

THE HIGHLANDER



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Festivities Mark Independence Day

As the Nation's 234th birthday approaches, the City of Highland Park is pleased to announce the schedule of events for the Fourth of July, with all events occurring on Sunday, July 4. The theme for this year's festivities is "Salute to the Troops: Honoring the Men and Women of the United States Military."

Children's Bike & Pet Parade - 10:45 a.m.

The Independence Day celebration begins at 10:45 a.m. with the Children's Bike & Pet Parade, sponsored by the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce. Those interested in participating should meet at 10:15 a.m. in the lower level of the parking structure at the northwest corner of St. Johns and Laurel Avenues. For more information, please contact the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce at (847) 432-0284/chamber@chighlandpark.com.

Independence Day Parade - 11:00 a.m.

Immediately following the Children's Bike & Pet Parade, residents are encouraged to continue the celebration with the annual Independence Day Parade, hosted by the City and the Park District.

Several officers from the Ft. Sheridan and Great Lakes military bases will serve as parade grand marshals. The parade features floats, marching bands, dignitaries, novelty groups, community entries and other special entertainment. The parade will begin at the intersection of Laurel and St. Johns Avenues and head north on St. Johns Avenue, then turn west on Central Avenue and continue to Sunset Park. For more information, call the City's Summer Events Hotline at (847) 926-1033.

Fourth Fest - Noon

After the parade, the fun moves to Sunset Park for Fourth Fest from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Fourth Fest will feature a variety of food vendors and musical performers to entertain residents. Also, enjoy carnival rides, a petting zoo, pony rides, picnic games, carnival games, live music, and concession stands. For more information, contact Jim Harkness, Park District Facility Supervisor, at (847) 579-3121/jharkness@pdhp.org.

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Stay Safe During Fireworks Use

The Fourth of July is just a few weeks away, but it is not too early to remind residents that it is "better to be safe than sorry" when encountering fireworks of any kind. The use of fireworks in Highland Park is not permitted by City ordinance. Should fireworks play a part in your holiday celebration at another location, please heed the following safety tips:

- Keep younger children away from all fireworks
- Follow all fireworks instructions
- Never make or use homemade fireworks
- Use fireworks outdoors only
- Keep water nearby for emergencies
- Immerse sparklers in water once they appear to be out
- Never use illegal fireworks such as M-80's, M-100's, etc.
- Leave display-grade fireworks to professionals
- Be sure bystanders and pets are out of range
- In case of eye-related injuries, avoid touching, rubbing or pressing on the injured eye; seek immediate care at an emergency room

Always remember to exercise safety and caution when using novelty fireworks, such as sparklers or poppers. For more information regarding fireworks safety, contact Lt. John Kwasny, Public Education Officer, at (847) 433-3110 or jkwasny@cityhpil.com.

Character Counts at Fourth of July Parade!

Each year, thousands line Central and St. Johns Avenues to view the Fourth of July Parade. As a "Character Counts" Community, consider these actions so that all may view the parade in a festive manner:

- Parade goers are asked to refrain from entering the street, so that parade participants may pass. Specifically, parade goers are allowed to stand and sit in marked parking stalls or on public sidewalks and parkways, but should not move past the end of marked parking stalls into the street, even to retrieve candy or other materials dispersed by participants.
- If a parade participant has candy or other items to disperse, the participant is urged to walk along the crowd to disperse, as opposed to throwing materials to the crowd.
- If a parade goer desires to save an area in marked parking stalls or on public sidewalks and parkways for others joining the respective group, the parade goer is encouraged to 1) not place blankets, chairs, etc. prior to 7:00 a.m. on the parade day, 2) claim only an area sufficient for the size of the group, and 3) ensure one member of the group is present at all times.

For more information, contact Emily Palm, Parade Coordinator, at (847) 926-1046 or epalm@cityhpil.com.

'HIGH' NOTES

City Offices Closed on Monday, July 5

City offices will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day. Residents are asked to call the Public Safety switchboard at (847) 432-7730 if assistance is required. Please remember that garbage will not be collected on Monday, July 5, and residents with normal Monday service will receive collection on Tuesday, July 6. Thereafter, the collection schedule for the remainder of the week will be one day later than usual. For more information, contact Veolia Environmental Services at (847) 272-4145.

Donate Your Old Automobile

The Highland Park Fire Department is looking for used and soon-to-be discarded vehicles for Fire Department training purposes. These vehicles may be in any condition, running or not. If you have a car or van that you would like to donate, please contact Firefighter Bill Brennan at (847) 433-3110/wbrennan@cityhpil.com. The City will then provide information concerning the donation of vehicles and the necessary paperwork required by those wishing to make a donation. The Fire Department will also arrange to pick up any vehicle that is slated for donation.

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 and follow the link under "City News" entitled "Register to Receive *The Highlander* Via E-mail" in order to sign up. Registration is completed through the Police Department's existing CitizenObserver software program, which creates an individual account. Thereafter, an e-mail will be sent to registered users on the 15th of each month with an attachment of *The Highlander* and link to the City's website, www.cityhpil.com. Registered users will also have the option to unsubscribe from future e-mails if desired. For more information, please contact Emily Palm, Management Analyst, at (847) 926-1046 or epalm@cityhpil.com.

Summer Concerts Underway!

Don't miss out on a free, family-oriented evening of entertainment. The following summer concerts are scheduled during June, July and August:

June 17	Maxwell Street Klezmer Band
June 24	Soda
July 1	Johnny Russler and the Beach Bum Band
July 8	Highland Park Pops
July 15	Maryann and the Professors
July 22	R-Gang
August 5	Breeze
August 12	Tzofim Friendship Caravan
August 19	Bopology
August 21	Dr. Mark and the Sutures

All concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. in Port Clinton Square, located on Central Avenue between First and Second Streets. Admission to summer concerts is free. Residents and visitors looking for information regarding Highland Park's summer events may call the Summer Events Hotline at (847) 926-1033. The hotline provides up-to-date information regarding upcoming events, including cancellation notices.

Comcast Transitioning to Digital Clarity on June 22

In 2009, Comcast sent out notifications to customers regarding the company's migration to digital technology. Currently, Comcast is currently in the process of upgrading its network to provide channels in digital format to Comcast customers. As a result of this initiative, customers need to acquire either a digital set-top box or digital adapter in order to continue viewing the Expanded Basic channel package. Customers can receive two digital adapters at no cost from Comcast; additional adapters cost \$1.99. Beginning June 22, 2010, several channels of the Expanded Basic package will only be available in digital format. Additionally, Comcast will be reorganizing its service tiers beginning June 23, 2010. For additional information regarding the migration and channel reorganization, please contact Comcast at (866) 594-1234.

Advertise at the Highland Park Theater for as low as \$225 per month

Looking for an inexpensive way to advertise your business? You can advertise on-screen at the Highland Park Theater for as low as \$225 per month. Your custom ad will be shown continuously before every movie, every day on each of the four big screens. The number of exposures varies between 350-665 per month for each screen. The average moviegoer will see the ad two to three times before the regular show begins. A three-month minimum is required with rates ranging between \$225 to \$295 per month. For more information, please contact Dave Kaplan at (773) 463-8428.

Festival of Fine Craft June 26-27

The 13th annual Highland Park Festival of Fine Craft will be held on Saturday, June 26, and Sunday, June 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sheridan Road between Central Avenue and Elm Place. Sponsored by The Art Center of Highland Park, the festival is a juried show of premier craftsmen from across the country who sell jewelry, furniture, ceramics, glass, art, clothing and sculpture. Demonstrations and hands-on activities, music and food will provide fun for all ages and benefit educational programs at The Art Center. For more information, contact The Art Center at (847) 432-1888 or info@theartcenterhp.org.

Downtown Alliance Hires Retail Recruiter

Following in the footsteps of some of the nation's largest and most recognized cities, the Downtown Highland Park Alliance recently hired a retail recruiter to pursue tenants to fill available retail spaces in Downtown Highland Park. The Alliance appointed Angela Shaffer, a Highland Park resident, to serve as the Downtown Retail Recruiter in May. Residents interested in opening or locating a business in Downtown Highland Park may contact Angela Shaffer at (847) 436-3128 or angela@downtownhp.com.

BUSINESS REPORT

Message from the Mayor

Summertime is here! This is the season when many families plan vacations and time away from busy day-to-day activities. Even if you do take time away, don't forget that Highland Park is the perfect place to take a "staycation." Whether you are a lifelong resident or new to the City, the multitude of events and activities coordinated by the City and other community organizations are sure to keep you busy for the rest of the summer.

Already in full swing is the Thursday night summer concert series. This lineup features musical groups from all genres that are sure to appeal to all crowds. Be sure to refer to page 2 of this month's *Highlander* for a complete listing of the musical groups performing this summer at Port Clinton Square. Of course, all residents should make plans to visit the nationally-recognized Ravinia Festival, as its outdoor setting and atmosphere provides for an unforgettable experience. For those looking for a new movie, Renaissance Place and the Highland Park Theater both offer a wide selection of films. A new movie coupled with a dinner at one of the City's great eating establishments will make a fun night for everybody.



Event Contact Information

City of Highland Park and Taste Festival
www.cityhpil.com

Park District of Highland Park
www.pdhp.org

Ravinia Festival
www.ravinia.org

The Chamber of Commerce
www.ehighlandpark.com

The Art Center
www.theartcenterhp.org

Port Clinton Art Festival
www.amdurproductions.com

Historical Society
www.highlandparkhistory.com

The Music Theatre Company
www.themusictheatrecompany.org

The City is also proud to invite residents and visitors to The Music Theatre Company located at the Karger Center, which was founded by Apple Tree alum and Broadway native Jessica Redish. The music company produces both existing and original material. Be sure to visit a live performance and consider a subscription for the entire season. This summer's featured stage performance is *Erika's Wall* and runs during the end of July.

For those looking for outdoor adventure, the Park District provides recreation and nature opportunities at the Hidden Creek AquaPark, Heller Nature Center and Rosewood Beach. Golf enthusiasts should reserve a tee time at Sunset Valley Golf Course or the Highland Park Country Club, both of which are challenging public courses.

Reserve your calendar for the City's signature weekend event, the Taste of Highland Park and Port Clinton Art Festival, which will culminate what is sure to be a fun-filled summer. The Taste musical lineup will feature live entertainment, with the Chicago cast of the hit musical *Jersey Boys* headlining on Saturday, August 29. The Taste and Port Clinton Art Festival takes place during the 28-30 weekend of August.

Other special events that can't be missed include the July 4th parade, Fourth Fest, Battle of the Bands and fireworks display that collectively celebrate our Nation's birthday. The Art Center's Festival of Fine Craft (June 26-27) and Chamber of Commerce Sidewalk Sale (July 22-24) are downtown favorites. And, The Art Center and Historical Society also provide a cultural experience with various exhibits and classes designed for the young and old.

Have a safe and great summer, and enjoy all of these activities in Highland Park!

Thank you, Mayor Michael D. Belsky

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Michael D. Belsky".

Monthly Business Report

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

- **Baker Boys**
Bakery and Frozen Custard
733 St. Johns Avenue
(847) 433-0430
- **Amber Insurance Services**
Insurance Services
608 Laurel Avenue
(847) 432-2966
- **Pepper Development Services**
Project Management for Real Estate
Development
332 N. Skokie Valley Road, Suite 224
(847) 681-9300
- **Infinity Creation**
Barber Shop and Hair Salon
492 Old Elm Road
(847) 433-0595
- **Sophisticated Sports Cars III, Inc.**
Automobile and Body Repair
1566 Old Deerfield Road
(847) 831-1313
- **The Male Room and more**
Retail Gifts
458 Central Avenue
(847) 432-6253
(Relocation)

City Receives Tree City USA Designation

The City of Highland Park was recently recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry. It is the thirtieth consecutive year that Highland Park has earned this national designation. The City met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. For more information, please contact Joe O'Neill in the City's Forestry Division at (847) 926-1604/joneill@cityhpil.com.

CITY NEWS

City Seeking Residential Waste Collection Proposals

The City of Highland Park's current franchise agreement with Veolia Environmental Services for residential waste, recycling and yard waste collection is scheduled to expire on September 1, 2010. Under terms of the current agreement that commenced in 2002, residents may select once or twice-per-week waste collection at the back door on a subscription or "pay-as-you-throw" basis, and receive unlimited collection of recyclables placed curbside or at the top of the driveway. This approach to waste and recycling collection has allowed the City to consistently generate the highest recycling levels of any community located within Lake County, and reflects the City's longstanding position of leadership on issues pertaining to environmental sustainability. Accordingly, the City is interested in maintaining this volume-based approach under a new franchise agreement that will continue to allow for unlimited recycling free of charge, and that permits residents to be charged for refuse collection based on the volume of waste that is generated, as well as service level and frequency.

Since early 2010, the City has been working collaboratively with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) to prepare a Request for Proposals (RFP), which is a document that is used by governments as an invitation for suppliers, often through a bidding process, to submit a proposal on a specific commodity or service. This document was issued to area waste haulers in early May, and a copy is available on the City's website at www.cityhpil.com.

As outlined in the City's RFP, the City is seeking to include a wide range of options for waste and recycling collection that allows residents to select the service that best fits their respective needs. To this end, the RFP seeks competitive pricing on the following range of service options:

- Once or twice weekly back-door refuse with once weekly top of driveway recycling collection;
- Once or twice weekly curbside refuse with once weekly curbside recycling collection;

- Once weekly volume-based back-door refuse collection with once weekly recycling collection;
- Once weekly volume-based curbside refuse collection with once weekly recycling collection.

Under provisions contained in the RFP, residents selecting top of the driveway recyclable collection will continue to utilize 18-gallon bins issued by the City, while residents selecting curbside recycling will migrate to the use of wheeled recycling carts with a capacity of 35, 65 or 95 gallons.

Following a careful analysis of each proposal that is based on criteria contained within the RFP, it is anticipated that City staff will recommend a finalist to the City Council in late June. Thereafter, negotiations on a franchise contract will be completed, and the final agreement will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration by mid-summer. Pending award of the new agreement, the franchised hauler will commence the process of transitioning residents, as necessary, to the various service levels available under the new program prior to September 2, 2010.

With regard to the City's current volume-based waste collection program, it is anticipated that residents will be able to use individual Veolia waste collection stickers through mid-September. As such, residents should plan accordingly if they need to purchase waste stickers for the collection of refuse or yard waste between mid-June and mid-September, so that they are not left with excess stickers that may no longer be utilized under the new franchise agreement.

Regular updates regarding this process will be communicated to residents via *The Highlander*, the City's website and Government Access Channel 10. For more information, please contact Renee Helm in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1030/rhelm@cityhpil.com.



Officials from the City and Waste Management met on May 24 to unveil three new compressed natural gas (CNG) trucks that are being utilized in conjunction with the City's commercial and multi-family waste and recycling franchise. Waste Management's first CNG trucks in Illinois are operating in Highland Park.

2010 Census Update

The Census Bureau continues to visit households that did not complete the initially mailed forms or to clarify information. Below are some reasons why the Census Bureau may contact households even if residents completed the form:

- The mailed-in form was received too late;
- There was missing or conflicting information;
- The Census Bureau cannot match the address provided on a "Be Counted" form or over the phone to a master address list;
- The number given for how many people living at the address on April 1 does not match the number of people for whom information was provided;
- The form indicates that additional people living at the address on April 1 but were not included in the household's count;
- The Census Bureau suspects they received duplicate information about a housing unit or individual.

For more information, please visit www.census.gov or contact Linda Sloan, Planning Division Manager, at (847) 926-1614/lsloan@cityhpil.com.

CITY NEWS

Nominations Due for Mayor's Award for the Arts

Mayor Michael Belsky and the Highland Park Cultural Arts Commission are once again inviting individual artists, arts organizations, businesses, and residents of Highland Park to participate in the Mayor's Award for the Arts. Given annually, these awards recognize outstanding achievements in, or contributions to, the arts in Highland Park.

For the award, arts can include visual arts, such as drawing, painting, printmaking, or sculpture; performance, such as dance, theater, or music; architecture; and literature, including poetry, fiction, or scriptwriting. Achievements will be recognized in the following categories:

- **Individual** - An individual who has achieved artistic excellence, or who has made a significant contribution to his/her artistic discipline and to the arts in the community/local area.
- **Arts Volunteer** - A volunteer who has consistently supported the arts through a commitment of personal time, energy, and devotion.
- **Arts Organization** - A non-profit organization that has made a substantial impact on the cultural development of the community as demonstrated through exceptional artistic achievement, outstanding programming or other leadership initiatives.
- **Arts Entities** - An arts organization that provides artistic programming for the community and makes a significant contribution to fostering the arts in the community. Such entities could be publishers, musical ensembles or theatrical groups.
- **Business or Corporation** - A local business or corporation that has demonstrated significant commitment to the arts, recognizing the imperative role of public/private partnership. This commitment may be in the form of financial, personal, and/or resource support.

Please submit nominations by obtaining a form online at www.cityhpil.com and returning it to the Highland Park Cultural Arts Commission, 1150 Half Day Road, Highland Park, IL 60035, or by contacting the Community Development Department at (847) 432-0867. Nominations must be post-marked by August 16, 2010. Current members of the Cultural Arts Commission and past recipients of the Mayor's Award for the Arts are not eligible to apply. The Cultural Arts Commission will review all nominations, select recipients and present awards at a future City Council meeting later this fall. For more details, contact Lee Smith, Staff Liaison to the Cultural Arts Commission, at (847) 926-1612 or lsmith@cityhpil.com.

June 'Street Smarts' Safety Tip

In the interest of pedestrian and vehicular traffic safety, the Human Relations Commission and the Police Department have joined together to promote the "Street Smarts" traffic safety initiative. Each spring and summer, bicycles, motorcycles and motorized scooters return to roadways. Drivers utilizing two-wheeled transportation often compete for space on roadways and in parking lots. Operators of these alternative vehicles are required to "share the road" and pay proper attention to road, traffic and weather conditions.

In Illinois, bicyclists are required to:

- Travel in the same direction as vehicles, riding near the right edge of the roadway;
- Ride no more than two abreast on the roadway, riding near the right edge of the roadway.

In Highland Park, bicyclists are required to:

- Ride in a single file line while on the roadway if traveling in a group;
- Stop at posted stop signs and yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk;
- Yield to pedestrians while riding on sidewalks.

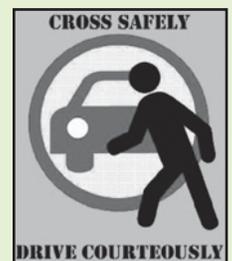
Bicycle riders are also encouraged to wear bright, light colored clothing that can easily be seen. Both front and rear lighting must

be used at dusk and riding at night on roadways is discouraged.

Motorcycles and motor scooters pose a higher safety risk than traveling in a passenger vehicle. The Police Department encourages new and inexperienced riders to enroll in local motorcycle training programs. For more information, contact the Cycle Rider Safety Training Program at www.dot.state.il.us/cycle.pdf or the Motorcycle Safety Foundation at www.msf-usa.org.

Motorcycle and motorized scooter riders should wear proper protective clothing, which includes a Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) approved helmet, eye protection, jacket, gloves, pants and boots. To increase visibility to other motorists, contrasting or light colored clothing should also be worn. Motorcyclists are encouraged to utilize turn signals, avoid traveling in a vehicle's blind spot and adhere to all traffic laws.

For more information, contact City staff members Gina Gooden at (847) 926-1865/ggooden@cityhpil.com or Police Sergeant Chris O'Neill at (847) 432-7730/coneill@cityhpil.com.



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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., June 21	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
	Sister Cities Foundation	7:00 p.m.
Tues., June 22	Business and Econ. Develop.	6:00 p.m.
Wed., June 23	Traffic Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., June 24	Environmental Commission	6:30 p.m.
Mon., June 28	Committee of the Whole	4:30 p.m.
	City Council	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., July 1	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Tues., July 6	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
Wed., July 7	Housing Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., July 8	Historic Preservation	7:30 p.m.
Mon., July 12	Finance Committee	3:30 p.m.
	Committee of the Whole	4:30 p.m.
	City Council	7:30 p.m.
Tues., July 13	Cultural Arts Commission	7:30 p.m.
Wed., July 14	Lakefront Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., July 15	Zoning Board of Appeals	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. The Library will be closed on Sunday, July 4, and Monday, July 5. The Library will be open during normal business hours on Tuesday, July 6, and will open at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 7.

Join The Team! Teen/Adult Summer Reading, Through July 31. Read books, write reviews and win prizes. Participate online at hplibrary.org or at the Library. Read or listen to any Highland Park Library book of at least 100 pages then rate the book to enter a weekly prize drawing. Rating forms are available at the Readers' Advisors' desk or online.

Meet The Author: Jackson Kaguri, "The Price of Stones," Thursday, June 17, 7:00 p.m. Meet Jackson Kaguri, born in Uganda with a calling to work in human rights. Moved by the plight of AIDS orphans in Uganda, he vowed to open the first tuition-free school for orphans. "The Price of Stones" is the story of the building of this extraordinary school and the effort by one man to raise an entire community out of poverty and hopelessness.

Stories Under The Stars, Mondays through July 26, 7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., all ages. The entire family is invited to the clearing near the rose garden for special stories. Visit hplibrary.org/kids for the storyteller schedule.

Drop-In Chess Club, Saturdays through July 31 (no chess on July 3), 10:30 a.m. - Noon, grades K - 9. Participants at any skill level are welcome. Experienced players will be available at each session and instructional opportunities may be available. Boards and sets will be provided.

CULTURAL ARTS

Beyond the Surface	The Art Center	Garden Walk 2010	North Shore Garden Club
Ongoing through June 28	1957 Sheridan Road	June 23, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Various Locations
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	(847) 432-1888	\$25 - \$30	(847) 432-8513
Free			
5th Annual Art Walk	Anatomically Correct	Architecture Tour	Buhai Plaza
Ongoing through June 30	HP shop windows	June 27, 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	600 Central Avenue
Free	(312) 622-0613	Free for CAF members; \$10-\$15	(847) 432-2433
Swords of the Eastern Hemisphere	Historical Society	Highland Park Poetry	The Art Center
Ongoing through Fall 2010	326 Central Avenue	July 9, 8:00 p.m.	1957 Sheridan Road
\$3 - \$5	(847) 432-7090	Free	(847) 926-1006
Publication Party	East On Central	HP Players Theatre Presentation	Community House
June 16, 7:00 p.m.	1957 Sheridan Road	July 9, 10, 11 and 15, 8:00 p.m.	1991 Sheridan Road
Free	(847) 757-1184	Free	(312) 630-9600

FOR THE COMMUNITY

YOUTH SERVICES

Serving youth in the community
1830 Green Bay Road (847) 433-3090
The Firehouse Summer Hours:
Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Closed Saturdays and Sundays

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

SUMMER CAMPS GALORE

Choose from a variety of one-week sessions including sports camp, camp H2O, games galore, junior police and fire academy, and camp what'll we do. Please call (847) 433-3090 for details and availability.

"AFTER 3" at *The Firehouse*

"AFTER 3" provides highly-trained adult supervisors offering your child enriching activities that can develop their potential, build their confidence, and help them with their schoolwork. "AFTER 3" is from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day and registration is required. Participants can sign up for any number of days from once a week to five days a week. Please call for pricing information.

AFTER SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

Plan for Fall and register to ride the van to *The Firehouse* after school. Get help with homework, relax with friends and participate in special events. Pre-registration and a nominal transportation fee is required and space is limited; call (847) 433-3090 to register.

DANCE TICKETS ON SALE NOW

6th Grade Back to School Dance

The Firehouse Activity Center, members: \$6 / non-members: \$10

Purchase tickets for the Dance and Activity Night held on Friday, September 24. Tickets are limited, and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

SUMMER CLASSES BEGIN JULY 6, 2010

Registration for classes and special events begins on Tuesday, June 22, at 8:00 a.m., in person or by telephone. Please call (847) 432-4110 for registration and membership information.

Fitness classes include: Zumba Latin dance, cardio/strength, tai chi, sit and be fit, and yoga.

Art classes include: digital photography, portrait and landscape, advanced painting, art styles and techniques, ceramics, jewelry and gourd making.

General classes include: Canasta, bridge, writing, Spanish, computer skills.

Day excursions include: theatre, sports, day tours, opera.

Free programs for members include: lectures, musical concerts, movies, ping pong, duplicate bridge, and discussion groups about current events, 'men only,' and Yiddish.

Support services: daily telephone reassurance, medical equipment lending closet, grief and family caregiver support groups, grocery shopping and errand services.

Please call (847) 432-4110 for more information about all of the programs and services offered by the Senior Center and to obtain more detailed program information.

Support When It Is Needed

The widow and widower support group offered by the Highland Park Senior Center recently held a reunion that included people who had participated at an earlier time in their own grieving process. Among those attending were some whose spouses died recently and a substantial number of those who attended had experienced losses between eight and ten years ago. Paula Cyphers, Lois Silverstein and Gina Gooden have been the leaders of the group and we are grateful to have these women who are knowledgeable and compassionate, and we have found that each of us is comforted by their understanding.

We were twenty-one women, with a common bond, that made the meeting cohesive, with feelings shared in an understanding that life goes on. Many were able to share how they survived after the loss of their spouses. My impression was that we are, in a way, forced to be survivors because grieving is personal, and it can take a lifetime to accept that this has happened. You now have to make all your own decisions regarding your future.

This support group has proved to be a substantial help to a good number of us, and the facilitation by Paula, Lois and Gina has resulted in an ongoing group that provides each member a reason to keep going in a positive way.

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.



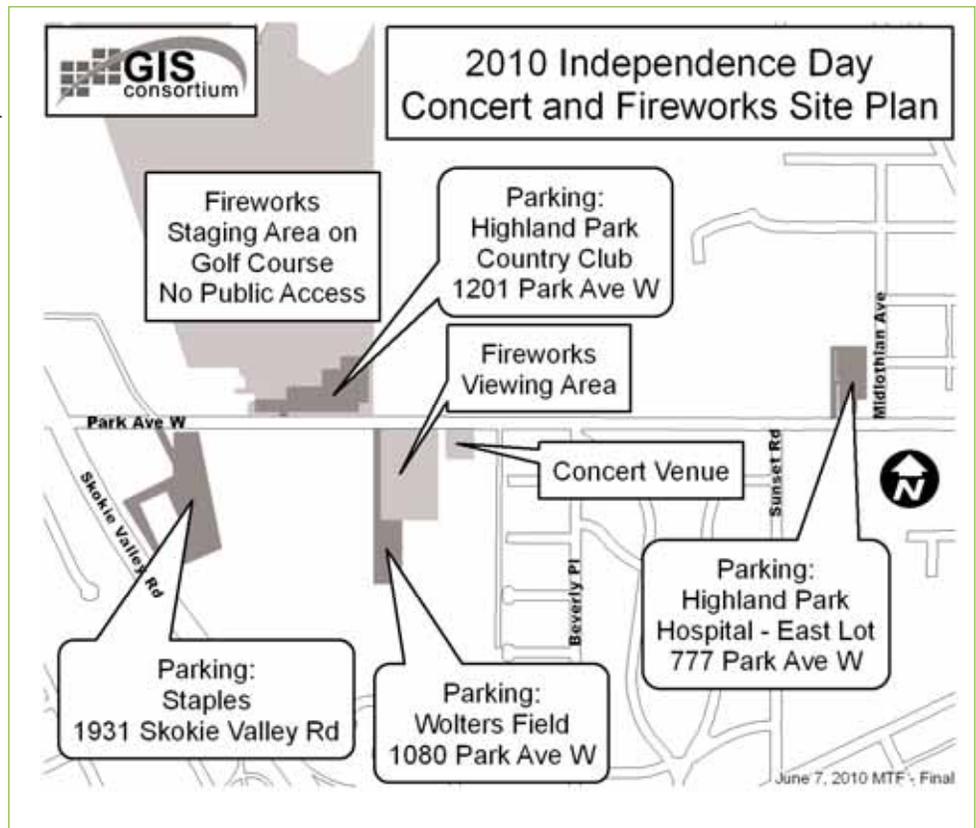
Festivities Mark Independence Day (cont.)

Concert and Fireworks - 6:30 p.m.

Now in its fifth year, the Independence Day concert will feature the grand finale of the Battle of the Bands contest, where winners from previous rounds compete against each other for a grand prize and the chance to be named the 2010 champion. As the concert ends and dusk falls, the evening concludes with an aerial fireworks display, which is best viewed from Wolters Field. Residents are reminded that regulations prohibit alcohol at this location.

This year, residents may view the fireworks from the baseball field at Wolters Field. Parking is also available at Wolters Field. Eventgoers are also encouraged to consider parking at Highland Park Hospital's East Parking Lot, or in parking lots located at the Highland Park Country Club or the Staples lot (see right). Residents are asked to refrain from parking along Route 41 and Park Avenue West during the fireworks display.

For more information, or to obtain any weather-related announcements or updates, please call the City's City Summer Events Hotline at (847) 926-1033.



Parking is available at several locations. Pedestrians may cross Park Ave. W. at the Highland Park Country Club or Sunset Road. Attendees are not permitted on the Highland Park Country Club golf course.

CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

2010 Drinking Water Quality Report

INTRODUCTION

The City of Highland Park is pleased to present its Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2009. This report, as required by Federal law, is designed to inform all customers about the quality of water and services that are delivered each day. The City of Highland Park is pleased to report that last year, as in years past; your tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and state drinking water health standards. There were no water quality violations recorded during 2009, nor were there any samples over the Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL). The City's continuing goal is to provide all of its consumers with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. As part of this process, the City wants all customers to understand the efforts that are continually being made to improve the water treatment process and to protect water resources. In short, the City of Highland Park is committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

SOURCE OF HIGHLAND PARK'S DRINKING WATER

The City of Highland Park Water Plant uses surface water drawn from a 54" Intake Pipe located one mile from shore in Lake Michigan. This Intake Pipe is situated in 30 feet of water, adjacent to two smaller pipes that are 20 and 16 inches in diameter, which also feed water to the filtration plant.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by constituents that are naturally occurring or are man made. Those constituents can be

EPA SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT COMPLETED

In 2002 Illinois EPA (IEPA) conducted a federally mandated Source Water Assessment of Highland Park, and it is available to consumers by contacting the Water Plant at 847-433-4355. IEPA has determined that Lake Michigan has some of the best drinking water quality in the state. Also, IEPA has determined that sources of potential contaminants for Highland Park intakes include sediment, shoreline erosion, wet weather sewer overflows, wastewater treatment bypasses, stormwater runoff, and air deposition. Some of the potential contaminants are: inorganic compounds, synthetic organics, and volatile organics. (See: http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl?rm=show_facility_detail&facility_number=0970500&cws=y)

microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals, or radioactive materials. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).



CONTAMINANTS MONITORING RESULTS

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, USEPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health. **The City of Highland Park Water Plant** routinely monitors drinking water for these constituents, in accordance with State and Federal laws. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we **detected** during the period between January 1 and December 31, **2009**. Again, the presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it can dissolve naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Possible contaminants consist of:

Microbial Contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife;

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or fracking;

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses;

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems;

Radioactive contaminants, which may be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.



ABOUT THE DATA

Turbidity – Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water caused by suspended particulates and is monitored because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration system and disinfectants.

Sodium – There is not a federal or state MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If the level is greater than 20 ppm, and you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician.

Unregulated Contaminants – A maximum contaminant level (MCL) for this contaminant has not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has mandatory health effects language. The purpose for monitoring this contaminant is to assist USEPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.

Lead and Copper – The City of Highland Park is in full compliance with all State and Federal regulations governing the control of lead and copper within public drinking water supplies. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Highland Park is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

In addition to the contaminants listed in the following table, the City of Highland Park tested for the presence of 69 other contaminants which were not detected during this calendar year. These contaminants include 13 Inorganic Compounds (i.e. Mercury, Cyanide), 34 Synthetic Organic Compounds (i.e. Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB's)), and 22 Volatile Organic Compounds (i.e. Benzene). Results may be obtained by calling the contact listed at the end of this report.

LEAD AND COPPER

To minimize contamination resulting from corrosion, Highland Park has implemented a corrosion control program. The EPA established a lead action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb) and a copper action level of 1.3 ppm. The 90th percentile result of samples analyzed for lead and copper content in homes with lead pipes must be less than these action levels. In 2008, Highland Park sampled water from thirty homes with lead service lines and analyzed them for lead and copper content. All results were below the action levels. The 90th percentile level for lead was 7.44 ppb. The 90th percentile level for copper was 0.334 ppm as illustrated in the results table. The water was last sampled in 2008.

Lead MCLG	Lead Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over Lead AL	Copper MCLG	Copper Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over Copper AL	Likely Source of Contamination
0	15 ppb	7.44 ppb	1	1.3 ppm	1.3 ppm	0.334 ppm	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

ADDITIONAL CONTAMINANTS

Contaminant	State MCL	Your Water	Violation	Explanation and comment
Sulfate	500 ppm	27 ppm	NO	Erosion of natural deposits

The “**Level Found**” column represents the highest sample result collected during the calendar year, unless otherwise noted. The “**Range**” column represents a range of individual sample results, from lowest to highest that were collected during the calendar year. The “**Sample Date**” column will show the year the sample was most recently analyzed. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The “**Violation**” column will indicate whether or not a violation occurred with each contaminant that was detected. The “**Typical Source**” information lists where contaminants may originate.

2009 WATER QUALITY DATA

Contaminant (units)	EPA MCLG	EPA MCL	Highland Park highest Level Found	Range of detection	Violation Yes/NO	Date of Sample (if not tested annually)	Typical Source of Contamination
MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS							
Turbidity (NTU)	n/a	0.3	100%	n/a	NO	2009	Soil runoff.
100% of the samples were below the TT value of 0.3 NTU. A value less than 95% constitutes a TT violation. The highest single measurement was 007 NTU. Any measurement in excess of 1 NTU is a violation unless otherwise approved by the state.							
Total Coliform (positive samples/month)	0	1	1	n/a	NO		Naturally present in the environment.
RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINANTS							
Alpha emitters (pCi/L)	0	15	0.6	n/a	NO	2007	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium (combined 226/228 (pCi/L)	0	5	0.1	n/a	NO	2007	Erosion of natural deposits
INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS							
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.017	0.017-0.017	NO	2009	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.2	1.2-1.2	NO	2009	Water additive which promotes strong teeth
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen) (ppm)	10	10	0.33	0.33-0.33	NO	2009	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

DISINFECTION/DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS

Chloramines (as C12) (mg/L)	4	4	1.39	0.04-1.39	NO	2009	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	n/a	60	10	0-2.8	NO	2009	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
TTHM [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	n/a	80	16	13-17	NO	2009	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Total Organic Carbon	n/a	TT	n/a	n/a	NO	2009	Naturally present in the environment.

Note: Some sample results for regulatory compliance are based on a running annual average of quarterly samples, therefore; the result is not the highest level detected. This is the case for TTHMs and HAA5. The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set.

STATE REGULATED CONTAMINANT

Sodium (ppm)	MPL	6.9	6.9	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; leaching
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DEFINITIONS

In the table above, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Unit Descriptions

mg/L - milligrams per liter or the number of milligrams of substance in one liter of water.

ppm - Parts per million or Milligrams per liter (mg/L).

ppb - Parts per billion or Micrograms per liter (µg/L).

pCi – picocuries per liter, used to measure radioactivity.

NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, used to measure the cloudiness in drinking water.

Positive samples/month – number of samples taken monthly that were found to be positive.

NA – not applicable

ND – not detected

Drinking Water Definitions

TT - Treatment Technique or a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

MCL - Maximum Contaminant Level or the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

MCLG - Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

AL – Action Level or the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

MRDLG – Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal or the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

MRDL – Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level or the highest level of a disinfectant allow in drinking water.

MPL – Maximum Permissible Level that is state assigned

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

CONSERVATION TIPS

Did you know that the average U.S. household uses approximately 400 gallons of water per day? Luckily, there are many low-cost or no-cost ways to conserve water. Small changes can make a big difference. Try one today and soon it will become second nature. Water your lawn at the least sunny times of the day. Fix toilet and faucet leaks. Take short showers - a 5 minute shower uses 4 to 5 gallons of water compared to up to 50 gallons for a bath. Turn the faucet off while brushing your teeth and shaving; 3-5 gallons go down the drain per minute. Use a water-efficient showerhead. They are inexpensive and can save you up to 750 gallons a month. Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month. Teach your kids about water conservation to ensure a future generation that uses water wisely. Make it a family effort to reduce next month's water bill! For more water saving ideas, please visit the USEPA "Water Sense" web page at http://www.epa.gov/watersense/water_efficiency/cons.html.



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