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FAQ on Face Covering and Vaccination Requirements

On August 26, 2021, the Governor signed Executive Order 21-20 which requires all individuals over the age of 2 and who can medically tolerate a face covering to wear a face covering when in indoor public places. The Executive Order also requires health care workers, school personnel, higher education personnel and students, and employees and contractors of state-owned or operated congregate facilities to be fully vaccinated, as described in the Order.

Face Covering FAQs

Face Mask Required Sign for Businesses

Children's Theatre Company



Join us for an early evening of fun while we sing, dance act, and do an art project!

We will use props, costumes, and music to help us on our journey! We plan to do most of the class outside in the tent. Please make sure you dress your child in clothes that are appropriate for the weather.



Don't forget to bring a peanut-free dinner and a water bottle.

DATE: Friday, Oct 1st

TIME: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

AGES: 4-5 year olds

LOCATION: 458 Central Ave.

Highland Park, IL

COST: \$50

Register at <u>thechildrenstheatre.com</u>
For more information call 847.997.1314 or <u>margo@thechildrenstheatreco.com</u>

2021 Infusion Fest



Saturday, October 2 12–10 PM Roger Williams Avenue, between Pleasant and Burton Avenues.

This fan-favorite outdoor street festival offers every adult guest the opportunity to create their own infusion by choosing from a variety of ingredients from the do-it-yourself infusion bar, putting their million-dollar mixologist ideas into action. The fun isn't just for adults; kids and teens will be given the opportunity

to infuse juices, frozen drinks, and sodas for their own delicious creations.

The family-friendly event will have live music, a kids activity tent and a variety of other activities for all ages to accompany the delicious food and beverage offerings from local and regional vendors including Ravinia Brewing Company, BWB.Rocks, Pizza, Sally's Nuts, Bright Bowls, and more! And, participants are encouraged to submit their best infusions to the Ravinia Brewing Squad, who will select a winner of a \$100 gift card and a tour of the brewery!

Music Lineup

- 12 1:30 PM Nasty Snacks
- 2 3:30 PM Extra Crispy Brass Band
- 4 5:30 PM Radio Free Honduras
- 6 7:30 PM Ravinia Ramblers
- 8 10:00 PM Chicago Afrobeat Project

Ravinia Farmers Market



The late summer harvest is in full swing at the <u>Ravinia Farmers Market</u>. Be sure to shop for all your weekly menu needs around what's in season this week: produce, fruit, farm fresh eggs, cheeses, meats, fish, veggie burgers, artisan breads, pastries, snacks, pickles and condiments, local honey, and maple syrup, cut flowers for your table and so much more!

Shop for festive pumpkins and gourds for decorating and baking! Be sure to pick up heirloom tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, fall squash, greens and lettuces, herbs, and other late summer local and organically grown produce!

It's still fruit season, and this week's Market is abundant with Midwest pears, apples, jams and jellies, and more.

Live music is sponsored by the Highland Park Community Foundation.

The <u>Ravinia Farmers Market</u> runs weekly from 7 AM to 1 PM through October 27 in Jens Jensen Park - Roger Williams Ave. between St. Johns Ave. and Dean Ave.

#EnjoyHighlandPark

The City of Highland Park's new social media campaign, #EnjoyHighlandPark, highlights the unique shopping and dining, exceptional natural spaces, and vibrant arts and entertainment offerings you can't find anywhere but Highland Park. Learn more at

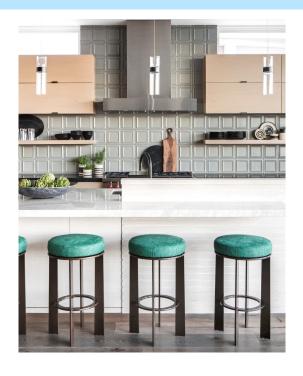


our new website <u>enjoyhighlandpark.com</u>. The City will continue to add content on an ongoing basis - check back frequently!

Help spread the word, and be sure to follow <u>@enjoyhighlandpark</u> on Instagram and <u>@EnjoyHighlandPark</u> on Facebook.

Explore. Experience. Enjoy Highland Park: enjoyhighlandpark.com.

Business of the Week: Idlewood Electric Supply





Idlewood Electric Supply is committed to providing customers with a personalized, one-on-one experience, offering an extensive variety of lighting

fixtures including indoor, outdoor, chandeliers, lamps, dimmers, ceiling fans, specialty items, home-shading solutions, home accessories, and more. As a third-generation family business, customer service is a top priority.

The Highland Park flagship gallery showcases a large selection of lighting displays to experiment and interact with, all at the touch of your fingertips. The wide array of styles ranging from traditional and mid-century modern to industrial and contemporary will cater to all your home needs.



Idlewood Electric Supply - 114 Skokie Valley Road 847.831.3600 / idlewoodelectric.com

Free Webinar: Open the Door to Energy Savings

Small business owners are invited to attend a webinar focused on energy



savings for businesses. Small business customers in Highland Park will be receiving a postcard with more information in the coming weeks.

Wednesday, October 6 10:00 AM Register Here

SCORE Webinar & Mentoring at the Highland Park Public Library

Local Businesses Pop to the Top Using Google My Business (GMB)
Thursday, September 23

6:30 -7:30 PM Register Here



Being at the top of Google search results offers two sure-fire ways to attract customers: your business profile is easy to find, and it is convenient to use. No need for your company to be buried down the results list! Learn how local businesses pop to the top of local search results if they have a Google My Business (GMB) company profile.

So, You Want to Start Your Own Business? What Now? Wednesday, October 5 6-7:30 PM
Register Here

If you are thinking about starting a business, this session will help you understand the simple steps you need to take to become an entrepreneur. Topics will include the myths of entrepreneurship and critical success factors for small businesses, components of a business, and the types of business such as sole proprietorship, LLC, Non-Profit, "S" Corporation, and "C" Corporation.

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 <u>northchicago.score.org</u> 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.

Highland Park Chamber of Commerce

First Wednesday Connections
Wednesday, October 6
8 - 9:30am
Bluegrass Restaurant
More Info & Registration



Get Hired Illinois

The State of Illinois has launched Get Hired Illinois to connect job seekers with employers and training opportunities as well as employers



who are looking to fill open positions with available workers. Visit GetHired

(illinois.gov) for more information.

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.

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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