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Public Works Department Unveils Citywide Water Leak Detection Program

In June 2008, the Highland Park Public Works Department implemented a water leak detection program that is designed to identify and reduce unaccounted water loss within the City. Unaccounted water loss consists of small leaks in a community's water infrastructure that can over time drain thousands of gallons from the water distribution system during the life of the leak. Water leaks are not to be confused with water main breaks, which result in the outpouring of significant amounts of water that are readily apparent. Instead, water leaks are difficult to locate and continually siphon off small amounts of water that over time can lead to tens of thousands of gallons of lost water. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) indicates that water loss is common, with 10% - 20% considered normal for most communities. Water distribution system leaks lead to an annual cost in excess of \$1 billion in the United States, which underlines the importance of taking preventive action to reduce the unaccounted water loss in Highland Park. By detecting leaks early, the City protects its water distribution infrastructure while also increasing its efficiency.

The water leak detection program seeks to improve the City's ability to repair water leaks that have traditionally been left untreated. Detecting leaks early allows the City to repair weaknesses in the water distribution system. Untreated small leaks in the distribution system have the potential to degrade infrastructure, which over the long-term, may lead to more extensive repairs. An additional benefit of detecting water loss early is that the City increases its level of environmental sustainability by reducing the amount of water needed to serve Highland Park residents.

The equipment used for the leak detection program consists of ten cylindrical survey devices that are placed on water valves each day in Highland Park. Placement of these devices is controlled through Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software that ensures that the entire water distribution network is surveyed. The survey units detect leaks by "listening" to water that passes through the valves. The survey devices are programmed to "listen" at predetermined times during the night, which establishes a



Public Works has implemented a leak detection program that allows staff to proactively address breaches in the City's water distribution system.

baseline for usage of that section of the water main. Any flows that are constant during the night, as surveyed at different time intervals, indicate a possible leak and facilitate an investigation by the Public Works Department. The Department responds to potential water leaks by using a sophisticated water correlation device that pinpoints the leak, which is then repaired by City staff. This allows the City to unobtrusively pinpoint leaks within the system, excavate and make the needed repairs. Using this method, the City can survey the more than 150 miles of water main in Highland Park annually, which has already led to the location and repair of ten water leaks since the program's inception.

The water leak detection program demonstrates the City's ongoing effort to make targeted infrastructure improvements to Highland Park for the long-term benefit of the entire community. For further information about the water leak detection program, please contact Bill Stewart, Public Works Superintendent, at (847) 926-1146 or bstewart@cityhpi.com.

This issue of The Highlander constitutes a combined edition for December and January, and the next edition will be published on February 15, 2010. Also, please take a moment and complete the online sustainability survey that is located at www.cityhpi.com in order to provide your feedback regarding environmental sustainability and "green" principles in the City of Highland Park.

HIGH NOTES

Holiday Season Reminders

The Mayor, City Council, and City employees wish all Highland Park residents a very happy and safe holiday season. Please note that City offices will be closed on Friday, December 25; Friday, January 1; and Monday, January 18, in observance of Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, respectively. Residents are asked to call the Public Safety Switchboard at (847) 432-7730 if assistance is required. Also, please remember that garbage will not be collected on Friday, December 25, and Friday, January 1. During these weeks, residents whose designated trash collection day occurs on Friday will receive collection service on Saturday. For more information, please contact Veolia Environmental Services at (847) 272-4145.

Winter Parking Regulations Are Now in Effect

A friendly reminder to all Highland Park residents that the City's "Snow Ordinance" is effective through March 31. Accordingly, vehicles may not be parked in excess of 15 minutes on any public street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. 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 streets or in City parking lots. This ban applies at all times regardless of snow conditions. Authorized overnight City parking lots are identified on the City's Web site at www.cityhpil.com and require a valid overnight parking permit that can be obtained at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. In the Fall of 2008, the City increased related signage at key locations in the City to further inform the public about this seasonal parking restriction. Beginning on December 16, 2009, through March 31, 2010, citations will be issued for violations. Presently, fines for violation of this ordinance are \$20. For more information, please contact Sergeant Chris O'Neill at (847) 926-1766 or coneill@cityhpil.com.

Police Department Creates Special Needs Database

The Illinois Premise Alert Program (PAP) Act was signed into law by Governor Quinn on August 28, 2009. This act requires Public Safety Agencies with Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Systems to establish a means for maintaining information on individuals with special needs within their coverage area. The Police Department's 911 center has maintained such a database since 1996 that provides informational alerts to first responders of special needs individuals within the community. In an effort to better utilize the current premise alert system, the Police Department is requesting that residents and business owners in Highland Park where individuals with special needs work or reside complete an informational form that will be used to create and maintain an up-to-date database. All information will be kept confidential and used only to provide Police, Fire and Medical personnel with necessary information to handle emergencies and situations that involve a special needs individual. Information will be updated every two years. Beginning January 4, 2010, the notification form may be obtained by visiting the City's Web site at www.cityhpil.com or by contacting Police Department Communications Supervisor Jason Kern at (847) 926-1124 or jkern@cityhpil.com. Completed forms can be returned to the Police Department, 1677 Old Deerfield Road.

Sunset Woods Affordable Rental Housing Available

The Sunset Woods Building, 891 Central Avenue, now has units available for rent. Seniors aged 62 or over are eligible. Located in downtown Highland Park, the Sunset Woods Building includes affordable one and two-bedroom apartments. Several units are available and the building rental manager is opening the waiting list for this facility that includes elevator service. For more information about affordable senior rental housing, please contact Nadia Kitaychik with the Housing Opportunity Development Corporation at (847) 564-2900.

Comcast Studio Relocation Update

Currently, the City of Highland Park is working with Comcast to outfit a new and permanent location for the public access studio within the Police Station at 1677 Old Deerfield Road. Due to the relocation, the playback of programming on Channels 10, 17, 18 and 19 has been suspended to allow for the disassembly and reconfiguration of equipment. During the entire month of December, Comcast and City staff will continue to reconfigure and test the equipment. To view a Highland Park City Council or Plan Commission meeting, please visit www.cityhpil.com to view live broadcasts or archived meetings. Subsequently, playback will resume on Channels 10, 18 and 19 in January 2010. Playback will not resume on Channel 17. To view Park District meetings, please visit www.pdhp.org. For more information, contact Renee Helm in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1030 or rhelm@cityhpil.com.

Join Volunteer Event on MLK Jr. Day

The City of Highland Park's Human Relations Commission and North Shore School District 112 will sponsor the Martin Luther King, Jr. "Day ON, Not Day OFF" event on Monday, January 18. Celebrate Dr. King's life through volunteer service from 9:00 a.m. through Noon at the Park District of Highland Park's Recreation Center. Projects will include assembling toiletries and making lunches for local shelters. Residents may donate sample size toiletries at *The Firehouse* Youth Center, 1830 Green Bay Road, Monday through Friday from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., through January 15. Please register for this national day of volunteer service by contacting Gina Gooden, Youth Services Program Supervisor, at (847) 926-1865 or ggooden@cityhpil.com. A \$5 donation to cover the cost of materials is requested, but not required.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Monthly Business Report

The following businesses recently opened, relocated, or expanded in Highland Park. For more details, contact Carolyn Hersch, Economic Development Assistant, at (847) 926-1027 or chersch@cityhpil.com.

Welcome New Businesses:

- **Autosonics**
Mobile Electronics Installation
1671 Old Skokie Road
(847) 831-1300
- **Mindful Movement**
Pilates
504 Old Elm Road
(847) 344-7676
- **Highland Park Field House**
Sports Team/Event Facility
2205 Skokie Valley Road
(847) 922-2959
- **Hearing Health Center, Inc.**
Audiology Office
806 Central Avenue, Ste. 103
(312) 263-7171
- **Chase Bank**
Full Service Bank and Drive-Up
Facility
255 Skokie Valley Road
(847) 831-3027
- **Calm Massage Therapy**
Massage Therapy
467 Roger Williams Avenue
(847) 778-4688
- **Assertive Mission**
Housing and Housekeeping
Services to People with Disabilities
1133 Central Avenue
(847) 899-9411
- **M & I Imports, Inc.**
Pre-Owned Luxury Autos &
Service
2772 – 2782 Skokie Valley
Highway
(847) 549-8200

Business Expansion:

- **New York Slices**
Restaurant
184I-43 Second Street
(847) 432-6979

Message from the Mayor



I want to start by wishing all of Highland Park a happy holiday season. Rather than focus on a specific topic, I would like to use this opportunity to offer thanks and appreciation at the year's end.

We all know these have been challenging times economically and City government has not been immune to these conditions. We have had to do more with less. So I want to thank all of the over 250 employees of the City of Highland Park for the hard work and effort they give us every day. You make this a safe, clean and great city in which to live and raise a family. So thanks to all of you and happy holidays.

I would also like to thank our resident volunteers who work on our advisory commissions and task forces. We could never afford the hours of work you donate to help make Highland Park an even better place to live. So thanks and happy holidays to you, too.

Thank you also to our very hard working and committed City Council. Your intellect and creativity have made our City a national model in many respects.

Finally, I want to thank our residents for caring. Your suggestions and civic involvement make us better every day. It is an honor and pleasure to be your Mayor. So happy holidays to you as well.

I have the utmost confidence that when I am writing this message in 2011, we will be experiencing better times. Where do I draw my optimism from? All of the people I mentioned above. Happy holidays and happy new year!



Michael D. Belsky

Mayor of Highland Park

2009 Beautification Award Winners Announced

The City of Highland Park is pleased to announce the winners of the 2009 Beautification Awards. Award winners in each of the five categories are as follows:

- Retail: Free People, 642 Central Avenue
- Restaurant: Abigail's American Bistro, 493 Roger Williams Avenue
- Services: Crossroads Softcloth Car Wash, 64 Skokie Valley Road
- Auto Dealership: Muller Honda, 550 Skokie Valley Road
- Office/Apartment/Condominium: Laurel Court Townhomes, corner of Laurel Avenue and Hickory Street

Award winners were selected by the Business and Economic Development Commission Beautification Work Group, which was formed by the City Council to enhance the beauty of the City through its business districts, neighborhoods and gateways. Award winners were recognized at the November 23, 2009, City Council meeting. For additional information regarding the 2009 Beautification Awards, please contact Carolyn Hersch, Economic Development Assistant, at (847) 926-1027 or chersch@cityhpil.com.

Nominations Sought for Character Counts Award

The Human Relations Commission's Character Counts Committee is accepting nominations for the 2009-2010 Robert Barnard Character Counts Pillar Award in the following categories: residents, business owners, employees and students. Nominees must live, work or attend a school within North Shore School District 112's boundaries. The Committee honors nominees whose actions consistently exemplify the Committee's six pillars of character. The nomination deadline is February 12, 2010. To download the nomination form, please visit the City's Web site at www.cityhpil.com or contact Gina Gooden at (847) 926-1865 or ggooden@cityhpil.com.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Be Clear Regarding City's Snow Removal Ordinance

In 2006, the City Council approved amendments to Highland Park's Snow Removal Ordinance, making it a violation of City Code to remove snow from one parcel of property and deposit the snow onto another parcel (including the adjacent public parkway) without the consent of the property owner. When snow is plowed from private property and deposited onto public streets it creates a traffic hazard. Depositing snow on private property or in the public right-of-way across from the property being cleared of snow can damage property, create a nuisance, and hamper sight lines from adjacent properties. A violation may subject the snow removal company and originating property owner to a fine up to \$200.

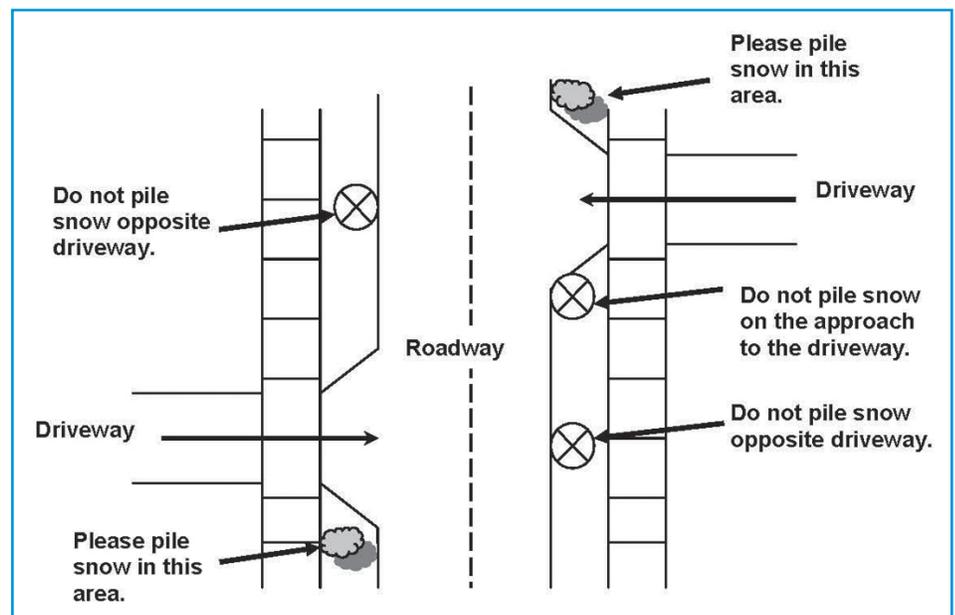
It has been a common practice for many snow removal companies to push snow from one property, across public streets, and onto the parkway on the opposing side of the street. This process often leaves ridges of snow on previously cleared streets that create traffic hazards. The deposited snow is often a nuisance to the "receiving" property owner because of potential property damage and reduced sight lines from their driveways. The revised code does provide an exemption that allows for plow operators to deposit snow on the city park-

way that is located immediately adjacent to and on the same side of street as the property from which the snow is being removed.

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

by code enforcement officers; however, residents should be aware that they are ultimately responsible for compliance with this ordinance and may also be cited.

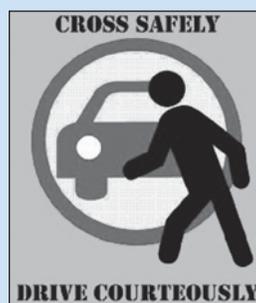
For more information regarding the City Snow Removal Ordinance or to report a complaint, contact Police Sergeant Chris O'Neill at (847) 926-1766 or coneill@cityhpil.com.



The above diagram demonstrates proper and improper methods of removing snow from private driveways into public right-of-ways.

'Street Smarts' Initiative Promotes Traffic Safety

The Highland Park Police Department and Human Relations Commission (HRC) have joined forces for the purpose of promoting a new traffic safety initiative entitled "Street Smarts." This initiative begins in January of 2010 and will focus on improving driving behaviors and increasing pedestrian safety throughout Highland Park, with special attention given to the Central Business District (CBD). This initiative embraces the pillars of the Character Counts program and will remind motorists and pedestrians about their responsibility to obey traffic laws pertaining to stop signs, illegal u-turns, and yielding to pedestrians and vehicles. The intention of the Street Smarts program is to gain voluntary compliance with related traffic laws in



an effort to increase public safety. Street Smarts traffic and pedestrian messaging will be incorporated onto high visibility banners and signs on approaches to the CBD and at other key locations within the City. More information about the Street Smarts traffic safety initiative is located on the City's Web site at www.cityhpil.com. The joint Street Smarts traffic safety initiative was created in response to on-going resident, Police Department and HRC concerns about dangerous driving behavior in the City and the CBD, which can place pedestrians and motorists at risk in the event of a vehicular or pedestrian accident. For more information, please contact Police Sergeant Chris O'Neill at (847) 926-1766 or coneill@cityhpil.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Illinois Residents Eligible to Vote by Mail

In Fall 2009, the Illinois General Assembly passed a new law that allows any voter in Illinois to vote by mail effective for the February 2, 2010, primary election. This program is intended to simplify voting for registered voters who wish to receive their ballot by mail.

Voters who do not want to vote by mail will be able to vote in person on Election Day or in person at early polling sites. Voting by mail in the Snowbird Voter Program and Temporarily Absent Student Voter Program will continue to be available.

If you wish to vote by mail you have several options. First, you can decide prior to each election by requesting a ballot starting 40 days and up to 5 days before any election, or you can vote by mail with a permanent enrollment. With permanent enrollment, appli-

cations and ballots are automatically mailed to the voter at the address indicated on the enrollment form. Enrollment continues until the County Clerk's office is notified of a change.

To pre-enroll for permanent voting by mail or to enroll in the Snowbird Voter Program or Temporarily Absent Student Voter Program, just complete the form, available on the Lake County Clerk's Web site at www.lakecounty-il.gov and mail it to the Lake County Clerk.

Voting Site Changes in Highland Park

On July 14, 2009, the Lake County Board approved the following voting site changes in the City of Highland Park. The consolidation of a number of voting sites throughout Lake County was done in an effort to reduce costs and increase efficiencies in serving voters.

Precinct	Previous Location	New Location
208	Frank B. Peers Building	Highland Park High School
215	Frank B. Peers Building	Lincoln Elementary School
218, 219	Edgewood Middle School	Ravinia School
212, 220, 223, 224	West Ridge Center	Red Oak School
410, 411	Wayne Thomas School	Northwood Jr. High School

Residents can confirm polling locations by calling the Lake County Clerk at (847) 377-2313 or at Lake County's Web site: www.lakecountyil.gov/countyclerk/voterservices.

Presently, there is a Web application for voters to track when the Clerk's office actually receives a voted ballot. For more information, please contact Luke Stowe of the Lake County Clerk's Office at lstowe@lakecountyil.gov or (847) 377-2421.

Resident Participation Key to Success of 2010 Census

The City of Highland Park has partnered with the U.S. Census Bureau to conduct the 2010 Decennial Census. The 2010 Census will be different this time from the previous decennial Census. This Census form will be short, with only ten questions. The Census answers are highly confidential and every Census form is protected by Law and no one can access individual responses.

The data gathered will determine the number of congressional seats each state has in the House of Representatives, as well as determine how \$300 billion in annual federal funding is distributed to communities. These funds are allocated in communities for educational agencies, programs for the elderly, road rehabilitation and construction, public transportation, and more. The state and private sector use Census data to determine where jobs and job programs are needed. Potential homeowners research property values, median income and demographic information about a community. Corporations use population data gathered from the Census for

market research to determine future locations for commercial enterprises such as pharmacies and other essential services.

The City recognizes the importance of the 2010 Census and the Highland Park Complete Count Committee (CCC) will lead the awareness community campaign. The CCC is comprised of community leaders, representing government agencies, education, business, religious organizations, and the media. In the upcoming months, the CCC members will share informa-

Special Message to Highland Park "Snowbirds"

The 2010 Census questionnaire forms will be mailed between the months of February and March. The forms come with an enclosed postage-paid envelope and must be returned to the U.S. Census Bureau by April 1, 2010. To ensure that the population of Highland Park is accurately counted, the City urges all "snowbirds" of Highland Park to forward their mail and to be counted!

tion about the Census to help increase the likelihood that all residents respond to the Census questionnaires when they are delivered and return them by April 1, 2010. For more information, visit the 2010 Census Web site at 2010.census.gov/2010census or the City of Highland Park's Complete Count Committee Web site at www.cityhpil.com. For more details, please contact Valbona Kokoshi in the Department of Community Development at (847) 926-1853 or vkokoshi@cityhpil.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Cultural Arts Events

Explorations: New Works by New Artists	The Art Center (TAC)
Through January 4, Hours Vary	1957 Sheridan Road
Free	(847) 432-1888
History of Toy Trains III	Historical Society
Through January 18, Hours Vary	326 Central Avenue
\$3 person/\$8 family	(847) 432-7090
Choral & Chamber Orchestra Concert	Highland Park High School
December 17, 7:00 p.m.	433 Vine Avenue
Free	(224) 765-2160
Midwest Young Artists Holiday Concert	Harris Theater of Music/Dance
December 19, 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.	205 E. Randolph, Chicago
\$10-\$25	(847) 926-9898
Concerto Competition	Midwest Young Artists Center
January 2 and 3, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	878 Lyster Road, Highwood
\$5	(847) 926-9898
Honors Voice Recital	Highland Park High School
January 5, 3:30 p.m.	433 Vine Avenue
Free	(224) 765-2160
Highland Park Poetry	Borders Books & Music
January 8, 8:00 p.m.	595 Central Avenue
Free	(847) 926-1006
Dist. I12 and I13 Orchestra Day	Highland Park High School
January 8, All Day	433 Vine Avenue
Free	(224) 765-2160
Sunday Soirees	Midwest Young Artists Center
January 10, 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.	878 Lyster Road, Highwood
Free	(847) 926-9898
The Best of Big Band Jazz	Community House
January 24, 3:00 p.m.	199I Sheridan Road
\$10 Adult/\$5 Child	(847) 432-1515
Romance Is In The Air: Highland Park	Bennett-Gordon Hall at Ravinia
Strings Concert	200 Ravinia Park Road
February 14, 3:00 p.m.	(847) 831-3622
\$40	

December - January 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.

Tues., Dec. 15	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 17	Environmental Commission	6:30 p.m.
	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 4	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 6	Housing Commission	6:30 p.m.
	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 7	Human Relations	6:30 p.m.
	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 11	Finance Committee	3:30 p.m.
	City Council	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 12	Library Board of Trustees	7:00 p.m.
	(494 Laurel Avenue)	
Wed., Jan. 13	Lakefront Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 14	Historic Preservation	7:15 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. Please note that the Library will close at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 24, and Thursday, December 31. Also, the Library will be closed on Friday, December 25, and Friday, January 1.

Drop-In Chess Club: Saturdays through January 23, 10:30 a.m. - Noon, grades K-12. Every level of play is welcome. Experienced players and instructional opportunities will be available. Boards and sets will be provided.

Beauty And The Beast: Saturday, January 2, 1:00 p.m. - 1:40 p.m., ages 5 and up. See the story performed with large-scale marionettes. Tickets required and limited to residents of Highland Park or residents of the North Shore School District I12 Service Area. Tickets available in the Youth Services Department beginning Saturday, December 26.

A Midsummer Night's Dream: Sunday, January 24, 2:00 p.m. Equity actors from the Shakespeare Project of Chicago bring Shakespeare to the stage with a theatrical reading. Sponsored by the Friends of the Highland Park Public Library.

Storytimes: Winter storytime sessions, with activities designed to foster pre-reading skills for newborns to six-year-olds begin in January. Visit hplibrary.org/kids for storytime dates and times and register in the Youth Services Department.

FOR THE COMMUNITY

YOUTH SERVICES

Serving youth in the community
1830 Green Bay Road (847) 433-3090

The Firehouse School Year Hours:

Monday - Friday, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; closed on weekends
Open on days off from school (for those enrolled in trips only)

SENIOR SERVICES

Serving adults 50 and older
54 Laurel Avenue (847) 432-4110

Senior Center Hours:

Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Closed Saturdays and Sundays

MAKE THE FIREHOUSE CAMPS YOUR WINTER BREAK DESTINATION

WINTER BREAK WEEK #1

December 21 - 23, Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Fee: \$100/\$125 Non-Members

Monday: ESPN Zone; Tuesday: Paintball; Wednesday: Vertical Endeavors. Lunch and transportation is included in the fee.

WINTER BREAK WEEK #2

December 28 - 30, Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Fee: \$100/\$125 Non-Members

Monday: Odyssey Fun World; Tuesday: Muvico; Wednesday: Dave and Busters. Lunch and transportation is included in the fee.

REGISTER NOW FOR 2010

A \$35 annual membership fee provides youth with unlimited access, on school days, to *The Firehouse* Youth Center. Membership includes the following: the Activity Center, including games, movies and recreational equipment; supervision and support by professional staff; community service opportunities every Friday; leadership opportunities as Staff Assistants; "unplugged" group and outdoor activities.

"AFTER 3" at THE FIREHOUSE

The "After 3" program provides a safe framework for students as they transition into middle school. They learn to organize their time and choose their own level of activity. For an additional fee, you can register for transportation from school to *The Firehouse*. "After 3" includes: homework assistance; mentoring and tutoring by Highland Park High School students; opportunities to create meaningful peer relationships; recreational activities; and snacks.

TRANSPORTATION FROM ALL THREE MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Limited space available; pre-registration is required. Call (847) 433-3090 for pricing information and registration for second semester.

NEW CLASS SESSIONS ARE BEGINNING

Call (847) 432-4110 to register.

SEEKING VITA VOLUNTEERS

If you enjoy problem solving and working with numbers, please consider becoming a Volunteer Income Tax Assistant (VITA). Assistance is offered between February 1 and April 15. For more details and training information, please call (847) 432-4110.

RISE AND SHINE HUMANITIES SERIES

Highland Park Public Library

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Free; No Registration Required

January 13: DYNAMICS OF WAR AND PEACE

This introduction to strategic studies includes a look at central themes of classic thinkers and considers the impact and prevalence of surprise in international affairs. Strategic concepts such as deterrence, asymmetric warfare and the use of deception and pre-emption will be discussed. Featuring Mike Zimmerman, lecturer, former captain, U.S. Army, former political and strategic analyst.

January 27: CIVIL WAR NURSE CLARA BURTON

The program includes a portrayal of Clara Barton, the first woman to serve as a nurse on the front lines of a battlefield, who survived remarkable experiences in her quest to improve conditions for wounded soldiers in the Civil War. Featuring Leslie Goddard, educator, actor and historian.

February 10: WHAT'S THE POINT?

What role do ideas play in our lives today? How do we treat them in life and in print? The three editors of *The Point*, a new Chicago-based journal of ideas, will discuss the current intellectual landscape both in and out of the academy. Featuring Jon Baskin, Etay Zwick, Jonny Thakkar of the University of Chicago.

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Giving

By Helen Rothman, Senior Center Liaison

It is a fact that Americans, in times of a disaster, donate money to help those in need. I, like many of you, give to my favorite charity and I understand that many are helped by the charities in ways we could not do on our own. We contribute what we can afford.

In the mail, letters come telling us what each charity does with the money they collect. They often enclose a page of stickers with our names and addresses. If I lived to the next century, I will never use but a portion of them.

Where and from what source do they get our names? I am sometimes overwhelmed by the quantity of requests, legitimate though they may be. For example, the phone rings, a pleasant voice speaks your name and asks, "How are you today," and then comes the pitch for funds.

I started to keep a list of my donations, all worthy, and I assure you, they only make a tiny dent, but tiny dents can amount to a substantial amount when put all together. Call me a 'bleeding heart,' but any charity concerning children and dogs gets to me. So give what you can...Highland Parkers are not related to Scrooge.

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Animal Control Service Modifications Effective January 1

As a reminder to residents, beginning in 2010, the City will no longer provide services for the trapping and removal of nuisance animals inside or outside of a private residence or business (unless a public safety condition exists inside a living or work area). Beginning January 1, 2010, the Traffic & Community Services Unit will continue to provide the following animal related services:

Domestic Animal Control: Enforcement of City Code regulations pertaining to domestic animals; impoundment of domestic animals pursuant to City code regulations; investigation of dog bite incidents; delivery of bats to Lake County Animal Control facilities for rabies testing; providing public education.

Nuisance Animals: Removal of dead animals from roadways and City property; trapping of nuisance animals only when a public safety condition exists (e.g. a raccoon loose inside the living area of a residence).

As of January 1, the following services will no longer be provided by the Department's Traffic & Community Services Unit: deer population control and trapping, and removing nuisance animals inside or outside of a private residence or business (unless a public safety condition exists). A list of agencies that specialize in nuisance animal control services is available (*right*) and on the City's Web site at www.cityhpil.com. For more information regarding the City's animal control service program, contact Sergeant Chris O'Neill at (847) 926-1766 or coneill@cityhpil.com.

General

ABC Humane Wildlife (24 Hours)	(847) 870-7175
Animal Emergency Critical Care	(847) 564-5775
Becker Animal Hospital	(847) 446-8010
Cairo Animal Hospital	(847) 432-0157
Deerfield Animal Hospital	(847) 945-4011
Flint Creek Wildlife - Bird Rehab	(847) 602-0628
Highland Park Animal Hospital	(847) 831-9600
Lake Bluff Animal Hospital	(847) 234-2682
Lake Forest Animal Clinic	(847) 234-4011
Northbrook Animal Clinic	(847) 291-2262
Orkin Exterminating (insects)	(847) 433-4080
Orphans of the Storm	(847) 945-0235
River Trails Nature Center	(847) 824-8360
St. Francis Pet Cemetery	1-888-766-3646
Save-A-Pet	(847) 740-7788

For Animals in the Attic/Walls or Raccoon Removal

AI Pest Control	(847) 433-3351
Animal Control Specialist	(847) 827-7800

Bee, Wasp or Hornet Concerns

Anderson Exterminating	(847) 537-8000
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Coyote Removal

ABC Humane Wildlife	(847) 870-7175
Animal Control Specialist	(847) 827-7800

Deer Concerns

Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation	(847) 602-0628
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