

# THE HIGHLANDER



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## City Council Passes Assault Weapons Ban

The Highland Park City Council passed an ordinance banning assault weapons within City-limits at the June 24 City Council Meeting, after hearing from many residents, interest groups and individuals offering perspective on all sides of the issue, in writing and in person.

The City has received and reviewed many comments from residents and continue to take into account perspectives from all sides. The City is willing to consider, in the near future, minor amendments and modifications to the ordinance that would address issues raised by Highland Park residents. Suggestions for such amendments and modifications should be submitted, in writing, to the City Manager, David Knapp, at 1707 St. Johns Avenue Highland Park, IL 60035 or [dknapp@cityhpil.com](mailto:dknapp@cityhpil.com).

The ban, modeled after Cook County's assault weapons ordinance, would amend Chapter 134 of the City Code. The ordinance will become effective upon its publication in pamphlet form.

The decision was precipitated by Illinois House Bill 183, which creates the new

Firearms Concealed Carry Act and amends the existing Firearm Owners Identification Card (FOID) Act.

Of concern to local municipalities is the portion of the Bill that pre-empts home rule authority to regulate weapons. The Bill provides that a local ordinance adopted within ten days after House Bill 183 becomes enacted may be amended at a future date.

"Our goal is to address our community's right to take representative action under Home Rule. What that action is, should be discussed in a timely, thoughtful manner. Unfortunately, the State of Illinois hasn't provided us that opportunity. Failure to take action in the short-term, results in an inability to take action in the long-term," Mayor Nancy Rotering said.

Council action, if any, taken to amend



More than 150 were in attendance June 24 to voice public comment regarding the ordinance.

the ordinance will occur at a City Council meeting with usual notice to the public. To view upcoming agendas, go to [www.cityhpil.com/citycouncilagendapacket](http://www.cityhpil.com/citycouncilagendapacket).

As information concerning Bill 183 and the Highland Park assault weapons ban becomes available, notification will be sent out via the website enews and all other communication channels.

## Quick Facts On Assault Weapon Ban

### **When does the ordinance go into effect?**

The ordinance will go into effect upon its publication in pamphlet form.

**Will there be changes?** The City is willing to consider minor amendments and modifications. Suggestions can be submitted in writing to the City Manager. See article above.

**Do I have to turn in my high capacity magazines?** Large capacity magazines as defined by the ordinance may be retained if modified to render them permanently inoperable or permanently unable to accept more than 10 rounds of ammunition. Any other large capacity magazines

must be removed from within the limits of the City or surrendered to the Police Department for disposal.

**How do I surrender assault weapons or large capacity magazines to the Police Department?** Contact the Police Department at (847) 432-7730 to arrange for the safe surrender of assault weapons or large capacity magazines. An appointment will be made with a sworn member of the department to come to your home, or meet with you at Police Headquarters. To ensure the safe transfer of firearms, follow the officer's instructions completely. Do not under any circumstances transport any firearm to Police

Headquarters without an appointment with a sworn member of the department.

**Is there a way to become exempt?** Current exemptions include Peace Officers and members of the United States Armed Forces while acting within the scope of his or her duties.

**How do I receive updates on the ban in the future?** Updates will be published on the City's website and sent to subscribers of our News Flash. To sign up, go to [www.cityhpil.com](http://www.cityhpil.com) and click on "Sign Up for Newsletters and Announcements". Information will be disseminated promptly and on all communication channels.

# 'HIGH' NOTES

## 2013-2014 Vehicle Sticker Renewals Next Month

Renewal applications for City vehicle stickers are scheduled to be mailed to residents in August. Stickers cost \$40 per passenger vehicle and must be displayed by October 1. For an additional \$30 fee, residents may upgrade their sticker to support the District 112 Education Foundation.

2013-2014 vehicle sticker renewals will also be available for purchase online via the City's website in August. Online renewals save residents stamps, paper, and time, and the City strongly encourages the use of the online renewal system.

For more information, please contact the Finance Department at (847) 432-0800 or [finance@cityhpil.com](mailto:finance@cityhpil.com).

## Taste of Highland Park Opens for Lunch on Friday

Highland Park's most festive weekend is kicking off early this year with the Taste of Highland Park opening at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 23 on Central Street in Downtown Highland Park. Local businesses are encouraged to take their team to the Taste where they can enjoy lunch al fresco, live music and revel in the last days of summer with the Taste opening during the day on Friday for the first time ever. Enjoy food and libations from many of Highland Park's most notable restaurants, as well as live performances from celebrated bands and performers all weekend long at the Taste of Highland Park and the Port Clinton Art Festival.

The Taste kicks off the Port Clinton Art Festival, which takes place on Saturday, August 24 and Sunday, August 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. Now celebrating 30 years, the Port Clinton Art Festival, one of the top five art festivals in the country, offers fine art from more than 260 of the world's most celebrated artists. Throughout the weekend, festival-goers will have the opportunity to peruse and purchase original artwork offered by master artists from around the world, as well as fun art activities for kids, interactive art demos, the food and music at the Taste and much more. For additional information visit [www.PortClintonArtFestival.com](http://www.PortClintonArtFestival.com).

## Student Parking Permits Available August 1st

The City Council approved expansion of the Student Parking Permit (S-permit) program for the 2013-2014 school year. The S-permit allows students to park in 25 designated spaces in the North St. Johns Parking Lot (with entrance at Park Avenue) as well as any available non-handicapped space in the 1987 Second Street Lot. The S-permit is valid between August 15, 2013 through June 15, 2014 and costs \$250.

Similar to campus parking permits sold by the Highland Park High School, students must complete a permit application and provide copies of a current driver's license, vehicle registration and insurance, as well as an "Alive @ 25" program completion certificate.

Permits will be sold beginning Thursday, August 1st from the Finance Department on a first-come, first served basis. Only 40 S-permits will be available. Contact Jennifer Dotson in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1006 / [jdotson@cityhpil.com](mailto:jdotson@cityhpil.com).

## The Big Dog Show in Highland Park

Throughout the month of July, Highland Park residents and visitors will delight in seeing the "Big Dog Show," a unique traveling art exhibit of "American Dog" sculptures created by award-winning, nationally known artist Dale Rogers.

The "Big Dogs" are located in numerous locations throughout the Downtown Highland Park area home including Port Clinton Square, Renaissance Place, up and down Central Avenue and in front of City Hall.

After exploring the outdoor exhibit of "Man's Best Friend" be sure to "sit" and "stay" in Downtown Highland Park for lunch or visit your favorite coffee shop or neighborhood retailer, many of whom will offer specials and host dog-centric events in honor of the Big Dogs. Visit: [www.downtownhp.com](http://www.downtownhp.com) to discover all of the opportunities for fun the Big Dogs have in-store! All events will feature free admission and free parking for visitors.

## You Can Afford to Live in the Community

Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) is holding an information session about affordable housing options in Highland Park on August 13 at 7 p.m. at CPAH's office, 400 Central, Suite 111, Highland Park, IL 60035.

Come hear whether affordable housing is right for you! CPAH is currently taking applications for two town homes, and a single family home that will be available in the coming months. To register for the upcoming information session or for more information, please contact CPAH at (847) 681-8746, or [akaufman@cpahousing.org](mailto:akaufman@cpahousing.org). For pictures of available homes or additional information, please go to [www.cpahousing.org](http://www.cpahousing.org).

## Summer Concerts at Port Clinton Square

The Summer Concert Series on Thursday nights in Port Clinton Square continues. Concerts start at 7:00 p.m. These family-oriented performances highlight the diversity of musical arts. Some seating is provided. The schedule for the 2013 season includes:

- July 18 **Great Divide**
- August 1 **Friends of Israeli Scouts - Tzofim Friendship Caravan**
- August 8 **Highland Park Pops**
- August 10 **Dr. Mark & the Sutures**
- August 15 **The Chauffeurs**

For more information, visit [www.cityhpil.com/specialevents](http://www.cityhpil.com/specialevents) or contact Luke Banaszak or Karen Berardi at the City Manager's Office, (847) 926-1030 and (847) 926-1043 respectively.



# CITY COUNCIL NEWS

## Governing a highly involved and educated community

Our City Council and our other local governing boards don't make decisions in a vacuum. We have the benefit of serving a highly involved and highly educated community. Approximately 30 percent of Illinois residents have attained a bachelor's degree or higher, the US average is 27 percent. In Highland Park nearly 70 percent of our population has a bachelors degree or higher. Even more impressive is that of those with degrees, the majority of them fall into the "or higher" category. According to the US Census Bureau's American Community Survey, 34.3 percent of Highland Park survey respondents indicated they hold a masters' degree or higher, and 33.6 have attained a bachelor's degree.



I think in part our highly educated community takes public service very seriously and we place a high value on getting the most from our local agencies. We cherish the direct local control we have over our schools, parks and city services.

Hundreds of you continually volunteer and serve on boards or commissions, many others take the time to show up to meetings, ask questions, and contact our officials to share an opinion. This level of involvement goes beyond customer service related issues; it includes many important contributions to policy discussions.

A high level of community involvement makes governing a more direct and better process. Decisions, especially divisive ones, are never easy but with feedback and input we do our best to make informed decisions that accurately reflect the will of the community.

City government is your government, and in many ways it is the level of government that impacts our daily lives most directly and most immediately. Your City Council and your city's staff take a great deal of pride in our efforts to conduct our public business in a very open and accessible fashion.

I believe that the same should also be true for other units of local government that are less visible, less accessible and sometimes less well known. That is why the Council is preparing to engage in another round of conversations with other units of local government to attempt to identify ways to improve collaboration, identify potential cost-savings opportunities and possibly improve efficiency and transparency.

Our community has not only come to expect a transparent and accessible local government, but we deserve it from each of the agencies and districts that appear on our property tax bills each year.

Sincerely,   
Councilman Paul Frank

## GREENPRINT 2024

### A Community Vision for the Park District of Highland Park

Residents of Highland Park are asked to participate in the development of the Park District's GreenPrint 2024, a comprehensive plan that will serve as a road map for decision making for the next 10 years. Developing a GreenPrint for the future of the Park District will ensure that resources are aligned with current and future resident needs, community values, and changing demographics.

The planning process is being facilitated by The Lakota Group, and the first phase focuses on community conversations and resident input. In the past few months, The Lakota Group has been meeting with stakeholders and focus groups, and has held two community open houses. They are also gathering suggestions through email, social media, and the GreenPrint 2024 website.

Residents are encouraged to participate by sharing what is important to them, both now and as they look to the future. Anyone wishing to schedule an interview can contact Scott Freres at [plan4pdhp@pdhp.org](mailto:plan4pdhp@pdhp.org). Suggestions and comments can also be shared by:

- Visiting [www.plan4pdhp.com](http://www.plan4pdhp.com)
- Emailing [plan4pdhp@pdhp.org](mailto:plan4pdhp@pdhp.org)
- Liking [plan4pdhp](https://www.facebook.com/plan4pdhp) on Facebook
- Tweeting ideas to [@plan4pdhp](https://twitter.com/plan4pdhp)

Results gathered thus far will be shared at a Community Input Session scheduled on Thursday, July 25 at West Ridge Center from 7 - 9 p.m. Please stop in!

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Motorcycle Safety a Must for All Drivers

Each summer motorcycles and motorized scooters begin to appear on area roadways more often than before. Residents and citizens can expect to see a dramatic increase in the number of motorcycles and motorized scooters on area roadways throughout the summer and fall seasons.

Motorcycles and motor scooters pose a higher safety risk than traveling in a passenger vehicle. Riders are exposed and only protected by what they wear and by their training and experience. In addition, our area is often congested with vehicle traffic.

New and experienced riders are encouraged to enroll in a local motorcycle riders training program. These programs include classroom and hands-on training. Use of the motorcycle and related equipment, review of riding skills and strategies are all covered. Attendance in these classes can reduce the likelihood and severity of a crash by teaching risk management skills and developing essential riding skills.

For further motorcycle information, view the internet site [www.startseeingmotorcycles.org](http://www.startseeingmotorcycles.org) or the Motorcycle Safety Foundation at the internet site [www.msf-usa.org](http://www.msf-usa.org). Motorcyclists may also receive lower insurance rates by attending motorcycle safety classes.

The most common causes of motorcycle crashes occur when:

- A vehicle turns left in front of a motorcycle that has the right-

of-way

- A vehicle rear-ends a slowing or stopping motorcycle
- A vehicle changes lanes and strikes a motorcycle
- A motorcycle exceeds the speed limit, drives too fast for conditions, operates beyond the skill level of the rider or the rider operates in a reckless manner

Motorcycle and motorized scooter riders should wear proper protective clothing, which includes a Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) approved helmet, eye protection, jacket, gloves, pants and boots. To increase their visibility to other motorists, contrasting or light colored clothing should be worn by motorcyclists. Motorcyclists must/should utilize turn signals when turning or changing lanes, avoid traveling in a vehicles blind spot and adhere to traffic laws.

Vehicles, motorcycles, motor scooters and bicyclists often compete for space on roadways and in parking lots. In the interest of public safety, operators of these methods of transportation are required to "share the road" and pay proper attention to road, traffic and weather conditions.

If you have any questions or need further clarification on motorcycle safety, please contact Highland Park Police Sergeant Chris O'Neill at the police non-emergency number (847) 432-7730.

**SAFETY  
TIPS**

## GREEN COMMUNITY NEWS

### Highland Park Recognized for Sustainability Efforts

Highland Park earned a Small City Honorable Mention at the U.S. Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting, recognizing the City for increasing residential energy efficiency and promoting the widespread use of electric vehicles. Highland Park was one of six small cities throughout the U.S. to receive the award.

Highland Park was awarded for its efforts in creating a community-wide Electric Vehicle Expansion Plan focused on advancing the rate of adoption of electric vehicles by City residents. Additionally, the City was awarded for its efforts to increase residential energy efficiency through discounted energy audits made available by Energy Impact Illinois.

### Online Services Help Save Paper

Highland Park encourages people to spend time online...rather than in line.

The City has a list of several online services which are available at [www.cityhphil.com](http://www.cityhphil.com). Residents can do everything from paying their water bill to reporting a pothole.

On average, people receive seven bills per month. Dealing with these bills can cost you time and money (stamps and envelopes). By paying online you save paper and fuel consumption for shipping resulting in a smaller environmental impact. The City of Highland Park is working to achieve a higher-level of sustainability through the joint efforts between residents and the government. Join us in reducing unnecessary mail.

### Energy Efficiency & Savings

The City of Highland Park is committed to taking good care of our environment. Using energy efficient products is one way to do just that. The U.S. Department of Energy has created a search tool that allows users to easily find energy efficiency

improvement opportunities. If you have a home project in mind, take a look at the following web site to determine if you are eligible for these money saving opportunities and go to [www.energy.gov/savings](http://www.energy.gov/savings).

### Bike Commuting

Summer is here and many people are out biking around the neighborhoods for fun and exercise. Try to incorporate biking into everyday routines like commuting and shopping. Biking is one of the most energy efficient means of transportation and can help reduce our dependence on oil. Biking is a low impact exercise that can help decrease a person's risk of heart disease, reduce cholesterol, lower blood pressure, reduce stress and increase overall health and fitness. More efforts are underway at the City to make biking safer and easier in throughout Highland Park so join in by taking your bike next time you go to a friend's house.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Conserve Water in the Summer Heat

July is Smart Irrigation Month dedicated to increasing awareness of water efficiency during the time of the year when water consumption is at its highest.

Be mindful of water efficiency this summer and follow these important water conservation tips:

- Adjust your sprinkler system to prevent runoff onto the sidewalk or street.
- Save water by reducing your lawn area. Replace with native plants, patios and walkways.
- Install a rain or soil moisture sensor so your irrigation system only runs when needed.
- Adding a layer of organic mulch can help plants retain moisture and reduce weeds.
- Use a broom to clean your driveway and sidewalk, instead of hosing it off.
- “Hydro-zone” your yard. Group plants



with similar moisture needs in the same area to make sure they get the right amount of water.

- Watering in the heat of the day can cause up to 30% loss from evaporation. Water when the sun is down, winds are calm and temps are cool.

For more tips and information on smart irrigation, go to [www.irrigation.org](http://www.irrigation.org). For more information on the Water Conservation & Efficiency Initiative and City ordinances regarding water conservation, go to the City's website at [www.cityhpil.com/waterconservation](http://www.cityhpil.com/waterconservation).

## Nominations Due August 15th for Mayor's Award for the Arts

Mayor Nancy Rotering and the Highland Park Cultural Arts Commission invite individual artists, arts organizations, businesses, and residents of Highland Park to participate in the Mayor's Award for the Arts. These annual awards recognize outstanding achievements in, or contributions to the arts in Highland Park. For the award, arts can include visual arts, such as drawing, painting, printmaking, or sculpture; performance, such as dance, theater, or music; architecture; and literature, including poetry, fiction, or scriptwriting.

Achievements are recognized in these categories:

- **Individual** - An individual who has achieved artistic excellence, or who has made a significant contribution to his/her artistic discipline and to the arts in the community/local area.
- **Arts Volunteer** - A volunteer who has consistently supported the arts through a commitment of personal time, energy, and devotion.
- **Arts Organization** - A non-profit organization that has made a substantial impact on the cultural development of the commu-

nity as demonstrated through exceptional artistic achievement, outstanding programming or other leadership initiatives.

- **Arts Entities** - An arts organization that provides artistic programming for the community and makes a significant contribution to fostering the arts in the community. Such entities could be publishers, musical ensembles or theatrical groups.

- **Business or Corporation** - A local business or corporation that has demonstrated significant commitment to the arts, recognizing the imperative role of public/private partnership. This commitment may be in the form of financial, personal and/or resource support.

Submit nominations online at [www.cityhpil.com/cac](http://www.cityhpil.com/cac) by August 15th. Current members of the Cultural Arts Commission and past recipients of the Mayor's Award for the Arts are ineligible. The Cultural Arts Commission reviews nominations, selects recipients and presents awards at a City Council meeting later this fall.

For info, please contact Lee Smith, Staff Liaison to the Cultural Arts Commission, at (847) 926-1612 / [lsmith@cityhpil.com](mailto:lsmith@cityhpil.com).

## Pedestrian Safety is Everyone's Business

The Police Department is committed to the safety of all persons within the community. Please assist us in our goal of ensuring pedestrian safety in the Central Business District and the entire City, by obeying State laws pertaining to pedestrians.

In Illinois, a driver of a vehicle must come to a complete stop:

- When a pedestrian is in a marked crosswalk
  - On school days, when children are in close proximity to a school zone crosswalk
- A driver must yield to a pedestrian:
- When a pedestrian is in an unmarked crosswalk on the driver's side of the roadway and there are no traffic control signals
  - When making a turn at any intersection
  - When making a lawful turn after coming to a complete stop
  - After coming to a complete stop at a stop sign or flashing red signal at an intersection
  - When a pedestrian enters a crosswalk before the traffic light has changed
  - When a pedestrian is walking with a green light, to a walking person symbol or a walk signal
  - When a pedestrian is leaving or entering a street or highway from an alley, building, private road or driveway
  - Drivers also must yield to workers in highway construction or maintenance areas as well as to persons with disabilities, including those with physical, hearing or visual disabilities.

- Pedestrians must obey the same traffic control devices that drivers of vehicles must obey.

- Pedestrians crossing a roadway at any point other than at marked or unmarked crosswalks must yield right-of-way to vehicular traffic.

- Pedestrians are prohibited from crossing a roadway between adjacent intersections where traffic control devices and established crosswalks are in place.

For questions about pedestrian rights and responsibilities, please contact Sergeant Chris O'Neill at the Police Department (847) 432-7730 / [coneill@cityhpil.com](mailto:coneill@cityhpil.com).

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## CITY MEETINGS

The public is invited to attend City meetings, occurring at City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue, unless noted. Dates and times subject to change. Call (847) 432-0800 for further details.

**Design Review Commission**  
Mon., July 15, 7:00 p.m.

**Intra-City Parking**  
Tues., July 16, 3:45 p.m.

**Plan Commission**  
Tues., July 16, 7:30 p.m.

**Zoning Board of Appeals**  
Thurs., July 18, 7:30 p.m.

**Committee of the Whole**  
Mon., July 22, 4:30 p.m.  
**City Council Meeting**  
Mon., July 22, 7:30 p.m.

**Sister Cities Foundation**  
Mon., July 22, 7:00 p.m.

**Business & Econ. Development**  
Tues., July 23, 6:00 p.m.

**Transportation Commission**  
Wed., July 24, 6:30 p.m.

**Firefighters Pension Board**  
Thurs., August 1, 4:00 p.m.  
Station 33, 1130 Central Ave.

**Zoning Board of Appeals**  
Thurs., August 1, 7:30 p.m.

**Design Review Commission**  
Mon. August 5, 7:00 p.m.

**Plan Commission**  
Tues., August 6, 7:30 p.m.

**Housing Commission**  
Wed., August 7, 6:30 p.m.

**Historic Preservation**  
Thurs., August 8, 7:30 p.m.

**Committee of the Whole**  
Mon., August 12, 4:30 p.m.  
**City Council Meeting**  
Mon., August 12, 7:30 p.m.

**Library Board of Trustees**  
Tues., August 13, 7:30 p.m.  
494 Laurel Avenue

**Natural Resources**  
Wed., August 14, 6:30 p.m.

**Civil War Stories: Our Residents**  
**Currently thru Aug. 30**  
Highland Park Historical Society

326 Central Avenue  
(847) 432-7090

A Civil War sesquicentennial exhibit featuring local Soldiers' stories told through letters, photos, documents, weaponry and other items.

**Spanish Conversation Group**  
**Tuesdays**  
**10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**  
Highland Park Public Library  
494 Laurel Avenue  
(847) 432-0216

Practice your Spanish.

**Natraj Dance Academy**  
**July 17, 7 p.m.**  
Highland Park Public Library  
494 Laurel Avenue  
(847) 432-0216

Enjoy beautiful classic Indian dance, then learn traditional dance moves from Natraj instructors. Register in advance at [www.kidsevents.org](http://www.kidsevents.org).

**Reader's Round Table**  
**July 23, 2 p.m.**  
Highland Park Public Library  
494 Laurel Avenue  
(847) 432-0216

Share your favorite books and recommendations. For avid readers and book club leaders looking for ideas. Pick up a complimentary copy of a new or forthcoming book.

**Wonderful World of Puppets: A Journey**

**Around the Globe**  
**July 24, 7 p.m.**  
Highland Park Public Library  
494 Laurel Avenue  
(847) 432-0216

See shadow puppets from China, dancing marionettes from Mexico, India and Egypt, rod puppets from Eastern Europe, and a Punch and Judy show from England. Register in advance at [www.kidsevents.org](http://www.kidsevents.org).

**Sidewalk Sale Days**  
**July 25 - 27**  
**9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**  
Sidewalks throughout the Central Business District

Highland Park merchants sell their wares in downtown for the annual Sidewalk Sale.

**The Artists at 3150 Open House**  
**July 26, 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.**  
3150 Skokie Valley Road  
(847) 945-9477

Nine artists in 6 studios in open air courtyard show their work in painting, sculpture, mixed media, drawing and photography. Refreshments served.

**Gogh Green! Recycled Art Sale**  
**Opens July 26, 7 p.m.**  
The Art Center  
1957 Sheridan Road  
(847) 432-1888  
Tickets, \$50 in Advance  
\$65 at the Door

Don't miss the hunt for art treasures! The annual Recycled (pre-owned) Art Sale features thousands of paintings, prints, 2D and 3D art, jewelry, decorative objects and more.

The sale continues through August 16.

**HP Poetry - Open Mic**  
**July 27, 8 p.m.**  
Madame ZuZu's  
582 Roger Williams

Poets may bring up to six poems to share; all are welcome to experience the word magic.

**SparkFun Tour**  
**August 9**  
**9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or**  
**1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.**  
**Ages 8 - Adult**  
Highland Park Public Library  
494 Laurel Avenue  
(847) 432-0216

Have you imagined designing your own computer animation game? Now you can! SparkFun DIY instructors will teach you about the computer animation program Scratch and how to use PicoBoards. Participants receive a drive with the game they designed and the Scratch program. Limited to residents of the North Shore School District 112 service area. Register at [www.kidsevents.org](http://www.kidsevents.org).

**Love Under Fire: The Story of Bertha and Potter Palmer**  
**August 14**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
Highland Park Public Library  
494 Laurel Avenue  
(847) 432-0216

Director Amelia Dellos screens her film about Chicago's first power couple. Presented with the Highland Park Senior Center, sponsored by Highland Park Nursing and Rehab.

# YOUTH & SENIOR SERVICES

## Senior Center offers services, home to adults

On an average day at the Highland Park Senior Center, anywhere from 75 to 100 adults over 50 years old come through the doors at 54 Laurel Avenue to experience the programs and services provided by the City of Highland Park. With more than 1500 members, the Senior Center is to many, a home away from home.

“Everyone needs a place where you connect with others and experience a sense of community,” Manager of Youth and Senior Services Don Miner said. “For our members, that place is the senior center.”

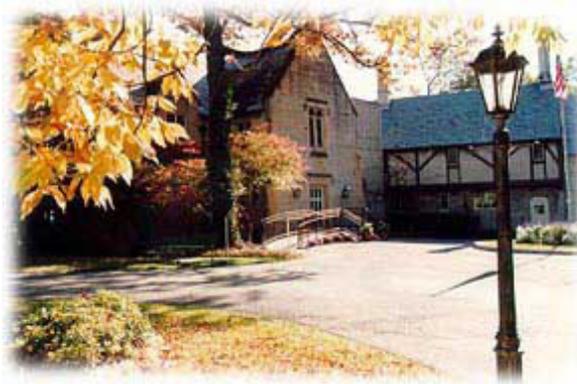
Members of the Senior Center are typically active adults wanting to stay engaged in the community, said Miner. In fact, groups of card players at the Senior Center, who may seem like lifelong friends actually met and formed their friendships through their memberships at the Senior Center. The same can be said of many members, who have bonded with other like-minded adults.

The City has operated the Senior Center since 1976 when the private residence at 54 Laurel Avenue was purchased and converted into the center it is today.

The home was originally built in 1929 and offers a myriad of spacious rooms and meeting places for members to include a meeting hall, card tables, a full-service kitchen, a painting room, a fitness room, private meeting spaces and a medical equipment rental space. The building sits atop the ravine opening to Lake Michigan offering magnificent views for members.

The programs and services offered at the Senior Center serve all interest areas. The Division of Senior Services provides health, recreational, cultural, educational and counseling services to the City’s senior population.

This comprehensive line-up of services and activities are offered at affordable prices and include, but are not limited to:



# senior

Serving Adults Over 50  
54 Laurel Avenue  
(847) 432-4110

Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

YOUR CITY AT WORK



- **Life-long learning** featuring excellent speakers and a wide variety of educational classes

- **General classes** such as bridge canasta, mah Jongg, art, computers, photography and more

- **Fitness classes** such as low impact dance aerobics, yoga, sit & be fit, tai chi, zumba gold and more

- **Special Events** such as mix and mingles dining outings, monthly concerts, and themed

parties

- **Day excursions** to theaters, museums, casinos, and special interest destinations

- **Resources and information** for families facing transitions including housing options, home care referrals, and a medical equipment loan closet

- **Access to free transportation** for seniors, on a fixed route throughout Highland Park

- **Community service and volunteer opportunities** for residents of all ages

- Full time Social Services Coordinator providing **support groups** for widows and widowers, family caregivers, and individu-

als seeking counseling and advice

This list of services and programming is not inclusive of all that the Senior Center has to offer and services may change as additional needs are found. A quarterly newsletter, *Shorelines*, is mailed to members which outlines all upcoming programs and events to allow for easy planning.

“We’re taking a holistic look at retired life and adapting our programs to meet the ever-changing generational needs,” Miner said.

Currently, the City is evaluating the facility, its accommodations and limitations in order to best provide services to the growing population of seniors efficiently. This analysis is one of 95 work goals the City

has initiated for the 2013 calendar year. As a part of this initiative, the postcard found in the centerfold of this issue asks for your feedback on the Senior Center facility.

The City hopes to continue serving the adult

population over the age of 50 with as much care and efficiency as possible. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.



For more information about the Highland Park Senior Center, how to become a member and upcoming events, call (847) 432-4110, visit [www.cityhpil.com/seniorcenter](http://www.cityhpil.com/seniorcenter) or visit 54 Laurel Avenue.

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## BUSINESS REPORT

### Now Accepting Nominations for 2013 Business Beautification Awards

The Business and Economic Development Commission is currently accepting nominations for the Mayor's 2013 Beautification Awards. These Awards recognize Highland Park businesses whose overall appearance integrates aesthetics, and consistency within the environment of the community. Given annually, award recipients will be granted a Mayoral Certificate and receive public recognition at a City Council meeting, in the Highlander, and through a press release issued by the City.

The award is given in Five Different categories which include Retail, Restaurant, Auto Dealer, Service, and Office/Apartment/Condominium Building. Award criteria includes Façade and Building Appearance; Cleanliness; Window Clarity; Adherence to City Code; Landscaping.

Nominations must be postmarked by August 30th, 2013. Nomination forms may be downloaded from the City's website at [www.cityhpil.com](http://www.cityhpil.com). Nomination forms should be sent to the Office of Economic Development, 1707 St Johns Avenue, Highland Park, IL 60035, or via email to [aredfield@cityhpil.com](mailto:aredfield@cityhpil.com). For more information, or to receive a nomination form by U.S. mail, please contact Alison Redfield in the Office of Economic Development at (847) 926-1046 or [aredfield@cityhpil.com](mailto:aredfield@cityhpil.com).

Sign up to receive the bi-weekly newsletter at [www.cityhpil.com](http://www.cityhpil.com). Or contact Carolyn Hersch in Economic Development at (847) 926-1027, or [chersch@cityhpil.com](mailto:chersch@cityhpil.com).

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(847) 681-9180  
<http://bloouts.com/>  
Blow Dry Hair Salon

#### Cos Bar

662 Central Avenue  
(847) 432-6000  
<http://www.cosbar.com>  
Luxury cosmetics, skincare,  
and international fragrances

#### Emily's Fitness and Sports Training

742 Judson Avenue  
(847) 623-1255  
Personal Training Fitness  
Studio

#### Rock N Rags

1821 St Johns Avenue  
(847) 432-4344  
[www.shoprocknrags.com](http://www.shoprocknrags.com)  
Clothing and Music Retailer

#### Studio S Nails

614 Laurel Avenue  
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[www.studiosnails.com](http://www.studiosnails.com)  
Nail Salon

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