

THE HIGHLANDER



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City Ordinance Requires Use of Hands-Free Device While Driving

As a reminder to all Highland Park residents, the City Council amended the Distracted Driving Ordinance last year to require all motorists driving in Highland Park to utilize cellular devices in a hands-free mode while operating a vehicle. The amended Distracted Driving Ordinance requires that:

- No person shall drive a motor vehicle while using any wireless, mobile, cellular, analog wireless or digital telephone, personal data assistant or electronic communication device.
- The term “using” includes without limitation, talking or listening to another person on the telephone; text messaging; sending, reading or listening to an electronic message; and browsing the Internet.

The amended Distracted Driver Ordinance does not apply to the following:

- Law enforcement officers and operators of emergency vehicles when on duty and acting in their official capacities.
- Persons using a telephone with a hands-free device that allows the driver to talk to and listen to the other party on the telephone without the use of the driver’s hands.
- Persons using a telephone, personal data assistant, or electronic communication device for the purpose of contacting or communicating with public safety or other emergency service providers while driving a motor vehicle.
- Persons using a telephone, personal data assistant, or electronic communication device in a motor vehicle that is in a parked position.

Residents are also reminded of existing state laws pertaining to electronic communication devices and wireless telephone use:

- A person may not operate a motor vehicle on the road while using an electronic communication device to compose, send or receive electronic messages
- A person may not use a wireless telephone at anytime while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a school speed zone or on a highway in a construction or maintenance speed zone (unless it is used in a hands-free mode)

During the time period of June 2011 through September 2012, the Police Department addressed approximately 1,300 incidences of handheld cellular phone use while driving. For more information about the City’s hands-free ordinance, please contact Police Sergeant Chris O’Neill at (847) 432-7730/coneill@cityhpil.com. Please visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com for more information on driving in Illinois.

The City has signs posted throughout the community reminding motorists to use handheld devices while driving.



Want to Know What’s in Your Water? Tour the Water Treatment Plant!

The City of Highland Park will offer free guided tours of the George B. Prindle Water Treatment Plant, 10 East Park Avenue, for interested members of the community. These one-hour tours will provide residents an opportunity to learn about the City’s water supply and what it takes to provide a safe and reliable supply of drinking water to more than 60,000 people. Visitors will also be briefed on the City’s plans to upgrade the Water Plant to incorporate state-of-the-art membrane filtration that provides superior water quality and also increases Water Plant treatment capacity by 50%. Tours will be offered at 6:00 p.m. on November 19 and 28. Visitors are encouraged to wear comfortable footwear as these walking tours include stairs. Unfortunately, the Water Plant is not handicap accessible. Due to limited space, advance registration is required. Please visit www.cityhpil.com/wtptour to register. For more information, please contact Don Jensen, Water Plant Superintendent, at (847) 433-4355/djensen@cityhpil.com.

'HIGH' NOTES

City Offices Closed For Thanksgiving

City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 22, and Friday, November 23, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Residents are asked to call the Public Safety switchboard at (847) 432-7730 if assistance is required. Also, please remember that garbage will not be collected on Thursday, November 22. Residents with regular Thursday refuse and recycling collection will receive service on Friday, November 23, and residents with normal Friday collection will receive service on Saturday, November 24. For more information, please contact Veolia Environmental Services at (847) 272-4145.

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 festivities will take place from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 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) 926-1043/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, November 26, and Saturday, December 8, at its facility, 1131 N. Estes Street, Gurnee. To register for an appointment to drop off materials, please visit www.swalco.org/collectionevents/householdwastecollectionevents. For more information, visit www.swalco.org or contact SWALCO at (847) 336-9340.

Celebrate Small Businesses in Downtown HP

The Downtown Highland Park Alliance encourages consumers to make a big impact on small businesses this holiday season. Support local Downtown Highland Park businesses on Saturday, November 24, during "Small Business Saturday." Nestled between Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Small Business Saturday is a day dedicated to celebrating small businesses and their communities. Whether you are shopping for apparel, home furnishings or jewelry, Downtown Highland Park is your one-stop shopping destination for gifts this holiday season. With over 100 retail, service and entertainment businesses, Downtown Highland Park offers a unique, personalized shopping experience. Consumers can take the stress out of their holiday shopping by escaping the crowds at the mall and enjoying a day full of shopping, dining and fun all in Downtown Highland Park!

CPAH Hosts Affordable Housing Information Session

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 the following information session:

Wednesday, December 5, 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.

Mayor's Award for the Arts Winner Announced

The Irina Makkai Classical Ballet and

Dance School has been named the winner of the 2012 Mayor's Award for the Arts. The Cultural Arts Commission selected the Irina Makkai Classical Ballet and Dance School, which was chosen from 8 nominated organizations and individuals. The Mayor's Award for the Arts, which has been bestowed since 1990, is an annual award that recognizes outstanding achievements in the arts in Highland Park. Madame Makkai opened the school in Highland Park in 1984. Over the years, hundreds of students have been trained in various forms of dance. The Irina Makkai Classical Ballet and Dance School offers a range of dance programs. Mayor Rotering will present the award at a student performance of The Nutcracker on Sunday, December 2, at 4:00 p.m. at Elm Place Middle School, 2031 Sheridan Road. The event is open to the public. For more information about the Irina Makkai Classical Ballet and Dance School, visit www.balletmakkai.com.

Filing Dates for City Council Nomination Papers for 2013 Consolidated Election

Filing dates for residents interested in running for City Council in the 2013 Consolidated Election are Monday, November 19, through Monday, November 26, 2012 with the City Clerk at City Hall, in person during normal business hours - weekdays from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or by mail. City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 22, and Friday, November 23, in observance of Thanksgiving. Nomination packets are available in the City Clerk's Office and include a statement of candidacy, nomination petitions, and a statement of economic interests. Three Council positions will be open for nomination in this election. Candidate requirements include one year of residency in Highland Park and being a qualified elector/registered voter. For more information, contact City Clerk Shirley Fitzgerald at (847) 926-1034/sfitzgerald@cityhpil.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Message from the Mayor

Recycle Your Dollar! As we head into the holiday season, let's choose to shop locally, making this choice together and committing to keeping our local businesses and our City budget healthy and strong.

"Shop local" campaigns are springing up everywhere for good reason. They remind us that supporting locally owned businesses is impactful in a number of ways:

- Revenues are raised to support city services
- We create employment opportunities
- Local businesses support our community for necessities, convenience, entertainment, to help our schools and our charities throughout the year
- Vibrant businesses contribute to an exciting city



How much does local business directly impact the bottom line? 41.5% of our general fund budget revenues come from sales tax. These are dollars that fund our police and fire protection, our public works, and youth and senior services, among a myriad of other services that make living here special. These are our core city services that otherwise would need to be funded through property taxes.

Highland Park has nine business districts, each distinct in its offerings and character. Citywide, we boast a very low vacancy rate (as of 10/12, 93% of retail spaced was leased and 88.4% of office space was leased). All year long our property owners work closely with the City of Highland Park Office of Economic Development, established business groups, the Business & Economic Development Commission and the Chamber of Commerce to bring residents a wide variety of retail options, services, restaurants and more.

The businesses in each district thrive because of their efforts, but also because we have made it a priority to recycle our hard earned money right here at home. By doing so, each of us plays an important role in keeping our City vibrant, creating jobs and providing vital tax revenue.

Please visit our various shopping districts. Go to www.cityhpil.com/shoppinganddining for a complete list of the City's retail and restaurant locations. Check out all of the new businesses and visit your old favorites. And keep an eye out for holiday celebrations and specials.

The internet may be convenient, but getting out and supporting our local businesses helps them, helps our community, helps you. Spending money locally is just another way to recycle!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy R. Patton".

Share Your Vision for the Ravinia Business District on December 5

The Ravinia Business District (RBD) streetscape design and identity study is advancing, with efforts led by a team composed of Hitchcock Design Group, Nicholas Associates and Strand Associates. The next step is to gather your feedback at an open house on December 5. Draft streetscape and identity concepts for the RBD were recently presented to the public during an initial open house at Ravinia Festival. The next step in the project is a second open house, which is scheduled for Wednesday, December 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue. At the second open house, the project team will present the concepts that have resulted from public feedback and input from the Advisory Committee. Following this open house, the concepts will be finalized and presented to the City Council for consideration. Residents are welcome to learn more about the project by attending the second open house at City Hall on December 5 at 7:30 p.m. or by visiting the project website at www.hitchcockdesigngroup.com/RaviniaStreetscape.html. For more information, please contact Barbara Cates in the Department of Community Development at (847) 432-0867/bcates@cityhpil.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please Adhere to CBD Customer-Only Parking Ordinance

In January 2007, a customer-only parking ordinance was implemented to restrict employees working in Central Business District (CBD) businesses from parking on-street within the CBD while they are performing services and responsibilities as part of the employee's work for a CBD business. In January of 2011, the customer-only ordinance was amended to include certain designated customer-only City parking lots. The intent of the customer-only parking ordinance is to prevent CBD employees from parking on-street and within certain designated customer-only City parking lots within the CBD while they are working for a CBD business. This practice has displaced customers who intended on patronizing a CBD business and securing convenient on-street parking. The customer-only parking ordinance includes the following City parking lots:

- Second Street South Elm Lot (south of Michael's Chicago Style Red Hots)
- Second Street South Central Lot (north of Harris Bank)
- Renaissance Place Surface Lots (south and east of Saks Fifth Avenue)

Signage is posted at each of the aforementioned City parking lots advising all employees the customer-only parking restrictions. The Police Department continues to receive complaints from businesses, employees and customers reporting customer-only parking violations. Police staff responds to these complaints and makes active efforts to locate and enforce customer-only parking violations. When a violation occurs, staff issues written warnings and/or parking citations and documents the incident. When staff identifies a customer-only parking violation, a warning letter is mailed

to the business and manager of the employee that committed the customer-only violation. Subsequent violations by any employee could result in the business owner and/or manager of the employee being cited and appropriately fined.

The City has several employee parking options in place. Please visit the City website for employee parking information at www.cityhpil.com/parking. The customer-only parking ordinance may be viewed online at www.cityhpil.com/pdf/ordinances/chapter072.pdf. Please assist the City in providing the maximum amount

of parking spaces for CBD customers by adhering to the customer-only parking ordinance. For more information, please contact Traffic Sergeant Chris O'Neill at (847) 432-7730/coneill@cityhpil.com.



The second street south Elm lot is for customer-only parking.

Monthly Business Report

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

New Businesses

Carousel Linen
616 Laurel Avenue
(847) 432-8182
Specialty Linen Rental
www.carouselinen.com

Merlo's
581 Roger Williams
(847) 266-0600
Italian Restaurant
www.merlospasta.com
Salon Alx
610 Central Ave, Suite 152
(847) 433-4780
Hair Salon
Sprout Kids
644 Central Avenue
(847) 780-4827
Children's Apparel Boutique

Library's Used Book Sale: November 15-17

Stock up on gently used books, CDs, DVDs, and books on tape at Highland Park Public Library's used book sale November 15-17. The used book sale, which is run by the Friends of the Library, offers bargains on thousands of gently-used books and more. Prices for books range from \$.25 for paperbacks to \$.50 for most hard covers. The sale runs Thursday, November 15, and Friday, November 16, from 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, November 17, from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The book sale is located in the library's lower level. Admission is free and open to the public. The Highland Park Public Library is located at 494 Laurel Avenue. For more information on the sale, please call (847) 432-0216 or visit www.hplibrary.org.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Accident Reports Now Available Online

Have you recently been involved in a traffic accident and filed a report with the Highland Park Police Department? If so, you and your insurance company may now easily purchase copies of the accident report online.

The Highland Park Police Department has partnered with the vendor Docview to provide easy access to online accident reports. Purchasing a copy of an accident report online only takes a few minutes and eliminates the need to visit the Police Department during normal business hours to obtain a copy. Online transactions can be completed 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

Accident reports are generally available within four to five days after the accident occurred, excluding holidays and weekends. Online reports are provided electronically in a PDF format, which makes them easy to view, save, print and email. The requestor should be prepared to provide the date of the accident, the accident report number and a credit card number for payment of the associated copy fee.

To obtain a copy of an accident report, simply visit the following website (<https://reportsonline.docview.us.com/citizen>) and select "Illinois," then "Highland Park Police Department." Thereafter, follow the easy instructions to obtain a report. For more information, please contact Debbie Dayboll, Records Supervisor, at (847) 432-7730/ddayboll@cityhpil.com.

Winter Driving Safety Techniques Should Be Heeded

Winter driving can be dangerous especially on slick roads coupled with low visibility. The Highland Park Police Department offers these additional suggestions for safe travel:

- Drive with headlights on and don't use bright lights during a snowstorm as it increases the glare and reflection from falling snow; state law requires motorists to use headlights when windshield wipers are operating.
- Drive slower and increase the distance between your car and the one in front of you.
- If pavement is snow or ice covered, start slowly and brake gently; braking abruptly can result in skidding and loss of control; bridges and lesser-traveled portions of roadways freeze over first.
- Be careful if you are involved in a minor accident as exiting a vehicle on a road may result in additional accidents or injuries; if possible, relocate the vehicles involved to the nearest location free from other motorists that may cause further danger.
- Hand-held cell phone use while driving is illegal in Highland Park. Hand-held cell phone use while driving is even more dangerous during winter driving and greatly compromises public safety.
- Maintain a safe distance from State and City snow plow trucks. Do not pass snow plow trucks when they are engaged in snow plowing and salting activities.

For more information, please contact Chris O'Neill, Traffic Sergeant, at (847) 432-7730/coneill@cityhpil.com.

Make Sure Your Home Address is Visible From the Street

The City would like to remind homeowners to display home addresses properly. The Highland Park City Code requires each owner or occupant of real estate to provide, place and display their street address in a manner that may be easily and distinctly read throughout the year from the roadway in the daylight, and easily and distinctly read throughout the year during darkness with the use of outside lighting provided by the persons on the roadway doing the reading.

When 911 is called, a lack of a clear and legible address will delay public safety officials when responding to the emergency. Please make sure your home address is displayed and is visible from the street. Public safety officials have noted that homes in Highland Park have addresses that are very difficult to read, or are not even displayed. Additionally, address numbers should not be obscured by bushes or other decorative materials, and each of the numbers and letters of every address must be at least three inches high.

The City appreciates your assistance in this matter. For more information, please contact the Fire Department at (847) 433-3110.

Winter Parking Regulations Effective December 1

A friendly reminder to all Highland Park residents that the "Snow Ordinance" (72.040) is in effect each year from December 1 through March 31. Vehicles may not be parked in excess of 15 minutes on any public streets 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 the streets or in City parking lots. This ban applies at all time regardless of snow conditions. Authorized overnight City parking lots are identified on the City website at www.cityhpil.com/parking and require a valid overnight parking permit that can be obtained at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. In the fall of 2008, the City increased related signage at key locations in the City to further inform the public about this seasonal parking restriction. Currently fines for this violation are set at \$20. For more information, please contact 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., Nov. 19	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 20	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 26	Committee of the Whole	4:30 p.m.
	City Council	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 27	Business and Econ. Development	6:00 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 3	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 4	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 5	Housing Commission	6:30 p.m.
	Transportation Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 6	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 10	Committee of the Whole	4:30 p.m.
	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 11	Library Board of Trustees (494 Laurel Avenue)	7:15 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 12	Natural Resources Commission	6:30 p.m.
	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 13	Historic Preservation	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 17	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 18	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 20	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The Highland Park Public Library presents a variety of free literary and cultural programs. Registration for certain programs may be required as noted. The Highland Park Public Library is located at 494 Laurel Avenue. The library will close at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21, and will be closed on Thursday, November 22. The library will open at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 7.

Golden: How Rod Blagojevich Talked Himself Out of the Governor's Office and into Prison, Tuesday, November 27, 7:00 p.m. Chicago Tribune reporters John Chase and Jeff Coen discuss their new book, *Golden*, about the rise and fall of former governor Rod Blagojevich, with evidence from the investigation never before made public. Books will be for sale and the event will conclude with a book signing.

Film Discussion, Wednesday, November 28, 7:00 p.m. Film instructor Dick Adler leads a discussion about this film about father and son, rival professors in Talmudic studies. When both discover that the father has been awarded a major prize, their complicated relationship is brought to the surface. The film will be shown Monday, November 26, at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Miss Deena's Winter Storytime Sessions. Winter storytime sessions, with activities designed to foster pre-reading skills for newborns to six-year-olds, begin in January. Registration begins Monday, December 3. Visit www.kidsevents.org for storytime dates and times and to register.

Career Counseling, Wednesday, December 12, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Meet with a career counselor from College of Lake County for a free half-hour session. Learn job search strategies, find assistance writing or updating a resume, and prepare for a job interview. Register at the Reference Desk or call (847) 681-7031.

CULTURAL ARTS EVENTS

Van Bergen Exhibit Through Late November Free; Call for Information	HP Historical Society 326 Central Avenue (847) 432-7090	Nutcracker December 1 & 2 \$20; 4:00 p.m.	Elm Place Middle School 2031 N. Sheridan Road (847) 433-1449
The Anastylis Project Nov. 16-Dec. 30 Free; Call for Information	The Art Center 1957 Sheridan Road (847) 432-1888	The Art of Giving December 5 \$28-\$38; 2:00-4:00 p.m.	The Art Center 1957 Sheridan Road (847) 432-1888
Sacred Spaces Nov. 16-Dec. 30 Free; Call for Information	The Art Center 1957 Sheridan Road (847) 432-1888	Art is Alive Contest December 8 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	The Art Center 1957 Sheridan Road (847) 432-1888
Nutcracker November 19 Free; 3:00-6:00 p.m.	Uncle Dan's Store 621 Central Avenue (847) 433-1449	Winter Skate Exhibition December 8 4:00-7:00 p.m.	Centennial Ice Arena 3100 Trail Way (847) 432-4790
Lucky Stiff Nov. 30 - Dec. 9 \$35; Call for Information	The Music Theatre Co. 1850 Green Bay Road (847) 579-4900	Highland Park Strings December 16 3:00 p.m.	Elm Place Middle School 2031 N. Sheridan Road (847) 204-2397

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.

The cold weather has arrived and the fall sports season is over. If your middle school child is looking for something to do after school, consider the Firehouse Youth Center as your answer. A Firehouse membership is only \$40 for the school year. A membership allows your child to drop by the Firehouse any time the facility is open. Payment may be made in person with cash, check or credit card. Registration may be done on the telephone with a credit card. A permission form must be signed for all members.

For an additional fee, you may register your child for transportation from Edgewood, Elm Place or Northwood to the Firehouse. Many working parents find having transportation to the Firehouse is vital for their children. Please keep in mind that the late activity bus at each middle school will also drop off your child at the Firehouse. No advance registration is necessary; students only need to inform the driver when they get on the bus.

The first quarter has finished and if you have concerns about your child completing homework, please consider the After 3 Homework Club. Supervised by Sara Shook, this program allows full use of our study room, homework assistance, mentoring from high school students, as well as snacks. Please call the Firehouse (847) 433-3090 for registration and fee information.

The 4th Annual Martin Luther King Day of Service will be held Monday, January 21, at the Highland Park Recreation Center. One of the activities that day will be assembling toiletry packets for organizations serving the homeless. The Firehouse is the drop-off location for toiletries. Please consider dropping off toiletries at the Firehouse from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If this time is not convenient, please call (847) 433-3090 to make alternate arrangements. Please save the date to attend the Martin Luther King Day of Service. This is a fun, meaningful event for all generations!



Senior Services

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

Prescription Drug Plan Assistance

Open enrollment for the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan extends from October 15 - December 7. 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. Senior Center volunteers are available to assist you in navigating the Medicare Part D enrollment process in a one-on-one appointment at the Senior Center. Please call Jennifer at (847) 926-1865 to schedule a personal appointment.

The Odd Couple at Northlight and Lunch at Jameson's Charhouse, Northlight Theatre, Skokie Wednesday, December 5 Fee: \$90/Non-Members: \$100

The bus departs Toys 'R Us at 11:00 a.m. and the bus returns at approximately 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.

Holiday Luncheon & Concert Highland Park Country Club Friday, December 14 12 - 2:30 p.m.

Fee: \$20/Non-Member: \$30

Advanced registration required; call (847) 432-4110

Share in the holiday spirit with old friends and new, at our annual holiday luncheon. A special holiday lunch includes butternut squash soup, your choice of entree, garlic whipped potatoes, assorted grilled vegetables, and a scrumptious holiday dessert. Following lunch, delight in a fabulous, upbeat holiday concert featuring many of your favorite holiday melodies. When registering, please indicate your choice of roasted sirloin steak or glazed salmon. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. *Sponsored by Freedom Home Care.*

As a reminder, the Senior Center will be closed from December 24 through January 1. Happy holidays!

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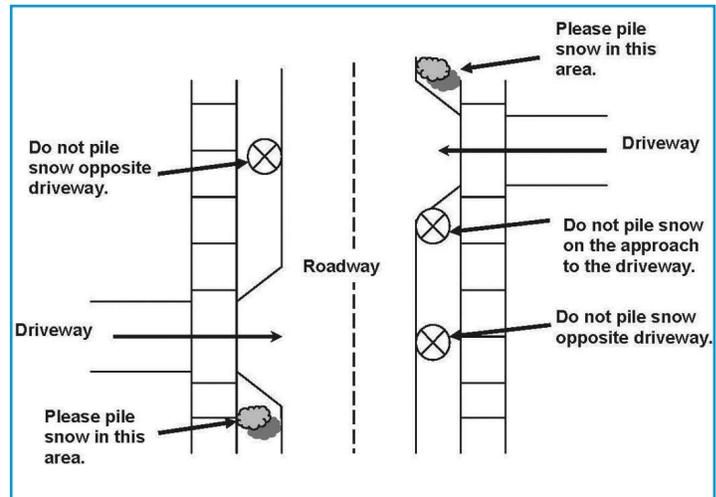
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Be Clear Regarding City’s Snow Removal Ordinance

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



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

snow removal companies and inform them of the Snow Removal Ordinance provisions. Snow plow operators observed improperly 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 Snow Removal Ordinance or to report a complaint, please contact Police Sergeant Chris O’Neill at (847) 432-7730/coneill@cityhpil.com.