

THE

HIGHLANDER



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City Seeks Resident Input Regarding Cellular Device Usage While Driving

Earlier this year, the City Council directed City staff to research the topic of cellular device use while operating a motor vehicle. This process included collecting data and statistics with respect to a potential correlation between cellular device use while driving and vehicular accidents.

According to a 2006 report from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, distracted driving is the leading factor in most crashes and near collisions. As many as 80% of crashes and 65% of near-collisions involve a form of driver distraction, including the use of cellular devices, reading, eating, grooming, drowsiness, pets, etc. The most common distraction cited is cellular device use, regardless of whether the driver is talking or listening in either a hands-free or hand-held manner. Some recent studies suggest that there may be no substantial difference in cognitive distraction whether the driver is utilizing a hand-held or a hands-free device.

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) reported that cellular device use was listed as the primary or secondary cause of 1,357 crashes of the reported 422,778 crashes in Illinois in 2007. However, IDOT has indicated that attributing cellular device use while driving to the cause of the accident is underreported by drivers at accident scenes and that the total numbers of crashes involving cellular devices is estimated to be greater. As with other forms of distracted driving, the use of an electronic communication device (wireless telephone, personal digital assistant or portable mobile computer) while operating a motor vehicle poses a serious risk to both the public and the driver utilizing the electronic communications device.

City staff has surveyed other communities with existing cellular device restriction ordinances and also determined what legislation the State of Illinois has enacted with respect to distracted driving. In an effort to increase the safety of pedestrians and motorists, some area communities like Chicago, Evanston and Winnetka have enacted community-wide hand-held cellular device restrictions. And while the State of Illinois has enacted laws to restrict cellular

device use in certain areas such as school and construction zones, a complete Statewide restriction on cellular device use while driving has not been established. Highland Park recognizes a responsibility to protect the pedestrian and motoring public from the dangers of distracted drivers utilizing hand-held cellular devices while driving.

Enclosed in this edition of *The Highlander* is a postcard survey that will provide residents with an opportunity to provide feedback on both cellular device use while driving and potential restrictions in Highland Park. Please take the time to complete the survey either with the enclosed postcard, online at <http://hpcellulardevices.questionpro.com>, or return by fax at (847) 432-7625. Completing the survey online is an efficient and cost-effective method and will only take a few minutes. Please complete this survey only once, either by postcard or online. All responses are anonymous. The submittal deadline is Monday, November 1, at 5:00 p.m. Postcards must be postmarked by November 1. When completing the survey, please consider the following definitions in order to provide the best response to each question:

- Hand-Held Cellular Device – A cellular device that is held in either hand and utilized by a driver while simultaneously operating a motor vehicle.
- Hands-Free Cellular Device – A wireless cellular device that is utilized in a voice activated or speakerphone mode while operating a motor vehicle that enables both of the driver's hands to be free and available to operate the vehicle's steering wheel.

The results of the survey will be made available to the City Council to assist in determining if the public supports a Citywide hands-free cellular device restriction. A public hearing on cellular device usage is tentatively scheduled during the City Council meeting on Monday, January 10, 2011, at 7:30 p.m., in City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue. For more information, please contact Traffic Sergeant Chris O'Neill at (847) 432-7730/coneill@cityhpil.com.

Turn to page 8 for an expanded listing of Senior Center programming, events and classes!

'HIGH' NOTES

Trick-or-Treat Hours Announced

This year, trick-or-treat hours will be held on Sunday, October 31, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please contact the Police Department at (847) 432-7730 for more information. Also, the Annual Port Clinton Kid and Pet Halloween Costume Party will take place on Saturday, October 30, from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Port Clinton Square. Festivities include a live DJ, trick-or-treating at local businesses, and a pet and child costume parade. Admission is free.

Construction of Ravinia Festival Pedestrian Underpass and Improvements Underway

In order to increase safety, the City Council recently approved installation of an ADA-accessible pedestrian underpass beneath the Metra Union Pacific/North Line railroad tracks at the Ravinia Festival stop. The underpass will allow patrons to move freely between the existing west parking lot and the Ravinia Festival grounds during the concert season. As part of the project, Ravinia Festival will be installing other improvements including lighting, landscaping and two informational kiosks. Construction of the underpass and improvements is currently underway and is anticipated to be completed by the end of March 2011. Throughout the process, Ravinia Festival will provide regular construction updates online at www.ravinia.org and through a construction hotline at (847) 266-5499. For more information, please contact Barbara Cates in the Planning Division at (847) 926-1611/bcates@cityhpil.com.

Upcoming Holiday Event

The holidays are just around the corner and so are the events in Downtown Highland Park that will help you enjoy the season to its fullest. One of the events is the City's annual holiday lighting event on Saturday, November 20, 2010, at Port Clinton Square. The event will include carolers, ice sculptures, refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus. For more information, please contact Renee Helm in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1030/rhelm@cityhpil.com.

Veterans Day Information

City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day. Residents are asked to call the Public Safety switchboard at (847) 432-7730 if assistance is required. Additionally, the Highland Park Post I45 of the American Legion will hold a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial, which is located at the corner of St. Johns and Central avenues. The ceremony will commence at 10:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Jennifer Dotson in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1006/jdotson@cityhpil.com.

Historic Preservation Commission Accepting Nominations

The Historic Preservation Commission is now accepting nominations for the 20th Annual Highland Park Preservation Awards. The Commission sponsors the awards in order to recognize and encourage projects that protect historic homes and improve quality of life. The 2010 Awards recognize five categories: Restoration, Rehabilitation, Adaptive Reuse, Landscape Restoration and New Construction/Addition. Nominations are due to the City Manager's Office in City Hall by Friday, November 5, at 5:00 p.m. Awards will be presented in December. Nomination forms are available at the Highland Park Public Library or online at www.cityhpil.com. For more information, please contact Andy Cross, City Planner, at (847) 926-1856/across@cityhpil.com.

Youth Center Seeks Donations

Interested in helping youth in the community? The City of Highland Park Division of Youth Services, known to many in the community as *The Firehouse* Youth Center, serves middle school students in a variety of programs. With the holiday season around the corner, please consider a donation toward a year's membership or a field trip on a school holiday. For more information, contact Don Miner, Youth Services Manager, at (847) 433-3090/dminer@cityhpil.com.

Budget Workshops Continue in November

The City's third budget workshop will be held on November 1 at 3:30 p.m. The public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for November 22 at 7:30 p.m. and the City Council consideration of the proposed budget is scheduled for December 13 at 7:30 p.m. All of these meetings are held at City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue. Additional meetings may be necessary and scheduled accordingly. Please visit the City's website at www.cityhpil.com to view the City calendar for a complete list of all City meeting dates and times as well as agendas and packets. For further details, please call the Finance Department at (847) 432-0800.

Fall Leaf Disposal Reminder

With the onset of cool weather, it is time to think about falling leaves. Small amounts of leaves can be mowed with the grass and allowed to decompose in place. Larger volumes, however, may suffocate grass and should be properly composted or discarded. Using a lawn mower to chop up leaves and then using the material as mulch around bushes and trees, or as a garden soil amendment, is a good option. Leaves may be collected for disposal in properly tagged paper yardwaste bags or other containers and placed at the curb for pick-up during primary refuse collection. Yardwaste containers cannot be larger than 33 gallons and cannot exceed 50 pounds. Help keep the City safe by not raking the leaves into the street where they may clog storm sewer lines and become a traffic hazard. Do not blow leaves into ravines as piles of uncomposted leaves can lead to the loss of valuable native plants, and may cause erosion. For more information regarding fall leaf disposal options, please contact Joe O'Neill, City Forester, at (847) 926-1604/joneill@cityhpil.com.

Don't Forget to "Fall Back"

As a reminder, turn clocks back one hour to standard time on Sunday, November 7, 2010.

BUSINESS REPORT

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@cityhpi.com.

New Businesses

- **Eric's Jewelry Design**
Jewelry Design/Repairs
2705 Waukegan Avenue
(224) 436-3047
- **Yoga Bent**
Yoga Studio
1630 Old Deerfield Road
(847) 831-1515
www.yogabent.com

Business Relocations

- **Coldwell Banker**
Residential Real Estate
1741 Second Street
(847) 681-0317
www.coldwellbankeronline.com
- **Litke Financial Group/Allstate Insurance**
Financial Services/Insurance Sales
609 Laurel Avenue
(847) 681-1700
<http://allstateagencies.com>

Message from the Mayor



As you may be aware, the City made an investment in the Downtown through the purchase of the Highland Park Movie Theatre. This decision was made at the urging of downtown property owners, local retailers and various arts and not-for-profit groups, including the Board of the Community House and The Art Center. The purchase of the current Theatre facility made sense because of its location next to a parking lot that is available to patrons in the evening. This investment also fulfilled an objective in the City's Downtown Master Plan that recommended entertainment opportunities to complement restaurants and shops.

This type of investment is not unprecedented. According to the League of Historic American Theatres (LHAT), there are over 300 similar theatres across the Country that are owned by cities, not-for-profits, and colleges and universities. Additionally, Highland Park has a tradition of investing in the Downtown. Had it not been for the opportunistic vision of Highland Park's leaders, we would likely not have Port Clinton and Renaissance Place, Shops on Elm, The Art Center and the Community House today - all defining elements of our City made possible with public investment. It should be noted that the previous owner of the Theatre had planned to sell the building and convert it into an office building. This action would have caused a detrimental economic impact on not only this area, but the entire Downtown as well. The Theatre continues to be a draw for our community, as it is anticipated that 65,000 patrons will visit the Highland Park Theatre this year.

I want to assure the public that the purchase of the Theatre is a good investment for the City. The total purchase price of the Theatre was \$2,104,200; \$750,000 of that amount was funded through the balance of a downtown reserve account established with the unspent funds of the Downtown TIF district. The balance was covered through the City's General Fund and is being reimbursed over time through newly established revenues from the Ravinia Festival. The City has contracted out the operation of the Theatre to a private operator, requiring minimal oversight. Presently, the Theatre has and will continue to operate at a break even annual budget of \$475,000.

Arts & Economic Prosperity III, a national study conducted by the Americans for the Arts, reveals that theatre patrons will spend additional monies beyond the cost of a movie ticket. Local audiences, who live in the county in which the event occurred, spend an average of \$19.53 per person, per event in addition to the cost of admission. Nonlocal attendees, those who live outside the county, spend twice that amount, or \$40.19. This represents a potential \$2,000,000 impact on the local economy and \$40,000 in sales tax.

In order to gather additional input and expertise from those working in the cultural arts profession, I appointed the Theatre Advisory Task Force, which was comprised of 11 individuals who collectively provided a professional viewpoint regarding the best use of the facility. The Task Force recommended maintaining a first-run movie house and enhancing the existing movie-going experience with cosmetic, programming and operational improvements. The Task Force also provided several long-term goals that the City should continue to explore, including renovations for a multi-use, high quality, live entertainment and performing arts facility. Finally, if films and live performance are no longer feasible, the City now has a piece of property adjacent to a parking lot. The City may potentially add parking or combine the two pieces of property and take proposals for redevelopment that would make the City whole on the purchase of the Theatre.

I appreciate your allowing me to provide an update on this very important investment in the cultural and economic life of this great city. As I've expressed before, the City has a strong history and foundation in the cultural arts and pursuing investments in the Downtown will further enhance and enrich the community.

Thank you,

Michael D. Schell

Businesses Added to Downtown Highland Park Gift Card Program

This holiday season, the Downtown HP Gift Card will be accepted at more than 75 businesses throughout Downtown Highland Park. The newest additions to the Downtown HP Gift Card are Dream Kitchens, Kenzy Gifts and Decor, The Male Room and More, McDonalds, My Best Friend's Closet, NY Slices, Saks Fifth Avenue, Stone Care Services, Tales and Toys, and Tamales...A Mexican Joint. A complete list of participating businesses is posted at www.downtownhp.com. Gift cards may be purchased during business hours at City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue; the Downtown Highland Park Alliance Office, 442 Central Avenue, 2nd Floor; and Renaissance Place, 1849 Green Bay Road, Suite 280. Earn a \$50 Downtown HP Gift Card for yourself by participating in the second annual Downtown Highland Park Alliance "Shop Local Rewards" program. Shop at five or more Downtown Highland Park businesses between November 20 through December 24, 2010, and collect receipts totaling \$500 or more, and participants will receive a free \$50 Downtown HP Gift Card. Receipts must be collected in an official "Shop Local Rewards" envelope, available at the Downtown Highland Park Alliance Office, 442 Central Avenue, 2nd Floor. For more information, visit www.downtownhp.com or contact Bridget Kagan, Downtown Alliance Marketing and Communications Coordinator, at (847) 780-4293/bridget@downtownhp.com.

CITY NEWS

New Refuse and Recycling Program Underway

New rates and services under the City's new waste hauling franchise agreement became effective as of October 1, 2010. The new franchise agreement preserves the volume-based rate structure and back door collection that were in the City's previous franchise agreement with Veolia while expanding it to include curbside collection as well.

Veolia delivered refuse and recycling carts to those residents who elected curbside collection at the end of September 2010. Residents who would like to switch the size of their recycling carts or services may do so at no charge until November 30, 2010. Beginning December 1, residents switching from curbside collection to back-door collection will be subject to a \$50 switch fee and residents switching from back-door to curbside will be subject to a \$40 delivery cart fee. A discounted cart delivery fee of \$20 will be assessed to residents switching from curbside subscription to curbside volume-based collection between December 1 and March 31, 2011. Thereafter a cart delivery fee of \$40 will apply.

Volume-based refuse and yardwaste stickers reflecting a reduced rate of \$2.35 are now available at the following locations: City Hall, Sunset Foods, Jewel Osco, Mutual Ace Hardware,

Craftwood Lumber, Walgreens, and Dominick's in Bannockburn. Residents may continue to utilize unused stickers purchased under the previous agreement.

Currently, the City is accepting 18-gallon recycling bins from residents who no longer require them. Residents may drop the bins off at the Electronics Recycling Facility, 1180 Half Day Road, through November 19, 2010, between 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. If a resident wishes to dispose of any previously utilized refuse containers, they may do so by placing the containers at the curb with a note attached requesting Veolia to dispose of them. If the empty refuse container is designated for collection with a note, it does not require a sticker through October 31, 2010.



Veolia will service residents who elect curbside collection with new refuse trucks that utilize a motorized "arm" in order to increase efficiency of collection.

Residents interested in additional information regarding the new rates and services may contact Veolia's Customer Service Department at (847) 272-4145/highlandpark@veoliaes.com. Residents with additional questions concerning the City's new franchise agreement with Veolia may contact Renee Helm at (847) 926-1030/rhelm@cityhpil.com or Brian Bourdeau at (847) 926-1043/bbourdeau@cityhpil.com in the City Manager's Office.

Refuse and Recycling Cart Sizing Information

Cart Dimensions	35-gallon	65-gallon	95-gallon
Width	1.58 feet (19 inches)	2 feet (24 inches)	2 feet (24 inches)
Depth	2 feet (24 inches)	2.25 feet (27 inches)	3 feet (36 inches)
Height	3 feet (36 inches)	3.5 feet (42 inches)	4 feet (48 inches)

Parents. The Anti-Drug Program Update

Parents. The Anti-Drug is a community-based organization comprised of parents, local government and school officials, clergy and health-care providers, whose mission is to generate conversation and provide accurate information about alcohol, tobacco and other drug use in Bannockburn, Deerfield, Highland Park, Highwood and Riverwoods. By taking time to talk about the risks and consequences of alcohol, tobacco and drug use, a more informed adult and teen citizenry is created, resulting in reduced consumption of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs among teens in these communities. Parents are a powerful influence in a child's life and research shows that kids who consistently learn about the risks of drugs from their parents are 50% less likely to use drugs and alcohol than those who do not; yet only 30% of teens report learning about the risks of using drugs and alcohol from their parents. *Parents. The Anti-Drug* achieved several milestones in 2010, including establishing a relationship with the Township High School District I13 Foundation, securing funding from the Healthcare Foundation of Highland Park, and hiring a part-time prevention specialist to oversee efforts. The organization was also recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education and earned the 2010-2011 "Those Who Excel Education" award for demonstrating teamwork. Finally, the organization anticipates a new website launching this fall. For more information, please visit the City's website at www.cityhpil.com/police/ps_parents_anti-drug.html or e-mail parents.theantidrug@gmail.com.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Pension Update

In its spring 2010 session, the Illinois General Assembly reformed the pension systems for all public employees, with the exception of public safety pensions: police officers, firefighters and sheriffs. As a result of this, the Northwest Municipal Conference formed the Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition, of which the City of Highland Park is a member. On August 9, 2010, the City Council approved a resolution to allow for a question regarding public pensions to be added on the November 2010 General Election Ballot. During the November 2, 2010, Primary Election, General Election ballots will feature the following question: "City of Highland Park Public Question on Pension Sustainability: Shall the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor take immediate steps to implement meaningful public safety pension reform that will relieve the unsustainable burden on local taxpayers?" For more information on public pensions, please visit www.cityhpil.com, www.iml.org, and www.pensionfairness.org. To learn more about voting in this election, visit the Lake County's website at <http://lakecountyil.gov>. For any additional questions, please contact the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1000.

Neighborhood Meetings Continue this Fall

The City of Highland Park continues to offer a series of neighborhood meetings as part of an ongoing effort to share information concerning current objectives of the City government with the community. Residents will have an opportunity to conduct a dialogue with the Mayor, members of the City Council and the City Manager. Each meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and is scheduled to conclude by 8:30 p.m. The meeting locations have been organized in accordance with the Planning Districts utilized within the City's Master Plan. Residents are asked to attend the neighborhood meeting held in the Planning District where their residence is located. If a resident is unable to attend the scheduled meeting in their neighborhood, they are invited to attend a meeting at an alternate location of their choosing.

Upcoming neighborhood meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Southwest District: Wednesday, November 3, 7:00 p.m., Sherwood School, 1900 Stratford Road
- South Central District: Tuesday, November 9, 7:00 p.m., Edgewood School, 929 Edgewood Road
- Moraine District: Monday, November 15, 7:00 p.m., Indian Trail School, 2075 St. Johns Avenue
- S. Green Bay/Ravinia Districts: Tuesday, November 16, 7:00 p.m., Lincoln Elementary School, 711 Lincoln Avenue West
- Daytime Meeting: Friday, November 19, 10:30 a.m., Highland Park Police Station, Training Room, 1677 Old Deerfield Road

For more information or to confirm the Planning District in which you reside, please visit www.cityhpil.com or contact Brian Bourdeau in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1043/bbourdeau@cityhpil.com.

October 'Street Smarts' Tip: Railroad Safety

The Highland Park Police Department assumes a proactive approach with regards to railroad safety by conducting educational and enforcement activities in an effort to obtain compliance with railroad safety laws. Highland Park and Union Pacific Police will increase enforcement activities at Highland Park commuter stations in November 2010



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and at both Union Pacific Railroad lines in the City. This increased enforcement will include warnings and citations. Pedestrians complying with railroad-related safety laws will be issued complimentary Operation Lifesaver commuter travel mugs. As a reminder, in Illinois it is illegal to:

- Enter or walk upon or along a railroad right-of-way, other than a public crossing;
- Fail to yield to a crossing gate or warning bells and/or lights at railroad grade pedestrian crossings;
- Fail to obey, yield or stop a vehicle at any railroad grade crossing where a crossing gate, barrier or warning bells and/or lights are activated signaling the approach of a railroad train;
- Fail to stop a vehicle of the second division (carrying passengers for hire, a school bus or any other vehicle required by federal or state law to be placarded when carrying cargo or hazardous materials cargo) and listen and look for an approaching train prior to crossing a railroad grade crossing.

The Highland Park Police Department is committed to achieving the highest level of traffic and pedestrian safety within the community and citizen cooperation and compliance is integral. For more information, visit www.cityhpil.com to view the "Operation Lifesaver Educational Video" located under "City News" regarding the importance of railroad and pedestrian safety. For more information, please contact Traffic Sergeant Chris O'Neill at (847) 432-7730/coneill@cityhpil.com or Police Officers Richard Rash and April Prete at (847) 432-7730/rrash@cityhpil.com and aprete@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., Oct. 18	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
	Sister Cities Foundation	7:00 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 19	Intra-City Parking Comm.	3:45 p.m.
	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 21	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 25	Committee of the Whole	4:30 p.m.
	City Council	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 26	Business and Econ. Develop.	6:00 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 27	Traffic Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 28	Environmental Commission	6:30 p.m.
	Firefighters Pension Fund	4:00 p.m.
	(1130 Central Avenue)	
Mon., Nov. 1	Budget Workshop	3:30 p.m.
	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 2	Cultural Arts Commission	7:30 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 3	Housing Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 4	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 8	Finance Committee	3:30 p.m.
	Committee of the Whole	4:30 p.m.
	City Council	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 9	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
	Library Board of Trustees	7:15 p.m.
	(494 Laurel Avenue)	
Wed., Nov. 10	Historic Preservation	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 open at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 3.

Halloween Railroad, October 23, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Model trains make a special run through “Spookytown” just in time for Halloween. Some visitors will be able to “drive a train” and earn an honorary operating engineer certificate. Presented by North Central O’Gaugers Model Railroad Club.

Meet The Author: Ian Frazier, October 25, 7:00 p.m. Ian Frazier, author and renowned humor writer for *The New Yorker*, will discuss his new book, *Travels in Siberia*. The book chronicles his fascination with Siberia and his journeys throughout the region. Books will be for sale and the event will conclude with a book signing.

The Mind of the Chimpanzee, November 4, 7:00 p.m. Lincoln Park Zoo’s Dr. Elizabeth Lonsdorf and Steve Ross share the most recent research into how chimpanzees think, learn and feel, and how these findings can be used to protect wild chimpanzees and ensure appropriate care in captive settings. Their book, *The Mind of the Chimpanzee*, will be for sale and the evening will conclude with a book signing. This is a *One Book, One Highland Park* event, which complements the Fall 2010 selection, *Ape House*.

Used Book Sale, November 11 and November 12, 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., November 13, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Choose from used books, videos, DVDs and more. Pre-preview night is November 9, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. for Friends of the Library members. A preview night will be held November 10 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and admission is free to Friends of the Library members or requires a \$15 donation at the door. Admission is otherwise free.

CULTURAL ARTS

Voices and Visions: The Bridge	The Art Center	Highland Park Strings	HP High School
Between Health and Disease	1957 Sheridan Road	October 24	433 Vine Avenue
Through October 29	(847) 432-1888	3:00 p.m.; Free	(847) 831-3622
Call for Times and Prices			
A Triangle of Treasures: Annual House Tour	Historical Society	Pilgrim Chamber Players Music	Community House
October 17	326 Central Avenue	October 31; 3:00 p.m.	1991 Sheridan Road
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; \$30-\$35	(847) 432-7090	\$8 - \$20	(847) 433-0972
Adult Silk Scarf Workshop	West Ridge Center	Midwest Young Artists Music	Bennett Gordon Hall
October 20	636 Ridge Road	November 7	200 Ravinia Park Road
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.; \$15-\$25	(847) 579-3123	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Free	(847) 926-9898
Rising Stars: Musicians from Marlboro	Bennett Gordon Hall	Mistletoe Market Craft Fair	Immaculate Conception
October 22	200 Ravinia Park Road	Nov. 12-Nov. 13	770 Deerfield Road
8:00 p.m.; \$25	(847) 266-5100	Call for Times	(847) 433-0130

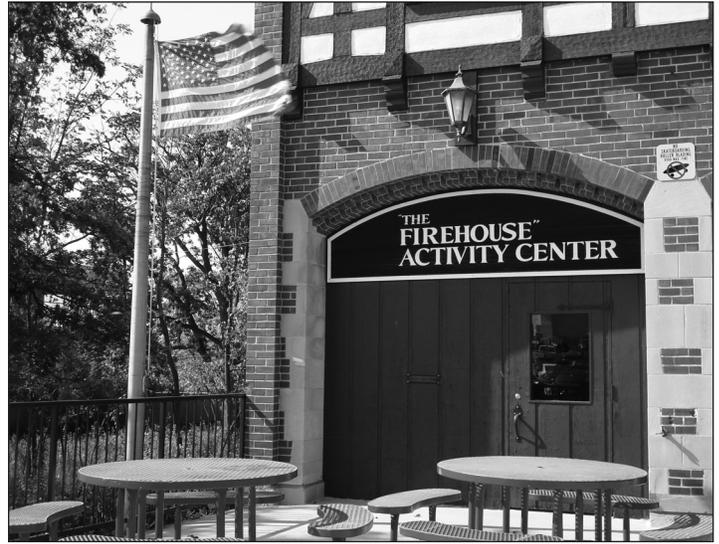
YOUTH SERVICES

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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.
Open on Days off of School for Those
Enrolled in Trips Only

The Firehouse will be closed on Thursday, November 25,
and Friday, November 26.



The Firehouse Youth Center is a day off of school destination for students in grades 6-8.

MAKE THE FIREHOUSE YOUR DAY OFF OF SCHOOL DESTINATION

Pre-registration is required; all applicable fees and permission forms are required for participation.

BOWLING AND MAKE YOUR OWN SUNDAE

Monday, November 1, 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Members: \$30/Non-Members: \$40

Enjoy an evening of bowling and pizza at Highwood Lanes during this Late Nite Middle School event. After bowling, come back to *The Firehouse* for a "Bagg-o" tournament and to make your own sundae.

TOUR OF SOLDIER FIELD

Tuesday, November 2, Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Members: \$50/Non-Members: \$75

Come experience both the historic and modern-day journey of Soldier Field Stadium that includes a behind-the-scenes tour of the Field, South Courtyard, Doughboy Statue, Grand Concourse, the United Club, Colonnades, Skyline Suite and Visitors' Locker Room. This trip includes lunch at Vienna Beef for a Chicago-style hot dog.

THANKSGIVING BREAK ACTIVITIES

The Firehouse will be open Monday, November 22 - Wednesday, November 24 of Thanksgiving Break. Trips will leave *The Firehouse* promptly at Noon and will return by 5:00 p.m. *The Firehouse* will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. only for those enrolled in the trip each day. For more information, please call *The Firehouse* at (847) 433-3090.

RINK SIDE SPORTS

Monday, November 22; Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Members: \$50/Non-Members: \$75

Enjoy hundreds of arcade games, laser tag, and ice skating all in one place. Lunch is included in the fee.

FUNWAY ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

Tuesday, November 23; Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Members: \$50/Non-Members: \$75

Spend the afternoon bowling, roller skating, and playing hundreds of arcade games at Funway. Lunch is included in the fee.

DAVE & BUSTERS

Wednesday, November 24, Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Members: \$50/Non-Members: \$75

Play over 200 arcade games and enjoy everything from the classics to the latest and the greatest. Lunch is included in the fee.

COMMUNITY SERVICE FRIDAYS

The Firehouse Youth Activity Center, Fridays at 4:00 p.m.

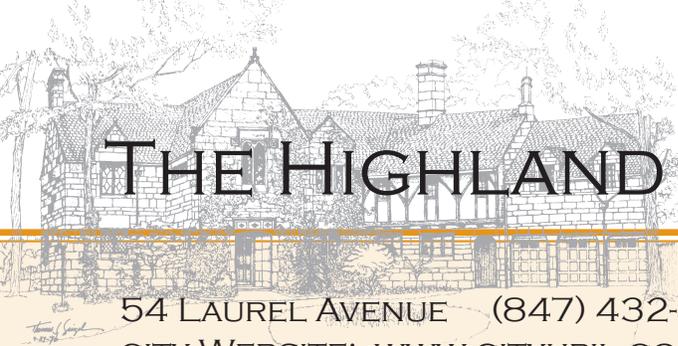
Join staff from Youth and Senior Services as they assist a senior citizen by grocery shopping and running errands. This activity is held year round. Middle school students who are looking for opportunities to get involved in community service activities can participate. Call (847) 433-3090 for details.

GAMING TOURNAMENT

In Partnership with the Highland Park Public Library
Saturday, December 4, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Participate in Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros. Melee, Super Smash Bros. Brawl, DDR and Guitar Hero tournaments. All rounds take place at the Highland Park Public Library beginning at 10:00 a.m. There will be two separate tournaments this year, one for 5th and 6th graders and another for 7th and 8th graders. Participants do not need to be members of *The Firehouse*. There will be refreshments for all and prizes for winners. Please call *The Firehouse* at (847) 433-3090 to register.

Save the Date: Monday, January 17, 2011, is the 2nd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service



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Please call for registration & details on NEW classes, trips, and programs.

Member registration begins October 20 / Non-member registration begins October 26

Live on the Links Classic Concerts

Highland Park Country Club

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Free; for members only (registration required)

Highland Park High School Wind Symphony (Friday, October 22)

The Wind Symphony is the premier wind instrument performance organization at Highland Park High School, featuring fifty students representing the finest woodwind, brass, and percussion students at the high school. This **Patriotic** performance features a variety of music by American composers. Patriotic favorites such as "America the Beautiful," "God Bless America," and "Battle Hymn of the Republic" will be performed along with music composed by Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copland, George Gershwin, and Morton Gould.

Pilgrim Chamber Players (Friday, November 19)

The Pilgrim Chamber Players present an entertaining musical program which will include Serenade, a Trio for clarinet, violin and piano by Peter Schickele (the outrageous PDQ Bach), and a Trio by Menotti for the same instruments. Also on the program is a Sonata for clarinet and piano by the Argentinian composer Guastavino and music by Dvorak for piano 4-hands. The concert features Kristin Figard, violin and piano; Elizandro Garcia Montoya, clarinet; and Carol Honigberg, piano.

Sponsored by Whitehall of Deerfield Healthcare Center

Annual Holiday Concert and Luncheon

Highland Park Country Club

Friday, December 10

12 - 2:30 p.m.

Fee: \$20 / NM: \$30

Gather your friends and join others for this wonderful holiday tradition. Chef Zahlman Greenwood has created a fabulous holiday menu including homemade beef barley soup, your choice or char-broiled pesto crusted **London broil** or brown sugar glazed **salmon**, white cheddar au gratin potatoes, and a mixed vegetable bundle. For dessert enjoy a decadent, delicious, holiday surprise. Following lunch, you will be thrilled by fantastic musical entertainment featuring equity actors from the Music Theatre Company of Highland Park. Their performance will feature holiday classics as well a variety of Broadway, jazz and contemporary numbers. Doors open at 11:45 a.m..

Sponsored by Freedom Home Care

Mix and Mingles Events

The Highland Park, Lake Forest / Lake Bluff, Northbrook and Patty Turner Senior Centers invite single members to attend the Mix and Mingle Social Group. Registration is required by the preceding Friday.

A Night of Dinner and Dance

Open to ALL members

Wednesday, October 27

Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

Lessons: 7 p.m. / Dancing: 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$40 / NM: \$50

Chevy Chase Country Club,

1000 N. Milwaukee Ave – Wheeling

Dance the night away at Chevy Chase Country Club, to the best loved songs from the Swing Band era. A private dinner for Senior Center members includes cream of tomato basil soup, your entrée choice of champagne chicken or whitefish, scalloped potatoes, chef's seasonal vegetables, ice cream cake roll for dessert, coffee or tea, and a cash bar. After dinner, fill your dance card and enjoy dancing to the music of The Dick Elliot Orchestra including musical arrangements by Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Count Basie, and many others. Fee includes dinner and admission to the Chevy Chase monthly ballroom dance. Singles and couples are welcome. Transportation is on your own. Please register by 10/18/10.

Stoney River Outing (singles)

Wednesday, November 17

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Fee: \$25, members only

Stoney River Restaurant,

711 Deerfield Road, Deerfield

Stoney River provides a comfortable and creative combination of upscale service and delicious food in a relaxing atmosphere. Dinner includes 'stone puppies' with cinnamon butter, roasted onion soup, your choice of entrée, sautéed green beans, garlic mashed potatoes, vanilla cappuccino crème brulee for dessert, and coffee or tea. When registering, please indicate your choice of, sautéed mountain trout, double-cut pork chop, or braised boneless beef short ribs. Please register by 11/12/10.

Sponsored by Visiting Angels Living Assistance Services

Advanced Drawing and Painting

Thursdays, November 4 - December 16

(no class 11/11 & 11/25)

1 - 3 p.m.

Fee: \$33 / NM: \$43

Instructor and professional artist, Larry Lubeck, guides experienced students toward improving their drawing and painting skills. Larry offers support in creating artwork based on individual interests and assists in developing use of color, composition and the celebration of life through art. Supply list available at the first class.

Jewelry Making

Friday, November 12

9 a.m. - 12 noon

Materials Fee: \$15 / NM: \$25

Local artist Claire Shapiro will guide participants as they design and create an individual piece of wearable art. Basic supplies are included in the fee. Students may purchase a variety of beads from the instructor for an additional fee ranging from \$5 - \$20.

Mix - It - Up! Cardio, Strength, Core & More

Tuesdays, November 2 - December 14

9 - 10 a.m.

Fee: \$39 / NM: \$49

This total body conditioning class is designed to keep your interest by offering a variety of workouts in each class. Instructor Marla Solarz will mix-it-up with a 20/20/20 workout set to fun, upbeat music. Class includes cardio conditioning, strength training, core work, and stretching. Floor work included.

Latin Dance Aerobics: Zumba Gold

Wednesdays, November 3 - December 15

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$39 / NM: \$49

Instructor Marla Solarz teaches lively Latin dances including meringue, cumbia, salsa, cha cha and bachata. Marla is a certified "Zumba" instructor and leads the class alternating fast and slow dance styles to achieve the proper cardiac exercise, allowing for increased heart rate and proper recovery.

Gentle Tai Chi

Wednesdays, November 3 - December 15

2 - 3 p.m.

Fee: \$39 / NM: \$49

Tai Chi is easy and enjoyable to learn, bringing with it many health benefits safely and quickly. Based on Sun style Tai Chi, the fundamentals include a set of 12 movements, warm-up, wind-down, and Qi Gong breathing exercises. Taught by certified instructor Gordon Lock, this course will improve muscular strength, flexibility and overall fitness.



LECTURES

Monday Speaker Series

Highland Park Police Department

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Free; for members only

October 18 **Managing Lower Back Pain**

Lower back pain and sciatica are common in older adults and often times caused by degenerative arthritis which leads to the condition of spinal stenosis. Dr. David Johnson, the director and owner of North Shore Spinal and Sports Rehabilitation, will teach you how to manage the symptoms of spinal stenosis conservatively.

October 25 **Planning for the What Ifs of Aging: A Balancing Act**

Mickey Kesselman, the President of Trusted Advisor, will leave you well-informed with effective ways to organize your life. He will cover three important topics: Is my trust, will and powers of attorney up-to-date and reflecting all of my wishes? If something should happen to my spouse, can I manage everything on my own? How do I stay home and take care of my health needs?

November 1 **New Zealand Adventure**

Share Marla Schachtel's New Zealand experience, through her photographs. From a quiet beginning to a kayak ride through a burgeoning storm, you will share her excitement. Ride along on her first helicopter ride, and experience the extraordinary Milford Track.

November 8 **Winterize Your Financial House**

Mar Sue Durrbeck, RFC, will discuss ways to make sure your "Financial House" is protected: •Are your assets positioned to withstand market volatility? •Will your money last as long as you do? •How can you prepare for an increase in taxes? •Do your legal directives accurately reflect your wishes? Reference materials will be provided.

November 15 **Bert Lahr: The Lion's Roar and More**

Bert Lahr earned a reputation as one of the funniest men on Broadway and in Hollywood. The lyrics the cowardly lion sang in *The Wizard of Oz* were actually written for Bert himself. His personal life took on dimensions of wildly fluctuating moods, mostly settling on distant moroseness. This program, presented by Susan Benjamin, features examples of his best work, along with stories of personal challenges.

Whitehall of Deerfield HealthCare Center sponsors refreshments on the first Monday of each month.

Rise & Shine Humanities Series

2010 - 2011

Highland Park Public Library

Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Free & Open to the Entire Community

(No advance registration required)

*Presented by the Highland Park Senior Center &
the Highland Park Public Library*

October 27 **Prisoner of Her Past**

Prisoner of her Past is a film that tells the story of an aging Holocaust survivor who believes everyone is trying to kill her - 60 years after her tragic childhood. Her son, *Chicago Tribune's* jazz critic Howard Reich, will introduce and screen the film.

November 3 **Alice I Have Been: Lewis Carroll's Muse In Words and Pictures**

Join author Melanie Benjamin as she discusses her historical novel, an imaginative rendering of the life of Alice Pleasance Liddell Hargreaves, the girl who inspired Lewis Carroll to invent Wonderland. Books will be for sale and the event will conclude with a book signing.

November 17 **Meet Author Philippa Gregory via Skype**

Author Philippa Gregory, who wrote *The Other Boleyn Girl*, will introduce her new novel, *The Red Queen* and take questions from the audience about her career, characters, and love of history. Books will be for sale with signed bookplates by Ms. Gregory.

Sponsored by Sunrise Assisted Living

Kenney, Miller Bronstein

Highland Park Country Club

Thursday, November 18

1 - 3 p.m.

Free for members / NM: \$10

Religion as Illusion? Rabbi Bronstein

The well-known references to religion as "Illusion" or "Opiate" or "Social Identification" are popularizations of the continually influential views of Marx, Freud, and Durkheim. Rabbi Herbert Bronstein discusses how each wrote about the human Self, human condition, and mitigation of suffering.

Sponsored by ManorCare Health Services

Bucktown's Best

Wednesday, November 10 Fee: \$70 / NM: \$80
 Motorcoach departs Toys R Us at 9 a.m. and returns at approximately 4 p.m.

Explore this interesting and trendy neighborhood - Bucktown - with a visit to an historic church and bakery, lunch in a local restaurant, shopping, and dessert at a Chicago institution. Hope your curiosity has been piqued.

Horseshoe Casino Hammond, Indiana

Tuesday, November 16 Fee: \$20 / NM: \$30
 Motorcoach departs Toys R Us at 8:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 4 p.m.

Choose from a wide variety of slots and tables in a luxurious atmosphere as legendary as Jack Binion himself. From blackjack and roulette to live poker! Fee includes a lavish lunch at the Village Square Buffet, a \$5 free slot play voucher, and motorcoach transportation. Please bring valid State Identification, which is required at the casino.

9 to 5: The Musical

Wednesday, January 26 Fee: \$115 / NM: \$125
 Motorcoach departs Toys R Us at 12:15 p.m. and returns at approximately 5:45 p.m.

9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL is a hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era. This new musical comedy, direct from Broadway, is based on the hit movie and features Dolly Parton's original hit title song along with her new Tony® Award and Grammy nominated score. The book is by Patricia Resnick (co-writer of the original screenplay). 9 to 5: THE MUSICAL tells the story of three unlikely friends who conspire to take control of their company and learn there's nothing they can't do -- even in a man's world. Outrageous, thought-provoking and even a little romantic, this play is about teaming up and taking care of business... it's about getting credit and getting even... and it's about to open in Chicago.



AARP Driver Safety

Thursday & Friday, October 28 & 29
 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Fee: \$14 / AARP members: \$12
 Held at HP Police Station, 1677 Old Deerfield Road
 Instructor Earl Nichols helps students to sharpen driving skills and develop strategies for adjusting to age-related changes. Advanced registration with payment by check is required.

Prescription Drug Plan Seminars

Thursday, November 4 or Friday, November 5
 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Free
 Open enrollment for the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan extends from November 15 - December 31. During this period, you may change from your current drug plan, or enroll for the first time. Everyone is encouraged to re-evaluate their insurance coverage due to changes in the drug plans or changes in your own prescriptions. Please call (847) 432-4110 to register.

Caregiver Support Group

Family Service 777 Central Avenue, Highland Park
 First & third Thursday of every month, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
 Those caring for family members are encouraged to consider joining this group, led by Paula Cyphers, M.A., Social Services Coordinator, and Lois Silverstein, LCSW, to provide the essential support needed to maintain a positive attitude during very stressful times.

Grocery Shopping & Errand Services

Students from the middle schools in Highland Park, under the supervision of staff from *The Firehouse* Youth Center and the Highland Park Senior Center, shop and run errands every Friday afternoon for local home bound residents.

SHIP - Senior Health Insurance Program

Volunteers help solve problems with medical bills, Medicare, Medicare Supplemental Insurance; review long term care policies and planning; assist with Medicare Part D Prescription Drug coverage; decisions involving transition into retirement with regard to insurance coverage.

Seeking Volunteers for Tax Assistance

Put your talent with numbers to good use and consider training to be a VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) volunteer. You will receive training to prepare you to assist residents with the filing of their annual tax returns. Please call (847) 432-4110 for details.

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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.



Cultural Arts Commission Sponsors Art Contest

The Cultural Arts Commission will sponsor the *Art is Alive in Highland Park* art contest to be judged December 5 and 12 at The Art Center, 1957 Sheridan Road. To enter, bring finished artwork to The Art Center for judging on these designated days. The contest is open to Highland Park residents and students attending Highland Park schools. A jury of arts professionals will select six finalists in each category and of those finalists, one winner will be selected. Prize ribbons will be awarded to winners and finalists. Selected works of art will be displayed at The Art Center in January 2011. Submitted art can include drawings and paintings, ceramics, sculptures, mixed media and videos. Submitted artwork must be prepared for wall hanging or table/floor display. Categories for entry and drop-off times are as follows:

December 5, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School

December 12, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- Adults (18+)
- Families

Artists can submit only one work of art for judging in the individual categories, but can also participate as a member of a family. For more information, visit www.cityhpil.com/government/comm/culturalarts.html. Or, contact Lee Smith, liaison to the Highland Park Cultural Arts Commission, at (847) 926-1612/ lsmith@cityhpil.com.

This Year, Make Halloween a “Green” Holiday

In keeping with the City's ongoing efforts to become more sustainable, the City is encouraging residents to celebrate this year's Halloween by “going green.” The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) has offered the following suggestions for residents in order to make Halloween sustainable and environmentally-friendly.

- Reuse Halloween decorations annually
- Compost old pumpkins
- Use soy or natural beeswax candles to light pumpkins
- Create costumes from existing materials or purchase from a thrift store
- Use non-toxic cosmetics
- Share decorations, costumes and trick-or-treat bags
- Trick or treat locally – bike or walk where possible
- Utilize reusable bags to collect candy
- Purchase eco-friendly treats and products
- Recycle after a party and utilize reusable dinnerware
- Use flashlights with LED light bulbs

For more information, visit www.swalco.org for additional ways to “go green,” including how to recycle chemical waste, electronics and gym shoes, as well as how to purchase compost bins and rain barrels.