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Port Clinton Art Festival

The 39th Annual [Port Clinton Art Festival](#), produced by Highland Park-based company Amdur Productions, returns to downtown Highland Park on August 27 & 28, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

The outdoor art festival is rated as one of the top shows by Art Fair Calendar. 260 of the country's most celebrated artists will showcase painting, jewelry, sculpture, photographs, fashion wearables, furniture, and more.

[Street and Lot Closure Times](#)



Food Truck Thursdays Extended



Food Truck Thursdays have been extended through September 22, 4:30 PM - dusk in Jens Jensen Park. Check out [the weekly lineup of food trucks](#). Be sure to visit tents from [Abigail's American Bistro](#), [Ravinia Brewing Company](#), and [Sally's Nuts](#), and stop by [Astra Coffee Roasters](#) before heading home.

Jens Jensen Park is located between Dean, Roger Williams, and St. Johns Avenues, across from the Ravinia Metra Station.

Visit enjoyhighlandpark.com for updates and event information.

Upcoming Events at The Lot

Take Out Tuesdays

continues weekly through
September 13, from 5-8 PM

Happy Hour Drink Specials from 5-6
PM!

The Lot is located north of Central
Ave. on St Johns Ave.



[View the Complete Schedule](#)

Literary Fest - September 10

12 PM - 6 PM

A Literary Fest for all ages is coming to The Lot. Literary Fest will featured author talks, performances, book & record dealers, scheduled readings, and more!

For more information about Lit Fest, and a complete listing of events at The Lot visit enjoyhighlandpark.com.

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.



Business Recovery Grant Applications Due August 26

Applications for the City's Business Recovery Grant have been extended through this upcoming Friday, August 26, 2022. These grants were created to assist eligible businesses in recovering costs related to the impact of the Fourth of July Parade shooting and subsequent investigation. To allow the City and law enforcement agencies to complete the field investigation and site repair, businesses located within a designated perimeter were required to close for owner, employee, and customer access from July 4 – July 10, 2022. Businesses that were unable to operate during this time may be eligible to apply for a grant to help offset revenue losses during the closure. Learn more and download the application at cityhpil.com/businessrecoverygrants.

HP Business and Employee Recovery Fund

As part of City-wide recovery and resilience efforts, a Business Recovery Fund has been established with First Bank of Highland Park, Highland Park Bank & Trust, the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood taking the lead in fundraising and disbursing monetary assistance to aid businesses and employees in recovery from losses sustained. The Highland Park Chamber of Commerce is gathering information in order to assess the extent of the financial need, and accepting applications for financial assistance.

**Business Recovery Fund
Application**

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 are available at <https://www2.illinois.gov/ready/Pages/default.aspx>.

Mayor's Beautification Award Nominations

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.

Nominations may be submitted on the [City's website](#) or with [this form](#).

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

Highland Park Chamber of Commerce

Come relax, have some stimulating conversation, and share lite bites and drinks at the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce After Hours Event.



Tuesday, August 23
4:30 - 6 PM
Albion Highland Park
1850 Green Bay Road

This event is complimentary to all, but [RSVPs](#) are required.

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 with 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.

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 goes 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

Job Placement Center 847.925.6400

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

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](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.**

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](#)

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

[Lake County Health Department](#)

[Establishing Your Business](#)

[Chamber Of Commerce](#)

[SCORE](#)

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

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

[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.

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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