

THE HIGHLANDER



DECEMBER/JANUARY 15, 2010-2011

Neighborhood Meetings Address City Initiatives and Operations

During September, October and November the City hosted a series of ten neighborhood meetings as part of ongoing efforts to share information concerning current objectives within City government and throughout the community. Residents had the opportunity to engage in dialogue with Mayor, members of the City Council and the City Manager. Throughout the meetings, several common themes emerged, most notably the City's budget process and the condition of the City's infrastructure. In order to provide residents with information concerning City government, included below is a summary of the major discussion points that arose from these meetings.

City of Highland Park Budget Process

The budget process is a multi-month process that begins in September and concludes in December. The City of Highland Park's fiscal year covers the period January 1 – December 31. Beginning in September, the City Manager, with direction from the City Council, works with City staff to develop a proposed budget for the next fiscal year. Once completed, a series of budget workshops are held with the City Council to review the document. In late November or early December, a public hearing on the proposed budget is held prior to a vote by the City Council on adoption of the proposed budget.

The proposed budget is posted on the City's website for residents to review. Included in the proposed budget are the City Manager's preparation notes, which provide a more detailed summary of proposed changes in the budget. In 2010, a series of four budget workshops were held to review the Proposed 2011 Budget. A Public Hearing regarding the FY2011 Proposed Budget was held during the December 13 City Council meeting. Residents with questions about the FY2011 budget may contact the Finance Department at (847) 432-0800/finance@cityhpl.com.

City Infrastructure and Capital Improvements

The City utilizes a Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to serve as a guide to rehabilitating and replacing City infrastructure, such as streets, storm and sanitary sewers, and facilities. In regard to street maintenance and repair, the Department of Public Works prioritizes work based on an engineering design parameter known as the Pavement Condition Index (PCI). The PCI takes into account several factors, including pavement surface condition, subsurface condition and pavement deflection, to determine the overall condition of the roadway. This evaluation is typically performed on City streets every three to five years and is tentatively scheduled to be performed again in 2011. The City has historically budgeted \$1.5 million annually in the CIP for street repairs. A list

of specific streets to be repaired in any given year is determined, based upon the PCI, prior to the construction season during the year in which the work is to be performed.

Park District of Highland Park

Several inquiries were also raised regarding the Park District of Highland Park. The Park District and the City of Highland Park are two independent units of government. As such, neither has jurisdiction over the decision-making process of the other. Each is overseen by its own elected officials who are charged with the responsibility of leading the respective organizations. Residents with questions regarding the Park District of Highland Park may contact the Park District at (847) 831-3810.

Bluffs and Ravines

Questions were also asked regarding the City's bluffs, ravines and steep slopes with respect to safety and who maintains responsibility. Approximately 90% of the City's steep slopes within the City are on private property. In these cases the homeowner is responsible for maintenance; however, any such maintenance is regulated by City Code, which establishes certain maintenance practices and safety controls (Article 19, Chapter 150). The Park District also owns property that features steep slopes, and similar to private property owners, must adhere to City Code regarding maintenance and safety controls. For ravines located on City property or easements, the City dedicates a portion of its annual budget to addressing any ravine issue that may arise and have an effect on City infrastructure. For additional information, residents are encouraged to contact Community Development, Planning Division, at (847) 432-0808.

Highland Park Theatre

The City of Highland Park purchased the theatre in November 2008. Since that time, the Highland Park Theatre has run feature films for both public and private audiences. Recently, consideration has been given to the future operation of the Highland Park Theatre with the City evaluating several different short and long-term possibilities. In the short-term the Highland Park Theatre will continue to operate as a first-run movie house, while working to improve programming options. Possible programming enhancements include unique film events, such as "matinees for moms," film festivals and small-scale live entertainment. In addition, short-term improvements will focus on a general improvement of the cosmetic condition of the theatre. Long-term recommendations will be devised and undertaken in consultation with the City Council.

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'HIGH' NOTES

Holiday Season Reminders

The Mayor and Members of the City Council wish all Highland Park residents a very happy and safe holiday season. Please note that City offices will be closed on Friday, December 24, Friday, December 31, and Monday, January 17, in observance of Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, respectively. Residents are asked to call the Public Safety switchboard at (847) 432-7730 if assistance is required.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Volunteering Event

The City of Highland Park's Human Relations Commission and North Shore School District 112 will sponsor the second annual Martin Luther King, Jr. volunteer event on Monday, January 17, 2011. Learn about Dr. King, the causes he worked for, and the Civil Rights Movement at a multi-media presentation, *I Have a Dream*, by Donna Horwitz, from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at the Highland Park Country Club, 1201 Park Avenue West. The morning continues in the Recreation Center until 12:30 p.m. with a full spectrum of service projects that support various local agencies. The event is open to Highland Park and Highwood residents. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Marla Schachtel at (847) 926-1861/mschachtel@cityhpil.com.

Lake County Develops Traffic Alert Program

Lake County has developed a new program, PASSAGE E-mail Notification, that allows users to sign up for real-time traffic alerts for designated roadways throughout Lake County. The program is free and allows users to get real-time, customized traffic information delivered via e-mail. Visit www.lakecountypassage.com and select "E-mail Notifications." Create a personal profile, indicate regions that encompass the roads where you will travel and choose when to receive notifications. Users may choose to receive alerts for different types of events including roadwork, congestion, and incidents such as stalls, crashes, debris and traffic signal malfunctions. To register, visit www.lakecountypassage.com.

Smoke Detector Services Available

The Highland Park Fire Department is reminding residents to change their smoke detector batteries, and recommends annual replacement in conjunction with the recent change to daylight savings time. The Fire Department provides free annual smoke detector battery replacement for senior residents. Senior residents may contact Lieutenant Stephen Horne in the Highland Park Fire Prevention Bureau at (847) 926-1075/shorne@cityhpil.com to schedule an appointment. Additionally, the Fire Department, in partnership with Moraine Township, provides free smoke detectors to seniors, handicapped and low-income residents. Moraine Township also provides carbon monoxide alarms (which are required by State law in all Illinois residences) and medical alerting devices for low-income seniors. These devices are provided for free by Moraine Township and installed for free by the Fire Department. Residents interested in the carbon monoxide detector and medical alert devices are asked to contact Moraine Township to determine eligibility at (847) 432-3240. Additionally, Fire Department key boxes that allow rapid, damage-free entry in emergencies, are provided free to those residents that meet requirements for the above-mentioned devices. Those residents who meet the requirements and wish to obtain these services or devices may contact Lieutenant Stephen Horne in the Highland Park Fire Prevention Bureau at (847) 926-1075/shorne@cityhpil.com.

East on Central Seeks Entries

East On Central: A Journal of Arts and Letters from Highland Park, Illinois, has announced the theme of its tenth anniversary issue: Memories of Highland Park. Interested parties over age 18 with a connection to Highland Park are eligible to submit poetry, prose, memoirs, art, photography or anything that is publishable. For details on submitting to *East on Central* visit www.eastoncentral.org or contact *East on Central* at eastoncentral@comcast.net/(847) 757-1184.

Winter Parking Regulations Now In Effect

Residents are reminded that the City's "Snow Ordinance" is in effect through March 31, and that vehicles may not be parked in excess of 15 minutes on any public street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. This is a Citywide ban on parking to facilitate snow removal operations when necessary, and to decrease occurrences of accidental damage to vehicles parked on streets or in City parking lots. This ban applies at all times regardless of snow conditions. Authorized winter overnight City parking lots are identified on the City's website at www.cityhpil.com and require a valid overnight parking permit that can be obtained at City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Written warnings will be issued through December 15, 2010. Beginning on December 16, 2010, through March 31, 2011, citations will be issued for violations. Presently, fines for violation of this ordinance are \$20. For more information, contact Sergeant Chris O'Neill at (847) 432-7730/coneill@cityhpil.com.

Shop Local Gift Card Promotion Continues!

Shoppers have until December 24 to shop locally and earn a \$50 Downtown HP Gift Card by participating in the 'Shop Local Rewards' program. Collect receipts totaling \$500 or more from five or more Downtown Highland Park businesses and receive a free \$50 Downtown HP Gift Card accepted at over 80 Downtown Highland Park businesses. Receipts must be dated between November 20 and December 24 and must be submitted in an official 'Shop Local Rewards' envelope to be considered valid. Envelopes are available while supplies last at the Downtown Highland Park Alliance office, 442 Central Avenue, Second 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.

BUSINESS REPORT

Monthly Business Report

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

Fresh Skin

Aesthetic Medicine Center
806 Central Ave, Suite 203
(847) 861-8821

www.myfreshskin.com/net/biz

1st Cleaners

Drop-Off Cleaning Service
1852 First Street
(847) 180-4767

Blue Rose Gift Gallery

Gift Shop & Gallery
667 Central Avenue
(847) 913-4137

www.thebluerosecompany.com

Body Impact Health & Fitness

Jiu Jitsu Academy
1480 Old Deerfield Rd
(847) 943-9824

www.bodyimpactchicago.com

Illinois Aesthetic Services

Laser Hair Removal & Aesthetic
Skin Care Services
430 Park Ave, Suite 3B
(847) 432-7711

L.A. Fitness Signature Club

Health Club Facility
115 Skokie Valley Rd
(847) 315-9029

www.lafitness.com

Mathnasium of Highland Park

Math Learning Center
600 Central Ave, Suite 142
(847) 432-5050

www.mathnasium.com/highland-park

Message from the Mayor



As the year winds down, I would like to take this opportunity to thank numerous groups of people within the community for their ongoing efforts and dedication to the City of Highland Park.

First, thanks to City staff for working under difficult conditions brought on by fiscal stress. I do not take for granted the people who work to protect our public safety, maintain assets and infrastructure, and respond to our needs and customer service requests. You do so with utmost professionalism and dedication, and for that I thank you.

Next, the City benefits from the numerous commissioners who volunteer their time to serve the City. Their wide range of expertise helps the City Council and entire community to be a better place to live.

Additionally, other government agencies, like School District 112 and 113, the Park District of Highland Park, the Highland Park Public Library and Moraine Township, are to be thanked for their guidance and cooperation that collectively enrich each and every resident. County and state legislators have also worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for the community.

Non-profit agencies also provide social services and cultural arts opportunities for residents of all ages. These organizations serve as role models for our children and introduce us to diversity and culture.

Finally, thank you to all of the business and property owners throughout the City. We have worked together toward common interests and your efforts to grow the local economy in these difficult times have not gone unnoticed.

While we have all been challenged in this past year, if all of the above-mentioned stakeholders continue to work together, I am confident that we will work together toward a common goal – the betterment of Highland Park – and serve as an example for the rest of Illinois. We are to lead by example, and together, a positive future can be assured for our children and future generations. Happy Holidays & Happy New Year!

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael D. Schell".

Public Hearing Regarding Cellular Phone Usage While Driving Scheduled for January 2011

In August 2010, the City Council directed City staff to research the topic of cellular device usage while operating a motor vehicle. City staff developed a community survey on cellular device usage while driving that was included in the City's October 2010 *Highlander* publication and available online in order to assist the City Council in determining if the public supports a Citywide hands-free cellular device restriction or a total ban on the use of cellular devices while driving. The cellular device usage while driving survey was open to the public from October 15 through November 1, 2010. A public hearing on this matter is tentatively scheduled during the City Council meeting on Monday, January 10, 2011, at 7:30 p.m., at City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue. To view upcoming City Council meeting agendas, please visit www.cityhpil.com/government/agendas-minutes.html. For more information, please contact Traffic Sergeant Chris O'Neill at (847) 432-7730/coneill@cityhpil.com.

Holiday Tree Drop-Off Sites Available

The Park District of Highland Park will be hosting collection sites for holiday trees from December 26 through January 22. The sites will be at Larry Fink Park and Danny Cunniff Park. Trees should be free of decorations, wires or other materials. For more information, please contact Ted Baker at (847) 579-3130.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Environmental Commission Seeks Nominees for Meritorious Service

Each year the Environmental Commission honors a person, living or working in Highland Park, who has made a contribution to the City's environment. Nominations for this meritorious award must clearly describe achievements in one or more of the following areas:

1. The nominee has demonstrated outstanding leadership, skills, abilities or resourcefulness in:
 - a) Implementing innovative approaches that result in significant improvements to the Highland Park environment; or
 - b) Organizing, planning, or facilitating activities that promote environmental protection, pollution prevention or reduction, environmental enhancement, or the public awareness of environmental problems in the City.
2. The nominee has demonstrated personal diligence or initiative by accepting responsibility for special projects that have resulted in significant studies of or improvements to the quality of Highland Park's environment.

3. The nominee has shown technical expertise and competence in dealing with and resolving an environmental problem in the City.
4. The nominee has demonstrated unusual courage or competence in responding to an environmental emergency in the City.
5. The nominee has demonstrated excellence in environmental education within the City.

Each candidate must be nominated by a person or group, living or working in the City of Highland Park. Current members of the Environmental Commission are ineligible to receive the award. The deadline for nominations is 3:30 p.m. on January 14, 2011. Nominations should be returned to Joe O'Neill, 1150 Half Day Road, Highland Park, Illinois, 60035. Nomination forms are available on the City's website at www.cityhpil.com/government/comm/environmental.html or by contacting Joe O'Neill, City Forester, at (847) 926-1604/joneill@cityhpil.com.

Sister Cities Foundation Celebrates Mural

In July, several dignitaries from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, visited Highland Park as part of a Sister Cities Cultural Exchange. The Highland Park Sister Cities Foundation formed a relationship with Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, in 2001. As sister cities, citizens and organizations are involved in the exchange of ideas, cultures and people. Since the relationship with Puerto Vallarta was established, dignitaries from both cities have participated in several exchanges. During the most recent visit, the dignitaries toured the Highland Park community. As part of the exchange, Chicago painter Oscar Romero painted a mural depicting the relationship between Highland Park and Puerto Vallarta. Mr. Romero has assisted the Sister Cities Foundation in the past by helping celebrate its relationship with Puerto Vallarta through art exhibits. The mural was given to the Puerto Vallarta Sister Cities Foundation on behalf of the Highland Park Sister Cities Foundation on July 15, 2010. Puerto Vallarta dignitaries have chosen to display the mural in the Puerto Vallarta Airport and will have a dedication ceremony on Thursday, December 23, 2010, at the Airport. Residents who will be in Puerto Vallarta at that time are invited to attend the ceremony. For more information, please contact Renee Helm in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1030/rhelm@cityhpil.com.



The Sister Cities mural, completed by local artist Oscar Romero, includes Ravinia Festival and a mariachi band with a banner stating "Cultures United by Music" that connects the two cities.



On November 22, Ravinia Festival presented the City of Highland Park with a check for more than \$758,000 as part of a revenue-sharing initiative between the City and Ravinia Festival that originated in 2009. Through this arrangement, the City receives funds from Ravinia to provide the infrastructure utilized by the City to support services at the Festival. Additionally, a portion of these funds are allocated for YEA! Highland Park, an organization that supports local cultural arts institutions. As a result of this agreement, YEA! has received \$227,432.78 this year.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Provisions of City's New Residential Refuse & Recycling Program Now Effective

As of December 1, the initial transition period for the new Veolia services has been completed. Residents who wish to switch service levels or cart sizes are now subject to the following fees:

- Curbside to back-door: \$50 switch fee
- Back-door to curbside: \$40 cart delivery fee
- Curbside subscription to curbside volume-based between December 1, 2010, and March 31, 2011: \$20 cart delivery fee
- Curbside subscription to curbside volume-based after March 31, 2011: \$40 cart delivery fee

Residents who will be out of town for more than 90 days may suspend their services if they receive once or twice per week collection on a subscription basis. Please note that residents who suspend their services are still required to pay the Base Service Fee of \$60/year or \$5/month.

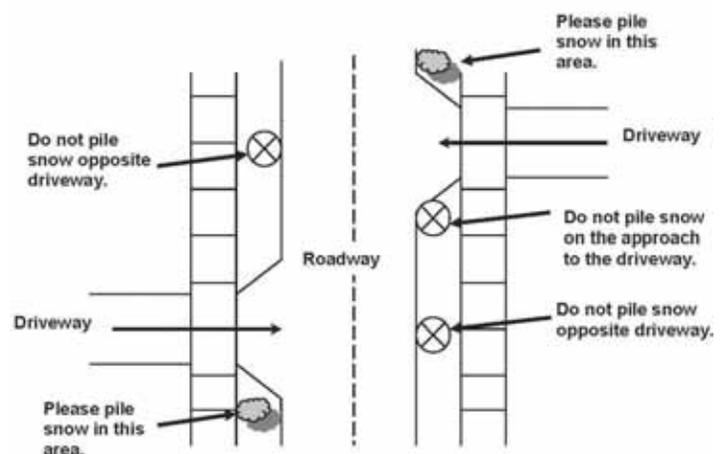
During the month of November, residents received a bill from Veolia reflecting the prices of the new residential waste and recycling contract. Due to a high volume of service changes among residents, Veolia wanted to ensure accuracy and therefore did not send the first invoice until November 12. The recently mailed bills were dated September 25 with a due date of October 15. Additionally, residents may have received a "Past Due Notice" for the initial September 25 invoice. Please note that Veolia is aware of this discrepancy and has confirmed that residents will not receive late fees and may disregard any late notices. The new due date for bills is December 25, 2010. Furthermore, Veolia has since issued a letter of apology to residents clarifying any misinformation. As part of the City's new franchise agreement with Veolia, all residents are charged a base service fee of \$5/month or \$20/billing period, which includes the months of September, October, November and December. Please note that even though new services did not begin until October 1, the new contract commenced on September 1, which is why residents have been charged for the month of September as well.

Refuse and recycling will be collected as scheduled on Friday, December 24, and December 31, 2010. For further details regarding the City's new residential and recycling collection program, please contact Veolia Customer Service at (847) 272-4145/highlandpark@veoliaes.com. Residents with additional questions concerning the City's new franchise agreement 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.

Be Clear Regarding City's Snow Removal Ordinance

In 2006, the City Council approved amendments to Highland Park's Snow Removal Ordinance, making it a violation of City Code to remove snow from one parcel of property and to deposit it onto another parcel (including the adjacent public parkway) without the consent of the property owner. When snow is plowed from private property and deposited onto public streets it creates a traffic hazard. Depositing snow on private property or in the public right-of-way across from the property being cleared of snow can damage property, create a nuisance, and hamper sight lines from adjacent properties. A violation may subject the snow removal company and originating property owner to a fine up to \$200.

It has been a common practice for many snow removal companies to push snow from one property, across public streets, and onto the parkway on the opposing side of the street. This process often leaves ridges of snow on previously cleared streets that create traffic hazards. The deposited snow is often a nuisance to the "receiving" property owner because of potential property damage and reduced sight lines from their driveways. The revised code does provide an exemption that allows for plow operators to deposit snow on the city parkway that is located immediately adjacent to and on the same side of street as the property from which the snow is being removed. Property owners are encouraged to contact their private snow removal companies and inform them of the Snow Removal Ordinance provisions. Snow plow operators observed improperly



The above diagram demonstrates proper and improper methods of removing snow.

depositing snow in violation of the ordinance will be cited; however, residents should be aware that they are ultimately responsible for compliance with this ordinance and may also be cited. For more information regarding the City's Snow Removal Ordinance or to report a complaint, contact Police Sergeant Chris O'Neill at (847) 432-7730/coneill@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., Dec. 20	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 21	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 3	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 4	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 5	Housing Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 6	Human Relations Commission	6:30 p.m.
	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 10	Finance Committee	3:30 p.m.
	Committee of the Whole	4:30 p.m.
	City Council	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 11	Cultural Arts Commission	7:00 p.m.
	Police Pension	7:00 p.m.
	Library Board of Trustees	7:00 p.m.
	(494 Laurel Avenue)	
Thurs., Jan. 13	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 close at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 24, and Friday, December 31, and will be closed on Saturday, December 25, and Saturday, January 1. The Library will open at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 5.

Drop-In Chess Club, Saturdays, through January 29, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Grades K-9. Every level of play is welcome. Experienced players will be available and instructional opportunities may be available. Boards and sets will be provided. Chess club will not meet December 25 and January 1.

Starlab! Wednesday, December 22, Ages 5 and up, 1:00 p.m. Visit this portable planetarium for an accurate representation of the night sky. Class schedules are as follows: 1:00 p.m. - *Introduction to the Constellations*; 2:00 p.m. - *The Motion of the Heavens*; 3:00 p.m. - *The Sky this Month*; 4:00 p.m. - *Ancient Astronomy and Mythology*. Register in the Youth Services Department or call (847) 681-7030. Registration limited to residents of Highland Park or residents of the North Shore School District 112 service area.

Violet Jessop: Titanic Survivor, Wednesday, January 12, 10:30 a.m. Leslie Goddard, educator, actor, and historian, portrays Titanic survivor Violet Jessop, a stewardess of the ship. Ms. Goddard presents unforgettable stories and offers a glimpse of life behind the scenes on the most glamorous luxury liner of the day. Presented with the Highland Park Senior Center. Sponsored by Sunrise Assisted Living.

Brush Up on your Computer Skills. Learn how to set up an e-mail account, improve your online search skills or use one of the Library's databases in a half-hour, one-on-one appointment with a librarian. Register at the Reference desk or call (847) 681-7031.

CULTURAL ARTS

History of Toy Trains IV Through January 30, 2011 Call for Times and Fee	Historical Society 326 Central Avenue (847) 432-7090	Open Mic Poetry January 14, 2011 8:00 p.m., Free	Highland Park Poetry 1957 Sheridan Road (847) 926-1006
Student Concert December 16, 2010 2:00 p.m.; Free	Sherwood School 1900 Stratford Road (847) 831-9152	Sunday Soiree! January 16, 2011 2:30 p.m., Free	Midwest Young Artists Bennett-Gordon Hall 200 Ravinia Park Road (847) 926-4787
Winter Wonderland January 8, 2011 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Call for Pricing	Lutz Family Center 800 Clavey Road (847) 433-6001	FUNtastic Family Fair January 31, 2011 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. \$5/Person, Under Age 4 is Free	HP Country Club 1201 Park Avenue West (847) 831-8828
Ladies Night Out January 13, 2011 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., \$38	The Art Center 1957 Sheridan Road (847) 432-1888	Robert Chen, Violinist February 20, 2011 3:00 p.m., \$40	HP Strings Bennett-Gordon Hall 200 Ravinia Park Road (847) 831-3810

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

The Firehouse Youth Center offers trips on weekdays when school is not in session. Advance registration with payment is required. Please call *The Firehouse* at (847) 433-3090 for further details and to register. For those enrolled in a day off of school activity, *The Firehouse* opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 6:00 p.m. To receive e-mail announcements and updates, please call *The Firehouse* to have your name added to the e-mail distribution list. You may also find *The Firehouse* on Facebook.

The Firehouse will be closed starting Friday, December 24, and will re-open on Monday, January 3, 2011.

Snow Tubing Trip to Villa Olivia

Monday, December 20

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Fee: \$50, Includes Lunch

Kick off winter break with a trip to Villa Olivia in Bartlett for snow tubing. Artificial snow will be available if necessary.

Drop-In Hours

Tuesday, December 21, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Free for Members

Stop in to meet friends and play games. The basement and first floors will be open for pool, bumper pool, ping pong, old fashioned arcade games, and Wii and Xbox. Please bring a sack lunch or money to lunch with City staff at a local restaurant.

Ceramics at the Senior Center

Tuesday, December 21, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Fee: \$10

Participants will choose from a variety of pre-molded and fired pieces and then decorate using a variety of painting, stenciling and sponging techniques. Pieces are fired on site. Finished pieces will be available for pick up one week later. Transportation to and from *The Firehouse* is provided.

Gulliver's Travels Movie and Lunch

Wednesday, December 22, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Fee: \$30

Join us for Jack Black's latest movie. Shipwrecked travel writer Lemuel Gulliver finds himself transported to an island in the middle of the Bermuda Triangle, where he is a giant among the natives, the Lilliputians. Initially taken prisoner, Gulliver becomes a favorite of the court and schemes for a way in which the Lilliputians can outwit their rivals. Movie tickets and lunch are included in the fee, but bring money for popcorn and snacks at the theater.

Drop-In Hours

Thursday, December 23, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Free for Members

Stop in to meet friends and play games. The basement and first floors will be open for pool, bumper pool, ping pong, old fashioned arcade games, and Wii and Xbox. Please bring a sack lunch or money to lunch with City staff at a local restaurant.

Gingerbread House Making Workshop

Thursday, December 23, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Fee: \$10

Staff will guide you with instruction and assistance to help create a beautiful, edible, holiday house. Participants will be provided with pre-baked gingerbread house pieces, special construction frosting, and a variety of decorative candies to decorate a gingerbread house with individual style.

2011 Membership and Registration

All memberships expire December 31, 2010. Full-year membership for 2011 is \$40. It is also time to register for transportation from school and the After 3 homework program for the remainder of the school year. The fee structure is as follows:

Transportation:

One day/week: \$40

Two days: \$80

Three days: \$120

Four days: \$160

Five days: \$200

After 3:

One day/week: \$40

Two days: \$80

Three days: \$120

Four days: \$160

Five days: \$200



Moraine Township Services

Some of you may not be aware that we have a virtual Santa Claus in Highland Park: Moraine Township. This office encompasses Highwood and most of Highland Park and it provides services that enhance our lives. The Township has instituted new projects that aid those who need help. For transportation, the Township has two handicapped accessible vans for door-to-door transportation. If you have a medical appointment, call (847) 432-3000 several days in advance to schedule a ride. Van service is designed to provide service within a 15 mile radius, which includes Evanston and Glenbrook Hospitals. The fee for this service is \$4 in each direction. If you are over 65, you can register for an RTA pass that allows you to ride free on Metra and PACE. The Township also offers a Taxi Coupon Book that includes 20 coupons and applies \$3 toward each ride within Highland Park. A food pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Food donations are solicited in May in cooperation with the Post Office and again before Christmas. The Township also provides additional financial support, for those in need, who qualify for assistance.

Helen Rothman, Senior Center Liaison



THE HIGHLAND PARK SENIOR CENTER

54 LAUREL AVENUE (847) 432-4110
CITY WEBSITE: WWW.CITYHPIL.COM

HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY
8 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Targeting adults 50+ with Education, Recreation, Enrichment Programming, and Support Services

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

Member registration begins December 21 / Non-member registration begins December 28

Rise & Shine Humanities Series

Highland Park Public Library

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

Free & Open to the General Public

(No advance registration required)

Presented by Highland Park Senior Center & Highland Park Public Library

January 12 ***Violet Jessop: Titanic Survivor***

Experience the unforgettable story of Titanic survivor Violet Jessop, a stewardess of the ship. Leslie Goddard, educator, author and historian, returns with another of her unforgettable stories, and offers a glimpse of life behind the scenes on the most most glamorous luxury liner of the day.

January 19 ***And They Came to Chicago: The Italian American Legacy*** ***With a special Italian lunch following the presentation.***

Reservations required for lunch: \$5 Call (847) 432-4110

Capture this new documentary tracing the history of Italians in Chicago from 1850 to the present, and meet local award-winning writer, producer and director Gia Marie Amella, Executive Producer. The documentary combines archival footage, photographs and oral history records, interviews with noted historians, community activists, civic leaders, residents of Chicagoland's Italian colonies, and present-day footage of their cultural practices and customs. Buffet lunch follows program, at the Library, featuring stuffed pasta shells with marinara sauce, green salad, garlic bread, cookie.

February 9 ***Meet Rick Kogan & Charles Osgood***

Discovering the curiosities and people that make up Chicago has been a specialty of Rick Kogan for many years. Through his weekly column, and Chuck's photos in the Sunday Chicago Tribune, they acquaint their public with destinations that might otherwise remain a mystery to most.

February 23 ***22 Years from Home: Film Screening***

Kuek Garang, one of the 27,000 Lost Boys of Sudan, was separated from his family at six years of age as a result of Sudan's Civil War. After walking for thousands of miles and surviving hunger, disease, wild animals, and years in refugee camps, Kuek arrived in Chicago 15 years later. At 28, Kuek discovered that his family survived Sudan's Civil War. The film is the story of his joyous return home. Producer/director Malachi Leopold introduces the film and discusses how he became involved in the project.

Sponsored by Sunrise Assisted Living

ACTIVITIES

New Year's Eve Luncheon Bluegrass Restaurant

1636 Old Deerfield Road - Highland Park

Friday, December 31

11:45 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Fee: \$25 / NM: \$35

Ring in the New Year ... and share in a champagne countdown to 12 noon. Each participant will receive a party hat and noise maker. Lunch Includes: warm bread and their famous cinnamon honey butter, calamari appetizer, Bluegrass salad, entrée choice of: tilapia, BBQ pork ribs, fresh tomato basil rigatoni (vegetarian / kosher), chocolate chunk bread pudding, coffee, tea or soda. During lunch, you will enjoy live background music by keyboard player Steve Burke. When registering, please indicate your choice of entrée. Please register by Monday, December 27; doors open at 11:30 a.m.

Froggy's Lunch Outing

306 Green Bay Road - Highland

Friday, January 21

11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$22 / NM: \$32

Froggy's was founded in the summer of 1980 by co-founder Chef Thierry Lefevre, and their regional French cuisine consistently lures foodies to the North Shore. Lunch includes soup or salad, your choice of entree with sides, chocolate mousse cake for dessert, and beverage. When registering, please indicate your entree choice of crab cakes, tilapia almondine, or chicken coq au vin. Please register by Mon., Jan. 17.

Valentine's Day Luncheon

Whitehall of Deerfield

Sunday, February 13

12 - 2 p.m.

Fee: \$5, for members only

Celebrate Valentine's Day with friends, both old and new! Whitehall of Deerfield welcomes you to experience the flair of elegance with the comforts of a hotel getaway. You will enjoy a delicious lunch, followed by fantastic entertainment. Whitehall will generously donate all registration fees back to the Highland Park Senior Center. Please register by Wednesday, February 16.

CLASSES

Advanced Bridge Class

Thursdays, January 13 - February 24 (7 weeks)

10 a.m. - 12 noon

Fee: \$44 / NM: \$54

Thursdays, March 10 - May 12 (10 weeks)

10 a.m. - 12 noon

Fee: \$60 / NM: \$75

This new class is designed to give advanced players the opportunity to improve their game in the areas of bidding, playing and defending. Instructor Bob Burke will begin each lesson with a lecture, followed by supervised play of pre-set hands related to the presented topic. Come by yourself, with a partner, or bring your own foursome and enjoy this great opportunity to improve your game.

Ceramics

Tuesdays, January 11 - February 22 (7 weeks)

1 - 3 p.m.

Fee: \$39 / NM: \$49

Tuesdays, March 8 - April 12 (6 weeks)

1 - 3 p.m.

Fee: \$33 / NM: \$43

Brown Bag Lunch: 12 - 1 p.m.

Ceramics provides a great opportunity to unleash the hidden artist within. Participants purchase pre-molded and fired pieces called bisque, which they decorate using a variety of painting, stenciling, and sponging techniques. Pieces are fired on site, resulting in a beautiful finished product.

Gentle Tai Chi

Wednesdays, January 12 - February 23 (7 weeks)

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Fee: \$39 / NM: \$49

Wednesdays, March 9 - April 13 (6 weeks)

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Fee: \$33 / NM: \$43

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. Students may participate while seated or standing. Level 1 / 2

Drop-In Activities for Members:

Mah Jongg

Thursdays, 1 - 3 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge

Mondays, 12:30 - 3 p.m.

Yiddish Conversation

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

Chess

Fridays, 1 - 4 p.m.

Monday Speaker Series

Highland Park Police Department

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Free; for members only

January 3 Operas in Pop Culture

Gilbert and Sullivan are featured in this original lecture by Bob Levi, as he describes the concept that opera music is everywhere. You will be amazed at his discoveries!

January 10 Operation Lifesaver

Train tracks can be the site of excitement, convenience, and occasionally disaster. Learn about the many government agencies and safety organizations working to prevent collisions, deaths and injuries at rail crossings and on railroad rights of way.

January 24 Sensational San Francisco

Experience the city by the bay as you have never seen it before, with Bill Helmuth. His exceptional slides will take you on a sailboat ride around the harbor, to the Muir Woods, and the USS Hornet, from WWII.

January 31 The Glass Room

The Glass Room is a novel of ideas, yet strongly propelled by plot and characterised by an almost dreamlike simplicity of telling. Elise Barack brings this book to life, featuring writing that has been described as occasional moments of illuminating brilliance.

February 7 Maurice Chevalier: French Charm

Maurice Chevalier left an impoverished childhood behind to become the highest paid French performer ever. Susan Benjamin showcases his talents in this musical biography.

February 14 The Joys of Continuing Education

A passion for learning is what excites the mind and keeps the blood flowing, providing growth and connection throughout life. Fred Lutz shares his journey and provides inspiration; learn his story.

Sponsored by Whitehall of Deerfield HealthCare Center

Life and Legacy: Martin Luther King, Jr.

Highland Park Country Club

Monday, January 17

9 a.m.

Honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at this special presentation by Donna Horwitz.

9 to 5: The Musical Bank of America Theatre
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.

Hair Ford Theater
Wednesday, March 16 Fee: \$114 /NM: \$124
 Motorcoach departs Toys R Us at 12:15 p.m. and returns at approximately 5:45 p.m.

Tony Award® Winner! Best Musical Revival. The first great rock musical, it has some of the most rousing and soulful songs ever written for the stage, including "Let the Sun Shine In," "Good Morning Starshine," "Aquarius" and the infectious title song, "Hair."

Aida Drury Lane Theater
Wednesday, April 13 Fee: \$65 /NM: \$75
 Motorcoach departs Toys R Us at 10:15 a.m. and returns at approximately 5:15 p.m.

AIDA is a sweeping tale of conflicting loyalties and star-crossed lovers with an exhilarating pop-rock score by Elton John and Tim Rice. AIDA is the winner of four Tony Awards, including Best Original Score, and a Grammy Award. Lunch is served prior to the performance; entree choices are: baked salmon or prime rib of beef.

Working Broadway Playhouse
Musical Based on Studs Terkel's Book
Wednesday, May 4 Fee: \$92 /NM: \$102
 Motorcoach departs Toys R Us at 12:15 p.m. and returns at approximately 5:45 p.m.

WORKING is a vital new musical based on the book by Pulitzer Prize winning author and Chicago's own Studs Terkel.

Registration and Refund Policies

- Payment is due at time of registration.
- If you must cancel, refunds will be issued ONLY if the registration fills and a replacement can be found.
- All refunds will be issued after the activity is completed; a \$5 processing fee will be charged.

Make Senior Center Membership Your Priority in 2011

Learn about upcoming programs, trips, classes, and a full schedule of activities in the *Shorelines* newsletter. *Shorelines* will be printed and mailed to members three times per year, beginning in January 2011.

Membership fee: \$25 Individual / \$35 Couple for Highland Park Residents
\$35 / \$45 for NR Members

Free Programs for Members include:

- Outstanding lectures
- Musical performances
- Movies
- Special interest groups including:
 - Weekly Current Events
 - Yiddish Conversation
 - Mah Jongg
 - Men's Discussion Group
 - Chess
 - Cable TV Production
 - Duplicate Bridge
 - Knitting Group

Full range of Social Service Support:

- Individual Counseling
- Support Groups
- Medical Loan Closet
- Daily Telephone Reassurance

Daytime Excursions:

- Local Theatre Productions
- Featured tours of local points of interest

Classes:

- Exercise: Tai Chi, Zumba, Yoga, Sit & Be Fit, Cardio & Strength
- Art: Ceramics, Painting, Jewelry Making
- Cards: Bridge, Canasta
- Driver Safety

Please call (847) 432 - 4110 for information on becoming a member, and for a building tour.

Support for Parents and Siblings with Dependent Adult Family Members

Thursdays, January 13 & February 10

10 - 11:30 a.m.

Free

This drop-in program is open to older adults experiencing concern about their adult children or siblings concerned about a brother or sister who remains dependent as a result of unemployment, substance abuse, emotional struggles, physical disability, financial challenges, or an inability to achieve personal growth. Facilitated by Paula Cyphers, and Lois Silverstein.

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.

Medical Equipment Lending Closet

Senior Center members and Highland Park residents may borrow equipment, including wheel chairs, walkers, and bath benches, at no charge, for an unlimited amount of time. Please call for availability of any equipment you may need.

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



Meetings: City Website a Resource for Residents

City Code Violation Reporting

Questions were also raised regarding how to report suspected City Code violations with respect to property maintenance. Residents who wish to report a suspected violation of City Code may contact the Community Development Department at (847) 432-0808.

Information Available Online

While the neighborhood meetings provided an opportunity to share information, the City's website contains many resources and information for residents, including:

- Contact information for the Mayor and Members of the City Council
- Online payment water bills
- Pothole reporting
- Information on City finances
- City Council and City Commission meeting dates and agendas
- Information on the City's Master Plan and planning districts

Also, in spring 2011 the City will debut a redesigned website that will improve access to City information and enhance overall communication with the community. For additional information, please contact Brian Bourdeau in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1043/bbourdeau@cityhpil.com.



On November 8, the City Council recognized six business owners with the Business and Economic Development's Beautification Award. This Award recognizes local commercial properties that have successfully integrated aesthetics, consistency, and the environment within the community. The following businesses were recognized: In the Retail Category, Citywoods; in the Restaurant Category, Vibe at 1935; in the Service Category, North Shore Shell; in the Auto Dealership Category, Gregory Hyundai; and in the Office/Apartment/Condominium Category, Ravinia Crossing Condominiums. A Special Recognition Award was given to property owner Larry Hillman for enhancing landscaping on the south side of the 600 block of Central Avenue. Beautification Work Group Chairman Steve Hamel was also recognized for his efforts.