

THE HIGHLANDER



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City Works to Enhance Communication with Public

New online features developed to access events and development projects

The City strives to deliver information and answer questions to the public in the most time efficient and effective manner. Therefore, City staff, with assistance from Geographic Information System (GIS), has developed new information websites to access information easier: **Event Space, Development Projects Map, Public Hearing Log, Building Permit & Inspection Information and Municode.**

Event Space is an opportunity to showcase the outstanding opportunities available in our community for business and residents. Event Space is a mapping product that gives businesses, residents or visitors the available locations for private events throughout the community, along with detailed information and contact information for each site. Although the City cannot recommend one venue over another, individuals are encouraged to contact locations of interest to discuss their specific needs.

Development Projects Map. With an increasing number of development projects occurring in Highland Park, City staff is working diligently to ensure public awareness and feedback on development projects and entitlement-related requests occurring in the community. This online resource will show development sites in a community context and will have a brief write-up de-

scribing the project and its current status with respect to public hearings and approvals. Staff will be constantly updating information for each project as meetings occur and updates are available.

Public Hearing Log and Building Permit is a spreadsheet that includes a listing of public hearings for the various City Commissions. This list, which will be available to the public as a PDF file on the City website, includes projects that will appear at the City Council, Plan & Design Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Historic Preservation Commission. Additionally, the subdivision projects occurring in the community will be included. The log will give individuals the ability to track the status of various cases, as it will include meeting dates, actions taken (if any), and hyperlinks providing quick access to meeting packets. Staff intends to update the spreadsheet weekly to keep the public up-to-date with new applications, public hearings and results.

Building Permit & Inspection Information. The Department of Community Development offers online permitting services through the Department's Building Division website. These online services provide permit customers an additional means to obtain detailed permit information as well as schedule inspections.

Municode.

The City recently contracted with Municipal Code Corporation (known as Municode) to feature a fully searchable online version of the City's municipal code. The City of Highland Park City Code is the published set of laws, consisting of numerous ordinances adopted over the years by the City of Highland Park City Council, cumulatively codified into one extensive document. Municode offers residents improved access to City Code information by providing a fully searchable, interactive online version of the City Code. The Municode hosted version of the City Code features the ability to cycle between different versions of the City Code as it is supplemented through time. This is beneficial for when individuals need to research what the Code may have said in the past when a structure was built or when a public improvement was made. It also allows residents to view Ordinances which have been approved by the City Council but are awaiting codification. The Municode site offers extensive search functionality allowing residents to simply enter in key terms that will search the entire City Code. This is an exciting improvement to the City's web based offerings that will bring increased efficiency and transparency for residents, business owners, and City staff.

City Seeks Resident Feedback On Noise & Nuisance

The City is seeking residents' feedback on an amendment to the City's Municipal Code, Chapter 95: Nuisances. The current regulation states that noises that disturb or break the rest, sleep or quiet of individuals past 7:00 p.m. on any day of the week may be deemed as a public nuisance.

The City is considering a timeframe of 10:00 p.m. on weekends, when the following day is Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, and a timeframe of 8:00 p.m. on weeknights, when the following day is Monday through Friday. Resident feedback is welcome pertaining to these possible modifications or other considerations. For purposes of comparison, neighboring communities generally have "Quiet Hours" after 10:00 p.m. on weekdays and 11 p.m. on weekends. Likewise there are other towns with no such hours. The City's current regulations can be found on the City's website at www.cityhpil.com/nuisances.

Noise and nuisance regulations exclude outdoor dining on any public right-of-way, construction occurring entirely inside a building or structure, commercial filming as approved by the City and activities approved as part of a special use and special event permit by the City. Please contact the City Manager's Office with any feedback or recommendations by **Friday, April 1st** at (847) 926-1000 or via email at cityhp@cityhpil.com.

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'HIGH' NOTES

Earth Hour

Mark your calendar for Earth Hour 2016. The tenth-anniversary of this "lights off" event occurs on Saturday, March 19 between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. The City of Highland Park encourages all residents to turn off their non-essential lights for this event. Earth Hour is a global initiative led by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). Individuals, businesses, governments and communities are invited to turn out their lights for one hour to show their support for a more sustainable future. Visit the Earth Hour website for additional information about this initiative at www.earth-hour.org.

Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation

The Wyland Foundation's Annual National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation held every Earth Month (April 1-30) is a competition that encourages cities across the nation to see who can be the most water wise by asking their residents to take a series of informative, easy to use pledges online to conserve water, energy and other natural resources. Visit www.mywaterpledge.com today and make your pledge.

Emerald Ash Borer

As spring rapidly approaches so does the start of another growing season. By now most residents have heard about Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and have experienced its destruction first hand. EAB was detected in Highland Park in 2011 and since that time has steadily spread throughout northern Illinois.

Residents are advised to contact a certified arborist if they have questions or suspect EAB on private property. At this point, some trees in town have been dead for several years. It is important to address dead or dying trees. Over time these trees will destabilize and could become hazardous. It is in everyone's best interest to proactively remove any potentially unsafe tree.

If you need to find an arborist, the City maintains a list of licensed arborists and landscapers on its website. Please visit www.cityhpi.com or for additional information or call the Forestry section at (847) 926-1604.

Be a Hero, Save a Life: Donate Blood

The Fire Department will host a blood drive on Saturday, April 30 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Fire Station #33 located at 1130 Central Avenue. Participating donors will receive a free t-shirt. To make an appointment, call (877) 543-3768 or visit www.lifesource.org. Select Donate Blood; Make an Appointment; scroll down and search by Group Code 243D. Appointments are recommended and walk-ins are welcome. Prepare for your donation by eating well and staying hydrated. Donors must bring a photo ID.

Rental Registration Due April 1, 2016

On January 27, 2014 the City Council unanimously approved a registration program for residential rental properties. 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. *For those who registered a property last year, renewal notices were mailed at the end of February. Please use your renewal notice to register again for 2016.* To register a property for the first time, please complete a full application. Questions? Contact the Department of Community Development, at (847) 926-0808.

Got Food? Help Fill Moraine Township Food Pantry

Some families in our community don't! Moraine Township Food Pantry accepts donations of unexpired, non-perishable food 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 777 Central Avenue. Visit www.morainetownship.org for a shopping list of needed items, or call (847) 432-3240.

Free Tax Assistance for Low-Income Taxpayers

Now through April 9, 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. Visit www.morainetownship.org.

Seeking World War II Veterans for Community Recognition

2016 marks the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Commander Larry Sassarossi of American Legion Post #145 announced the 2016 Community Recognition of our World War II Veterans at the Council meeting on February 22.

The City seeks to identify all WWII veterans who currently reside or have resided in Highland Park in order to recognize them at civic events this year. Membership in a local veterans group is not required. In addition to receiving special recognition, these veterans are encouraged to share their stories. Highland Park Historical Society with the assistance of the Library staff will record oral history interviews with WWII veterans throughout the year.

If you are a WWII veteran or know of one who should be included, please contact Commander Larry Sassarossi at (847) 831-9049 or larrysasso@usa.com.

Please visit the City's calendar for dates of all events at www.cityhpi.com.

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

Be In, Be Real, Be Bold

A few years ago, the New York Times featured an interview with Brad Garlinghouse, the CEO of a company called YouSendIt. I refer to it often and how it relates to our community. You can find it at <http://nyti.ms/1x4ABpw>. It's about three guiding principles: **be in, be real, be bold**.

"Be in" is about being passionate. "Be real" is about being authentic in communication. "Be bold" is about trying new things, taking risks and being tolerant of failure with the potential for progress. This article resonates now more than ever, as these principles are ever present throughout our vibrant community.

We have a long history of being passionate about the needs, hopes and desire of our community. We advocate fervently, making sure that we meet and exceed the needs of our students, seniors and our most vulnerable community members. We do the same as we celebrate the arts, protect our history, preserve our natural resources and promote our overall quality of life. This passion for our priorities informs the policies set by our governing bodies and translates into our vibrant, livable community.

There is no shortage of communication among our residents, elected officials and community leaders. We are authentic to the core. On-going, respectful dialogue moves us forward and creates meaningful connections. Our community fosters a culture that values and yearns for public discourse. At the end of the day, this helps us develop and implement creative solutions now and for our future.

Our city is no stranger to progress; just take a look at how much we have changed since our founding in 1869. While external challenges may appear to be more commonplace lately than we might like, we are bold as we face them head on. We work together to embrace change as a chance to discover opportunities that will strengthen our community for years to come. We step outside of the box, try new processes, work with new partnerships and seek new approaches.

Each of us should feel that we are an important part of our City's future, surrounded by colleagues and neighbors who genuinely care about each other's well being and that of our hometown. We are driven by our collective desire to shape our future, starting with fresh thinking and supporting our city as a place where new ideas and approaches make a tangible difference in how we live, work and play. How fortunate we are to have each other as neighbors. Be in, be real, be bold.



Nancy R. Rotering
Mayor Nancy R. Rotering

Report Potholes to Public Works

With the onset of warmer weather and freeze-thaw cycles occurring this time of year, City streets are bound to have pockets of distressed areas commonly known as potholes. These potholes are created in several ways including pavement trench failures, unraveling of pavement surface, poor pavement drainage especially on non-curbed streets, expansion joints deterioration on concrete streets, and instability of sub-pavement materials.

A typical pothole is created with precipitation seeping through surface pavement into sub-pavement (3"-4" below) creating an expansion of area. With warming temperatures, the pavement begins to thaw thereby expanding the area and with increased road traffic the area enlarges creating a pothole. Pothole repairs completed in winter are done using cold patch asphalt, considered to be temporary repairs. Upon

opening of asphalt plants in early spring, permanent pavement patching repairs are performed to improve roadway conditions.

To help Public Works Department maintain City streets in drivable condition, please report pothole repair via City Pothole Hotline at (847) 926-1178. This 24-hour hotline allows residents to report a pothole location by leaving their name, address, phone number and specific location of the pothole.

Pothole repairs may also be reported online on City's website at www.cityhpil.com using Request Tracker by clicking on "Customer Service Request" on the main page. Pothole repairs are typically addressed within 24-48 hours upon notification.

Please contact Public Works at (847) 432-0807 during normal business hours or during off hours, please call the Non-Emergency Police line at (847) 432-7730.

Dispose of U.S. Flags Properly

The Jewish War Veterans Post #29 and the American Legion Post #145 will collaborate to host a flag disposal ceremony at the Veterans Memorial at the corner of St. Johns and Central Avenues. The ceremony will be held on Flag Day, Tuesday, June 14, 2016 and will be conducted in accordance with the U.S. Flag Code

Residents seeking to retire or properly dispose of U.S. flags that are damaged, torn or discolored may be dropped off at the following locations: City Hall (1707 St. Johns Avenue), Police Department (1677 Old Deerfield Road), Library (494 Laurel Avenue) and the Recreation Center (1207 Park Avenue West). Please be sure to drop off flags no later than *Friday, June 10*. For more information, please contact contact Commander Larry Sassarossi at (847) 831-9049 or larrysasso@usa.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Spring Clean-Up Program Begins April 30

The City's annual Spring Clean-Up Program will be offered by Lakeshore Recycling Systems on four consecutive Saturdays beginning April 30 and ending May 21. This year, collection will again coincide with residents' primary garbage collection day (the primary collection day is the day both garbage and recycling are collected). Items must be placed at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. on collection day. Refer to the map on the right to determine your primary collection day and then use the table to view your Spring Clean-Up collection date.

In order to keep City streets clean, it is requested that residents not place any material out for collection earlier than one week before a scheduled collection.

Oversized Items

Lakeshore Recycling Systems will pick up all allowed oversized items that are placed at the curb on residents' scheduled Spring Clean-Up days.

To discard waste from a do-it-yourself project, please make sure that the material is bundled so that one person can pick it up and place it in the truck. Carpeting must be rolled and should not exceed the weight that one person can carry. *Waste material generated by general contractors will not be accepted.*

Appliances

Residents with appliances for collec-

tion such as refrigerators/freezers (doors must be removed), stoves, dishwashers, washers/dryers, furnaces/boilers, hot water heaters, air conditioners, and microwave ovens must call Lakeshore Recycling Systems at (773) 685-8811 to arrange for a special pick-up. When calling, please indicate your name, address, and the type of item to be collected. Please note that residents must bring the item to the curb in order for it to be collected.

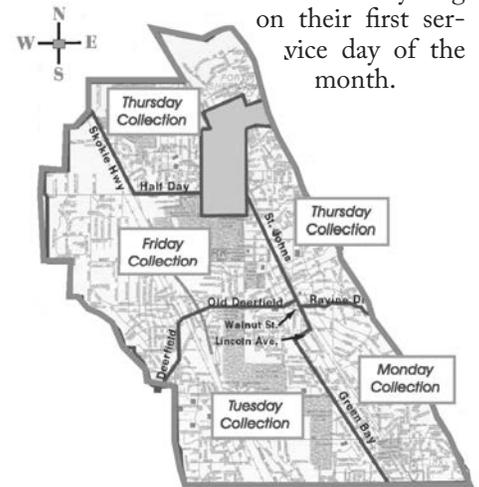
Prohibited Items

The following items will not be accepted: regular garbage; yardwaste; debris generated by landscapers, tree trimmers, or contractors; demolition material from fences, roofs, or exterior building debris; rubber tires; batteries; and oil and household hazardous wastes such as paint, pesticides, or pool chemicals.

In accordance with Illinois law, it is illegal for landfills to accept electronics, such as monitors, printers, televisions and computers. These may be dropped off at the Firearms Training Center, 1180 Half Day Road, on Tuesdays from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the first Saturday of every month from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Unfortunately, due to an unanticipated

Area	Collection Day	Spring Clean-Up Day
SE	Monday	Saturday, April 30
SW	Tuesday	Saturday, May 7
NE	Thursday	Saturday, May 14
NW	Friday	Saturday, May 21

mandate to pay for the collection of electronics for recycling, the SWALCO Board determined that the five electronics recycling facilities would *close effective May 1, 2016*, including Highland Park's electronics recycling facility. Residents may continue to leave out for Lakeshore Recycling Systems to pick up one large or three small electronic devices for recycling on their first service day of the month.



Display Your Home Address Properly

The Highland Park Fire Department reminds homeowners to display home addresses properly.

The Municipal Code of Highland Park states that each owner or occupant of real estate shall provide, place and display their street address in a manner that may be easily and distinctly read year-round from the roadway in the daylight and easily and distinctly read year-round during darkness with the use of outside lighting provided by the persons on the roadway doing the reading.

When 911 is called a lack of a clear and legible address will delay firefighters and paramedics in finding the emergency when every second counts. Firefighters and paramedics responding to calls need to be able to see addresses during the day time and the night time.

Please make sure your home address is displayed on your home

and is visible from the street. We have many homes in town with addresses that are very hard to read. Some homes don't have an address at all. If 911 is called and you are able to turn on your outside lights in the evening it will also aid in finding your house.

Additionally, address numbers should not be obscured by bushes or other decorative materials, and each of the numbers and letters of every address needs to be at least three inches high.

We appreciate your help in this matter! Your health and safety is very important to us!

Please contact the Fire Department with any questions at (847) 433-3110.

Or email our Public Education Officers, John Brens, jbrens@cityhpil.com and Joe Schrage, jschrage@cityhpil.com.



YOUTH & SENIOR SERVICES

Barry Bradford Presents:

Women Who Make Us Laugh - Kristin Chenoweth

Highland Park Public Library

Friday, March 18

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Free for members / NM: \$10

Sponsored by BrightStar Care

Revered historian and storyteller Barry Bradford returns with a riveting look at Kristin Chenoweth, winner of numerous Tony and Emmy awards and considered one of the greatest singers of our generation. Her charming and vibrant life, unbelievable talent and versatility, and compassionate charity create an uplifting and joyful presentation.

Senior Citizen Prom: Seniors in the Sun

Highland Park High School

Saturday, April 16

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Fee: \$5 / NM: \$10

Discount deadline: April 8; call (847) 432-4110 to register.

Sponsored by CJE Weinberg Community for Senior Living

“Hele mei hoohiwahiwa” – come celebrate with us! The Highland Park High School Class of 2019 invites you to join them for a fabulous night of Hawaiian-style dinner, dancing, and entertainment. Guests enjoy a tasty catered dinner and a sweet table with home-baked goodies made with love by the students.

The HPHS DJ Club provides music to dance the night away and some of the high school’s most talented artists perform throughout the evening. The students are ready to serve, dance, and entertain you!

Hershey Felder as Irving Berlin

Royal George Theatre, Chicago

Thursday, May 19

Fee: \$70 / NM: \$90

Bus departs Toys R Us at 12:45 p.m.

Approximate return at 5 p.m.

Discount deadline: April 19; call (847) 432-4110 to register.

Hershey Felder returns to Chicago in this hit production of *Hershey Felder as Irving Berlin* at Royal George Theatre. Felder brings to life the remarkable story of Irving Berlin and his American classics such as *White Christmas*, *God Bless America*, *Always*, *Puttin’ on the Ritz*, and more. His masterful creation of character and music performance make this wonderful and an unforgettable journey.

Senior Adult Travel Golf League

Wed. Mornings, May - September

Tee off between 7 - 9 a.m.

Fee: \$40 / NM: \$60

Resident registration begins: March 15

Open registration begins: March 22

This 9-hole, coed travel league matches individuals and pairs weekly, with other

senior

Serving Adults Over 50

54 Laurel Avenue

(847) 432-4110

Monday - Friday

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

golfers. Rotating between Sunset Valley, Highland Park Country Club, Sportsman Country Club, and Deerfield Golf Club, this league is for golfers looking to meet other players. Greens/cart fees are additional, and payable weekly at each course. Call (847) 432-4110 to register.

SOCIAL SERVICES Jennifer Aiello, LPC, helps individuals and families navigate through life’s transitions. Social services include: • Information about caregiving agencies, alternative living facilities, transportation options, medical alert systems, and mobile meal assistance • Counseling for individuals experiencing loss, life changes, or seeking personal support • Grief Group for those experiencing recent loss within the past year • Appointments with a SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Program) volunteer • Telephone Reassurance Program for senior adults living alone. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Jennifer Aiello at (847) 926-1865.

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.

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

Coffee, Cocktails & Conversation with the Artists from *Words, Numbers & Symbols* March 17, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

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

The exhibiting artists discuss how they incorporate letterforms into their individual work to create a unique visual message.

Bilingual Family Sing

April 10, 4:00 p.m.
Highland Park Presbyterian
330 Laurel Avenue
(847) 604-2956

Soprano Eleanor Mendoza leads families with children from infants through teens in a bilingual sing. The free musical celebration marks the 20th anniversary of the Highland Park/Highwood Home Child Care Association. Mendoza, an artist with Ravinia Festival's Reach*Teach*Play Music Discovery Program, encourages audience participation in both Spanish and English.

Affordable Housing Information Session

April 12, 7:00 p.m.
May 10, 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.

27th Annual CSL Student Art Exhibition

Exhibit April 13 - 21
Opening Reception:
April 14, 6 - 8 p.m.
The Art Center
1957 Sheridan Road
(847) 432-1888

The Central Suburban League (CSL) unifies the twelve league high schools through the visual arts. Participating schools are Evanston, Deerfield, Glenbrook North, Glenbrook South, Highland Park, Maine East, Maine South, Maaine West, New Trier, Niles North, Niles West and Waukegan. The student talent is exceptional!

Highland Park Historical Society:

Causes and Costs of Corruption
April 14
7:00 p.m.
Highland Park Library
494 Laurel Avenue
Free

Highland Park Historical Society hosts *Causes and Costs of Corruption* by Juliet Sorenson. This issue has a long history in Illinois and is no less relevant today. Illinoisans could benefit from understanding conditions that have given rise to a culture of corruption in our state, the significant economic and other costs and what to do toward changing the culture that perpetuates it.

Pilgram Players Concert: *Stars of Tomorrow*

April 17, 3:00 p.m.
Highland Park Community House
1991 Sheridan Road
(847) 433-0992
FREE

Exciting concert performed by exceptionally talented, prize-winning young musicians performing solo and chamber music, an audience favorite.

CALL FOR ENTRY:

Exhibition - *Visions Of Highland Park Past and Present*

Spring/Summer Art in City Hall Exhibition - 2016
May 16 - August 18
(Call for Entry due by April 20)

The Art Center
1957 Sheridan Road
(847) 432-1888
An exhibition of photo images and paintings that depict vi-

sions of Highland Park Past and Present. Photographs and paintings of Highland Park from the 19th and 20th Century will be exhibited, as well as artwork from present day artist visions of Highland Park. Please consider submitting your present day photography, paintings, mixed media works and small sculpture by April 20. This exhibition is a collaboration between The Highland Park Historical Society, The Highland Park Cultural Arts Commission and The Art Center of Highland Park. (Artwork does not have to be for sale and you do not have to be a Member of TAC to participate in this exhibition. Prospectus for entering will be available online March 15th. www.TheArtCenterHP.org.)

Local Authors' Book Fair

Saturday May 21, 2016
1-4 PM
Highland Park Public Library

If you have published a book, join us for a Book Fair just for you! Come and sell your book personally in the Reading Room of the library.

If your book is not yet published, get that manuscript ready! Have it printed by May, and you can participate.

Participation is limited to authors who live, work, or study in Highland Park.

Authors must be present to sell their book.

For more information contact *East on Central*, at info@eastoncentral.org

EAST ON CENTRAL
A Journal of Arts and Letters from Highland Park, Illinois

Co-sponsored by the Highland Park Library, East on Central and Highland Park Poetry
Funded by a grant from Yeal Highland Park and the Highland Park Community Foundation.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

District 112: iRead 2016 & Early Childhood Award of Excellence



iRead 2016!

1.7 million – that’s the number of minutes read by students across North Shore School District 112 as part of this year’s iRead for 112 Foundation program! Those readers raised \$28,000 for the Foundation’s Author Visit program and other programs.

Congratulations to Sherwood School on winning the elementary school trophy for the second year in a row! Edgewood Middle School won the trophy for the middle school level with 92% of students participating. Wayne Thomas earns the most improved school – with 92% of all students participating and minutes read per student up 89% over last year! Ravinia School had the highest donations per student. All four schools will receive a donation from the

Foundation to their Instructional Media Centers. Mrs. Weissman’s 4th grade class had the most minutes read and will receive money for a class party of their choosing.

Northshore School District 112 and the 112 Foundation extends a huge thank you to everyone who helped make this year so successful!



Award of Excellence

The District is proud to announce that its Early Childhood Program has received the Award of Excellence for Inclusion of Children with Special Needs from Excel-

eRate® Illinois. The prestigious state award recognizes excellence in early childhood programs in areas that promote developmental gains for at-risk children.

Inclusion is the principle that every child deserves access to a wide range of learning activities and settings, participation in those learning experiences with necessary accommodations made for children who need them, and system-wide supports to ensure providers – both individuals and organizations – are trained and prepared to implement the appropriate strategies. The principle guides program policies and practices to guarantee that children who have special needs are educated alongside those who do not have special needs.

The Early Childhood Program had already achieved ExceleRate Illinois’ Gold Circle of Quality commendation, meeting or exceeding the highest quality standards in learning environment and teaching quality; administrative standards; and training & education.

District 113 names Superintendent of Schools

District 113 is pleased to announce the selection of Dr. Christopher Dignam as the new Superintendent of Schools, effective June 28, 2016. The Board of Education voted February 8 to approve Dr. Dignam’s three-year contract. He succeeds Dr. Daryl Herrick, who is serving as interim superintendent for the 2015-16 school year.

Dr. Dignam has been serving as principal of Deerfield High School (DHS) since July 2015. Prior, Dr. Dignam spent three years as principal of Lane Tech College Prep, a public four-year selective enrollment magnet school in Chicago; he was named the McCormick Foundation High School Media Illinois Principal of the Year in 2014. Dr. Dignam also served as assistant principal at Lane Tech, as a science coach for the Chicago Board of Education’s District Area 23 Office, and as a biology teacher at Lane Tech and

Prosser Career Academy.

“Dr. Dignam has already had such a positive impact on Deerfield High School, and we are confident that he will infuse the entire District with cutting-edge programming and innovative ideas that benefit all of our students,” said School Board President Annette Lidawer.

The Board will host receptions prior to both Board of Education meetings in May to welcome Dr. Dignam to his new role in District 113. Receptions begin at 6:30 p.m., and all staff, students, parents, community members and alumni are invited to attend the date which works best. The



May 9 Board meeting takes place at Deerfield High School, and the May 23 3S Board meeting is at Highland Park High School.



“I am very proud of our accomplishments as a District, and I am excited for the opportunity to work collaboratively with parents, students, and staff, as well as the communities that we serve, to ensure that all learners are provided a 21st century education that is second to none,” said Dr. Dignam.

Visit www.dist113.org/leadership for more info about Dr. Dignam, the search and interview process facilitated by BWP & Associates. Visit <http://dhs.dist113.org> for information about the search for a new DHS principal.

PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK

Little Ladies

Ages 4-8

Fri Mar 25 1-2:15pm

Recreation Center of Highland Park • 1207 Park Av. West

A great way to relax on your day off from school! Get pampered with your friends and enjoy dancing and chocolate covered strawberries! Register at pdhp.org.

Junior Spring Break Tennis Academy

Ages 5-14

Mon-Fri Mar 28-Apr 1 9am-2:30pm

Deer Creek Racquet Club • 701 Deer Creek Parkway

Drill and play with our pros and play matches to keep you active this Spring Break.

Survival Skills

Ages 11-15

Mon Mar 28 1-4pm

Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Rd.

Practice various survival skills, such as archery, fire building and shelter building. Register at pdhp.org

Animal Antics Field Trip

Ages 7-10

Tue Mar 29 9:30am-1:30pm

Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Rd.

Take a field trip to the Wildlife Discovery Center, play animal games and make a craft. Register at pdhp.org.

Beachfront Geocaching

Ages 7-10

Wed Mar 30 12:30-2:30pm

Rosewood Beach Interpretive Center • 883 Sheridan Rd.

Explore the unique habitats of Rosewood while learning how to geocache! Register at pdhp.org.

Zipline Adventure

Ages 11-15

Thu Mar 31 Noon-6pm

Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Rd.

Go ziplining through the trees of Lake Geneva! Register at pdhp.org.



Egg Hunt

Sat Mar 19 → **11am**



West Ridge Center

FREE FAMILY EVENT

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RATED: FUN

For Ages 3-16



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[Apply at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org)

50 + Active Adult Fitness Programs

Recreation Center of Highland Park • 1207 Park Ave West

<u>Cardio Sculpt</u> Wed 8:30-9:25am	<u>Pilates</u> Wed 10:30-11:25am	<u>Better Balance</u> Fri 12-1pm
<u>Aqua Fit</u> TTh 8:30-9:30am Wed 10-11am Sun 9:30-10:30am	<u>Light n' Lively</u> Mon 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 10:45-11:55am	<u>Balance & Tone</u> Tue 10:30-11:30am
<u>Aqua Zumba</u> Thu 9:30-10:30am	<u>Water Warriors</u> Fri 8:30-9:30am	<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>Women on Weights</u> Tue 6:25-7:20pm
<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> MonThur 1:15-2:15pm
	<u>Cardio Tone</u> <u>Light</u> Wed 11:30am-12:30pm	

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HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join The Community-Wide Read!



READ THE BOOK!

British novelist Kate Atkinson won the coveted Costa Book Award for an unprecedented third time for her book, *A God In Ruins*. Judges described the book as "astonishing... utterly

magnificent and in a class of its own. A genius book." The novel follows RAF bomber pilot Teddy Todd as he navigates WWII combat and a long, tumultuous post-war life.

Check out a copy from the library or look for a free copy distributed around town.

ATTEND EVENTS!

FILM SHOWING AND DISCUSSION

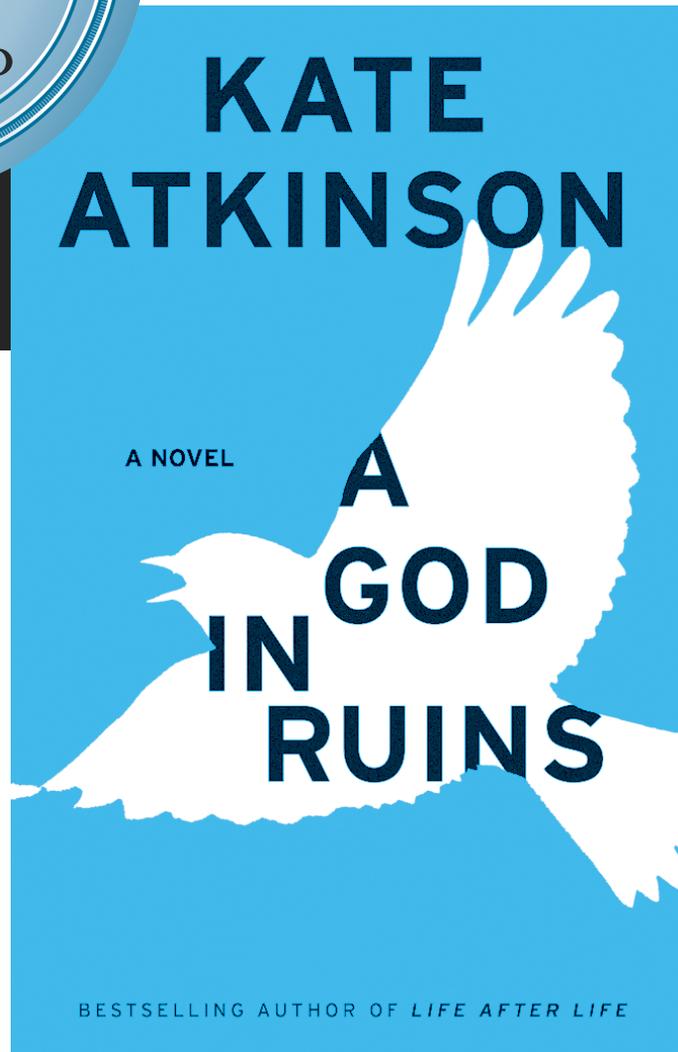
1969 film about RAF pilots starring Laurence Olivier.

Sunday, April 3
2 p.m.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Moderated by Judy Levin.

Monday, April 11
7 p.m.



[#onebookhp](https://twitter.com/onebookhp)

MEET THE AUTHOR!

VIRTUAL AUTHOR VISIT Monday, April 4, 7 p.m.

Moderated by Vu Tran, author of *Dragonfish*, one of *The New York Times* 100 Notable Books of 2015.

SCORE Chicago Small Business Seminar

LinkedIn 201 Action Steps to Build Your Brand and Expand Your Network

Wednesday, April 6, 7 p.m.

A follow up session to the introductory seminar. SCORE volunteer Michael Yublosky presents a brief review of LinkedIn's highlights for small business followed by an in-depth look at some immediate action steps to build a more professional profile and why and how to expand your network. Registration required. Register at hplibrary.org.

Note-music series for Note

Sitar Concert

Sunday, April 10, 2 p.m.

Join Dr. Rahul Sharma for an informative introduction to Hindustani classical music in this performance and talk.

This program is supported in part by the City of Highland Park Cultural Arts Commission and the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

Black Oak Ensemble

With Desirée Ruhstrat,
Aurélien Pederzoli, and
David Cunliffe

Sunday, May 1, 2 p.m.

FILMS

The Age of Love

Wednesday, March 16, 10:30 a.m.

A documentary about seniors who sign up for a first-of-its-kind speed dating event for 70 to 90-year-olds.

Presented with the Highland Park Senior Center.

Sponsored by Silverado of Highland Park.

Screwball Comedies Film Showing and Discussion

Sunday, March 20, 2 p.m.

Claudette Colbert stars in this comedy about a New York couple in financial straits. A discussion follows.

Presented with the Highland Park Senior Center. Sponsored by Warren Barr North Shore.

Film Discussion

Wednesday, March 23, 7 p.m.

Film instructor Dick Adler leads a discussion.

This film is based on the true story of James Donovan (Tom Hanks), the Brooklyn attorney who negotiated the release of an American U-2 pilot shot down and captured by the USSR in exchange for a Soviet spy jailed for espionage against the U.S. Directed by Steven Spielberg.

The film will be shown on Monday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Spring Break

Game Jam

Tuesday, March 29, 1 – 3 p.m.

Thursday, March 31, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 2, 2 – 4 p.m. Game Day!
Ages 15 – 19

Have you ever wanted to make your own board game? Work with game designer Adrienne Ciskey, creator of the game *Bitter Pills*, over the course of three sessions to design, create, and play your very own board game. Play some indie board games for inspiration, use some tools of the trade to create your own game, and then show off your creations to friends and family on game day. Registration required. Register at hplibrary.org.

Spring Make!

3D Printcraft: Seeds of Knowledge

Wednesday, March 30, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Ages 8 – 14

Learn about cultivating healthy food choices and DIY gardening activities with Namrita Narula, the 14-year-old community gardener and founder of Seeds of Knowledge. Then learn how to design and 3D print a small flower pot. Registration required. Register at kidsevents.org.

Fun with Math Math in Nature and the Nature of Math

Tuesday, April 5, 7 p.m.

Meet and talk about math. Watch a TED talk and then discuss math in nature and the nature of math. Math hobbyist Les Axelrod facilitates the discussion. Bring a calculator. For more information, call Les at 847-432-7003.

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

BUSINESS REPORT

NEW BUSINESSES

Aqua Blue Pools
3150 Skokie Valley Road
(224) 636-7724
aquablueswimmingpool.com
Swimming pool repair and maintenance

Riche Organics Handcrafted Bath & Body
1781 St. Johns Avenue
(847) 780-4089
www.richeorganics.com
Hand crafted bath and body products

The Healing Clinic
332 Skokie Valley Road
(847) 780-2050
www.thehealingclinic.org
Patient Advocacy Center

NEW OWNERSHIP

La Michoacana
2641 Waukegan Avenue
(847) 579-9095

Ravinia Coffee Station
723 St. Johns Avenue
(847) 748-8439

Studio S
614 Laurel Avenue
(847) 433-8744

BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARDS

Amdur Productions – 33 Years
2115 Green Bay Road
(847) 926-4300
amdurproductions.com
Amdur Productions, a nationally acclaimed arts festival production company, has organized and directed many of the Midwest's most prestigious juried art festivals.

Chucks Auto Repair Service – 31 Years
2254 Skokie Valley Road
(847) 433-7950
Chucks's Auto Repair Service has been providing Highland Park residents reliable ve-

hicle repairs for 31 years.

Eye Magic – 27 Years
605 Elm Place
(847) 433-9116
www.eyemagicopticalil.com
Eye Magic offers professional eye exams for pediatric, adult and geriatric patients as well as quality eyeglasses and affordable contacts.

Femmes – 30 Years
2055 Green Bay Road
(847) 681-8484
www.femmesdayspa.com
Femmes Day Spa provides a peaceful atmosphere for a refreshing day at the spa. Trained nail technicians and aestheticians incorporate a number of different treatments designed to beautify, detoxify, relax the mind and rejuvenate the spirit.

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

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