

# THE HIGHLANDER



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## 2016 Capital Improvement Projects

The City's 2016 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is already underway with an aggressive schedule and timeline to complete \$14 million in infrastructure upgrades. The projects are prioritized, as part of annual 5-year CIP budget, based on life safety, age of infrastructure, economies of scale, functional deficiencies, and to reduce long-term expensive repairs. Below is a summary of major CIP projects scheduled for 2016:

### Streets, and Bridge Rehabilitation

- Annual Street Repair Program – This year's annual program consists of various repair and grind/overlay projects totaling approximately 6 lane miles. In select areas, substantial portions of existing curbs and gutters will be replaced, along with crack sealing and patching of asphalt pavements.
- Annual Concrete Repair Program – This year's annual program consists of removal and replacement of deterioration on concrete streets. Portions of existing curbs and gutters will also be replaced.
- Reconstruction of Deerfield Road from Windsor Road in Village of Deerfield to east of US 41 bridge in Highland Park. This is a joint project with Village of Deerfield. Storm sewer, traffic signal and sidewalk upgrades are also included.
- Reconstruction of the Cary Pedestrian Bridge and repairs to Roger Williams and Linden Road bridges.

### Street Lights and Parking Lots

- Reconstruct Hazel Parking Lot, southeast corner of St. Johns and Hazel, and improve drainage and lighting. It's a green infrastructure project consisting of bioswales

and LED lighting.

- Install new LED street lights in Village of Woods subdivision, along Hiawatha Court, Hiawatha Trail, Winona Road, and Nyoda Place.
- Partial conversion of Town of Fort Sheridan lights to LED lights. It's a multi-year implementation project. City received State grants for this project.

### Forestry and Ravines

- Ravine 8 channel, south and east of intersection of Lake and Laurel Avenues, enhancement includes construction of approximately 23 cobble riffles to reduce water velocity, minimize scour and erosion, invasive species removal and native material planting.
- Continue to implement Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) management plan by removing infested trees in City parkways and re-planting.

### BikeWalk 2030 Implementation

- Construct drainage improvements along the McClory bike path from Mulberry Place to Lake Cook Road. City received State grants for this project.
- Design and enhance bike and pedestrian pavement markings (sharrows) and signage project to facilitate shared-use of non-motorized traffic on designated City streets. City received State grants for this project.
- City, in partnership with Union Pacific, is securing a grant to install sidewalk and railroad pedestrian gates on north side of Clavey Road from Skokie Valley bike path to Barberrry.

### Water Mains and Water Meters

- Upgrade water main on DeTamble Avenue, Ridgewood Drive and Gray Avenue.
- Continue water meter replacement and automated meter reader system installation project. Once completed, the project is estimated to replace 6,500 new meters and install 10,000 meter inter-phase units to automatically read meters via fixed-based reading system.

### Storm Sewer Improvements

- Upsize storm sewer improvements in the area of DeTamble Avenue, Ridgewood Drive and Gray Avenue in conjunction with sanitary sewer and water main improvements.
- Storm sewer upgrades on Sumac Road from Old Briar Road to the south end of Sumac Road.

All residents directly affected by capital projects will be notified via mail for any construction taking place on their street and in some cases, neighborhood. Other notifications are sent through the City's communication tools such as the *Highlander*, website, electronic newsletter and social media. Residents may access an interactive map on City's website to get updates on CIP projects. Construction hours are from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on weekdays and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, visit [www.cityhpil.com/construction](http://www.cityhpil.com/construction) or call Public Works during business hours between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at (847) 432-0807.

## Seeking Nominations for Humanitarian & Character Counts Pillar Awards

The Human Relations Commission (HRC) is accepting nominations for the **Highland Park Humanitarian Award**, recognizing an individual or individuals who have rendered outstanding service to the Highland Park community. Any person who has a record of sustained giving and has through his/her efforts made a significant contribution to changing lives in

Highland Park may be nominated.

The HRC is also accepting nominations for the **Robert Barnard Character Counts Pillar Award** honoring nominees whose beliefs, attitudes and actions consistently exemplify the six pillars of character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. The awards are a collaboration between the City, North

Shore School District 112 and Highland Park High School. Nominations for both awards must be made no later than **Monday, March 7, 2016** and may be submitted electronically at [www.cityhpil.com/awards](http://www.cityhpil.com/awards). Contact Laura Frey, Manager of Youth & Senior Services at (847) 432-4110 or [Lfrey@cityhpil.com](mailto:Lfrey@cityhpil.com).

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# 'HIGH' NOTES

## Fix a Leak Week, March 14

The average American household wastes more than 10,000 gallons each year from easy-to-fix water leaks. That is why in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the City of Highland Park is encouraging homeowners to find and fix leaks during the seventh annual Fix a Leak Week, March 14 through 20, 2016. Sponsored by EPA's WaterSense program, Fix a Leak Week reminds homeowners of the easy steps they can take to help save water in their community now and for future generations. For more information on Fix a Leak Week visit [www.cityhpil.com/fixaleak](http://www.cityhpil.com/fixaleak).

## Rental Registration Due

**April 1, 2016**

On January 27, 2014 the City Council unanimously approved a registration program for residential rental properties not otherwise covered by City regulations. The approved ordinance requires owners of certain residential rental dwellings to register their units with the City by April 1 each year.

Through an annual registration, owners of rental units within single-family, two-family and attached buildings are required to provide the name, address and telephone number of each owner and contact information for a property agent, if any. Contact information assists the City in its delivery of emergency and code enforcement services.

The \$30 annual registration fee is used to conduct outreach and provide educational materials regarding life-safety, property maintenance, and building and zoning codes to all registered property owners and their tenants. Each year over 600 rental units are registered. The City will use multiple means to notify property owners including *The Highlander*, the City's website, City Enews, and direct mail. For more information or questions, contact the Department of Community Development, at (847) 926-0808.

## New Stop Sign at Oakwood & Mulberry

City installed a new STOP sign on Oakwood at the intersection with Mulberry. Oakwood has been used as a bypass road for Green Bay and St Johns. The Police Department wants motorists to be aware of this new traffic control and exercise caution.

## Cold Weather Collection Drive for Hats, Gloves & Scarves

The Fire Department is collecting new or gently used winter hats, gloves and scarves for local school children in need. There is a collection box in the lobby at Fire Station #33 located at 1130 Central Avenue. The hat, glove and scarf drive will continue until March 1st. The collected items will be distributed to the Nuestro Center in Highland for families in need. Last year's children's coat drive provided over 60 coats for local children. The Fire Department hopes residents will help them do more this year.

HIGHLAND PARK  
residents have  
**\$9,390,115**  
in recovered cash waiting to be claimed through the Illinois Treasurer's I-Cash program.

**SEARCH & CLAIM  
WHAT'S YOURS TODAY**

at [IllinoisTreasurer.gov](http://IllinoisTreasurer.gov)



## Search I-Cash for Your Unclaimed Property

Did you know that Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs is safeguarding more than \$9 million in unclaimed property belonging to Highland Park residents, businesses and nonprofits? One in four Illinois residents finds property to claim when they search I-Cash at [www.illinoistreasurer.gov/icash](http://www.illinoistreasurer.gov/icash). Last year, one lucky Highland Park woman discovered and claimed \$238,000 from forgotten stock. Other funds reported to the State Treasurer include unclaimed CD's and savings accounts from banks, life insurance policies, and reimbursements from utility companies and retailers. Discovering property and starting your claim takes only minutes, and the average claim is \$1000. To search for property or for more information, visit [www.Illinoistreasurer.gov/icash](http://www.Illinoistreasurer.gov/icash).

## Free Tax Assistance for Low-Income Taxpayers

Now through April 9, 2016, Moraine Township offers free assistance to low-and-moderate-income taxpayers filing their 2015 income tax returns through the IRS VITA Program (Voluntary Income Tax Assistance). Volunteers are trained and certified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to prepare basic returns for taxpayers earning less than \$54,000 in 2015. Appointments take place in the Moraine Township Office, 777 Central Avenue, by appointment only.

Eligible residents seeking assistance in filing their 2015 income taxes should call (847) 780-6644 today to schedule an appointment with a Volunteer.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the income tax assistance effort, please contact Supervisor Bassi at Moraine Township or email [super@morainetownship.org](mailto:super@morainetownship.org). Visit [www.morainetownship.org](http://www.morainetownship.org).

## Highland Park ComEd Customers Switch to Smart Meters

ComEd's Smart Meter program is underway and customers will be upgraded from existing residential analog meters to new digital smart meters. The upgrade is required per Illinois state law and all of Illinois will transition to the smart meter. Customers may temporarily opt out by contacting ComEd at (866) 368-8326. Opting out now is delaying the process till the end of the program (*estimated finish date of all installations is 2018*) and customers who opt out will be charged \$21.53 a month until they install the smart meter.

ComEd will contact residents to schedule the installation. The installations will be handled by either ComEd or Corix, a contract installer. The process takes up to 10 minutes and will cause a brief interruption to your electric services. On the day of the upgrade, make sure your meter is accessible or make sure someone over the age of 18 is present to allow access.

More information can also be found at [ComEd.com/SmartMeter](http://ComEd.com/SmartMeter). Also, read expanded article on City's web site: [www.cityhpil.com/ComEd](http://www.cityhpil.com/ComEd) or contact the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1000.

# CITY COUNCIL NEWS

## Resident Involvement Makes Us a Vibrant Community

Highland Park is a busy city of about 30,000 residents. We are a passionate, involved community that appreciates the opportunity to build coalitions and work together to arrive at the best solutions possible to meet the needs and achieve the hopes of our city.

Before I stepped into office as Mayor nearly five years ago, I heard the collective voice of residents wanting more access to their City government, involvement in public decision-making, opportunities to engage in meaningful conversation, and a government that listens and works side-by-side to plan for the future. We took immediate action and made impactful changes that continue today: we televise additional meetings, post news and events on social media, meet regularly with representatives from all sister governments, host neighborhood meetings and more.

My City Council colleagues and I, along with our staff are accessible. We welcome public input and opinions via calls, emails and in person, at City Hall and in our neighborhoods, during business hours and on the weekends. You are our eyes and ears. Our City motto (engraved above the doors of City Hall) states: "The salvation of the community is the watchfulness of the citizen." This motto guides us and we appreciate your feedback, involvement and genuine care for each other and our city.

These are interesting times. Sometimes the issues that bring us together also divide us. Our opinions may differ but we share a common goal – to create a vibrant future for the place we call home. We should celebrate our fundamental strength – we are more than a city, we are a community. We are a place where people invest their hearts and souls. Now, more than ever, let's stay focused as we tackle our toughest problems and commit to working together respectfully. At the end of the day, we will remain neighbors.

We at the City of Highland Park are always here to work with you. Our City Manager Ghida Neukirch is always available at [GNeukirch@cityhpil.com](mailto:GNeukirch@cityhpil.com). I can be reached at [NRotering@Cityhpil.com](mailto:NRotering@Cityhpil.com), along with my City Council colleagues at [Council@cityhpil.com](mailto:Council@cityhpil.com) or by phone at (847) 926-1000.

Thank you for being our active partner and for creating this vibrant community.



Mayor Nancy R. Rotering



## DowntownHP.com Launches New Website and Phone App

DowntownHP launched a new user-friendly website and phone app to keep residents and visitors informed about what's going on. Designed to enhance shopping and entertainment experiences in Highland Park, the phone app, along with the website, are the first in a suburban downtown to incorporate business social media feeds with digital content in real time, giving visitors to the downtown necessary information about events, restaurant menus, available merchandise, and even local movie times. Geolocation integrated in the app allows users to conveniently find businesses, restaurants, and services close to their locale. Regularly updated videos provide glimpses into busi-



nesses and events, helping viewers make choices and save some precious time.

"We created these state-of-the-art technology products in response to the needs of residents, visitors and our merchants, providing easy access from a home computer or tablets and smart phones used on-the-go," stated Wendy Shotts, Managing Director of the Downtown Highland Park Alliance. "Our goal is to deliver updated info that saves time and suggests options. We'll be offering exciting sweepstakes contests to encourage users to stay plugged in to DowntownHP.com." The free phone app can

be easily downloaded from the App Store on your mobile devices. Please visit [www.downtownhp.com](http://www.downtownhp.com) or call (847) 436-3117.

## Challenge Coin Fundraiser Supports Local CERT

The Highland Park Community Response Team (CERT) educates the community about disaster preparedness. Specific skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, disaster medical operations, and traffic control are provided to members online, in the classroom and during live exercises. CERT members assist others in their neighborhoods or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT Challenge coins support the efforts of our local CERT group. Coins cost \$20 and may be purchased from Finance in City Hall. Consider buying a Challenge



Coin to keep for yourself or give as a gift.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS IN HIGHLAND PARK

The Highland Park Police Department is committed to a high level of community service and the safety of all persons within the community. Please assist us in our goal of ensuring pedestrian safety in the Central Business District and the entire City, by obeying State laws pertaining to pedestrians. Please be a responsible and safe driver. Striking and injuring a pedestrian is a very traumatic experience for all involved; the pedestrian, witnesses, the vehicle driver and passengers.

**In Illinois, a driver of a vehicle must come to a complete stop:**

- When a pedestrian is in a marked crosswalk
- On school days, when children are in or in close proximity to a school zone crosswalk

**A driver must yield to a pedestrian:**

- When a pedestrian is in an unmarked crosswalk on the driver's side of the roadway and there are no traffic control signals
- When making a turn at any intersection
- When making a lawful turn after coming to a complete stop

- After coming to a complete stop at a stop sign or flashing red signal at an intersection

- When a pedestrian enters a crosswalk before the traffic light has changed

- When a pedestrian is walking with a green light, to a walking person symbol or a walk signal

- When a pedestrian is leaving or entering a street or highway from an alley, building, private road or driveway

**Drivers also must yield to workers in highway construction or maintenance areas as well as to persons with disabilities, including those with physical, hearing or visual disabilities.**

**Drivers are not required to stop for the posted signs (images at right) when there is not a pedestrian in the crosswalk:**

- Pedestrians must obey the same traffic control devices that drivers of vehicles must obey

- Pedestrians crossing a roadway at any point other than at marked or unmarked crosswalks must yield right-of-way to vehi-

cular traffic

- Pedestrians are prohibited from crossing a roadway between adjacent intersections where traffic control devices and established crosswalks are in place.

If you have questions about pedestrian rights and responsibilities, please contact Sergeant Chris O'Neill at the Police Department (847) 432-7730. or [coneill@cityhpil.com](mailto:coneill@cityhpil.com)



## My Medical Info: Refrigerator Magnet Program

The Highland Park Fire Department has identified many ways to improve service to the community. One program that evolved from our efforts is our **Refrigerator Magnet Program**, designed to improve efficiency and accuracy of service when responding to emergency medical calls at residences.

Time-on-scene is crucial when delivering patient care. There are many important functions that the responders must perform simultaneously when a patient is suffering from an injury or medical emergency to expedite proper treatment, delivery to the hospital, and the passing of care to the proper medical personnel.

One of the most important functions is the sharing of accurate information about the patient's condition, history, allergies and medications. It is important to have as much accurate information about that patient as possible, even the location of a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order or Living Will if the patient has one.

The Highland Park Fire Department will provide an information card that is inserted into a plastic sleeve with a magnet on the back, designed to be placed on a resident's refrigerator. Having this information in written form, readily available, reduces the on-scene time, and assures that accurate medical history and patient wishes are communicated to healthcare workers, especially in cases where the patient is unresponsive or unable to speak.

The medical information card includes a plastic sleeve, magnet and an easy to use medical information card.

Medical Information Cards are available at the Highland Park Fire Department located at 1130 Central Avenue during regular business hours from 8:00

a.m.- 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions please call (847) 433-3110. Thank you and stay safe!



# YOUTH & SENIOR SERVICES

## Excursions & Events

### Day Excursion: Dressing Downton & High Tea

Driehaus Museum, Chicago

Wednesday, March 23

Fee: \$99 / NM: \$129

Bus departs Toys R Us at 10:30 a.m.

Approximate return at 4 p.m.

Discount deadline: March 2

*Dressing Downton: Changing Fashion for Changing Times* features more than 35 costumes from the popular British television series *Downton Abbey*. Many of the costumes use original fabrics and embellishments from the early 20th century, while others are re-created from old photographs, paintings, patterns, and magazine pictures. The exhibition offers perspective on the show's memorable characters, while chronicling the great changes taking place in Britain during the early 20th century. Following your self-guided tour of the exhibit, escape and relax in the inviting garden-inspired setting in The Murphy Auditorium adjacent to the Museum.

### Day Excursion: Hazel - A Musical Maid in America

Drury Lane, Oakbrook

Thursday, April 14

Fee: \$88 / NM: \$108

Bus departs Toys R Us at 10:30 a.m.

Approximate return at 4:30 p.m.

Discount deadline: March 17

The world premiere musical comedy, "Hazel," is based on the character created by Ted Key and the hit television series. It's the 1960s, and what George Baxter finds not so funny about his wife joining the work force and his maid taking over his household and his life--is a laugh riot. Directed and choreographed by Emmy Award winner Joshua Bergasse, "Hazel" asks the question: can a simple maid debone a turkey, save a marriage, uncover a matter of national security and lead a conga line? She can if she's Hazel! Prior to the show, enjoy lunch at one of the wonderful local restaurants.

## senior

Serving Adults Over 50

54 Laurel Avenue

(847) 432-4110

Monday - Friday

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

### St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Whitehall of Deerfield

Thursday, March 17

12 - 2:30 p.m.

Fee: \$5 / NM: \$10

Discount deadline: March 10; call (847) 432-4110 to register.

*Sponsored by Whitehall of Deerfield*

Whitehall of Deerfield hosts a St. Patrick's Day celebration! Feast on a delicious corned beef and cabbage with other traditional Irish favorites. Live entertainment will have you dancing in your seats and singing along. Tours of the facility are available, and each participant receives a goody bag to take home. *All registration fees will be generously donated to the Highland Park Senior Center.*

### Open House & Gaming Tournament - District 112 Early Release Day

Firehouse Youth Center

Tuesday, March 22, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Students grades 5 - 8

Member Fee: \$5 / NM Fee: \$20 / Free for ASC participants

Join the Firehouse Youth Center for an Open House and Gaming Tournament. Gaming tournament opportunities include video games such as *Super Smash Brothers*, *Mario Kart*, *Injustice*, and many others, as well as a *Yu-Gi-Oh!* tournament. Enjoy this unique opportunity for students in 5th through 8th grades to participate in Firehouse activities and check out the amazing facility. Participants are welcome to play other games including pool, air hockey, ping pong, classic arcade games as well as numerous board games. Advanced registration and a signed waiver are required; please call Laura Frey, Manager of Youth and Senior Services, at (847) 432-4110 to register and for further details.

### Parenting Workshop for Parents of Teens

Firehouse Youth Center

Tuesdays, April 12 - May 17

6:30 - 8 p.m.

\$30 / \$10 for a second familial parent (*scholarships are available for eligible individuals*)

The Firehouse Youth Center and Family Service of Lake County are partnering to offer a SELF Parenting Workshop Series. SELF (Strengthening Emotional Life Foundations) is a behavioral-health program which provides a platform to discuss challenging social-emotional issues in approachable and interactive ways. This 6-part parenting workshop is targeted towards parents of Highland park/Highwood teens, and focuses on healthy communication, parenting styles, effective discipline, adolescent individuation, co-parenting, sexual relationships, drug use, and overall self-care. SELF is funded by a grant from the Healthcare Foundation of Highland Park, and facilitated by Gerardo Wence-Munoz, MA and Lauren Freier, MA, LPC, AMFT. To register, please contact Laura Frey (847) 432-4110.

**The Firehouse Youth Center** is designed to meet the after school needs of families with children in middle school, providing: transportation available from all three middle schools, After School Club with homework time, enrichment activities, choice time, and a daily snack. For further information on the Firehouse or to register, please call Laura Frey at (847) 432-4110. Firehouse fees:

- Membership fee: \$40 per school year
- Transportation fee: \$40 per day of the week per semester
- After School Club: \$40 per day of the week per semester
- Daily fee: \$20 per day, including transportation. (Membership and advanced registration required.)

## 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](http://www.cityhpil.com)

### Highland Park as a Summer Resort

February 17

7:00 p.m.

Highland Park Library  
494 Laurel Avenue  
Free

Highland Park Historical Society hosts *Highland Park as a Summer Resort: The Wildwood Experience, The Origins of Chicago's Jewish North Shore* presented by Leah Axelrod, written and researched by Elliott Miller.

### District 112 Youth Art

Exhibit February 17 - 27  
Opening Reception:

February 23, 5 - 7 p.m.

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

This community outreach exhibition features the talented student artists of North Shore School District 112's elementary and middle schools.

### You Can Go Barefoot

Exhibit March 4 - April 7

Opening Reception:

March 4, 6:30 - 9 p.m.

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

Meg Siegler Callahan, Jackie Kot-Wolle and Beth McElwain McKenna, three artists who met in TAC classes, have collaborated on work that is distinctive yet connected, depicting a look into life's treasured moments at the water's edge.

### Words, Numbers & Symbols

Exhibit March 4 - April 7

Opening Reception:

March 4, 6:30 - 9 p.m.

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

Tim Yanlosky, Jordan Scot, Audry Cramblit, Katsy Johnson and Carrie Ann Bronkowski present a unique exploration of letterforms within contemporary art.

### Affordable Housing Information Session

March 8, 7:00 p.m.

April 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 [akauffman@cpahousing.org](mailto:akauffman@cpahousing.org).

### Pilgram Players Concert: OLE! Guitar Trios & More

March 13, 3:00 p.m.

Highland Park Community House

1991 Sheridan Road  
(847) 433-0992

Tickets \$20 adults, \$15 seniors and \$8 students

OLE! features composer and guitarist Joe Williams II in his own work *London Fog Suite* for 4 guitars. He joins the Kithara Project, a Guitar Trio with Adam Levin in a variety of music from 19th century Spain to contemporary composers. The Latin theme continues with music for strings and piano by Piazzolla and Turina. Dessert reception follows.

## In Highland Park, Art is Alive - 365

By Cindy Stern, Cultural Arts Commission Vice Chair

Whether you've lived in our city less than 5 months, or over 50 years, you are likely familiar with Highland Park's artistic spirit. But did you know we now have an actual cultural arts plan to ensure creative expression and accessibility remain a vital part of our community's cultural fabric, every day, for generations to come?

The Cultural Arts Plan was created by the Cultural Arts Commission and approved by Council on October 26, 2015. Its goals are to preserve and promote the artistic and cultural history of our community and our artists, to make cultural arts accessible to all residents, to help arts organizations find their most ideal facility options in which to spread their artistic engagement; to expand collaborations between local government and artists and to leverage the arts as a driver of innovation and economic growth. This ambitious, forward-thinking Plan was based on surveys conducted with all stakeholders - residents, businesses, elected officials, arts

organizations and educators. Current Cultural Arts Commission Chair Jeff Arena and Senior City Planner Lee Smith were instrumental in bringing all cultural priorities to the fore.

The desired outcome of the Plan is twofold: 1) get more people involved in the arts in Highland Park—as participants, consumers, supporters and advocates. Secondly, that the new Cultural Arts Plan serves as a blueprint for city government, so going forward, when planning, zoning, historic preservation, recreational, business and economic development matters are being considered, artistic considerations and possibilities have a place at the table.

*If you are an artist*, ideas for new venues, media, resources or audiences for your work may be sparked by reading the Plan.

*If you are part of an established or start-up arts-based organization*, consult the Plan for grant opportunities and funding sources; see if there are similar organizations with which you can share promotional costs

and "living space," create support groups or other such alliances.

*If you are an art-related business*, the Plan may help you identify partners—both commercial and nonprofit.

*If you are an educator*, find new ways for your students to get involved in the community, improve their artistic skills and perhaps even open up new career paths.

*If you are an art lover*, discover new events; sign up your kids, your parents or yourself for a class.

Not many communities take ART so much to heart but Highland Park began as an art colony nearly 150 ago, and it is something that has remained robustly in our DNA.

For Highland Parkers, cultural arts are not a luxury or an extra. They are our unique selling point, the very essence of who we are, and what attracts visitors, businesses and new residents to us.

You can read the City of Highland Park's Cultural Arts Plan in its entirety at <http://www.cityhpil.com/cac>. For more information, contact Rudy Espiritu, Deputy City Manager, at [respiritu@cityhpil.com](mailto:respiritu@cityhpil.com).

Please note that this page is submitted, written and edited by School Districts 112 and 113 separately and does not reflect the views or opinions of the City.

# SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

## District 112: Referendum Information and Interactive Reconfiguration Maps Available & Register Now for 2016/2017 Kindergarten

The North Shore School District 112 continues to develop information about reconfiguration and the upcoming bond referendum. The most current information is available at: [112information.org](http://112information.org). Information is updated regularly and we encourage you to check back often.

The Board of Education has fine-tuned proposed boundaries for reconfiguration. Boundaries can be reviewed on the Scribble Maps interactive site at <http://goo.gl/ImvxUg>. Users can search a specific address to see in which elementary school boundary any property is located, or to review the District's elementary schools boundary map.

February Board of Education meetings will be held on the following dates at

the District Administrative Offices, 1936 Green Bay Road, Highland Park:

- Committee of the Whole, *February 2, 2016, 7:00 p.m.*
- Board Workshop, *February 9, 2016, 6:00 p.m.*
- Business Meeting, *February 16, 2016, 7:00 p.m.*



Kindergarten registration for the 2016-2017 school year is currently underway,



now through February 25, 2016, for children who will be five years of age on or before September 1, 2016. Completed registration packets should be brought to the District Administrative Offices, Door # 1, Monday - Thursday, from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. Items required for registration include completion of all the documents in the registration packet and the original birth certificate. The registration packet can be downloaded from the home page on the district website [www.nssd112.org](http://www.nssd112.org) or picked up at your elementary school.

## District 113: HPHS Charity Drive underway; events scheduled through end of February

Highland Park High School kicked off its annual Charity Drive, a month of fund-raising activities planned and implemented by HPHS students, staff and community members, with an opening assembly on January 29. Over the past two decades Charity Drive has raised in excess of \$2.3 million for various charities; last year's Charity Drive brought in \$170,500 for Bear Necessities, a pediatric cancer organization.

This year's recipient, chosen by HPHS students and staff, is College Bound Opportunities, a foundation formed to serve under-resourced but high-achieving students in the North Shore region. The opening assembly featured former and current students who are beneficiaries of CBO's services speaking about their experience with CBO. Students must apply to be selected for the program; approximately three dozen CBO scholars from Highland Park have graduated from college, and

more than 70 are currently enrolled. For more information about CBO, visit [www.cbo4success.org](http://www.cbo4success.org).

Charity Drive continues through the end of February; please join us at an upcoming event and support HPHS and CBO:

- *Tuesday, Feb. 23, 5-8 p.m.*—Eat at **Pot-belly's in Highland Park** and 25 percent of your purchase will be donated to Charity Drive!
- *Wednesday, Feb. 24, 6:30-7:30*, HPHS Chorus Room—Families with children of all ages are invited to **Disney Concert**, a new Charity Drive event featuring members of the HPHS chorale program performing songs from movies including Frozen, Aladdin, the Little Mermaid, Hercules and more. The cost is \$5 per family.
- *Thursday, Feb. 25, 7 p.m.*, **Lord and Taylor**, Northbrook Court—Enjoy refreshments while checking out the highest couture provided by Lord and Taylor and



worn by HPHS student models. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.  
• *Friday, Feb. 26, 7-9 p.m.* (doors open at 6)—Come cheer on the

HPHS Giant All-Stars, a team of students and staff, at the ever-popular **Harlem Wizards game!** The event begins at 7 p.m. in the HPHS Exhibition Gym. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. The Harlem Wizards are an entertainment/show basketball team that do all sorts of trick hoops and alley-oops; last year's game brought together nearly 1,000 people and raised more than \$6,000 for Charity Drive. Tickets are available at the HPHS Bookstore, at [www.harlemwizards.com](http://www.harlemwizards.com), and at the door the night of the event.

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<u>Cardio Sculpt</u> Wed 8:30-9:25am	<u>Pilates</u> Wed 10:30-11:25am	<u>Better Balance</u> Fri 12-1pm
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<u>H2O Connect</u> Mon Wed Sat 8:30-9:30am	<u>Slow Flow Yoga</u> Thur 10:45-11:45am	<u>20/20/20</u> Fri 8:30-9:30am
	<u>Chair Yoga</u> Tue Thur 12-1pm	<u>Strictly Strength</u> Mon/Thur 1:15-2:15pm
	<u>Cardio Tone</u> <u>Light</u> Wed 11:30am-12:30pm	

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### Friday Night Drop-In Tennis

Adults Level 3.5 and Above  
Fri Mar 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 Mar 6, 13, 20 7:30-9:30pm  
Deer Creek Racquet Club • 701 Deer Creek Parkway  
Organized matches that are rotated every half hour.  
*Fee is per Sunday.*

### Pajama Party

Ages 3-6  
Fri Mar 4 5:30-7:30pm  
Recreation Center of Highland Park • 1207 Park Ave West  
Curl up to watch a movie in your pajamas with your friends!

### Words and Wine

Ages 21+  
Fri Mar 11 6-8pm  
Rosewood Beach Interpretive Center • 883 Sheridan Road  
Enjoy a fun and relaxing evening being artistic and sipping wine!

### Egg Hunt

Family  
Sat Mar 19 11am  
West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Road  
Gather colorful eggs filled with toys and fun surprises. One egg will hold a family pass to Hidden Creek AquaPark!

### Breakfast with the Bunny

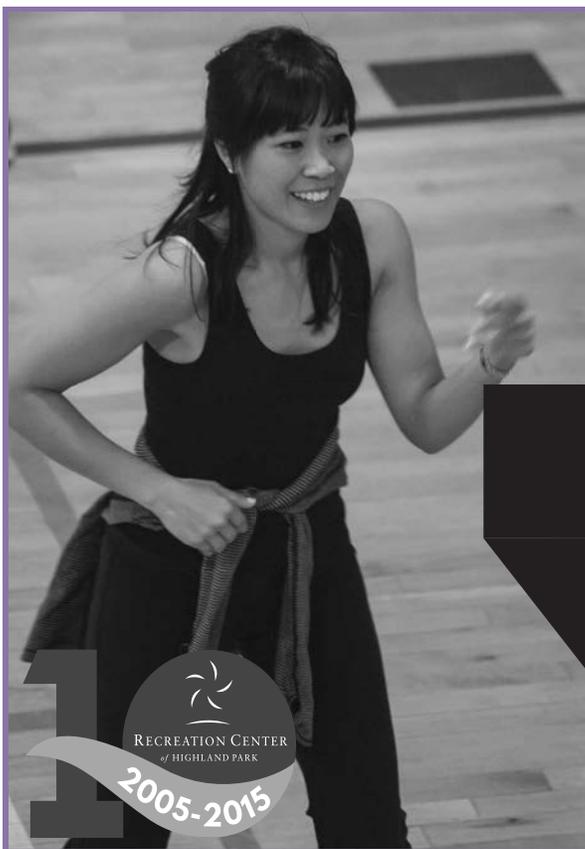
Family  
Sat Mar 19 9:15-11am  
West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Road  
Enjoy a special morning with our honored guest! Full breakfast buffet and a meet and great with the bunny.  
Registration deadline Mar 11.

# 10-4 play

## President's Day Mon Feb 15 Recreation Center of Highland Park

**FREE**  
**Open Gym &  
Open Swim**

- Open gym from 11am-5:30pm
- Open swim from 2:15-4pm and 5:30-9pm



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**3D Printcraft: 10 – 11:30 a.m.**

Learn to use software to create your own 3D-printed designs!

**Bookcraft: 12:30 – 2 p.m.**

Turn an ordinary book into something extraordinary using scissors, glue, pencils, and your imagination!

**Stitchcraft: 3 – 4:30 p.m.**

Learn how to make yarn out of plastic bags and take home a pattern to crochet a sleeping mat!

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**CHOOSE  
FROM:**

**3D PRINTCRAFT**

**BOOKCRAFT**

**STITCHCRAFT**

# Note music series for Note

## Sones de Mexico A Musical Geography Of Mexico

Sunday, March 6, 2 p.m.

This Grammy-nominated Mexican folk music band performs a concert showcasing musical styles from different parts of Mexico.

This program is sponsored in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, by the City of Highland Park Cultural Arts Commission and the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

DON'T MISS THE OTHER  
CONCERTS IN THE SERIES:

### Rahul Sharma, Sitar

Sunday, April 10, 2 p.m.

### Black Oak Ensemble With Desirée Ruhstrat, Aurélien Pederzoli, and David Cunliffe

Sunday, May 1, 2 p.m.

MEET THE AUTHOR! GET YOUR BOOK SIGNED!

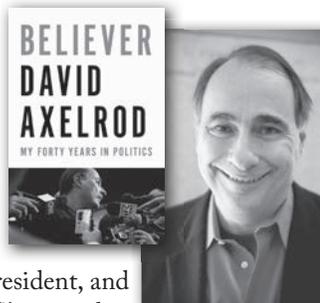
## David Axelrod

### In Conversation With Steve Edwards *Believer: My Forty Years In Politics*

Monday, February 15, 7 p.m.

David Axelrod, political consultant, senior strategist to President Obama's historic 2008 presidential campaign and re-election campaign, former senior advisor to the president, and director of the Institute of Politics at The University of Chicago, discusses his book with Steve Edwards, executive director of the Institute of Politics and former acclaimed host at WBEZ. In his bestselling book, Axelrod opens up about his years as a journalist, political consultant, and ultimately, senior advisor to the president. Books will be for sale and the event will conclude with a book signing.

Sponsored by the Elizabeth L. Joksimovic Foundation.



## Raise a Reader Sign Up For Spring Storytimes!

Registration begins Monday, February 29

Spring storytime sessions, with activities designed to foster pre-reading skills for newborns to six-year-olds, begin in March and April.

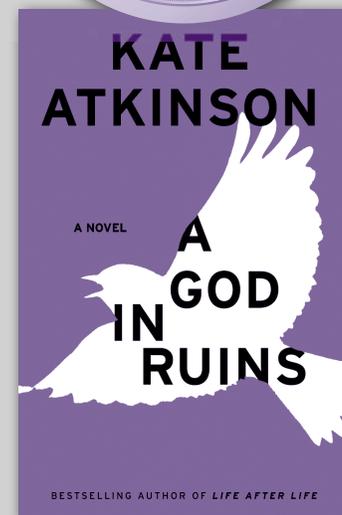
Visit [hplibrary.org/kids](http://hplibrary.org/kids) for storytime dates and times and to register.

## Career Counseling

Wednesday, March 9, 12 – 3:30 p.m.

Meet with a career counselor from College of Lake County for a free half-hour session. Learn job search strategies, find assistance writing or updating a resume, and prepare for a job interview.

Register for a 30-minute appointment at [hplibrary.org](http://hplibrary.org) or at the Information & Reader Services desk or call (847) 681-7031.



## The 2016 One Book, One Highland Park Selection

Check out a copy at the library or pick up a copy at locations around town.

### Meet The Author Virtually

Monday, April 4, 7 p.m.

Visit [hplibrary.org/onebookhp](http://hplibrary.org/onebookhp)  
for more information.

## Screwball Comedies Film Series

Sundays at 2 p.m.

Bob Coscarelli, professor emeritus, College of Lake County, introduces the films and leads a discussion following the screenings. Presented with the Highland Park Senior Center. Sponsored by Warren Barr North Shore.

*The Lady Eve*, February 21

*Palm Beach Story*, March 20

*What's Up Doc?*, April 24

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## BUSINESS REPORT

### NEW BUSINESSES

#### Dunkin Donuts

1996 Second Street  
(847) 748-8931  
[www.dunkindonuts.com](http://www.dunkindonuts.com)  
Coffee, baked goods and sandwiches

#### Freshii

2099 Skokie Road (Inside Target)  
(847) 748-9191  
[www.freshii.com](http://www.freshii.com)  
Restaurant

#### Island Smoke

190-192 Skokie Valley Rd.  
(847) 831-3340  
Tobacco Store

#### Windward Board Shop

1883 Second Street  
(847) 780-8970  
[www.windwardboardshop.com](http://www.windwardboardshop.com)  
Retail Sporting Goods

#### Ming Qing Homes

1854 First Street  
(224) 808-8255  
Furniture Store

### BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARDS

#### Citywoods, Inc - 27 Years

651 Central Avenue  
Highland Park, IL 60035  
(847) 432-9393  
[www.citywoods.com](http://www.citywoods.com)  
Citywoods is a contemporary, American fine crafts shop and gallery, specializing in real wood, handmade jewelry, and blown glass.

#### Players Grill - 27 Years

1885 Deerfield Road  
(847) 831-4445  
[www.playersgrill.net](http://www.playersgrill.net)  
Players Grill is a regular destination for North Shore diners looking for quality food and exceptional value. With their cozy sports themed dining room and friendly experienced wait staff is an excellent choice.

#### Nick's Upholstery - 27 Years

1919 Skokie Valley Road  
(847) 579-1820  
[www.nicksupholstery.com](http://www.nicksupholstery.com)  
Nick's Upholstery has been providing the highest quality work, attention to detail and customer service for over 25 years. Nick's Upholstery is expert at reaching the perfect balance of style and livability for your home or commercial space.

#### Wayne's Cleaners - 35 Years

575 Roger Williams Ave  
(847) 432-9265  
Wayne's Cleaners is a reliable spot for all of your laundry and dry cleaning needs.

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