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Mayor's Beautification Award Nominations

Get recognized for your window displays and beautification efforts!

The City is currently seeking nominations for The Mayor's Beautification Awards. The Award recognizes businesses that have enhanced their storefronts and created a welcoming atmosphere that invites and attracts prospective customers with pleasing aesthetics. Award recipients go above and beyond to improve the visual appeal of their property and serve as an example to all businesses and property owners within Highland Park to remain committed to beautifying our community.



Award recipients will be granted a Mayoral certificate and a digital badge for use on the business website and Facebook. In addition, recipients will receive public recognition at a City Council Meeting, on the Central Avenue digital

kiosks, in *The Highlander*, City e-News, and on the City's website and social media platforms.

After consultation with the Business and Economic Development Advisory Group, the City made some changes to the program.

- Added "Creation of a welcoming atmosphere" to the list of Award Criteria.
- Although not award criterion, nominees that include sustainability practices in their beautification will be given greater consideration for receiving an award.
- The Central Avenue Kiosks will be utilized to request nominations for the award throughout the year.
- The Central Avenue Kiosks will be utilized to promote the award recipients after the City Council meeting.
- Award recipients will receive a digital badge that can be used on their websites and/or Facebook.

Businesses can be nominated by the public or may nominate themselves. Nominations form may be made on the [City's Website](#) or with [This Form](#).

Contact Melissa Rosen with questions 847.926.1046, mrosen@cityhpil.com

Staffing & Hiring Resources

The City has received a number of inquiries from business owners looking for assistance in finding employees. We have put together the list below as a resource.

Government Agencies

- **Get Hired Illinois**

<https://www2.illinois.gov/GetHired>

Helping connect job seekers with employers as well as employers who are looking to fill open positions with available workers.

- **Lake County Job Center**

<https://www.lakecountyil.gov/4621/Hire-Lake-County>

Staffing Agencies & Websites

- <https://www.talroo.com/>

On-demand staffing platform for restaurant/hospitality. Vendors need to make an account to see pricing. There are three levels of pricing, one starting with 40 hires a year. This platform can help the restaurants for additional staffing during events as well as regular shifts.

- <https://www.instawork.com>

Businesses can register on the site themselves and make an account.

- <https://adia.works>

On-demand staffing platform.

• **ProStar Staffing** – Nataly Marenas –

nataly.marenas@prostarstaffing.com

Mostly industrial temp to hire, located in Waukegan

Not for Profit

- **Goodwill Talent Bridge – Chicago**

Julie Johnson - Branch Manager Talent Bridge 224.257. 8075, 224. 257.8080

www.goodwilltalentbridge.com, Julie.Johnson@goodwillsew.com

The Talent Bridge is a traditional staffing firm that is connected with Goodwill. Vendors are welcome to contact them directly for their pricing and available staff. Part of the proceeds go back to the Goodwill Mission.

- **The Highland Park Chamber of Commerce**

<https://business.chamberhp.com/jobs>

Colleges

- **Harper College**

Hire a Hawk – Free Job Postings – jprc@harpercollege.edu

Teresa Sellers or Melissa Kidane in the Career Center at 847.423.4010

- **Oakton College – 847-635-1735 www.oakton.edu/careers**

What's For Lunch?



The following Highland Park Restaurants are open for lunch

- [13Ninety](#)
- [Backyard Grill](#)
- [Bluegrass](#)
- [Michael's Grill & Salad Bar](#)
- [Mizrahi Grill](#)
- [New China](#)

- [Bright Bowls](#)
- [Burger King](#)
- [BWB Shakes](#)
- [Central Cafe](#)
- [Country Kitchen](#)
- [Curt's Cafe](#)
- [Denny's](#)
- [Diver Northshore](#) (Fri. - Sun.)
- [Happi Sushi](#)
- [Il Forno Pizza](#)
- [Jade Cafe Chinese](#)
- [Jimmy Johns](#)
- [Judy's Pizza](#)
- [La Casa de Isaac & Moishe](#)
- [Lao Sze Chuan](#)
- [Lefty's Pizza Kitchen](#)
- [Lou Malnati's Pizzeria](#) (Fri.- Sun.)
- [Love's Highland Park](#)
- [Madame Zuzu's Plant Based Cafe](#)
- [Max's Restaurant, Deli & Bakery](#)
- [McDonald's](#)
- [New York Slices](#)
- [Norton's](#)
- [Once Upon A Bagel](#)
- [Perfect Blend](#)
- [Piero's](#) (Thurs. & Fri.)
- [Pixca](#) (Wed.- Fri., Brunch Sat. & Sun)
- [Ravinia Brewing Company](#)
- [Ruby of Siam](#)
- [Shaevitz Uptown BBQ](#)
- [Subway](#)
- [Sushi Badaya](#)
- [Sushi Kushi Too](#)
- [Taco Bell](#)
- [Taqueria Los Mogotes De Michoacan](#)
- [That Little French Guy](#)
- [True Juice](#)
- [Uncle Tannous](#)
- [Veloce Wood Fired Pizze](#)
- [Walker Bros.](#)
- [Wendy's](#)
- [Yummy Bowl](#)

**Please check individual restaurants for specific days and hours.*

Food Truck Thursdays Continue Weekly Through September 8



Food Truck Thursdays continue through September 8, from 4:30 PM to dusk in Jens Jensen Park (Dean Avenue between Roger Williams and St. Johns Avenues), across from the Ravinia Metra Station. Alfresco diners are invited to come and enjoy various food and drinks from more than a dozen rotating food trucks every week on Dean Avenue, adult beverages from local restaurants, including [Abigail's American Bistro](#) and [Ravinia Brewing Company](#), and dance to a wide range of live musical performances in Jens Jensen Park.

Ravinia Farmer's Market - Weekly on Wednesdays

[The Ravinia Farmers Market](#) will run Wednesdays, June 1 through October 26, from 7 AM to 1 PM along Dean Avenue and in Jens Jensen Park. For a list of 2022 vendors and live musical performers, visit www.raviniafarmersmarket.com.



Taste of Highland Park at The Lot

Savor the flavors of summer at the [Taste of Highland Park](#) at The Lot! Sample a variety of special dishes from Highland Park chefs coupled with exceptional music at downtown Highland Park's new al fresco event space, [The Lot](#). The

Taste of Highland Park begins Friday, June 24, 5 – 10 PM with headliner The Freddy Jones Band, and continues Saturday, June 25, noon - 10 PM, with headliner Yachtley Crew. For the full entertainment schedule and participating restaurants, visit enjoyhighlandpark.com/taste.



[Events at The Lot](#) are presented by the [City of Highland Park](#) and the Downtown Highland Park Alliance, with the generous support of [Baird & Warner](#), [The Exchange](#), [Freedom Home Care](#), [Muller Subaru Volkswagen](#), [Highland Park Bank & Trust](#), [Scott Byron & Co](#), [First Bank of Highland Park](#), [Gregory Auto Group](#), [Arbor Terrace of Highland Park](#), [Freshie](#), [Studio 41](#), [Highland Park Community Foundation](#), [Sunset Foods](#), and [ComEd](#).

Expand Your Reach with *The Weekender* eNews!

Sent out every Friday,

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](mailto:Amanda.Civitello) so that we can help get the word out!

WEEKENDER

explore. experience. enjoy.

ENJOY

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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!**

Adopt-A-Planter & Sponsor-A-Planter Programs

The City of Highland Park offers two opportunities for businesses to take part in the beautification of our business districts.

The Adopt-A-Planter Program is only open to Highland Park Business and Property Owners in the Central Business District. As an Adopter, you must commit to the summer and fall

seasons each year and you are responsible for the provision of plants as well as care and maintenance of the planters. This includes but is not limited to planting, watering, and weeding.



[View the Adopt-A-Planter Program Brochure](#)

The Sponsor-A-Planter Program offers community members the opportunity to sponsor an available municipal planter during the summer and fall seasons. An annual fee covers planting, maintenance, and a 5" x 7" commemorative placard in the planter. The placard will recognize the sponsor or an individual or family chosen by the sponsor. Planters are located in the Central Business

District and the Ravinia District and are maintained from May to November.

[View The Sponsor-A-Planter Program Brochure](#)

More information is available at cityhpil.com. Please contact the Office of Business Development at 847.926.1046 with questions.

Highland Park Chamber of Commerce

State of Education

Northwood Middle School

Thursday, June 23

8:30 - 10 AM

[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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

[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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