

THE HIGHLANDER



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Highland Park awarded three ICMA awards

Citizens recognize City for excellent police, fire, emergency medical services

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) awarded the City of Highland Park three Voice of the People Awards for Excellence for fire, police and EMS services to citizens. These were presented at the ICMA's 99th Annual Conference in Boston, MA this fall.

"These awards are a testament to Highland Park's outstanding public safety services," City Manager David Knapp said. "We have an amazing team of public safety officers who make it their mission to serve and protect the citizens in our community."

The awards were given as a result of the 2012 Citizen Survey issued last year to Highland Park residents. The citizen survey, conducted by the City every four years, enables the City to gather high-value citizen data to inform budgeting, goal setting, performance measurement, and program planning.

Communities receiving the Voice of the

People Award for Excellence demonstrate a service quality rating that is in the top three among all eligible jurisdictions in 2012. In order to qualify for this award, Highland Park had to be in the top ten percent among over 500 jurisdictions in the NRC database of citizen surveys. Highland Park is one of twelve municipalities that were awarded the Voice of the People Award for Excellence and the only municipality in Illinois that received the award for 2012.

In the 2012 Citizen Survey, citizens rated fire services at 98 percent, emergency medical services at 97 percent and police services at 92 percent. Additionally, all other ratings within the public safety sector were rated much above the benchmark, or in other words, much above the national average when compared to other municipalities. In fact, of the 23 characteristics the survey uses to compare to other municipalities, Highland Park rated above average in 20 of them.



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ICMA is the premier local government leadership and management organization in the U.S. and the NRC is the nation's leading survey research firm for local government.

Both the Police Department and the Fire Department hold the distinct honor of being accredited agencies, an achievement only a handful of municipalities hold. Additionally, the Highland Park Public Works Department is also an accredited agency.

For more information about the Police and Fire Departments, please visit www.cityhpil.com.

YOUR CITY AT WORK



Electric Vehicle Charging Station to be Installed

As part of an ongoing effort to transition to more eco-friendly modes of transportation, the City of Highland Park is pleased to announce the installation of a publicly accessible electric vehicle charging station in the upper level of the Port Clinton Parking Garage.

The installation of an electric vehicle charging station has been part of a collaborative effort with the communities of Lake Forest and Skokie to deploy electric vehicle infrastructure throughout the North Shore region. Working together with neighboring communities will allow drivers of electric vehicles to visit each community knowing that they will have access to a charging station.

The Highland Park charging station will be located in the Port Clinton Parking Garage near the southern end of the upper level parking deck near the intersection of Laurel Avenue and First Street, and is expected to be operational by the end of November. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on December 13 at the charging station location in the Port Clinton Parking Garage. This project was sponsored in part by Windfree Wind and Solar Energy Company, and the Highland Park Ford and Lincoln Dealership.

For more information, please contact Luke Banaszak in the City Manager's Office at lbanaszak@cityhpil.com or (847) 926-1030.



CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK

HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

'HIGH' NOTES

City Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Residents may call the Public Safety Switchboard at (847) 432-7730 if assistance is required.

Also please remember that garbage will not be collected on Thursday, November 28. Residents with regular Thursday refuse and recycling collection will receive service on Friday, November 29, and residents with normal Friday collection will receive service on Saturday, November 30. For info, contact Advanced Disposal Services at (847) 272-4145.

Winter Parking Regulations Begin December 1

This is a reminder to all Highland Park residents that the "Snow Ordinance" (72.040) is in effect each year from December 1 through March 31. Vehicles may not be parked in excess of 15 minutes on any public streets between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. This Citywide ban facilitates snow removal operations when necessary and decreases damage to vehicles parked on the streets or in City lots. This ban applies at all times regardless of snow conditions. Authorized overnight City parking lots require a valid overnight parking permit, which is available for purchase in City Hall, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For info, contact Sergeant Chris O'Neill at (847) 432-7730 / coneill@cityhpil.com.

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:

December 12 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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, Lake County Health Department and the Alliance for Human Services will assist residents in navigating the new Health Insurance Marketplace now through March 31, 2014. 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.

Dispose of Leaves Responsibly

Blowing or raking leaves onto the road way can create slippery road conditions and increase the risk of clogged inlets and street flooding. Be sure to clear leaves from gutters and dispose of them properly.



Student Parking Permits Still Available

Student Parking Permits (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 space in the 1987 Second Street Lot. Similar to campus parking at 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, 1707 St. Johns Avenue. Contact Jennifer Dotson in City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1006/jdotson@cityhpil.com.

Art Is Alive Contest

Calling all artists! The City of Highland Park Cultural Arts Commission and The Art Center sponsors the *Art Is Alive in Highland Park* contest, to be judged on Saturday, December 7 at The Art Center in Highland Park, 1957 Sheridan Road.

"*The Art is Alive in Highland Park* contest allows community members to kick their creativity into high gear, make great art and have fun," says Steve Zacharias, the contest chairperson and member of the Highland Park Cultural Arts Commission.

To enter, bring a finished piece of artwork to The Art Center for judging on December 7 between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The contest is open to Highland Park residents and students attending Highland Park schools. A jury of arts professionals will select one winner and five finalists in each category. Prize ribbons will be awarded by Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering. Winners and finalists will be announced in *The Highlander*, and selected art works displayed at The Art Center in January 2014.

Art can be in all forms, from drawing and painting, ceramics, sculpture, to mixed media. Submittals will be accepted only on Saturday, December 7. Artists may submit only one work of art. All community members are encouraged to participate. For more information about Art Is Alive, contact Lee Smith at (847) 926-1612 or visit www.cityhpil.com/cac or email info@theartcenterhp.org.

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

Get Involved in Your Government

I am honored to be working for our community as a member of the Highland Park City Council. I am continually impressed by the dedication of our Mayor, my fellow Councilmen, City staff, and our many volunteers to the City.

Decisions made by local government impact our lives in significant ways, yet people often ask me what the City does. The City is responsible for our roads and bridges, water, police and fire services -- operations that run so smoothly that they are invisible to most of us unless there is a problem. Highland Park has also been a leader in sustainability, cultural arts, and affordable housing with initiatives and policies to support and reflect the values of our community. You can learn more about the work of your local government on the City's website www.cityhpil.com.



While the City Council sets the policy that guides our City, we also rely on the work of our many commissions to provide recommendations to the Council on particular issues. Among other things, these commissions consider policy issues, respond to resident concerns, review a variety of applications, oversee Highland Park's affordable housing initiatives, educate the community about specific issues and evaluate grant proposals from local non-profit agencies. Each Councilman serves as the liaison to a number of these commissions, and I am grateful for the knowledge and commitment that these volunteer commissioners share.

Highland Park also has a unique program where high school students can serve as non-voting members of City commissions during their junior and senior years, providing them with an opportunity to participate in local government.

If you are interested in serving on a City commission, you can find a list of commissions and application forms at www.cityhpil.com. Commission applications are being considered this month for appointment in December with terms starting January 1, 2014. High school student commissioner applications are due December 6.

We are fortunate to live in a community where so many talented and experienced individuals volunteer their time and effort to making our community great. We thank you and welcome your involvement!

Sincerely, *Kim Stone*

Councilwoman Kim Stone

Extended Parking Hours Offered

Shop local and park longer this holiday season!

The City of Highland Park encourages residents and visitors to shop and dine local this holiday season with extended parking hours in the month of November.



Extended parking hours:

Holiday Lighting Ceremony, November 23
Thanksgiving Day, November 28
Friday, November 29
Saturday, November 30

Parking restrictions will be suspended at all municipal parking lots. There will be no time limit enforced at these public lots.

Disabled parking, fire hydrant zones, loading zones and on-street customer only parking will still be in effect. Permit parking still remains in effect during these parking holidays. Employee parking restrictions will also be strictly enforced.

A list of available on- and off-street parking lots and garages can be found at www.cityhpil.com/parking. Additionally, a complete list of Highland Park retail and restaurant locations can be found at www.cityhpil.com/shoppinganddining.

For more information, please contact the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1000.

Stay Informed on City Updates

Register for alerts, enews and more on the City website and via social media. To sign up for City alerts and enews, go to www.cityhpil.com, click on "Subscribe to Newsletters and Announcements" and submit your preferences.

Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HighlandParkIL and on



Twitter at www.twitter.com/CityHPIL. And now, find us on Youtube at www.youtube.com/user/CityHPIL.

Problems? Call us at (847) 926-1043.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SAFEGUARDING OUR WATER:

What it takes to provide safe water to thousands of customers

Americans trust that we can drink from any public water supply without a thought to contamination. Most of us are unaware of Highland Park's team of professionals behind the scenes dedicated to providing safe, potable drinking water to homes and businesses.

From Lake to Tap. Protection of our water supply begins with Lake Michigan. State and Federal regulatory agencies guard against pollution from sewage discharges, urban and agricultural runoff and toxic spills. The Water Treatment Plant intake pipe extends one mile into the Lake to deeper water to avoid near shore contaminants.

Multiple Barriers. Water treatment regulations demand erection of multiple barriers against waterborne contamination such as pathogenic microbes. Barriers include settling, filtration and disinfection at the treatment plant as well as the integrity of the water storage and distribution systems. Upon reaching the Plant, the water is treated with a coagulant causing tiny particulates from the Lake Michigan water to clump together. This allows them to settle much faster than natural. The clarified water passes through filters of multiple layers of sand and gravel to remove fine particulates. Upon completion of the Water Plant Upgrade project, the above steps will be replaced with state-of-the-art Membrane Filtration technology, providing greater protection against pathogens. The Membrane Filtration pores are smaller than bacteria and many times smaller than the common pathogenic protozoa, *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia*.

After filtration, the water is disinfected with chlorine and held in a storage tank to ensure that any pathogens still remaining are killed. The treated water is now safe to deliver to 60,000 customers

but the task of protecting potable water is far from done.

Water Distribution System. While the Water Treatment Plant and Water Tower are the visible parts of the City's water supply system, that's just the 'tip of the iceberg'. A water distribution system is a complex web of pipelines, some more than 80 years old and ranging from 6 to 30 inches in diameter, running a minimum 5.5 feet beneath City streets. These pipelines consist of over 50,000 pipe joints, 2,000 valves, and an estimated 1,700 fire hydrants. 10,000 water service taps on these mains connect homes, schools and businesses. To ensure safe and high quality drinking water reaches our customers, additional safeguards are in place:

Pressure: By sustaining a minimum water system pressure of 20 PSI, if leaks occur at any pipe joints, tap connections or water main breaks, water will leak out thus preventing contaminated water

from leaking back in to the pipeline.

Disinfection: The chlorine disinfectant added to the water at the Treatment Plant helps protect against contamination during storage and transmission.

Backflow Protection: The City's Backflow Prevention Control program tracks 2,608 additional connections to the system by requiring backflow prevention valves be installed and annually tested. These connections include lawn irrigation systems, fire sprinklers, swimming pools, etc.

Leak Detection: The City deploys 15 ultrasonic leak detection instruments constantly monitor leaks. Instruments provide a precise location for City to perform the necessary repair.

Hydrant Flushing: All hydrants are flushed on a bi-annual basis ensuring hydrants are working and flow and pressure function keeps water available for fire-fighting.

Water Testing: Water samples taken at IEPA authorized sites monitor changes in water quality. These are tested for bacteria, chlorine residual and turbidity (clarity measure).

Our Water Treatment Plant features a laboratory certified by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). Highland Park laboratory has been approved to test for Coliform organisms with membrane filters technology. Water Plant Operators test the water every four hours for chlorine and turbidity. Water is also tested daily for pH, turbidity, chlorine demand and temperature ensuring optimization of chemicals in the process. The City monitors for contaminants such as inorganic metal compounds, volatile and synthetic organic compounds and naturally occurring radioactive chemicals. All water testing results are reported to the Illinois EPA. Water monitoring data is sent to all customers in the annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), available on City's web site.

Round the Clock Effort. Water Treatment Plant Operators work round the clock to ensure a continued safe supply of water. The Water Safety Team responds in all weather conditions, day or night, to repair water main breaks and a professional Water Plant Chemist who operates the certified laboratory. Supporting the front line personnel are Foremen and Superintendents.



GREEN COMMUNITY NEWS

Energy efficiency for your home:

With winter's chill approaching, now is the time to making your home more energy-efficient. You'll save money, improve your home's comfort and help the environment. Use caulk or foam for a low-cost way to plug small air leaks. Check for leaks around windows, doors, outlet covers, pipes, flues, and vents. Any crack that exposes your home's interior to the elements costs you money. For other energy-savings tips, and for rebate information, the North Shore Gas and ComEd websites are great resources. Learn more at www.northshoregasdelivery.com/home/savings and www.comed.com/home-savings.

Energy efficiency for your business:

There are several incentives available to businesses for energy efficiency improvements. These programs provide opportunities for businesses to reduce energy usage that will help minimize their carbon footprint, decrease their energy bill, and make the workplace more comfortable. For information go to the North Shore Gas web site at www.northshoregasdelivery.com/business/saving and the Com-Ed website at www.comed.com/business-savings.

YOUTH & SENIOR SERVICES

The Firehouse Offers After School Activities

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

For an additional fee, register your child for transportation from Edgewood, Elm Place or Northwood to the Firehouse. Many working parents find having transportation

to the Firehouse is vital for their children. Please keep in mind that the late activity bus at each middle school will also drop off your child at the Firehouse. No advance registration necessary; students just inform the driver when they get on the bus.

Homework isn't a priority with many students. If you have concerns about your child completing homework, consider the After 3 Homework Club. Supervised by Sara Shook, this program allows full use of our Study Room, homework assistance, mentoring from high school students, as well as snacks. Please call the Firehouse (847) 433-3090 for registration and fee information.

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.



Family Caregiver Support Group
First & Third Monday of each month
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Family Services, 777 Central Avenue

Caregiving for an aging parent, spouse or close friend can present tough challenges. Other caregivers may have already solved problems like those you now face. This support group enables caregivers to share their experiences and learn from others. Led by Jennifer Aiello, LPC, and Stephanie Loda, LCSW, this group aims to provide support needed to maintain a positive outlook when caregiving for a loved one. Please call Jennifer at (847) 926-1865 for further details or to register.

Thanksgiving Feast
Weinberg Community for Senior Living
Friday, November 22
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Fee: \$5 / NM: \$10

CJE invites you to join them for a festive Thanksgiving feast! Lunch includes roasted turkey over sage dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans almondine, cranberry jello, and pumpkin pie for dessert. Following lunch, you'll enjoy fabulous entertainment. Facility tours will be available upon request, and all participants will receive a special CJE party favor. *Registration fees will generously be donated back to the Highland Park Senior Center.*



State Street - All Dressed Up
Macy's Chicago
Wednesday, December 11
Fee: \$50 / NM: \$70
Bus departs Toys R Us at 10:30 a.m. & returns at approximately 5 p.m.

The world famous Walnut Room has been a Chicago tradition since 1907. Located on the 7th floor of Macy's on State Street the Walnut Room is the first restaurant ever opened in a department store. With Circassian wood paneling imported from Russia and Austrian chandeliers, the 17,000 square foot dining room is both elegant and comfortable. Following a long lived Chicago tradition, you'll enjoy a delicious lunch under the holiday tree. Following lunch, there will be free time... feel free to shop the many floors of Macy's or explore the beautifully dressed windows of State Street. On the way home, the bus will travel down Michigan Avenue so you can see the City all dressed up in holiday lights. When registering, please indicate your choice of: chicken

senior

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

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

pot pie, oven baked meat loaf, or herb crusted tilapia.

Winter Solstice Celebration
Renaissance Hotel North Shore
Friday, December 20
12 - 2:30 p.m.

Fee: \$25 / NM: \$40

Sponsored by Freedom Home Care

Celebrate the wonderful Chicago winters! The Renaissance Hotel has been beautifully renovated, while their delicious food and excellent service remains top notch. Lunch includes tomato bisque, entrée choice of herb encrusted salmon with citrus relish and parsley aioli or chicken florentine with citrus cream sauce, roasted potato, asparagus bundle, a decadent dessert and coffee or tea. Following lunch, enjoy spectacular entertainment that will lift your spirits and brighten your day. Groups and singles welcome. When registering, please indicate your choice of chicken or fish.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CITY MEETINGS

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

Pastels Chicago 2013 Exhibit thru January 4
The Art Center
1957 Sheridan Road

The Chicago Pastel Painters present the 4th Biennial National Juried Exhibition which remains on display through January 4th.

Ravinia Village House Centennial Celebration November 22
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Ravinia School
763 Dean Avenue

The Ravinia Neighbors Association celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Ravinia Village House dedication, built on what is now Ravinia School. Enjoy pageantry, music, dance, poetry plus tours from the Historical Society.

Light refreshments available for sale to benefit Ravinia School PTO and District 112.

The Inside Art & Wine Show
November 22, 4 - 8 p.m.
November 23, 10 - 6 p.m.
November 24, 10 - 5 p.m.
Highland Park Country Club
1201 Park Avenue West
Festival Free; Wine Tasting \$10

This winter juried art festival presents gifts of art and wine for home and holiday. Visit www.theinsideshow.com.

Vocational Arts & Better Homes in America
Opens November 24
Wed. thru Fri. 1-4 p.m.
Sundays 2 - 4 p.m.
Highland Park Historical Society, 326 Central Avenue
(847) 432-7625

Highland Park Historical Society exhibit peeks at "Boy Built Homes" constructed by Walt Durbahn's shop class during the 1920's and 1940's.

Turkey Trot 5K & 10K
November 28
5K begins 7:30 a.m.
10K begins 8 a.m.
Race Start at St. Johns Avenue and Park Avenue
Earn your pumpkin pie. Race benefits Black Diamond Charities. Advance registration required at <http://ramracing.racebx.com>.

HP Poetry Holiday Gathering & Open-Mic
December 6, 8 p.m.
The Art Center
1957 Sheridan Road

Poets may bring up to 6 poems to share. All are welcome to share in the word magic.

Triumph of Love
December 6 thru 15
Matinees 2 p.m.
Evenings 8 p.m.
The Music Theater Company
1850 Green Bay Road
Tickets \$35 - (847) 579-4900

A romantic comedy of trickery and mistaken identity based on Marivaux's *Le Triomphe de L'Amour* and featuring music

by Jeffrey Stock, lyrics by Susan Birkenhead and book by James Magruder.

The Nutcracker
December 7 & 8, 4 p.m.
Elm Place Middle School
2031 Sheridan Road
Tickets \$20 - (312) 330-3908

Irina Makkai Classical Ballet & Dance School presents two performances of this beloved holiday favorite.

Highland Park Strings
Sibelius Violin Concerto
December 8, 3 p.m.
Highland Park High School
433 Vine Avenue - Auditorium

This free concert sponsored by the First Bank of Highland Park includes Britten's *Simple Symphony* and Schubert's *Symphony No. 8 in B Minor*.

Winter Band Concert
December 12, 7 p.m.
Highland Park High School
433 Vine Avenue - Auditorium

Free concert features HPHS Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Wind Symphony, Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab Bands.

Holiday Lighting Ceremony
AT PORT CLINTON SQUARE
Saturday, November 23
3:00 - 5:00PM
SANTA, LIVE MUSIC,
NEW - FUN SCAVENGER HUNT!
FOR MORE INFO VISIT DOWNTOWNHP.COM

Holiday Lighting Ceremony

November 23, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Port Clinton Square, 600 Central Avenue

Celebrate the season with carolers, holiday entertainment, the HPHS Marching Band and a special appearance from Santa. Participate in a the first-ever scavenger hunt throughout downtown for a chance to win a grand prize. See below for a timeline of events. Come early to shop and dine!

3:00 p.m.	Scavenger Hunt Starts Lake Forest Country Day School Choir
4:00 p.m.	Highland Park High School Marching Band Santa arrives at Port Clinton Square
4:30 p.m.	Holiday Lighting with Mayor Rotering

For more information, please contact the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1000.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

District 113 Shares Bond Financing Details

The majority of bonds in District 113's successful referendum have been sold. To date, \$72,980,000 in bonds have been issued as part of the \$89,000,000 referendum passed last April.

The referendum goes toward financing major capital projects at both Deerfield High School and Highland Park High School.

Over the summer, the municipal bond market experienced an unexpected rise in interest rates. For example, rates on a 20-year bond increased 167 basis points between May 6 and September 12. As a result of the volatility in the market, a key financial decision was whether to issue the bonds up-front at current relatively low rates, or issue the bonds when cash would be needed for the capital projects. Although the latter would save on interest expense, it would expose the District to potential higher rates. A decision was made to avoid that rate risk by taking advantage of current interest rates.

The District 113 Board of Education

began considering various referendum financing structures immediately after the successful April 9 vote, according to Tammie Beckwith Schallmo, managing director at PMA Securities, the firm managing the bond sales.

Schallmo said a number of variables were incorporated into the board's analysis, including the desire to sell a portion of the bonds with a 25-year maturity, issue a portion of the bonds through the Illinois Financing Authority, and target retail (individual) investors.

Monitoring municipal bond market conditions was also a top priority, Schallmo said. The District also was able to achieve favorable rates due to top credit ratings from both Moody's Investors Service and Standard and Poor's rating services.

To date, \$41,530,000 of Series 2013A bonds priced on 6/18/13 and closed on 7/3/13 with a True Interest Cost (TIC) of 3.68%; \$8,470,000 of Series 2013B bonds priced on 7/30/13 and closed on 8/21/13

with a TIC of 4.62%; and \$22,980,000 of Series 2013C bonds priced on 9/12/13 and closed on 9/30/13 with a TIC of 4.73%. Back in May, the District estimated that the blended TIC for the total amount of bonds sold thus far would be 3.89%. The actual blended TIC for the \$72,980,000 of bonds issued to date is 4.18%.

District 113 was able to sell bonds with a 25-year maturity upon obtaining approval from the Illinois State Legislature with the support of State Representative Scott Drury and State Senator Julie Morrison.

"As discussed in the (pre-referendum) study groups, a majority said to go longer with the bond maturity in order to match the useful life of the projects," Schallmo said.

About \$17 million in bonds remains to be issued. The Board plans to delay the issuance of these bonds until future years, when the proceeds are needed for construction, but may take action earlier depending on interest rate trends.

At this time, the estimated tax rate of the currently issued bonds is 16.8 cents per \$100 of Equalized Assessed Valuation.



District Achieves \$1 million in Energy Savings

Paying attention to energy use has paid off in District 112, which recently reached a major milestone: \$1 million in savings since implementing a comprehensive energy savings plan three years ago. "District staff are to be commended for their diligence in reducing energy consumption," said Superintendent David L. Behlow. "Beyond the cost savings, the truly celebratory news is that we have reduced our carbon footprint and helped the environment."

The program began in December 2010 when the district, together with Cenergetic, Inc., began to analyze ways to reduce gas and electric use. The savings have been obtained by retrofitting equipment, enrolling in energy curtailment programs, and most importantly, educating staff to change their behaviors and habits around energy use. Based on usage prior to implementation, the district's energy costs from December 2010 through June of 2013 would have been approximately \$2.8 million. Actual costs were approximately \$1.8 million.

The reduced energy use translates to the equivalent of removing 1,200 passenger cars from the road or planting 150,000 trees, and has prevented about 6,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide from entering the environment.

Dual Language Meeting

Parents of future kindergarteners are invited to learn about the district's innovative Dual Language Program, which provides instruction in Spanish and English.

Students begin in kindergarten, and by the end of 8th grade are bilingual and biliterate, and have a multicultural perspective. An informational meeting for parents will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 11 at Northwood Junior High School, 945 North Avenue.

For more information, contact Dual Language Coordinator Jaime Baraza at 847-613-7272 or visit the district's website at www.nssd112.org.



Long-Range Planning

In February, the district will hold a series of community engagement meetings to discuss issues relating to its facilities and finances.

To be sure to receive detailed information about these meetings, visit the district website at www.nssd112.org and click "Join Our Mailing List", or contact School-Community Relations Director Andi Rosen at arosen@nssd112.org, 224-765-3013.

The meetings will review the work of the Superintendent Citizen Finance and Facilities Advisory Committee, which was created last year by Superintendent Behlow in order to study and develop recommendations related to the district's school buildings.

PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK

Fun for All Ages

Magic Class

Ages 5-12

Learn fascinating tricks from a professional magician! Amaze your family and friends with tricks that involve cards, ropes, coins, mind reading, and more. All materials are provided, each child will receive a magic kit to take home!

West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Rd.

November 22

30349 Fri 4-4:55pm \$20/25

Turkey Time Hockey Tournament

Family

Come and watch exciting hockey games as the Falcons host teams from Chicagoland and beyond.

Centennial Ice Arena • 3100 Trail Way

November 27-December 1

Wed-Sun Times TBD FREE

Baton Twirling Clinic

Ages 5-17

Here's your chance to try a sport that improves coordination, physical fitness, and quick thinking. It's a fun, social activity that builds self-confidence, team work, and sportsmanship.

Deer Creek Courts • 701 Deer Creek Parkway

December 7

31558 Sat 9am-Noon \$25/30

Winter Skating Exhibition

Family

Skaters from Centennial Ice Arena show off their skills to music of their choice. *Free to watch \$10 to participate.

Centennial Ice Arena • 3100 Trail Way

December 14

Sat 4-7pm FREE

Daily Public Skating at Centennial Ice Arena
Hours listed at pdhp.org or call 847.432.4790

\$6 adults (over 18)
\$5 child (4 and under free)
\$3 skate rental



CAMP
OPEN
HOUSE
EXPERTS IN PLAY

Sat Nov 23
9am-Noon
Recreation Center of Highland Park
1207 Park Ave. West

Ask our staff and camp directors about opportunities for children this summer. From sports to nature to crafts to circus, we have just the right camp for your child! For more information visit www.pdhp.org.

Recreation Center of Highland Park

1207 Park Avenue West

Glaucoma Screening

Compliments of Highland Park Hospital

Recreation Center of Highland Park • November 27

Wed 9-11am FREE

30-Day Winter Break Student Membership

Limited Time!

Available for purchase Nov 12-Dec 31

Stay in shape with this 30-day membership. Provides unlimited, full access to the fitness center, aquatic center, the running/walking track, open gym, and drop-in group exercise classes.

A current photo ID and student ID are both required at registration.

Recreation Center of Highland Park

\$30/residents

\$45/nonresidents



RECREATION CENTER
of HIGHLAND PARK



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

Sand Breaking at Rosewood Beach Marks the Beginning of Construction



Left to right, Task Force member Jeff Orlove, Commissioner Barnett Ruttenberg, Task Force Chairman Dave Fairman, Task Force member Elaine Waxman, Commissioner Cal Bernstein, Park Board President Scott Meyers, Task Force members Ben Kutscheid and Steve Sider, Commissioner Lori Flores Weisskopf, and Task Force member Edmond Zisook overturn the first shovels of sand on October 22 marking the official start of construction on the Park District's Rosewood Beach improvements. For safety reasons, Rosewood Beach and the ravine paths will have limited access during the construction.

Senior Corner

Park District programs and events for active adults!

Table Tennis

Deer Creek Courts • 701 Deer Creek Parkway

Seniors Open Play Nov 30-Mar 9

MWF 9am-Noon

\$4 for members/\$6 for residents/\$8 for non residents

Owl Prowl

Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Rd.

31487 Dec 19 6-8pm \$6

Golf Hitting Stations

Deer Creek Courts • 701 Deer Creek Parkway

Three stations, one station is equipped with an OptiShot simulator. Golf clubs available on site or bring your own.

Fee: \$5/30 minutes

Indoor Walking Track

Recreation Center of Highland Park • 1207 Park Avenue

Free and open to the community.

SilverFit

Recreation Center of Highland Park • 1207 Park Avenue

Geared toward the older active adult, this class offers low impact cardio followed by core and stretching to improve overall daily function.

MW 12-1pm

Better Bones

Recreation Center of Highland Park • 1207 Park Avenue

Challenge your muscular strength using light weights and rubber resistance equipment. Exercises improve strength, balance and flexibility. All levels welcome.

Th 12-1pm

Chair Yoga

Recreation Center of Highland Park • 1207 Park Avenue

Chair yoga offers the ability to improve your health with the support of a chair (seated and standing) so you can receive yoga's healing and restorative benefits.

Tue 12-1pm and F 12:15-1:15pm

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HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

See Your Donation Stack Up...

... and Leave a Lasting Legacy in Your Community

Commemorate, honor, or memorialize someone special with a donation to the Library and have a plaque inscribed on one of the Library's book stacks. Or, put your own name on your favorite stack in the Library. Love the cookbook collection? Consider naming that stack. A big biography reader? There's a stack for you.

Here's how it works:

Make a \$3,000 tax-deductible contribution to the Library.

Select the stack you would like to sponsor and a plaque will be placed on the corresponding end panel.

Stack #1, which houses the large print collection, has already been endowed at the bequest of Louise Blosten, an avid reader of the Library's large print materials. 30 other stacks in the Adult Services Department are available.

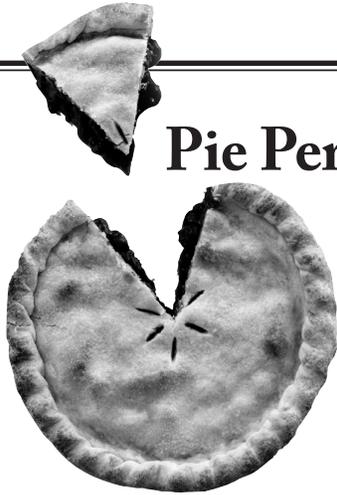


For additional opportunities to donate to the Library, contact Jane Conway, Executive Director, at (847) 432-0720.

Donations will assist the Library in continuing to offer enhanced programs and services that go beyond the Library's regular operating budget.

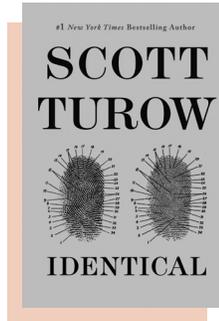
From a \$25 donation to add a book to the collection, to a \$2,500 donation to sponsor a study carrel or a \$5,000 donation to name the Tree House in the Youth Services Department, every donation **STACKS UP.**





Pie Perfection!

Tuesday, November 19, 7 p.m.
Sara Montmorency from Windy City Pie Co. demonstrates the art of making pies. Learn tips and enjoy samples of the perfect dessert for the season. Just in time for the holidays!



Meet The Author Scott Turow – *Identical*

Monday December 2, 7 p.m.

Bestselling author Scott Turow will discuss his new legal thriller, the story of identical twins. As the story unfolds, secrets are revealed and a truth comes to light: people will believe what they want to believe. Books will be for sale and the event will conclude with a book signing.

Film & Theater @ The Library

Film Showing and Discussion
Sunday, November 24, 2 p.m.

Bob Coscarelli, professor emeritus at College of Lake County, introduces and screens a multi-award winning film as part of the classical music in film series. This film traces the history of a legendary violin across five countries and 300 years. Along the way the violin affects lives as it passes from hand to hand and generation to generation. A discussion follows.

Presented with the Highland Park Senior Center. Sponsored by Right at Home.

Northlight Theatre
Previews *Detroit '67*

Tuesday, December 3, 6:30 p.m.

Cast members from Northlight Theatre discuss and preview the Midwest debut of *Detroit '67*, a new play set in the Motor City. Two siblings try to build a better future as the city around them erupts into the now infamous riots of 1967. One attendee will have a chance to win a pair of tickets to the play.

Resource Programs

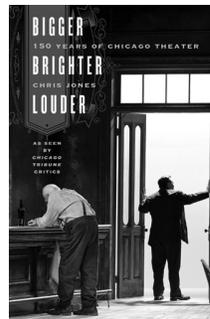
Career Counseling
Wednesday, December 11, 1 – 4 p.m.

Meet with a career counselor from College of Lake County for a free half-hour session. Learn job search strategies, find assistance writing or updating a resume, and prepare for a job interview. Register at the Reference Desk or call (847) 681-7031.

Bigger, Brighter, Louder:
150 Years of Chicago Theater
Wednesday, December 4, 10:30 a.m.

How did Chicago, a town that once considered arts an afterthought, become one of the best theater cities in the world? *Chicago Tribune* theater critic Chris Jones discusses his book, *Bigger, Brighter, Louder* that explains this ascendance through more than a century and a half of theater reviews, turning to those with a pen, a notebook, and a front-row seat to tell the compelling story of Chicago theater. Books will be for sale and the event will conclude with a book signing.

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National Military Families Month Celebration

Wednesday, November 20,
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Celebrate National Military Families Month and honor veterans and their families with this special event to debut a collection of Library resources for military families. Highland Park's military families and their contributions and sacrifices for our nation will be recognized.

Military families in Highland Park can now find plenty of great resources at the Library. The collection includes books to help stay connected during family separation, re-connect following a deployment, or transition from a military to a civilian community. Find books for those in the armed forces, National Guard, or Reserves, or for veterans and their loved ones.

Lekotek Stories and Play

Saturday, November 16, 10 – 11 a.m.

A fun hour of stories, music and play for children with special needs and their siblings will be led by trained Lekotek leaders. All ages are welcome, but geared towards ages 3 – 8. Parents are invited to attend or stay in the library during the event. Registration required. Register at kidsevents.org. Non-library cardholders can register by calling (847) 681-7030. Look for more programming for special needs children in January.

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BUSINESS REPORT

NEW BUSINESSES

Love That Spice
474 Central Avenue, Lower Level
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www.lovethatspice.com

on customer satisfaction, and passionate industry knowledge has allowed G & O Thermal Supply Company to thrive over the past 45 years.

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Shop Local this Holiday Season

As the holiday shopping season approaches, remember to shop local. Supporting locally owned businesses benefits all of us in many ways:

- Local businesses support our community for necessities, convenience, entertainment, to help our schools and our charities year round.

- Revenues are raised to support city services.

- Vibrant businesses contribute to an exciting city - a place to be.

Highland Park's many merchants have so much to offer. With nine business districts, each with its own unique offerings and character, it's easy to find the perfect gift for everyone on your list. Go to www.cityhpil.com/shoppinganddining for a complete list Highland Park's retail and restaurant locations. Keep an eye open for the Downtown Highland Park Holiday Gift Guide which highlights a taste of some of the exceptional merchandise offered in your own backyard. Gift Guides will be delivered in your mailbox and are also accessible online at www.downtownhp.com or participating retailers.

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