

THE HIGHLANDER



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City Focuses on Fiscal Stability in 2014 Budget *Neighborhood Meetings, Budget Workshops Scheduled Through October*

In the midst of budget preparation, the City of Highland Park will focus on fiscal stability for 2014, one of the City's and Council's top priorities. While budget discussions already started in August, special budget workshops and neighborhood meetings open to the public are scheduled now through October for further analysis of the City's financial responsibility.

"It's important that we provide the best possible services at the lowest possible cost and in doing so, thoroughly analyze the costs incurred," City Manager David Knapp said. "Feedback from the public is crucial to insure that we are using taxpayers' money the way they think it should be used. We will continue to welcome public participation in the process."

The City has scheduled special budget workshops open to the public (dates and location can be found on the table to the right). Other workshops will occur at regularly scheduled City Council meetings

through December 2, 2013.

Additionally, Mayor Nancy Rotering, City Council Members, and City Manager David Knapp will host several Neighborhood Meetings this fall to meet with residents and participate in two-way conversations.

The neighborhood meetings (dates and locations can be found at the table to the right) are part of an ongoing effort to share information on current objectives of the City government with the community and invite feedback. Residents are invited to attend any neighborhood meeting that is convenient to them.

For questions regarding the budget process and special budget workshops, please contact the Finance Department at (847) 432-0800 or finance@cityhpil.com. For questions about the Neighborhood Meetings, please contact Luke Banaszak in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1030 or lbanaszak@cityhpil.com.

Neighborhood Meetings

Thursday, Sept. 26, 7:00 p.m.
Ravinia Elementary School
763 Dean Avenue

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 7:00 p.m.
Highland Park Police Department
1677 Old Deerfield Road

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:00 p.m.
Highland Park City Hall
1707 St. Johns Avenue

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 7:00 p.m.
Northwood Jr. High School
945 North Avenue

Budget Workshops

Monday, Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m.

Highland Park City Hall
1707 St. Johns Avenue

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Highland Park Theater Update

On August 9, 2013, the City closed submittals for a Request for Expressions of Interest and Qualifications (RFIQ). This document solicited interested entities for the purchase, long-term lease, rehabilitation and/or reuse of the Highland Park Theater. Five proposals were received by the City, all with different schemes.

The City Council will carefully weigh the pros and cons of each proposal before selecting one to move forward for final consideration. It is anticipated that recommendations will be presented to the City Council in October 2013. Please continue to check the website at www.cityhpil.com/theater for updates as this matter progresses. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact City Planner Barbara Cates at bcates@cityhpil.com or (847) 926-1611.



New! Community Newsletter

The City of Highland Park, Park District of Highland Park and Highland Park Public Library are pleased to bring you Highland Park's first community newsletter.

The Highlander will now feature additional pages and information from all three organizations. The tabs on the right of the page will help guide you through the new community newsletter.

While pages 1 through 7 and page 12 will remain news from the City of Highland Park, pages 8 through 9 will feature news from the Park District of

Highland Park and pages 10 through 11 will feature news from the Highland Park Public Library.

The community newsletter is an outlet for all governmental entities serving Highland Park to bring a unified message to residents in one publication; contributing governmental entities may change in future editions.

For questions or feedback about *The Highlander* and the community newsletter, please contact Karen Berardi, Management Analyst, at (847) 926-1043 or kberardi@cityhpil.com.

'HIGH' NOTES

2013-2014 Vehicle Sticker Renewals Due Next Month

Renewal applications for City vehicle stickers were mailed in early 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 (www.112foundation.org).

2013-2014 vehicle sticker renewals are also available for purchase online via the City's website. Online renewals save residents stamps, paper, and time. For more information, please contact the Finance Department at (847) 432-0800 or finance@cityhpil.com.

Interested in Serving on a City Commission?

The Mayor and City Council are preparing to appoint new residents to City commissions for terms beginning January 2014. Please visit the City's website at www.cityhpil.com/boardsandcommissions to view a list of the various commissions, the goals and responsibilities of each commission, and what is required. For more information and to apply, contact DeVona Gaynor in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1008 or dgaynor@cityhpil.com.

Fashion Week

The Downtown Highland Park Alliance proudly presents Fashion Week Highland Park beginning Saturday, September 21 and continuing through Saturday, September 28. Showcasing the luxurious and accessible items available in Downtown Highland Park, various stores and boutiques will offer trunk shows, talks from designers, special savings and promotions during this week long event.

The Third Annual Runway Show will be held at The Art Center of Highland Park, 1957 Sheridan Road, on Thursday, September 26. Along with showcasing the latest fall trends, the evening will include complimentary beauty treatments from local spas and salons, drinks and hors d'oeuvres. For more information please visit www.fashionweekhp.com. Admission is free.

New Backflow Protection Initiative for Lawn Sprinkling Systems

In response to requests by residents unable to perform the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency mandated annual testing of their Cross Connection Control Devices, the City Council has authorized implementation of a new protocol that makes provision for this circumstance, sparing residents the expense of activating and testing Cross Connection Control Devices that they do not plan to use.

At the owner's request, City staff will install a specially keyed 'Lockout' device that prevents installation or activation of the Cross Connection Control Device, ensuring that inadvertent backflow contamination of the water supply cannot occur, satisfying the IEPA regulation.

This program requires completion of a request form along with an initial fee of \$30 to cover the cost of the device. Any devices left in place will incur an annual fee of \$30 in subsequent years, invoiced each April. Devices that are not equipped with this lockout device remain subject to the annual test requirement. For more information, please visit www.cityhpil.com/crossconnection or call the Water Plant at (847) 433-4355.

Dog License Renewals Due October 1

City of Highland Park Dog Licenses for 2013/2014 are now available and must be purchased by October 1, 2013. Renewal fees are \$5.00 for spayed or neutered dogs (proof required) and \$10.00 for unaltered dogs. A current rabies vaccination certificate is required for renewal if the vaccination listed on the dog license application has passed its expiration date. Dog Licenses can be renewed by mail or in person at City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue. The Finance Department also offers online renewal of Dog Licenses on the City's website, www.cityhpil.com. Dog license application forms for new licenses and instructions for the online renewal process are found on the City's website. For more information, please contact the Finance Department at (847) 432-0800 or finance@cityhpil.com.

Rotary Live & Study Abroad Application Due Sept. 18

Looking for adventure in a foreign land? The Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood is accepting applications for the Rotary Outbound Youth Exchange 2014-2015 program. Open to students born between August 15, 1995 and February 15, 1999, the chosen Rotary Outbound Youth Exchange student will spend a year living with host families and attending school in a different country. Students interested need to be in good academic standing, to be flexible and interested in other cultures, and to preserve the dignity and reputation of the Rotary motto of Service Above Self. Applications are available at the Highland Park High School counseling center and must be returned for consideration no later than September 18, 2013. Applicants are asked to indicate which country they would like to live. Exchange countries from Australia to Zaire are available. Applicant should list their preferences for up to 5 countries. For questions or more information contact Cheryl Levi at levi.cheryl@yahoo.com

Recycle-O-Rama

The Recycle-O-Rama event will be held Saturday, October 5, 2013 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Lake County Division of Transportation, 600 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville.

- Keep items out of our landfills
- Find homes for those hard-to-recycle items laying around the house
- Make a difference in your community and world
- Be a part of the Recycle First, Trash Last effort!

Recycle-O-Rama will accept a number of hard-to-recycle items for recycling and reuse including electronics, eyeglasses, CDs, DVDs and cassettes, bicycles and bicycle parts, propane tanks, fire extinguishers, marine, RV and automotive batteries, paper documents for shredding, stuffed animals, clothing and textiles (in any condition includes sheets, towels and blankets), smoke and CO2 detectors/alarms, shoes excluding roller blades and ice skates, and more. Contact SWALCO at (847) 336-9340 ext. 4 for additional information.

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

Managing the Cost of Government

Hardly a day goes by without a headline featuring the dire straits of government finances. Detroit's recent bankruptcy and the State of Illinois' ongoing struggles are but recent examples of a growing trend. When governments fail to decisively tackle long-term budget challenges, a spiral of debt, tax hikes and service cuts can lie in wait.

It is tempting to look at Highland Park and think that we are immune to these challenges. We certainly have much to be proud of including a AAA bond rating, ample reserve funds and sound policies implemented over time that have kept our own financial picture relatively bright. Nevertheless, like our less far-sighted peers, challenges loom on the horizon and we must act boldly to avoid their fate. The longer we wait to address these challenges, the more difficult and costly they will be to overcome.

Skyrocketing Costs - The underlying cost of local government has increased significantly in recent years. Most stark are the monies required for pensions due to stock market declines, longer lives and government accounting requirements. The City already pays more than \$4 million a year to its pension plans, and this will balloon to nearly \$7 million in coming years.

Pension contributions are legally required and, other than reducing staff to realize long-term savings, little can be done in the short term to avoid these costs. Of course, increasing immediate contributions reduces monies due later but necessarily involves immediately higher taxes or other consequences.

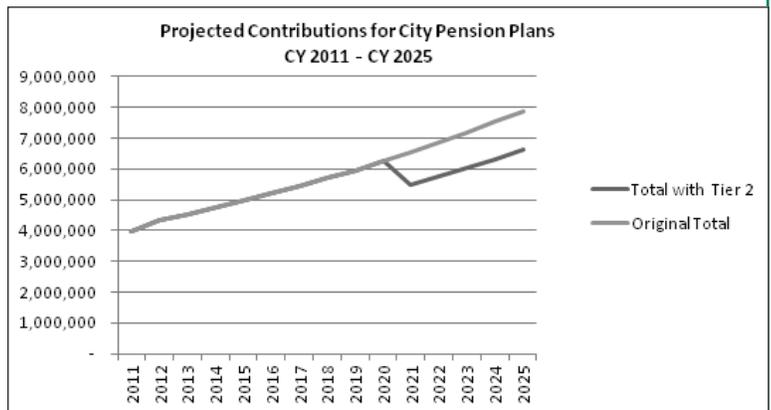
Beyond pensions, overall employee expenses continue to escalate along with health and dental insurance premiums that average about \$20,000 per employee family. The City pays 92% of these premiums, as required by contracts, and rate increases have been continuing in some recent years. Worse, "Cadillac taxes" under the Affordable Care Act will likely apply in coming years. In the next ten years or so, overall City health insurance costs are set to go from about \$6 million to \$9 million.

What to Do - City staff have done a good job of identifying and quantifying these challenges. And, the City Council has used this analysis to inform its recent budget decisions. However, despite some progress, much more needs to be done, especially when one considers the costly need for a new fire station, sidewalks and other infrastructure, as well as other ongoing priorities for our residents.

The City Manager will soon be submitting his draft budget to the City Council for its consideration. Public workshops will be held in coming weeks, and we welcome your voice to these discussions.

The fact is we have a budget outlook that has changed dramatically, and so should the solutions we consider. From my perspective, I hope that we take this opportunity to be bold and implement decisive actions as we develop our new budget. Consolidating units of government, outsourcing some services, and selling or repurposing City-owned buildings all offer potentially huge returns without diminishing critical City services our residents. While none is without challenge, taking a bold step (or two) this year can improve our short-term financial picture and put us on a path toward a more sustainable future. We all share the goal of excellent City services delivered affordably. In advance, thank you for working with us toward this end.

Sincerely, Councilman David Naftzger



COMMUNITY NEWS

ONLINE SAFETY MESSAGE FROM POLICE CHIEF SHAFER:

(This is an excerpt only. The full message can be viewed at www.cityhpil.com/pd.)

One of the most important discussions you can have with your child is about online predators. With more and more children and teenagers logging onto social networking sites nowadays and the increase of children and teenagers with smart phones, predators are finding information easier and quicker. With low to no privacy settings, predators can easily find out the school a child attends, what they look like, who their friends are and even their plans the next few days. It's important for parents to understand the truth about predators so you know how to help your child avoid them.

The majority of online predators are:

- Men, age 26 or older - Studies show that 99% of predators are male. Female predators exist, but they are rare.
- Generally not pedophiles - Pedophiles are interested in young children, but online predators typically target teens.
- Rarely lie about being an adult - Studies show that only 5% of offenders pretend to be teens.
- Usually don't abduct - Predators and victims discuss their plans online to meet up and have sex. The teens are typically aware of who they're meeting and why.

Law enforcement professionals know these facts about victims:

- Mostly girls, but 25% of victims are boys
- Ages 13-15 years

The important thing to remember about victims is it's never their fault. Predators target vulnerable teens and exploit their natural desires for attention and affection. They understand how to manipulate minors using a tactic called grooming. Signs that a child may be a victim of this tactic can include, but is not limited to, receiving gifts through the mail (such as bus tickets, cell phones and webcams), calling unknown numbers, rejecting family and friends in favor of spending time online, getting upset when he or she cannot get online, and minimizing the screen or turning off the monitor when others come into the room.

Teach your children the right information they should disclose on online sites. Too often children share more information than

necessary. Sharing personal information online is not only a risk to online predators, but also a security risk because it leaves your children open to other targeting such as identity theft, online scams and hacking.

Here are just some tips and ways to help your child stay away from online predators:

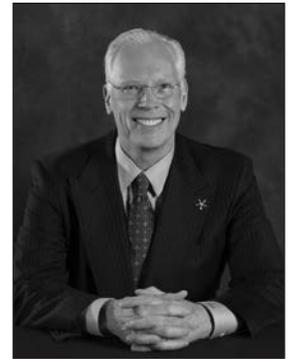
- Talk to your child about sex and relationships and specifically, what makes a healthy relationship. Have an open-door policy so they will not seek answers or inappropriate relationships online.
- Set a policy about meeting offline for older teens - If you think it's okay for older teens to meet friends offline, then establish rules to make it safer.
- Know your child's online friends. Encourage them not to accept friend requests from anyone they don't already know.
- Teach your child the warning signs. Talk to them about grooming and ways that predators try to manipulate their victims.
- Above all, call the police if you suspect your child is talking to an online predator to prevent them from finding another victim.

But remember, the most important thing is to communicate with your children about what they're doing online and become engaged in their online presence. Start the conversation by asking about their interests or any number of topics. And maintain the conversation throughout the years of their adolescence.

If you have questions about what you can do to help educate children on online safety, please call the Highland Park Police Department at (847) 432-7730. For more tips on online safety for children, parents can go to <http://www.netsmartz.org/Parents> which provides a great resource for parents and adults to teach children.

Thank you and Be Safe.

Paul Shafer,
Police Chief



GREEN COMMUNITY NEWS

RECYCLE DO'S

For a complete list of what household items can be recycled go to the SWALCO website <http://www.swalco.org/Recycling/Pages/Guidelines>. Here are the 5 rules of thumb to make sure you are recycling correctly:

1. Make sure what you are recycling is not hazardous to the people or machines that are sorting it in the plant (needles, chemicals, non-recyclable batteries).
2. Make sure what you are recycling is recyclable (it doesn't have to have the recy-

cling symbol to be recyclable).

- a. Paper (all types including colored and magazines)
- b. Plastic (#1-7 minus foam)
- c. Aluminum (cans, frame, scrap)
- d. Glass (bottles and jars; no mirrors or windows)
- e. Metal

3. Please DO NOT bag, bundle, stack or tie together your recycling. Please make sure you get it down to its basic form such as removing the newspaper from the blue plastic bag.

4. What to do with caps? Rule of Palm: If the cap is smaller than the palm of your hand, leave it on. If the cap is larger than the palm of your hand or made of a different material, take it off and recycle or dispose accordingly. (Wine bottle: remove cork, Milk jug: leave on cap and ring)

5. Rinse out any food debris from the recyclable material. Remove any stuck on material and rinse with water. (Small amounts of grease on a pizza box are okay)

For more info, contact Bryan Tillman, Sustainability Director, at (847) 926-1866.

COMMUNITY NEWS

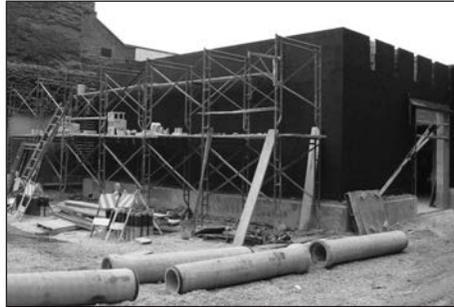
Water Treatment Plant Construction Update

Plant Project Progressing On Schedule

The City's George B. Prindle Water Treatment Plant upgrade project is in full swing and the Park Avenue lakefront property is a beehive of construction activity.

At the heart of this two-year infrastructure project is the installation of the latest technology for water treatment, ultrafiltration membranes. This membrane filtration process employs millions of tiny porous straws, smaller than the size of bacteria, to purify Lake Michigan water. Membrane filtration is a USEPA recommended standard for removal of pathogenic protozoa such as *Cryptosporidia* and *Giardia* which are resistant to chlorine disinfection. In addition to the public health benefit, membrane technology requires a smaller footprint than the current conventional sand filtration treatment system.

Upon completion in December 2014, the upgraded ultrafiltration membrane treatment plant will have a capacity of 30 million gallons per day whereas the current system has a capacity of 21 million gallons per day. The additional capacity will enable the City to meet drought condition demands of all customers and to respond to any emergencies. The City supplies water to approximately 60,000 persons including neighboring communities of Deerfield, Lincolnshire, Bannockburn, and Glenbrook Sanitary District.



The City's primary focus is to ensure continued provision of safe water to all of these customers. Construction of a new plant while keeping the existing plant in full operation does bring its own set of challenges. The upgrade project has been phased with a carefully planned step-by-step process to ensure summer demands are met and certain critical items are completed. Several of these construction milestones have been successfully passed with no impact on our ability to continue serving the public. The rainy spring and summer were a tremendous aid.

The project is progressing according to schedule and may be tracked on our City's website at www.cityhpil.com/waterplantupgrade.

The City appreciates the continued support and cooperation of all residents and our external customers as we move towards successful completion of this project.

22nd Annual Historic Preservation Awards

The Historic Preservation Commission is accepting nominations for the 2013 Highland Park Historical Preservation Awards. The Historical Preservation Commission sponsors the awards in order to recognize and encourage projects that protect historic homes in Highland Park. Last year's winners included the restoration of the Frank Lloyd Wright house at 1923 Lake Avenue and a new house in the Vine/Linden Maple Historic District at 199 Park Avenue.



1923 Lake Avenue

The 2013 Awards will recognize five categories: Restoration, Rehabilitation, Adaptive Reuse, Landscape Restoration and New Construction. Nominations are due to City Hall by Monday, October 28. Awards will be presented in December. Nomination forms are available at the Highland Park Public Library or online at www.cityhpil.com.

For more information, please contact Andy Cross, City Planner, at (847) 432-0867 or across@cityhpil.com.

Hydrant Flushing Underway

The City's annual Hydrant Flushing Program began Tuesday, September 3 and will continue each work day for approximately 8 weeks. The flushing work will be performed by B & F Technical Code Service, Inc. and will consist of flushing and inspecting approximately half of all the City's 1,650 fire hydrants. This year, neighborhoods west of Route 41 and north of Half Day Road will be affected on different days by the hydrant flushing operations. When hydrants are flushed in your area, please test the cold water before and during all clothes and other fabric washing. If any discoloration is observed, stop using all water until the discolored cold water clears, which is usually within one or two hours.

Each Monday the City's website is updated with the hydrant flushing areas targeted for that week. Questions? Contact Bill Stewart at (847) 926-1146 or bstewart@cityhpil.com.

Historic Preservation Commission Presents: Your House Has A Story

The City of Highland Park Historic Preservation Commission announces their fall 2013 education initiative, "Your House Has a Story." The event will be held Saturday, October 12 between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Highland Park Public Library located at 494 Laurel Ave.

Many of Highland Park's homes, from the modest to the grand mansion, have history that may be unlocked through the many resources offered by the Highland Park Public Library, City of Highland Park, and the Highland Park Historical Society. Representatives from these organizations will be on hand to present on the resources available to the public, answer questions about historical research and the history of Highland Park.

All Highland Park residents and those interested in the history of Highland Park are invited to attend. This event is free. RSVP is preferred; please contact the Department of Community Development at (847) 432-0867 or planning@cityhpil.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CITY MEETINGS

The public is invited to City meetings, at City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue, unless noted. Calendar subject to change. Call (847) 432-0800.

Design Review Commission
Mon., Sept. 16, 7:00 p.m.

Plan Commission
Tues., Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals
Thurs., Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Committee of the Whole
Mon., Sept. 23, 4:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting
Mon., Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m.

Sister Cities Foundation
Mon., Sept. 23, 7:00 p.m.

Business & Econ. Development
Tues., Sept. 24, 6:00 p.m.

Transportation Commission
Wed., Sept. 25, 6:30 p.m.

Cultural Arts Commission
Tues., Oct. 1, 6:30 p.m.

Plan Commission
Tues., Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m.

Housing Commission
Wed., Oct. 2, 6:30 p.m.

Human Relations Commission
Thurs., Oct. 3, 6:30 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals
Thurs., Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m.

Design Review Commission
Mon. Oct. 7, 7:00 p.m.

Ravinia Fest. Comm. Relations
Tues., Oct. 8, 6:30 p.m.

Police Pension Board
Tues., Oct. 8, 7:00 p.m.
1677 Richfield Road

Library Board of Trustees
Tues., Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m.
494 Laurel Avenue

Natural Resources
Wed., Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m.

Historic Preservation
Thurs., Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.

3rd Annual Legislative Forum: Legislation and Its Impact on Business & the Local Economy

September 20, 7:30 a.m.
Highland Park Country Club
1201 Park Avenue West
\$25 before 9/13/13; \$35 at the door and after 9/13/13.

HP Chamber of Commerce and Small Business Advocacy Council present this forum for businesses and residents to discuss legislative issues of importance to our community with a panel of legislators which includes State Senator Julie Morrison, State Senator Daniel Biss, State Representative Scott Drury, SBAC CEO Elliott Richardson and Ram Villivalam, District Outreach Aide/office of Congressman Brad Schneider. Register at www.chamberhp.com.

HP Poetry - Andrea Witzke Slot Reading & Open Mic
September 20, 8 p.m.
The Art Center
1957 Sheridan Road

Andrea Witzke Slot, author of *To Find a New Beauty*, is guest poet. Poets may bring up to six poems to share in open-mic; all are welcome.

Business Summit
October 2, 8 a.m.
Highland Park Country Club
1201 Park Avenue West
(847) 926-1000
Free with registration

Learn. Network. Strategize. Join the conversation about economic growth and business opportunities within Highland Park. Special guest

speaker Howard Tullman, Chairman of Tribeca Flashpoint Media Arts Academy. For more information, visit www.cityhpil.com/Business-Summit.

Embrace the Race 5K
October 3, 8 a.m.
Race begins and ends in front of Highland Park Theater
445 Central Avenue

This event supports breast and ovarian cancer divisions of NorthShore University HealthSystems. Advance registration required at www.embracetherace5k.com.

Gallery Talk with Artist Bert Menco
October 3, 7:00 p.m.
The Art Center
1957 Sheridan Road
(847) 432-1888

Exhibiting artist Bert Menco (Arnhem, The Netherlands), speaks about his work and creative process. His work will be on view in "Dutch - Chicago, Interactions" between Sept. 7 through Nov. 2.

XVIII Annual House Tour: Fine On Vine
October 6, 12 - 4 p.m.
Tickets \$25 in Advance, \$35 at the Door
Highland Park Historical Society & Highland Park High School
433 Vine Avenue
(847) 432-7090

Tour begins at Highland Park High School with an exhibit, tour of original building and tea served by Madame Zuzu. Tour proceeds east on Vine to a number of 19th & 20th century homes including a "Boys Built Home," one of many constructed by Walt

Durbahn's shop class during the 1920's - 1940's.

STUNTS 2014
October 10, 11, & 12
7:30 p.m.
Highland Park High School
433 Vine Avenue
Tickets: \$10

Don't miss this student written, student produced and student directed play.

HP Poetry - Deborah Rosen Reading & Open Mic
October 11, 8 p.m.
The Art Center
1957 Sheridan Road

Deborah Rosen, author of *Sight/Seer*, is guest poet. Poets may bring up to six poems to share in open-mic.

Your House Has A Story
October 12, 2 - 4 p.m.
Highland Park Library
494 Laurel Avenue
RSVP (847) 432-0867

Historic Preservation Commission offers informative session about discovering your home's history.

October Arts Month Celebration Day
October 13, 1 - 5 p.m.
The Art Center
1957 Sheridan Road
(847) 432-1888

Join this celebration of the arts featuring music, art, dance, theater, poetry and storytelling by HPCAN. Experience hands-on demos for ceramics, drawing, knitting, and mosaics. Refreshments provided. Sponsored by the HP Cultural Arts Commission.

YOUTH & SENIOR SERVICES

Make the Firehouse Your Child's Third Place



What is a third place? We have our home life, work/school life, and need a third place. Sociologists describe this concept as a way we meet our needs to be part of a community. For adults, this could be the health

club, a coffee house, house of worship, book club, VFW Lodge, bowling alley, etc. For middle school students in Highland Park, one option for a third place is the Firehouse Youth Center. At the Firehouse, all who come through our doors are made to feel welcome, valued, respected, and a part of our community. Members can come as often as desired, be it every day, once a week, or even every once in a while when they are "bored." One of the developmental tasks of middle school children is to learn how to constructively deal with boredom. At the Firehouse, we value "downtime" when youth can take a break from their busy schedules, take part in

youth

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.

activities to relax, spend time with and meet new friends, discover new talents, all while in a safe environment supervised by professional staff. For more information, contact Don Miner, Manager of Youth and Senior Services, at (847) 926-1861 or dminer@cityhpil.com.

Beginners Bridge - Club Series: Modern Bidding

Tues. Sept. 17 - Nov. 19 (10 classes)
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Fee: \$80 / NM: \$100

If you have always wanted to learn to play bridge, this class is for you! Designed for students with no prior bridge experience, instructor Bob Burke introduces the basic concepts of the game including objectives, dealing and organizing the hand, counting points, and bidding, playing, and scoring. There is an emphasis on modern bidding and elements of play and defense are introduced to allow students to play hands within a few weeks. Please bring the ACBL Club Series book to the first class.

Brunch and Learn Nature Workshop Heller Nature Center

10:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Fee: \$10 / NM: \$20

Sponsored by The Seasons at Glenview Place

This series features a casual brunch, followed by unique lectures/workshops led by area naturalists. Advance registration required; call (847) 432-4110.

September 27

Winged Visitors: Bird Migration

Situated along a major bird migratory flyway, thousands of spring and fall migrants travel north or south to their nesting or wintering grounds. Join Rena Cohen, President of Illinois Audubon Society's Lake/Cook Chapter, to learn about the avian visitors who



may be stopping by your neighborhood.

October 18

Cold-Blooded Critters Live

Reptiles are amazing creatures with many evolutionary tactics for survival, including beautiful colors and patterns used as camouflage or warning signs to would-be predators. Come meet a wide variety of reptiles up close with reptile educator Dick Buckholz. Bring the camera for photos with some of Dick's gorgeous snakes and other reptiles as he leads a discussion on their lifestyles and habitats.

Fall Harvest Dinner Dance Highland Park Country Club

Wed. October 16 from 5:30 - 8 p.m.
Fee: \$25 / NM: \$40

Sponsored by Right at Home

Put on your dancing shoes for a fun-filled evening with live band featuring Jack Kramer (trumpet, EVI, and vocals), Jerry Frank (drums and vocals), and keyboards. This talented trio plays danceable music from throughout

the decades. No need to have a partner - the music will be well suited for singles, couples and even groups. Dinner features salad, entree, potato, and a delicious dessert. Register in advance with your choice of salmon or chicken. Cash bar features soda, beer, and wine. Doors open at 5:15 p.m.: seating is open.

Live on the Links Classic Concert: Nightclub in the Afternoon

Highland Park Country Club
Thursday, September 19

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Free for members / NM: \$10

Sponsored by Silverado Highland Park

Mary Anne Riehl, a singer mature adults know from radio and television, performs with a two-piece, tuxedo-clad band. Expect an enchanting, nostalgic experience evoking candlelight, romance, and laughter. Mary Anne and her talented duo perform popular standards from the 20s, 30s, and 40s, - music adults continue to love and cherish.

PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK

GREENPRINT 2024

A Community Vision for the Park District of Highland Park

Community Survey

The Park District of Highland Park will be conducting an online Community Survey in September. The purpose of the survey is to help identify current and future needs and improvements regarding the District's facilities, programs, and services.

The online survey results, along with input from stakeholder interviews and the 2009 Attitudes and Interest survey, will be incorporated into the visioning phase of the GreenPrint 2024 development. This ten-year master plan will serve as a roadmap for decisionmaking. Community input will help assure that resources are properly aligned with resident priorities.

Watch for your invitation to participate! The 10-minute survey can also be accessed online at www.pdhp.org until September 30. Hard copies can be picked up at West Ridge Center, the Recreation Center of Highland Park, or the Highland Park Library.



R.E.A.C.T.

REc center Athletic Cross Training

**New family fitness program at the Recreation Center of Highland Park, 1207 Park Avenue West.
Sep 9 - Nov 3**

What is better than personal fitness? Family fitness! The Recreation Center of Highland Park is launching a new family-focused program (children ages 10-17) that makes getting in shape fun and effective.

You don't have to be a member to register for this 8-week program that includes use of the fitness center, pool, group exercise, cross training, bootcamp, and personal training. Every member of your family team will receive a R.E.A.C.T. t-shirt and will earn team points based on activities. The top team will win a family membership to the Recreation Center of Highland Park!



Sunset Valley Golf Course

1390 Sunset Road

Couples Golf and Dinner

Ages 21 & up

Join us for an end-of-season non-competitive golf event and cookout.

Sunset Valley Golf Course • September 21

30444 Sat 1pm

Nine and Wine

Ages 21 & Older

Play nine holes of golf while sampling a wine and cheese pairing at each hole. Pre-register by September 22.

Sunset Valley Golf Course • September 29

30251 Sun 4pm

New Indoor Golf Practice Range

Practice is available at Deer Creek Tennis Courts, 701 Deer Creek Parkway, with three hitting stations available. An OptiShot simulator allows you to play a simulated round of golf or practice your swing while getting feedback.



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Family Fun

Deer Creek Courts Grand Reopening Sep 26, 5-6pm

Deer Creek Courts, the Park District of Highland Parks indoor tennis and racquetball facility, is nearing completion of an entryway and lobby renovation. We will be celebrating and showing patrons and community members the new look. Raffles and light refreshments.

Deer Creek Courts is located at
701 Deer Creek Parkway.



Autumn Fest

Celebrate the bounty of the season with crafts, games, nature walks, a falconer show with live birds of prey, pony rides, hayrides, a campfire, live reptiles, a pumpkin hunt and more! Food will be available for purchase. Selected activities require a ticket, \$3 each, cash only. For more information, call 847.433.6901.

Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Road

September 20

Fri 4-7pm FREE

Parent/Child Halloween Lanterns

Adult/Child Age 4-K

Design a ceramic Halloween lantern together. The piece will be fired and available for pick up on October 11. Fee is per couple. For more information, call 847.831.3810.

West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Road

September 20

29750 Fri 7-8:30pm



Sponsor a team!

New Basketball program for boys and girls, ages 5-7.

Registration open.
847.579.3129.

Woofstock

Have a howling good time at our enclosed dog park. Enter our dog costume contest to win great prizes. We'll have hot dogs for purchase, and music from A-Z with all your canine favorites. For more information, call 847.831.3810.

Debbie Gottlieb Beitler Dog Park in

Larry Fink Memorial Park • 1377 Deer Creek Parkway

September 22

Sun Noon-2pm FREE

West Ridge Round Up

Get ready for Halloween in your best Western-themed costume, have your face painted, and meet live animals in our petting zoo. Visit the pumpkin patch too! Park District Early Childhood staff will be available to answer all of your questions about fall and winter programs.

West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Road

October 11

Fri 6-8pm FREE

Kids Love Wander Woods!

Heller Nature Center's new Wander Woods is a free play natural area designed to nurture a child's sense of wonder and discovery. Wander Woods provides an unstructured play area limited only by the imagination. Nestled in the trees and solitude, children find simple one word suggestions and basic tools such as water, mud, sticks, wheelbarrows, and shovels. Let the creativity begin!

Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Road

Dawn to dusk daily FREE



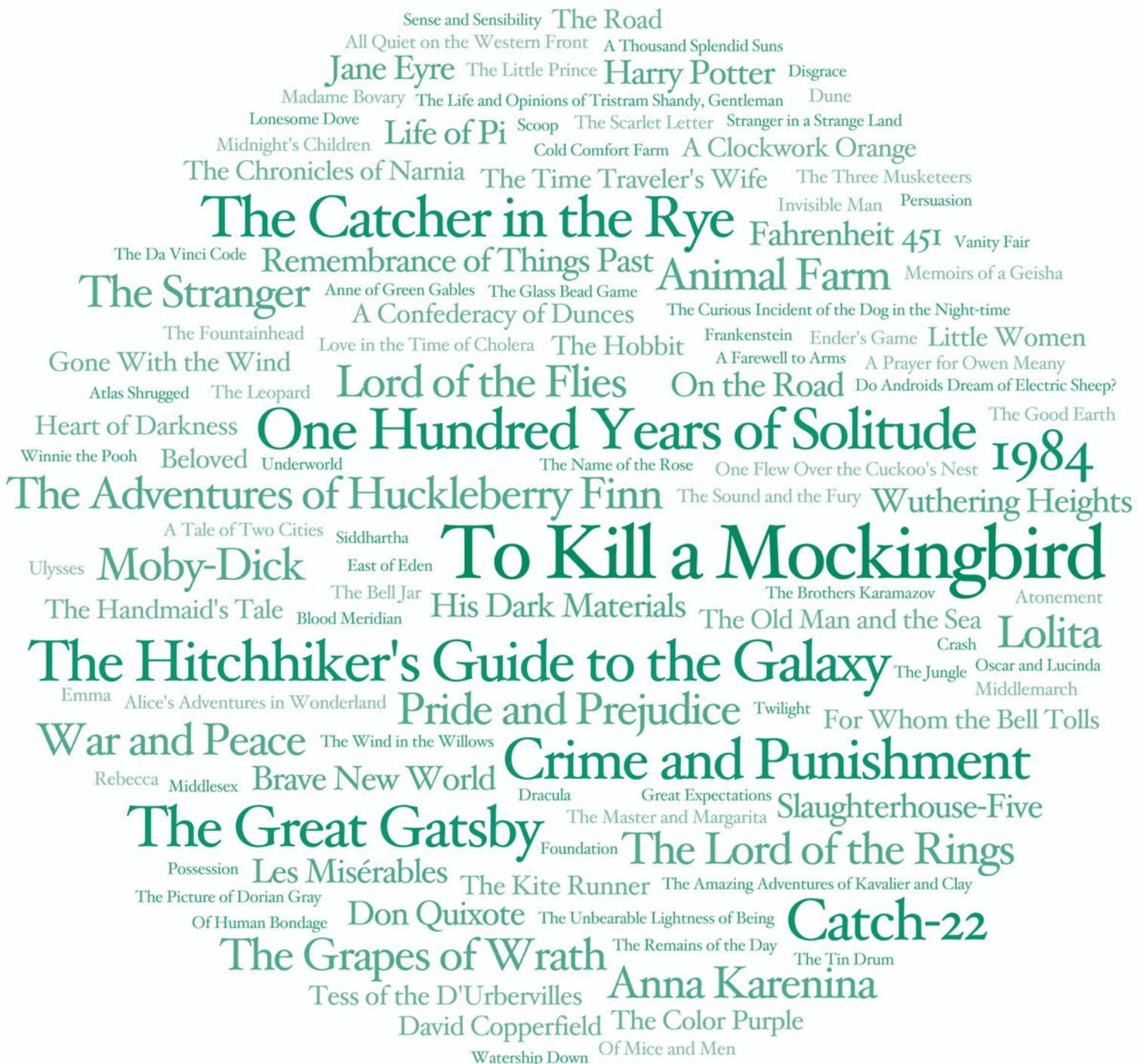
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Books Everyone Should Read

A Consensus Cloud



Stop by the library to check out one of these books. What else will you discover?

ORIGINAL DESIGN: David McCandless | RESEARCH: Miriam Quick | ADDITIONAL DESIGN: Matt Hancock

SELECTED SOURCES: UK's Most Borrowed Library Books, Pulitzer Prize Winners 1948+, AskMetafilter, World Book Day Poll, Man Booker Prize List, Oprah's Book List

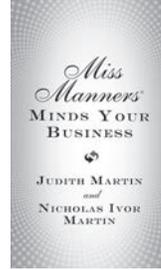
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Check out... the Fall Author Series

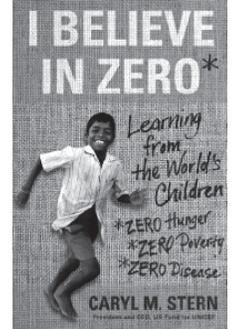
Meet these authors this fall at the library:



Kevin Coval – *Schtick*
Monday, September 30, 7 p.m.



Judith Martin and Nicholas Ivor Martin
Miss Manners Minds Your Business
Monday, October 14, 7 p.m.



Caryl Stern – *I Believe in Zero: Learning from the World's Children*
Tuesday, October 15, 7 p.m.

Check out... Fun Activities for Kids

The Art of Storytelling – What Works and What Doesn't?

Thursday, September 12, 7 p.m., Ages 14 and older.

Famous storyteller Donald Davis leads a workshop for experienced and novice storytellers and will listen to and critique stories. This program made possible by the District 112 Education Foundation. Registration required.

Register at kidsevents.org or by calling (847) 681-7030.

Drop In Chess

Saturdays, September 21 – January 4, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Grades K – 9.

Every level of play is welcome. Experienced players will be available and instructional opportunities may be available. Boards and sets will be provided.

Check out... Fall Storytimes

Baby Booktime

October 11 – December 27
2nd and 4th Friday,
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Newborns – walkers,
accompanied by an adult.*

Introduce your baby to the sounds and rhythms of language with stories, music, and rhymes. Class ends with a half-hour of play featuring age-appropriate toys and time for socializing.

First Steps

October 1 – December 20, 1st and
3rd Tuesday or 1st and 3rd Friday,
9:15 – 10 a.m. or 10:15 – 11 a.m.

Walking toddlers – 2½ year olds,
accompanied by an adult.*

Enjoy an interactive storytime with picture books, songs, finger plays, puppets, and parachute play. Encourage your toddler to learn numbers, colors, sounds, and new words. Each class will end with a half-hour of play and time to meet others.

Tales for Tots

September 23 – November 7
Mondays or Thursdays, 10 – 10:30 a.m.
Ages 2½ – 3½, accompanied by an
adult.*

Fall Storytime Live!

September 23 – November 7, Mondays,
10:45 – 11:15 a.m. or Thursdays, 1:30 – 2 p.m.
Ages 3½ – 6. Drop in class.
No registration necessary!

Great Stories • Puppets • Flannel Boards • Music • Activities • Parachute

*Register in the Youth Services Department or online at www.kidsevents.org.
Limited to residents of Highland Park.

Check Out... A Special Film Screening

Girl Rising

Thursday, October 10, 7 p.m.

Friday, October 11th is International Day of the Girl. To celebrate, the library is hosting an International Day of the Girl screening of *Girl Rising*.

Girl Rising is a film that spotlights the stories of nine unforgettable girls born into unforgiving circumstances. The film captures their dreams, their voices and their remarkable lives and is narrated by Cate Blanchett, Priyanka Chopra, Selena Gomez, Anne Hathaway, Salma Hayek, Alicia Keys, Chloë Moretz, Liam Neeson, Freida Pinto, Meryl Streep, and Kerry Washington.

"It's a powerful film that has the potential to inspire change in the world. If you're not moved, you're not breathing," said Alicia Keys.

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Central District Public Hearing for Zoning Text and Map Amendments

The Plan Commission will hold a public hearing to amend the Zoning Code to implement recommendations of the Central District Land Use and Urban Design Study on Tuesday, October 15 at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall.

The proposed amendments are intended to:

- facilitate mixed-use development, including an increase in residential development in areas surrounding the central business (B5) district that will support existing businesses and future economic growth; and
- reinforce and enhance downtown's existing walkable, transit-oriented character.

The Central District Land Use and Urban Design Study set out a foundation for the proposed amendments which includes increasing residential density, increasing allowable building heights in downtown, reconsidering Planned Development standards, developing a comprehensive parking strategy, encouraging a mix of uses in the downtown district, improving access, and streamlining cumbersome existing regulations.

The Plan Commission will consider staff presentations and testimony from community residents, property owners and other stakeholders on the recommendations delivered in the Central District Land Use and Urban Design Study. For more information, please contact the Department of Community Development at (847) 432-0867 or contact Lee Smith, Senior Planner, at lsmith@cityhpil.com.

