

THE HIGHLANDER



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Residents Give High Marks to Highland Park

According to the results of a survey conducted by the National Research Center, Inc. (NRC), 95 percent of Highland Park residents reported that the overall quality of life in Highland Park is “excellent” or “good.” The National Citizen Survey is a collaborative effort between the NRC and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), with more than 500 communities participating in the survey.

In May, the survey was mailed to 1,200 randomly selected residents in Highland Park. The survey queried residents’ opinions as to the quality of services provided in Highland Park. In addition, the survey assessed use of the amenities of the community and involvement by respondents in the civic and economic life of Highland Park. Completed surveys were mailed directly to the NRC in Boulder, Colorado, where the data were analyzed.

Notable survey results from respondents include:

- 96% rated the cleanliness of Highland Park as “excellent” or “good”
- 94% were “very” or “somewhat” likely to recommend living

in Highland Park

- 95% rated the overall quality of life in Highland Park as “excellent” or “good”
- 96% rated Highland Park as an “excellent” or “good” place to live

Highland Park residents responded in impressive numbers. Typically the NRC receives completed surveys from only 25 to 40 percent of those who receive them, but the NRC received a high response rate of 41 percent from Highland Park residents. A strong response rate is extremely important as it increases the confidence that the respondents’ opinions reflect those of the community as a whole. The City also conducted the same survey in 2002, 2005 and 2008.

City staff will continue to review the responses to the 2012 citizen survey in the next few months. The City Council and staff will use the results to guide future efforts in the community. For more information, please contact Emily Palm, Assistant to the City Manager, at (847) 926-1004/epalm@cityhpil.com.

Neighborhood Meetings Wrap Up This Month

The City of Highland Park’s series of neighborhood meetings concludes this month with two additional meetings remaining. The meetings are part of an ongoing effort to share information concerning current objectives of the City government with the community and to engage other units of local government. Residents will have an opportunity to conduct a dialogue with the Mayor, members of the City Council and the City Manager. A total of seven meetings were held this Fall throughout the City. Residents are invited to attend any neighborhood meeting of their choosing regardless of location. The remaining neighborhood meeting schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, October 16: 7:00 p.m.; Ravines Condominium Complex (Ft. Sheridan Neighborhood)
- Tuesday, October 30: 7:00 p.m.; Sherwood School, 1900 Stratford Road

For more information, please contact Luke Banaszak in the City Manager’s Office at (847) 926-1030/lbanaszak@cityhpil.com.

Register for the GreenTown Conference October 17-19 in Highland Park! Please visit www.greentownconference.com for complete information on the week’s activities.

'HIGH' NOTES

Trick-or-Treat Hours Announced; Halloween Festivities Commence

This year, trick-or-treat hours will be held on Wednesday, October 31, from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please contact the Police Department for more information at (847) 432-7730. Additionally, the Downtown Highland Park Alliance is sponsoring a trick-or-treat event in downtown Highland Park on Thursday, October 25, for adults and children from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in downtown shops. Port Clinton Square will also host a number of activities on October 25 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. From mini train rides to hay rides and pony rides, children will delight in the vast array of unique, interactive activities. From 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., visit Michael's Rockin' Red Hot Haunted House at Michael's Restaurant, 1879 2nd Street. Activities are also being planned throughout the Downtown Highland Park area, including a popcorn cart at Sunset Foods. For more details, visit the Downtown Highland Park Alliance website at www.downtownhnp.com.

Veterans Day Information

City offices will be closed on Monday, November 12, in observance of Veterans Day. Residents may call the Public Safety Switchboard at (847) 432-7730 if assistance is required. Additionally, American Legion Post #145, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4737 and the Jewish War Veterans organization will host a Veterans Day ceremony on November 12 at 11:00 a.m. at Memorial Park (Laurel and Prospect Avenues). The ceremony will be held rain or shine. For more information, please contact Jennifer Dotson in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1006/jdotsen@cityhpil.com.

Holiday Lighting Event to Illuminate the CBD on November 17

The holidays are just around the corner and so are events in Downtown Highland Park that will help you enjoy the season to its fullest. The City's annual holiday lighting event is

on Saturday, November 17, at Port Clinton Square, 600 Central Avenue. The event will include carolers, refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus. For more information, please contact Luke Banaszak in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1030/lbanaszak@cityhpil.com.

SWALCO Hosting Household Chemical Recycling Events

The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) will host household chemical waste collection events on Monday, October 22, at its facility, 1131 N. Estes Street, Gurnee. To register for an appointment to drop off materials, please visit www.swalco.org/collectionevents/householdwastecollectionevents. A mobile residential collection event will be held in Mundelein on Saturday, November 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Metra train station, 205 N. Archer Avenue. For more information, visit www.swalco.org or contact SWALCO at (847) 336-9340.

Vehicle Sticker and Dog License Expiration Notice

City of Highland Park vehicle stickers and dog licenses for the 2012-2013 license year must be displayed by October 1, 2012. A late fee of \$10 will be applied to all vehicle sticker purchases made after October 1, 2012. Residents failing to display a current vehicle sticker may be subject to a fine of \$50. For more information, please contact the Finance Department at (847) 432-0800/finance@cityhpil.com.

Interested in Serving on a City Commission?

The Mayor and City Council are preparing to appoint new residents to City commissions for terms beginning January 2013. Please visit the City's website at www.cityhpil.com/boardsandcommissions to view a list of the various City commissions, the goals and responsibilities of each commission, and what is required to volunteer.

For more information and to apply, contact DeVona Gaynor in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1008/dgaynor@cityhpil.com.

CPAH Hosts Affordable Housing Information Sessions

Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) is a non-profit that provides affordable housing opportunities for low-and-moderate income households. CPAH buys homes, which are then rehabbed and sold at an affordable price (below market value) to local qualified households. To find out more about the program, please attend one of the following information sessions:

Saturday, October 27, at 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m.

All sessions are held at CPAH's office, 400 Central, Suite 111, Highland Park. For more information or to register for a session, please contact Amy Kaufman at akaufman@cpahousing.org. More information is available at www.cpahousing.org.

Budget Workshop Schedule

The City has scheduled a budget workshop on October 22 at 4:00 p.m. that will be held in the City Hall Pre-Session Conference Room, 1707 St. Johns Avenue. To view the proposed budget, visit www.cityhpil.com/annualbudget. Download City Council and workshop meeting agenda packets at www.cityhpil.com/citycouncilagendapacket. For more information, please contact the Finance Department at (847) 432-0800/finance@cityhpil.com.



Use this QR code to view the 2013 proposed budget.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Message from the City Council

Featuring Mayor Pro Tem Steve Mandel



Highland Park is at the top of the national list of communities that share the high value of our natural environment and the importance of providing strong and effective leadership on sustainability. We have strived to provide the best water by upgrading our production plant, promoting clean air clean to breathe by using hybrid autos, and to reduce toxins in our environment by providing safe and convenient disposal opportunities for household chemical waste, and full-service recycling to our residents.

Our sustainability initiatives plan, which was adopted in 2010 and further prioritized just this year, has given us a foundation to maximize the production of our sustainability action items. We have created a revenue stream from our solid waste contracts that will be funding more sustainability projects. A sustainability coordinator for the City of Highland Park will provide policy leadership to the Mayor and City Council, outreach and interaction throughout our community, and a culture modification within our governments to push our planning documents into action.

Government providing a leadership role in promoting sustainability is only a small part of what it will take to change our current culture of not maximizing the use of dollars, energy and limited resources. Citizens need to engage directly in the sustainability process to experiment with new methodologies and practices to ensure better results. These attempts will not be without some failure but we can find better ways to live our lives and success can be in our future if we all participate.

When I bought my all electric (no gas engine) car in March, I was surprised to hear how most people did not understand the real beauty of this new technology. Responses from most citizens were that it was pretty cool but they would not buy one because of the fear of how it would change their lives! Well, after 6 months of travels in my all electric car, the only fear you need to have is of fear itself. With rebates, the cost is under \$30,000, I get the equivalent of 200-300 mpg in fuel cost, it does not promote importing of foreign oil, it has ZERO emissions and doesn't pollute our air, the range allows me to go to Chicago with a few stops along the way on one charge, and I have only had to charge it once away from my home. Please look into this new technology and join me in leading by example.

Pay as you throw garbage collection (sticker program) has been available to Highland Park residents since the 1990's yet only half of us take advantage of this sticker program. While my wife Linda and I are empty nesters, we produce about two cans per month at the current price of \$2.42/sticker. Along with the annual base service fee that comes to under \$10/month. With use of the unlimited recycling 96-gallon rolling cart, you will save money by using the sticker program if you can limit yourself to one 33-gallon can a week or less. I encourage you to look into the sticker program, challenge yourself to produce less garbage going into the landfill and save money!

Electronics, Styrofoam, household batteries and fluorescents can be dropped off at our public services campus on 1180 Half Day Road on Tuesday and Friday from 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Please take advantage of this great opportunity and participate. As of January 2012 it became illegal to throw electronics in the garbage and must be recycled. The welcoming smile of Dennis at our public services recycling drop-off site will be there to help you unload your recyclables.

Highland Park leads the way in providing opportunities for YOU to participate in our sustainability initiatives but needs YOU to continue to make progress. Please participate and reach out to me with your thoughts on sustainability. I can be reached at steve-mandel@comcast.net or at home at (847) 831-0373.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

COMMUNITY NEWS

2012 General Election Registration and Voting Information

Important Dates for 2012 General Election:

- Grace Period Registration: October 10-November 3 (Lake County Central Permit Facility, 500 W. Winchester Rd., Libertyville)
- Voting by Mail: September 27 - November 1
- Early Voting: October 22 - November 3
- General Election: November 6

Grace Period Registration

Residents need to be registered to vote in the November 6 General Election. Registration at your municipality or township office closed on October 9. Grace period registration is available to those who have changed their name or address and did not register by the close of registration. Grace period applicants must appear in person at the Lake County Central Permit Facility, 500 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville Campus, present two forms of valid identification, and vote at the time of their registration. For more voter registration information, contact the Lake County Clerk voter registration department at VoterRegistration@lakecountyl.gov or call (847) 377-2410.

Early Voting: October 22 through November 3

Any registered voter may choose to vote early and is required to present valid, government-issued identification containing their photograph. Most Highland Park voters will vote at the Lake County North Shore Health Center, 1840 Green Bay Road, (847) 984-5323; Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. To confirm your early voting site, visit www.LakeVoterPower.info or call (847) 377-2410.

Vote by Mail

Any registered voter may choose to vote by mail. Illinois law requires voters to complete a separate request for ballot form for each election before a ballot can be mailed. To complete an application online, confirm voter registration status at www.LakeVoterPower.info and click on the “Request a Ballot by Mail” tab. Print the form, sign, date and mail to the Lake County Clerk’s office.

Completing the application online and mailing to the County eliminates one mailing step and speeds up delivery of your ballot. Applications may also be requested by contracting the Voting by Mail department via e-mail at VotingByMail@lakecounty.gov or by calling (847) 377-2406. Voters can visit www.LakeVoterPower.info to track the County Clerk’s receipt of their voted ballot.

Certificates of Voter Registration

Often called “Voter ID” or “Registration Cards,” Certificates of Voter Registration were mailed to all registered Lake County voters in September 2011. These reflect new precinct boundaries and polling places and list Federal, State and County districts, new precinct, and voting site location. Your new card also includes a QR code to link smart devices directly to the Lake County Voter Power web page for elections information. If you misplaced or did not receive your card, you may print your card online at VoterRegistration@lakecountyl.gov, or call (847) 377-2410 to request a replacement.

Online Voter Resource

Visit www.LakeVoterPower.info to confirm your registration status and to view all your personalized election information:

- Sample ballot
- Download a form to request a ballot by mail
- Track County Clerk’s receipt of your voted ballot, if voting by mail
- Election Day and early voting sites including driving directions and picture
- New districts effective on your November 2012 election ballot
- Current elected officials and contact information

For more voter or election information, visit www.LakeCountyClerk.info, contact the County Clerk’s Elections department at Elections@lakecountyl.gov or call (847) 377-2314.

Monthly Business Report

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

New Businesses

Madame Zuzu’s Teahouse
582 Roger Williams Avenue
Tea, Coffee, Treats and Music
www.madamezuzus.com

Piano For Everyone
485 Roger Williams Avenue
(847) 681-8393
Pianos, Music, Books and Piano Accessories

Cahootz Apparel
1870 Sheridan Road
(847) 926-7385
Clothing and Accessories Retailer

New Address
AT&T Mobility
59 Skokie Valley Road
(847) 579-9023
Full Service Wireless Provider

Student Parking Permit Information

The City Council approved a Student Parking Permit (S Permit) at the August 27 City Council meeting. The S Permit is good between September 1 and June 30 and costs \$180. Students may park in any available space (except handicapped) in the 1987 Second Street Lot or in one of the 15 designated spaces in the St. Johns North Lot (entrance at Park Avenue and St. Johns). There are only a limited number of permits available and these will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. In keeping with the High School’s requirements for student drivers, students must have completed the “Alive at 25” program to purchase the S-permit. For more information, please contact Jennifer Dotson in the City Manager’s Office at (847) 926-1004/jdotson@cityhpil.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

City Council Approves Bike-Walk 2030 Plan

On September 10, the City Council unanimously adopted an ordinance to incorporate Bike-Walk HP 2030 into the City's Master Plan. Bike-Walk HP 2030 combines a Complete Streets Policy and a Non-Motorized Transportation Plan into one document with the overall goal of increasing enjoyment, safety, and access for both walkers and bicyclists in Highland Park. The Plan proposes that over an 18-year time frame the City will develop signed bicycle routes, and improve selected City streets with designated bicycle lanes and shared lanes. In addition, the City will improve the pedestrian system throughout the community by completing disconnected sidewalks and improving intersections in order to increase pedestrian safety. The City will also work to improve resident access to the Pace bus system and Metra commuter rail.

The goals of Bike-Walk HP 2030 not only focus on recreational walking and biking, but also encourage more residents to walk or bike for practical reasons such as going to work, school and shopping. One main component of Bike-Walk HP 2030 is a Complete Streets Policy. This affirms that the City will develop and manage its public streets to safely accommodate users of all ages and abilities including pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders and motorists. In this way, when the City plans for roadway improvements such as a repaving project, not only will the needs of motorists be considered, but so will the needs of cyclists through incorporation of signage and bicycle lane markings as appropriate. Pedestrians will also be accommodated with sidewalk and street crossing improvements.

Bike-Walk HP 2030 recommends elevating future bicycle and pedestrian improvements to the same level of importance as other infrastructure projects in the Capital Improvement Plan. Each year the City Council will have the opportunity to direct specific

Plan-related improvement projects for implementation by the City.

Bike-Walk HP 2030 has been in development for over a year and reflects the input of the Transportation, Natural Resources and Plan Commission members, community residents, cycling and walking advocacy groups, and City staff, including the Police, Community Development and Public Works Departments. The Plan identifies initial projects for the first five years of implementation. These projects were selected to get the Plan off to a quick start and engage community support for implementation of the Plan over its 18-year timeframe. The initial projects will provide the City of Highland Park an opportunity to implement and evaluate different kinds of facility improvements on varying street types. For more information, contact Lee Smith, City Planner, at (847) 926-1612/lsmith@cityhpil.com.



An example of typical shared roadway pavement markings called "sharrows."

Central District Plan and Community Open House

The Central District Planning and Urban Design study project is underway with a consultant team composed of land use, zoning and transportation firms engaged in developing plans for the future of downtown Highland Park. The project is a joint initiative of the City of Highland Park and the Downtown Property Owners' Association (POA). This work is a follow-up to the visioning process for the central district that was conducted in 2010 and 2011. As part of the work, the consultant team, led by The Lakota Group, has completed a State of the Central District Report which addresses current conditions, land use issues and provides preliminary observations that will drive the next phase of the program, that being developing recommendations for a range of future downtown development scenarios.

A community open house will be held on Thursday, October 25, at 7:00 p.m. at the Highland Park Community House, 1991 Sheridan Road. The open house will feature a presentation from the consultant team and opportunities for the public to react to and give input on the future downtown development scenarios. The focus of the planning study is the areas north (of Elm Place) and west (of Green Bay Road) of the central business district, which are zoned B4 Service Commercial, but no areas of the central district have been excluded from the planning process. One goal of the planning study is to explore how to better utilize these areas for increased residential development.

The following websites outline the research of the consulting team and can provide additional information: www.thelakotagroup.com/highlandpark/execSummary.pdf and www.thelakotagroup.com/highlandpark/sodReport.pdf.

For more information, contact Lee Smith, City Planner, at (847) 926-1612/lsmith@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. 15	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 16	Ravinia Festival Relations	6:30 p.m.
	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 18	Firefighters Pension Fund (1130 Central Avenue)	4:00 p.m.
	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 22	Committee of the Whole	4:30 p.m.
	City Council	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 23	Business and Econ. Development	6:00 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 24	Transportation Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 1	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 5	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 6	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 7	Housing Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 8	Historic Preservation	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 13	Committee of the Whole	4:30 p.m.
	City Council	7:30 p.m.
	Library Board of Trustees (494 Laurel Avenue)	7:15 p.m.
	Cultural Arts Commission	7:30 p.m.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The Highland Park Public Library presents free literary and cultural programs. Registration for certain programs may be required as noted. The Library is located at 494 Laurel Avenue. For more information, call (847) 432-0216 or visit www.hplibrary.org. The library will open at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 7.

Halloween Railroad, Saturday, October 27, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. All Ages. The railroad is back by popular demand! Model trains run through Spookytown. Great for Halloween and great for model train enthusiasts. Some visitors will even be able to "drive a train" and earn their "NCOG Honorary Jr. Operating Engineer" certificate. For Thomas fans, there will also be a separate Thomas the Tank Engine run! Presented by North Central O'Gaugers Model Railroad Club.

Othello, The Moor of Venice, Sunday, October 28, 2:00 p.m. Equity actors from the Shakespeare Project of Chicago present a theatrical reading of one of Shakespeare's greatest tragedies – the timeless story of the noble Moor whose love for Desdemona is undone by Iago's treachery and Othello's jealousy. A discussion with the actors follows. Sponsored by the Friends of the Highland Park Public Library.

Meet The Authors: Dan Gutman, Jon Scieszka, and Jeramey Kraatz, Tuesday, October 30, 6:30 p.m. Bestselling and popular authors Dan Gutman and Jon Scieszka and new author Jeramey Kraatz will talk about their books. Passes are available without book pre-purchase beginning October 16 at www.kidsevents.org. Print out passes to bring to event. Note: This event held at Elm Place Middle School, 2031 N. Sheridan Road. Presented with Elm Place Middle School and Lake Forest Book Store.

Get Tech Savvy, Saturday, November 3, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Not sure how to send a text message or how to access voicemail on your cell phone? Bring your electronic devices and your questions. Drop by and meet with a member of the Library's teen tech-savvy team from Highland Park High School's computer club for one-on-one guidance.

CULTURAL ARTS EVENTS

HP Players: 42nd Street Through October 27 Call For Information	Northbrook Theatre 3323 Walters Avenue (847) 926-3025	Van Bergen House Tour October 21, \$35 Noon - 4:00 p.m.	HP Historical Society 326 Central Avenue (847) 432-7090
Voices and Visions Through November 10 Call For Information	The Art Center 1957 Sheridan Road (847) 432-1888	HP Pilgrim Chamber Players October 28, \$8-\$20 3:00 p.m.	HP Community House 1991 Sheridan Road (847) 433-0992
HP Comm. Associates of Art Institute: Pilsen Tour October 17 9:00 a.m., \$57-\$72	Meet at Hidden Creek Aqua Park 1220 Fredrickson Place (847) 432-2713	Fugitive Songs in Concert Nov. 2-11, \$25 Fri and Sat @ 8:00 p.m.	The Music Theatre Co. 1850 Green Bay Road (847) 579-4900
Stories in the Woods October 18, \$10 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Heller Nature Center 2821 Ridge Road (847) 433-6901	Thanksgiving Crafts Nov. 6 & 12, \$35-\$45 10:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m.	The Art Center 1957 Sheridan Road (847) 432-1888
Music at the Fort October 20 7:00 p.m.	MYA Center-Highwood 878 Lyster Road (847) 926-9898	HP Poetry Open Mic November 9, Free 8:00 p.m.	The Art Center 1957 Sheridan Road (847) 926-1006

YOUTH & SENIOR SERVICES

Youth Services

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

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

Senior Services

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

You Saw It Then, But Have You Seen It Lately?

Parents, if you didn't have a chance to stop by our table at the Middle School Open Houses on September 20, we invite you and your middle school children to visit the Firehouse Youth Center; one of Highland Park's "hidden" treasures. Before 1976, anyone driving down Green Bay Road could see the old Highland Park Fire Station to the immediate north of Sunset Foods. Driving by today, it is no longer there. In the late 1970's, the City of Highland Park built a new Fire Station at the north-west corner of Laurel and Green Bay to accommodate the larger, more modern fire fighting equipment we are familiar with today. Visionaries in the community saw the opportunity to re-purpose the building as a safe place for young people to spend time having fun with friends.

Take a look at the building and try to imagine it being moved a few hundred yards west to its current location at 1830 Green Bay Road. Come see our history wall displaying photographs and newspaper clippings of the building as it was moved.

Entering our front doors, you will be greeted by our friendly staff, see our lounge area and selection of many popular games. Our three-level building offers a study room on the upper level and a game room on the lower level, complete with retro arcade games as well as pool tables, ping pong, air hockey, and foosball, to name a few. If you have a child currently enrolled in middle school, have an elementary school student looking for future resources, or are a Highland Park resident curious to see our facility, we welcome you to stop by. We are open every day after school from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. For more information, please call (847) 433-3090.

In the event of North Shore School District 112 schools being closed due to contract negotiations, please refer to www.nssd112.org for options available to your child, including the Firehouse.



Fall Harvest Dinner Dance

The Art Center Highland Park
Wednesday, November 7, 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Fee: \$10/Non-Members: \$20

Advanced registration required; please call (847) 432-4110

Put on your dancing shoes and enjoy a fun-filled evening out. The Art Center Highland Park is a beautiful venue and will feature a juried art show entitled Voices and Visions. Dance the night away to the sounds of a fabulous live band featuring music from throughout the decades. No need to have a partner - the music will be well suited for singles, couples and groups. The event includes a light buffet dinner featuring a delicious chicken entree, green beans almondine, roasted potatoes, a mini-sweet table for dessert, and coffee. A cash bar will feature soda, beer and wine. Seating is limited; please register early. Doors open at 5:15 p.m.

Lunch and Learn Nature Workshops

Sponsored by Freedom Home Care
Heller Nature Center

Fridays, Noon - 2:00 p.m.; Fee: \$10/Non-Members: \$15

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

October 19 Incredible Bats

Meet Daniel Peterson and his incredible bats! Daniel will set us straight on bat facts and fiction, tell us amazing things about these fascinating flying mammals and even bring with him one or two types of fruit bats for us to hold and take pictures with.

November 9 Ravine Geology

Come hear the epic tale of how the Highland Park ravines began forming thousands of years ago and learn how they are still growing and changing today! Talk about the plants and animals that call these unique habitats home and what the Park District is doing to restore them to help increase native Lake Michigan fish populations.

The Odd Couple at Northlight and Lunch at Jameson's Charhouse

Northlight Theatre, Skokie

Wednesday, December 5; Fee: \$90/Non-Members: \$100

Bus departs Toys R Us at 11:00 a.m. Bus returns approx. 3:30 p.m.

George Wendt (from Cheers) and Tim Kazurinsky (from Saturday Night Live) star as famously mismatched roommates, Oscar and Felix. When recently failed marriages force slovenly Oscar to share an apartment with fastidious Felix, the pair must determine whether their differences are irreconcilable. This beloved comedy by Neil Simon is both surprisingly poignant and side-splittingly funny. Prior to the show, enjoy lunch adjacent to the theater at Jameson's Charhouse.

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Halloween Safety is No Trick

With trick-or-treaters soon descending on our neighborhoods, the Highland Park Police Department offers the following safety guidelines to help prepare children for a safe and enjoyable Halloween night. This year’s trick-or-treating hours will be held on Wednesday, October 31, from 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Please review these safety guidelines with your adventurers to ensure a safe evening:

- Walk on the sidewalk, not in the street;
- Look both ways and listen before crossing the street at designated crosswalks;
- Do not hide or cross the street between parked cars;
- Wear light-colored or reflective clothing and affix reflective tape on costumes or treat bags;
- Carry a flashlight with new batteries;
- Visit homes that have on inside and outside lights;
- Accept treats at the door and never go into a home;
- Use face paint rather than masks or costumes that will cover eyes;
- Always have an adult inspect candy before eating; do not eat candy if the package is already opened;
- Teach children how to obtain help or call 9-1-1 if they have an emergency or become lost;
- Discuss appropriate behavior at Halloween time;
- Stay in a group and communicate to an adult the intended route;
- If possible, carry a cellular telephone to report emergencies or suspicious activities.

For your reference, the Illinois State Police maintains a database of registered sex offenders in Illinois. The public can access this database by going to the website www.isp.state.il.us/sor. To use the site, agree to the terms by selecting “I Agree” and enter the zip code “60035” for a complete listing of registered sex offenders in Highland Park. As always, staff encourages community assistance in observing and reporting any suspicious or unlawful activity. For more information, please contact the Police Department at (847) 432-7730.

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