

THE HIGHLANDER



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Join Us at the Holiday Lighting Ceremony November 21

Celebrate the kick-off to the holidays at Highland Park's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, November 21 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Port Clinton Square. Join Mayor Nancy Rotering and other city officials, and the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce, as over 200 trees in the Downtown Highland Park will be magically lit for the 2015 holiday season.

There will be plenty of family friendly activities throughout Downtown Highland Park including the Holiday Scavenger Hunt from 3:00 - 4:45 p.m., where participants stroll through town searching for answers to fun questions about more than a dozen businesses and landmarks. Each participant will receive a raffle ticket(s) for a chance to win great prizes.

Live entertainment will include:

- 3:00 p.m.:** Highland Park High School Band
- 3:30 p.m.:** Lake Forest Country Day School Choir
- 4:00 p.m.:** North Shore School of Dance
- 4:30 p.m.:** The Performer's School

There will be Nutcracker performances by Irina Makkai Ballet in the windows of Uncle Dan's Kids from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. New this year will be the special early ar-



rival of Santa Claus to the Square shortly after 3:00 p.m. to give children ample time to send their holiday wishes. Attendees can also expect refreshments and goodies to be distributed by local businesses as well.

Help others enjoy the holiday season too by bringing canned food items to donate to the Moraine Township Food Pantry.

Everyone is invited to explore and support the charming businesses of Downtown Highland Park. Shoppers will be able to find the perfect gift for anyone on their holiday shopping list from the great mix of unique boutiques and well known retailers, great salons and spas, or one of the many fabulous restaurants and treat shops.

More than 20 businesses are participating this year by either donating to the raffle prize, providing an in-kind donation or being a stop along the scavenger hunt. These businesses include: Academic Tutoring Centers, @properties, Bake 425, The Bar Method, Beanstalk, Beelow's, Chicago

Gold & Diamond Exchange, Family Network, Freedom Home Care, Highland Park Bank & Trust, Idlewood Electric Supply, Lakeside Glass & Mirror, Moraine Township Democrats, North Shore Massage & Bodywork, Olga's Day Spa, Over The Top Boutique, Real Urban Barbecue, Realty Scientists, Renaissance Place, Silberstein Orthodontics, Sprout, Stationery Station, Tails of Hope, Therapeutic Kneads and the Trunk Club.

Shop local this holiday season and enjoy the lights and fun festivities on this special night with family and friends! Free parking will be available throughout the Central Business District on November 21 as part of the Holiday Lighting Ceremony. For more info, please contact the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1000.



Highland Park Theater Redevelopment Survey Results Presented

On September 21, the City selected five proposals to be presented at a Special Meeting of the Committee of the Whole and then solicited public feedback via a survey which was available online and in print from September 21 until October 17, 2015.

Public feedback from the survey is considered directional and will be one of several components considered to assist the City in making a final determination regarding the property, which has been for sale on the open market since April 2014.

The City received 353 responses to the survey; however, because the survey was voluntary, the results are not scientific and only reflect the sentiments of those who responded and not the public as a whole.

Overall, survey respondents noted that Neighborhood Impact and Land Use were the most important characteristics of development for the Theater. Historic preservation and public parking were ranked as less significant factors that should be considered.

Of all project characteristics tested, the

Dayan Public Market was viewed as the most favorable proposal in terms of overall concept with 61% of respondents indicating a favorable or very favorable view of the proposal. The Geraci & Katz mixed use development proposal was the second most favorable in terms of overall concept with 36% of respondents indicating a favorable or very favorable view of that proposal.

Full results from the survey as well as descriptions of each proposal can be found at www.cityhpil.com/theater.

CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK

HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

'HIGH' NOTES

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; and adult S, M, L, XL and XXL. Each shirt costs \$10 and only cash payments will be accepted. Come show your support for Highland Park's first responders!

New 2016 Finance Customer Service Window Hours

Beginning January 4, 2016, Finance customer service window hours at City Hall will be:

Monday 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Many payments can be completed on the City's website, www.cityhpil.com, including water bills, accounts receivable, dog licenses, and parking citations. Metra passes are available at the Metra train stations. Daily parking permits are available in the snack vending machines at the City's three train stations and Sunset Foods. For more info, please contact the Finance Department at (847) 432-0800.

Cultural Arts Plan Approved

Highland Park is a community that embraces the arts. That is the message the City Council wanted to send when it approved Highland Park's first Cultural Arts Plan in October. Initiated in 2013, the Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) engaged residents, businesses, and artists and arts organization through open houses, surveying, and focus groups to determine the cultural arts-related resources and needs of the community. Prepared and presented by the Cultural Arts Commission and the Planning Division, the Cultural Arts Plan shows the broad range of arts-related activities taking place in Highland Park and sets out a series of shared values, goals, objectives and tactics that can be taken on by the City and its partners in business and creative communities so that arts and culture continue to thrive here.

The Plan can be read online at www.cityhpil.com/culturalartsplan. For more information, please contact Lee Smith, Senior Planner at lsmith@cityhpil.com.

Thanksgiving Information

City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Residents may call the Public Safety Switchboard at (847) 432-7730 if assistance is required.

Also, please remember that garbage will not be collected on Thursday, November 26. Residents with regular Thursday refuse and recycling collection will receive service on Friday, November 27, and residents with normal Friday collection will receive service on Saturday, November 28. For information, contact Advanced Disposal Services at (847) 272-4145.

Winter Parking Regulations Begin December 1

Please be reminded that the "Snow Ordinance" (72.040) is in effect each year from December 1 through March 31. Vehicles may not be parked in excess of 15 minutes on any public streets between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. This Citywide ban facilitates snow removal operations when necessary and decreases damage to vehicles parked on the streets or in City lots. This ban applies at all times regardless of snow conditions.

Authorized overnight City parking lots require a valid overnight parking permit, which is available for purchase in City Hall, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Sergeant Chris O'Neill at (847) 432-7730 or conneill@cityhpil.com.

Dispose of Leaves Responsibly

Blowing or raking leaves onto the roadway can create slippery road conditions and increase the risk of clogged inlets and street flooding. Be sure to clear leaves from gutters and dispose of them properly. Residents are reminded that it is illegal to dump leaves, grass clippings and other debris onto City streets or into the drainage system. Please remember only drainwater goes down our storm drains! Residents are reminded to check that sump pumps and battery backup systems are functioning properly.

Seeking Donations of Older Used Vehicles

The Highland Park Fire Department is looking for donations of older, used vehicles for training purposes (*no need for the vehicle to be in working mechanical condition*). The department is in the process of training all members in the newest techniques and practices for vehicle extrication. Upon completion of this training, all members of the department will be certified by the Office of the State Fire Marshal to perform extrication/rescue from a wide variety of vehicle and machinery accidents. If anyone has an old car they are looking to donate, we work with a local Towing & Recovery business to pick up the vehicle and perform the title transfer.

Inquiries about any applicable tax deductions for the donation should be made to your individual tax professional.

Please contact the Fire Department Headquarters at (847) 433-3110 with your name, address and phone number to make a vehicle donation.

City Hall Food Drive Continues

City Hall continues to collect food donations in support of Moraine Township's Food Pantry. Collection bins are located in the lobby of City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Ave., which is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Suggested donations of non-perishable, unexpired food items include canned fruit and vegetables, canned meat, cooking oil, cereal, pasta and sauce, condiments, baking goods and toiletries.

LakeShore Refuse & Recycling Transition Update

Letters were mailed in early November to residents and businesses announcing the transition to LakeShore Recycling Systems (LRS) as the City's refuse and recycling hauler. In the next few weeks, residents can expect to receive a brochure that will provide detailed information on LRS services and the transition. Commercial and multi-family properties will also receive a detailed brochure and should expect to be contacted by LRS staff in person in the coming weeks.

For more information, please go to www.cityhpil.com/utilities or contact the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1000.

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

Help Eliminate Food Insecurity in Our Community

We are fortunate to live in a community where we work together and take action to help our neighbors in need. According to Moraine Township, over 27% of our kindergarten through eighth grade students qualify for free or reduced-cost lunches. Additionally, many seniors count on the Moraine Township food pantry for basic food supplies. In September, over 700 individuals received food from the pantry. Though we often focus on holiday meal needs at this time of year, we know that hunger is a year-round challenge for many of our families and seniors.

Last week, I convened a meeting with area clergy to discuss the City's on-going work in human services and issues specific to their congregations. The clergy lauded the year-round food drive we began over a year ago in cooperation with the City and Moraine Township as well as the summer-time community produce garden. We discussed how hunger is still an immediate opportunity for action.

Many local groups and individuals have taken on year-round hunger as a social action project. We have seen weekend food supply drives, monthly soup kitchen dinners and groups 'adopting' the Food Pantry as a social action project. These terrific efforts have helped raise awareness that the Food Pantry needs coverage every single week.

In an effort to mitigate the inconsistent supply of food supply at the pantry throughout the year, the Township continues to need assistance from all of us. As we have said before: Many hands together make light work. If everyone joins the effort, we can ensure a consistent level of food pantry supplies throughout the year.

Are you involved with a civic, religious, or other group? Are you or your family looking for a volunteer project? Are you a service-minded individual? If so, please consider adopting the Moraine Township Food Pantry for one week a year. Contact Moraine Township Supervisor Anne Flanigan Bassi at 847-432-3240 or super@morainetownship.org, or go to <http://www.morainetownship.org/super/pantry.html> for more information. Together, we can eliminate food insecurity for our community. No one should go hungry here.



A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Nancy R. Rotering".

Mayor Nancy R. Rotering

John Kearney's *Antelope* Sculpture Restored and Relocated

Antelope, by John Kearney, a car-bumper sculpture familiar to many residents, had been located near Sunset Park, adjacent to the Firehouse Youth Activity Center. Created in 1970, the sculpture was donated to the City in 1972. Over the years, various creatures took up residence inside the sculpture resulting in damage to the artwork that necessitated restoration. In 2014, the City Council, upon the recommendation of the Public Art Advisory Group and the Cultural

Arts Commission, authorized the restoration of *Antelope*. The restoration work was done by John Keith, the artist's long-time assistant and official restorer.

On October 26, the City rededicated *Antelope* at its new location, adjacent to the Rose Garden, just north of City Hall. Here *Antelope* joins other notable artworks and historic structures such as the Stupey cabin, for residents to enjoy.



Artist John Kearney (1924 - 2014) was a Chicago- and Provincetown-based American artist famous for making figurative sculptures, often of animals, using multiple, found metal objects, specifically bumpers from automobiles. His works are in many major museums, collections and public spaces. Kearney learned his welding skills as a World War II U.S. Navy sailor while performing underwater repair of naval vessels.

The City is pleased to have the restored *Antelope* at its new location for the enjoyment of residents and visitors for many years to come.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Artist, Arts Volunteer Jonathan Plotkin Receives 2015 Mayor's Award for the Arts

On October 26, Mayor Rotering awarded the 2015 Mayor's Award for the Arts to artist, arts-leader and long-time resident Jonathan Plotkin. In accepting the recommendation of the Cultural Arts Commission, Mayor Rotering recognized Mr. Plotkin's significant volunteer efforts to beautify the community and develop local arts institutions in Highland Park.

Each year the Mayor presents the award to a Highland Park individual or arts organization for contributions to the community through art. Nominations for the Mayor's Award for the Arts are solicited from the public by the Cultural Arts Commission which reviews the nominations and provides the Mayor with a recommendation. Mr. Plotkin was nominated by Mary Jo Papich, the former Chair of the Fine Arts Department at Highland Park High School and a former Cultural Arts Commissioner. This year there were five nominees for the Award.

Mayor Rotering noted Mr. Plotkin's ongoing contributions to the community as an artist, arts-volunteer, and businessman.

Mr. Plotkin is a nationally published editorial cartoonist and illustrator whose art can be found on the pages of the Chicago Tribune and other national and regional

publications, as well as on his own website, www.plotkinart.com.

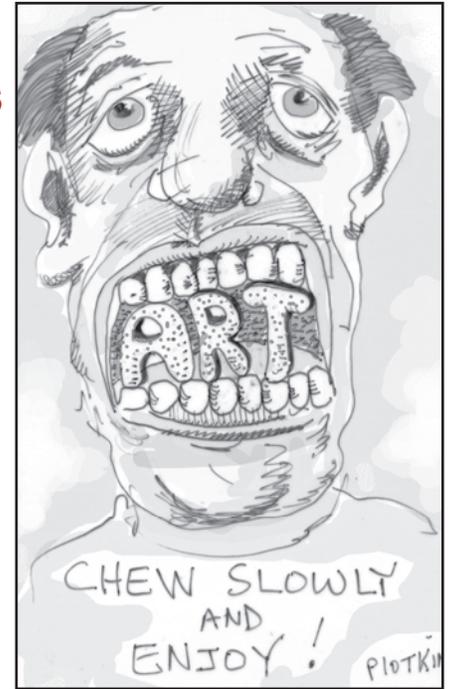
Mr. Plotkin is a two-time juror and judge of the Port Clinton Art Fair and a regular visiting artist at Highland Park High School's bi-annual Focus On The Arts.

Jonathan is a standing member of the National Cartoonist Society where he serves on the governing body as Minister of Ways and Means for the Chicago chapter. He is also a member of the National Association of Editorial Cartoonists. When not doodling Jonathan is a commercial real estate investor and proud father of four children: Noah, Oliver, Alexander and Pearl.

In 2009 Jonathan was appointed by the Mayor of Highland Park to serve as Chairman of the Highland Park Roundtable Business Advisory Group.

Jonathan is a past Board member of the Chicago Association of Realtors and was an active member of Remains Theatre's Board of Directors formerly located in Chicago.

Jonathan completed two terms as Chairman of the Cultural Arts Commission of Highland Park before moving on to take his place on the Board of The Art Center Highland Park including two terms as Board President. He currently serves on TAC's Executive Board.



Jonathan firmly believes spontaneous doodling has the power to expand the creative potential of the human mind and that every child should be allowed to daydream in class with a fist full of colored pencils and a stack of blank paper. As a world traveler and self-proclaimed expert on all things strange and unusual, Jonathan believes that art is a universal language that can be used as a tool for creative problem solving and expression.

Congratulations to Jonathan Plotkin on being the 2015 Mayor's Award for the Arts recipient.

Move Over for Stationary Emergency Vehicles

Nationwide, numerous police officers, fire personnel and highway maintenance workers are seriously injured or killed each year when they are struck by vehicles while working in or near the roadway at emergency scenes, while conducting traffic stops and while performing highway maintenance. The Police Department reminds motorists to comply with "Scott's Law", also known as the "Move Over Law." In December 2000, Lieutenant Scott Gillen of the Chicago Fire Department was struck and killed while assisting at a crash scene on a Chicago expressway. A passing car, driving too fast and too close to the crash scene, lost control just as it was passing Gillen's parked fire truck, striking the Lieutenant and fatally injuring him. The law requires all motorists to yield



the right-of-way to stationary emergency vehicles with activated emergency lights by changing into a lane not immediately adjacent to the emergency vehicle if traffic conditions permit, slow down, and proceed with caution.

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has posted "Move Over" signage along its expressways to further

educate motorists. Violations are punishable by fines up to \$10,000 when injuries occur and/or suspensions of driving privileges from 90 days to two years. Help keep police officers, fire personnel, highway maintenance workers and tow company personnel safe by always yielding the right-of-way to stationary emergency vehicles with activated emergency lights by changing into a lane not immediately adjacent to the emergency vehicle if traffic conditions permit and slowing down. Be watchful of the movement of police, fire and maintenance personnel while driving on the roadway. Scott's Law applies to all emergency vehicles displaying flashing lights, including highway maintenance vehicles and tow trucks.

YOUTH & SENIOR SERVICES

Events & Activities:

Thanksgiving Luncheon & Concert
Highland Park Country Club
Thursday, November 19
12:00 p.m. - 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. Following 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.

Prescription Drug Plan Assistance

Open enrollment for the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan extends from **October 15 - December 7, 2015**. During this period 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. Please call Jennifer at (847) 432-4110 to make an appointment.

Humanities Series

Highland Park Public Library
Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Free and open to all

Co-presented with the Highland Park Public Library

Sponsored by Silverado - Highland Park

November 18 Dressing Downton: Changing Fashions For Changing Times

Get a sneak preview of the exhibition, *Dressing Downton: Changing Fashion For Changing Times*, coming to Chicago's Driehaus Museum in February. Lise Dubé-Scherr, the museum's executive director, previews the exhibition featuring more than 35 costumes from the popular British TV series *Downton Abbey*. Gain a new perspective on the show's memorable characters and the great changes taking place in Britain during the early 20th century.

December 2 Northlight Theater Preview: You Can't Take It With You

Join special guests from the Northlight Theater for a preview of their upcoming show, *You Can't Take it With You*, one of the most popular comedies in American theatre. Meet the Sycamores - a madcap clan who sets the bar for eccentricity. When Alice brings her high society fiancé home to meet the parents, fireworks nearly bring the house down. Despite their zany antics and unconventional ways, this tight-knit family offers hope that love and laughter lead to happiness even in

senior

Serving Adults Over 50

54 Laurel Avenue
(847) 432-4110

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

the hardest of times. One lucky participant will win a pair of tickets to the performance.

Festival of Lights

CJE Weinberg Community
Wednesday, December 9

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Fee: \$5; for members only

Rejoice during the holidays with fun and friends. Party with a delicious kosher luncheon, traditional music, and party favors. Tour the facility and learn all about CJE SeniorLife. Transportation is on your own.

Live on the Links Classic Concerts:

Highland Park Strings Piano Trio

Highland Park Country Club

Thursday, December 10

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Free for members / NM: \$10

Sponsored by Aperion Care

Larry Block, cellist and founder of the Highland Park Strings is joined by resident, Steven Greene on piano and David Yonan, internationally acclaimed violinist, in a performance of piano trios, including the Piano Trio No. 7 by Beethoven (the "Archduke").

The Firehouse Youth Center is designed to meet the after school needs of families with children in middle school.

- Transportation: Available from all three middle schools
- After 3 Homework Club: Provides supervision by professional staff who offer students assistance with homework, enrichment activities, and a daily snack.
- Firehouse Choice Time: Participants can choose to socialize, play some of the many arcade, board, and video games available, enjoy supervised play outdoors Sunset Park, and participate in special activities including Art Club, Cooking Club, and more.

Firehouse Fees Include:

- 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 Laura at (847) 432-4110.

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

The Sugar Plum Fairy Tea Party **November 22**

10:30 a.m.

North Shore School of Dance
505 Laurel Avenue
(847) 432-2060

Tickets \$15 per child ages 3 - 8
The Sugar Plum Fairy serves "tea" and special treats to her young guests. Children enjoy stroy time, dancing, games, and a special performance of The Nutcracker. The Party lasts 90 minutes. Register at www.northshoredance.com.

Affordable Housing Information Session **December 8, 7:00 p.m.** **January 12, 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.

Formal Coffee & Conversation with Artist Carl Holzman

December 3, 6:00 p.m.

Formal Exhibit runs through January 2, 2016

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

Formal features the fine art of Igor and Marina, Beth Kamhi and Carl Holzman. Utilizing interpretations of the figure, turned wood vessels or photo-realistic still life, the work of these artists exudes importance.

Irina Makkai Classical Ballet & Dance School's The Nutcracker

December 5 & 6

4:00 p.m.

Elm Place Middle School
2031 Sheridan Road
(847) 433-1449

Tickets \$20

www.balletmakkai.com

Irina Makkai Classical Ballet & Dance School presents two performances of this beloved holiday favorite.

North Shore School of Dance's The Nutcracker **December 5, 6 & 12**

4:00 p.m.

www.northshoredance.com

(847) 432-2060

Tickets \$22 adults, \$15 students, seniors & military

The North Shore School of Dance presents Tchaikovsky's holiday treasure featuring more than 40 dancers from Highland Park performing with guest professionals.

Joining the War Effort with Commander Larry Sassarossi of American Legion Post #145

December 7, 7:00 p.m.

Pearl Harbor Day

Highland Park Public Library
494 Laurel Avenue Auditorium
(847) 432-7090

Veterans of World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War and Desert Storm will recollect their experience with Commander Larry Sassarossi of American Legion Post #145.



The Nutcracker performed by North Shore School of Dance

Moraine Township Expands Door-to-Door Transportation for Seniors

In an effort to help seniors continue to enrich and contribute to our community, Moraine Township offers daily hours for its para-transit vans to provide rides for non-medical appointments. The Township looks forward to helping seniors and disabled residents run errands, visit area businesses, grocery shop, schedule beauty shop appointments, and take care of other personal business within the Township. Personal errands may be scheduled weekdays between 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.; other times may be scheduled subject to availability.

The Moraine Township Vans operate weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and are available to Moraine Township residents age 65 or older, or disabled. They are primarily for medical appointments up to 15-miles from Township borders, however personal errands can be scheduled within the Township 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays; other times subject to availability. Caregivers are required to accompany wheelchair riders (caregivers ride free). The cost is \$4.00 per trip and \$2.00 for income qualified residents.

For more information, please call Moraine Township at (847) 432-3240, email super@morainetownship.org or visit www.morainetownship.org.

Community House Offers Prime Event Space in Downtown Highland Park

In addition to their beautiful and grand ballroom, the Highland Park Community House also has an intimate Living Room which is the perfect setting for smaller functions, ie: business meetings, board meetings, luncheons, speaker events, educational forums, conferences, baby showers, wedding showers, life cycle events. A list of equipment included in the rental can be found on the website at www.highland-parkcommunityhouse.org/rental-options/#equipment

Take advantage of this gem and landmark in our community!



Pictured above is the Community House's Living Room space perfect for small events.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

Curious About Reconfiguration? Attend a Community Conversation

One thing is certain---change is coming to District 112. Our schools are deteriorating, and operating 12 schools is financially unsustainable. Our district has a choice: We can carry out a thoughtful, proactive plan that will put us on firm footing for decades, or place ourselves in a reactive position that will require making painful decisions, like cutting programs and services, increasing class sizes, closing schools and redrawing boundaries.

For several years, our district community has worked to develop a reconfiguration plan that meets our educational, financial and facilities needs. After gathering information on dozens of options, the Board of Education is focusing on developing one model.

This model includes a single middle school with separate wings for grades 5-6 and 7-8 on the Sherwood/Red Oak site, and renovating six schools to serve students in grades K-4. This model will allow the district to reinvestigate and rebuild its aging buildings, ensure financial viability and most of all, improve education for students.

You can learn more by attending a com-

munity conversation that will feature a brief introductory presentation, followed by a question-and-answer discussion with a team of district administrators, educators, board members and consulting architects and/or construction managers.

All residents are welcome to attend a conversation at any district school in November and December. The schedule is listed below. All meetings will last for approximately two hours.

Community Conversation Schedule

November 3, 1:30 p.m., Braeside
November 9, 9 a.m., Red Oak
November, 6:30 p.m., Lincoln
November 10, 9 a.m., Sherwood
November 10, 6:30 p.m., Elm Place
November 16, 9 a.m., Wayne Thomas
November 16, 6:30 p.m., Northwood
November 17, 8 a.m., Elm Place
November 18, 6:30 p.m., Red Oak
November 19, 9 a.m., Lincoln
November 19, 6:30 p.m., Edgewood
November 30, 6:30 p.m., Ravinia
December 1, 9 a.m., Indian Trail



December 2, 6:30 p.m., Oak Terrace
December 3, 8:30 a.m., Ravinia
December 4, 9 a.m., Green Bay
December 7, 8 a.m., Edgewood
December 7, 6:30 p.m., Indian Trail
December 9, 6:30 p.m., Sherwood
December 10, 8:30 a.m., Oak Terrace
December 10, 6:30 p.m., Braeside
December 14, 8 a.m., Northwood

Each meeting will provide an overview of the entire project. If you're interested in learning more about one particular aspect of reconfiguration, and want to host a topic-specific conversation with your neighbors, colleagues or friends, please contact Community Relations Director Andi Rosen at arosen@nssd112.org, (224) 765-3013.

District 113's Construction Continues on Track

Township High School District 113's \$114 million in referendum construction projects to enhance the learning environments at Highland Park High School and Deerfield High School continue to proceed on time, on budget and on scope, and we are looking forward to showcasing our new spaces thus far with community tours this winter. Stay tuned for details, and be sure to visit www.dist113.org/facilityupdates for the latest updates and photos.

What's new?

The HPHS B Building exterior masonry restoration and window installation is complete, and the scaffolding has been removed. This work was initially scheduled to take three summers, but the work was completed in 2015 ahead of schedule.

The underground utilities, excavation and concrete foundation work on the HPHS C Building addition were scheduled to be completed in October, along with concrete work for the HPHS pool addition in available areas. The demolition of the existing pool at HPHS will begin once the

Deerfield pool is in use. Upon decommissioning of the old HPHS pool, work will begin on the building adjacent to the new HPHS gym that will house the restrooms and other P.E. spaces such as a yoga gym and dance studios. Per the original phasing plan, the new HPHS gym is now being used for P.E. classes and athletics, and will be open for competitions and events in 2017 upon completion of the adjacent building. The current HPHS Exhibition Gym will continue to be used for competitions and events until construction is complete.

The Vine Avenue visitor and staff parking lot at HPHS opened on October 19, bringing the school back up to full capacity for on-campus parking. On October 5 the District 113 Board of Education approved the HPHS St. Johns and Woodpath pedestrian traffic signal project as required by the City of Highland Park. Visit www.dist113.org/facilityupdates to view the presentation by Eriksson Engineering regarding the crosswalk, which includes details about

how the signal functions for pedestrians and drivers.

A number of community partners joined District 113

Board members and staff for the dedication of the new permeable paver parking lot at Wolters Field prior to the start of the HPHS/DHS crosstown varsity football game October 2. This work was separate from the referendum projects, and the District was awarded a \$368,694 grant from the Illinois Green Infrastructure Grant Program for Stormwater Management to fund 50 percent of the work.

At Deerfield High School, work continues on the IHSA competition-size pool and the library renovation/expansion, both of which are scheduled to be completed in late fall 2015. Additionally, the elevator addition at the main entrance of DHS is scheduled to be completed in 2015 ahead of schedule.



Camp Registration Going On Now!



Learn More at pdhp.org

*Winter Survival?
It's all in your attitude.*



Winter Registration Begins:

- ❄️ **Wed Nov 18**
Tennis Programs
- ❄️ **Thu Nov 12**
Early Childhood, Dance, Art, Golf,
Fitness, and Nature Programs
- ❄️ **Mon Jan 11**
Figure Skating & Hockey Programs

 **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

Friday Night Drop-In Tennis

Adults Level 3.5 and Above
 Fri Dec 4, 11, 18 7:30-9:30pm
 Deer Creek Racquet Club • 701 Deer Creek Parkway
 Play organized matches that are rotated every half hour. *Fee is per Friday.*

Sunday Night Drop-In Tennis

Level 3.0 and Above
 Sun Dec 6, 13 7:30-9:30pm
 Deer Creek Racquet Club • 701 Deer Creek Parkway
 Organized matches that are rotated every half hour. *Fee is per Sunday.*

Parents Night Out

Ages 5-10
 Fri Dec 4 6-9pm
 Centennial Ice Arena • 3100 Trail Way
 The evening will include pizza dinner, climbing through an obstacle course in the gym, playing games, and making a craft. *Pre-registration required by Nov 30.*

Grins, Giggles & Gags

Ages 5-7
 Tue Dec 22 10am-2pm
 West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Road
 Join us for a hilarious time telling jokes, learning tricks, and making gags! *Pre-registration required.*

Junior Holiday Break Tennis Academy

Ages 5-14
 Dec 21-24 or Dec 28-31 9am-2:30pm
 Deer Creek Racquet Club • 701 Deer Creek Parkway
 Get out of the house and hit the courts this winter break. Drill and play with our pro's and also play games. Call 847.433.5450 for more information.

Around the World

Grades 1-5
 Tue Dec 22, 29
 West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Road
 An around the world vacation without the plane ride! We'll create passports so we may travel from country to country; exploring different cultures and learning about transportation! *Pre-registration required.*

Adult Fitness Programs

Recreation Center of Highland Park • 1207 Park Ave West

<u>Body Sculpt</u> Mon 5:45-6:45am Sun 9:15-10am	<u>H2O Connect</u> Mon 8:30-9:30am Wed 8:30-9:30am Sat 8:30-9:30am	<u>Cardio Tone Light</u> Wed 11:30am-12:30pm <u>Better Balance</u> Fri 12-1pm <u>Open Meditation</u> Mon 5:15-5:45pm <u>Balance & Tone</u> Tue 10:30-11:30am <u>WERQ Dance Class</u> Wed 6:30-7:30pm Thu 10:30-11:30am <u>Women on Weights</u> Tue 6:25-7:20pm <u>Barre Cardio</u> Fri 8:30-9:25am <u>Strictly Strength</u> Mon/Thur 1:15-2:15pm
<u>Cardio Sculpt</u> Wed 8:30-9:25am	<u>Pilates</u> Wed 10:30-11:25am <u>Light n' Lively</u> Fri 11am-Noon <u>Yoga</u> Tue 6:15-7:30pm Th 10:45-11:45am <u>Strength & Core</u> Sat 9:30-10:30am <u>Yoga Flow</u> Sun 9:30-10:45am <u>Slow Flow Yoga</u> Thur 10:45-11:45am <u>Chair Yoga</u> Tue Thur 12-1pm	
<u>Aqua Fit</u> TThF 8:30-9:30am Wed 10:30-11:30am Sun 9:30-10:30am	<u>Aqua Fusion</u> Tue Fri 10-11am <u>Aqua Zumba</u> Thu 9:30-10:30am <u>Zumba</u> Mon 8-9am Tues 9:30-10:30am Fri 9:30-10:30am Sat 10:45-11:45am Sun 8-9am	

Emergency Closing Information

The Park District of Highland Park endeavors to keep its facilities and programs operating whenever possible. There are times, however, when weather, road conditions, or facility malfunctions dictate that programs and/or services must be cancelled or temporarily postponed or entire facilities closed. Please refer to the Park Districts website pdhp.org for a full list of closing or canceling criteria for emergency closings.

To always have the most current information keep informed with RainoutLine by:

- Downloading the RainoutLine App from the App store
- Visiting Rainoutline.com
- Calling Rainoutline at 847.579.9008



HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Celebrate Family Reading Night @ The Library!



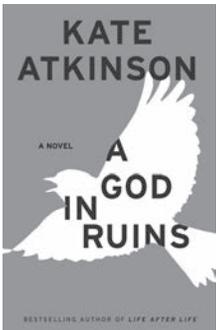
Start Here! Grab the Family!

Thursday, November 19, 5 – 8:30 p.m. Drop by at any time!

Family Reading Night is an annual statewide event to encourage families to spend quality time reading together.

Sponsored by the Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White and Illinois Center for the Book.

A God In Ruins



Book Discussion

Tuesday,
December 1, 1 p.m.
Noted book discussion leader Judy Levin leads a discussion about *A God In Ruins*, by Kate Atkinson.

Dollar & Sense

Long-Term Care Insurance

Thursday, December 3, 7 p.m.
Learn about the average cost and length of a long-term care event and multiple strategies to protect your assets and loved ones from this particular risk.

Jazz Concert

Saturday November 21, 3 p.m.
Jazz vocalist Petra van Nuis will perform with her quartet.

Plants, Poems, And Prose: An Exploration Of Winter

Monday, December 7, 1 p.m.
Author Marta McDowell returns to the library to explore the garden in winter and shares ideas, illustrated with photographs and selections of great writing. If you have a favorite poem or quote about winter, please bring it with you. Get in the spirit of the season and enjoy hot chocolate!



Dressing Downton: Changing Fashion For Changing Times

Wednesday, November 18, 10:30 a.m.
Dressing Downton: Changing Fashion For Changing Times, is coming to Chicago's Driehaus Museum in February. The museum's executive director, Lise Dubé-Scherr, previews the exhibition which will feature more than 35 costumes from the popular British TV series *Downton Abbey*, offer a new perspective on the show's memorable characters, and chronicle the great changes taking place in Britain during the early 20th century.
Presented with the Highland Park Senior Center.
Sponsored by Silverado of Highland Park.

Winter Storytime Sessions

Storytime sessions, with activities designed to foster pre-reading skills for newborns to six-year-olds, begin in January. Registration begins Monday, November 30. Visit kidsevents.org for storytime dates and times and to register.

Teen Finance And Entrepreneurship Club

Tuesdays, November 17,
December 1, 6 p.m.
Interested in learning more about personal finance and entrepreneurship? Meetings will feature professional financial advisors and business people.

Drop In Chess Club

Saturdays
December 5 – February 6
Drop in from
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Grades K – 9.
Chess will not meet January 9.

Every level of play is welcome. A chess expert will be available to help beginners or advanced players. Boards and sets will be provided.



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BUSINESS REPORT

NEW BUSINESSES

Tastebudz
3150 Skokie Valley Road, Unit 15
(847) 322-7623
tastebudzfood2u.com
Caterer and Small Order Delivery Service

Florals By Mary Celeste
610 Central Avenue, Suite 160
(847) 780-4787
Florist

Step 2 This Dance Studio
1510 Old Deerfield Road, #215
(815) 739-3187
www.step2.dance
Dance Studio

Career Exploration Program
The Highland Park Career Exploration Program is currently seeking interested business professionals to mentor and provide job shadowing to Highland Park high school students. For more information, go to www.cityhpil.com/hpce or call the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1000.

2015 Business Summit Summary

On Wednesday, October 21, 2015, the City of Highland Park hosted its third annual Business Summit at the Highland Park Country Club. The Summit is designed to enhance business retention and attraction and facilitate economic growth within Highland Park. In attendance were more than 175 government officials, community leaders, real estate professionals, businesses and business prospects.



City officials provided highlights of Highland Park's business development initiatives and efforts to build partnerships and collaboration with the business community to work toward a common goal to improve economic growth, vibrancy and quality of life in the community. Keynote speaker Greg Samata of Samata Branding & Consulting addressed the critical importance of branding to promote economic excellence in Highland Park, and suggested ways businesses can periodically seek feedback from clients and customers to ensure that they are fulfilling their brand promise.

The Business Summit was generously sponsored by Ravinia Festival, First Bank of Highland Park, Renaissance Place, Lake Shore Recycling Systems, Lake County Partners, G2 Crowd/Steelbrick, Stahl Cowan and Crossroads Car Wash.

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