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## Welcome New Business: Vintage Rescue



Faye and Richard Rosenberg are on a mission! Together they are saving pre-loved antiques and collectibles from doom and destruction. [Vintage Rescue](#) is a local treasure haven located in the Ravinia Business District.

**473 Roger Williams Avenue**  
**224.507.3766**

## Business of the Week: Koya Japanese and Sushi



For more than 16 years, [Koya Japanese and Sushi](http://koya-sushi.com) in Highland Park has served a finely-crafted sushi menu with hand-selected vegetables and fish. Enjoy vegetarian specialties, delicious raw fish rolls, and more. Whether dining in or ordering take-out for dinner, each meal is prepped directly by sushi chefs to ensure the highest quality for their customers.

508 Old Elm Rd. / 847.266.0891 / [koya-sushi.com](http://koya-sushi.com)

## HP Businesses Give Back: MACnician



**MACnician** is more than just your local Mac computer repair shop. Owner, Brian Sugarman, believes computers should be available to everyone. MACnician takes in customers' old recycled computers free of charge, then refurbishes and donates them to local families in need. When a desktop or laptop gets re-homed, a new computer is put out, depending on stock. Customers love seeing their old Macs go to a good home. If you'd like to donate or reserve a computer, please call 224.770.0070.

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Many of our Highland Park businesses make an extra effort to give back to the community. 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](mailto: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 Grand Finale:** June 25 (12 - 8 PM)  
**Sunday Artisan Market:** July 2 - September 24 (10 AM - 3 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)

## New Sunday Artisan Market Business Opportunities

The City of Highland Park is pleased to announce its partnership with Bentsidoun USA to present a new weekly Artisan Market featuring crafts, flowers, fresh food, live music, and more at The Lot on Sundays from July 2 to September 24, 2023, 10 AM – 3 PM. Highland Park businesses and not-for-profits are invited to participate.

The Artisan Market is an opportunity for Highland Park businesses to meet new customers, sell merchandise or provide samples, and raise their profile, depending on their chosen option.

Bentsidoun's Artisan Market information for local businesses and non-profits is available [here](#). The printable Artisan Market application is available [here](#).

## Arbor Day Event: Seeking Vendors



The City is hosting an Arbor Day event at Ravinia Festival on Saturday, April

29, 2023, from 9 – 11 AM. We are seeking vendors to sell snacks and non-alcoholic beverages at the event.

Note: The sale of alcohol is not permitted. Power is not available, and generators are not allowed. While there is no cost to participate, vendors must provide their own tent and table.

If interested, please contact City Forester Ben Miller at [bmiller@cityhpil.com](mailto:bmiller@cityhpil.com) by Wednesday, April 15, 2023.

## 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

## 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](http://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](mailto:businessdevelopment@cityhpil.com).

For general business inquiries and assistance, contact Business Development Manager Carolyn Hersch at [chersch@cityhpil.com](mailto:chersch@cityhpil.com).

Questions regarding [enjoyhighlandpark.com](http://enjoyhighlandpark.com) should be addressed to Amanda Bennett, Communications Manager, at [abennett@cityhpil.com](mailto:abennett@cityhpil.com).

## Additional Resources

[Available Commercial Space](#)

[Business Directory](#)

[Chamber Of Commerce](#)

[College of Lake County Small](#)

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

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

[Lake County Health Department](#)

For general business inquiries and assistance, contact the City's Business Development Manager Carolyn Hersch at [chersch@cityhpil.com](mailto:chersch@cityhpil.com) or 847.926.1027.

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