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 City of Highland Park

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Welcome to Highland Park



Bodyworks For Vets
1480 Old Skokie Rd, Unit A
312.818.9712
bodyworksforvets.org
Massage, Acupuncture,
Reflexology, Counseling

SBA to Increase Lending Limit for COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loans

The [U.S. Small Business Administration](#) is increasing the maximum amount small businesses and non-profit organizations can borrow through its COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program.



U.S. Small Business Administration

Starting the week of April 6, 2021, the SBA is raising the loan limit for the COVID-19 EIDL program from 6-months of economic injury with a maximum loan amount of \$150,000 to up to 24-months of economic injury with a maximum loan amount of \$500,000.

Businesses that receive a loan subject to the current limits do not need to submit a request for an increase at this time. SBA will reach out directly via email and provide more details about how businesses can request an increase closer to the April 6 implementation date. Any new loan applications and any loans in process when the new loan limits are implemented will automatically be considered for loans covering 24 months of economic injury up to a maximum of \$500,000.

This new relief builds on SBA's previous March 12, 2021 announcement that the agency would extend deferment periods for all disaster loans, including COVID-19 EIDLs, until 2022 to offer more time for businesses to

build back. In order to shift all EIDL payments to 2022, SBA will extend the first payment due date for disaster loans made in 2020 to 24-months from the date of the note and to 18-months from the date of the note for all loans made in the calendar year 2021.

Questions about SBA COVID-19 EIDL and disaster loan payments can be emailed to DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov or directed to SBA's Customer Service Center at 800.659.2955 (800.877.8339 for the deaf and hard of hearing).

Take It To Your Table: International Waffle Day

March 25 is International Waffle Day! Celebrate tomorrow or any day with delicious waffles from [Country Kitchen](#), [Max's Deli](#), or [Walker Bros.](#)!



[Click here to view an interactive map](#) of Highland Park restaurants offering carryout, curbside pickup, and delivery options.

Are you a Highland Park Restaurant that would like to be featured as part of **Take It To Your Table**? Email your specials and promotions to mrosen@cityhpil.com.

Business Of The Week:
[Irina Makkai Classical Ballet and Dance School](#)



Recipient of the Mayors Award for the Arts, the [Irina Makkai Classical Ballet and Dance School](http://www.balletmakkai.com) announces dates for their Summer Dance Intensive Camps. The Ballet Makkai Summer Intensive is designed to bring out the best in every dancer. With Guest Teachers from the Joffrey Ballet, Elements Contemporary Ballet, River North Dance Company, Hubbard Street, and more, the Summer Intensive will inspire and challenge all dancers to improve their technique. Daily classes include Ballet, Pointe, Partnering, Variations, Modern, Jazz, Acting, Body Conditioning, and Choreography. Open to dancers 7 and Up. Six One Week Sessions, June 14 - July 2 and July 12 - July 30.

The Irina Makkai Classical Ballet and Dance School is located at 2126 First Street. 847-433-1449 / [balletmakkai.com](http://www.balletmakkai.com)

Wellness Wednesday:
[North Shore Salt Therapy Center](#)



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salt therapy center
IN HIGHLAND PARK

[North Shore Salt Therapy](#) is the first halotherapy facility in the area and the only one in Highland Park. Halotherapy is being provided throughout Europe, Australia, the United Kingdom, Canada the United States, and other areas as a natural alternative and complementary way of improving general wellness, respiratory issues, skin conditions, detoxification, athletic performance, and more. Specializing in only halotherapy the staff at North Shore Salt Therapy are dedicated to being experts in their business.

North Shore Salt Therapy is located at 1282 Old Skokie Rd.
847-780-8200 / northshoresalt.com

If you are a health and fitness business and would like to be featured as part of the Wellness Wednesday Series, please fill out this [brief questionnaire](#). Don't forget to upload 1-3 high-resolution photos!

Sign Up For Business of the Week!

The "Business of the Week" Series was launched in October. Each week a new business is chosen and promoted on the City's Facebook Page, Website, E-Newsletters, 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!**

Free COVID-19 Conflict Prevention

Training Course

The Highland Park Public Library is sponsoring an online COVID-19 conflict prevention course for the Highland Park business community. The 60–75-minute course, created by the Crisis Prevention Institute in partnership with the National Retail Federation, is designed to help identify the stages of a person in distress, provide strategies to prevent a crisis, and teach verbal de-escalation skills and other techniques to keep employees and customers safe, illustrating these tools through social distancing and mask-wearing scenarios.



Registered participants will receive an individual link to access the online training. The course is self-paced, can be started and stopped as needed, and will be accessible for 12 months from registration. Those without internet or computer access can arrange to view the training at the Library's public computer lab.

Access to the course is limited and spots may fill up. To register, or for more information, email Chad Clark at cclark@hplbrary.org or call 847-579-6810.

Financial Aid for Retailers and Restaurants Grant Program

The City of Highland Park has a matching grant program to assist restaurants and retailers with operational costs incurred to provide a safe environment for customers and staff in compliance with state and federal public health guidelines for the coronavirus pandemic. The program will accept applications from qualifying restaurants and retailers located and operating within a commercial building in Highland Park with a net worth of less than \$2 million and generating less than an average of \$200,000 in profit per year for two years after taxes. Qualifying restaurants and retailers may apply for reimbursement of up to 50% of eligible expenses related to COVID-19 public health mitigations, to a maximum of \$10,000 for restaurants and \$5,000 for retailers, for costs incurred between August 15, 2020, and December 31, 2021, or until funds are depleted. [More information is available here.](#)



Highland Park Chamber of Commerce

**Ask The Experts": Cyber Security
Panel Discussion**

Thursday, April 1 - 12 PM

Join The Highland Park Chamber of Commerce and experts on cybersecurity to discuss all of the various ways you can keep your information and your business safe.



Panelists include:

- Goran Donev, *SafeHaven IT*
- David Macknin, *ChicagoRisk*
- Detective Casey Foley, *Highland Park Police Department*

Register [HERE](#)

State of Education in Highland Park

Friday, May 7 - 9 AM

The Highland Park Chamber is proud to host another community-wide discussion with school district superintendents Dr. Michael Lubelfeld, North Shore School District 112, and Dr. Kurt A. Schneider, North Suburban Special Education District.

This year's program will address the challenges that are being confronted as a result of the impact of the global pandemic, actions being taken to address racial justice, and what the community, and particularly the business community, can do to stay informed and supportive.

More information will be released soon.

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Additional Resources

SCORE

Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

COVID-19 Aid For Businesses - Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

Illinois Department of Revenue COVID -19 Tax Relief

Illinois Department of Insurance (DOI)

Highland Park Chamber of Commerce COVID-19 Toolkit

Lake County Health Department

NorthShore University HealthSystem

Illinois Department of Public Health

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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

For more information on the City's response to COVID-19, contact the City's Communications Manager Amanda Civitello at acivitello@cityhpil.com.

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