor Earl Nicholas helps students sharpen driving skills and develop strategies for adjusting to age-related changes, during this two day class. Pre-registration with payment by check is required; please make checks payable to: AARP.

Low Impact Dance Aerobics

Wednesdays, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

November 18 - December 16

Fee: \$28 / NM: \$48 (5 classes)

You will love exercising to music with instructor Kris Larsen. This fabulous low impact aerobics class is designed to get you moving and will improve body strength, muscle tone, and may enhance the efficiency of your heart and lungs. Working with choreographic structures also assists in memory enhancement as well as increasing self-esteem. No class 9/23.

senior

Serving Adults Over 50

54 Laurel Avenue

(847) 432-4110

Monday - Friday

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

Prescription Drug Plan Assistance

Open enrollment for the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan extends from **October 15 - December 7, 2015**. During this time, you may change from your current drug plan or enroll for the first time. Everyone is encouraged to re-evaluate their insurance coverage due to changes in the drug plans or changes in your own prescriptions. Trained volunteers are available to assist in navigating the Medicare Part D enrollment process during a personal appointment at the Senior Center. Call Jennifer at (847) 432-4110 to make an appointment.

Brunch, Bach & Bingo

Brookdale - Vernon Hills

Wednesday, October 28

10:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Fee: \$5; for members only

Relish brunch featuring many favorites, live classical music, and bingo with great prizes. Tour their newly renovated facility which includes the world's largest residential rain-forest. Bus departs Toys R Us at 10 a.m., and returns at 1:30 p.m.

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

Pastels 2015

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 featuring 100 works created in the medium of pastel. Diverse imagery, styles and subject matter by the most elite pastel painters in the U.S.

Celebrate *Historic Ravinia* on Sunday, October 18th!

Begin your day in the Martin Theater inside Ravinia Festival where Art Miller, local historian and author, discusses the development of the performing arts venue that we all know so well. See Ravinia at the turn of the 20th century in a presentation that will give a new perspective on this local gem and the development of Ravinia and Highland Park. Hop on the trolley and head to the Ravinia business district or stay aboard and take a short tour around some of the significant Ravinia sites. A docent aboard the trolley provides anecdotes about the people and places that put Ravinia on the map. Drop by the *Historic Ravinia* Resource Center (AKA Full Circle Architects) at 737 St. Johns Avenue for refreshments, an exhibit, and facts about Jens Jensen and the Ravinia Village House.

Self-guided architectural tours, maps and brochures are available. *Historic Ravinia* is on Sunday, October 18th, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Ravinia Festival presentation is from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Martin Theater. Parking is available at Ravinia in the North Lot, 418 Sheridan Road where vehicles may remain in the lot for the remainder of the *Historic Ravinia* events. The trolley will pick up and then drop off at the conclusion of the day's events between 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Visit www.HistoricRavinia.com or email Lisa Temkin, lisatemkin@me.com. *Historic Ravinia* is co-sponsored by the Historic Preservation Commission.



Sister Cities Foundation Gourmet Gala

October 15

6:30 p.m. Cocktails

Dinner to follow

Highland Park Country Club
1201 Park Avenue West
Tickets: \$150/person

Chefs from Highland Park's sister cities: Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Modena, Italy; and Yerucham, Israel will join local Chef Carlos Nieto and Chicago Chef Carlos Gaytan to create an international culinary experience. Space is limited. To make reservations contact carolwolfe5151@gmail.com.

Highland Park Players Avenue Q

Beginning October 16

(847) 291-2995

Tickets: \$22

The Highland Park Players present the Tony Award winning musical, Avenue Q, which is part flesh, part felt and packed with heart. Performances are on October 16, 17, 22, 23, 24 at 8:00 p.m. On October 17 and 24, the performance begins at 4:00 p.m. To purchase tickets, please go to www.highlandparkplayers.com or call (847) 291-2995.

Pilgrim Chamber Players The Spektral Quartet

October 18, 3:00 p.m.

Highland Park Community House

1991 Sheridan Road

(847) 433-0992

Tickets: \$20, Seniors \$16, Students \$8

Pilgrim Chamber Players commence the 2015-2016 concert season Haydn, Schubert, Schumann and more.

Two Special Programs for Writers

- *The World of Children's Books*

October 21, 7:00 p.m.

- *Marketing Your Masterpiece*

October 28, 7:00 p.m.

Highland Park Public Library

494 Laurel Avenue

(847) 432-7090, Free

East on Central, Highland Park Poetry and the Library present two panel discussions about breaking into the Children's Book market and improving sales for your published book. Panelists offer insight, expertise and recommended do's and don'ts.

U.S. Navy Jazz "Commodores" Performance

October 30, 7:00 p.m.

Highland Park High School
433 Vine Avenue, Auditorium

Tickets: Free with advance request to

HPNavyJazz@gmail.com

The Navy's premier jazz ensemble, the "Commodores," will appear in concert for one night only. Featuring 18 of the Navy's top jazz and "big band" musicians under the leadership of Senior Chief Musician Philip M. Burlin, the "Commodores" pay tribute to the legendary big bands of yesteryear and original compositions. Admission is free but tickets are required; send an email with your name, phone, and number of tickets requested to HPNavyJazz@gmail.com.

Affordable Housing Information Session

November 10, 7:00 p.m.

December 8, 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.

Obsession: An Evening of Outsider Art & Jazz

November 13, 7:00 p.m.

The Art Center

1957 Sheridan Road

(847) 432-1888

Tickets: \$50/person

Obsession features jazz, cocktails, barbecue and work by obsessively creative, quirky astonishing Outsider artists.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

An Open Letter from Dr. Bregy: Dispelling Reconfiguration Myths

Dear District 112 Community Members:

In November, our district will host several meetings to share information about the proposed middle school campus re-configuration plan. At each meeting our district staff, architects, construction manager and program manager will talk about various aspects of the proposal, followed by plenty of time for questions and answers. Look for more information on the district website at www.nssd112.org.

Meanwhile, there are many myths and rumors floating around that I want to correct.

Myth #1: The campus will be a “big box” that won’t meet student needs.

Fact: While the middle school campus is based on big hopes and big dreams for our students, it will not be a big box. The space will be designed to meet the unique educational, social and emotional needs of young adolescents. Each grade will be divided into three teams of about 150 students, and have six teachers dedicated ex-

clusively to them. Each team’s classrooms will be organized around a central community space, and students will spend much of their day in their pod of classrooms. This creates a nurturing, supportive environment where close staff-student bonds are formed, students feel safe and respected, and are encouraged to explore new interests and take intellectual risks.

Myth #2: The green space and playground at West Ridge Park will disappear.

Fact: The soccer fields and baseball diamonds already present at West Ridge Park will be enhanced, and a new competition-sized track will serve both the school and the community. West Ridge has long served as a community park, and we will work to preserve that going forward. A playground space for younger children will be provided, set away from the area of the park that will be used by middle school students during the day.

Myth #3: Large portions of West Ridge Park will be paved over.

Fact: The conceptual plan calls for two potential east-west access drives on the north and south ends of the park, and our planning team is still examining whether this might be able to be reduced to one. Either way, these drives do not need to be asphalt, and they can be closed off to traffic at times outside of the school day. They represent a small portion of the overall park space.

Myth #4: The site will not be able to handle additional traffic.

Fact: The results of traffic analyses have shown that the roadway system generally has sufficient reserve capacity to accommodate the middle school traffic. To address poor levels of service during the peak drop-off/pick-up periods, we are considering a number of strategies and measures, including providing roadway capacity improvements, using traffic aides, and staggering the start and end times of the two schools by 45 minutes. We will work with the city to devise an appropriate traffic plan.

District 113 staff, volunteer named 2015 Those Who Excel recipients

Four District 113 community members will be recognized during the Illinois State Board of Education’s 2015 Those Who Excel banquet in October: Highland Park High School Math Department Chair Debby Finn, HPHS counselor Pablo Alvarez, Deerfield High School security guard Tim Benton, and DHS parent volunteer Lori Zwart.

Debby Finn taught math for nine years at DHS before becoming Mathematics Department Chair at HPHS in August 2008. Debby’s passion, and that of her entire department, is ensuring that every student feels part of the school community and knows their teachers want them to succeed. They constantly talk as a department about ways to reach each student—to grab them and bring them “into the game.” Debby serves as the program liaison for the District 113 Grand Times program, finding ways to involve seniors and retirees in meaningful, authentic educational experiences with young people at HPHS and DHS. She also serves as HPHS staff liaison for the District 113 Education Foundation.

Pablo Alvarez, an HPHS counselor since 2008, devotes countless hours getting to know students and formulating plans to support them. He is passionate about ensuring that Spanish-speaking families know how to be involved with their child’s education. Pablo sponsors the HPHS Chess Team, which competed at the national level this year for the first time, and runs the school’s Young Men United counseling groups, providing Latino males with additional support and education in preparation for college. Pablo has held various offices with Friends for Health, which supports North Shore Health Center; chairs the Moraine Township Latino Advisory Committee; has been assisting the new Highland Park/Highwood Legal Clinic; and helps to organize HPHS’s Sunday soccer and swimming program for young people. Pablo received a Character Counts Award from the City in 2014.

DHS security team member Tim Benton came to DHS in 2012 following retirement from the Highland Park Police Department, where he served for nearly 30 years.

He not only ensures the safety of students, staff and parents, he puts a smile on their faces with his signature dance moves and warm greetings while directing traffic. His warm smile and genuine greeting for everyone coming through the doors set the tone for the building. Students say if they are having a rough day, an encounter with Tim makes it better.

In her role as chair of the PTO Hospitality Committee at DHS, Lori Zwart planned key events for staff members, such as staff breakfast and staff appreciation luncheon. Lori has served as the Village liaison for the annual Youth Service Scholarship, and was asked to take the lead in creating the first-ever Village of Deerfield Government Services Teen Internship Program. Now in its second year, the highly successful program provides an opportunity for students interested in public service and politics to gain a local understanding. Lori also has served on panels helping parents work through periods of transition, and volunteers heavily in the community.

PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK

2015 Halloween Events

X-TEARience

Grades 8-14

Fri Oct 23 • 6-9pm

Sunset Woods Park

1801 Sunset Road

Monstrous Music
by "Spoken Four"

Join Us!

Creepy Carnival Rides
& Inflatables

Laser Tag, Obstacle Courses, Slides,
SpinJammer, Zip Lines, Eurobungy,
Green Screen Pictures!

"The Crypt"

Enter our haunted house at your own risk!

Frightful Food Trucks



The
Monster
Tennis
Bash

Ages 5-14

Oct 24

6-8pm

Halloween
Scary Skate

Family
Sat Oct 31
1-2:20pm

Centennial Ice Arena

 **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."

Fun for All Ages

Stories in the Sand

Adult/Child, Ages 3-6

Thu Oct 22 10am-11am

Rosewood Beach • 883 Sheridan Road

Enjoy story time with a naturalist and then play a game, take a short hike along the beach, and create a craft to take home.

Try Skating Day

All Ages

Sat Oct 24 1-1:30pm

Centennial Ice Arena • 3100 Trail Way

FREE beginner skating lessons will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Sign-up is at the front desk on the day of the lessons.

New Moon Night Hike

Grades 5-8

Tues Nov 10 7:30-9pm

Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Road

Are you afraid of the dark? No school tomorrow, so bring your best friends and leave the flashlights at home for a truly in-the-dark night hike experience.

Mom's Day Out

Ages 5-10

Wed Nov 11 9am-2:30pm

Deer Creek Racquet Club • 701 Deer Creek Parkway

Mom's need a break too! Kids will have a great day swinging into action as they learn tennis, racquetball, wallyball, and ping-pong.

We're Going on a Bear Hunt!

Adult/Child, Ages 3-6

Wed Nov 11 10-11am

Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Road

Based on the classic song and book, this adventure will be conducted in both Spanish and English. The perfect way to introduce a new language to little ones and brush up on skills for adults!

Kids in Motion

Ages 5-7

Wed Nov 11 11am-12:30pm

Recreation Center of Highland Park • 1207 Park Avenue West

Burn energy in this fun-filled afternoon of sports and fitness! The gym will be open to participate in games and contests or you can watch a movie in the room with friends! We will end with a pizza party lunch.

Adult Fitness Programs

Recreation Center of Highland Park • 1207 Park Ave West

Body Sculpt

Mon 5:45-6:45am

Sun 9:15-10am

Cardio Sculpt

Wed 8:30-9:25am

Aqua Fit

MThF 8:30-9:30am

Sun 9:30-10:30am

Aqua Fusion

Tue Fri 10-11am

Aqua Zumba

Thu 9:30-10:30am

Zumba

Mon 8-9am

Tues 9:30-10:30am

Fri 9:30-10:30am

Sat 10:45-11:45am

Sun 8-9am

H2O Connect

Mon 8:30-9:30am

Sat 8:30-9:30am

Pilates

Wed 10:30-11:25am

Light n' Lively

Fri 11am-Noon

Yoga

Tue 6:30-7:30pm

Th 10:45-11:45am

Sat 8-9:15am

Strength & Core

Sat 9:30-10:30am

Yoga Flow

Sun 9:30-10:45am

Chair Yoga

Thur 12-1pm

Cardio Tone

Light
Wed 11:30am-12:30pm

Qi Gong

Mon 12:15-1:15pm

Better Balance

Fri 12-1pm

Barre Chisel

Wed 5:30-6:25pm

Open Meditation

Mon 5:15-5:45pm

Balance & Tone

Tue 10:30-11:30am

WERQ Dance

Class

Wed 6:30-7:30pm

Thu 10:30-11:30am

Women on

Weights

Tue 6:15-7:15pm

Barre Cardio

Fri 8:30-9:25am

TRX

Wed 5:30-6:30pm

Sets & Reps

Thu 1:15-2:15pm



**Happy 10th Anniversary
Recreation Center of Highland Park!**

*Come explore the RCHP today!!
1207 Park Ave West, Highland Park IL.*

HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

HALLOWEEN @ THE LIBRARY! TWO WEEKENDS OF FUN!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

HALLOWEEN



RAILROAD

Back by popular demand! Model trains run through Spookytown. Great for Halloween and great for model train enthusiasts. Some visitors will be able to “drive a train” and earn their “NCOG Honorary Jr. Operating Engineer” certificate. Don’t miss the special Thomas the Tank Engine track too.

Presented by The North Central ‘O’ Gaugers Railroad Club.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
9:30 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Come in costume!

Decorate Masks!

TAKE A STORY WALK!

PLAY AN “I SPY” GAME!

Ages 8 and under.

Try a mysterious scavenger hunt!

Decipher a secret Halloween message!

Ages 9 - 12.

Makey Makey

An Electronic Graveyard!

Conjure up a ghoulish electronic graveyard using pumpkins, circuit boards, LEDs, toxic slime, gummy worms, dry ice, and more!

Registration required. Register at kidsevents.org.

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Ages 8 - 11.

Join the Halloween parade!

Parade through the library and collect treats.

12:30 p.m. Ages 14 and under.

Watch *Scared Shrekless* at 2 p.m.!

MEET THE AUTHORS! GET YOUR BOOKS SIGNED!

BOOKS WILL BE FOR SALE AT THE EVENTS.

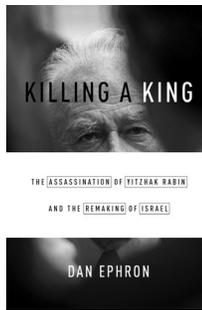
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Dan Efron

***Killing a King:
The Assassination of Yitzhak
Rabin and the Remaking of Israel***

Tuesday, October 20, 7 p.m.

Veteran reporter and award-winning author Efron recreates the two years leading up to the assassination, alternating between the story of Rabin and his assassin. A portrait of a nation at a crucial turning point in history, the book also illuminates the modern conflict in Israel and provides a meditation on the cost nations pay for ignoring homegrown extremism for the sake of political expediency.

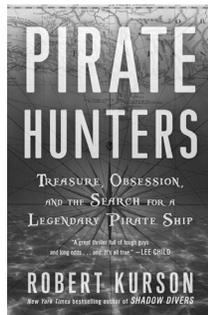


Robert Kurson

***Pirate Hunters:
Treasure, Obsession,
And The Search
For A Legendary Pirate Ship***

Monday, November 9, 7 p.m.

Bestselling author Kurson's book, filled with history and adventure, is about two men's hunt to find the Golden Fleece, the ship of the infamous pirate Joseph Bannister. If they succeed they will make history, but they must travel the globe in search of historic documents and face down dangerous rivals.



Essential Skills For Trading

Thursday, November 5, 7 p.m.

The Trading Coach, Jeff Wecker, former member of the Chicago Board of Trade, presents a lecture and workshop on how to use simple stock market charting techniques to manage investments, determine when to buy or sell a stock, and to determine what the "big money" or "insiders" are doing. Designed for beginning and intermediate traders and for those considering trading as a possible career.

Julius Caesar Theatrical Reading

Sunday, October 25, 2 p.m.

Equity actors from the Shakespeare Project of Chicago perform a theatrical reading of Shakespeare's masterpiece of political intrigue where love and loyalty do battle, both real and rhetorically, with conspiracy and tyranny. A discussion with the cast follows the performance.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Fun With Math

Thursday, October 22, 7 p.m.

Like math? Learn to love it. Hate math? Maybe learn to like it. Either way, meet at the library and talk about math. The first session will cover practical math tips. Future sessions will focus on math in nature, famous math problems, and unusual numbers. Math hobbyist Les Axelrod facilitates the discussion. For more information, call Les at (847) 432-7003.

Gaming For Grownups

Wednesday, November 11

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Choose from a selection of video games along with chess, checkers, cribbage, dominoes, and backgammon. Have a favorite game? Bring it along! Looking for us to provide a game? Note it when registering. Registration required. Register at hplibrary.org.

Digitize Your Slides And Photos

Monday, October 19, 12 – 1 p.m.

Demonstrations run every 15 minutes.

Drop by the Digital Media Lab for a demonstration on how to scan old family slides, negatives, and prints. See what you can do with the new digitized images.

Festive Fall Cooking

Wednesday, October 21, 7 p.m.

Cook and baker Arlene Levin demonstrates and samples recipes ideal for fall and the football-watching season! Arlene's recipes are collected in her cookbook, *My Cooking Journey, Arlene's Simple To Lavish*, which will be for sale at the event.

Fall Used Book Sale

N O V E M B E R

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
11	12	13	14	15
5:30 – 8:30 p.m. PREVIEW NIGHT!	9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	11 a.m. – 3 p.m. 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Bag of Books Sale. Fill a bag for \$3.00! 1 – 3 p.m. Teachers and non-profits with ID, all books are free!

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BUSINESS REPORT

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North Shore Massage & Day Spa

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northshoremassageandbodywork.com
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Securities Brokerage/Dealers

NEW OWNERSHIP

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1805 St Johns Avenue
(847) 432-4900
Beauty Day Spa

Highland Park Career Exploration Program Launches

The City of Highland Park (City), Highland Park High School (HPHS), and the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) are launching the Highland Park Career Exploration Program (HPCE). The HPCE program will offer HPHS students an opportunity to meet and communicate with professionals to discuss career aspirations, work initiatives, and other professional inquiries. By participating in the HPCE program, businesses will be providing a critical service to our students and the community. Applications for professionals/businesses are now being accepted.

Participating businesses must be located within Highland Park and professionals must be business owners, directors or managers within their business establishment. It is anticipated that professionals and students would meet up to three times for two-hour sessions each. Applications will be reviewed by the Program Committee. Once selected, professionals will be matched with students with similar career aspirations.

Highland Park High School will be reaching out to students who may be interested in participating. For more information on their student selection process, please contact Amy Burnett with Highland Park High School at 224-765-2173.

To participate, professionals should complete an application by January 8, 2016. The application can be found at www.cityhpil.com and can be submitted to City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue or via email to aredfield@cityhpil.com

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