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Welcome New Business: Bubbles Academy



Bubbles Academy is a premier early childhood enrichment center for open play, art, music, early literacy, preschool prep classes and birthday parties.

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highlandpark@bubblesacademy.com

Business of the Week: North Shore School of Dance



For more than 50 years, [North Shore School of Dance](#) has offered professional dance education to students from pre-school age to adult. The School caters to all levels within its five studios and offers classes in ballet, pointe, lyrical, jazz, tap, modern, hip-hop and more. With open-level adult dance classes, pre-dance classes, boys dance classes, seasonal workshops, summer camps and intensives, there's a dance opportunity for everyone.

HP Businesses Give Back



Many of our Highland Park businesses make an extra effort to give back to the community in one way or another. If your business is doing something philanthropic, we'd like to support and honor your kindness and generosity in

our newsletter. Please reach out to ashaffer@cityhpil.com with any special projects you'd like to share. We will also be reaching out to businesses directly.

The Lot: 2023 Season Lineup



An exciting second season of special events and festivals is coming to [The Lot](#) in Downtown Highland Park! From specialty markets to unique dining, family-friendly entertainment, weekend concerts and food fests, there's something for everyone this season at The Lot. Be sure to follow [Enjoy Highland Park](#) on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the latest information.

2023 Season Lineup

Vintage Market: June 11 (11 AM - 4 PM)
Taste of Highland Park: June 23 (5 -10 PM); June 24 (12 -10 PM)
Bitter Jester Music Festival: June 25 (12 - 8 PM)
World Music and Food Fest July 15 (12 - 10 PM)
Vintage Auto Show: September 9 (12 - 4 PM)
Oktoberfest: September 30 (12 - 10 PM)
Vintage Market: October 8 (11 AM - 4 PM)
Stews & Brews (and Blues!): October 13 & 14 (5-9 PM)

Are You a Rental Property Owner?

Renewal notices have been mailed to those who registered a Regulated Rental Unit last year. Certain residential rental units are required to be registered with the City by April 1 each year, regardless of the length of time the unit is rented. If you're not sure if you own a Regulated Rental Unit, please visit the City's [Rental Registration page](#) for details on which units must be registered, technical assistance on how to register, and answers to frequently asked questions. Contact the Department of Community Development at 847.432.0808 for additional assistance.

Facade Grants Available to Eligible Small Businesses

The City of Highland
Park's Small Business
Facade Improvement

Program (SBFIP) provides assistance and incentive to property owners and local businesses to improve the appearance and functionality of their property and place of business. The SBFIP is available for small business operators and commercial property owners citywide. Eligible owners of commercial/retail buildings and small business



owners operating within a commercial/retail building may apply for a City grant that may reimburse up to 50% of the approved improvement(s) to a maximum of \$5,000 per project. A small business is defined as having a net worth of less than two million dollars, and as showing less than an average of two hundred thousand dollars in profit per year for two years after taxes. The following are a few examples of eligible expenses:

- Installing new awnings/signage
- Replacing, repainting, or restoring exterior doors
- Repairing or upgrading exterior lighting
- Painting building exterior

Small Business Facade Improvement Grant Program

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

Contacting the Office of Business Development

The City encourages business owners and managers to share information regarding upcoming events, promotions or news for possible inclusion in the City's marketing modalities, including [The Weekender](#), [Enjoy Highland Park](#), and [social media](#). Please send these items to the City via email to: businessdevelopment@cityhpil.com.

For general business inquiries and assistance, contact Business Development Manager Carolyn Hersch at chersch@cityhpil.com.

Questions regarding enjoyhighlandpark.com should be addressed to Amanda Bennett, Communications Manager, at abennett@cityhpil.com.

Additional Resources

[Available Commercial Space](#)

[Business Directory](#)

[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](#)

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