

THE HIGHLANDER



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Public Works Overcomes Winter Challenges

This snow season has been challenging not only for residents but also for Public Works staff, who manage snow plowing operations as well as routine winter infrastructure maintenance tasks.

In a typical winter, Highland Park has 25 to 30 snow and salt events. This season, as of February 1, the City has already had 54 snow and salt events. The City uses on average 3,500 tons of salt each winter season. Due to this year's extreme winter conditions and record number of snow events, the City reverted to a conservative approach when using salt. With the shortage of a salt supply in the Chicago region, the Public Works Department planned ahead to stretch existing salt supplies to last longer. As a result, the City averted a salt supply crisis compared to other municipalities.

As of February 1, the City has used approximately 3,019 tons of salt. To accomplish plowing operations while still keeping the roads safe, the streets are plowed a couple of times with the last pass applying salt at a rate of 300 pounds per lane mile. This spread of salt has been reduced from 400

pounds per lane mile to extend salt supply. The City's salt dome stores only 1,800 tons of salt, thereby making it a juggling act to keep the salt supply full while still applying salt to clean the streets.

The City has 150 center lane miles. During a typical storm event it takes 8 to 10 hours to plow the entire City. In addition to street plowing, the Public Works Department plows sidewalks in the downtown area and close to schools for every snow event. With 4" or more of snow accumulation, the Department contracts the sidewalk plowing operation to clear approximately 65 miles of sidewalk. Sidewalks, parking lots and business districts are typically cleared or hauled of snow during overnight hours after streets have been plowed.

Every service comes with a price. As of February 1, in the 2014 fiscal year, the City has used approximately 40% of the snow budget with 8 more weeks of winter season to go plus the November-December 2014 months of next winter season.

In addition to the snow operation challenges, Public Works staff also assists resi-



dents with water service line freeze ups. Due to the long duration of sub-zero temperatures, the depth of deeply frozen ground has increased making underground water lines susceptible to freezing. Public Works personnel respond to resident calls 24/7 by diagnosing the freeze ups and if frozen, on City's right-of-way side, the service pipe is thawed to get the service up and running.

Public Works has also had a significant number of water main breaks. Due to aging infrastructure and ground movement with extremely cold temperatures, water mains shear or blow. Water main break repairs take significant effort from staff working in cold temperatures and overnight hours. The Department uses City personnel and contractors to fix main breaks as soon as practical so residents, schools and businesses can continue to receive potable water.

This season the Department also experienced intake pipe icing issues at the Water Treatment Plant. This process is detailed more on page 4.

As the City plans for 5-year Capital Improvement Program each year as part of the budget process, we will continue our focus in strengthening aging infrastructure and providing a reliable system that will serve our city well for the long-term. The Public Works Department is appreciative of residents' and businesses' cooperation and patience as we continue to work to deliver services in a safe and reliable manner.

During business hours please call PW at (847) 432-0807 or during off-hours please call Police Dispatch at (847) 432-7730.

Rental Registration Effective April 1, 2014

Education, code compliance underlies new registration process

On January 27, the City Council unanimously approved a new registration program for residential rental properties not otherwise covered by City regulations. The approved ordinance requires owners of certain residential rental dwellings to register their units with the Clerk by April 1, 2014.

Through an annual registration, owners of rental units within single-family, two-family and attached buildings are required to provide the name, address and telephone number of each owner and contact information for a property agent, if any. Contact information will assist the City in its delivery of emergency and code enforcement services.

The \$30 annual registration fee will

be used to conduct outreach and provide educational materials regarding life-safety, property maintenance, and building and zoning codes to all registered property owners and their tenants. Fines collected for non-compliance will be dedicated to social service providers.

Based on recent U.S. Census data, the City estimates that approximately 650 rental units will need to be registered. The City will use multiple means to notify property owners including *The Highlander*, the City's website, City e-news, and direct mail.

For more information or for any questions, please contact the Department of Community Development, at (847) 926-0808.

CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK

HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

'HIGH' NOTES

New Early Voting Site

Beginning with the March 2014 primary, early voters in Moraine and West Deerfield Townships will be served at the Highland Park Police Station Community Room, 1677 Old Deerfield Rd. Early voting sites are open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. starting Monday, March 3 until Saturday, March 15.

The convenient in-person early voting option is available to all registered voters presenting a current, government-issued photo ID. Any voter can request a ballot by mail online without signing a separate paper ballot request at www.LakeVoterPower.info or may mail the online form to Lake County Clerk, 18 North County St., Rm. 101, Waukegan, IL 60085. For more information, call (847) 377-2406.

Winter Parking Regulations

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 or coneill@cityhpil.com.

City Thanks Gary Loizzo for 36 Years of Service

Gary Loizzo, Maintenance Worker, retired on January 15, 2014 after more than 36 years of service. Gary started in 1977 in the Sewer Division, operating the Vac-All to clean sewer lines. He transitioned to the Water Division in the late 1990's where he became one of the primary water meter readers. Gary completed his career in the Street Division, responsible for the sidewalk plow and the sidewalk sweeper. The City thanks Gary Loizzo for his contributions and wishes him well in retirement.

City Thanks John Kwasny for 30 Years of Service

On September 11, 2013, Fire Department Lieutenant John Kwasny, retired after 30 years of service to the Highland Park community. John began his career as a firefighter/paramedic in 1983 and was promoted to Lieutenant in October 1991. John was a member of special teams including hazardous materials, dive rescue and fire investigator. He educated thousands of 3rd graders on stop-drop-and-roll, exit drills in the home and general fire safety for kids. The City thanks John Kwasny for his contributions and wishes him well in retirement.

Open Enrollment in Health Insurance Marketplace Ends

March 31, 2014

Under the Affordable Care Act, individuals are required to be enrolled in a health insurance plan in 2014. Many are income-qualified for subsidies to pay premiums, and lower-income individuals and families may be eligible for help with deductibles and co-pays. Moraine Township has trained and certified Navigators available to provide confidential and free assistance through March 31, 2014. Appointments are available weekday, weekend or evening hours. Call (847) 432-3240 to schedule an appointment with a trained and certified Navigator to help you understand your choices and ensure you receive any subsidy you are income qualified to receive.

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:

Tuesday, March 11 at 7 pm

Tuesday, April 8 at 7 pm

Contact CPAH at (847) 681-8746, or akaufman@cpahousing.org. Sessions are held at CPAH's office, 400 Central Avenue, Suite 111. For information on available homes, please see www.cpahousing.org.

Pay Parking Tickets Online

The City is pleased to announce that parking citations can now be paid online through the City's website. Online payments save stamps, paper, and time. The online payment portal can be found at www.cityhpil.com and by selecting the "Online Services" tab.

Please note that the citation and plate number of the vehicle will be required to access information online. Please allow up to three (3) business days from the issue date of any parking citation to be entered into the system and available for online payment.

Please contact the Finance Department with any questions related to online payments at (847) 432-0800 or finance@cityhpil.com.

ComEd Tree Trimming

Beginning in mid-February, ComEd will mow and remove aggressive vegetation near high voltage electric transmission lines along the Skokie Valley Bike Path (between approximately West Park Avenue and south through Highland Park).

This preventative maintenance will reduce outages caused by tree-related contact and ensure safe, reliable electricity for residents and businesses in the area.

After the existing vegetation is mowed, ComEd will reintroduce native prairie grasses and wildflowers to cultivate a sustainable prairie habitat.

New Resident Breakfast

All new residents in the last year are invited to a new resident breakfast at City Hall, sponsored by @Properties, Coldwell Banker and Baird & Warner. The speakers at the breakfast include the Mayor, sponsor brokers, City, Park District, Library, School District 112, School District 113, Moraine Township and Ravinia Festival.

Date: Saturday, April 12, 2014

Time: 9:30am-10:30am

Place: City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue

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

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

City's First Annual Report

Shortly, you will be receiving the first Annual Report of the City of Highland Park. Our goal is to provide a snapshot of the planning and operations that go into providing city services, information about our budget and a handy guide of whom to contact with questions and concerns at City Hall.

In 2013, we made significant changes to our operations to ensure high quality service with responsive, efficient and professional management. The Annual Report summarizes our work as an organization and reflects the teamwork between the City Council and City staff.

As Mayor, I appreciate receiving input from residents, businesses and visitors. You are our eyes and ears around town, and your comments and concerns are important in setting our objectives. As a result, throughout 2013, we focused on our City's core priorities: fiscal stability, public safety and investment in our infrastructure as well as supporting our businesses, meeting the needs of our most vulnerable community members, celebrating the arts and preserving our natural resources. These priorities continue in 2014.

I am pleased to report that the City's financial house is in order. For the third year in a row, our operating expenses are in balance with our operating revenues. We have solid financial reserves and are achieving efficiencies through shared services with our sister governments. The strength of our financial condition was affirmed recently when Moody's reissued our Aaa bond rating, a rating held by only a handful of cities in Illinois.

We do, however, have external pressures that demand careful attention. The State of Illinois' pension mandates and spiraling health care costs require that we continue to analyze our personnel needs as well as other expenditures. The ongoing challenge is providing high quality service while minimizing resident economic burdens.

As we move forward into 2014, we are planning for where we want be in a year, the next five years and beyond. The priorities we set inform what we do as a City and how we evolve as a community. They allow us to work towards meeting those core needs through collaboration with our school districts, park district, township, county and state. These actions are essential to maintaining all that is "Highland Park."

Thank you to our dedicated City staff, community volunteers and each of you for making Highland Park a great community in which we live, raise our families, work and play. I look forward to hearing from you with any questions or suggestions about how we can do better at City Hall.

Sincerely, Mayor Nancy R. Rotering



City Accepting Lobbyist Registration

Did you know the City of Highland Park regulates the lobbying of City officials and staff for the purpose of influencing City actions and decisions? Pursuant to Section 11.2 of the Illinois Lobbyist Registration Act, 25 ILCS 170/11.2, and Section 37.006 of the Highland Park Code of 1968, as Amended, the City is authorized to regulate lobbyists.

However, there are exemptions. Concerned citizens and neighbors are not considered lobbyists. Lobbyists are individuals paid to speak or communicate with the City or doing so on behalf of their employer. Persons who work for

a not-for-profit advocating on behalf of that employer are also not considered lobbyists. If you are an attorney, contractor or real estate broker compensated for your efforts to influence any legislative or employee action by the City of Highland Park you may be considered a lobbyist.

Lobbyists are required to register with the City Clerk. To register as a Lobbyist with the City of Highland Park please visit the City's website at www.cityhpil.com or contact Deputy City Clerk Megan Fulara at (847) 926-1034 or mfulara@cityhpil.com for a mail-in application.

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

ICING INTAKE:

Ice floats. Everybody knows that, right?

So how can our Water Plant's intake line which is on the bottom of Lake Michigan, in 30-plus feet of water, freeze up?

Well, it can and, unfortunately does. On the average of once or twice every couple of winters a type of ice called 'Frazil' ice forms inside this mile-long 4 ½ foot diameter pipeline. It forms a slushy plug which interrupts water flow into the Plant for hours at a time.

This rare phenomenon requires a combination of very cold air, a calm lake and calm or light westerly winds. When these are all present 'super cooled' water can form. This is water that is chilled below 32 degrees Fahrenheit but does not crystallize (freeze) unless disturbed. When this super cooled water along with microscopic crystallization nuclei are carried down to the lake

What it takes to ensure water supply in winter

bottom and enter the intake line, they encounter turbulence. This is all that is necessary to initiate instant crystallization and block the intake.

While not frozen solid, the intake is effectively plugged by the Frazil ice crystals. Fortunately a slight warming, reportedly a fraction of a degree Fahrenheit is sufficient to release the ice and restore normal flow. Typically this occurs at sunrise.

While conditions conducive of Frazil ice formation are predictable, actual occurrence

is not. Subtle differences in temperature, current, sunlight, intake velocity, depth and unknown factors determine where, when and the duration of Frazil ice development in intakes. When this occurs, we are pretty much at the mercy of nature.

Our best recourse is preparation and maintaining all reservoirs as full as possible. Our Water Plant staff are keenly aware of the necessary conditions for icing and fill all storage reservoirs when these conditions are forecast.

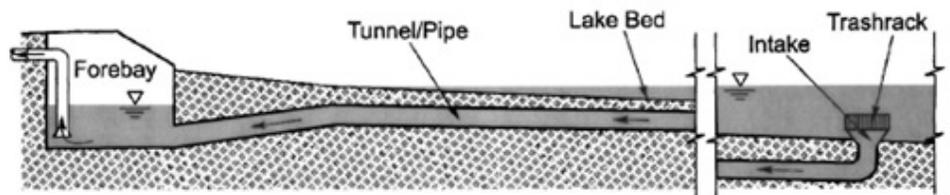


Image courtesy of Journal of Hydraulic Engineering

LEARN ABOUT... THE SENIOR CONNECTOR BUS



The Senior Connector is a FREE bus shuttle service provided by the City for all residents above age of 50. The Senior Connector service runs Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on a fixed route making stops at residential, medical, shopping, train stations and business locations within the community.

The Senior Connector service is a handicapped accessible bus providing complimentary assistance to senior residents with mobile-assistive devices and parcels. The Senior Connector service can also "connect" with other public transportation facilities such as train stations to board a Metra train or a Pace bus serving Chicagoland area.

For additional information on Senior Connector services including the fixed route schedule please visit the website www.cityhpil.com/seniorcenter and click on Transportation Opportunities. For information related to Pace operations, especially Highland Park routes 471, 472, and 213, please visit www.pacebus.com.

For information related to Public Works Transit Section or if you need assistance with Senior Connector or Pace services please call the Transit Section at (847) 432-3325 during normal business hours.

Natural Resources Commission Presents 2013 Awards for Meritorious Service to the Highland Park Environment

The Natural Resources Commission congratulates resident Debbie Bohmbach and Highland Park business Job Youshaei Rug Company for each earning the City's annual Award for Meritorious Service to the Highland Park Environment. This nomination-based award recognizes those who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and excellence in sustainability.

Throughout 2013, Debbie Bohmbach volunteered in the community; her efforts included leading a tour of the local recycling facility and authoring several environmental articles for the Highlander's "Green Corner." Also in 2013, Job Youshaei Rug Company took steps to install a 38,000 watt solar photovoltaic roof system, an electric vehicle charging station and a hybrid wind and solar-powered street light at their business, located at 2540 Skokie Valley Road. The Commission would like to thank this year's award winners and remind residents that the next call for nominations will be released in *The Highlander* in October of this year.



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 school work.

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.

Day Excursion: Museum of Science and Industry

Tuesday, March 18

Fee: \$50 / NM: \$70

Bus departs Toys R Us at 9:00 a.m.

Bus returns at approximately 5:00 p.m.

The Museum of Science and Industry is the largest science center in the Western Hemisphere, and is home to more than 35,000 artifacts and nearly 14 acres of hands-on experiences designed to spark scientific inquiry and creativity. This trip includes admission to the *Treasures of Walt Disney Archives*, admission to the Omnimax theatre's *The Last Reef: Cities Beneath the Sea*, as well as time to explore your favorite areas of the museum independently. *Treasures of the Walt Disney Archives* celebrates Disney imagination, innovation and entertainment with nearly 300 artifacts, spanning nine decades. Explore clips of Walt Disney's earliest animated pre-Mickey works, as well as props, models and costumes from modern favorites. This special exhibit allows you to view the magic of Disney World behind the scenes.

The Last Reef takes you on a thrilling underwater journey to the world of coral reefs. Experience the beauty and mysteries of the world's reef ecosystems: a distant yet parallel world, with living cities undeniably connected to our own human communities.

Lunch is on your own; a wide variety of selections may be purchased in the Brain Food Court.

Day Excursion: Steven Sondheim's Road Show

Shakespeare Theatre, Chicago

Wednesday, April 30

Fee: \$70 / NM: \$90

Bus departs Toys R Us at 11:15 a.m.

Bus returns at approximately 5:15 p.m.

This musical journey spans forty years, from the Alaskan Gold Rush to the Florida real estate boom in the 1930s. Two brothers, one a con and the other attempting a respectable life, stick together through a variety of get-rich-quick schemes. But experiences along the way change their lives in unexpected ways. Sondheim's musical genius and director Gary Griffin's insight into the human condition, make a fascinating, entertaining, and artistic team to explore the very real American issues of real estate, capitalism, and crooks.

Humanities Series

Highland Park Public Library

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

Free and open to all

Co-Hosted with the Highland Park Public Library

Sponsored by Silverado - Highland Park

March 12 Vocalist Rosemary Clooney

Rosemary Clooney, an immensely talented singer, conveyed stories and emotions through her vocal styling. From an impoverished childhood in Maysville, Kentucky, she rose to become Hollywood royalty. However, a nervous breakdown derailed her career

senior

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

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



and threatened her success. Susan Benjamin examines Rosemary's personal travails as well as her career rise, fall and ultimate triumph.

April 16 General Charles Dawes

Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of World War I, living history impersonator R.J. Lindsey will portray General Dawes. Speaking in detail with photos and maps about the politics and alliances of the world that then exploded into the maelstrom of WWI. He shares stories of the British, French, Lloyd George, Clemanceau, Kaiser Wilhelm, Czar Nicholas, and recounts American successes at the battles of Cantigny, 2nd Marne, Chateau Thierry, Belleau Wood and St. Mihiel.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CITY MEETINGS

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

Vocational Arts & Better Homes in America and Lighting the Fire: The Women's Club Movement in Highland Park Thru February 27

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

In addition to these exhibits currently on display, the Historical Society has expanded library and research collection and museum hours: Sundays from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

February Youth Art Month Thru February 27

The Art Center
1957 Sheridan Road
(847) 432-1888

This community outreach exhibit features art work of North Shore School District 112 elementary and middle school students and District 113 high school students.

Highland Park Players: Schoolhouse Rock Live Too!

February 15 & 16
1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Edgewood Middle School
929 Edgewood Road
Tickets \$10
(847) 682-4640

Highland Park Players presents this energetic musical inspired by the Saturday

morning cartoon series popular in the 1970's. Includes *Electricity*, *I'm Just a Bill* and *Dollars*. Show is appropriate for ages 3+ and has a running time of 1 hour.

Midwest Youth Artists: Chamber Music at Ravinia March 2 & 9 2:30 p.m.

Bennett Gordon Hall at Ravinia Festival
200 Ravinia Park Road
(847) 926-9898

Enjoy a splendid afternoon of chamber music performances from students of the Midwest Young Artists youth chamber music program. This free event is open to the public. For more info, visit www.MYA.org.

2014 Poetry Challenge Submission Deadline March 3

www.highlandparkpoetry.org

Poets of all ages are encouraged to use one of the following themes or form: Fairy Tales & Legends, Colors, or Cinquains. Selected poems featured in 2014 April Poetry Month celebration.

Primal Awareness Opens March 7 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The Art Center
1957 Sheridan Road
(847) 432-1888

This exhibit runs through April 1st and examines the strong connection to animal life as it contrasts with evolution of man's self-absorption in so-

ciety today. Featured artists include Piotr Antonow, Tiffany Moeller, Matthew Runfola and Cheryl Steiger.

Encaustic Nature in Art Opens March 7 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The Art Center
1957 Sheridan Road
(847) 432-1888

This juried exhibit of encaustic art, inspired by the mystery and wonder of the natural world, runs through April 1st.

Donna Pecore Reading & Poetry Open-Mic March 14 8:00 p.m.

The Art Center
1957 Sheridan Road

Highland Park Poetry features Donna Pecore, author of *Bindle Stick*, winner of Journal of Modern Poetry Book Award. Poets may bring up to 6 poems for open-mic immediately following.

East on Central Submission Deadline March 14

Submission Fee \$10
(847) 757-1184

Don't miss this opportunity to submit literary and visual art to Highland Park's own Journal of Arts & Letters. Visit www.eastoncentral.org for guidelines.

Pilgrim Chamber Players: Spanish Rhythms March 16 3:00 p.m.

Highland Park Community House
1991 Sheridan Road
Tickets \$20 Adult, \$16 Senior and \$8 Students
(847) 432-0992

Experience the delights of an unusual mostly Spanish program presented by the Pilgrim Chamber Players. Concert includes works by Bach, Granados, Turina and ends with the exciting *Fantaisie Brillante* on themes from the opera *Carmen* written for flute and piano by Francis Borne.

Natural Resources Commission 2014 Film Series

The Lost Bird Project March 16, 2:00 p.m. Highland Park Public Library 494 Laurel Avenue



The Natural Resources Commission and the Cultural Arts Commission co-host a screening of *The Lost Bird Project*, a short film illustrating one artist's plight to commemorate extinct bird species in sculpture. Following the film, Highland Park resident and bird expert Donnie Dann leads a discussion of the film and the importance of local bird populations. The event is free, and all are welcome to attend. For information, please contact Planner Barbara Cates at (847) 432-0867.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS 112 & 113

Community Meetings: Your Voice, Our Future

North Shore School District 112 is at a crossroads. It faces a once-in-a-generation choice. Should the community invest in its schools now, and renew the community's historic deep commitment to educational excellence, or should it defer difficult decisions?

The members of the Superintendent's Citizen Facilities and Finance Advisory Committee have spent more than a year studying issues related to the district's facilities and finances. They are inviting community members to learn more about the district's challenges and to provide important input into potential solutions. Committee members have focused their study on how best to ensure the District's financial sustainability while continuing to provide a world-class education. Their essential question: **From an educational, financial and community standpoint, does it make sense for the District to continue**

to operate 12 school buildings?

This month, the committee is hosting five roundtable discussions for all interested District residents and staff members. All meetings are identical, and community members are asked to attend just one. The meetings will take place at the Highland Park Country Club, 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.

RSVPs are requested. To RSVP, please call or email Andi Rosen at 224-765-3013, arosen@nssd112.org, or visit the district website at www.nssd112.org. Residents who are unable to attend a meeting will have an opportunity to provide feedback via an online survey, which will be available on the District website in March.

Some of the challenges that will be discussed in the meetings include aging buildings that require extensive renovations, a large number of small buildings that are financially inefficient to operate, and the district's ability to remain financially sustainable while meeting the needs of 21st century learners.



HPHS Sponsors 20th Charity Drive for ALS

The City of Highland Park recognized Highland Park High School and its Charity Drive in late January 2014 with a proclamation acknowledging twenty years of Charity Drive! Mayor Nancy Rotering and the City Council paid tribute to students and staff who raise awareness and funds for a select charity.

Thanks to student, staff, and community support, Charity Drive participants have raised in excess of \$2,000,000 over the past twenty years. Students, staff and community members plan and implement a month of fund-raising activities.

Students engage as volunteers and supporters by taking part in many unique activities such as dances, a silent auction,

lunchtime food sales, karaoke, a pancake breakfast and many other events held in the community.

This fund raising effort sets Highland Park High School apart from other high schools in the country. Last year the HPHS community raised \$165,250.00 for Children's Oncology Services-One Step at a Time Camps.

This year the recipient of the 2014 Highland Park High School Charity Drive is the Les Turner ALS Foundation. Funds raised help researchers treat and cure Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

Afflicted individuals and their families will know that others genuinely care enough to make a difference. The Charity

Drive events represent service learning opportunities that help students realize the importance and necessity of giving back to their community.

Events will take place throughout the month of February. Many of the events are dependent upon the generosity and support of community businesses and are open to the public. The complete list of events is available on the Highland Park High School website.

Making a donation is easy. An on-line donation process is available on the HPHS website. Donors may also send a check payable to "Highland Park High School Charity Drive" c/o Mary Gorleski.

This year's Charity Drive, like the 19 that came before, cannot be successful without community involvement.

We appreciate the incredible community support.



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 www.dist113.org.

PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK

Fun for All Ages

Gym Jam

Ages 5-12

Recreation Center of Highland Park • 1207 Park Ave. West
Enjoy a day off with basketball, dodge ball, kick ball, scooter races, and more! Pizza will be provided!

31444 Feb 17 Noon-2pm \$15/20

Ceramic Mirror

Grades 1-5

West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Rd.

Design and decorate a clay frame for a 12-inch mirror to hang in your room! We will fire the frames and assemble them!

30558 Feb 21 Fri 7-8:30pm \$18/23

Daddy/Daughter: Enchanted Ball

Father/Daughter Ages 3-9

Recreation Center of Highland Park • 1207 Park Ave. West

Dance the night away in your favorite party dress! Photos and a gift will commemorate your evening together.

31446 Feb 22 6:30-8:30pm \$36/46

North Shore Classic U.S. Basic Skills & Beyond Ice Skating Competition (All ages)

Centennial Ice Arena • 3100 Trail Way

March 2 7am-7pm FREE to watch

“Fast Food” Cupcakes and Wine (Age 21+)

West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Rd.

Bring some friends, and have some laughs! We'll provide the cupcake supplies and wine.

32038 March 7 7-8:30pm \$25/30

Springtime Ceramic Pots

Grades 3-5

West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Rd.

Create decorative ceramic pots to hold your favorite springtime flower. All materials will be supplied.

32039 March 14 7-8:30pm \$18/23



Resident Spring Program Registration begins **February 19.**

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. -Eleanor Roosevelt

The Centennial Ice Arena staff and the entire Park District family couldn't be more proud of our Olympian Jason Brown.

We've watched him develop as a skater, as a competitor, and as a warm and giving performer who was never too big or too busy to skate in Centennial's Ice Shows.

Thank you Jason for your shining example of what can be accomplished through hard work, dedication, and strength of character. And thank you for sharing the beauty of your dreams with us.

Come Spin With Us!

The Indoor Cycling Studio at the Recreation Center of Highland Park (1207 Park Avenue West) has received a make-over complete with new Keiser M3 Indoor Cycles, sound system, and visual displays. Spinning is considered one of the best overall workouts available, and it is low impact. Easy on the muscles and joints, spinning burns calories, strengthens endurance, builds muscle, and offers huge cardio vascular and stress relief benefits. Typically one hour long, spin classes are conducted in the dark and set to music. Visual displays add interest and variety. Join us for a ride! For more information call the Recreation Center at 847.579.4554.



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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 Feb 28.

Learn more at pdhp.org.

Eco-Friendly Lawns - Go Green!

Adults

Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Road

Learn how to maintain a nice lawn that also protects the health of children, pets, streams, ponds and local ecosystems. Sarah Surroz, Conservation and Outreach Director for Conserve Lake County, will introduce new approaches. No pre-registration required.

Feb 22 Sat 1-2pm FREE



Seniors in Action

Park District programs and events for active adults!

Starry Starry Nights

Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Road

Take a tour of the night sky!

Feb 15 • 31485 Sat 6:30-8pm \$8

Canvas & Wine

Sunset Valley Golf Course • 1390 Sunset Road

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

Feb 18 • 30560 • Tue 7-8:30pm \$25/30

Maple Syrup Harvest

Sunset Woods Park

Online registration deadline Mar 7.

Mar 8 • 31985 • Sat 11am-Noon \$6

Mar 8 • 31986 • Sat 12:30-1:30pm \$6

All About Bluebirds

Heller Nature Center • 2821 Ridge Road

Mar 4 • Tue 7-8pm FREE

Ceramic Art for Adults

West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Road

5lbs. of clay is included in fee.

Self-Defense Training

West Ridge Center • 636 Ridge Road

Learn techniques that will help you defend yourself.

Mar 8 • 30703 Sat 10am-Noon \$29/35

Recreation Center of Highland Park

1207 Park Avenue West

HydroSplash

MTWTF Sat 8:30-9:30am

Pilates

Mon 9:30-10:30am

Wed 10:35-11:35am

Better Bones

Thu Noon-1pm

Chair Yoga

Tue Noon-1pm

Fri 12:15-1:15pm

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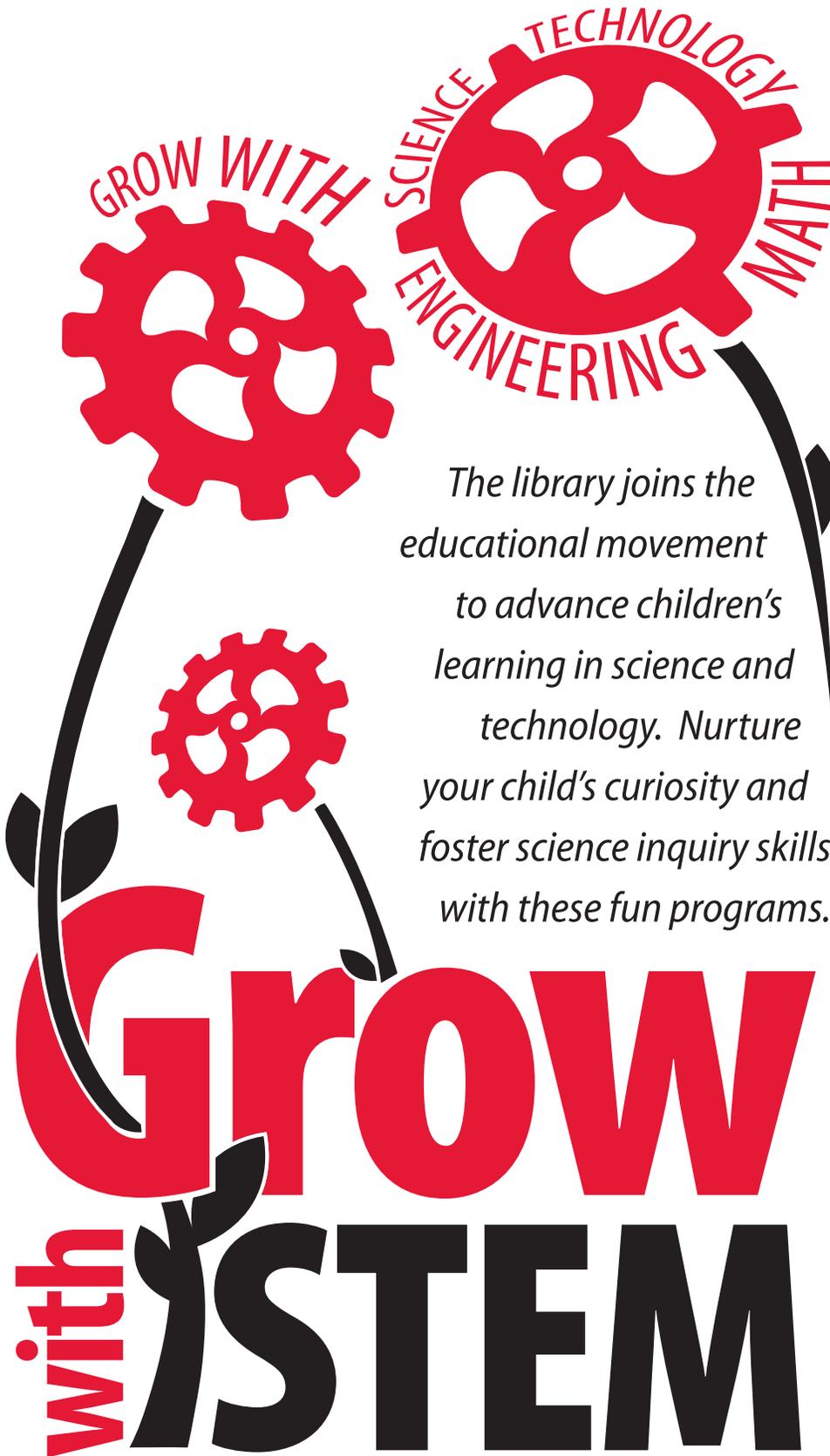
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Senior Memberships and Free 7 Day Trial available.
FREE walking track is open daily!

Introduction to PICKLEBALL coming in April!

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The library joins the educational movement to advance children's learning in science and technology. Nurture your child's curiosity and foster science inquiry skills with these fun programs.

Drop-In Chess

Saturdays, through March 29

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Grades K – 9

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

Math with Pete the Cat

Saturday, March 1, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Grades K – 2

Math is fun with Pete the Cat. Learn all about counting, patterns, graphs, and measuring. Listen to some *Pete the Cat* books, make a snack, and play games. Registration required and limited to the residents of the North Shore School District 112 service area. Register at kidsevents.org

Fantastic Flyers

Sunday, April 6, 2 – 3 p.m.

Grades 3 – 5

Explore the principles of flight while making and launching three different fantastic flyers. Registration required and limited to the residents of the North Shore School District 112 service area.

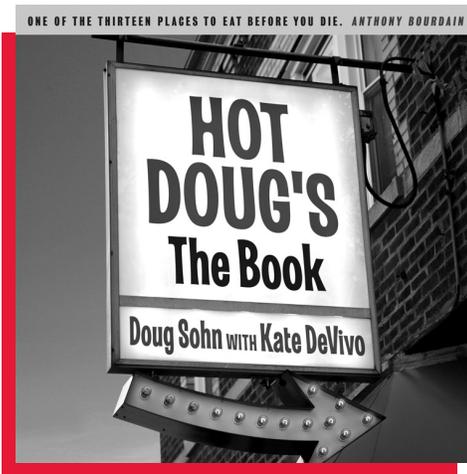
Register at kidsevents.org

Instrument Petting Zoo

Saturday, May 3, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Introduce your child to the enjoyment and benefits of making music! Research indicates that playing a musical instrument enhances math ability in young children and improves attention, memory, and communication skills. Children are invited to try a variety of instruments demonstrated by experienced teachers. No tickets are required for this free drop-in event.

Presented by the Music Institute of Chicago and Deerfield Music.



Readers' Round Table

Tuesday, February 25, 1 p.m.

Book lovers, join a lively conversation about books and authors. Share your favorite recent reads and recommendations. For avid readers and book club leaders looking for ideas. Pick up a complimentary copy of a new or forthcoming book.

Managing College Costs

Monday, February 24, 7:30 p.m.

High school students can learn about college budgets. Topics covered include how to plan college financing as well as strategies for saving money without losing out on academic opportunities. Scholarships and working on campus are also considered. Presented by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission as part of America Saves Week.

America Saves Week

America Saves Week is coordinated by America Saves and the American Savings Education Council for organizations to promote good savings behavior and a chance for individuals to assess their saving status.

Meet the Author: Doug Sohn

Hot Doug's: The Book

Thursday, February 20, 7 p.m.

Meet Doug Sohn, owner of nationally recognized Hot Doug's, Chicago's popular hot dog restaurant, known for its unique menu and devoted customers. Sohn discusses his book, *Hot Doug's: The Book* that provides a history of hot dogs, his restaurant, and its many patrons. Books will be for sale and the event will conclude with a book signing and **samples from Hot Doug's**.

Get Tech Savvy!

Saturday, March 1 & March 15
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Bring your electronic devices — cell phones, ereaders, digital cameras, laptops, tablets — and your questions. Drop by and meet with a member of the library's teen tech-savvy team for one-on-one guidance on the first and third Saturday of each month.

Going into Business — Evaluate Yourself and Take the First Steps

Wednesday, March 5, 7 p.m.

Assess your prospects, gain the initial direction needed and the inspiration to move forward to realize your dream in a workshop presented by SCORE mentor Mark Lieberman.

Presented with the City of Highland Park's Office of Economic Development and the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce.

Coming in March...

Don't Miss These Exciting Events:

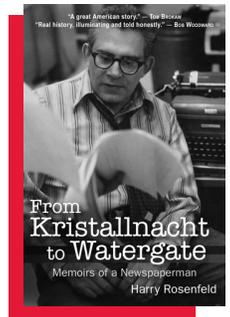
Meet The Author: Harry Rosenfeld

*From Kristallnacht to
Watergate*

Tuesday, March 18, 7 p.m.

Journalist and former *New York Herald Tribune* and *Washington Post* editor Harry Rosenfeld discusses his memoir *From Kristallnacht to Watergate: Memoirs of a Newspaperman* in an interview with WBEZ's Jason Marck. Rosenfeld's book tells of growing up in Hitler's Berlin to managing Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein as they broke the Watergate story, overseeing the paper's standard-setting coverage that earned it a Pulitzer Prize Gold Medal for Public Service.

Books will be for sale and the event will conclude with a book signing.



Divergent Day

Thursday, March 20, 1 – 3:30 p.m.
Grades 5 – 8

We're celebrating the release of the movie *Divergent*, based on the best-selling book! Don't miss an afternoon of *Divergent*-themed fun. What faction would you choose? Test your aptitude for Abnegation, Candor, Erudite, Dauntless — or will you be *Divergent*? Register at kidsevents.org



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BUSINESS REPORT

NEW BUSINESSES

Design Quartet at Ravinia
595 Roger Williams
(847) 780-4267
Kitchen and bath design and installation

North Shore College Consulting
493 Laurel Avenue
(847) 609-6112
College consulting

Tesla Motors
1200 Old Skokie Valley Road
(847) 579-0028
Sales and service for Tesla Electric Vehicles

The Olive Tap
1852 First Street
(847) 681-9000
Specialty food store specializing in olive oil, and balsamic vinegar and gourmet gift items

NEW OWNERSHIP
Consultants in Allergy & Asthma Care
1160 Park Avenue West, Suite 3S
(847) 432-0200
Health care physician specializing in allergy and clinical immunology

North Shore Auto Detailing
598 Laurel Avenue
(847) 432-0772
Car wash and auto detailing services

Olga's Day Spa
500 Central Avenue
(847) 433-8812
Day spa and personal services

Shoe Fly
599 Elm Place
(847) 433-9910
Shoes and accessories boutique

NEW LOCATION
Dream Kitchens
806 Central Avenue, Suite 101
(847) 433-2400
Kitchen and bath design and renovation

North Shore Spinal & Sports Rehabilitation
1770 First Street, Suite 100
(847) 432-4077
Orthopedic rehabilitation, chiropractic medicine and physical therapy

BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARDS

Viva Hair Salon – Since 1973
457 Central Avenue
Viva Hair Salon has been home to many of the top hair stylists on the North Shore for over 40 years. Along with hair care, Viva also provides nail and spa services. Their commitment to excellence has kept them thriving since 1973!

Highland Park Truck Center – Since 1973
2900 Skokie Highway Route 41
Highland Park Truck & Auto is family owned & operated dealership specializing in Cargo Vans, Utility Trucks and Work Vehicles. For over 40 years, they provide quality products at excellent prices while making customers experience fast and easy.

The Music Gallery – Since 1974
2558 Green Bay Road
Since 1974, The Music Gallery has been a leading supplier of guitars and amplifiers. The Music Gallery has been featured on numerous Chicago News shows. Their industry expertise maintains their loyal customer base.

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