

THE HIGHLANDER



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Accomplishments Profiled in 'State of the City' Address

At the February 8 City Council meeting, Mayor Michael Belsky reviewed accomplishments from 2009 and outlined the City's 2010 agenda during his annual 'State of the City' address. To view the archived address, visit www.cityhpl.com and follow the link under "Interactive HP." In his speech, a number of significant successes achieved during 2009 were highlighted, including:

- The 2010 budget was reduced by \$11 million compared to 2009 and 15 full-time positions were eliminated.
- The Theatre Advisory Task Force was created, comprised of local residents and experts with significant backgrounds in the performing arts. This group will explore various re-use options available for the Highland Park Theatre and provide recommendations to the Council.
- The Department of Community Development is working with the Roundtable Advisory Group on the Central Business District Master Plan, which will update and energize the existing 2001 plan. This plan will assess existing conditions and incorporate extensive public participation in order to ensure the voice of the community is adequately represented.
- The City is undertaking development of a Sustainability and Climate Protection Plan. In conjunction with Highland Park's Green Initiatives Alliance, the Plan will create a long-term vision and road map for ensuring environmental protection for future generations.
- The eco-friendly Hyacinth Place affordable housing development reached full capacity in 2009 and was designated for LEED Gold certification.
- A new, community-based initiative called *Parents. The Anti Drug* was created that is comprised of parents, local government and school officials, clergy and healthcare providers. The group's mission is to generate conversation and provide accurate information about alcohol, tobacco and drug use in Bannockburn, Deerfield, Highland Park, Highwood and Riverwoods.
- The City, School Districts and Park District held "Know Your Government" workshops to educate the public regarding the mission of each organization. Moreover, the Finance Department created a central portal on the City's Web site entitled "Know Your City's Finances" that allows residents to access financial documents and information, and provide greater transparency regarding City finances to the public.
- For the 15th consecutive year, the Government Finance Officers Association presented the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the City for its annual budget. Additionally, for the 24th consecutive year, the GFOA awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. These national awards recognize the City's excellence in financial reporting.
- In order to improve services while reducing long-term costs, the Public Works Department unveiled a citywide leak detection program that is designed to identify and reduce unaccounted water losses within the City. By detecting leaks early, the City protects its water distribution infrastructure while increasing its efficiency.
- The City moved the Highland Park Public Access Center to the Police Station and took advantage of an opportunity to partner with Deerfield, Highwood and Winnetka to provide a public access studio to multiple communities and maintain this unique resource.
- The City entered into an agreement with Ravinia Festival to help defray costs for providing infrastructure and services for this internationally recognized and respected music festival. As part of this agreement, the City of Highland Park will share 30% of the total revenue collected from Ravinia with YEA! Highland Park. In 2009, the City of Highland Park provided \$212,000 to YEA! for its share of Ravinia proceeds.
- The Sister Cities Foundation held a "Day of the Child" event at the Highland Park Library in May celebrating the Hispanic community. Approximately 300 youth participated in this cultural exchange. A Gourmet Benefit Gala was also held in October that raised more than \$10,000 for charities in Highland Park's Sister City of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.
- Last November, the North Shore Health Center in Highland Park was recognized as one of only eight health clinics in the country to be designated as a national model for community engagement and partnership. The Federal Health Resources and Services Administration highlighted the Clinic because of the extraordinary joint efforts between the Lake County Health Department, the City, the Healthcare Foundation of Highland Park and Friends for Health, an organization made up of resident volunteers who have raised significant funds to expand the clinic's services.
- The Healthy Highland Park Task Force and the Healthcare Foundation of Highland Park sponsored the community weight-loss challenge, *Losers Win*, for residents and workers. After ten-weeks, nearly 100 people completed the challenge and collectively lost over 700 pounds.

'HIGH' NOTES

Arts Program Funds Available

The City of Highland Park has budgeted \$5,000 for the 2010 Co-Sponsorship Grant Program. Co-Sponsorship funding provides small grants to support arts activities that serve Highland Park residents. Grant awards range between \$500 and \$1,500. These funds are available throughout the year and can be used to sponsor a one-time arts-related event, such as an art exhibition or performance. Eligibility for co-sponsorship funds is limited to not-for-profit organizations, institutions or associations that serve Highland Park residents. Applicants need not be an arts organization. In addition, pre-schools and school districts may seek funding for arts-related projects that will benefit the community. An application packet for the Co-Sponsorship Grant Program is available online at www.cityhpil.com/pdf/Co-SponsorshipBinder.pdf. For more information, contact Lee Smith, Cultural Arts Commission Staff Liaison, at (847) 926-1612 or lsmith@cityhpil.com.

More Items Now Accepted for Electronics Recycling

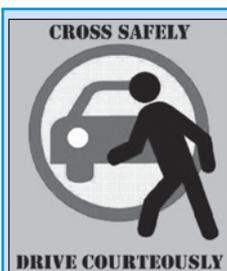
The City continues to offer electronics recycling for outdated, broken or unwanted household electronics. A list of acceptable items is available on the City's web site at www.cityhpil.com under "City News," and has recently been expanded to include household batteries as well as fluorescent and compact fluorescent lamps. This year-round program is offered in partnership with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO). Twice weekly drop-off is available on Tuesdays and Fridays between 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Firearms Training Center, 1180 Half Day Road. This program is available for household electronics only; no commercial, governmental or institutional materials will be accepted. For more information about the recycling program, please contact Bob McCraren, City Facilities Manager, at (847) 432-0807 or bmccraren@cityhpil.com.

Public Access Center is Open

The Highland Park Public Access Center opened to the public on February 1 for video production and editing. The Center is located in the lower level of the Police Station, 1677 Old Deerfield Road. As of January 8, playback resumed on Channels 10 and 19 for Highland Park, Highwood, Deerfield and Winnetka. For more information, contact Renee Helm in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1030 or rhelm@cityhpil.com.

City and School District 113 Form Internship Program

The City of Highland Park and School District 113 have created a vocational program for high school students with special needs. The program includes internships for students from Highland Park High School who volunteer several hours per week at City facilities. Currently, there are two students in the program who work at the City's Wellness Center and Senior Center. For further details, contact Chuck Meyer in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1043 or cmeyer@cityhpil.com.



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February 'Street Smarts' Safety Tip

The Highland Park Police Department and Human Relations Commission (HRC) created a traffic safety initiative in January entitled "Street Smarts." This initiative focuses on improving driving behaviors and increasing pedestrian safety throughout Highland Park. Each month, a new tip will be announced in *The Highlander*.

The following is the February "Street Smarts" safety tip: Respectful driving can help to reduce accidents. Be respectful to both other drivers and pedestrians through these steps:

- Yield the right-of-way at intersections;
- Be patient when slower walkers are crossing, including senior citizens, the disabled and young children;
- Give proper signals ahead of time to let others know what you are doing; use signals as a courtesy to other drivers;
- Keep a safe distance from the car ahead of you; it does not matter how slow the motorist ahead of you is driving, use a two second following rule to keep a safe distance.

For more information, contact Gina Gooden, Human Relations Commission Staff Liaison, at (847) 926-1865 or ggooden@cityhpil.com.

Register Now For Electronic Distribution of *The Highlander*

Beginning February 15, residents will have the opportunity to opt-in to receive an electronic version of *The Highlander* newsletter. Please visit www.cityhpil.com and follow the link under "City News" entitled "Register to Receive *The Highlander* Via E-mail" in order to sign up. Residents who opt-in to receive an electronic version of the newsletter will continue to receive a paper copy through regular mail. Printed copies will also continue to be placed in City facilities. Residents will sign up through the Police Department's existing CitizenObserver software program and create an individual account. Thereafter, an e-mail will be sent to registered users on the 15th of each following month with an attachment of *The Highlander* and link to the City's Web site, www.cityhpil.com. Registered users will also have the option to unsubscribe from future e-mails if desired. For more information about electronic registration of *The Highlander*, please contact Emily Palm, Management Analyst, at (847) 926-1046 or epalm@cityhpil.com.

BUSINESS REPORT

Monthly Business Report

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

New Businesses:

- **Style Shack**
Gift Shop
447 Central Avenue
(847) 579-4525
- **2 Fit Boxing Pit**
Fitness and Recreation
1490 Old Deerfield Road
(847) 630-5828
- **Mr. Choi's Tailor Shop**
Tailor and Alterations Shop
2705 Waukegan Road
(847) 481-9922
- **Nourished 4 Life**
Nutritional, Detoxification and
Addiction Counseling
1490 Old Deerfield Road, #18
(847) 831-6688
- **Chicago Pipe & Boiler**
Contractor
1546 Old Skokie Road
(847) 980-9981
- **My Best Friend's Closet**
Women's Resale Shop
1780 Green Bay Road
(847) 681-0002
- **Dance of the Phoenix**
Dance and Fitness Studio
1540 Old Skokie Road
(224) 622-3886
- **Beanstalk**
Clothing, Toys and Gifts for Infants
and Children
478 Central Avenue
(847) 432-8200
- **Kelsey & Jo Orthodontics**
Orthodontist
332 Skokie Valley Road, #222
(847) 831-1100
- **Nicasa**
Counseling, Behavioral Health,
Substance Abuse Prevention and
Treatment
1724-26 First Street
(847) 433-1303
- **Aspiritech**
Software Testing by People With
Autism
1950 Sheridan Road, Suite 203
(847) 542-6863

New Contact Information:

- **Hearing Health Center, Inc.**
Audiologist Office
806 Central Avenue, Suite 103
(847) 681-7000

Online Payment of City Invoices

As of January 1, the City now offers online payment of Accounts Receivables (City Invoices). Residents may pay invoices online for services such as false alarms, alarm permits and certain recurring quarterly and annual parking permits. For further information, please contact the Finance Department at (847) 432-0800 or visit www.cityhpil.com.

Sunset Woods Rental Units Available

Located in downtown Highland Park, the Sunset Woods Building, 891 Central, includes affordable one and two-bedroom apartments for seniors age 62 and over. Units are available, and the waiting list for this building with an elevator has been reopened. Section 8 housing voucher holders can apply. For more information, contact Nadia Kitaychik with the Housing Opportunity Development Corporation at (847) 564-2900.

Downtown Gift Card Program Adds New Businesses

The Downtown Highland Park Gift Card Program continues to expand following its launch at the start of the 2009 holiday season. With the addition of eight businesses in early 2010, the card is now accepted at over 60 locations, including restaurants, salons and clothing stores. Businesses that most recently joined the program are *Eileen Fisher*, *Equinox Fitness Club*, *Indigo Clothing*, *Michael's Chicago Style Red Hots*, *The Wellness Spot*, *Princeton Frame & Art*, *Vibe at 1935* and *Weiland Flowers*. A complete listing of participating businesses is posted at www.downtownhp.com. Cards may be purchased at: City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue; the Downtown Highland Park Alliance Office, 442 Central Avenue, Second Floor; and at Renaissance Place, 1849 Green Bay Road, Suite 280.

Alliance Seeks Summer Marketing Intern

The Downtown Highland Park Alliance is seeking a summer Marketing Intern to assist with event implementation, web site maintenance and general marketing duties. Deadline to submit resume and cover letter is Wednesday, March 3. To apply, please contact info@down-townhp.com or (847) 780-4293 for more information.

MP3 Players Available at Library

Residents with a Highland Park Library card can check out an MP3 player and download audiobooks, movies or music. Audiobooks can be downloaded to the MP3 players from the Library's download station located in the Adult Services Department. Residents with a Library card can also access My MediaMall audiobooks which can be downloaded from a home computer to the MP3 players. Or, put your own music or video content from a home computer on the MP3 player. MP3 players may be checked out for four weeks and are available to Highland Park residents only. For more information, please call (847) 432-0216 or visit hplibrary.org.

Residents Encouraged to Complete 2010 Census

Highland Park's 2010 Complete Count Census Committee members have spent the last several months organizing a Census awareness campaign, collaborating with various community organizations to inform the public of how important Census data is for the City of Highland Park.

The 2010 Census will determine how \$400 billion in federal funds will be divided across communities nationwide and determine the number of congressional seats each state has in the House of Representatives. During the months of February and March, all households in Highland Park will receive the 2010 Census questionnaire. The form has only 10 questions and all answers are confidential and protected by law. The deadline to return questionnaire forms is April 1.

Census takers will visit households that did not return Census questionnaire forms by mail. The Census Bureau will not ask to enter your home; all census workers carry official government badges marked with their name. To verify an employee's identity, contact the Regional Census Center at (312) 454-2700 to confirm employment with the Census Bureau.

It is a federal offense for anyone to pretend



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they represent the Census Bureau, or any other office of the United States Government. When the 2010 Census takes place, residents will receive a letter from the Census Bureau Director, notifying them that, in a few days, their household will receive a form in the mail, a phone call from the Census Bureau, or a visit from a Census Bureau representative.

The City encourages all residents to participate in the 2010 Census. During the month of March, the Highland Park Public Library will provide a Be Counted Center to learn more about the 2010 Census. In addition, Oak Terrace Elementary School will be open during several days in March in order to provide assistance to anyone who requires help filling out their 2010 Census questionnaire

forms. This includes assistance in Spanish and in other languages.

Upcoming Milestone Dates:

February – March 2010

- Census questionnaire forms are mailed to households

April 1, 2010 – National Census Day

- All completed Census questionnaire forms should be returned to the U.S. Census Bureau

April – July 2010

- Census takers will visit households that did not return the Census questionnaire forms by mail

December 2010

- The Census Bureau delivers population information to the President for apportionment (to determine Congressional District Boundaries)

For further details, please contact Valbona Kokoshi in the Department of Community Development at (847) 926-1853 or vkokoshi@cityhpil.com, or visit www.2010.census.gov/2010census.

City Seeks Input on Proposed Single-Family Lot Coverage Regulations

In 2007, the City established a working group to evaluate existing policies and practices related to stormwater management (i.e. collection and discharge of rainwater). After collecting and discussing best practices on this topic, the working group recommended that the City Zoning Code be amended to limit lot coverage in single-family residential districts. The working group found that excessive lot coverage prevents stormwater from filtering into the ground, which can: 1) overburden the City's storm sewers and increase flooding; 2) speed up the erosion of natural drainage channels, such as ravines; 3) deplete groundwater resources used for drinking water and irrigation, and; 4) increase the pollutants that are deposited into the nearby bodies of water, such as the Skokie River and Lake Michigan.

To address these issues, the City's Plan Commission considered Zoning Code text amendments during a public hearing on October 20, 2009, and recommended City Council approval of new rules that limit excessive lot coverage on residential lots. The City Council is tentatively expected to consider the proposed text amendments by the end of March 2010. Prior to City Council deliberation, residents are invited to review the proposed rule changes and use the instructions provided on the City's web site at www.cityhpil.com/comdev/lotcoverage.html to determine the impact that the proposed text amendments may have on individual single-family properties. Residents are invited to share any questions or comments regarding the proposed amendments with City Planner Barbara Cates at (847) 926-1611 or bcates@cityhpil.com. Public input is welcome through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 12, 2010.

CITY NEWS

Cross Connection Program Promotes Safe Water

Earlier this year, the City's Department of Public Works implemented a Cross Connection Program to educate Highland Park residents and businesses on the importance of clean water. A "cross connection" is any connection, temporary or permanent, between a public or private water system and any system containing non-potable water or other liquid substances. One example of a cross connection is the piping between a public water system and a customer's lawn irrigation sprinkler system. Through these connections, "backflow" or the reversal of the flow of non-potable water can occur and contaminate drinking water. To prevent "backflow," the City recommends that residents and property/business owners take the following actions:

- Irrigation Systems: Ensure an approved backflow assembly is installed, is in good working condition and is tested annually.
- Swimming Pools and Hot Tubs: Ensure that if a water hose is used to fill these units, it is protected with a hose bib vacuum breaker installed on the faucet.

- Fire Sprinkler Systems: Have the fire system's backflow protection device inspected annually along with the fire protection system (some fire protection contractors can perform both services at the same time).

During the months of February, March and April in 2010, residents and property/business owners will be receiving an informational brochure and survey regarding the City's Cross Connection Program in their water bills. Residents may also watch the program 'Working Together for Safe Water' on Highland Park Government Access Channel 10 at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or visit the City's web site at www.cityhpil.com/pw/water.html for additional information regarding the importance of maintaining the safety and purity of the City's public water supply.

For additional information, please contact Don Jensen, Highland Park Water Production Superintendent, at (847) 433-4355 or djensen@cityhpil.com.

Highland Park Country Club Recognized by Golf Foundation

The National Golf Foundation recently recognized the Highland Park Country Club as a recipient of the Eighth Annual Customer Loyalty Award. Recipients of the awards are selected based on customer service surveys conducted by the National Golf Foundation that rate golf facilities throughout the United States. Based on the results from this national survey, it was determined that the Highland Park Country Club demonstrated the most improvement from 2008 for 'premium' golf courses. The award for most improved rating embodies the customer service-orientated approach of the Highland Park Country Club to improve the experience for golfers.

The customer service rating improvement for the Highland Park Country Club is attributable to KemperSports, which has managed the Highland Park Country Club since 2005. To further improve the quality of customer service, KemperSports initiated the True Service customer-focused training program. True Service is a four-stage program in which employees are trained to create a culture that promotes genuine and helpful customer service.

"The City of Highland Park is proud of the performance of the KemperSports management team that operates the Highland Park Country Club," said Highland Park City Manager David Limardi. "This award demonstrates the dedication of the City of Highland Park and KemperSports to continually improve the quality of cus-



Golfers will soon be able to play the 5th green. Contact the Highland Park Country Club to reserve tee times for the 2010 golf season, which is scheduled to begin March 1.

tomers service that will keep residents and visitors coming back to our community."

Tee times are now available for the 2010 golf season, which is scheduled to begin March 1. For more information, please contact the Highland Park Country Club, 1201 Park Avenue West, at (847) 433-4000.

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.

Mon., Feb. 15	Design Review Commission	6:30 p.m.
	Sister Cities Foundation	7:00 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 16	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 18	Human Relations	6:30 p.m.
	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 22	Committee of the Whole	4:30 p.m.
	City Council	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 23	Business & Econ. Develop.	6:00 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 24	Traffic Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 25	Environmental Commission	6:30 p.m.
Mon., Mar. 1	Design Review Commission	6:30 p.m.
Tues., Mar. 2	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Wed., Mar. 3	Housing Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Mar. 4	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Mar. 8	Finance Committee	3:30 p.m.
	Committee of the Whole	4:30 p.m.
	City Council	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Mar. 9	Library Board of Trustees (494 Laurel Avenue)	7:00 p.m.
Wed., Mar. 10	Lakefront Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Mar. 11	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. The Library will open at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 3.

The Power of Half: Wednesday, February 17, 3:30 p.m. Father-daughter team Kevin and Hannah Salwen, authors of "The Power of Half," discuss their family's decision to stop taking and start giving back. Motivated by Hannah, the family sold their spacious home and gave half the profits to charity. Books will be for sale and the event will conclude with a book signing.

Jazz Trio: Sunday, March 7, 2:00 p.m. Enjoy jazz at the Library. Sponsored by Whitehall of Deerfield Healthcare Center.

Meet The Author - Craig Mullaney: "The Unforgiving Minute," Sunday, March 7, 3:30 p.m. In his bestselling memoir, Mullaney tells his story of a soldier's education, taking all he had learned as a U.S. Army captain to one unforgiving minute when his platoon was caught in a deadly fight with Al-Qaeda in Afghanistan. Mullaney will read from and discuss his book. A book signing will follow.

Career Counseling: Wednesday, March 10, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Meet with a career counselor from College of Lake County for a free half-hour session. Learn job search strategies, find assistance writing or updating a resume, and prepare for a job interview. Register at the Reference Desk or call (847) 681-7031.

CULTURAL ARTS EVENTS

February Youth Arts Month	The Art Center	National Chamber Music Competition	Ravinia Festival
Through March 1, Times Vary	1957 Sheridan Road	February 28, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Bennett-Gordon Hall
Free	(847) 432-1888	Free	200 Ravinia Park Road (847) 926-9898
All City Music Festival	High School	Purim Carnival	Lutz Center
February 18, 7:00 p.m.	433 Vine Avenue	February 28, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	800 Clavey Road (847) 433-6001
Free	(224) 765-2000	Adults Free; \$15/child	
HP Players: Snoopy, The Musical	Edgewood Middle School	Musical Merriment; A Bilingual Concert	Family Network
February 20, 21, 27, 28	926 Edgewood Road	March 10, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	330 Laurel Avenue (847) 433-0377
1:00 & 3:00 p.m., \$10	(847) 604-4771	\$10 per child	
Student Recital	Music Institute of Chicago	Homegrown Benefit Gala: Here's Lookin' At You	Historical Society
February 24, 7:00 p.m.	1991 Sheridan Road	March 13, 6:00 p.m.	1174 Park Avenue West (847) 507-4988
Free	(847) 448-8316	\$125 per person	

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

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR SUMMER CAMPS AT THE FIREHOUSE

Lunch and transportation are included in the fees.

CAMP H2O

Session I: June 14 - 18 & Session II: July 19 - 23

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Fee: \$200/Non-Members: \$225

Enjoy trips to Gilson Beach, Magic Waters, Hurricane Harbor, Mystic Waters and Raging Waves.

GAMES GALORE

Session I: June 21 - 25 & Session II: July 26 - 30

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Fee: \$200/Non-Members: \$225

Enjoy trips to Funway, ESPN Zone, Dave and Busters, Safari Land and Gameworks.

SPORTS CAMP

Session I: June 28 - July 2 & Session II: August 2 - 6

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Fee: \$200/Non-Members: \$225

Enjoy trips to Chicagoland Paintball, Libertyville Sports Complex, Whirly Ball, Mini Golf and Top Golf, Canoe and Volleyball.

JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY

Session I: July 6 - 9

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Fee: \$200/Non-Member: \$225

Spend the morning learning how to be a Highland Park Police Officer and the afternoon at the Highland Park Aqua Park.

CAMP WHAT'LL WE DO

Session I: July 12 - 16 & Session II: August 9 - 13

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Fee: \$200/Non-Members: \$225

Enjoy trips to: ESPN Zone, Raging Waves, Dave and Busters, Hurricane Harbor, and Canoe and Volleyball.

NEW MONTHLY CONCERT SERIES

*Highland Park Country Club, 1201 Park Avenue West
Fridays, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Free; For Members Only*

HIGH SCHOOL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Friday, March 19

Under the direction of Stephen Hobson, the Highland Park High School Chamber Orchestra is sure to delight you with their musical talent. The concert features music by popular composers including Brandenburg Concerto #3 (Bach), Adagio for Strings (Barber), Octet in E (Mendelssohn), as well as Ragtime Favorites (Joplin).

Sponsored by Whitehall of Deerfield HealthCare Center

RISE AND SHINE HUMANITIES SERIES

Highland Park Public Library

*Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Free; No Registration Required
March 10: BEN HECHT'S LITERARY JOURNALISM*

In the early 1920s, Ben Hecht produced a daily column for the *Chicago Daily News*, *1001 Afternoons in Chicago*. Many of the pieces collected in the 1922 book of the same title will be discussed by Mr. Bill Savage, as a work of art and Hecht's approach to his subject as an essential aspect of urban living.

Sponsored by Sunrise Assisted Living

NEW FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Highland Park Senior Center, 54 Laurel Avenue

Thursdays, April 1 - May 6, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Free, Pre-Registration Required

Are you feeling overwhelmed? Are there challenges in balancing work, family responsibilities and fun? Are you aware that there is a caregiver Bill of Rights? Join this educational support group for caregivers caring for family members. This 6-week group will include opportunities to develop greater understanding of aging and health issues, a place to voice your frustrations and concerns, and resources to help ease burdens.

Acceptance of Loss

The start of a new year brings to mind that you will become a year older. There is a growing sense of mortality, especially when the media pays tribute to well-known individuals who have died. My friends and I have recently lost several people whose names you would not know. Their lives touched us and we mourn because each day that passes we also have to accept that it could be us. How many times over the years have I written that each day is a gift? Live it up, and enjoy the little things that give you pleasure.

The loss of a loved one can cause such grief that the tears and the numbness can immobilize you. You learn to cope with life, minus the one you love. Is it easy? No. But you are alive and whatever time you had together, you may cherish, and let the memories sustain you.

This is not meant to be morbid, but a fact of life. Let your friends share your grief. Not only do they care for you, but they feel the loss as well. We all survive events good and bad, but remember that professionals have the words and compassion to help you through a difficult time. I speak from experience and am so grateful that fate was so good to me. It is very helpful to talk about the one who is gone. It keeps them alive to you and others. My years were so enriched. You will always miss that special one, but you will survive.

By Helen Rothman, Senior Center Liaison

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Look for LATE NITE HP events on Friday and Saturday evenings in Highland Park. For more information, visit www.latenitehp.com.



Public Service Contact Information

Residents are encouraged to save this list of contact numbers for frequently utilized public services provided below. For more information regarding the City's Customer Service Program, please contact Emily Palm, Management Analyst, at (847) 926-1046 or epalm@cityhphil.com.

Public Service	Telephone	Public Service	Telephone
Animal Control	(847) 432-7730	Recycling Bins	(847) 432-0800
Bicycle Registration	(847) 432-7730	Refuse and Recycling (Veolia)	(847) 272-4145
Birth/Death Certificates	(847) 432-0800	Refuse/Recycling Concerns	(847) 926-1030
Building Permits	(847) 432-0808	Restaurant Inspections	(847) 432-0808
Cable Television Concerns	(847) 926-1030	Senior Services/Shuttle	(847) 432-4110
Cable TV Service (Comcast)	(866) 594-1234	Sewers	(847) 432-0807
Construction Regulations	(847) 432-0808	Signs (Application/Review)	(847) 432-0867
CPR Certification	(847) 433-3110	Sign Permits	(847) 432-0867
Dog Licenses	(847) 432-0800	Snow & Ice Removal	(847) 432-0807
Dog Pound	(847) 926-1129	Special Refuse Pickups (Veolia)	(847) 272-4145
Dog Regulations	(847) 432-7730	Street & Sidewalk Repairs	(847) 432-0807
Drainage Concerns	(847) 432-0807	Street Lights/Traffic Signals	(847) 432-0807
Employment Opportunities	(847) 926-1007	Special Events	(847) 926-1043
Fire Hydrant Testing	(847) 433-3110	Traffic Control (Enforcement)	(847) 432-7730
Fire Prevention	(847) 433-3110	Transit Service	(847) 432-3325
Garage Sales	(847) 432-7730	Tree Planting & Removal	(847) 926-1149
Home Occupations	(847) 432-0808	Vehicle Stickers	(847) 432-0800
Senior Housing	(847) 432-4110	Vendor Licensing	(847) 926-1036
Landscaper Licensing	(847) 926-1030	Voter Registration	(847) 926-1036
Leaf Blower Violations	(847) 432-7730	Water Bills	(847) 432-0800
Noise Concerns	(847) 432-7730	Water Meters	(847) 926-1146
Parking Permits	(847) 432-0800	Water Quality	(847) 433-4355
Parkway Maintenance	(847) 432-0807	Youth Services	(847) 433-3090
Power Outage Info. (ComEd)	(800) 334-7661	Zoning Questions	(847) 432-0867