

THE HIGHLANDER



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Public Works Prepared for Winter Snow Season

It's that time of year again and the Public Works Department is prepared to perform snow and ice control operations this winter. Timely response and effective execution against variable weather conditions are essential. The Public Works Department works proactively by monitoring weather reports and working closely with Public Safety offices to ensure efficient operations.

When are specific streets plowed? Under normal conditions all streets are plowed at least once within the first six hours of a three-inch or less snowfall. However, it is important to note initial snow removal operations are staged simultaneously throughout the City and multiple plowing passes along streets are required to move snow to the curb. A winter storm's magnitude may extend response times. Regardless, snow removal operations will continue until all streets are passable and all parking areas have been cleared.

How is the application of salt managed? The initial salting effort concentrates on hills, intersections and inherently hazardous areas.

Why do plows occasionally fill driveway approaches? Plows need to make multiple passes to push snow back to the curbs. Plows initially traverse the center of each street so cars can travel in both directions. Then, the plow trucks return to push the snow back to the curbs. This

helps melting snow enter the storm sewers or other drainage systems. The City has approximately 10,000 residential driveways and unfortunately, it is difficult for the plow trucks to avoid filling driveway approaches.

When are sidewalks plowed? The City maintains approximately 120 miles of public sidewalk. For every snow event, the City plows very limited sidewalk areas that are considered high pedestrian foot traffic areas. The areas typically include in and around train stations, in the vicinity of schools, Central and Ravinia business districts, parking garage entrances, and public facilities. Upon accumulation of snow up to four inches, the City's authorized contractor plows selected sidewalk routes. These plowed routes are residential routes, typically on one side of street, leading up to schools and train stations.

As a reminder, areas or other sidewalks that are not plowed by the City are the responsibility of the abutting property owners or merchants. Additionally, depositing snow onto sidewalks makes it difficult for pedestrians to walk on those sidewalks and for sidewalk plows (where applicable) to

clear the walks.

How should drivers navigate the road when encountering a snow plow? The large heavy plow trucks are difficult to maneuver and visibility is reduced in less than optimal driving conditions. Plow trucks also generate slush obscuring visibility so it is important to stay clear at all times.

What assistance can residents provide? Observe street parking restrictions

and avoid parking on the street until after the road has been cleared after a significant snowfall event. If a contractor plows your driveway, ensure snow is not pushed across the street onto a neighbor's property. Additionally, the City prohibits



removing snow or ice from any building, private property, driveway, driveway approach or public sidewalk and depositing it onto public streets. The deposited snow on public streets creates a traffic hazard for streets already plowed.

Who should residents call? During regular working hours contact Public Works Department at (847) 432-0807. During off hours or emergencies call the Police dispatch hotline at (847) 432-7730.

City Council Approves Balanced Budget for 2014

The City Council adopted the 2014 budget of approximately \$85 million at the December 2, 2013 City Council meeting with a unanimous vote. The budget reflects the organizational priorities of the City Council of fiscal stability, public safety and infrastructure. These priorities were established by the City Council and guide the policy and direction for the City for the year.

Since August, the City held thirteen

budget workshops and five neighborhood meetings. The budget document is a policy document which includes organizational, financial, and programmatic policies and goals that address long-term concerns and issues; a financial plan that describes in detail all funds that are subject to appropriation; a communications device which provides summary information identifying budgetary issues and trends; and an operations guide that de-

scribes the activities, services and functions of the organization.

The Proposed Budget remains available for review on the City's website, as well as all PowerPoint presentations for the budget workshops. The Adopted Budget will be published in January and will be available on the City's website at that time. A fact sheet of frequently asked questions can also be found on the website at www.cityhpil.com.

CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK

HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

'HIGH' NOTES

Holiday Reminders

The Mayor and City Council wish all Highland Park residents a very happy and safe holiday season. City offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, Wednesday, January 1 and Monday, January 20 in observance of Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, respectively. Residents may call the Public Safety Switchboard at (847) 432-7730 if assistance is required.

Also, garbage will not be collected on Thursdays, December 26 or January 2. Residents with regular Thursday collection will receive service on Friday and residents with Friday collection will receive service on Saturday. For info, contact Advanced Disposal Services at (847) 272-4145.

Winter Parking Regulations

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 more information, 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 available for low and moderate income households. To learn more about the program and see if you qualify, please register for an information session on:

**Saturday, January 18 at 10:00 a.m. or
Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m.**

To register, contact (847) 681-8746, or akaufman@cpahousing.org. All sessions are held at CPAH's office, 400 Central, Suite 111, Highland Park. Pictures of available homes are at www.cpahousing.org.

Recycling Extravaganza

A Recycling Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, January 4, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Firearms Training Center, 1180 Half Day Road. Lake County residents are welcome to drop off electronics, household batteries, packaging foam products (except peanuts) and all kinds of shoes (except boots, ice skates and rollerblades). For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at (847) 926-1000.

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.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Residents may dispose of Christmas trees through their primary refuse collection day. Advanced Disposal Services will collect, transport and dispose of trees left curbside by all customers through January 10, 2014. A sticker is not required. Contact Advanced Disposal at (847) 272-4145 with any questions.

Residents may also drop-off trees free of decorations, wires or any other materials for recycling by the Park District through January 19, 2014. Drop-off locations are in posted areas of parking lots at Larry Fink Park, 1377 Deer Creek Parkway, and Danny Cunniff Park, 2700 Trailway. Park District crews chip the trees for use as mulch. Residents are welcome to use the mulch for their own gardens and landscapes. Contact Ted Baker, Director of Parks, at (847) 579-3130 for more information.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service: January 20

Join members of the community on Monday, January 20, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center of Highland Park, 1207 Park Avenue West, for the 5th Annual MLK Day of Service. Sponsored by the Human Relations Commission and the Park District of Highland Park, the event features purposeful service projects and entertainment to engage all ages.

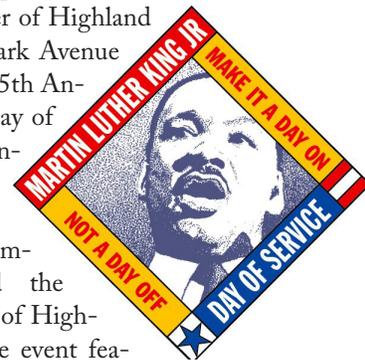
The Honorable Jesse White, Illinois Secretary of State, will recount his experiences as a student of Dr. King and the Jesse White Tumbling Team will perform. Two Soldiers and a Marine Food Truck will serve BBQ. Don't miss the Freedom Express Museum, a 45-foot traveling museum that explores our First Amendment freedoms of religion, speech, press, assembly and petition.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'" Each year, Americans across the country answer that question by coming together to serve their neighbors and communities.

Service projects will include assembling toiletries for PADS, creating Valentine messages for Operation Support Our Troops, decorating and filling book bags for distribution at North Shore Health Clinic, and much more.

Toiletry donations for the service projects can be dropped off at the Firehouse Youth Center located at 1830 Green Bay Road, Monday through Friday, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Toiletries include shampoo, soap, toothpaste, lotion, shaving cream, and any other hygiene products. Donations are accepted through January 17.

For more information, contact Cheryl Levi, Human Relations Commission Chair, at (847) 903-9523 or levi.cheryl@yahoo.com.



CITY COUNCIL NEWS

City Council Unanimously Approved 2014 Budget

This month, the Highland Park City Council unanimously approved its 2014 Budget. As we've discussed since last summer, we focused on our core priorities: infrastructure maintenance, public safety and fiscal stability. Our operating budget is balanced for 2014; our operating expenditures are less than our operating revenues.

Like any business, success requires both short and long-term strategies and planning. We approached major expenditures such as capital improvements, State-mandated pension obligations and health care costs with an eye toward conservative funding over the next five years. Careful planning reduces the need to have significant ups and downs in taxes over time. It's more fair to residents and viewed more favorably by bond rating agencies.

For the short-term, we have trimmed non-essential spending, looked to reduce our employee-related costs and increased efficiencies by working better with our neighbors and sister governments. For the long-term, we are working to fairly meet our obligations while minimizing significant changes in resident economic burdens. In both, maintaining our high level of service is imperative.

Given the fiscal uncertainties of the State of Illinois, the city has chosen to keep its financial reserves strong and focused on our Aaa bond rating. Rating agencies look both at the adequacy of municipal reserves as well as city policies on using them. Paying ongoing operating expenditures out of reserves is one red flag that a city is living beyond its ongoing revenue streams. We are not doing this. Some excess reserves will be used, however, to invest one-time capital expenses for City infrastructure, an appropriate use of reserves.

I am pleased to say that the final vote on the budget was 7:0. The Council, meeting over 12 times, looked at our priorities, recognizing who we are as a community, and chose to take difficult steps to put our city on a long-term, fiscally sustainable path. We approach your money like it is our money – because it is. If you have questions about our budget, answers may be found at our Budget FAQ's page on the City website www.cityhpil.com.

The budget is the most important policy statement that we make as a Council. Ours should reflect that we prioritize fiscal stability, infrastructure investments, and public safety. This Budget does that.

Sincerely, Mayor Nancy R. Rotering



Public Encouraged to Participate in Consideration of Downtown Zoning Changes

Residents and property owners are encouraged to participate in the Plan Commission's public hearings regarding important zoning changes that, if adopted, will enable significantly more development in and around downtown Highland Park. These hearings provide an opportunity for the public to help shape the proposed zoning changes to ensure that they meet community needs. The changes proposed would allow increased residential density, greater building height and require fewer off-street parking spaces for new development in certain areas of downtown known as the "B4" and "B5" zoning districts.

These changes were recommended for

consideration as part of a study of downtown to evaluate and develop specific land use and urban design policies for the area. This study, prepared by the Lakota Group, for the City of Highland Park and the Highland Park Central Business District Property Owners' Association, is available on the City's website at www.cityhpil.com/CentralDistrictReport.

The Plan Commission's next public hearing on this matter will be January 21, 2014. To find out more about past and upcoming public hearings and the zoning changes proposed, please contact Lee Smith, Senior Planner, for the City of Highland Park, at lsmith@cityhpil.com or (847) 926-1612.

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.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Senior Center Facilities Survey Results Revealed

The Highland Park Senior Center is a Division of the City of Highland Park created in 1976 to meet the needs of the community's senior population. The Senior Center is housed inside a former private residence, built in 1929 by General Robert E. Wood and is located at 54 Laurel Avenue. Recently, two surveys were administered regarding the status and perception of the Highland Park Senior Center. The first survey was facilitated through Survey Monkey and was sent to all Senior Center member email addresses on June 25, 2013. The second survey was distributed through the July 15, 2013 edition of *The Highlander*, in which all residents of Highland Park were invited to respond.

Based on the member survey results, the majority of respondents are between the ages of 75-85 and the main reasons for being a member is for the various activities coordinated by the Senior Center and discounted tickets to area performances. The greatest concern with the facility is the lack of parking at 54 Laurel Avenue. It was noted that various programs would have a better impact if increased activities were located at the Highland Park Country Club. Members responded that 54 Laurel Avenue has a great aesthetic appeal, but the facilities are outdated.

From the resident survey, respondents agreed about the lack of public parking at the Senior Center. Individuals responded that many over the age of 50 do not consider themselves "seniors" and are either too busy to attend the programming with its limited daytime hours or have not received information regarding Senior Center programs and events.

The City has analyzed these survey results and is making plans to address the public's concerns. Additional information can be found at www.cityhpil.com/seniorcenter.

Thank you to everyone who participated in either the member survey or Highlander survey. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Cultural Arts Commission Seeks Input from Residents, Artists & Businesses

As a follow up on two community "open houses" held in the spring, the Cultural Arts Commission seeks additional input through three online surveys targeted to different audiences concerning the cultural arts in Highland Park: (1) residents and visitors to the community; (2) practicing artists and (3) Highland Park business owners and operators. You may respond to more than one survey if multiple categories apply. Each survey should take no more than a few minutes to complete. The purpose is to ensure that the Commission's workplan, and the arts-related initiatives of the City, are aligned with the vision and

needs of Highland Park community members, businesses, and institutions, artists, and arts organizations.

Hard copies of the surveys are available upon request or use the following links: (1) <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HPResidents-VisitorsArtsSurvey> or (2) <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HPArtistsSurvey> or (3) <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HPBusinessOwnersArtsSurvey>

The deadline is December 31, 2013. For more information, contact Lee Smith, Senior Planner at lsmith@cityhpil.com or (847) 926-1612.

Tree Trimming by ComEd Scheduled in January

ComEd is working hard to provide safe and reliable energy efficiently to the people and communities of Northern Illinois — and to improve customers' overall experience with the company.

Beginning in January, ComEd will be improving service for more than 13,500 Highland Park customers by mowing and removing aggressive vegetation near high voltage electric transmission lines along the Skokie Valley Bike Path (between approximately West Park Avenue and south through Highland Park).

Tree-related contact with power lines can cause service interruptions and preventive

maintenance ensures safe, reliable electricity for every resident and business in the Highland Park area. After the existing vegetation is mowed, ComEd will reintroduce native grasses and other desirable plants to cultivate a sustainable prairie habitat.

Since 2010, ComEd and the Chicago Botanic Garden have worked together to conserve natural resources, cultivate native plant life and preserve prairie space particularly along utility corridors. Highland Park is host to one of the prairie restoration research spaces, including green space just south of Deerfield Road and North of Clavey Road along East side of bike path.

GREEN COMMUNITY NEWS

Shoe and Textile Recycling Coming to Highland Park Recycling Extravaganza

Due to the success of the 2013 spring shoe recycling program, Highland Park has been selected by SWALCO to be one of the first communities in Lake County to add both textile and shoe recycling to the annual recycling event.

Statistics on Textiles as it Relates to Waste:

1. The EPA estimates that the average person throws away 70 lbs. of clothing annually.
2. Currently textiles contribute to nearly 5-8% of all landfill space.
3. It is estimated that only 15% of all post-consumer textile waste is currently being recycled. Therefore 85% of all textile waste goes straight to the landfill.
4. 95% of all textiles can be reused, re-purposed or recycled.

For more information, please contact Bryan Tillman at bryan.tillman@kymanox.com

YOUTH & SENIOR SERVICES

The Firehouse Offers After School Activities

The Firehouse Youth Center has served the needs of youth and families in Highland Park since 1978. Over the years, the Division of Youth Services strives to work closely with the community to identify needs of youth and develop programs to meet them. Statistics show that the hours when high risk behaviors occur among middle school students are 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. The Firehouse provides a safe, supervised environment where middle school students may unwind after school, socialize with friends both old and new, and learn healthy life skills.

Students may also participate in our *After*

3 supervised study program. *After 3* at The Firehouse provides professional staff who offer your child enriching activities that can develop their potential, build their confidence and help them with their schoolwork.

Transportation is also available from all three middle schools to The Firehouse in a 14-passenger bus and 7-passenger van. Register to fit the needs of your family, whether it is one day a week or five. Once registered, your child will have a seat reserved for the days you wish.

Students currently registered for the fall 2013 term will need to re-register for the

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.

winter/spring 2014 term. This may be done over the phone with a credit card, or in person by cash, check, or credit card. For information on fees or any other questions you may have, call (847) 433-3090.

Winter Solstice Celebration Renaissance Hotel North Shore

Friday, December 20
12 - 2:30 p.m.

Fee: \$25 / NM: \$40

Must register by December 17, 2013

Sponsored by Freedom Home Care

Valentine's Day Luncheon & Concert Highland Park Country Club

Friday, February 14
11:30 - 2 p.m.

Fee: \$25 / NM: \$35

Valentine's Day is a time to share your love with family and friends! Gather the special people in your life for a delicious lunch featuring butternut squash soup, chicken breast stuffed with spinach, caramelized onions and fontina cheese, haricot vert, truffle infused polenta, and decadent chocolate ganache cake. Following lunch, enjoy a delightful musical concert with well-loved love songs from throughout the decades. "The Chairman's Board" represents classy entertainment and musical excellence, and through the extraordinary talents acclaimed pop standards sensation Peter Oprisko, (vocals) along with his keyboard and bass player, they can all be savored via this awesome concert!

Barry Bradford Presents: Tonight Show Hosts

Highland Park Public Library
Fridays, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Free for members / NM: \$10

Sponsored by Gentle Home Services

The Senior Center welcomes back in-

ternationally recognized, award-winning public speaker and historian Barry Bradford! Using numerous video clips, little-known anecdotes, and intriguing insights, Barry presents a fascinating series.

February 7 Steve Allen

Steve Allen was the first host of the Tonight Show. He was, arguably, the funniest, the most intelligent and most talented host in the show's history. A gifted musician, a prolific author, an influential critic and a thoughtful philosopher, Steve Allen is a unique figure in American entertainment. Many of his signature routines were copied, adapted, and used by Johnny Carson, Jay Leno and David Letterman! Barry presents side splitting film clips, hilarious anecdotes and fascinating biographical information throughout this multimedia presentation!

March 7 Johnny Carson

Johnny Carson was the third host of the Tonight Show and truly created the program as we think of it today. Among the people he mentored: Jay Leno and David Letterman! Barry Bradford takes a look at his unparalleled rise to the top of late night, his tremendous influence on American culture and his lasting legacy. This multimedia journey is sure to make you laugh out loud!

April 4 Jay Leno

Jay Leno has carefully cultivated an image of being the "nicest guy in show

senior

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

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

business." However, a closer look at his life and career reveals the fissures beneath the squeaky clean veneer. Barry Bradford explores Jay Leno; a hard-working comedian, a clever manipulator, an enormous influence on comedy and a late-night staple for 4 million people every evening. This fascinating multimedia presentation will give you a more rounded perspective and appreciation of one of America's most popular television stars.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration ManorCare of Highland Park Monday, March 17

2 - 4:30 p.m.

Fee: \$5 / NM: \$10

Sponsored by ManorCare Health Services

Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day! Join ManorCare of Highland Park for a green celebration featuring a dessert reception. Try your luck at Irish Bingo, for a chance to win a prize. Live musical entertainment provided by Voytek is sure to keep the party jumping. Those wearing "Kelly Green" will receive a free giveaway! All registration fees will be generously donated to the Highland Park Senior Center.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CITY MEETINGS

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

Vocational Arts & Better Homes in America

Wed. thru Fri. 1-4 p.m.

Sundays 2 - 4 p.m.

Highland Park Historical Society, 326 Central Avenue
(847) 432-7090

Highland Park Historical Society peeks at "Boy Built Homes" constructed by Walt Durbahn's shop class during the 1920's thru 1940's. The exhibit continues through Winter 2014.

Art Is Alive in Highland Park Community Art Contest Exhibit

January 10 - Opening

6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

The Art Center
1957 Sheridan Road

View the selected winners and finalists of the 4th Annual Art Is Alive in Highland Park juried community art contest sponsored by the Highland Park Cultural Arts Commission. The exhibit continues through February 1st. The gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

In View - TAC Member & Faculty Showcase

January 10 - Opening

6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

The Art Center
1957 Sheridan Road

Art work by TAC's teachers, students and members in a wide array of mediums. The exhibit open Monday thru Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. through February 1st.

HP Poetry Open-Mic

January 18, 8 p.m.

Madame ZuZu's
582 Roger Williams Avenue

Poets may bring up to 6 poems to share. All are welcome.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

January 20

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Highland Park Recreation Center
1207 Park Avenue West

Give back on this national day of service sponsored by the City of Highland Park Human Relations Commission and the North Shore School District 112. Volunteer or donate. More information on the event can be found on page 2.

Last Call at the Oasis

January 26

2 p.m.

Highland Park Public Library
494 Laurel Avenue
Barbara Cates, Planner
Natural Resources Commission
(847) 432-0867

The first of Natural Resources Commission's Environmental

Film Series, *Last Call at the Oasis* is a powerful depiction of the global water crisis and its potential future impacts on community development. Guest speaker and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioner Debra Shore discusses local and regional water issues immediately following the screening.

Pilgram Chamber Players Concert

January 26

3 p.m.

Highland Park Community House
1991 Sheridan Road
Tickets \$20, \$16 Seniors, and \$8 Students
(847) 433-0092

Enjoy varied chamber music concert with strings, clarinet, flute and piano.

Heidi Kettenring in Concert

January 27

8 p.m.

The Music Theatre Company

1850 Green Bay Road
Tickets \$35
(847) 579-4900

Acclaimed Chicago leading lady accompanied by music director Doug Peck on the piano for a one-night only concert showcasing songs from a variety of musicals and Ms. Kettenring's favorite folk and pop tunes.

Do I Hear a Waltz?

January 31 - February 9

Fri. & Sat. at 8 p.m.

Sun. at 2:00 p.m.

The Music Theatre Company
1850 Green Bay Road
Tickets \$35
(847) 579-4900

Featuring music by Richard Rodgers and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, this timeless story is set in enchanting Venice. Leona, a lonely American, experiences the love she's always dreamed of when she falls for handsome Renato but will the romance last? Under the direction of Dominic Misimi.

Recycling Extravaganza

January 4, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Highland Park Recycling Center, 1180 Half Day Road

After the holiday season, it's time to clean up the house and recycle old electronic equipment, Styrofoam, CFL light bulbs, batteries, shoes and textiles. Come out to the Recycling Center January 4 and get rid of all those old items you don't need anymore!

New this year: You can now bring in shoes and clothing or other textiles to recycle! Did you know that 95% of all textiles can be reused, re-purposed or recycled?

The drop off program, done in partnership with SWALCO, is also available every Tuesday and Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Karen Berardi, Management Analyst, at (847) 926-1043.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

Your Voice, Our Future:



Community members invited to help district plan next steps

North Shore School District 112 is at a critical juncture. Last year, Superintendent David L. Behlow convened the Superintendent Citizen Finance and Facilities Advisory Committee (SCFFAC) to study the district's facilities needs and recommend a vision for how it can best carry out its educational mission and ensure its financial sustainability.

For more than 12 months, committee members have conducted an in-depth study of the district's finances and facilities. They are inviting the community to learn about the challenges the district faces and to provide input into possible solutions.

In February, the committee will host five roundtable discussions for all interested district residents and staff members. All meetings will be identical, and participants are asked to attend just one.

The meetings will be held at the High-

land Park Country Club, located at 1201 Park Avenue West, at the following dates and times:

Thursday, February 13
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 19
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday, February 22
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 26
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Thursday, February 27
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Some of the challenges that will be discussed include aging buildings that require extensive renovations, a large number of small buildings that are financially inef-

ficient to operate, and the district's ability to remain financially sustainable while meeting the needs of 21st century learners. The SCFFAC committee is comprised of a mix of parents and community members from all parts of the district. Committee members believe it is essential to educate the community and solicit feedback on the district's future direction.

"North Shore School District 112 residents have always taken pride in their schools," said committee co-chair and Highland Park resident Leonard Tenner. "I encourage all community members to come out for this important discussion."

To RSVP to attend a meeting, visit the district's website at www.nssd112.org, or email Andi Rosen at arosen@nssd112.org, or call (224) 765-3013. Be sure to click the "Join our mailing list" button on the website to stay informed.

District 113 Board Approves Design Plans

The District 113 Board of Education approved Phase 1 design schematics for the District 113 post-referendum capital projects, paving the way for Perkins + Will, the architect, and Gilbane, the construction manager, to proceed to the next step in Phase 1: design development.

"The Board of Education has been a diligent financial steward while meeting the promises made to the public in the referendum," said Superintendent George Fornero.

The Oversight Committee, which includes expert volunteers from the community, unanimously endorsed the Phase 1 design plan.

Value engineering has been taking place with a focus on keeping costs in line while maintaining quality. A number of alterations have been incorporated to date.

Adjustments have included choice of steel, type of glazing, use of precast panel, altering the roof in pool areas (which also



increases HVAC efficiencies), and adapting some window structures. Changes were selected with an eye toward maintaining attractive design. Members of the oversight committee noted that some of the design changes actually improved functionality.

The Oversight Committee visited other sites that underwent similar projects, and was formally updated at monthly meetings, where feedback was sought. "It was a very fruitful (process)," said Oversight Committee volunteer Matt Wylie, an architect.

"We think (the District) is in a great position and endorse moving into the next phase," Wylie said.

"This has been a very thoughtful process," said District 113 Board President Marjie Sandlow.

"We will continue to investigate options on how to best meet project scope. I'm very pleased with the value engineering to date."

Annual Pizza Bowl

Jan. 26

The District 113 Education Foundation is sponsoring its second annual pizza bowl on Sunday, Jan. 26, from 5-7 pm at Highland Park High School. Come sample pizza from favorite local pizzerias and vote for your favorite!

Admission is \$10 per person or \$25 per family and includes one tasting from each restaurant plus entertainment provided by several of the foundation's grant recipients.

The District 113 Education Foundation promotes and supports innovative educational opportunities.

In partnership with District 113, the Foundation is also promoting an alumni drive in the coming months. HPHS alumni can expect to be contacted by Harris Connect and invited to join District 113's new alumni community!

PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK

Fun for All Ages

Swimming, Sports and More!

Grades 1-5

There is nothing better than splashing around in the pool in December! Play basketball and dodgeball in the morning, and swim in the afternoon.

Recreation Center of Highland Park • 1207 Park Avenue West
December 27

31440 Fri 10am-2pm \$40/45

Celebration Camp

Ages 3-5

'Tis the season for celebration! Join us as we celebrate a different holiday each day. The last day of camp will include a birthday party for everyone!

West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Rd.

Dec 30-Jan 3

31443 M-F 10am-2:30pm \$120/130

Winter Fest

Family

Bounce in the gymnastic studio and try out ice sports, including figure skating and hockey. Bring your camera and meet live reindeer. Cookie decorating and carriage rides!

Centennial Ice Arena • 3100 Trailway

Jan 11

Sat 3:30-6pm FREE

Martin Luther King Day of Service

Monday, January 20, 2014

10am - 1pm

Recreation Center of Highland Park

1207 Park Ave. West

"Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth."

....Shirley Chisholm

Friday Night Out

Grades 6-8

Hang out at the Recreation Center after hours! We've opened our doors just for you. Shoot hoops, munch on snacks, bring your friends and make some new ones.

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Jan 17

31445 Fri 7:30-9:30pm \$12/15

Nature Discovery Day

All Ages

Visit our nature classrooms, complete a craft to take home, explore the science of nature, view live animals, and much more!

Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Rd.

Feb 1

Sat 10am-Noon FREE

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Body Transformation Challenge Begins Jan 13!

Take the 6-week challenge. Commit to your health!

Exercise

6-week individual membership including all drop-in group exercise classes. Three weekly Body Transformation exercise classes.

Motivation

Three 30-minute consultations with personal trainer.

RC Bucks

Complete each weekly challenge and be put into a weekly raffle!

Competition

Overall prizes for top percentage weight loss for male and female.

\$99 for non-members

\$75 for members

(Over \$400 value!)

Sign up today.

Space is limited.

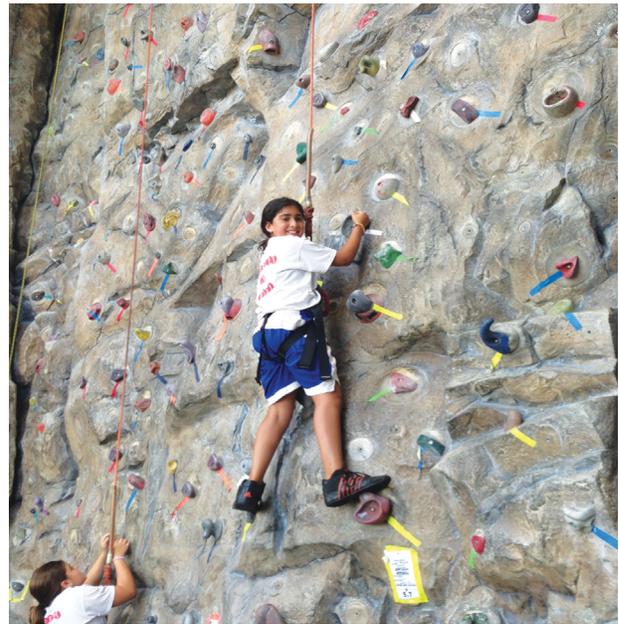


847.579.4554 • recreationcenterofhp.org



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."



Experts in Play!

Enjoy Summer 2014 with PDHP Camps! Our camps are sensory rich and supportive of your child's need for stimulation and activity. Whether on the beach or under the big top, your child is sure to make new friends and learn new skills, while creating lifelong memories in the process. Early bird pricing and registration ends February 28.

Learn more at pdhp.org.

Seniors in Action

Park District programs and events for active adults!

Tennis for the First Time

Deer Creek Courts • 701 Deer Creek Parkway
 Includes a free Wilson racquet!

Jan 9-Feb 20 • 31222 Thu 2:30-3:30pm \$149
 Jan 20-Mar 3 • 31424 Mon 7-8pm \$149

Ceramic Art for Adults

West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Road
 5lbs. of clay is included in fee.

Jan 6-Mar 24 • 30540 Mon 12:30-3pm \$292/312
 Jan 6-Mar 24 • 30541 Mon 7-9:30pm \$292/312
 Jan 7-Mar 25 • 30542 Tue 9:30am-Noon \$292/312

Ceramic Tile Mosaic Workshop

West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Road
All materials included in fee.

Feb 1 • 30544 Sat 9am-Noon \$40

Canvas & Wine

Sunset Valley Golf Course • 1390 Sunset Road

We supply the wine, a glass, canvas, paint, and brushes.

Jan 15 • 30559 Wed 7-8:30pm \$25/30
 Feb 18 • 30560 Tue 7-8:30pm \$25/30

Beekeeping Workshop

Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Road

Lunch will be provided.

Jan 18 • 31486 Sat 9am-5pm \$50

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HydroSplash

MTWTF Sat 8:30-9:30am

Pilates

Mon 9:30-10:30am
 Wed 10:35-11:35am

SilverFit

MW Noon-1pm

Better Bones

Thu Noon-1pm

Chair Yoga

Tue Noon-1pm
 Fri 12:15-1:15pm

Senior Memberships and Free 7 Day Trial available.
 FREE walking track is open daily!

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HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sure, you can find a book at the library. 200,000, to be exact. But, did you know that you can also find...

Current issues of **favorite magazines**, available to read on your computer, tablet, or smart phone **24/7**. Access them at no cost at hplibrary.org.

Games for **PS4 and Xbox One!** Find games for Xbox 360, PS2, PS3, and Wii, too.

Free **Wi-Fi**

Storytime sessions that lay **the foundation for later reading success**. Introduce babies to early language experiences and foster **pre-reading skills** for toddlers and preschoolers.

Great reads (librarian-endorsed!) pre-loaded on **Nooks** for readers in grades 4-8.

Help with learning a foreign language with **free online classes for Spanish, French, Chinese, or other languages**. Click on Mango at hplibrary.org and get started!

Space to hold a meeting or study session.

A green screen. Enhance your films and videos with it.

Drop-in **chess** on Saturdays for kids in Kindergarten-9th grade.

The Digital Media Lab with **space to create, produce, and design**.

Historic Highland Park happenings. Search the collection of local newspapers dating from 1892.

Free movies to check out and watch at home. See the latest releases on Blu-ray.

Books to go. Have a friend or relative who can't leave home? Ask about our **delivery service** for books, audiobooks, and CDs.

Music for your holiday playlist. Pop, rock, or classical – check out seasonal music, part of the CD collection, or find favorite CDs year round.

Ebooks. Download a book onto your Kindle, Nook, or Ipad from home 24/7. Visit hplibrary.org and click on MyMediaMall.

Museum passes. Use your library card to check out a museum adventure pass and receive **admission or special discounts to museums and cultural destinations**. Perfect for winter break.

Winter Break Fun! Owl Outreach

Thursday, December 26,
11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Ages 6 - 14.

Don't miss a chance to see wild owls. Mark Spreyer, director of the Stillman Nature Center in Barrington, will bring owls that have been rescued. Learn about owls and the work the nature center does. Registration required and limited to Highland Park residents or residents of the North Shore School District 112 service area. Register in the Youth Services Department or online at kidsevents.org. Floor seating only.

Spanish Conversation Group

Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Meet at the library for Spanish conversation. Former high school Spanish teacher Graciella Napoles facilitates the discussion. Conversational ability required.

Pauline Frommer

Thursday, January 9, 7 p.m.

Pauline Frommer, publisher of *frommers.com*, syndicated national travel radio host, and author of *Frommer's EasyGuide to New York City 2014*, will discuss destination travel tips and how to plan a vacation on

any budget. Pauline and her famous travel guru father, Arthur Frommer, are launching new *Frommer's Travel Guides* for 2014.

Theatrical Reading

By The Shakespeare Project of Chicago
Sunday, January 19, 2 p.m.

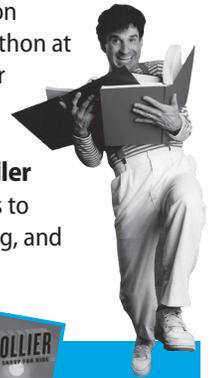
Equity actors from the Shakespeare Project of Chicago perform a theatrical reading of Thomas Heywood's *The Fair Maid of the West*, a seagoing adventure of love lost and reclaimed through a fair maid's unwavering perseverance and courage. A discussion with the cast follows. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

iRead Kick-Off

Saturday, January 11, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Meet outstanding and award-winning children's and young adult authors throughout the day as they talk about their books and sign copies. Books will be available for sale.

Kick off District 112 Education Foundation's annual read-a-thon at the library! Find a book, hear teachers read from their favorite books, and watch **nationally-known storyteller Chris Fascione** bring stories to life with juggling, storytelling, and comedy at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.



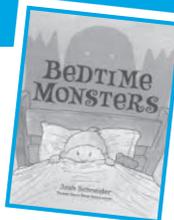
Author Appearance Schedule

9 - 11 a.m.

JOSH SCHNEIDER

Bedtime Monsters

PRESCHOOL - GRADE 3



TAMERA WILL WISSINGER

Gone Fishing: A Novel in Verse

GRADES 2 - 4



JOHN MADORMO

Charlie Collier: Snoop for Hire

GRADES 4 - 6



11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

REBECCA DUDLEY

Hank Finds an Egg

PRESCHOOL - GRADE 2



LIESL SHURLIFF

Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin

GRADES 3 - 7



TOM WATSON

Stick Dog Wants a Hot Dog

GRADES 3 - 7



TODD HASAK-LOWY

33 Minutes

GRADES 5 - 8



1 - 3 p.m.

JENNY MEYERHOFF

The Barftastic Life of Louie Burger

GRADES 3 - 7



KAT FALLS

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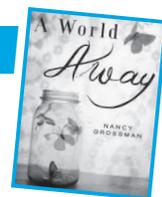
GRADES 7 & UP



NANCY GROSSMAN

A World Away

GRADES 7 & UP



T. M. GOEGLIN

Flicker & Burn: A Cold Fury Novel

GRADES 7 & UP



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Planning Division	(847) 432-0867	Public Works Department:	(847) 432-0807

BUSINESS REPORT

NEW BUSINESSES

AG Gallery Portrait Design
3150 Skokie Valley Road, #17
(847) 379-5441
Photography Studio

Defining Moments

1854 First Street
(847) 926-7398
Sneakers & Sports Apparel

Ravinia Coffee Station

723 St. Johns Avenue
(847) 748-8439
Coffee Shop

Wear in Good Health

1819 St Johns Avenue
(847) 508-3537
Women's Apparel

SECOND LOCATION

Soviet Force
1630 Old Deerfield Road
(224) 392-4147
Personal Training and Gym

EXPANSION

Merlo's
581 Roger Williams Avenue

(847) 266-0600
Italian Restaurant

Merlo's in Ravinia has expanded to add a party room to their location!

NEW OWNERSHIP

Silverado Senior Living
1651 Richfield Avenue
(224) 765-0094
Assisted Living and Memory Care Facility

Midas

60 Skokie Valley Road
(847) 831-5000
Auto Repair & Tire Sales

BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARDS

RadioShack - Since 1971
176 Skokie Valley Road

RadioShack has thrived for 42 years in Highland Park and credits their staying power to their customer approach and selective product assortment in a small-store format.

Salon Vole - Since 1971
1783 St Johns Avenue

Salon Volé has been a Highland Park staple over the past 42 years serving their customers with passion, creativity and technique. A recent move up the block to a new stylish facility has invigorated this successful and respected salon.

Il Forno Pizza - Since 1972
496 Old Elm Road

Il Forno Pizza on Old Elm Road opened 41 years ago. Now serving a 3rd generation of pizza lovers with the same homemade dough, fresh vegetables, specialty sausage and Bruno Pupolo pizza sauce originated in 1953. Enjoy a slice of history with Il Forno Pizza.

Sign up for 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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