

# THE HIGHLANDER



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## **Alternative Residential Electricity Supply Services Referendum Question on March 20, 2012, Primary Ballot**

On August 10, 2009, Governor Quinn signed into law Public Act 96-176, amending the Illinois Power Agency Act to allow municipalities to arrange for the provision of electricity to residential and small commercial retail customers by alternative electric suppliers (instead of ComEd). Under the new law, a municipality may seek bids for the provision of aggregate electricity supply services to residential and small commercial customers, in hopes that the selected rate will be lower than the standard rate offered by ComEd. The legislation contemplates an "opt-out" program in which all residential and small commercial retail customers would be switched automatically to the alternative supplier selected by the City, unless a customer affirmatively opts out of the program and continues service through ComEd or another provider. However, in order to seek competitive prices for an opt-out electricity aggregation program, the City must first obtain approval from residents through a referendum.

On September 26, the City Council approved a resolution to authorize placement of a referendum regarding an opt-out electricity aggregation program on the March 20, 2012, primary election ballot. Voters will be asked if the City should be given the authority to seek competitive pricing bids for electricity services and to enter into a single contract that would include residents and small businesses if lower electric bills can be realized.

The City is a member of the North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium, a group of eight north suburban municipalities working together to identify potential electricity cost savings. The other members of the Consortium are Deerfield, Glencoe, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, Northbrook, Park Ridge and Skokie. Collectively, the Consortium's members will collaborate for the duration of the bidding process and seek prices for the aggregated electricity load of the municipalities that approve

the referendum. If the referendum is approved in Highland Park, the City will proceed with the bid solicitation process, even if the referendum is not approved by the voters of any of the other Consortium members.

If the referendum is approved in March, bids will be solicited for the Consortium's aggregated electricity load. The Consortium intends to seek proposed pricing for one-, two- and three-year terms. The bids will be compared to ComEd's current rates, and the City only intends to approve a bid that will result in lower electricity prices than the current ComEd rates. Approval of the referendum does not obligate the City to implement an opt-out electricity aggregation program. If a program is implemented, all residential and small commercial retail customer accounts will automatically be moved to the new supplier; however, information will be provided in advance of the change to residents and commercial retail customers who may choose to opt-out of having their account transferred to another supplier and prefer to remain with ComEd.

Please note that, under an opt-out electricity aggregation program, ComEd will remain the distributor of electricity in the City; the selected alternative supplier will merely generate the electricity provided and deliver it to ComEd for distribution. Additionally, customers will continue to receive electricity bills from ComEd. Likewise, ComEd will remain responsible for all distribution system issues, including power outages.

As part of this process, the City will host a second public hearing on February 27 at 7:30 p.m. during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting to allow the community to provide input. This meeting is held at City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue.

For more information, please contact Emily Palm, Assistant to the City Manager, at (847) 926-1004/[epalm@cityhpil.com](mailto:epalm@cityhpil.com).



**For more information about electrical aggregation, please utilize this QR code to view a FAQ sheet on the City's website.**

# 'HIGH' NOTES

## City Thanks Phil Spies for 32 Years of Service

On January 20, Phil Spies, Water Plant Mechanic, retired after 32 years of service to the Highland Park community. Hired as a Mechanic in the Public Works Equipment Division in 1979, Phil held various positions during his career with the City. In addition to his dedicated service to the City, Phil was also recognized by the Automotive Aftermarket Industry Association, which awarded him the title "World Class Technician." The City of Highland Park would like to thank Phil for his years of committed service and wish him well in retirement.

## City Offers Electronic Water Billing Opportunity for Residents

In support of efforts to "go green," the City of Highland Park is pleased to offer its customers the option to receive water bills via email, commonly known as an E-bill. With E-billing, bills will be received via email and will no longer be sent by paper copy via regular postal mail. The E-bill enrollment form is available on the City's website at [www.cityhpil.com/ebill](http://www.cityhpil.com/ebill). Based on the date of enrollment, it may take up to two billing cycles to activate E-billing. Please note that enrollment in the E-billing program does not alter payment options for water bills. Payment options still consist of the following methods: automatic payment, online payment, payment in person at City Hall, or remitting a payment in the drop box across from City Hall. For more information regarding E-billing enrollment, please contact the Finance Department at (847) 432-0800.

## Heed Fix-a-Leak Week Recommendations

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 fourth annual

Fix-a-Leak Week, March 12 through 18. Sponsored by EPA's WaterSense program, Fix-a-Leak Week reminds homeowners of easy steps they can take to help conserve water. For more information, visit [www.cityhpil.com/fixaleak](http://www.cityhpil.com/fixaleak).

## Enjoy Ice Skating in Central Business District

The Downtown Highland Park Alliance invites the community to ice skate in Port Clinton Square, 600 Central Avenue. Skating hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 3:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Fridays, 3:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays, Noon - 9:00 p.m.; and Sundays, Noon - 5:00 p.m. Skating admission is \$2; skate rental is also available for \$2. Skate admission is free on Tuesdays. For more information, contact the Downtown Alliance at (847) 780-4293 or visit [www.downtownhp.com](http://www.downtownhp.com).

## CPAH Hosts Affordable Housing Information Sessions

Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) is a not-for-profit organization that provides affordable housing to low and moderate income households that live or work in the area. The program helps to bridge the gap between the cost of local housing and the incomes of people who live or work in the community. Homes are sold to income qualified households at 40-60% below market value. To qualify, a household of four may not have income exceeding \$60,000. CPAH is currently taking applications for a house at 1918 Midland, a 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom residence. To learn if affordable housing might be right for you, please attend the following information sessions:

- February 23, 7:00 p.m.
- March 6, 7:00 p.m.
- March 24, 10:00 a.m.

Information sessions will be held at 400 Central Avenue, Suite 111. To register or for more information, please contact Amy Kaufman at (847) 681-8746/[akauffman@cpahousing.org](mailto:akauffman@cpahousing.org). More information is also available at [www.cpahousing.org](http://www.cpahousing.org).

## Art is Alive Contest Winners Announced

Winners of the *Art is Alive* in Highland Park juried art competition were recognized on January 6. The competition, sponsored by the Cultural Arts Commission and The Art Center, recognized the following recipients: elementary school, Michaela Michaels; middle school, Ryan Heller; high school, Kimberly Isaacs; adult, Karen Appleton. There were 87 entries in a range of medium including painting, drawing, photography, and sculpture that were submitted for judging. For more information, please contact Lee Smith, City Planner, at (847) 926-1612/[lsmith@cityhpil.com](mailto:lsmith@cityhpil.com).

## Police Department Implements Project Lifesaver Technology

The Highland Park Police Department has implemented a new program called "Project Lifesaver." Project Lifesaver utilizes radio technology to assist those who care for individuals who suffer from Alzheimer's and other mental dysfunction disorders, including children with Down Syndrome and Autism. In this program, a personalized radio transmitter, similar in size to a small wrist watch, is worn by residents who have a medical tendency to wander away from their homes. These wrist transmitters omit a continuous signal every second, 24-hours a day, assisting caregivers and emergency agencies in locating those who cannot help themselves. Project Lifesaver has over 1,400 rescues nationwide. The adjoining communities of Deerfield and Bannockburn also use Project Lifesaver technology, which strengthens the response and rescue of missing residents. Police professional staff, along with Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) team members, received specialized certification training as Project Lifesaver instructors. Funding for the program was obtained through a grant from the Healthcare Foundation of Highland Park. For more information regarding the Project Lifesaver program, please contact Sergeant Steve Mueller at (847) 926-1765/[smueller@cityhpil.com](mailto:smueller@cityhpil.com).

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Message from the Mayor

In the upcoming election on March 20, 2012, through a vote on a referendum, voters will choose whether the City may have the opportunity to obtain lower electricity rates for its residents and small businesses. Last September, the City agreed to join a group of neighboring municipalities that will work together to secure electricity rates that are lower than current ComEd rates. By joining this North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium ("Consortium"), if permitted by the voters, we hope to negotiate cheaper rates due to the large volume of customers purchasing electricity together.

Right now, residents can individually contract for electricity from a provider other than ComEd (we've all received offers in the mail). What we are seeking under the referendum is the chance to join our neighboring communities to negotiate even cheaper rates for the entire City. If approved on the ballot, and if the City and the Consortium identify an alternative supplier that can offer better rates, the electricity will continue to run through ComEd equipment, but the actual energy running through that equipment will be bought more cheaply from another source.

The City will hold a second public hearing at the February 27 City Council meeting to discuss the aggregation program. The meeting will take place 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue.

If the referendum passes, residents will still have the choice to opt out of this joint purchasing program and use either ComEd's electricity or electricity from another provider than that chosen by the City. Here is a more detailed summary provided by our City staff:

### Summary

In 2009, the Illinois Power Agency Act was amended to allow municipalities to contract for the provision of electricity to residents and small businesses by alternative electric suppliers (instead of ComEd). Under the new law, the City may seek bids for aggregated electricity supply services for these customers. The goal is to get a lower rate than the standard rate offered by ComEd.

If the electricity aggregation program is approved and adopted, all residential and small commercial retail customers will be switched automatically to the City's chosen supplier, unless a customer chooses to opt out of the program and to continue service through ComEd or through another provider.

### Vote on the Referendum

As the first step in the new program, the City must pose a referendum question on the March 20, 2012, ballot asking voters if they wish to allow the City to pursue this alternative source of electricity. The question will read: "Shall the City of Highland Park have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?"

### Collaboration

Our City staff has been working with nearby communities that are also considering the "opt-out" electricity aggregation program: Deerfield, Glencoe, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, Northbrook, Park Ridge and Skokie. Collectively, this group is the Consortium. The Consortium has an intergovernmental agreement, which spells out the details concerning governance, implementation of the aggregation process, pricing options, and the bidding and supplier selection process. The City will work with Consortium members to research and investigate the electricity market prior to issuing a joint supply power bid.

If the "opt-out" referendum is approved by the voters on March 20, 2012, the City may consider implementing the opt-out program. Full details will be provided to residents.

The bids will be compared to ComEd's current rates, and the City will only consider approval of bids that will result in lower electricity prices than the current ComEd rates. Approval of the referendum does not obligate the City to implement an opt-out electricity aggregation program.

If a program is implemented, all residential and small commercial retail customer accounts will automatically be moved to the new supplier unless the customer opts-out; information will be provided in advance of the change to customers about how they can choose to opt out and remain with ComEd or a different supplier.

Remember, under this electricity aggregation program, ComEd will remain the distributor of electricity in the City; the selected alternative supplier will merely generate the electricity provided and deliver it to ComEd for distribution. Customers will continue to receive electricity bills from ComEd and ComEd will remain responsible for all distribution system issues, including power outages. For more information, please contact Emily Palm, Assistant to the City Manager, at (847) 926-1004/[epalm@cityhpil.com](mailto:epalm@cityhpil.com).

Thank you!



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Monthly Business Report

The following businesses have opened in Highland Park. For more details, contact Carolyn Hersch, Economic Development Assistant, at (847) 926-1027/[chersch@cityhpil.com](mailto:chersch@cityhpil.com). For a complete list of registered businesses, visit [www.cityhpil.com/shoppinganddining](http://www.cityhpil.com/shoppinganddining).

### Two Men and A Truck Moving Company

555 Roger Williams Avenue, Suite 4  
(847) 433-5671  
[www.twomenandatruck.com](http://www.twomenandatruck.com)

### Thornton's Gas

Gas Station with Convenience Store  
55 Skokie Valley Road  
(847) 831-0118  
[www.thorntonsinc.com](http://www.thorntonsinc.com)

### Koi and More Pond Shop

Aquatic Products  
3150 Skokie Valley Road, Suite 10  
(847) 432-1350

### Expert Driving School

Driving School  
332 Skokie Valley Road, Suite 104  
(847) 831-1000  
[www.expertdriving.com](http://www.expertdriving.com)

### 86 Hair Studio

Beauty Salon  
1950 Sheridan Road, Suite 100  
(847) 432-4598

### 10th Planet Jiu Jitsu Chicago North

Martial Arts Instruction  
1480 Old Deerfield Road, Suite 15  
(847) 579-9120  
[www.10thplanetjjchicago.com](http://www.10thplanetjjchicago.com)

### North Shore Auto Spa

Car Wash  
2744 Skokie Valley Road  
(847) 433-9274  
[www.northshoreautospa.com](http://www.northshoreautospa.com)

### The Cook

Personal Chef and Catering  
(847) 942-7675  
[www.thecook.us](http://www.thecook.us)

### Northwestern Memorial Physicians Group

1770 First Street, Suite 300  
(847) 433-1800

### Cindy Heineman Massage

Massage Therapy  
1630 Old Deerfield Road, Suite 204  
(847) 579-0300  
[www.cindyheinemanmassage.com](http://www.cindyheinemanmassage.com)

### Illinois Bone & Joint Institute

Physician Offices, Physical and Occupational Therapy, Massage Therapy, Sports Training, Nutrition Counseling, Pilates and Yoga  
1919 Skokie Valley Road  
(224) 765-5550  
[www.ibji.com](http://www.ibji.com)

### Bullion Express

Sale of Precious Metals as Monetary Instruments, and Jewelry  
1831 St. Johns Avenue  
(847) 780-0010  
[www.bullion-express.com](http://www.bullion-express.com)

### Jen Z's Beauty Services

Beauty Salon  
2665 Waukegan Avenue, Lower Level  
(847) 433-8401  
[www.jenzsbeautyservices.com](http://www.jenzsbeautyservices.com)

### Highland Pop

Gourmet Popcorn Shop  
464 Central Avenue  
(847) 433-4200  
[www.highlandpop.com](http://www.highlandpop.com)

### Harold E. Eisenberg Foundation

Civic & Social Organization  
1780 Green Bay Road, Suite 200  
(847) 433-3050  
[www.eisenbergfoundation.org](http://www.eisenbergfoundation.org)

## Spring Clean-Up Program Commences in April

Mark your calendars now for the City's annual spring clean-up program. The City's annual spring clean-up program will be offered by Veolia Environmental Services on four consecutive Saturdays beginning April 28 and ending May 19. 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). Additional information regarding this event will be available in the March 2011 *Highlander*. For additional information on the City of Highland Park's spring clean-up program, contact Veolia Environmental Services at (847) 272-4145, or Chris West in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1030/[cwest@cityhpil.com](mailto:cwest@cityhpil.com).

### Primary Collection Day

Monday  
Tuesday  
Thursday  
Friday

### Spring Clean-Up Collection Day

Saturday, April 28  
Saturday, May 5  
Saturday, May 12  
Saturday, May 19

## Winter Parking Regulations Effective Through March 31

A reminder to all Highland Park residents that 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. through March 31. This is a Citywide ban on parking to facilitate snow removal operations when necessary and to decrease occurrences of accidental damage to vehicles parked on the streets or in City parking lots. This ban applies at all time regardless of snow conditions. Authorized overnight City parking lots are identified on the City website at [www.cityhpil.com/parking](http://www.cityhpil.com/parking) and require a valid overnight parking permit that can be obtained at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Citations will be issued for violations of this ordinance and the registered owner of vehicles in violation of this ordinance will be held accountable. Currently fines for this violation are set at \$20. For more information, please contact Sergeant Chris O'Neill at (847) 432-7730/[coneill@cityhpil.com](mailto:coneill@cityhpil.com).

Don't forget! The deadline to nominate an individual for the Character Counts Pillar Award is March 1. Visit [www.cityhpil.com/charactercounts](http://www.cityhpil.com/charactercounts) to complete an application. For more information, contact Don Miner, Manager of Youth and Senior Services, at (847) 926-1861/[dminer@cityhpil.com](mailto:dminer@cityhpil.com).

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## 2012 General Primary Election Information

On Tuesday, March 20, 2012, the General Primary Election, residents will have the opportunity to vote for candidates for federal, state and county offices, and elect precinct committeemen. Residents are reminded of the following voter information. The Lake County Clerk's Office created new precinct boundaries for all townships. New Voter Registration cards were mailed in November and list federal, state and county districts. Please note that some polling places have changed and new precinct numbers have been assigned.

If you have not received your new Voter Registration Card, please contact the County Clerk's Voter Registration department at [Voter-Registration@lakecountyil.gov](mailto:Voter-Registration@lakecountyil.gov) or call (847) 377-2410. If you are not registered to vote or have moved, voter registration is available weekdays at City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue, at the Moraine Township Office, 777 Central Avenue, and at the West Deerfield Township Office, 601 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, during normal business hours. You must be a United States citizen, 18 years of age by March 20, and a resident of your precinct address for 30 days immediately prior to the election. Bring two forms of identification, at least one of which shows your name and current address.

Voter registration closes on February 21. Visit the Lake County Clerk's website at [www.LakeVoterPower.info](http://www.LakeVoterPower.info) to confirm your registration status online and view your personalized election information. Highland Park voters may vote early beginning February 27 through March 15, 2012, at the Lake County North Shore Health Center, 1840 Green Bay Road, Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. A valid government-issued ID with the voter's photograph, name and address is required. For more information, call the Lake County Elections Department at (847) 377-2410.

Illinois law now permits any registered voter to receive a ballot by mail. To receive a one-time application or enroll in a Voting by Mail program, visit [www.LakeVoterPower.info](http://www.LakeVoterPower.info), email the County Clerk's Voting by Mail Department at [VotingByMail@lakecountyil.gov](mailto:VotingByMail@lakecountyil.gov) or call (847) 377-2406. Voters can visit [www.LakeVoterPower.info](http://www.LakeVoterPower.info) to track the County Clerk's receipt of your voted ballot. For more information, visit [www.LakeCountyClerk.info](http://www.LakeCountyClerk.info), contact the County Clerk's Elections Department at [www.Elections@lakecounty.gov](mailto:www.Elections@lakecounty.gov) or call (847) 377-2314.

The League of Women Voters of Highland Park will conduct voter registration at the Highland Park Public Library for the General Primary Election. Registration is open to U.S. citizens who will be 18 years old by March 20 (Election Day). Two forms of identification are required, including one which shows a current address. The League of Women Voters will register voters at the Library on the following dates:

Wednesday, February 15: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Thursday, February 16: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday, February 18: 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday, February 19: 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Monday, February 20: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, February 21: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

### Practice Fire Prevention Safety During the Winter Season

The City of Highland Park Fire Department would like to remind residents about fire prevention safety during the winter season. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, fires during the winter months annually claim more than 400 lives and cause more than 2,600 injuries in the United States. Winter fires are preventable and the Fire Department is providing the following safety recommendations to the community:

- All residential heating systems should be inspected annually;
- Allot at least three feet of space between space heaters and surrounding objects;
- Inspect fireplaces and chimneys prior to use;
- Ensure clothes dryers are free of lint and clear of any debris that may spark a fire; do not leave the home with clothes in the dryer;
- Check electrical cords and replace cracked or damaged electrical or extension cords - do not repair them;
- Ensure smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly and are located on each level of a residence;
- Create a fire escape plan for your family.

To learn more about fire safety, please contact Firefighter/Paramedic John Brens at (847) 433-3110/[jbrens@cityhpil.com](mailto:jbrens@cityhpil.com) or Firefighter/Paramedic Joe Schrage at (847) 433-3110/[jschrage@cityhpil.com](mailto:jschrage@cityhpil.com).

### League of Women Voters to Hold Candidate Debates

The League of Women Voters of Highland Park will hold public candidate debates for the Illinois House District 58, Illinois Senate District 29, and the 10th Congressional District races on February 26. The following debates will take place at the Highland Park Country Club, 1201 Park Avenue West. Only opposed races will have debates.

1:00 p.m. - Illinois House District 58  
2:00 p.m. - Illinois Senate District 29  
3:00 p.m. - 10th Congressional District

The debates are co-sponsored by the Union League of Chicago and the Leagues of Women Voters of Deerfield, Glencoe, Glenview and Lake Forest/Lake Bluff. The League of Women Voters, a national nonpartisan political organization dedicated to promoting the active and informed participation of citizens in government, sponsors this event as a service to the community. The League of Women Voters neither endorses nor opposes candidates for public office. For more information, please contact Carolan Klapper at (847) 266-8023 or Margie Weiss at (847) 432-9432.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## CITY MEETINGS

The public is invited to attend City meetings, which take place at City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue, unless otherwise noted. Dates and times are subject to change. Call (847) 432-0800 for further details.

Thurs., Feb. 16	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 20	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 21	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 27	Committee of the Whole	4:30 p.m.
	City Council	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 28	Business and Economic Dev.	6:00 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 29	Transportation Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., March 1	Human Relations Commission	6:30 p.m.
	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Mon., March 5	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
Tues., March 6	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Wed., March 7	Housing Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., March 8	Historic Preservation	7:30 p.m.
Mon., March 12	Committee of the Whole	4:30 p.m.
	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.

## LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The Highland Park Public Library presents free literacy and cultural programs. Registration for certain programs may be required as noted. The Library is located at 494 Laurel Avenue. For more information, call (847) 432-0216 or visit [www.hplibrary.org](http://www.hplibrary.org). The Library will open at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 7.

**A Night At The Oscars, Wednesday, February 22, 7:00 p.m.** Michael Phillips and Nina Metz of the *Chicago Tribune* tell you who will - and should - win this year's Academy Awards and show film clips.

**Meet The Author, Peter Orner - *Love and Shame and Love*, Wednesday, February 29, 7:00 p.m.** Orner discusses his book, *Love And Shame And Love: A Novel*. Covering four generations of the Popper family of Chicago, the book depicts the joys and struggles of the family and is alternately comic and sorrowful. Books will be for sale and the event will conclude with a book signing.

**Ragtime Concert With Reginald Robinson, Sunday, March 4, 2:00 p.m.** Internationally recognized pianist, composer, and recording artist Reginald Robinson, who was awarded the MacArthur Foundation's Genius Award for his ragtime compositions and recordings, performs ragtime music. Sponsored by Whitehall of Deerfield Healthcare Center.

**Meet The Author, Joshua Foer - *Moonwalking With Einstein: The Art and Science of Remembering Everything*, Wednesday, March 14, 7:00 p.m.** Foer discusses his bestselling book that tells the story of how he became the United States Memory Champion. Immersing himself in the subculture of competitive memorizers he discovered that we can all dramatically improve our memories. Named a Best Book of 2011 by *Discover Magazine* and *The Washington Post*. Books will be for sale and the event will conclude with a book signing.

## CULTURAL ARTS EVENTS

<i>History of Toy Trains V</i> Through Feb. 19 \$5/Person; \$12/Family	HP Historical Society 326 Central Avenue (847) 432-7090	<b>Jazz Series</b> March 4, 3:00 p.m.; \$10	Community House 1991 Sheridan Road (847) 432-1515
<b>District 112 Youth Art</b> February 22, Free 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	The Art Center 1957 Sheridan Road (847) 432-1888	<b>Ladies Night Out: Jewelry</b> March 15 7:00 p.m.; \$38	The Art Center 1957 Sheridan Road (847) 432-1888
<i>Arts of Nepal</i> March 2 - April 5 Free	The Art Center 1957 Sheridan Road (847) 432-1888	<b>Pilgrim Players: Guitar Magic</b> March 18, \$8-\$20 3:00 p.m.	Community House 1991 Sheridan Road (847) 433-0992
<b>Concert: Musical Journey to Latin America</b> March 3, 10:00-11:00 a.m. \$10/Family	Family Network 330 Laurel Avenue (847) 433-0377	<b>Pippin</b> March 22 - May 6 Call for Information	The Music Theatre Co. 1850 Green Bay Road (847) 579-4900
<b>Music Institute Open House</b> March 3, Free 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Community House 1991 Sheridan Road (847) 448-8317	<b>HP Poetry Reading, Open Mic</b> April 12, Free 8:00 p.m.	The Art Center 1957 Sheridan Road (847) 926-1006

# YOUTH & SENIOR SERVICES

## Youth Services

Serving youth in grades 6-8  
1830 Green Bay Road (847) 433-3090

*The Firehouse School Year Hours:*  
Monday - Friday, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

As we enter the late winter months, many people, both adults and youth, may feel "cooped up" or even have the "winter blues." The Firehouse Youth Center is a great antidote for middle school students living in Highland Park or attending a Highland Park School. Learning healthy, constructive ways to deal with downtime is a vital part in a child's journey to becoming a happy, healthy adult. In addition to the structured After 3 program, students may opt to utilize



the Firehouse on a drop-in basis, be it five days a week, once a week, or once in a while. Whatever way you and your child decide to utilize the Firehouse, the City welcomes the

opportunity for your child to participate in fun activities while supervised by professional staff.

After 3 at The Firehouse was designed to serve the growing needs of working families with children in middle school. After 3 at The Firehouse provides professional staff who offers your child enriching activities that can develop their potential, build their confidence and help them with their schoolwork. Make the most out of your child's after-school time. Transportation is also available from all three middle schools to The Firehouse in a 14-passenger bus and 7-passenger van. Register to fit the needs of your family, whether it be one day a week or five. Once registered, your child will have a seat reserved for the days you wish.

Days per week	Fee w/out Transportation	Fee w/ Transportation
1 Day	\$40	\$80
2 Days	\$80	\$160
3 Days	\$120	\$240
4 Days	\$160	\$320
5 Days	\$200	\$400

## Senior Services

Serving adults over 50  
54 Laurel Avenue (847) 432-4110  
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Rise and Shine Humanities Series**  
**Highland Park Public Library**  
**Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

**Free and open to the community at large**

**March 14: The Presidential Primaries and The 2012 Election.** Get the insider's scoop from author and blogger Carol Felsenthal who will discuss the 2012 elections. Which of the Republican candidates keep Obama up at night? Will Obama be able to beat history and win with such a high unemployment rate? She will also examine the races for Congress: is Bob Dold finished? Will Joe Walsh win reelection despite of or because of his outspoken, extreme criticism of the President? Carol presents a thought-provoking discussion.

**April 11: Shirley Jones: Angel Face.** From the time of her early childhood, Shirley Jones demonstrated talent with a beautiful voice, and with a lovely face and figure. She had early success with Rodgers and Hammerstein, as she starred in two blockbuster movies, *Oklahoma* and *Carousel*. In the 70's, she reinvented herself as a television mother on *The Partridge Family*. Susan Benjamin focuses on Shirley's personal and professional growth.

*Sponsored by Highland Park Nursing and Rehab*

**Live on the Links Classic Concerts**  
**Highland Park Country Club**  
**1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**Free; For Members Only**

**Advance Registration Required**

**The Live on the Links Classic Concerts are designed to provide members with an afternoon of delightful company and music. Coffee and cookies are provided prior to the performances. Doors open at 1:00 p.m.**

**March 15: HPHS Wind Symphony**

The Wind Symphony is the premier wind instrument performance organization at Highland Park High School. There are approximately fifty students representing the finest woodwind, brass and percussion students at the high school.

**April 12: Jazmer - Klezmer, Yiddish & More**

The Jazmer Trio offers a fresh and creative approach to music. This ensemble plays melodies from Eastern Europe (Klezmer, Yiddish, Chassidic), the Middle East (Israeli) and Sephardic music of judeo Spain. Jazmer also performs touches of jazz and other American influences bridging the Old World with the New.

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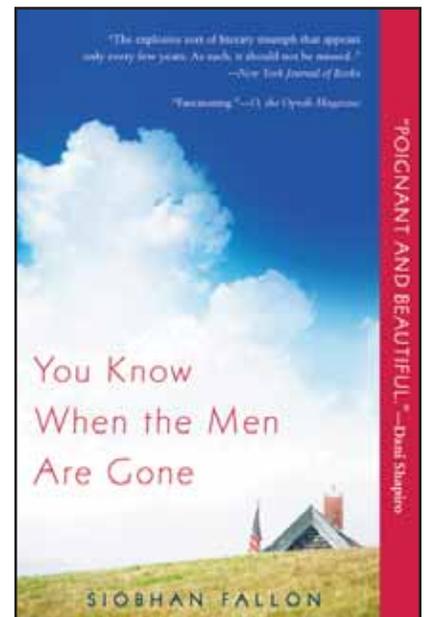


## Spring *One Book, One HP* Title Selected

*You Know When The Men Are Gone* by Siobhan Fallon has been selected as the 2012 title for the *One Book, One Highland Park* community-wide read program. Fallon's collection of interconnected short stories are tales of life on a contemporary American military base, and take readers inside the homes, marriages, and families of the segment of society that deals with the consequences of wars. The stories were inspired by her own experiences as an army wife living at Fort Hood, Texas, while her husband was deployed to Iraq for two tours of duty.

The Highland Park Public Library is hosting a special visit with author Siobhan Fallon on Monday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. Noted book discussion leader Judy Levin will lead a discussion on *You Know When The Men Are Gone* on Tuesday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m. also at the Library.

*One Book, One Highland Park* is a community-wide read program designed to broaden and deepen an appreciation of reading and encourage friends, family and neighbors to share their experience while reading the same book. *One Book, One Highland Park* debuted in the spring of 2008 and is a joint program of the City of Highland Park and the Library. *You Know When The Men Are Gone* is the ninth title selected. Mayor Nancy Rotering hopes that this book will foster a deeper appreciation for sacrifices and challenges made by the U.S. military and their families.



For more information about the *One Book* events for *You Know When The Men Are Gone*, please visit the Highland Park Public Library's website at [www.hplibrary.org](http://www.hplibrary.org) or contact Jennifer Dotson in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1006/[jdotson@cityhpil.com](mailto:jdotson@cityhpil.com) or the Highland Park Public Library at (847) 432-0216.