

# THE HIGHLANDER



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## Spring Clean-Up Dates Announced

It is time once again for residents to scour attics and cellars for oversized household odds and ends. The City's annual Spring Clean-Up Program will be offered by Veolia Environmental Services on four consecutive Saturdays beginning May 1 and ending May 22. 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). Refer to the map on the right to determine your primary collection day and then utilize the table at the lower right to view your Spring Clean-Up collection date. In order to keep City streets clean, it is requested that residents not place any material out for collection earlier than one week before a scheduled collection.

### Oversized Items

Veolia Environmental Services will pick up all allowed oversized items that are placed at the curb on residents' scheduled Spring Clean-Up days. To discard waste from a do-it-yourself project, please make sure that the material is bundled so that one person can pick it up and place it in the truck. Carpeting must be rolled and should not exceed the weight that one person can carry. Waste material generated by general contractors will not be accepted.

### Appliances

Residents with appliances for collection such as refrigerators/freezers (doors must be removed), stoves, dishwashers, washers/dryers, furnaces/boilers, hot water heaters, air conditioners, and microwave ovens must call (800) 480-4337 to arrange for pick-up as Veolia contracts with a separate firm to collect these items. When calling, please indicate your name, address, and the type of item to be collected. Once you call, your item will be picked up on the following Spring Clean-Up Saturday, free of charge. When scheduling an appliance pick-up, it does not have to coincide with the Saturday in which your household is scheduled for Spring Clean-Up collection. Please note that residents must bring the item to the curb in order for it to be collected.



### Prohibited Items

Items must be placed at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. on collection day. The following items will not be accepted: regular garbage; yardwaste; debris generated by landscapers, tree trimmers, or contractors; demolition material from fences, roofs, or exterior building debris; rubber tires; batteries; and oil and household hazardous wastes such as paint, pesticides, or pool chemicals.

For additional information on the City of Highland Park's Spring Clean-Up Program, contact Veolia Environmental Services at (847) 272-4145, or Renee Helm in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1030 or [rhelm@cityhpi.com](mailto:rhelm@cityhpi.com).

Area	Collection Day	Spring Pick-Up Day
SE	Monday	Saturday, May 1
SW	Tuesday	Saturday, May 8
NE	Thursday	Saturday, May 15
NW	Friday	Saturday, May 22

# 'HIGH' NOTES

## Affordable Housing Sessions Offered

The Highland Park Illinois Community Land Trust (HPICLT) will offer the following information sessions on affordable housing opportunities available through the Community Land Trust and the City of Highland Park Inclusionary Housing Program.

- Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Additional information sessions are available by appointment. Information sessions are held at 400 Central Avenue, #111. Please register by calling the HPICLT at (847) 681-8746. The HPICLT currently has a newly rehabbed 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom single family home available at \$180,000; additional homes may become available soon. For more information, visit the HPICLT's Web site at [www.hpict.org](http://www.hpict.org) or call (847) 681-8746.

## Register Now For Electronic Distribution of *The Highlander*

Residents are encouraged to opt-in to receive an electronic version of *The Highlander* newsletter. Please visit [www.cityhpil.com](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month with an attachment of *The Highlander* and link to the City's Web site, [www.cityhpil.com](http://www.cityhpil.com). Registered users will also have the option to unsubscribe from future e-mails if desired. For more information about electronic distribution of *The Highlander*, please contact Emily Palm, Management Analyst, at (847) 926-1046 or [epalm@cityhpil.com](mailto:epalm@cityhpil.com).

## Landscaping Reminders

In 2002, the City established a lawn care professional licensing program that requires all lawn care professionals operating in Highland Park to acquire an annual license. Each operating vehicle used by a lawn care professional requires proof of licensing by display of a sticker on the driver's side windshield. Please make sure that your landscaper is licensed with the City. Additionally, gas-powered leaf blowers are allowed between June 1 and October 1 for the purposes of roof gutter and downspout cleaning operations. Gas-powered leaf blowers for all other purposes are only allowed between October 1 and May 15. For additional information, please contact Renee Helm in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1030 or [rhelm@cityhpil.com](mailto:rhelm@cityhpil.com).

## Online Payment of City Invoices Available

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

## ComEd Offers Bill Payment Assistance

In response to local unemployment rates, ComEd has announced a "Helping Hand" program, which is a month-long effort to pay half the balances for customers facing a recent or pending service suspension due to a financial hardship. From March 1 through March 31, up to \$1 million will be made available from ComEd's customer assistance funds. Eligible residential customers who pay 50 percent of their outstanding balance can receive a credit from ComEd for the remaining 50 percent. To be eligible, customers must have received a disconnection notice within the last 120 days and have experienced a financial or medical hardship. Customers can sign up for the "Helping Hand" program by calling (888) 806-CARE.

## City Awarded AED Grant

Recently, the Fire Department was awarded a grant from the Healthcare Foundation of Highland Park. This \$38,000 grant will be used to purchase and place automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in businesses within Highland Park and to train employees in their uses and in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The Fire Department was awarded the same grant from the Healthcare Foundation in 2009. With that grant, the City was able to distribute 15 AED units and certify 52 employees in AED/CPR training. For more information, please contact Pat Tanner, Deputy Fire Chief, at (847) 926-1066 or [ptanner@cityhpil.com](mailto:ptanner@cityhpil.com).

## Enter the Fourth of July Parade

If you are a local organization, business, or neighborhood group, consider participating in the 2010 Fourth of July Parade. Applications will be accepted until May 15. To obtain an application or for more information on how to participate in the parade, visit [www.cityhpil.com](http://www.cityhpil.com) or contact Jennifer Dotson in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1006 or [jdotson@cityhpil.com](mailto:jdotson@cityhpil.com).

## Yard Waste Collection Begins April 1

Veolia Environmental Services will once again begin accepting yard waste in conjunction with its collection schedule on April 1. Yard waste is collected weekly, on the same day as waste and recyclables. Yard waste must be bundled separately from refuse and recycling and will be collected at the curb only. Collection can be initiated on a sticker or subscription basis. For subscription customers, unlimited yard waste is accepted. For those utilizing stickers, one must be affixed to each 50-pound Kraft paper bag, 50-pound bundle of branches, or 45-gallon container. Stickers are available at local retailers, including Sunset Foods and Jewel, City Hall, or from Veolia. Large stumps, branches exceeding four feet in length, rocks, and dirt are not accepted. For more information, contact Veolia at (847) 272-4145.

# BUSINESS REPORT

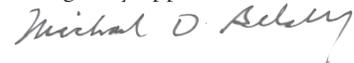
## Downtown Gift Card Program Adds New Businesses

The Downtown Highland Park Gift Card Program has added 15 new businesses since its launch last November, bringing the total number of participating businesses to 70. New businesses include restaurants, salons, personal training and fitness studios, grocery stores, auto body shops, florists and clothing boutiques. A complete listing of participating businesses is posted at [www.downtownhp.com](http://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. Learn more about the Downtown Highland Park Gift Card at [www.downtownhp.com](http://www.downtownhp.com). You can also follow Downtown Highland Park on Twitter @DowntownHP, or become a fan on Facebook, Downtown Highland Park.

## Message from the Mayor

Highland Park is fortunate to have several vibrant business districts. These include Braeside, Ravinia, the Route 41 Corridor, Briergate, the Central Business District and the City's North border with Highwood. These Districts provide our public and greater Chicagoland with excellent goods and services. While much of our tax base is residential, we benefit greatly from the property values and sales tax generated in these districts. The former is particularly important to our schools and the quality of education in Highland Park, while the latter enables the City to support public services, such as police, fire and public works. Our commercial base also provides a livelihood to thousand of merchants and employees, which is particularly important in this economy. During this recession, state and local governments have experienced a record drop in revenues. Highland Park has been impacted as well. This past fiscal year ending in December the City's sales tax was down by 7%. In the past I have urged Highland Parkers to please shop locally as a way to reinvest in our City. I would now like to expand that request to ask all Highland Parkers to be our eyes and ears for further economic development. In your travels across Chicagoland and beyond, if you see or patronize businesses that would complement or enhance our districts, please ask if the owner or manager would have an interest in locating to Highland Park. We have two excellent resources for following up these opportunities. One is the City's Office of Economic Development and the Business and Economic Development Commission. These entities cover all business areas outside of the Central Business District. The contact is Carolyn Hersch at (847) 926-1027 or [chersch@cityhphil.com](mailto:chersch@cityhphil.com). For the Central Business District we have the Downtown Highland Park Alliance. The contact is Sarah Wiebenson at (847) 780-4293 or [info@downtownhp.com](mailto:info@downtownhp.com). In each instance we will follow up with marketing materials on the City and the advantages of locating in Highland Park, and, if possible, will bring any prospective businesses you surface to the City for a tour of potential locations. While the City will continue to proactively market our business districts, creative ideas and help from the public will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Mayor Michael D. Belsky



## Ravinia Business Market Study to be Presented April 6

The public is invited to attend the Community & Land Use Economics (CLUE) Group's presentation of the Ravinia Business District Market Study at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6, in the Millennium Hall at the Ravinia School, 763 Dean Avenue. Millennium Hall is accessible from Roger Williams Avenue, just east of Dean Avenue.

In 2005, the City Council established a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District in the Ravinia District to foster redevelopment, including public improvements, such as streetscape and utility upgrades. A redevelopment plan created in conjunction with the establishment of this TIF seeks to transition from obsolete land uses to more appropriate land use patterns, enhance the retail sales tax base of the area to support the City's economic development objectives, and aid in efforts to revitalize the District as a viable mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly, transit-oriented retail environment attracting new private investment, while maintaining its historic character. In 2008, the City, local property owners,

merchants, and the Ravinia Neighbors Association, a non-profit organization devoted to preserving the unique character of the Ravinia neighborhood, together committed to improving and regenerating the Ravinia Business District. In May 2009, the City Council authorized the execution of a professional services agreement with the CLUE Group for completion of a market analysis of the Ravinia Business TIF District and development of a strategic plan for retail and mixed-use development.

Last spring, the consultants commenced the study with an onsite orientation and interviews of key stakeholders. In June and July 2009, the consultants initiated a community visioning blog, assessed the District's market potential, and conducted a community-wide consumer survey and focus groups. In August 2009, the CLUE Group evaluated the district's identity and potential market positioning, and developed recommendations for branding, a retail strategy and tenanting. At that time, they also assessed land use and potential

public improvements, the economic impact of those improvements and formulated tax yield projections.

Following the public unveiling of the consultant's draft report, a "Playbook" meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on April 7 at which time the consultants will facilitate a workshop to guide the Ravinia Business District Leadership Group through the process of implementing their recommendations. The Leadership Group, comprised of representatives from the City Council and City staff along with key Ravinia Business District stakeholders, is expected to review and finalize the report prior to its consideration and acceptance by the Highland Park City Council this spring.

Copies of the Market Study Report will be available at the meeting or may be obtained from the Office of Economic Development at City Hall. For more information, please contact Carolyn Hersch, Economic Development Coordinator, at (847) 926-1027 or [chersch@cityhphil.com](mailto:chersch@cityhphil.com).

## Highland Park Public Access Center Reopens

Over the past three decades, Comcast and its predecessors have provided funding for local public access television operations in Highland Park. Concurrent with the expiration of the most recent franchise agreement between the City of Highland Park and Comcast in 2008, the cable company has ceased its operation of the public access studio that was previously located at 3218 Skokie Valley Highway as of December 31, 2010.

Recognizing that the Highland Park community has a long tradition of utilizing and supporting public access television, the City worked cooperatively with Comcast, the City of Highwood and the Villages of Deerfield and Winnetka to ensure the future of local programming through a relocation of the Comcast facility to the lower level of the City's Police Station Headquarters at 1677 Old Deerfield Road. During the months of November and December, Comcast and City of Highland Park staff disassembled, relocated, reconfigured and tested all video production, editing and broadcast equipment at the new facility. On January 8, playback resumed on Channels 10 and 19 in Highland Park, Deerfield, Winnetka and Highwood and the Public Access Center reopened to the public for video production and editing on February 1, 2010. During 2010, the four municipalities will partner to share the cost of operating the



*As of February 1, the Public Access Studio is open to the public for video production and editing purposes. The Studio was relocated to the Police Station Headquarters, 1677 Old Deerfield Road. Residents from Highland Park, Highwood, Deerfield and Winnetka have accessibility to this resource.*

facility, which is staffed by two part-time employees.

The Highland Park Public Access Center strives to inform residents about municipal affairs, promote participation in community programs and events and preserve local programming through community television. The Center provides producers with the opportunity to utilize the studio and equipment to produce, edit and broadcast programs on Access Channels 10 and 19. Community producers are those individuals who either reside or are employed within Highland Park, Highwood, Deerfield or Winnetka. Since playback resumed in mid-January, a variety of shows have been broadcast on Access Channels 10 and 19 regarding issues such as health, government, music, theater, sports and home improvements. Through this initiative, Highland Park residents will continue to be able to view City Council and Plan Commission

meetings on Government Access Channel 10. To learn more about the Highland Park Public Access Center, or to view the weekly broadcast schedule, visit the Public Access Center web page on the City's web site at [www.cityhpil.com/community/publicaccesscenter.html](http://www.cityhpil.com/community/publicaccesscenter.html).

One group that utilizes the Public Access Center to produce, edit and broadcast programs is the Senior TV Production Team. The production team is a group of members from the Senior Center of Highland Park that produces programs weekly to air on Access Channels 10 and 19. To

learn more about the Senior TV Production Team, visit the Senior Center web page on the City's web site at [www.cityhpil.com/cmo/senior\\_center.html](http://www.cityhpil.com/cmo/senior_center.html).

During 2010, Public Access staff will conduct workshops and tours for residents interested in becoming community producers. Residents can become educated on television production techniques such as producing, directing and editing a program.

To learn more about the workshops or tours, please contact the Highland Park Public Access Center directly at (847) 926-1751. For further information regarding the Public Access Center, please contact Renee Helm in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1030 or [rhelm@cityhpil.com](mailto:rhelm@cityhpil.com), or Public Access Center Coordinator Mark Tulloss at (847) 926-1751 or [mtulloss@cityhpil.com](mailto:mtulloss@cityhpil.com).

# CITY NEWS

## City Joins Pension Coalition, Supports Reform Legislation

In response to increasing municipal concerns regarding sustainable pension funding, the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) has formed the Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition, which is comprised of numerous councils of government, as well as private sector professional organizations. The Pension Coalition supports the efforts demonstrated by public safety employees and seeks to provide a negotiated compromise that is financially sustainable. Presently, the Coalition represents over 200 communities and business leaders, and is a Statewide effort to develop a lasting solution to the pension crisis that protects taxpayers and communities, while ensuring sustainable retirement benefits for public safety employees.

The NWMC has asked individual municipalities to adopt a resolution indicating support for, and membership in, the Coalition. The City of Highland Park adopted a resolution on February 22 that recognizes that the Illinois General Assembly has authorized pension benefits that place a financial strain on the community and taxpayers.

The Pension Fairness Coalition has proposed the following changes to the public safety pension system in order to protect taxpayers and secure sustainable retirement benefits: create a modified pension system for all new police and firefighters; align public safety employee pension contributions with the level of benefits received; consolidate all public safety pension funds into one statewide investment system; adopt a 30-year rolling amortization period for the full funding of pensions; and require a supermajority of the General Assembly to approve any future public safety benefit enhancements.

Although local governments across Illinois have more than doubled their public safety pension contributions over the past 10 years, funding ratios have fallen as major investment losses resulted from the market downturn and as the state legislature passed a series of public safety pension benefit enhancements. These increases are unfunded mandates, meaning that local governments,

and ultimately local taxpayers, are fully responsible for funding them.

In the September 2009 *Highlander* newsletter, the City provided information regarding the State's pension crisis and urged residents to contact State Senator Susan Garrett and State Representative Karen May to advise them of the need to support and adopt pension reform legislation. A previous bill that would have reset the amortization of public safety pensions to 2049 from the current 2033 deadline passed the State Senate, but stalled in the Illinois House due to opposition from public safety unions.

Most recently, two new pieces of legislation have been introduced with the intent to establish starting points for negotiation with public safety unions. The first is Senate Bill 2574 that is co-sponsored by Sen. Pam Althoff, Sen. Susan Garrett and Sen. Dan Cronin and incorporates elements of the Coalition's legislative platform into a pension reform bill and would amend the Downstate Police and Downstate Firefighter Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Rep. Karen May has also sponsored House Bill 5297 that would save taxpayers and municipalities money and begin the work of reducing growing pension obligations. This bill would impose a ten percent limit on pension cost increases for the next two years to help control escalating pension obligations as negotiations begin to reduce the overall burden of pensions on local governments throughout the State.

To minimize the impact on taxpayers caused by escalating pension costs, the City is urging each household to contact State Senator Susan Garrett and State Representative Karen May to advise them of the need to support and adopt Senate Bill 2574 and House Bill 5297. To assist in this effort, residents can utilize the Take Legislative Action Center on the City's web site, [www.cityhpil.com](http://www.cityhpil.com), and download a letter that recommends support for the pending legislation. For more information regarding the Take Legislative Action Center, contact Emily Palm, Management Analyst, at (847) 926-1046 or [epalm@cityhpil.com](mailto:epalm@cityhpil.com).

## Help Conserve Water During "Fix a Leak Week"



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During the week of March 15 - 21, the Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense program will sponsor "Fix a Leak Week," which is an opportunity to encourage Americans to improve water efficiency in homes by checking for and fixing leaks. Nationwide, the amount of water leaked from United States homes each year could exceed more than 1 trillion gallons, which is equivalent to the annual water use by Los Angeles, Chicago and Miami combined. The City is reminding residents to check plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks. There are steps residents can take to save water with do-it-yourself fixes. Seeking out leaks can be as easy as walking through a house and looking and listening for them. Tightening a dripping faucet connection can save hundreds of gallons annually. Fixing leaks can often be done with tools already around the house. Do not forget to check pipes under sinks that can leak as well. A dripping showerhead, if left alone dripping at a rate of 10 drips per minute, can waste 500 gallons a year. At a rate of 1 drip per second, it could waste 3,000 gallons a year. As Spring approaches, it is important to ensure irrigation systems are functioning properly. An irrigation system should be checked before use to make sure it was not damaged by frost or freezing. Also, check garden hoses for leaks at the connection to the spigot. If it leaks while you run your hose, replace the nylon or rubber hose washer and ensure a tight connection to the spigot using pipe tape and a wrench. For more information, about Fix a Leak Week, visit [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense), or contact Don Jensen, Highland Park Water Plant Superintendent, at (847) 433-4355 or [djensen@cityhpil.com](mailto:djensen@cityhpil.com).

# 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., March 15	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
	Sister Cities Foundation	7:00 p.m.
Tues., March 16	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., March 18	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Mon., March 22	Committee of the Whole	4:30 p.m.
	City Council	7:30 p.m.
Tues., March 23	Business and Econ. Develop.	6:00 p.m.
Wed., March 24	Traffic Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., March 25	Environmental Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., April 1	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Mon., April 5	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
Tues., April 6	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Wed., April 7	Housing Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., April 8	Historic Preservation	7:30 p.m.
Mon., April 12	Finance Committee	3:30 p.m.
	Committee of the Whole	4:30 p.m.
	City Council	7:30 p.m.
Tues., April 13	Ravinia Festival Relations	6:30 p.m.
	Cultural Arts	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 be closed on Sunday, April 4, and will open at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 7.

**Storytimes:** Spring storytime sessions, with activities designed to foster pre-reading skills for newborns to six-year-olds, begin in April. Registration begins Monday, March 15. Visit [hplibrary.org/kids](http://hplibrary.org/kids) for storytime dates, times and to register.

**Film Showing and Discussion: Sunday, March 21, 2:00 p.m.** Bob Coscarelli, professor emeritus at College of Lake County, introduces and screens a classic science fiction film. A discussion follows. Presented with the Highland Park Senior Center. Sponsored by Synergy HomeCare.

**Book Discussion: Tuesday, April 13, 1:00 p.m.** Noted book discussion leader Judy Levin leads a discussion about "The Piano Teacher," by Janice Y. K. Lee.

**Instrument Petting Zoo: Saturday, April 10, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Ages 3 - Adult.** Come and try instruments, introduced and demonstrated by instructors from the Music Institute of Chicago, Highland Park Campus. Instruments donated by Highland Park's Field Violin Workshop and the Music Institute of Chicago.

## CULTURAL ARTS EVENTS

<b>The World of Spiffy Pictures</b>	The Art Center	<b>Rising Stars: Curtis on Tour</b>	Ravinia Festival
Through April 2, Times Vary	1957 Sheridan Road	March 26, 8:00 p.m.	Bennett-Gordon Hall
Free	(847) 432-1888	\$20	200 Ravinia Park Road
<b>Religion in a Global World</b>	Congregation Solel	<b>Highland Park Poetry</b>	(847) 266-5100
March 21, 10:30 a.m. - Noon	1301 Clavey Road	April 2, 8:00 p.m.	Borders Books & Music
Free	(847) 433-3555	Free	595 Central Avenue
<b>March Winds</b>	Pilgrim Chamber Players	<b>Mom &amp; Me Silk Scarf Making</b>	(847) 926-1006
March 21	1991 Sheridan Road	April 9, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	West Ridge Center
3:00 p.m., \$10 - \$20	(847) 433-0972	Resident: \$25/Non-Resident: \$35	636 Ridge Road
<b>Alice in Wonderland, Jr.</b>	Northwood Junior High	<b>Rising Stars</b>	(847) 831-3810
March 24 - 25, 7:00 p.m.	945 North Avenue	April 9, 8:00 p.m.	Ravinia Festival
\$5	(847) 432-4770	\$20	Bennett-Gordon Hall
			200 Ravinia Park Road
			(847) 266-5100

# 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)

## FIELD TRIPS FOR DAYS OFF OF SCHOOL

Grades 6 - 8, *Pre-Registration Required, Non-Members Welcome*  
Call (847) 433-3090.

## KEY LIME COVE INDOOR WATER PARK

March 18 (*Parent-Teacher Conferences*)

Noon - 5:00 p.m., *Fee: \$50/Non-Members: \$75*

Escape to Illinois' largest indoor water resort. Enjoy waterslides, a lazy river, a dip-in theater and more. Lunch and transportation are included in the fee.

## MEDIEVAL TIMES

March 19 (*Parent-Teacher Conferences*)

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., *Fee: \$50/Non-Members: \$75*

Enjoy a day of fun and excitement at Medieval Times in Schaumburg with an exciting show of jousting and a four-course meal.

## SPRING BREAK TRIPS

March 29 - April 2

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.

## GAMEWORKS

April 5 (*Spring Break*)

Noon - 5:00 p.m., *Fee: \$50/Non-Members: \$75*

Unlimited use of the latest arcade games and virtual reality equipment for two hours are the highlights of this popular trip to Gameworks. Lunch and transportation are included in the fee.

## PINSTRIPES FOR BOWLING AND BOCCE

Friday, April 9

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., *Fee: \$40/Non-Members: \$65*

Spend the evening bowling and playing bocce at Pinstripes. Enjoy a pizza dinner and then team up with your friends to test your skills at these two fun sports. Dinner and transportation are included.

## 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

## MATISSE EXHIBIT - ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

*Radical Invention: 1913-1917*

Tuesday, March 23, *Fee: \$48/Non-Members: \$58*

Motorcoach departs Toys R Us at 9:00 a.m. and returns at approximately 3:30 p.m. Lunch is Dutch treat at a local eatery of your choice.

## KENNEY, MILLER, BRONSTEIN LECTURE SERIES 2010

Highland Park Country Club, 1201 Park Avenue West

Thursday, March 25, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

*Free for Members/Non-Members: \$10; Advance Registration Required*  
*God Evolves?* Jim Kenney will discuss Robert Wright's view of evolutionary psychology. His *The Evolution of God* is a landmark in the exploration of the development of theology. He addresses how human conceptions of God have evolved over time.

*Sponsored by ManorCare Health Services*

## NEW FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Firehouse Youth Center

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? 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.

## LIVE ON THE LINKS - CLASSIC CONCERTS

Highland Park Country Club, 1201 Park Avenue West

Friday April 16, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

*Free for Members; Advance Registration Required*

## HIGHLAND PARK HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND

Featuring music of the Big Band era, don't miss this opportunity to experience these students playing under the direction of Dr. Jim Hile.

## Sunset Woods Condominiums

I know winter is here when I look out my window and see the crew from the Park District installing the skating rink at Sunset Park. It is a popular sight and when all the skaters are out, it is a busy afternoon and evening, all taking advantage of the healthy activity. The snow on the ground now and on the tree branches creates a picture I can watch from my window at Sunset Woods Condominiums. The decision to buy a condominium here is one for which I will always be grateful. It is nice to see the buds on the trees in the spring and the colors of the leaves in the fall. Even in winter, this location is so ideal.

When you are alone, you can always feel secure. Those arthritic knees appreciate the elevator, and how convenient to see a current movie on Tuesday nights or browse our library for a book, all under our roof. In addition, we have a workout room and a game room. What else could we need? Friendships are formed and occasional parties are planned. It is almost like an extended family. The Senior Connector stops here and goes to all the places you might need. Sunset Woods provides all the amenities that make life comfortable. There is no need to exaggerate how much I enjoy my unit, and how it has come to be my home. I hope you give us a look, and maybe join the satisfied resident owners.

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## Motorists Reminded to Increase Traffic Safety Near Schools



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The Police Department frequently hears concerns from school officials, parents and residents about the driving behavior of motorists near schools. Included are complaints that motorists are speeding, disobeying stop signs, failing to yield to pedestrians, failing to obey crossing guards, passing stopped school buses, texting while driving, talking on cell phones while driving in a school zone, double parking, and illegally parking in bus

loading or no stopping, standing or parking zones.

Historically, the number of parents driving children to and from school increases when inclement weather occurs. Many of the City's neighborhoods surrounding schools were constructed years ago and were not designed to handle the traffic volumes, traffic patterns and parking demands that are experienced today. All of these variables greatly increase the risk of an accident and associated injury to children and pedestrians. The City has worked with local school districts to improve traffic flow, parking options, drop-off and pick-up locations, and signage around affected schools. Police presence and enforcement efforts have also increased in an effort to obtain traffic and parking law compliance. Motorists can increase traffic and pedestrian safety by following

these safety tips:

- Learn where designated drop-off and pick-up areas are located at your child's school and utilize them. Do not use City streets for drop-off and pick-ups as this greatly increases risk to children and pedestrians;
- Obey State and City traffic and parking laws;
- Understand and obey the new State laws pertaining to Electronic Communication Devices and Wireless Telephone use that took effect on January 1, 2010;
- Do not operate a vehicle while using an electronic communication device to compose, send or receive electronic messages;
- Do not use a wireless telephone at any time while operating a vehicle on a roadway in a school speed zone or on a highway in a construction or maintenance speed zone (unless it is used in a hands-free mode);
- Encourage your children to utilize school buses and carpools to reduce the amount of vehicle traffic at schools.

These reminders are encouraged by the Human Relations Commission and the Police Department on behalf of the City's "Street Smarts" Traffic Safety Initiative. For more information, please contact Gina Gooden, Human Relations Commission Staff Liaison, at (847) 926-1865 or [ggooden@cityhpil.com](mailto:ggooden@cityhpil.com), or visit [www.cityhpil.com/police/ps\\_Street\\_Smarts.html](http://www.cityhpil.com/police/ps_Street_Smarts.html). For more information about traffic and driving laws, contact Traffic Sergeant Chris O'Neill at (847) 926-1766 or [coneill@cityhpil.com](mailto:coneill@cityhpil.com).