

THE HIGHLANDER



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City to Launch Pilot Food Composting Program in August

Residents with primary Thursday refuse collection are eligible to participate

The City of Highland Park – in partnership with Veolia Environmental Services, the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO), Glad® and Orbis® – will launch a voluntary food waste composting pilot program starting August 2 for residents whose primary refuse collection occurs on Thursday. The food waste composting pilot program is part of the City's ongoing commitment to sustainability and efforts to divert waste from local landfills.

The food waste composting pilot program will be available in the Veolia Thursday collection quadrant (northeast portion of Highland Park), which includes approximately 2,500 eligible households. The pilot program will run from August 2 to November 29, 2012. At the conclusion of the program, the City will evaluate the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the program and make a recommendation to the City Council regarding implementation of a food waste composting program on a Citywide basis.

The first 125 participating residents will receive a 33-gallon Veolia cart at no charge, an under-sink collection bucket courtesy of Orbis and a box of compostable bags for food scraps courtesy of Glad.

Food waste will be collected curbside once per week on Thursday for eligible residents. Collected food waste will be transported to Nu-Earth Organics in Waukegan for composting. Please note that yard waste and food waste may not be intermixed.

The total cost of the program is \$40 per participating residence for the duration of the pilot program. As an incentive, the City will contribute 50% of the total cost of the program for the first 125 residences in the Thursday quadrant who register. The remaining \$20 will be billed directly to the participating residence on the next regular Veolia bill. Refuse stickers are not required for the disposal of food waste. Residents in the Thursday collection quadrant who are interested in participating should contact Veolia directly at (847) 272-4145.

For more information regarding the food waste composting pilot program, please contact Veolia at (847) 272-4145 or Emily Palm in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1004/epalm@cityhpal.com.

The City of Highland Park and the Park District of Highland Park would like to thank everyone who attended the Fourth of July parade! The holiday started with the Chamber of Commerce bike and pet parade (*left*) before the main parade commenced. In keeping with the parade theme, "A Look Back In Time," one local business that was recognized was Sunset Foods in honor of its 75th anniversary (*right*).



'HIGH' NOTES

IDOT Continues Work on Deerfield Road Bridge

Please be aware of construction and lane closures on Deerfield Road over the East Skokie River through September. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) project consists of the removal and replacement of the Deerfield Road Bridge over the East Skokie River. The construction will be completed in two stages with the north half of the bridge being replaced in the first project stage and the south half of the bridge replaced in the second project stage. Two-way traffic will be maintained with only one lane in each direction. Detours are in place to accommodate lane and ramp closures. For more information, please visit IDOT's website at www.dot.state.il.us/road/lake.htm. As information and project progress becomes available, please visit www.cityhpil.com/constructionprojects.

Certified Death Certificates Now Include State Surcharge

As a Local Registrar, the City provides certified copies of death certificates to funeral directors, coroners and decedents' family members, and acts as a liaison between the funeral homes, Coroners' office and the State of Illinois. Effective July 1, 2012, the revised fees for certified death certificates purchased through the City of Highland Park will be \$14.00 for the first copy and \$6.00 for any additional copies. This change in fees is due to the passage of the Illinois Public Act 97-0679, which imposes an additional \$2 surcharge on all certified copies of death certificates. For more information, please contact the Finance Department at (847) 432-0800/finance@cityhpil.com.

2012 Vehicle Sticker Renewals On Sale Next Month

Renewal applications for City vehicle stickers are scheduled to be mailed to residents in August. Stickers cost \$40 per passenger vehicle and must be displayed by October 1. For an additional \$30 fee, residents may upgrade their sticker to support the District 112 Education Foundation. The 2012 vehicle sticker renewals will also be available

for purchase online via the City's website in August. Look for additional information in the August edition of the *Highlander*. For more information, please contact the Finance Department at (847) 432-0800/finance@cityhpil.com.

2012 Thursday Night Summer Concert Series

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

July 19: Great Divide
Aug. 2: Tzofim Friendship Caravan
Aug. 9: Local Favorite
Aug. 16: Highland Park Pops
Sat., Aug. 18: 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. Residents and visitors looking for information regarding Highland Park's summer concerts may contact Luke Banaszak in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1030/lbanaszak@cityhpil.com.

CPAH Hosts Affordable Housing Information Session

Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) is a not-for-profit organization that provides affordable housing to low and moderate income households that live or work in the area. The program helps to bridge the gap between the cost of local housing and the incomes of people who live or work in the community. Homes are sold to income qualified households at 40-60% below market value. To qualify, a household of four may not have income exceeding \$60,000. To learn if affordable housing might be right for you, please attend an information session on Saturday, July 21, at 10:00 am. Information sessions are held at 400 Central Avenue, Suite 111. To register or for more information, please contact Amy Kaufman at (847) 681-8746/akaufman@cpahousing.org. More information is also available at www.cpahousing.org.

Spend Wednesdays in Downtown Highland Park!

Spend summer nights in Downtown Highland Park at the free "Wonderful Wednesday" movie and concert series in Port Clinton Square, 600 Central Avenue. On July 18, the movie *Hugo* begins at dusk. The following concerts begin at 7:00 p.m.: August 1: Ken Arlen's Front of House; and August 8: Ronnie Rice. Bring your own chair. Movie rain dates will be on the following Sunday evenings. These events are sponsored by the Downtown Highland Park Alliance. For more information call (847) 780-4293 or visit www.downtownhp.com.

HPCC Offers New Golf Rewards Program

Enroll in the Highland Park Country Club Total Rewards Program! Stop in today to enroll and start earning points to be redeemed on future visits. Participants will earn a free bucket of range balls just for signing up! Enjoy the following program benefits: first round of golf, free bucket of range balls; third round of golf, free non-alcoholic beverage for the course or in the café; sixth round of golf, 50% off current greens fees; and the twelfth round of golf is complimentary! For more information, contact the HPCC at (847) 433-9015 or visit www.highlandparkcc.com.

Elm Place Water Main Update

At the June 25 City Council meeting, the City Council approved the Elm Place water main replacement project. This project consists of replacing the existing 6-inch water main with an 8-inch main and installing new water services. Following that work, the existing curbs will be replaced and the concrete roadway will be reconstructed as an asphalt road. The new road configuration will include additional modifications to include angle parking on the north side of Elm Place near Sheridan Road, adjacent to the athletic field. This will provide an additional 10 parking stalls and can be utilized by residents, patrons of the Highland Park Community House, The Art Center and the adjacent businesses. For more information, please contact John Welch in the Public Works Department at (847) 926-1145/jwelch@cityhpil.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Message from the Mayor *Highland Park Public Library Project Underway*



Plans are underway for the Highland Park Public Library's first major renovation project in over 30 years. Timed to coincide with the Library's 125th anniversary, the project will address deferred maintenance as well as necessary service updates. The project is planned to occur in three phases:

- Remodeling of front and back entries to improve energy efficiencies.
- Exterior masonry repairs to address water penetration issues.
- Remodeling of Adult Services wing.

The Adult Services wing was added in 1976 and has not been significantly improved in more than 35 years. The remodeled Adult Services wing will include collaborative study rooms, a digital media center, and upgraded electrical and data lines to address modern technology needs.

Staff, Board and community input were considered throughout the design process and conceptual drawings are available for viewing in the Library lobby and on the Library's website at www.hplib.org.

In late 2011 and early 2012, Library and City representatives met to discuss the planned renovation, oversight and payment administration for the building improvements. Follow-up discussions occurred at the June 25, 2012, Committee of the Whole meeting of the City Council. Council directed the City Manager to attend all renovation-related meetings, but the Library's independently hired Construction manager will manage the project.

The Library and City have a long history of working together. The nine-member Library Board, appointed by the Mayor and approved by City Council, is responsible for establishing policy, developing the annual budget, maintaining the building, and overseeing operations.

Recognizing the importance of the Library in our community, the City Council approved this one-time capital improvement allocation of \$1,275,000 during its FY 2012 budget planning in 2011. This is consistent with the City's Financial and Budgetary Policies concerning appropriate use of excess fund balance for one-time capital improvements.

As the most used City building in town, Highland Park residents turn to the Library for lifelong learning, cultural enrichment and enjoyment. Since the Library was first established over 100 years ago in 1887, the role of the Library has broadened in scope to include public programs, community meeting space, rooms for collaborative study, access to technology and the introduction of new technologies, and social areas.

The Library Board will submit payment requests with detailed supporting documentation to the City Manager, who will meet with the Library Building and Grounds Committee on a regular basis. All requests for payment are public, and the City Council will act on them at regularly scheduled public meetings.

The Library Board meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Library and welcomes participation by and feedback from the community. Meeting agendas are posted in the Library building and on the Library's website at www.hplib.org.

For further information, please contact Jane Conway, Executive Director, Highland Park Library, (847) 432-0216 or Dave Knapp, City Manager, City of Highland Park, (847) 926-1000

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For information on construction projects in and around Highland Park, please visit www.cityhpil.com/constructionprojects.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Healthy Highland Park Task Force Announces Fall Programming For Families

The Healthy Highland Park Task Force is pleased to announce the "Passport to Health"/WeCan! (Ways to Enhance Children's Activity and Nutrition) program this fall. A program from the National Institutes of Health, WeCan! addresses the growing obesity epidemic among the youth population. WeCan! reaches parents and caregivers in a community setting with educational materials and activities, including a four-lesson course for parents, a parent handbook in both English and Spanish, youth programming, and community events and projects.

Highland Park and Highwood parents and youth in grades K-5 are eligible to register. Pre-registration is required; registration will begin late August and the 4-week/4-lesson curriculum begins September 27, 2012. Parents will select one of four 4-week programs from September through November. Sessions will be located at District 112 schools throughout Highland Park and Highwood. Parents and their youth will come to the sessions together, but will be educated separately. For more information, please call (866) 675-5606 or email youthwellness@comcast.net.



Monthly Business Report

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

New Businesses

2 Blowout Bar
Blow-dry only hair salon
1500 Old Deerfield Road
(847) 831-2569

Blue Orchid Salon & Spa
Salon/spa
1847 Second Street
(847) 748-8492
www.blueorchidsalonandspa.com

Edward Jones
Financial advisors
610 Central Ave, Suite 150
(847) 433-3037
www.edwardjones.com

In the Raw
Raw foods cafe
483 Central Avenue
(847) 432-9999
www.intherawhp.com

The Shed
Musicians club/recording studio
1480 Old Deerfield Road
(847) 780-4944
www.theshed1480.com

Business Recognition Awards

Mayor Rotering and the City Council, and the Business and Economic Development Commission (BEDC) recognize businesses that have been in the community for

over 25 years:

Andrew's Coiffures, Boutique and Skin Care
2600 Waukegan Avenue
(847) 433-5200
Open since 1971

The Cabinet Shop
3232 Skokie Valley Road # 4
(847) 433-6280
Open since 1980

Jeffrey J. Glass M.D.S.C.
1160 Park Avenue West, Suite 3N
(847) 433-6990
Open since 1976

Epilepsy Services for Northeastern Illinois, ESNI
1698 First Street
(847) 433-8960
Open since 1977

The Silk Thumb, LTD
1822 Second Street
(847) 432-7171
Open since 1981

The Practice of Clinical Social Work
1910 First Street, Suite 304
(847) 433-7060
Open since 1977

ORT Resale
800 Central Avenue
(847) 433-1697
Open since 1986

Little Szechwan
1900 First Street
(847) 433-7007
Open since 1985

Dr. Jacqueline G. Rosen
1866 Sheridan Road, Suite 312
(847) 432-1614
Open since 1985

The Bootery
492 Central Avenue
(847) 433-1991
Open since 1978

North Urology
757 Park Avenue West, Suite 3800
(847) 480-3993
Open since 1968

The BBQ Pit
589 Elm Place
(847) 432-6393
Open since 1978

The Custom Framer
1436 Old Skokie Road
(847) 432-4630
Open since 1986

The Stationery Station
610 Central Avenue
(847) 432-3044
Open since 1977

Titles Rare Books, Inc
1821 St. Johns Avenue
(847) 432-3690
Open since 1977

Highland Park Dental Care
1964 Sheridan Road, Suite 8
(847) 432-0860
Open since 1986

Lincoln Center for Clinical Services Ltd.
1866 Sheridan Road, Suite 320
(847) 432-6465
Open since 1976

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lower Rates to Appear This Month on Electricity Bills

On March 20, Highland Park voters overwhelmingly approved a referendum authorizing the City to seek lower electricity rates through a process known as electrical aggregation. Accordingly, the City has worked with its community partners in the North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium to execute an agreement with MC Squared Energy Services (“mc2”) that will substantially lower electricity costs for residents and small businesses through mid-2013. Correspondence was mailed in April notifying customers of their eligibility to participate, or of their option to continue purchasing electricity from Commonwealth Edison. Eligible customers who did not affirmatively “opt-out” of the aggregation have since been enrolled with mc2, and lower pricing will take effect on the next available billing cycle in July. The new electricity rate of 4.836 cents per kilowatt hour should result in a savings of 41% on the supply portion of a customer’s bill. Other charges related to distribution, metering and taxes will not be subject to a reduction. Customers will still receive a single bill from ComEd and the utility will remain responsible for operation of the electrical distribution system and responding to emergencies, including outage restoration. Residents and small businesses that have previously switched to an alternative provider can “opt-in” to the City’s aggregation program. Those customers should contact mc2 directly at (888) 808-7731 or email at NorthShore@MC2energyservices.com for more information about registration.

Over the next few years, ComEd’s electric space heat rate is expected to continue to increase until it matches ComEd’s standard residential rate. Therefore, space heat customers are also eligible to take advantage of the new rate with mc2. A separate “opt-out” program for space heat customers was initiated in May. Space heat customers will automatically be enrolled in the rate with mc2 unless they affirmatively opted-out of the program. Space heat customers should contact mc2 directly for more information at (888) 808-7731. Space heat customers will realize the cost savings later this summer.

All mc2 customers now have the option to purchase renewable energy. For a small additional charge, mc2 will use purchased renewable energy certificates (RECs) to cover 100% of the electricity supply requirements for participants in the Green Power Program. The Green Power Program electricity supply rate will increase to just 4.936 cents per kilowatt hour compared to the base rate of 4.836 cents per kilowatt hour. This program is completely voluntary.

For more information, please visit www.northshoreelectricityaggregation.com or contact MC Squared at 1-888-808-7731/northshore@mc2energyservices.com. Or, please contact Emily Palm, Assistant to the City Manager, at (847) 926-1004/epalm@cityhpil.com.

Nominations Due Next Month for Mayor’s Award for the Arts

Mayor Nancy Rotering 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 a nomination form online at www.cityhpil.com/cac by August 20. 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 information, please contact Lee Smith, Staff Liaison to the Cultural Arts Commission, at (847) 926-1612/lsmith@cityhpil.com.

City Council meeting information is available at www.cityhpil.com/citycouncilagendapacket.
Download meeting agendas and packets to learn more about upcoming City initiatives!

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., July 16	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
	Sister Cities Foundation	7:00 p.m.
Tues., July 17	Intra-City Parking Comm.	3:45 p.m.
	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Wed., July 18	Healthy HP Task Force	4:30 p.m.
Thurs., July 19	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Mon., July 23	Committee of the Whole	4:30 p.m.
	City Council	7:30 p.m.
Tues., July 24	Business and Econ. Dev.	6:00 p.m.
Wed., July 25	Transportation Commission	6:30 p.m.
Wed., Aug. 1	Housing Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Aug. 2	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Aug. 6	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
Tues., Aug. 7	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Wed., Aug. 8	Natural Resources Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Aug. 9	Historic Preservation Comm.	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Aug. 13	Committee of the Whole	4:30 p.m.
	City Council	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Aug. 16	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The Highland Park Public Library presents free literary 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.hplib.org. The library will open at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 1.

“The Magic Onion,” Wednesday, July 18, 7:00 p.m.-7:45 p.m. PreK-4th Grade. A fairy tale with hilarious twists to the plot features a beautiful princess, her faithful dog, a wicked magician and his magic onion, a handsome prince, a hungry dragon, and a castle. Presented by Mark Nichols’ Puppet Place. Registration required and limited to residents of Highland Park or residents of the North Shore School District 112 service area. Register at www.kidsevents.org.

Get Tech Savvy, Saturday, August 4, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Not sure how to send a text message or how to access voicemail on your cell phone? Need help emailing an attachment? Bring your electronic devices – cell phones, ereaders, digital cameras, laptops – and your questions. Drop by and meet with a member of the Library’s teen tech-savvy team from Highland Park High School’s computer club for one-on-one guidance.

Hollywood on the Prairie, Wednesday, August 15, 10:30 a.m. Lake County Forest Preserves presents the story of the motion picture industry from the 1890s to the 1910s, beginning with Thomas Edison’s laboratory in Menlo Park, NJ, to Edward Amet’s backyard movie studio in Waukegan, Illinois, and Lake County’s connection to Essanay Studios in Chicago. Presented with the Highland Park Senior Center. Sponsored by Highland Park Nursing and Rehab.

Miss Deena’s Summer Storytimes. Miss Deena’s summer storytime sessions are filled with activities designed to foster pre-reading skills for newborns to six-year-olds. Visit www.kidsevents.org for dates and times and to register.

CULTURAL ARTS EVENTS

Stories in the Woods Ongoing Thursday Mornings Call for Information	Heller Nature Center 2821 Ridge Road (847) 433-6901	Gogh Green! Art Sale July 28 - August 16 Call for Information	The Art Center 1957 Sheridan Road (847) 432-1888
MYA Concert July 17, Free 10:00 a.m.	Chicago Botanic Gardens 1000 Lake Cook Road (847) 926-9898	Denis Matsuev July 31, \$10-\$60 8:00 p.m.	Martin Theatre 200 Ravinia Park Road (847) 266-5100
Auto Historica XII July 21, \$5 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	HP Historical Society 326 Central Avenue (847) 432-7090	Saturday June Band August 3, Free 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Sunset Woods Park 1801 Sunset Road (847) 831-3810
MYA Concert July 21, Free 1:30 p.m.	MYA Center-Highwood 878 Lyster Road (847) 926-9898	Music at the Fort August 11, \$5 donation 7:00 p.m.	MYA Center-Highwood 878 Lyster Road (847) 926-9898
Joshua Bell with CSO July 25, \$10-\$90 8:00 p.m.	Ravinia Festival 200 Ravinia Park Road (847) 266-5100	CSO August 16 & 17, \$10-\$80 7:00 p.m.	Martin Theatre 200 Ravinia Park Road (847) 266-5100

YOUTH & SENIOR SERVICES

Youth Services

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

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

Even though it's only July, it is never too early to determine after school plans for the upcoming school year. The Firehouse Youth Center is designed to meet the after school needs of families with children enrolled in middle school. If you are looking for a fun, safe place supervised by professional staff, look to The Firehouse. Open from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on full school days, The Firehouse can be used on a drop-in basis for your child to socialize, play games and take part in various activities. Membership for the drop-in program is \$40 for the school year. Members can drop-in one day a week, all five days, or every once in a while when looking for something to do.

After 3 at The Firehouse was designed to serve the growing needs of working families with children in middle school. After 3 at The Firehouse provides professional staff who offers your child enriching activities that can develop their potential, build their confidence and help them with their schoolwork. Make the most out of your child's after-school time. Transportation is also available from all three middle schools to The Firehouse in a 14-passenger bus and 7-passenger van. Register to fit the needs of your family, whether it be one day a week or five. Once registered, your child will have a seat reserved for the days you wish. This service is available whether using the drop-in or After 3 programs. All participants must be picked up before 6:00 p.m. For further information or to register your child, call (847) 433-3090. Costs for the August - December session are as follow:

	<u>Transportation</u>	<u>After 3</u>	<u>Both</u>
One day/week	\$40	\$40	\$80
Two days/week	\$80	\$80	\$160
Three days/week	\$120	\$120	\$240
Four days/week	\$160	\$160	\$320
Five days/week	\$200	\$200	\$400



Senior Services

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

Lunch and Learn Nature Workshops

Heller Nature Center

Fridays, Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Fee: \$10 / Non-Members: \$15

Sponsored by Freedom Home Care

This exciting series features a luncheon, followed by unique and interesting lectures/workshops led by area naturalists. Advanced registration is required; please call (847) 432-4110.

July 20: The Sex Life of Plants

August 24: Wildlife Monitoring

Live on the Links Classic Concerts

Highland Park Country Club

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Free; for members only

Advance registration required

Sponsored by Lake Forest Place

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

July 26: Isn't It Iconic?

August 2: Four Hands, One Piano

18-Hole Golf Outing

Highland Park Country Club

Wednesday, July 25

7:30 a.m. shotgun start

Fee: \$55 (plus the Senior Olympics entry fee)

This popular golf outing held at the Highland Park Country Club includes 18-holes of golf with cart and a delicious sit down lunch followed by an awards ceremony. Please call (847) 432-4110 for registration information.

Senior Center Gift Certificates

Senior Center Gift Certificates are the perfect way to honor a loved one celebrating a special occasion. Gift certificates may be purchased for any amount (minimum of \$10) and may be used toward membership dues, or any trips, classes, or special events. Please call Sue Mosky at (847) 432-4110 for details.

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Stay Informed About Water Conservation

Summer’s rising temperatures often coincide with rising water use. “Peak” water use describes the time of year when residential water use is at its highest due to an increase in outdoor water use, usually in July and August. Overwatering lawns and landscaping can cause the average home’s water use to jump from 260 gallons per day to 1,000 gallons per day. In recent weeks, the City of Highland Park has instituted several sprinkling bans, such as an “even/odd” sprinkling ban. These procedures are followed when the weather is hot and we receive very little or no precipitation. Residents are encouraged to check the City’s website to stay aware of community alerts regarding watering restrictions at www.cityhpil.com/sprinklingrestrictions.

As a reminder, the Highland Park City Code prohibits lawn sprinkling (with the exception of hand-held hoses or sprinkling cans for gardens and shrubs) from May 15 through September 15 from Noon – 6:00 p.m. If you are eligible to sprinkle, please consider the following: Step on your grass – if it springs back, it does not need water. If your lawn does need water, irrigate in the cooler hours of early morning or late evening. Make sure your sprinklers are spraying the lawn or garden and not the sidewalk.

Please refer to the additional tips for outdoor water conservation:

- Tune up your system: Inspect irrigation systems and check for leaks and broken or clogged sprinkler heads. Fix sprinkler heads that are broken or spraying on the street or driveway.
- Play zone defense: Assign areas of your landscape different zones depending on sun/shade exposure, soil and plant types, and type of sprinklers, and then adjust irrigation systems or watering schedule based on those zones.
- Give your hose a break: Sweep driveways, sidewalks and steps rather than hosing them off. Check for leaks at your spigot connection and tighten as necessary.
- Leave it long: Longer grass promotes deeper root growth, resulting in a more drought-resistant lawn, reduced evaporation and fewer weeds.

For more information visit www.epa.gov/watersense/outdoor. Or, contact the Water Treatment Plant at (847) 433-4355.