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Small Business Facade Improvement Grants

The City of Highland Park recognizes the importance of independent merchants to the City's image and tax base. The goal of the Small Business Facade Improvement Program (SBFIP) is to provide both assistance and incentive to property owners and local businesses to improve the look and functionality of their property and place of business. The SBFIP is available for use by small business operators and commercial property owners citywide.



New Businesses

The City of Highland Park is pleased announce the opening of the following new businesses:



[Garasi](#)

431 Temple Ave
847.780.8441
Asian Restaurant



[Toto's Sport Solutions](#)

2250 Green Bay Road
224.276.0146
Bicycle, Ski & Snowboard sales and service

Requests For Proposals: Ravinia District Marketing & Events and Ravinia District Food Truck Thursdays Music Management

The City of Highland Park has issued a request for proposals from qualified professionals for the provision of marketing, public relations, event development, production, and management services for Special Service Area Number 17 in the Ravinia District. For more information, please visit cityhpil.com.

The City of Highland Park has issued a request for proposals from qualified professionals for the provision of booking and managing musical performers for the Ravinia District Special Service Area 17's Food Truck Thursdays, to be held weekly for seventeen weeks on Thursdays, from June through September, in Jens Jensen Park. For more information, please visit cityhpil.com.

Vintage Market at The Lot - October 23



OCTOBER 23
11AM-4PM
HOME DECOR
CLOTHING • ANTIQUES
JEWELRY • VINYL & MORE!
www.enjoyhp.com

Visit enjoyhighlandpark.com for updates and event information.

Downtown Candy Stroll - October 27

CANDY STROLL

Start at *First Bank of Highland Park* to pick up your free candy bucket, then trick or treat store-to-store!

Enjoy live music • face painter • balloon artist • halloween decorations • and more at...

**Port Clinton Square &
Renaissance Place**

Oct. 27 • 3 - 6 PM



**PORT
CLINTON
SQUARE**

renaissance
PLACE

First Bank of Highland Park

A Division of First Bank Chicago





Ravinia Farmer's Market - Weekly on Wednesdays

[The Ravinia Farmers Market](#) continues Wednesdays through October 26, from 7 AM to 1 PM along Dean Avenue and in Jens Jensen Park. Plan your weekly menu shopping around all that's in season this week. You'll also find fresh greens, meats, cheeses, flowers, and more. For a list of 2022 vendors and live musical performers presented by the [Highland Park Community Foundation](#), visit www.raviniafarmersmarket.com.



SCORE Mentoring at the Highland Park Public Library & Free Webinars

SCORE offers in-person or virtual sessions using phone, email, or video

All sessions are free and confidential. SCORE mentors are successful business professionals, some retired, some working, from all industries and experiences.



Visit northchicago.score.org and register to "Find a Mentor". You will be asked to provide the nature of your business interest. Please include whether you prefer in-person or virtual mentoring (phone, email, video) and note the **Highland Park Public Library** even if you prefer a virtual session.

Upcoming SCORE Webinars

Expand Your Reach with *The Weekender* eNews!

Sent out every Thursday, The Weekender is all about things to do, places to shop, restaurants to visit, and more in Highland Park. Email specials and promotions to [Amanda Civitello](#) so that we can help get the word out!

WEEKENDER
—
explore. experience. enjoy.

ENJOY
highland park

***Please send pictures along with detailed information about your events**

and promotions. We are unable to use flyers or pictures that contain text.*

Sign Up For Business of the Week

Each week a new business is chosen and promoted on [Enjoy Highland Park](#) and on the Enjoy Highland Park [Facebook Page](#), as well as in the *Weekender eNews*, and on the Central Avenue Digital Kiosks, regardless of the business location.

Click [HERE](#) to fill out a brief questionnaire to have your business featured as Business of the Week.

***Don't forget to upload 1-3 high-resolution photos.**

Highland Park Chamber of Commerce

Professional Women's Roundtable

Thursday, October 20

12:00 - 1:30pm

Laughlin Gallery

[Register Here](#)



SBDC Illinois



INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER

Update Your Business Plan to Grow Your Business!

Meet With A Small Business Advisor Through SBDC Illinois

[Illinois Small Business Development & International Trade Center](#) offers confidential, no-cost, one-on-one virtual advising sessions.

To schedule a meeting click [HERE](#)

Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loans

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at [DisasterLoanAssistance.sba.gov/ela/s](https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela/s) and should apply under SBA declaration #17536, not for the COVID-19 incident.

Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for

the deaf and hard of hearing) or emailing DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov.
Loan applications may be downloaded at sba.gov/disaster.

The filing deadline to return EIDL applications is April 25, 2023.

Additional information about the state's recovery efforts is available at <https://www2.illinois.gov/ready/Pages/default.aspx>.

Additional Resources

[Available Commercial Space](#)

[Business Directory](#)

[Establishing Your Business](#)

[Chamber Of Commerce](#)

[SCORE](#)

[U.S. Small Business Administration](#)

[Job Center of Lake County -
Business Services](#)

[Illinois Department of Commerce &
Economic Opportunity](#)

[Lake County Health Department](#)

[Illinois Department of Public Health](#)

For general business inquiries, contact the City's Business Development Manager Carolyn Hersch at chersch@cityhpil.com.

This newsletter is produced by the City of Highland Park's Office of Business Development. If you have information you would like to include in this weekly mailing, please submit information, photos, and news to Melissa Rosen at mrosen@cityhpil.com. The City reserves the right to edit and/or filter submissions. No pricing information will be published.

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