

THE HIGHLANDER



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Assault Weapons Ban Upheld By U.S. Supreme Court

On Monday, December 7, 2015, the United States Supreme Court announced that it will not entertain a challenge to the City of Highland Park's ban on assault weapons and large-capacity magazines, thus allowing the 7th Circuit Court opinion supporting the ordinance to remain standing. This Supreme Court's determination is a resounding victory for the City of Highland Park and the safety of its residents.

Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering stated: "We are pleased that the 7th Circuit decision to uphold Highland Park's right to take reasonable steps to protect our citizens from particularly dangerous firearms has been preserved. Banning assault weapons and large capacity magazines is a common sense step to reducing gun violence and protecting our children and our communities from potential mass violence and grief."

On June 24, 2013, the City passed an ordinance prohibiting the possession, sale, or manufacture of certain military-style weapons and large capacity magazines. The

City later amended the ordinance to create exceptions for qualified retired law enforcement officers and for owners of curios or relics that are safely stored.

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

On September 18, 2014, Judge John Darrah (United States District Court - Northern District of Illinois) ruled that the City of Highland Park's ban on assault weapons and large-capacity magazines does not violate the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. On appeal, the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit affirmed the decision of the court, and therefore the constitutionality of the ban, on April 27, 2015.

The City's Corporation Counsel, Steven M. Elrod of Holland & Knight LLP draft-

ed the ordinance, and supervised the litigation defense strategy. However, to save legal fees for the City, an arrangement was made through the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence to engage the Perkins Coie law firm on a pro bono basis to represent the City. Chris Wilson, an accomplished federal court litigator, and Managing Partner of the Chicago Office of Perkins Coie, argued the case before the 7th Circuit.

According to Elrod, the 7th Circuit accepted the City's central argument that the banned weapons are "dangerous and unusual" and therefore not protected under the Second Amendment. The Court also recognized that the City created a fair balance by adopting an ordinance that serves to protect the safety of its residents while not completely banning all types of weapons. Further, the Court stated that "laws similar to Highland Park's reduce the share of gun crimes involving assault weapons."

Facts, Frequently Asked Questions on Waste Hauling Transition

As of January 1, 2016, Lakeshore Recycling Systems will become the City of Highland Park's exclusive waste and recycling company. For the most part, residents will not notice any changes in your current service, but will notice lower prices and more options for disposing of organic and electronic materials.

The following are frequently asked questions and facts regarding the upcoming transition of waste hauler to Lakeshore Recycling Systems.

Will the service options remain the same? Yes, all current service options will remain in place.

What will my garbage pickup day be? There will be no change in your service day(s). You will continue to place your refuse out on the same day.

What size carts will be offered? Depending on the service, LRS will offer a choice of 35, 65 and 95-gallon carts. Vol-

ume-based and backdoor customers will be provided a 35-gallon refuse cart. Subscription curbside customers have the option of choosing a 35, 65 or 95-gallon cart for both refuse and recycling.

Volume-based curbside customers may choose a 35, 65, or 95-gallon cart for recycling. All backdoor customers will receive a 35-gallon recycling cart.

Can I use stickers that I already purchased for Advanced Disposal? Yes, LRS will accept stickers purchased for Advanced Disposal collection. However, it is recommended and strongly encouraged that volume-based customers purchase new stickers for LRS moving forward, as they will cost less.

How do I return my Advanced Disposal containers and receive Lakeshore Recycling Systems containers? In the first two weeks of January, you will place your Advanced Disposal containers at curbside

(or backdoor if you have that service) on your regularly scheduled pickup day.

On the same day or next day, your Advanced Disposal refuse & recycling containers will be picked up, and your new Lakeshore Recycling Systems containers will be dropped off.

I will not be in town the first two weeks of January so how do I get new carts? Please call LRS to put your account on hold and your new containers will be delivered upon your return. Please contact Advanced Disposal to arrange pickup of your AD containers.

For more information, please contact Lakeshore Recycling Systems at (773) 685-8811, Advanced Disposal at (847) 272-4145, or the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1000.

More frequently asked questions can be found at www.lrsrecycles.com/formunicipal/city-of-highland-park.

CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK

HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

'HIGH' NOTES

Winter Tree Trimming

Each year, the City has contractors trim parkway trees in one of the eight sections of the City. The work consists of removing any large dead, dying, or diseased limbs that may have accumulated since the last trimming cycle. This maintenance helps to ensure the trees grow correctly and are safe for everybody to enjoy.

This winter, Advanced Tree Care will begin trimming in Region 1. This is the northwest corner of Highland Park to the west side of Skokie Valley Road and north of Northland Avenue. A map identifying the regions is available on the City's website, www.cityhpil.com/treetrimming. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the City Forester Joe O'Neill at (847) 926-1604 or joneill@cityhpil.com.

Piano at Ravinia Train Station

A vintage piano donated to the City has been installed at the Ravinia Train Station. Musically inclined residents and visitors are encouraged to play the piano. There is no piano bench in the Station so pianists may wish to bring their own stool or chair.

For more information or to make a donation for the piano's tuning and restoration, please contact Jennifer Dotson in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1006 or jdotsen@cityhpil.com.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Residents may dispose of Christmas trees on their primary refuse collection day. Lakeshore Recycling Systems will collect, transport and dispose of trees left curbside by all customers through January 15, 2016. A sticker is not required. Contact Lakeshore Recycling Systems at (773) 685-8811 with questions.

Residents may also drop-off trees free of decorations, wires or any other materials for recycling by the Park District through January 18, 2016. Drop-off locations are in posted areas of parking lots at Larry Fink Park, 1377 Deer Creek Parkway, and Danny Cunniff Park, 2700 Trailway. Park District crews chip the trees for use as mulch. Residents are welcome to use the mulch for their own gardens and landscapes. Contact Noel Rolle, Director of Parks, at (847) 579-3130 for more information.

Holiday Reminders

The Mayor and City Council wish all Highland Park residents a very happy and safe holiday season. City offices will be closed on Friday, December 25, Friday, January 1 and Monday, January 18, in observance of Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, respectively. 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 Fridays, December 25 and January 1. Residents with regular Friday refuse and recycling collection will receive service on Saturday. Lakeshore Recycling Systems will begin operations on Saturday, January 2. Contact info for Lakeshore and Advanced Disposal are on page 1.

Winter Parking Regulations

Please be reminded that the "Snow Ordinance" (72.040) is in effect each year from December 1 to 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. The 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 - Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

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.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service: January 18

Join together with the community, friends and family for the 7th Annual MLK Day of Service. Purposeful service projects and entertainment will engage all ages. Once again, the Honorable Jesse White, Illinois Secretary of State, will recount his experiences as a student of Dr. King, and The Jesse White Tumbling Team will perform their amazing feats. Come hear Highland Park's very own Lynn Epps performing a portrait of Dr. King. Also, the Edgewood chorus will be performing.

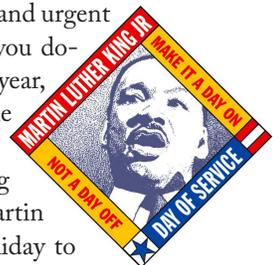
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said that "life's most persistent and urgent question is what are you doing for others?" Each year, Americans across the country answer that question by coming together on the Martin Luther King Day holiday to serve their neighbors and communities. The MLK Day of Service is a part of United We Serve, the President's national call to service initiative. It calls for Americans from all walks of life to work together to provide solutions to our most pressing national problems.

Service projects will include, among others, assembling toiletries for Hospitalized Veterans and the USO, creating Valentine messages for Operation Support Our Troops (Braeside PTO), decorating squares for Project Linus (Lincoln Service Club), decorating tablecloths for the USO (Wayne Thomas PTO), helping prepare soup packets for Moraine Twp. Food Bank (Red Oak PTO), decorating book marks for Bernie's Book Bank (Ravinia CARE Club), and decorating and filling book bags for distribution at North Shore Health Clinic.

This is your chance to turn community concerns into citizen action. For more info contact Cheryl Levi at 847-903-9523 or levi.cheryl@yahoo.com. Check out the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MLKDayOfService2013HighlandParkIL.

Donations of toiletries and food are needed. Please contact Cheryl if you have items to donate.

There will be onsite parking, with overflow at Wolters Field.



CITY COUNCIL NEWS

Supreme Court Upholds Highland Park's Assault Weapons Ban

No parent sending a child to school, to the park or to the movies, should have to worry about whether they will come home or not. No one attending a party, a concert, sporting event or taking a moment to worship should have to look over their shoulder with concern about coming together in a public place. It is well past time to take action to reduce the gun violence that threatens our nation's safety, and inflicts fear and pain on countless families and communities. As a mom of four sons and as a Mayor, I worry about the safety of our children and our neighbors in the wake of the increase in mass gun violence.

When given the opportunity in 2013, as Mayor I had the courage to lead the charge, and together with the Highland Park City Council - Tony Blumberg, Paul Frank, Michelle Holleman, Dan Kaufman, Alyssa Knobel, and Kim Stone, we passed one of the few local assault weapons and high capacity magazine bans in the country.

While special interests challenged the ban, we prevailed in the US Northern IL District Court, the US Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit and today, we are pleased that the US Supreme Court announced that it will not entertain a challenge to Highland Park's ban on assault weapons and large capacity magazines. This allows the 7th Circuit's decision supporting the ordinance to remain standing.

Special thanks to our counsel Steve Elrod and his partners at Holland and Knight, Senator Dick Durbin and his staff, the Brady Campaign and our pro bono counsel Chris Wilson and staff at Perkins Coie.

There have been over 100 school shootings since Sandy Hook. Where does it stop? Banning assault weapons and high capacity magazines is one common sense action to reduce gun violence and protect our children and our communities from potential mass violence and grief.

We are pleased to have been able to take this action, to have it affirmed as being within our Constitutional rights to protect our citizens from these dangerous and unusual firearms, and encourage other cities and villages in our nation to follow suit.



Mayor Nancy R. Rotering



Winter Driving Safety Tips

Poor visibility and roads covered with snow and ice can make traveling stressful, frustrating and hazardous. Winter driving can be dangerous especially on slick roads coupled with low visibility. The Police Department offers suggestions for safe travel:

- Buckle seat safety belts...it's the law.
- Drive with headlights on and don't use bright lights during a snowstorm as it increases the glare and reflection from falling snow. State law requires the use of headlights when windshield wipers are activated.
- Keep your gas tank full.
- Keep all windows clear of snow and ice.
- Drive slower and increase the distance between your car and the one in front of

you. Speed should be adjusted for conditions to match traffic flow. This is a primary cause of crashes which can be avoided.

- If pavement is snow or ice covered, start slowly and brake gently. Braking abruptly can result in skidding and loss of control. Begin braking before approaching an intersection. Remember, bridges freeze over first.

- Be careful if you are involved in a minor accident. If possible, relocate the vehicles involved to the nearest location free from other motorists that may cause further danger.

- Hand-held cell phone use while driving is illegal in Illinois. Hand-held cell phone use while driving is even more dangerous

during winter driving and greatly compromises public safety.

- Maintain a safe distance from State and City snow plow trucks. Do not pass snow plow trucks when they are engaged in snow plowing and salting activities.

- Move over a lane width when possible and slow down when passing stationary emergency and highway maintenance vehicles with their emergency warning lights activated. It's the law.

- Don't Drive. Avoid driving during snow storms and severe weather. Consider public transportation.

Be a safe driver and drive responsibly. Allow more time for travel. Help the Police Department reduce crashes and injuries this winter driving season.

COMMUNITY NEWS

2015 - 2016 Snow Plan

The Public Works Department offers the following FAQs in preparation for the 2015-2016 winter season. Timely response and effective execution against variable weather conditions are essential. The Public Works Department works proactively by monitoring weather reports and working closely with Public Safety offices to ensure efficient operations.

When are specific streets plowed? Under normal conditions all streets are plowed at least once within the first six hours of a three-inch or less snowfall. However, it is important to note initial snow removal operations are staged simultaneously throughout the City and multiple plowing passes along streets are required to move snow to the curb. A winter storm's magnitude may extend response times. Regardless, snow removal operations will continue until all streets are passable and all parking areas have been cleared.

How is the application of salt managed? The initial salting effort concentrates on hills, intersections and inherently hazardous areas.

Why do plows occasionally fill driveway approaches? Plows need to make multiple passes to push snow back to the

curbs. Plows initially traverse the center of each street so cars can travel in both directions. Then, the plow trucks return to push the snow back to the curbs. This helps melting snow enter the storm sewers or other drainage systems. The City has approximately 10,000 residential driveways and unfortunately, it is difficult for the plow trucks to avoid filling driveway approaches.

When are sidewalks plowed? The City maintains approximately 130 miles of public sidewalk. For every snow event, the City first plows sidewalk areas that are considered high pedestrian foot traffic areas. These areas typically include in and around train stations, in the vicinity of schools, Central and Ravinia business districts, parking garage entrances, and public facilities. Upon accumulation of more than four inches of snow, the City will then plow all City sidewalks, including all residential sidewalks. This process of clearing residential sidewalks can take up to 72 hours as the City must first prioritize streets and high pedestrian foot traffic areas.

As a reminder, areas or other sidewalks that are not plowed by the City are the responsibility of the abutting property owners or merchants. Additionally, depositing



snow onto sidewalks makes it difficult for pedestrians to walk on those sidewalks and for sidewalk plows (where applicable) to clear the walks.

How should drivers navigate the road when encountering a snow plow? The large heavy plow trucks are difficult to maneuver and visibility is reduced in less than optimal driving conditions. Plow trucks also generate slush obscuring visibility so it is important to stay clear at all times.

What assistance can residents provide? Observe street parking restrictions and avoid parking on the street until after the road has been cleared after a significant snowfall event. Ensure snow is not pushed onto a neighbor's property. The City prohibits removing snow or ice from any building, private property, driveway, driveway approach or public sidewalk and depositing it onto public streets. See guidelines on snow removal below.

Who should residents call? During regular working hours contact Public Works Department at (847) 432-0807. During off hours or emergencies call the Police dispatch hotline at (847) 432-7730.

Snow Removal Guidelines

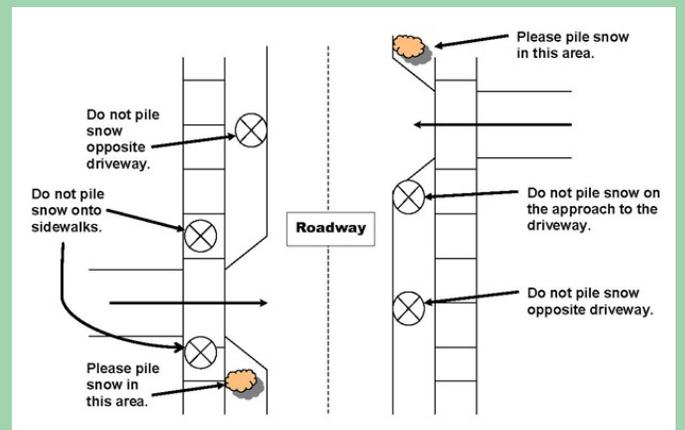
As a reminder, it is a violation to remove snow from one parcel of property and deposit it onto another parcel (including the adjacent public parkway) without the consent of the property owner. It has been a common practice for many snow removal companies to push snow from one property, across public streets, and onto the parkway on the opposing side of the street. Depositing snow on private property or in the public right-of-way across from the property being cleared of snow can damage property, create a nuisance, and hamper sight lines from adjacent properties.

The deposited snow is also a nuisance to the "receiving" property owner because of potential property damage and reduced sight lines from their driveways. The code does provide an exemption to allow plow operators to deposit snow on the City parkway located immediately adjacent to and on the same side of street as the property from which the snow is being removed.

Property owners are encouraged to contact their private snow removal companies to inform them of the Snow Removal Ordinance provisions. Snow plow operators observed improperly depositing snow in violation of the ordinance will be cited; however,

residents should be aware that they are ultimately responsible for compliance with this ordinance and may also be cited.

As a reminder, it is responsibility of abutting property owners or merchants to clear the sidewalks after every snow event. Upon accumulation of snow totals to 4", public sidewalk routes will be plowed. This process of clearing residential sidewalks can take up to 72 hours as the City must first prioritize streets and high pedestrian foot traffic areas.



YOUTH & SENIOR SERVICES

The Highland Park Senior Center offers a wide variety of classes, trips, special events, and social service for adults ages 50 and better. Please stop by the Center to learn more, to pick up a copy of the January – April issue of The Shorelines Newsletter, and to take a tour of the beautiful Greystone mansion overlooking Lake Michigan.

Opportunities include:

- Life-long learning with excellent speakers including Monday Speakers Series, Barry Bradford Lectures, and a Humanities Series
- Fitness classes comprising of Low Impact Dance Aerobics, Yoga, Sit & Be Fit, Better Balance, Life Rhythms Drumming Class, and more
- Classes in bridge, canasta, mah jongg, art, computers, Spanish, driving, and more
- Social events featuring amazing entertainment, themed luncheons, dances, and restaurant outings
- Day excursions to the hottest new plays, museum exhibits, and points of interest with transportation
- Resources and information for families facing transitions including housing options, home care referrals, and a medical equipment loan closet

Events

Laurel Larks Singing Group

Winter Concert

Peers Building

400 Central Avenue

Friday, December 18

Free

Join the Highland Park Senior Center's very own singing group, *The Laurel Larks*, for their winter concert featuring a variety of songs, including holiday classics. This talented group of performers rehearses throughout the fall and then performs concerts at local senior living facilities, bringing joy to all they entertain. To ensure adequate seating, please register in advance by calling (847) 432-4110.

1:45 p.m. Doors Open

2 p.m. Concert

3 p.m. Light Refreshments

New Year's Eve Luncheon

Ruth's Chris Steakhouse

Thursday, December 31

11:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Fee: \$33 / NM: \$43

senior

Serving Adults Over 50

54 Laurel Avenue

(847) 432-4110

Monday - Friday

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

Registration deadline: December 23

Sponsored by Freedom Home Care

New Year's Eve is a great time to celebrate with friends - both old and new! Join others for a champagne countdown to 12 o'clock (noon), complete with festive party favors! Enjoy a delicious lunch at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, which provides guests a warm, comfortable fireplace lit atmosphere, genuine hospitality, and the best food on the North Shore. Lunch includes steakhouse salad, your choice of entree, baked potato, creamed spinach, chocolate sin cake for dessert, and your choice of coffee, tea or soda. Live background music enhances your holiday experience. When registering, please indicate your entree choice of petite filet, or salmon, as well as any friendship requests for seating. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.; coat check will be available.

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.

Prevent Snow Shoveling and Snow Blowing Injuries

Snow shoveling can be dangerous if you do not exercise regularly. Bending and heavy lifting can put you at risk for injury.

- Warm-up your muscles for 10 minutes with light exercise before beginning. Shoveling can be a vigorous activity.
- Pace yourself. Take breaks and drink plenty of fluids. If you experience chest

pain, shortness of breath, or other signs of a heart attack, stop the activity and call 911 immediately!

- Use proper equipment. Use a shovel that is comfortable for your height and strength.
- Proper lifting. Push the snow instead of lifting it. Scoop small amounts of snow into the shovel and walk to where you want to

dump it. Never remove deep snow all at once. Do it in pieces.

- Safe technique. Do not throw the snow over your shoulder or to the side. The twisting motion stresses your back.

Have a safe winter! Contact the Fire Dept. at (847) 433-3110 or jbrens@cityhpil.com / Jschrage@cityhpil.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CITY MEETINGS

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

Midwest Young Artists: Camaraderie Alumni

Concert

December 27

6:00 p.m.

Bennett Gordon Hall, Ravinia
201 St. Johns Avenue
(847) 926-9898,
Free

The Midwest Young Artists' Camaraderie Alumni Concert reunites current and past students and includes the Brahms' Academic Festival Overture and more.

Art Is Alive in Highland Park Exhibition: January 8 - 29

Opening Reception:

January 8, 6:30 - 9 p.m.

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

This exhibit features the selected artwork from the 6th Annual Art is Alive contest open to Highland Park elementary, middle, high school students and Highland Park resident adults.

Affordable Housing Information Session

January 12, 7:00 p.m.

February 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.

Poetry Open-Mic

January 23, 8:00 p.m.

Highland Park Poetry
Madame ZuZu's
582 Roger Williams Avenue
(847) 432-7090

Poets may bring up to 6 poems to share. Come early to sign up for the evening's lineup. All are welcome to enjoy the word magic.

Pilgram Players Concert: From Schubert to Jazz

January 24, 3:00 p.m.

Highland Park Community House
1991 Sheridan Road
(847) 433-0992
Tickets \$20 adults, \$15 seniors and \$8 students

Enjoy two great 19th century works, *Sextet* by Mikhail Glinka and Franz Schubert's *Death and the Maiden*. Claude Bolling's *Suite* was written in 1975 for flutist Jean-Paul Rampal and combines jazz and classical music. Dessert reception immediately follows.

Art in City Hall

Exhibition:

January 25 - April 17

Opening Reception:

January 25, 4:00 - 5 p.m.

City Hall
1707 St. Johns Avenue
(847) 926-1006

The Art Center partners with the City of Highland Park to offer an outreach opportunity for local artists to exhibit their work in City Hall for the community and visitors to enjoy.



Pastel by Gabriela Levy from Fall 2015 Art in City Hall exhibition

The Moraine Hotel - a Profile of Our Past

From the City's Historic Preservation Commission:

Once located on the 2400 block of Sheridan Road, the Moraine Hotel sat on 13 acres of land overlooking Lake Michigan. The elegant society hotel was commissioned by Frederick Cushing, a prominent local figure, and designed by Ernest A. Mayo. Construction began in November of 1899. When completed, the Moraine Hotel was described as "a handsome, large, thoroughly modern building with spacious porches and other facilities." A Chicago Tribune article dated November 12, 1899 reported the project totaled \$100,000 – equal to about \$2.9 million in today's dollars.

In the hotel's early years, it was considered a summer residence for the wealthy. Affluent guests came from far and wide to spend summer months at the lavish hotel. As popularity grew, the hotel was expanded to include two annexes designed by the original architect, Mayo and a third addition by architect William Mann. The hotel served as a year-round resort and provided the community of Highland Park with a substantial, seasonal economic boost.

The Great Depression brought hard times on the Moraine Hotel and it declared bankruptcy in 1937. The hotel's ownership changed hands several times and efforts were made to breathe life back into

the once-lively resort. Bad luck hit in 1968 when a fire broke out in the hotel's lodge. Despite all the efforts to keep the hotel up and running, it was empty within that same year. In 1969, the hotel ended up in the hands of Bert Schwarz who wanted to tear down the building to make way for a new high-rise development along the lakeshore. The Moraine Citizen Committee rallied to block the demolition of the old hotel. The hotel suffered another fire in the lodge just a few years later.

In 1970, the City purchased the property and the building was demolished in 1972. The land was deeded to the Park District of Highland for use as public open space. Today the



13 acre site is home to Moraine Park. The park features a sculpture walk and Highland Park's only dog-friendly beach on the lake.

Information in this article was provided by the 2002 Northeast Side Survey, Highland Park Historical Society, and Julia Johnas at the Highland Park Public Library. The 2002 Northeast Side Survey and other architectural surveys are available at www.cityhpil.com/HPC.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

D112 Board to Decide This Month About Reconfiguration Ballot Question

On December 15, 2015, the District 112 Board of Education is expected to decide whether to put a referendum measure on the March 15, 2016 ballot to fund district reconfiguration. The plan calls for six K-4 elementary schools and one 5-8 middle school, that would look, function and feel like two separate buildings: one for grades 5-6 and the other for grades 7-8. Below are answers to some common questions.

Why isn't the Board exploring two separate 5-8 middle schools? More than 50 different possible options were explored during a year-long study, and most were ruled out because of space or financial constraints. As options were narrowed down, the information gathered showed a single middle school campus was superior to any model with two 5-8 middle schools, both educationally and financially.

--From an educational standpoint, the concentration of all resources at a single site allows the district to best meet the academic and social/emotional needs of all students. It also allows for the broad-

est array of extracurricular opportunities.

--Any option that involved two 5-8 middle schools would require building one new school and retrofitting another, due to space and financial constraints. This would result in inequity of facilities and programming. The new school would have brand new facilities built to support future learning. While a retrofitted second middle school would have some improvements, it would not be at the same level.

--From a financial standpoint, the long-term expenses of operating and staffing two 5-8 middle schools is less efficient, and not sustainable. With one middle school, the district will realize annual savings of \$4 to \$4.8 million, compared with \$2 to \$2.3 million if there were two middle schools. Building two middle schools means the district would be locking itself into an inefficient staffing model, and its associated expenses, for decades to come.

What happens if the referendum doesn't pass? If the District continues to operate 12 schools, it won't be able to sustain qual-



ity educational programming. Should a referendum fail, the Board will have to start to make very difficult decisions. Some of these could include:

- Closing schools
- Redrawing boundaries
- Increasing class sizes
- Reducing or eliminating classes, like art, music, advanced learning and French
- Reducing or eliminating middle school athletics and extracurricular clubs

Not all of these changes will happen at once, but over time. It won't be thoughtful or strategic, but rather out of necessity. Reconfiguration allows the district to be thoughtful and strategic in addressing its challenges. For more info, visit our website at www.nssd112.org.

District 113: Superintendent search moves forward

Township High School District 113 has initiated a search for a Superintendent of Schools to begin in his/her role July 1, 2016. To counsel them through this important process, the District 113 Board of Education voted November 9 to retain the services of BWP & Associates, Ltd., a consulting firm that specializes in assisting school boards with the consideration of candidates for educational leadership positions. The Board received responses from three firms in response to its Request for Proposal, and conducted face-to-face interviews with two of those firms in early November.



BWP was slated to provide a comprehensive update to the Board December 14 to finalize the roadmap for the search process, which will include Board and constituent interviews in January 2016. BWP has posted the superintendent position.

District 113 owns all products of the superintendent search work and process that was completed last year with Haz-

ard, Young, Attea & Associates, which also facilitated the search for principals at Deerfield and Highland Park High Schools, and for Director of Student Support Services for District 113. These work products, which include community survey responses and feedback shared during personal interviews/focus groups regarding the characteristics most desired in District 113's new leader, will help to inform this year's search.

Dr. Daryl Herrick is serving as Interim Superintendent of Schools for District 113 for the 2015-16 school year. Dr. Herrick retired in 2013 from top-ranked Cedarburg School District in Wisconsin, where he spent 12 years as Superintendent of Schools. Prior to his tenure in Cedarburg, Dr. Herrick served for eight years as a high school principal and four years as a high school associate principal in Wisconsin.

Community updates regarding District 113's superintendent search will be posted at www.dist113.org.

District 113 Foundation gearing up for Pizza Bowl and Baker's Cup on January 31

The District 113 Education Foundation will sponsor its fourth annual Pizza Bowl and second annual Baker's Cup on Sunday, January 31st, 2016, from 5-7 p.m. at Highland Park High School. Come vote for the best pizza in town and satisfy your sweet tooth by crowning the best dessert in the district—all for just \$10 (\$25 per family). Proceeds benefit the District 113 Education Foundation, which provides funding for innovative education programs at Deerfield and Highland Park High schools. Visit the District 113 Education Foundation's website, www.district113foundation.org, for additional information.

PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK



10-4 community event

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OPEN HOUSE

Sun Jan 10 • 8am-Noon
Recreation Center of Highland Park
1207 Park Avenue West



- 20-minute Group Exercise Class Demos
Yoga, Spin, and Cardio/Strength. (Classes begin at
10:45am, 11:15am and 11:45am)
- Preview and attempt our Ninja Warrior Course
- Family-friendly Games and Open Gym
- And Much More!

Cross-Country Ski Rental

3 miles of ungroomed trails at
Heller Nature Center.

Rentals open daily 9am-4pm
when there is a 4-inch or greater base of snow.
Skis must be returned by 4:30pm.



 **Rainout Line** 847.579.9008

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636 Ridge Road, Highland Park | 847-831-3810 | pdhp.org



Winter Registration Going On Now! at pdhp.org

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

Winter Fest 2016

Join us for a great day of FREE winter activities for families. Participants indoors with ice skating and open gymnastics time, and outdoors take a carriage ride or go snowshoeing. Don't know how to skate? Skating Instructors will be offering free group lessons. You can learn about how bees, coyotes and other animals survive our cold winters. Food will be available for purchase and there will be special friends to meet and greet.

Saturday, January 9 • Centennial Ice Arena • 2:30-4:30pm



Camp Registration Going On Now!

Learn More at pdhp.org



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COMING ATTRACTIONS!

Very Funny Magic

With Dennis DeBondt



Witness the excitement of a child floating in the air in this fun and funny family magic show. Winter break fun!

Tuesday, December 22
2 – 2:45 p.m.

Registration required.
Register at kidsevents.org.

GUITAR CONCERT



National fingerpicking champion Eric Lugosch, who has opened for Leon Redbone, Doc Watson, and David Bromberg, performs jazz, blues, and gospel, and shares insight about his style.

Sunday, January 10
3 p.m.

The Winter's Tale

THEATRICAL READING

Equity actors from The Shakespeare Project of Chicago perform a theatrical reading of Shakespeare's romance.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Sunday, January 17
2 p.m.

The Best and Worst Films of 2015

From *Spotlight* to *Pan*, *Chicago Tribune* film critic Michael Phillips spreads the wealth and shares the pain of 2015's best and worst movies.

Presented with the Highland Park Senior Center.
Sponsored by Silverado of Highland Park.

Wednesday, January 20
10:30 a.m.

Double Happiness: A Tale of Love, Loss and One Forever Family

Kelly Haramis' one-woman show takes audience members on her quest to have a baby. And introduces them to the world's most fertile man. And Penn State parties. And takes them on her journey to China to adopt her daughter. Find out how her hands went from holding a dream to holding two miracles.

Thursday, January 28
7 p.m.

The True Cost Screening

This documentary is a story about the clothes we wear, the people who make them, and the impact the industry is having on our world. Filmed in countries all over the world, from the brightest runways to the darkest slums, it pulls back the curtain on the untold story and asks us to consider, who really pays the price for our clothing?

Wednesday, February 3
7 p.m.

Pre-screening 6:30 p.m.
Enjoy refreshments and view a collection of clothing lines that are made mindfully.

Funding support for this special screening is provided in partnership with The Bar Method-Highland Park exercise studio and Highland Park's Wear in Good Health clothing brand and shop.

HPPL STRIKES BACK! A STAR WARS MINI-CON

Excitement and Adventure! It is... your destiny! Enjoy games, trivia, prizes, crafts, and presentations by astronomers and scientists. Get your picture taken in the Star Wars photo booth!

Saturday, December 19, 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 20, 1 – 4:30 p.m.

Kid Lit Fest & iRead Kick-Off

Saturday, January 9, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Kick off District 112 Education Foundation's annual read-a-thon! Find a book and listen to teachers read from their favorite books. **Watch internationally known storyteller Linda Gorham bring stories to life at 10:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.**

Meet outstanding and award-winning children's authors. Books will be available for sale and authors will sign copies.

9 – 11 a.m.

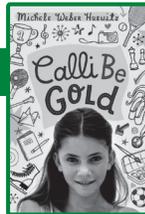
KATE HANNIGAN

The Detective's Assistant GRADES 3 – 7



MICHELE WEBER HURWITZ

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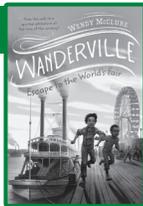
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11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

WENDY McCLURE

Wanderville GRADES 4 – 6



JENNY MEYERHOFF

The Friendship Garden GRADES 2 – 5



ANDY RASH

Archie the Daredevil Penguin PRESCHOOL – GRADE 2



CHRIS RYLANDER

The Fourth Stall GRADES 4 – 8

1 – 3 p.m.

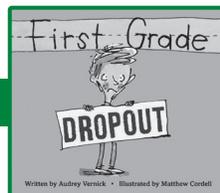
JOSH SCHNEIDER

Tales for Very Picky Eaters GRADES K – 4



MATTHEW CORDELL

First Grade Dropout PRESCHOOL – GRADE 2



Trivia Night @ Beelow's NorthShore

Tuesday, January 5, 5 – 6:30 p.m.

1850 2nd Avenue

Test your trivia knowledge! Gather a team of four or come and join a team. Enjoy complimentary appetizers, half-off happy hour cocktails, and prizes for the winners. All attendees requested to bring a new or gently-used children's book as a donation to Tri-Con Child Care Center. Registration required. Register each team member at hplibrary.org.

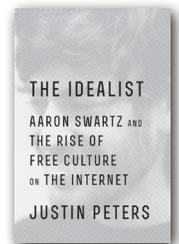
MEET THE AUTHOR! Justin Peters

The Idealist:

Aaron Swartz and the Rise of Free Culture on the Internet

Monday, January 18, 7 p.m.

Aaron Swartz, an advocate for the free exchange of ideas and scholarly materials online, committed suicide in 2013 after being indicted for illegally downloading millions of academic articles from the non-profit database JSTOR from the campus of MIT. Slate correspondent Peters renders Swartz's lifelong activism for free culture — he helped develop Creative Commons and Reddit as a teenager — to his early death and posthumous status as a cultural icon. Books will be for sale and the event will conclude with a book signing.



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Planning Division	(847) 432-0867	Public Works Department:	(847) 432-0807

BUSINESS REPORT

NEW BUSINESSES

Jacqueline's Of Highland Park
209 Skokie Valley Road
(847) 254-3172
Jewelry

Jewel Nail Spa
727 St. Johns Avenue
(847) 912-0808
www.jewelnaillspa.com
Nail Salon

Just Wellness
467 Roger Williams Avenue
(312) 927-5262
Health Practice

Off the Ground Dance Studio
3330 Skokie Valley Road
(847) 527-9930
www.offthegrounddance.com

The Sherwin-Williams Company
1962 Second Street
(847) 433-5160
www.sherwin-williams.com
Paint Store

Workshop
1929 Sheridan Road
(847) 226-4100
www.workshophp.com
Creative Art Studio

2015 Beautification Awards

The City of Highland Park Beautification Awards are presented to owners of local businesses or commercial properties in the categories of retail, restaurant, service, auto, and mixed-use to honor and recognize them for successfully integrating property and building aesthetics that are consistent with the community's environment through attractive landscaping, streetscape, signage, and window displays which improve the quality of life in Highland Park. The award recipients are:

Modern Opulence, 461 Central Avenue
Beelow's North Shore, 1850 Second Street
Lexus of Highland Park, 2930 Skokie Valley Road
Highland Park Hospital – North Shore University Health-care System, 777 Park Avenue West
Renaissance Place, 1849 Green Bay Road

2015 Business Recognition Awards

To support and recognize excellence and innovation in business, and commitment to the community, the City of Highland Park honors business owners that have operated their business in Highland Park at their 50, 75 and 100 year milestones with a Business Recognition Award as these businesses serve as an example of how hard work and dedication to providing high quality service and products can lead to long-term success. This year, **Arlington Industrial Tool**, 1510 Old Deerfield Road, Unit 213 was recognized for serving the Highland Park community for 50 years.

To learn more about shopping & dining in Highland Park, visit www.cityhpil.com/shoppinganddining.

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