

The Emerald Ash Borer: Infested trees may require replacement

When the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was first found in Michigan in 2002, forestry experts were concerned that this infestation could and likely would become a major issue throughout the country. Eleven years later these concerns have been realized as EAB has spread throughout the Midwest. With no natural predators to slow their progress, EAB has made its way to Highland Park and has become established in our local ash trees.



Residents that suspect they have EAB on their privately owned trees should contact a Certified Arborist. In most cases if not caught early it is likely the tree will need to be removed. The arborist may recommend insecticidal treatment as a viable option to tree removal. Before undertaking a treatment program, all options should be carefully evaluated to insure the best possible outcome. In some cases, it may be a good idea to get a second opinion. For links to more information please visit the City website at www.cityhpl.com and search 'EAB'.

Two of the most asked questions regarding EAB are "What will Highland Park look like after all those trees are gone?" and "What can I do to help?" Currently, approximately 15% of the trees on the City's parkways are ash trees. In order to address EAB, the City has developed an aggressive 5-year work plan that includes removal/replacement of parkway ash trees. The Forestry Division's standard practice is to replace all parkway trees after removal provided there is sufficient

space. The City also offers a 50/50 cost share for planting parkway trees administered through the Forestry Division. This program is available to all residents interested in having additional trees plant on the City right of way. Residents interested in making a monetary donation directed specifically for tree planting, should contact Luke Banaszak in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1030.

For residents wanting to learning more about EAB, a free informational session is also offered. The session is being jointly held by the City of Highland Park Forestry Division and the Park District of Highland Park. The focus will be to provide residents with the most current information on EAB management. The EAB informational meeting will be held Saturday, April 20, 2013 at the West Ridge Center located at 636 Ridge Road in Highland Park at 9:00 a.m. Space is limited. Those interested in attending, please RSVP to Claudia Glasco in Public Works at (847) 432-0807.

Water Treatment Plant Upgrades

Constructed in 1929, the City's Water Treatment Plant provides potable water for all water customers in Highland Park, and contractually the City provides water to the municipalities of Deerfield, Lincolnshire and Bannockburn, and to the Glenbrook Sanitary District and Fort Sheridan. The upgrade of the Plant was approved in 2012 and significant improvements are planned through May, 2014. Regular updates regarding the Plant upgrade can be found at www.cityhpl.com/WaterPlantUpgrade.

For more information about Fix-A-Leak Week and simple ways you can conserve water, please utilize this QR code or visit www.epa.gov/watersense/



'HIGH' NOTES

Low Cost Business

Workshops and Mentoring

After working closely with area business and property owners, the City's Business & Economic Development Commission recognized a need for small business mentoring and counseling. SCORE Chicago will offer their low cost business workshops and free mentoring services to area businesses at the Highland Park Public Library. SCORE is a non-profit association dedicated to entrepreneur education and the formation, growth and success of small business. The following workshops are scheduled:

April 4, 7:00 p.m.

Ten Things Every Entrepreneur Must Know

May 2, 7:00 p.m.

Taking Your Business Online

June 6, 7:00 p.m.

Social Media Marketing for Small Business

For information on the SCORE mentoring program, contact Larry Lakin, SCORE Chicago, larry.lakin@comcast.net or Carolyn Hersch, Economic Development Coordinator, at (847)-926-1027/chersch@cityhpil.com.

Restaurant Week

Returns in April

Let Highland Park do the dishes: take a break and eat out during Highland Park's second annual Restaurant Week. This delicious event will occur from April 18, 2013 to April 28, 2013 with dozens of local restaurants offering mouthwatering items from their menus. From BBQ, bistros and burgers to gelato, coffee and more, Highland Park's second annual Restaurant Week is sure to offer something pleasing for everyone's palette.

Come out and enjoy the delicious entrees and distinctive treats that make Highland Park a destination for foodies on the North Shore. For more information visit www.downtownhp.com or call the Downtown HP Alliance office at (847) 780-4293.

Report Potholes to Public

Works Department

With the onset of warmer weather and the freeze-thaw cycles that occur this time of year, potholes may materialize on City streets. To help the Public Works Department in its efforts to maintain City streets in the best possible condition, please report potholes to the City via the Pothole Hotline at (847) 926-1178. This hotline is available 24-hours a day and allows residents to report a pothole location. Residents are asked to leave their name, address, phone number and the specific location of the pothole.

Additionally, potholes may also be reported online on the City's website at www.cityhpil.com. Please note that all repairs completed now are temporary and some areas will require repairs to be made more than once because weather conditions in conjunction with traffic movement may displace the material. Permanent repairs will be made later this spring when the asphalt necessary to complete the repairs is available. For more information, please contact the Department of Public Works at (847) 432-0807.

Affordable Housing Available

Would you like to own an affordable home in Highland Park? Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) wants to help. Please attend one of the following information sessions to find out if you qualify:

March 16, 10:00 a.m.

April 16 at 7 pm

To register for an information session, please contact CPAH at 847-681-8746, or Amy Kaufman at akaufman@cpahousing.org. All information sessions are held at CPAH's office, 400 Central, Suite 111, Highland Park. For pictures of available homes, please see www.cpahousing.org.

Fix A Leak Week

The average American household wastes more than 10,000 gallons each year from easy-to-fix water leaks, which is why in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the City encourages homeowners to find and fix leaks during the fifth annual Fix a Leak Week, March 18 - 24.

Sponsored by EPA's WaterSense program, Fix a Leak Week reminds homeowners of the easy steps they can take to help save water in their community now and for future generations. For more information visit www.cityhpil.com or contact Water Plant Superintendent Don Jensen at (847) 433-4355 / djensen@cityhpil.com.

FOCUS on the Arts 2013

This Art Festival at Highland Park High School is open to students and the community, and encompasses dance, theater, visual arts, media, music and writing. FOCUS dates are April 5 and April 9 - 12. Events include Movie Night, Art Night, Dance Night, performances, workshops, and master classes with visiting professionals.

Free tickets for Opening Night will be available on Saturday, March 16 between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at Highland Park High School, 433 Vine Avenue. The program schedule varies. For more information, visit www.hphsfocus.org or contact Nancy Karp at (224) 765-2164.

Enter Fourth of July Parade

If you are a local organization, business or neighborhood group, consider participating in the 2013 Fourth of July parade. This year's parade theme honors the 125th anniversary of the Highland Park Public Library. The fee for a business is \$60; not-for-profit organizations may participate for free. The deadline to register for the parade is May 15. To obtain an application, visit www.cityhpil.com/July4 or contact Jennifer Dotson in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1006 / jdotson@cityhpil.com.

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

Thirty seconds after Nancy announced she was running for mayor of Highland Park, I called her. “You’ve got my support,” I told her, adding, “and by the way, I am a single issue voter, and my issue is bicycle parking. There’s not enough of it in downtown HP. Can you take care of that for me?”

Several months later, Mayor Rotering phoned me. “Hey Sal. About that bicycle parking issue. I think your interest makes you a great candidate for sitting on the Transportation Commission. What’dya think?”

What could I say? Like everyone else in the world, I love complaining. It delights me to point out what’s wrong in the world. Nothing is more satisfying than grabbing someone with authority, pointing out what’s amiss, and then returning to the self-satisfied comforts of staying at home and feeling like a contributing member of society.

Holding the receiver to my ear, I knew I was busted. The mayor was offering me an opportunity to participate in solving the problem I cared about. My mind raced as I tried to come up with a convincing reason for turning her down. Thanks to my ability to program my DVR, I couldn’t come up with one. A sense of civic duty and guilt overwhelmed me. I accepted.

Sitting on the Transportation Commission, I learned to care about more than bicycle parking. I learned that every inch of pavement matters to someone in this community. Every intersection matters, as do the roads, be they arterial or dead ended. I learned that as much as I love biking, a vast number of residents loathe bikers, and somehow we need to co-exist. I learned that no issue is minor, and that every issue championed gets its day in City Hall. Or night, as the case may be.

Fast-forward a year, to the mayor’s offer to let me sit on the City Council temporarily to fill Steve Mandel’s vacant seat. As a lifelong resident, I knew the community in many capacities. Not only did I graduate from HPHS, but I taught there. For years my sister and I were small business owners, renting space in the CBD, producing and recording a syndicated talk radio show. As a columnist, I’ve been observing and documenting life in this hamlet on a weekly basis. I’d already completed the state-mandated Open Meetings Act training, and I had no plans to run in the upcoming April election. Mayor Rotering assured me that these skills, along with my experience as a Transportation Commissioner, qualified me. I accepted.

Within days I learned not only how to spell cryptosporidium, but also how treatment facilities worldwide are moving forward to ensure safe drinking water. I saw firsthand how our community was rife with division over plans for our waterfront, and then how quickly and honorably it healed once the votes were cast. And I saw how unpopular it is to cast a vote to increase taxes, even when the raise is minimal and the purpose is to fulfill state-mandated pension requirements for our emergency first responders. In other words, I jumped into the deep end of city government and tried not to drown.

There are perks to sitting on the council, to be sure. I’d be lying if I didn’t admit to liking being greeted at Country Kitchen with an enthusiastic, “Hi Councilman!” It’s great to be able to cast a vote in favor of moving Renaissance Theater closer to offering martini matinees. And posing for my first hard-hat photo in front of the Water Treatment Plant in order to mark the start of the upgrading process? Who wouldn’t like that?

Of course, the vast majority of the job is hard work, and a lot of it. More than once I’ve recognized the parallels between prepping for a meeting and studying for finals. The difference is, however, that sitting on the council is akin to having final exams every two weeks.

So why would anyone sign on for this? That’s a question I’m quickly learning to answer as I get to know and respect the dedicated and professional city staff. It’s a question I can answer as I join my colleagues wrestling with the issues before us, weighing and balancing the varied costs and benefits, both material and philosophical, that each item on our agenda represents.

Why serve? The mayor put it to me this way. “Everything in life should either be a good time or a good story.” Sitting on the City Council is both, and more. It’s also an honor.

Sincerely,



Councilman Sally Higginson



COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Partners for Affordable Housing celebrates 10 years

Nurses, teachers, retail and restaurant workers, senior citizens, the disabled, those who have experienced a change of circumstances such as the death of a spouse, or a divorce - these are just some of the Highland Park residents that Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) helped secure affordable housing over the past 10 years.

Part of Highland Park's affordable housing plan, CPAH began as a way to accumulate a stock of permanently affordable homes right here in Highland Park. The high cost of housing is a barrier to living in Highland Park for many who work here (e.g., at the hospital, in the schools) and for those who always have lived in Highland Park, but whose circumstances have changed. (e.g., senior citizens, the unemployed and underemployed.)

CPAH has 40 units of housing in Highland Park, including 20 scattered site homes which are located all over town. Many of these homes were blighted and/or foreclosed, and had become a nuisance to their neighborhoods. When CPAH acquires a blight-

ed home and gives it a green rehab, it benefits both the new resident of the re-done home and the neighbors as well. Now a deteriorating, vacant eyesore is gone and the house is once again a "good neighbor." In addition to the 20 single family homes, CPAH's inventory includes the town homes at Hyacinth Place and Temple Avenue, plus a few condos.

Neighbors and the general community volunteer their time at CPAH Service Days to take down walls, landscape yards, paint, build fences, install windows, and so on. This team effort saves CPAH thousands of dollars in rehab costs and showcases the spirit of volunteerism that is a hallmark of Highland Park. Join CPAH in celebrating 10 years/40 homes, and lots of happy home owners, on Thursday, April 25, 6:30 pm, at Vibe in Highland Park. For more information about the 10th Anniversary Celebration or about CPAH and affordable housing, please see CPAH's website at www.cpahousing.org, or contact Amy Kaufman akaufman@cpahousing.org.

Water Conservation & Efficiency Initiative

The City Council approved a new Water Conservation & Efficiency (WCE) Initiative which will go into effect this spring. The initiative entails implementation of several water waste reduction measures to include:

1. Tiered Rate Plan effective July 1, 2013 for all residents
2. Odd/Even Sprinkling Restrictions
3. Smart Sensors Installation on New Lawn Sprinkling Systems effective May 1, 2013
4. Public Education on Water Conservation & Efficiency

The three-tiered rate plan applies to residential properties in which citizens utilizing a higher volume of water may see changes in water rates. The majority of single-family customers in the City of Highland Park use water at a rate that will remain unaffected by the new initiative (less than 6,000 cubic feet quarterly). Those residents utilizing between 6,000 and 8,000 cubic feet quarterly will see a 10 percent increase and those residents utilizing more than 8,000 cubic feet quarterly will see a 15 percent increase.

Sprinkling restrictions, which go into effect May 15 until September 15 of each calendar year, require that all property owners limit sprinkler use between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and only on odd/even days that correspond with the property's address.

Furthermore, the installation of smart sensors will prevent sprinklers from running during wet events like rain. Effective May 1, 2013 all newly installed lawn irrigation systems are to be equipped with soil moisture sensors that meet USEPA WaterSense standard. For more information, please contact Management Analyst Karen Berardi, (847) 926-1043 / kberardi@cityhpil.com.

BUSINESS REPORT

The following businesses have opened recently in Highland Park:

Accudent Studios, Inc.
1770 First Street, Suite 435
(847) 701-5520
Dental Laboratory

Arbor Ridge Senior Living
1651 Richfield Avenue
(224) 765-0094
Assisted Living Facility
<http://www.crlcares.com/>

Dermatology Associates of Highland Park
767 Park Avenue West
Suite 310
(847) 432-4650
Dermatology Office

Hearing Wellness Centers
1732 First Street
(847) 266-8000
Audiology Practice
www.hearingwellnesscenters.com

Mayor Rotering, the City Council, and the Business & Economic Development Commission recognize the following businesses that have been in the community for more than 25 years:

Goldstein, Arnold D., Attorney at Law
- 49 years
600 Central Avenue
Suite 385
(847) 926-0300

Sheridan Auto Parts
- 47 years
2679 Waukegan Avenue
(847) 433-4040

Corvette City, Inc.
- 45 years
3046 Skokie Valley Road
847-433-6610

Interested in business news and information? Sign up to receive the bi-weekly newsletter at www.cityhpil.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Spring Clean-Up Program commences on April 28

Area	Collection Day	Spring Clean-Up Day
SE	Monday	Saturday, April 27
SW	Tuesday	Saturday, May 4
NE	Thursday	Saturday, May 11
NW	Friday	Saturday, May 18

The City's annual Spring Clean-Up Program will be offered by Advanced Disposal Services on four consecutive Saturdays beginning April 27 and ending May 18. This year, collection will again coincide with residents' primary garbage collection day (the primary collection day is the day both garbage and recycling are collected).

Refer to the map on the right to determine your primary collection day and then utilize the table to view your Spring Clean-Up collection date.

In order to keep City streets clean, it is requested that residents not place any material out for collection earlier than one week before a scheduled collection.

Oversized Items

Advanced Disposal Services will pick up all allowed oversized items that are placed at the curb on residents' scheduled Spring Clean-Up days.

To discard waste from a do-it-yourself project, please make sure that the material is bundled so that one person can pick it up and place it in the truck. Carpeting must be rolled and should not exceed the weight that one person can carry. Waste material generated by general contractors will not be accepted.

Appliances

Residents with appliances for collection such as refrigerators/freezers (doors must be removed), stoves, dishwashers, washers/dryers, furnaces/boilers, hot water heaters, air conditioners, and microwave ovens must call Advanced Disposal at (847) 272-

4145 to arrange for pick-up. When calling, please indicate your name, address, and the type of item to be collected. Please note that residents must bring the item to the curb in order for it to be collected.

Prohibited Items

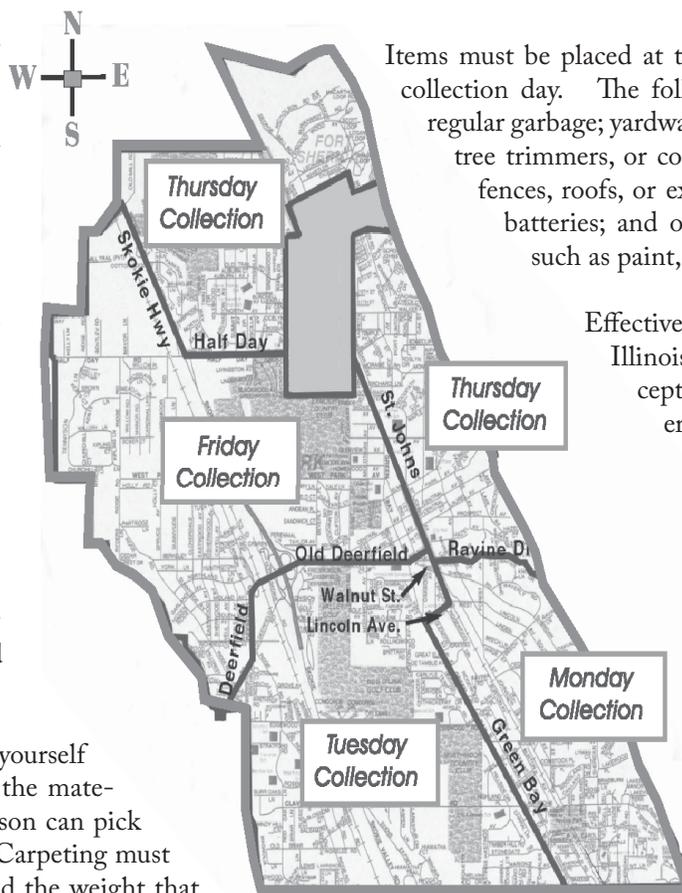
Items must be placed at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. on collection day. The following items will not be accepted: regular garbage; yardwaste; debris generated by landscapers, tree trimmers, or contractors; demolition material from fences, roofs, or exterior building debris; rubber tires; batteries; and oil and household hazardous wastes such as paint, pesticides, or pool chemicals.

Effective January 1, 2012, in accordance with Illinois law, it is illegal for landfills to accept electronics, such as monitors, printers, televisions and computers. As a reminder, the City, in conjunction with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) hosts an electronics recycling drop-off site at the Firearms Training Center, 1180 Half Day Road, on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

For additional information on the City of Highland Park's Spring Clean-Up Program, contact Advanced Disposal Services at (847) 272-4145, or Luke Banaszak at

the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1030 / lbanaszak@cityhpil.com.

In order to ensure residents' refuse and recycling is collected as scheduled, the City would like to remind all residents who utilize curbside collection that refuse and recycling carts need to be placed side-by-side and within four feet from the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. on their designated collection day.



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., Mar. 18	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
Tues., Mar. 19	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Mar. 21	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Mar. 25	Sister Cities Foundation	7:00 p.m.
Tues., Mar. 26	Business & Econ. Development	6:00 p.m.
Mon., Apr. 1	Design Review Commission	7:00 p.m.
Wed., Apr. 3	Housing Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Apr. 4	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Apr. 8	Committee of the Whole	4:30 p.m.
	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Apr. 9	Police Pension Board	7:00 p.m.
	Plan Commission	7:30 p.m.
	Cultural Arts Commission	7:30 p.m.
	Library Board of Trustees	7:30 p.m.
	(494 Laurel Avenue)	
Wed., Apr. 10	Natural Resources Commission	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Apr. 11	Historic Preservation	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Apr. 15	Design Review Commission	7:00 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 below. The Highland Park Public Library is located at 494 Laurel Avenue. The Library will be closed on Sunday, March 31. The library will open at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 3.

10 Things Every Entrepreneur Must Know, Thursday, April 4, 7:00 p.m.
SCORE Chicago presents a workshop that provides insights into doing business, which the typical entrepreneur may have never considered. One hour one-on-one mentoring sessions on this topic will be held on Thursday April 11 or April 25. For mentoring, register at www.scorechicago.org.

A Literary Event With Caroline Kennedy, Friday, April 5, 5:00 p.m.
Caroline Kennedy, Honorary Chair of National Library Week and author of *Poems to Learn by Heart*, will discuss her book. Wine and cheese to follow. Ticketed event. \$175 ticket includes signed copy of book and ticket to the library's Saturday, April 27 fundraiser, *librarypalooza*. Purchase tickets at hplibrary.org or at the library.

Spanish Conversation Group, Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Meet at the library and practice your Spanish. All levels welcome. Some conversational skill preferred.

The Oath Book Discussion, Tuesday, April 9, 1:00 p.m.
Noted book discussion leader Judy Levin leads a discussion about Jeffrey Toobin's book about the ideological war between Chief Justice Roberts and President Obama.

Miss Deena's Spring Storytime Sessions
Spring storytime sessions, with activities designed to foster pre-reading skills for newborns to six-year-olds, begin in April. Visit www.kidsevents.org for storytime dates and times and to register.

For more information, please call (847) 432-0216, or visit hplibrary.org.

CULTURAL ARTS EVENTS

String Fantasy

March 17
\$8-\$20; 3:00 p.m.

Pilgrim Chamber Players

1991 Sheridan Road
(847) 433-0972

Focus On The Arts 2013

April 5 and April 9 - 12
Free; Call for tickets

Highland Park High

433 Vine Avenue
(224) 765-2164

Gala - Children Will Listen

March 18
7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
\$75

The Music Theatre Co.

The Birchwood Club
1174 Park Avenue W.
(847) 579-4900

Poetry Open-Mic

April 12
8:00 p.m.; Free

The Art Center

1957 Sheridan Road
(847) 681-8595

Beauty Imperfect and Moments - Photography

Now thru April 1

The Art Center

1957 Sheridan Road
(847) 432-1888

Double Happiness

April 20
2:00 p.m.; Free

Highland Park Library

494 Laurel Avenue
(847) 433-0377

25th CSL Student League

April 11 - April 22
Free; Call for Information

Louder Than A Bomb

April 24
7:00 p.m.; Free

Nova HP

1770 First Street
(847) 579-4555

YOUTH & SENIOR SERVICES

The City of Highland Park Division of Youth Services, known to the community as "The Firehouse Youth Center" has been in operation at 1830 Green Bay Road since 1978.

While our address is on Green Bay Road, it is impossible to see our building from the street. To find the Youth Center, turn west off Green Bay at the driveway to the North Shore Health Center, go to the left behind the Music Theatre Company, and you will see the Youth Center at the west end of the lot.

The Firehouse will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday, March 18 and Tuesday, March 19 during parent-teacher conferences. In addition, we will open Tuesday, April 9, a teacher institute day. On days off school, the Firehouse welcomes students in fifth grade as well as the usual middle school grades. This is a great opportunity for your fifth grader to get a sneak peak at what the Firehouse has to offer during the three years of middle school. For a \$50 fee, your child will participate in many fun activities supervised by professional staff, as well as receive lunch and two snacks. In addition to indoor activities, weather permitting we will have activities in Sunset Park. On President's Day, February 18, participants enjoyed a walking trip to downtown Highland Park for lunch and snacks. Space is limited and early registration is encouraged.

In addition, The Firehouse is open on Tuesday, April 23 and Thursday, May 16, for early dismissal days. Transportation is provided for students normally taking our bus or van on those days. If your child is not scheduled for either of those days and you would like transportation, please check about space. There are no extra fees for early dismissal days.

For information about the Firehouse Youth Center, contact Don Miner, Manager of Youth and Senior Services at 847-926-1861.



Stop by the Youth Firehouse; we are here rain, snow, and shine.

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Serving youth in grades 5-8
1830 Green Bay Road
(847) 433-3090

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

America's Top Male Comedian: Jack Benny

Highland Park Public Library
Friday, March 22
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Free for members / NM: \$10
Sponsored by Gentle Home Services

Everyone loves Jack Benny!

One of the funniest performers of all time and one of the nicest men ever to be a top entertainer. This warm, nostalgic presentation explains his background and shows numerous video clips demonstrating his enduring appeal! Barry Bradford's multimedia presentation will captivate and entertain you.

Highland Park High School Senior Citizen Prom

Highland Park High School Cafeteria
Saturday, April 20
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Fee: \$5 / NM: \$8
Advanced registration required; call (847) 432-4110
Sponsored by Arbor Ridge

Aloha! Join members of the Highland Park High School Class of 2016 for a Senior Citizen Prom with a Hawaiian Luau theme. This event features a buffet dinner catered by Sunset Foods, a sweet table with home baked goods, entertainment by the High School's fine arts performance groups, and dancing to a wonderful band. Register at the Center by Wednesday, April 17.

Day Excursion: Picasso and Chicago

The Art Institute of Chicago
Tuesday, April 30
Fee: \$80 / NM: \$100

Celebrating the special 100-year relationship between Picasso and Chicago, this exhibit brings together over 250 examples of the artist's paintings, sculpture, prints, drawings, and ceramics from private collections and the museum's collection, for the first large-scale Picasso exhibition organized in almost 30 years. This trip includes admission to the museum and the Picasso exhibit, a private slide presentation covering the life and works of Pablo Picasso, lunch in the Art Institute's private dining room, audio tour headsets, and motor coach transportation.

Day Excursion: Oliver!

Drury Lane, Oakbrook
Thursday, May 23
Fee: \$70 / NM: \$90

OLIVER! is the wildly successful British musical based on Charles Dickens' novel. Lunch at Drury Lane, admission, and transportation is included.

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54 Laurel Avenue
(847) 432-4110

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For more information about City services, please contact the following departments directly:

City Manager's Office:	(847) 926-1000	Finance Department:	(847) 432-0800
Community Development:		Fire Department:	(847) 433-3110
Building Division	(847) 432-0808	Police Department:	(847) 432-7730
Planning Division	(847) 432-0867	Public Works Department:	(847) 432-0807

GREEN COMMUNITY NEWS

Highland Park was recently recognized in the *Chicago Tribune* for their efforts in expanding electric vehicle adoption rates in the Chicagoland area. This positive publicity surrounding the City's efforts helps to unlock the value of sustainability and reinforces the benefits derived by the community as a whole.

Styrofoam collection and recycling doubles in January!

The numbers are in and the amount of Styrofoam collected during the month of January increased from 293 pounds in 2012 to 651 pounds in 2013! Styrofoam (polystyrene) has the #6 recycling symbol and can be taken to the recycling drop-off location, 1180 Half Day Road, on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., during regularly scheduled business days. For information on this recycling program please go to www.cityhpil.com/sustainability or call the City's Sustainability Director Bryan Tillman at (847) 926-1866.

Earth hour

Mark your calendar for Earth Hour 2013! The "lights off" event will take place on Saturday, March 23rd between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. The City of Highland Park would like to encourage residents to turn off their non-essential lights for this event. Earth Hour is a global initiative led by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). Individuals, businesses, governments and communities are invited to turn out their lights for one hour to show their support for a more sustainable future. Please visit the Earth Hour website for more information about this initiative at www.earthhour.org.

Prescription drug recycling program

The Police Department, Highland Park High School's Green School Initiative and the Save-A-Star Drug Awareness Foundation have joined together to create P2D2, an environmentally safe prescription drug-recycling program. The City offers residents two locations to dispose of unused prescription drugs, listed below.

Highland Park Police Department (24 hours)

1677 Old Deerfield Road

North Shore Health Center (In the foyer)

1840 Green Bay Road

Open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. as well as Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

What can be disposed of?

- All prescription medications (except controlled substances)
- All over-the-counter medications
- Medication samples
- Vitamins & supplements
- Ointments, lotions, creams, and oils
- Liquid medications in leak-proof containers
- Homeopathic remedies
- Suppositories

For additional information, please visit <http://www.cityhpil.com/> or call the City's Sustainability Director Bryan Tillman at (847) 926-1866.