

THE HIGHLANDER



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Highland Park Public Library Chosen for Mayor's 2013 Award for the Arts

The Highland Park Public Library has been named the winner of the 2013 Mayor's Award for the Arts by Mayor Nancy Rotering. The Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) forwarded its selection, chosen from eight nominated organizations and individuals

"The library encourages education in all things and promotes the arts, culture and the creative spirit that is so important to the character of our community and is found in abundance in Highland Park," Mayor Rotering stated. Mayor Rotering also noted the library is an invaluable institution and an irreplaceable community asset.

The Mayor's Award for the Arts, which has been awarded since 1990, is an annual award which recognizes outstanding achievements or contributions to the arts in Highland Park. The award will be officially presented before the Highland Park Strings Concert at Highland Park High School on Sunday, November 3 at 3 p.m.



The event is free and open to the public.

"The library's energy, inclusiveness and collaborative spirit are immeasurable, and add to the vitality of the community. We wish them continued success," stated James Lynch, Chair of the Commission.

The library has been a key part of the cultural fabric of the community for 125 years. When the library opened its doors in 1888, providing access to books was its primary role. Today, the library also provides opportunities for cultural enrichment and enjoyment through programming that focuses on the arts.

With events geared for the youngest of patrons to senior citizens, the breadth of arts programming is notable. And because the events are free, they are accessible to all. For children, such opportunities include theatrical performances, puppet shows, and the annual "instrument petting zoo," where children can learn about and try different instruments.

For adults, the library hosts two film series, concerts, theatrical performances and book discussions. Through the ongoing Meet the Author series, the library brings award-winning, esteemed, and bestselling authors to Highland Park to read from and speak about their books and the craft of writing. It is events like these that the library strives to provide, offering enriching arts programming to everyone in Highland Park.

Congratulations to the Board and Staff of the Highland Park Public Library on your recognition!

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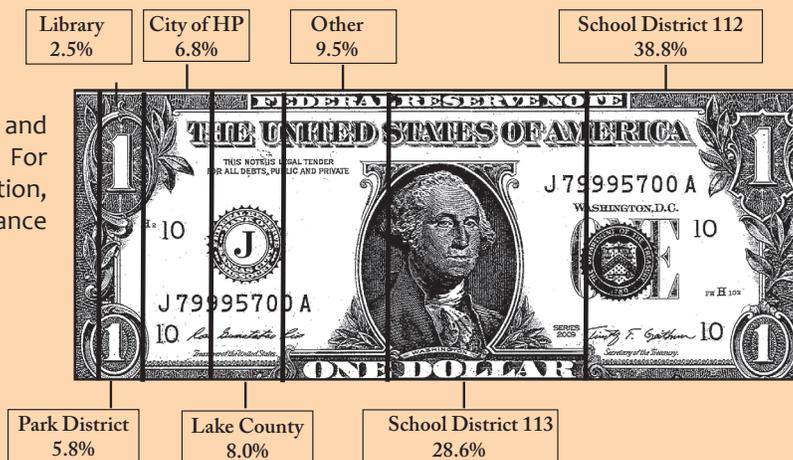
SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK

HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Your Tax Bill Dollar

Property tax revenues are distributed to a number of taxing bodies, as illustrated below. The City received 6.8% of the tax levy for tax levy year 2012 (collectible in 2013). The consideration of a tax levy estimate and ordinance providing for the levy of City property taxes for 2013 and collected in 2014 will be brought forth to the City Council in November and December 2013. For more information, please call the Finance Department at (847) 432-0800.



Welcome School Districts

Joining the community newsletter this month are School District 112 and School District 113, which can both be found on page 7.

The community newsletter started in September 2013 and now features information from five governmental entities serving Highland Park residents: the City, Park District, Library and School Districts.

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

Trick-Or-Treat Hours & Halloween Festivities

This year's trick-or-treat hours will be held on Thursday, October 31 from 3:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

On Thursday, October 24, head to Downtown Highland Park for some spooktacular trick or treating! Retailers throughout Downtown Highland Park will be passing out candy to the costumed kids beginning at 3:00 p.m., as a fun and safe way to celebrate Halloween. The fun doesn't stop there! Port Clinton Square will host a monster mash with live music and rides for children. Stop by Renaissance Place for exciting Halloween themed activities. Info at www.downtownhp.com.

Veterans Day Information

City offices will be closed on Monday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day. Residents may call the Public Safety Switchboard at (847) 432-7730 if assistance is required.

Additionally, the Veterans Day ceremony will be held on Monday, November 11 at 11:00 a.m. in Memorial Park (405 Prospect Avenue). Representatives from the American Legion Post #145, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4737 and Jewish War Veterans #29 will be present. Special guest speakers include Mayor Nancy Rotering and others. Members of the Highland Park High School Band will perform. The event will take place rain or shine. All are welcome.

Affordable Housing in Highland Park

Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) has several homes ready for low income households. To see if you might qualify, or to learn more about affordable housing, please come to an information session:

October 22 at 7 pm

November 12 at 7 p m

Sessions are held at CPAH's office, 400 Central, Suite 111, Highland Park. To register, please contact CPAH at (847) 681-8746, or akaufman@cpahousing.org. More information at www.cpahousing.org.

Blood Drive November 2 at Fire Department

The City of Highland Park will host its second Blood Drive November 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in partnership with Life-Source. The drive will be located at the City's Fire Department at 1130 Central Avenue, Station #33. Donors will receive refreshments and a giveaway.

Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins will be welcomed. To schedule an appointment, call Lifesource at 877-LIFE-SOURCE or go online to www.lifesource.org and enter Highland Park's code F813. Call (847) 926-1000 for more information.

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.

Moraine Township Assistance Navigating Health Ins. Marketplace

Moraine Township partners with Lake County Health Department and the Alliance for Human Services to assist residents in navigating the new Health Insurance Marketplace now through March 31, 2014. The process to determine what a person or family may be eligible for could be daunting which is why the Township has stepped up to assist. Moraine Township staff, elected officials, and volunteers have completed almost 40-hours of training and are certified as In-Person Counselors. Assistance is available by appointment daily from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Moraine Township Office, 777 Central Avenue. Call (847) 432-3240 to schedule an appointment with a trained in-person counselor to help you understand your choices and any assistance for which you may qualify.

Vehicle Sticker and Dog License Expiration Notice

City of Highland Park Vehicle Stickers and Dog Licenses for the 2013-2014 year must be displayed by October 1, 2013. A late fee of \$10 will be applied to all vehicle sticker purchases made after October 1. Residents failing to display a current vehicle sticker may be subject to a fine of \$50. For more information, please contact the Finance Department at (847) 432-0800 or via e-mail at finance@cityhpil.com.

Art Display in City Hall

In an effort to promote arts in the community, the City of Highland Park partnered with The Art Center for a juried exhibit of art work throughout City Hall. The Art Center reviewed more than 100 entries for the City Hall exhibit and selected 25 artists to display their art in City Hall. While the majority of artists are from Highland Park, the remaining artists are from Chicago and surrounding north shore suburbs. The art will change on a quarterly basis and is available for sale through The Art Center.

For more information about the Art in City Hall exhibit, please call the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1000.

Student Parking Permits Still Available

Student Parking Permits (S-permit) are still available 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. 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 are sold at the Finance Department at 1707 St. Johns Avenue. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Dotson in the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1006 / jdotson@cityhpil.com.

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

You Spoke and We've Listened!

As Mayor, I hear many suggestions from residents. You've told us what is important to you and thanks to your input, over the past year, we have taken action:

- o **Traffic safety concerns need to be addressed.**

We increased enforcement of our traffic laws and continue to monitor our roads with specific attention to pedestrian and bicycle safety.

- o **Improve connectivity of sidewalks and bike paths.**

Implementation of Bike/Walk 2030 began with the installation of the first new sidewalks in decades on Green Bay and Sheridan Roads.

- o **Our public library needs updating.**

Over \$1.5 million were contributed by the City for capital upgrades.

- o **Support our vibrant downtown and shopping districts.**

An Economic Development Strategic Plan was created to streamline development processes and attract new businesses to Highland Park.

- o **Our neighborhood streets, sewers and sidewalks continue to need updating.**

In 2013, we budgeted carefully and had a modest year-end surplus, which allowed us to add projects at the end of the construction season. This expedited our investment in your neighborhood through additional sidewalks, storm water management, water distribution improvements and more.

- o **Keep our tax burden low.**

As we begin our 2014 Budget, we will continue to focus on having a balanced budget, ensuring our City's financial stability, prioritizing long-term capital improvements and providing for our public safety needs. Sales tax revenues offset property taxes; as a result, business development and shopping locally benefits us all and reduces our property tax burdens.

Last month, we began our Annual Neighborhood Meetings, opportunities for residents to come together to discuss what matters most. Please join us. Dates and locations can be found at www.cityhpil.com.

We appreciate and value your input as it informs our representative decision-making. That is why we are here.



Sincerely, Mayor Nancy R. Rotering



What does Highland Park mean to you?

Highland Park Seeks Input of Residents to Help Guide Branding Process

The City of Highland Park has partnered with North Star Destination Strategies to develop a community "Brand" for marketing the city to prospective businesses, visitors and residents. At the heart of Highland Park's brand will be its competitive differentiator – in other words, what makes the community unique and distinct so it can stand out in the marketplace. One of the best places to find that essential information is in the hearts and minds of the people who call Highland Park home.

Toward this end, North Star developed a customized Community-wide Online Survey. The questionnaire has been care-

fully crafted to determine Highland Park's strengths, weaknesses, challenges and opportunities. All who live or work in Highland Park are invited and encouraged to participate in this important community-wide initiative. **Surveys can be completed online at www.cityhpil.com and submitted electronically. Printed surveys will also be available at City Hall, the Highland Park Public Library and the Senior Center. Surveys must be completed and submitted by Friday, November 15.**

"We have partnered with more than 170 communities across North America, and I can't emphasize enough the importance of

insights gleaned from community members," stressed Don McEachern, North Star CEO. "To learn what makes a community special, you have to go to the people who spend more than just their money and time there. You have to go to the people who spend their lives there."

If you are interested in learning more about Highland Park's branding initiative, please visit www.cityhpil.com, or contact Carolyn Hersch at chersch@cityhpil.com. To learn more about North Star Destination Strategies, go to northstarideas.com.

If you are unable to find the online survey, please call (847) 926-1000.

COMMUNITY NEWS

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

With witches, goblins, ghosts and superheroes soon to be descending on our neighborhoods, here are some safety tips to help prepare children for a safe and enjoyable Halloween night. Trick-or-treating this year is Thursday, October 31 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please review these safety guidelines with your adventurers to ensure a safe night for everyone.

- **Don't Trick or Treat alone.** Stay in a group and communicate to an adult where you will be going.
- **Teach children how to obtain help** or call 9-1-1 if they have an emergency or become lost.
- **Walk on the sidewalk**, not in the street.
- **Cross the street only at designated crosswalks.**
- **Look both ways.** Listen and watch for cars before crossing the street.
- **Don't hide or cross the street from between parked cars.**
- **Wear light colored or reflective-type clothing** or try to affix reflective tape on costumes or treat bags in order to be more visible.
- **Use face paint** rather than masks or things that will cover your eyes. If you wear a mask, make sure that the eyeholes are large enough that your vision won't be affected.
- **Carry a flashlight** with fresh batteries to light your way.
- **Visit homes that have inside and outside lights on.**
- **Accept your treats at the door** and never go into a home.
- **ALWAYS have an adult inspect the candy before eating.** Don't eat candy if the packaging has been opened. Remember that small, hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children.

- **Be cautious around pets** that may come to the door or be outside.
- **Eliminate tripping hazards** on your porch and around your property.
- **Always keep lighted Jack O' Lanterns away from drapes, decorations or areas where children will be standing or walking.**



Credit: Martha Abelson Photography

Halloween guidelines for your pets:

- **Secure your pets indoors** on Halloween night, preferably in a room away from your front door. Between the doorbell ringing, odd-looking strangers at the door and all the children's voices, this night is no "treat" for your dog or cat.
- **Keep goodies away from pets.** Chocolate can be particularly dangerous.
- **Have ID on your pets.** Many animals slip out of the house when the door is opened.

The Illinois State Police maintains a database of registered sex offenders in Illinois. The public can access this database by going to the website www.isp.state.il.us/sor/. Once you are on this website, agree to

the terms by clicking on "I Agree." In the upper left column, enter City (Highland Park), County (Lake) and the zip code (60035) for a complete listing of registered sex offenders in Highland Park.

As always, the Police Department encourages community assistance in reporting any suspicious or unlawful activity. Hopefully by reviewing these safety guidelines, we will all enjoy a safe Halloween in Highland Park.

If you have any questions, please contact Officer Eric Hernandez at (847) 926-1123.

GREEN COMMUNITY NEWS

Disposable Water Bottles:

The manufacturing and transportation of disposable water bottles requires petroleum, a non-renewable resource. According to the Pacific Institute's calculation, over 17 million barrels of oil are used to make disposable plastic bottles in a year for American consumption and more than 60 million plastic bottles end up in landfills and incinerators daily. Please consider using a reusable water bottle and help protect our environment.

Clean Energy Option:

Did you know that electricity service provided by MC Squared Energy Services includes a renewable energy option? The 100% Green Power Program has an enhanced renewable energy mix in the form of Renewable Energy Certificates to create a 100% renewable energy resources program for you. The Green Power price includes the cost of the additional Renewable Energy Certificates. For info about the 100% Green Power Program go to www.NorthShoreElectricityAggregation.com.

Motorists and Bicyclists: Test Your Knowledge

How well do you know Illinois laws and safety techniques regarding car-bicycle interactions? A new online resource at www.bikesafetyquiz.com can help you brush up on your skills. The League of Illinois Bicyclists, a statewide bicycle organization, has developed www.bike-safetyquiz.com. The interactive resource includes separate quiz lessons for Adult Bicyclists, Child Bicyclists, and Motorists. In each lesson, users progress through a total of 25-33 multiple-choice questions divided into bronze, silver and gold levels. The learning comes from explanations in the question response feedback, with users getting up to three chances to answer each question correctly. If users finish at least one level, they may create a "certificate of completion" to print or email. The City encourages residents – bicyclists and motorists alike – to take the quiz. We'll all get where we're going more safely.

YOUTH & SENIOR SERVICES

The Firehouse Offers After School Activities



The Firehouse Youth Center is off to a great start for the 2013-14 school year. Our "After 3" homework program is at capacity every day of the week! If you are interested in having your middle school aged child

on our waiting list, please call. We do have space in our van and bus everyday if you would like your child to go to the Firehouse for the drop-in component. Your child can choose among our many games and activities, or do their homework independently. Please call (847) 433-3090 for information.

Upcoming special scheduling:

October 17 12:25 p.m. Early Dismissal
Those registered for transportation on that day will be brought to the Firehouse.

November 5 Institute Day Open 9 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Drop-in: Free for members, \$5 for non-members.

November 11 Veterans Day All City of

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.

Highland Park offices closed in observance of Veterans Day.

Parents are welcome to bring their middle school student for a Firehouse tour. Contact Don Miner, Manager of Youth and Senior Services, (847) 926-1861 for an appointment or dminer@cityhpil.com.

Prescription Drug Plan Assistance

Open enrollment for the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan extends from October 15 – December 7, 2013. During this period, you may change from your current drug plan, or enroll for the first time. Everyone is encouraged to re-evaluate their insurance coverage due to changes in the drug plans or changes in your own prescriptions. Senior Center volunteers are available to assist you in navigating the Medicare Part D enrollment process in a one-on-one appointment at the Senior Center. Please call Jennifer at (847) 926-1865 to schedule a personal appointment.

Live on the Links Classic Concerts at the Highland Park Country Club

Highland Park Country Club

Thursdays, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Free for members / NM: \$10

Sponsored by Silverado Highland Park

October 31 Spooktacular Concert

Under the direction of Dr. Jim Hile, the Highland Park High School Wind Orchestra performs a variety of Halloween classical and popular favorites such as Bach's *Tocatta* and *Fugue in D Minor*, Edvard Grieg's *March of the Trolls*, *Ritual Fire Dance* by Manuel da Falla, *The Noon Witch* by Antonin Dvorak, Moussorgsky's *Night on Bald Mountain* and the theme from Alfred Hitchcock Presents, *Funeral March for a Marionette*.

* All members who come dressed in costume receive a special Halloween gift!



November 14

Highland Park Strings Piano Trio

The Highland Park Strings celebrate their 35th Anniversary Season. Join Larry Block, founder and co-principal cellist, with concert pianist Susan Merdinger Greene and acclaimed violinist David Yonan in the famed *Gypsy Trio* by Haydn and the *Trio No. 1 in D minor* by Mendelssohn.

Day Excursion: Hello Dolly & Lunch at Drury Lane

Thursday, October 24

Fee: \$70/ NM: \$90

Bus departs Toys R Us at 11 a.m. and returns at approximately 5 p.m.

Hello Dolly is filled with memorable songs and show-stopping dance numbers, combined with beautiful turn-of-the-century costumes to create a musical that you are sure to enjoy. Prior to the performance, enjoy lunch featuring Caesar salad, your choice of entree served with chef's selections of vegetables, potato and dessert. When

senior

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

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

registering, please indicate your choice of roast sirloin with merlot mushroom sauce or tilapia with lemon tarragon.

Day Excursion: Horseshoe Casino

Tuesday, November 12

Fee: \$30/ NM: \$50

Bus departs Toys R Us at 9 a.m. and returns at approximately 5 p.m.

Horseshoe Casino is the premier entertainment and gambling destination in the Midwest with over 3,000 slot machines, over 100 world-class table games, and the largest poker room in the Midwest. Village Square Buffet promises a legendary dining experience, overlooking beautiful Lake Michigan.

Fee includes a lavish lunch at the Village Square Buffet, a \$10 free slot play voucher, and motorcoach transportation. The casino requires that all trip participants must bring a valid state identification or driver's license.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CITY MEETINGS

For information about City Meetings, please view the Calendar on the City's website at www.cityhpil.com

Playback Theatre

October 18, 7:30 p.m.

The Music Theatre Company
1850 Green Bay Road
Tickets \$10 - (847) 579-4900

This original form of improvisational theatre uses audience stories enacted on the spot by talented ensemble of HPHS students.

The Affordable Care Act: A Changing Healthcare Landscape

October 21, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Highland Park High School
433 Vine Avenue - Commons
Advance registration required; call (847) 432-4981 ext. 110

Kathy Waligora, MSW, of Illinois Maternal and Child

Health Coalition explains what you need to know about the Affordable Care Act in this program sponsored by Family Service.

East On Central's Creative Encounter: Portraits

October 23, 6:30 p.m.

The Art Center
1957 Sheridan Road
847-757-1184

Life stories inspiring art is the focus of this creative encounter. Bring a vested object. Interview a friend or family member. Draw, paint, sculpt, compose music, write poetry, discover someone's specialness.

Halloween Concert

October 30, 7:00 p.m.

Highland Park High School
433 Vine Avenue - Auditorium

Witches, vampires and goblins captivate in this entertaining

community family favorite featuring the HPHS Band playing classical and popular favorites.

Highland Park Strings Wagner and Verdi

November 3, 3:00 p.m.

Highland Park High School
433 Vine Avenue - Auditorium

This free concert sponsored by the Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood includes Wagner's *Siegfried Idyll* and Verdi's *String Quartet in E minor*.

Pastels Chicago 2013 Opening: November 8

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

The Art Center
1957 Sheridan Road

The Chicago Pastel Painters and The Art Center present the 4th Biennial National Juried Exhibition which remains on display thru January 4th.

HPHS Jazz Band Concert

November 13, 7:00 p.m.

Highland Park High School
433 Vine Avenue - Auditorium

"Connections" is the concert theme featuring HPHS Chamber Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble.

HP Poetry Open-Mic

November 16, 8 p.m.

Madame ZuZu's
582 Roger Williams Avenue

Poets may bring up to six poems to share in the open-mic.

Holiday Lighting Festivities

November 23

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Port Clinton Square
600 Central Avenue

Celebrate the holiday season with carolers, refreshments, the HPHS Marching Band and a special appearance from Santa. Participate in a the first-ever scavenger hunt throughout downtown.

Seeking Award Nominations

Environmental Meritorious Service Awards

The Natural Resources Commission seeks nominations for a Highland Park resident and/or a Highland Park business that has demonstrated a noteworthy commitment to the City's environment and sustainability goals. This year, the Commission will recognize one resident and one business during a ceremony to be held at City Hall at 6:30 p.m. on December 11.

Nomination forms are available on the Natural Resources Commission's website at: <http://www.cityhpil.com/naturalresources>. The deadline for nominations is Friday, November 8 at 4:00 p.m. Nomination forms may be submitted to the attention of City Planner Barbara Cates by email, bcates@cityhpil.com or mail to: Barbara Cates, 1150 Half Day Road,

Highland Park, Illinois, 60035.

Questions regarding the nominations may be directed to Barbara Cates at (847) 432-0867.

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.

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.



2480 Sheridan Road

SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

Superintendent Search Underway

District Residents Invited to Give Input

In September, North Shore School District 112 Superintendent David L. Behlow announced that he will retire at the end of the 2013-2014 school year

The Board of Education has retained the educational search firm School Exec Connect to assist in recruiting a new superintendent. To help inform the process, the Board is seeking extensive community input. A series of focus groups are being held this month across the district to help develop a profile of the traits and characteristics that the community desires in a new leader. A focus group designed especially for district residents who do not currently have children in the district is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 22, at the district administrative offices, 1936 Green Bay Road. All community members are welcome to attend that group, or other groups that are planned at schools around the district. For a complete schedule, visit



the district website at www.nssd112.org.

All district residents are also encouraged to complete a short online survey to give their feedback. The link to the survey is also available on the district website. The Board of Education plans to begin conducting candidate interviews in November, and hopes to complete the hiring process in January.

“Dr. Behlow has provided outstanding leadership to the district during his tenure,” said Board of Education President Dr. Bruce Hyman. “Under his guidance, the district community came together to develop a comprehensive strategic plan which has provided a guidepost to help ensure that the district meets its mission of providing students with the critical skills necessary to succeed in today’s global society.”

If you have questions about attending a focus group or completing the survey, contact Linda Hanson at lhanson@schoolexecconnect.com.

Middle School Teacher Chosen for Fellowship

Northwood Junior High teacher Bill Steinbach was one of just 50 educators in the country selected to spend a week in Washington, D.C this summer learning how to integrate innovative teaching techniques into his classroom. At Northwood, Mr. Steinbach teaches STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), which is offered to all district middle school students. The district implemented the state-of-the-art STEM labs at all middle schools last year, to further its mission of nurturing every child to become a contributing member of a global community.

The Siemens STEM Institute was a highly-selective fellowship offered to only one teacher in each state. Its purpose was to create a group of ambassadors who can become key influencers in their schools and communities. The program sought out applicants with potential to become STEM leaders and help change the way STEM subjects are taught in American classrooms. “Our teaching staff and students will all benefit from the knowledge Bill gained from this rich experience,” said Behlow.

District 113 Capital Projects Taking Shape

District 113 is pleased to be part of the Highlander; the invitation offers a great opportunity to keep residents informed about Highland Park and Deerfield High Schools.

This space will often be used to keep the community updated on the progress of the Long Range Facility Master Plan to improve both Highland Park and Deerfield High Schools.

To date, new security entrances have been installed at both schools. The Oversight Committee, which includes community experts, and the actual user groups have been actively working with the architects, construction manager, and district Administration and Board members to attain optimal planning

and cost-effective use of resources.

To see a project timeline or view documents from the architects and construction manager, please go to the district website at dist113.org and click on Facility Updates.

Top credit ratings from both Moody’s Investors Service and Standard and Poor’s rating services helped the district achieve favorable interest rates during the three bond issues that have sold to date:

\$41,530,000 of Series 2013A bonds closed on 7/3/13; \$8,470,000 of Series 2013B bonds closed on 8/21/13; and \$22,980,000 of Series 2013C bonds closed on 9/30/13.

District 113 is one of only a few schools in Illinois to have top ratings from both.



We would like to share some important news from the **Highland Park Community Foundation**, an organization that supports local education in various ways.

District 113 recognizes the excellence of its teaching staff. Here’s an opportunity for you to recognize your favorite teacher.

Highland Park Community Foundation, an organization that supports local education, is accepting nominations for its Golden Apple Award.

HPHS teachers currently teaching in grades 9-12 and in the fifth year of teaching are eligible for the award.

Forms are downloadable at hphs.dist113.org, and can be mailed to The Highland Park and Highwood Golden Apple Award, 209 Pine Point Drive, Highland Park, Illinois, 60035.

Please join the HPHS or DHS Facebook pages or follow HPHS or DHS on Twitter to receive additional updates. For email newsletters from the district, sign up on the district home page at dist113.org.

PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK

Fun for All Ages



Centennial Ice Arena
40th Anniversary
1973-2013
BASH

SAT OCT 19 4 TO 6:30 PM FREE

FAMILY EVENT

FOOD **LIVE DJ**
GAMES **OPEN GYM**
GIVEAWAYS **OPEN SKATING**

Rental skates are limited, so please bring your own if you have them.
For more information call 847.432.4790
Centennial Ice Arena, 3100 Trail Way

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.



Spook, Rattle, and Roll

Bring the whole family to Sunset Woods Park for a friendly, spooky walk around the park intended for kids ages 5-8. The first 100 children may pick their own pumpkin from our patch to decorate. Inflatables and a glow-in-the-dark tent with games will get everyone into the Halloween spirit. Come in costume! (*this event replaces the Haunted Hayride*)

Sunset Woods Park • 1801 Sunset Rd.

October 25

Fri 5:30-8pm \$10/child

The Monster Bash

Ages 5-14

It's our annual Halloween Party at Deer Creek Courts! Come in costume and play tennis. A prize will be given to the Best in Costume.

Deer Creek Courts • 701 Deer Creek Parkway

October 26

29349 Sat 6-9pm \$30

Halloween Scary Skate

Come dressed in costume and skate for free!

Centennial Ice Arena • 3100 Trail Way

October 27

Sun 4-5:10pm Free

Menorah Clay Workshop

Grades 1-5

Create a one-of-a-kind Menorah for the holiday. The piece will be fired in our kiln and available for pick up on November 20.

West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Road

November 9

29753 Fri 7-8:30pm \$16 for residents

Canvas and Wine

Ages 21 & Older

Painting and sipping wine come together! Register with your friends and create a painting with step-by-step instructions. We supply the wine glass, wine, paint, and brushes. Please bring an apron.

Sunset Valley Golf Course • 1390 Sunset Road

November 13

29754 Wed 7-8:30pm \$25 for residents

Park District of Highland Park • pdhp.org • 847.831.3810

Our mission: "To enrich community life through healthy leisure pursuits and an appreciation of the natural world."

Discover Heller Nature Center

New and interesting programs for adults!

2821 Ridge Road

Movies in Nature: Food, Inc.

Adults

Where does our food really come from? The U.S. has moved away from small farmers producing various types of food for their local economies to huge corporations producing one type of food for the entire nation. What does that mean for the food that ends up on our plates? Come find out with this fascinating documentary on our nations' food system.

Heller Nature Center • October 16

Wed 7-9pm FREE

Make Your Own Mead

Ages 21 & Over

Honey wine has been brewed for over 4,000 years! We'll take you through the step-by-step procedure of brewing mead at home. Participants will get a small taste of homemade mead, a demonstration of the process, and discussion of the equipment needed. Honey will be available for sale at a discounted price after the program.

Heller Nature Center • November 16

29717 Sat 1-3:30pm

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

Recreation Center of Highland Park

1207 Park Avenue West

Trick & Swim

Ages 6-10

Swim at the Recreation Center pool for 1 hour and then decorate pumpkins and taffy apples with your friends!

Recreation Center of Highland Park • October 18

29632 Fri 6-8pm

Princesses & Superheros

Ages 3-6

Join us in your Halloween costume at the Recreation Center of Highland Park for a movie, craft making, and games!

Bring your pillows and blankets to get comfy!

Recreation Center of Highland Park • October 18

30412 Fri 5:30-7:30pm

Kids in Motion

Ages 6-8

Get moving with this energy burning program. The afternoon will be packed with sports, fitness, and fun. Recreation Center of Highland Park • **November 11**

30413 Mon 10:30am-12:30pm



HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Design It! Create, enhance, and retouch images with Photoshop

Film It! Shoot video with a high definition camera and a green screen

Record It! Create a song or podcast with GarageBand

Create It! Design a Web site or create a blog

Produce It! Turn raw footage into a finished video

Archive It! Scan old slides and photos or convert vinyl records and cassettes

Animate It! Try the drawing tablet to animate illustrations

Make It!

In the library's Digital Media Lab

Workshops and one-on-one sessions are available!

Learn how to edit with Photoshop or iMovie, shoot video with the green screen, or grasp the basics of audio production. Other workshops include how to create a Web site, how to digitize your slides and analog audio, or how to animate images. Curious about Skype? That's part of the Digital Media Lab, too! Come for a demonstration on how to call and message with others. Register at the reference desk or call (847) 681-7031.



Casting Call!

Sustainability and the Future of Highland Park

What will Highland Park be like in the future? Come share your vision on film! Take part in the production of a new library-produced documentary, *Sustainability and the Future of Highland Park*.

Choose how you would like to participate. Come as part of a family, a group, or share your individual view and appear on camera during filming November 2nd, 5th, or 6th. With the cameras rolling, tell us what your vision is for Highland Park in 2050 and what you are doing or not doing in line with that vision. Or, send your images reflecting hopes or fears of how Highland Park might look in 2050.

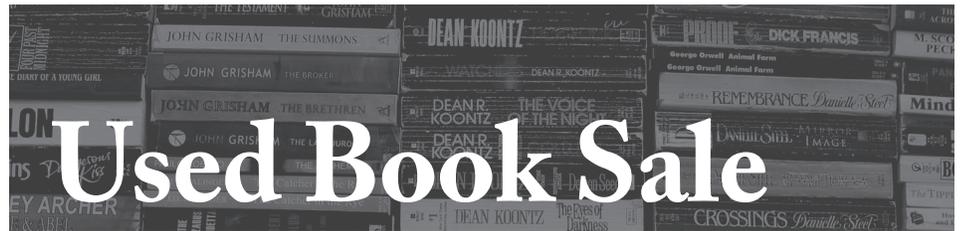
Visit hplibrary.org/2050 to schedule a film session or upload video or still images. Need help transferring images? Stop by our Digital Media Lab with your device and a librarian will assist with transferring your media.

Film Sessions:

Saturday, November 2, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. or 2 – 4 p.m.

Tuesday, November 5, 5 – 8 p.m.

Wednesday November 6, 1 – 6 p.m.



Used Book Sale

Stock up on books, CDs, DVDs, and books on tape at the used book sale November 14 – 16! The sale, which is run by the Friends of the Library, offers bargains on thousands of gently-used books. Book lovers will find a wide selection of books including biographies, cookbooks, coffee table books, and plenty of children's books, with paperbacks starting as low as \$0.25.

Regular Sale Hours:

Thursday, November 14, 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Friday, November 15, 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 16, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Bargain sale begins at 1 p.m.

For those who want a head start on the bargains, the used book sale opens with a preview night Wednesday, November 13, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the book sale benefit the library, and enable the Friends of the Library to fund items and services that cannot be purchased by usual budget methods.



Spanish Discussions



Meet at the library and practice your Spanish.

Spanish Conversation Group
Tuesdays,
10 – 11:30 a.m.

Spanish Literary Club
Fridays, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Drop in for a discussion centered around Spanish books by Hispanic authors. The discussion will be in Spanish and English led by Gabriela Leyva. For the book title, visit hplibrary.org and click on the library calendar.

Fun For Kids

HALLOWEEN RAILROAD

Saturday, October 26, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. All ages.

Back by popular demand! Model trains run through Spookytown. Some visitors will be able to “drive a train” and earn their “NCOG Honorary Jr. Operating Engineer” certificate. See the Thomas the Tank Engine run, too! Presented by North Central ‘O’ Gaugers Model Railroad Club.

GAMING TOURNAMENT

Saturday, November 2, 10 a.m. Grades 4 – 8.

Two Divisions: Medium And Advanced.

Participate in Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros., and Guitar Hero tournaments. Prizes will be awarded for first and second place in each game for both divisions. Pizza, drinks, and dessert will be provided for registered gamers. Everyone is welcome to watch and cheer. Registration is required for gamers and limited to residents of Highland Park or residents of the North Shore School District 112 service area. Register at kidsevents.org.

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BUSINESS REPORT

The Highland Park Business Summit Recap

The City of Highland Park hosted its first Business Summit on October 2, 2013. More than 200 local and regional business owners, property owners, real estate professionals and interested Highland Park residents attended the part-day Summit at the Highland Park County Club. Attendees learned about the City's Economic Development Strategic Plan, discussed targeted industries and traditional growth sectors, and listened to the ideas and insights of peers, business leaders and community stakeholders on the next steps towards continued economic excellence in Highland Park.



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Sign up to receive the bi-weekly newsletter at www.cityhpil.com or contact Carolyn Hersch in Economic Development at (847) 926-1027 or chersch@cityhpil.com.

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465 Roger Williams Avenue
(847) 748-8123
Antique Judaic Ritual Art & Appraisals

J-Team Automotive
2254 Skokie Valley Road
(847) 528-6400
Auto Detailing and Towing

North Shore Brewing Supply
1480 Old Deerfield Road, #15
(847) 831-0570
Beer & Wine Making Supplies

and Instruction
www.northshorebrewing-supply.com

Ultimate Paint Shop
2050 First Street
(847) 748-8104
Auto Body Repair

ZZZ's by Ashley
83 Skokie Valley Road (224)
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Mattress & Bedding Retailer
www.zzzsbyashley.com

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