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## Labor Day Reminders

Labor Day is Monday, September 6. City offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.

There are changes to refuse and recycling collection.

## Community Fireworks Display

The City's fireworks display will be held on Sunday, September 5, beginning at 8:45 PM at Wolters Field. Arrive early to enjoy the Grand Finale concert of the Bitter Jester Music Festival, beginning at 3:00 PM.

## 20th Anniversary of 9/11

### *We Will Never Forget*

The City will pay tribute on this solemn anniversary with a ceremony at Fire Station #33, 1130 Central Avenue, on Saturday, September 11 at 9 AM.

## Special Feature: Enhancing Sustainability In Your Home

# Highland Park at a Glance



## Labor Day Reminders

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Garbage will not be collected on Monday, September 6. Refuse and recycling collection will be delayed by one day for the entire week. Contact Lakeshore Recycling Systems at [773.685.8111](tel:773.685.8111).



## Friendly Seasonal Reminders from Public Works

### August is National Water Quality Month

Water quality begins with the drinking water source: rivers, lakes, and ground water. We each must do our part to protect our drinking water supplies and keep our water sources and waterways clean. For more information on City's drinking water source or to learn more about your water supply, please visit [cityhpil.com/watertreatment](http://cityhpil.com/watertreatment).

### Driveway Apron, Curb & Sidewalk Maintenance

City Code requires property owners to maintain the driveway apron, curb, and sidewalk in good condition, free from obstructions and openings, clear of snow and ice, and in safe condition for pedestrian and vehicular travel. For more information, please call Public Works at [847.432.0807](tel:847.432.0807).



## Sister Cities: New Website

Highland Park's award-winning Sister Cities program has launched a website: [hp-sistercities.org](http://hp-sistercities.org). You'll learn about Highland Park Sister Cities Foundation's mission to promote peace and mutual respect through educational, cultural and business programs and exchanges with Highland Park's three Sister Cities: Modena, Italy, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and Yerucham, Israel. You can also follow on Facebook [@HighlandParkIllinoisSisterCitiesFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/HighlandParkIllinoisSisterCitiesFoundation).



## Community Fireworks Display

The City's annual community fireworks display will be held on Sunday, September 5 at Wolters Field! The festivities begin with the Grand Finale of the Bitter Jester Music Festival, when the top bands from this year's Battle of the Bands will take the stage starting at 3 PM. The fireworks display will begin at dusk. Learn more at [enjoyhighlandpark.com](http://enjoyhighlandpark.com).

The Bitter Jester Music Festival showcases incredible young artists from across the Midwest. This year, performers from Highland Park, communities in Lake County, and five states participated in the Battle of the Bands concerts! Learn more at [BitterJesterMusic.org](http://BitterJesterMusic.org).



## Student Parking Permits

City Student Parking Permits (S-permit) are now available for the 2021-2022 school year. The S-permit allows students to park in designated spaces in the Moraine Park Lot, in any available, non-handicapped space in the 1987 Second Street Lot, as well as designated on-street spaces on First Street north of Elm Place. The S-permit is only sold per semester for \$125.

Students must provide copies of their current driver's license, vehicle registration and insurance. A total of 75 S-permits will be sold at the Finance Department on a first-come, first-served basis. Questions? Contact Jennifer Dotson at [847.926.1006](tel:847.926.1006) or [jdotson@cityhpil.com](mailto:jdotson@cityhpil.com).



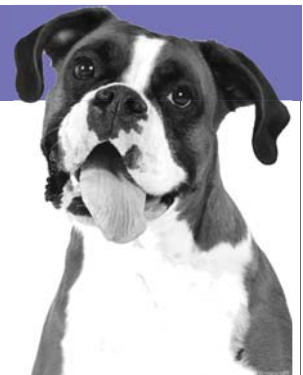
## Serve on a City Advisory Group, Board or Commission

The Mayor and City Council are preparing to appoint interested residents to City Advisory Groups, Boards & Commissions for terms beginning January 2022. *Applications for high school juniors to serve as Student Commissioners are also available.* Visit [cityhpil.com/boardsandcommissions](http://cityhpil.com/boardsandcommissions) for a list of the various groups, the goals, responsibilities and what is required. For information, contact Jennifer Dotson in the City Manager's Office at [847.926.1006](tel:847.926.1006) or [jdotson@cityhpil.com](mailto:jdotson@cityhpil.com).



## Woof! Time to Renew Dog Licenses

Watch your mailbox! Renewal applications for 2021-2022 City of Highland Park Dog Licenses will arrive in August. Renewal fees for the 2021-2022 licenses are \$7.00 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$12.00 for unaltered dogs. A current rabies vaccination certificate is required for renewal if the vaccination listed on the dog license application has passed its expiration date. Dog Licenses can be renewed online, by mail or in person at City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue. The Finance Department offers online renewal of Dog Licenses on the City's website at [www.cityhpil.com](http://www.cityhpil.com). For information, please contact the Finance Department at [847.432.0800](tel:847.432.0800) or [finance@cityhpil.com](mailto:finance@cityhpil.com).





## Wrapping Up Summer in the City

*Nancy R. Rotering*  
– Mayor Nancy R. Rotering

As the carefree days of summer are slowly coming to an end, returning to a daily routine is on the horizon for many of us. As you get back to business, seize these last few days of summer and don't miss the many opportunities to connect with your neighbors and enjoy our vibrant city.

This summer, more than ever, is a time to celebrate all that Highland Park has to offer. Shop, dine and stroll downtown Highland Park and the Ravinia Business District. While we were appreciating the beaches and parks all summer, several new stores and restaurants opened (with more to come). Food Truck Thursdays

with Music in the Park continues for a few more weeks in Ravinia. Be sure to check out events popping up at The Art Center, the Highland Park Public Library and more. Visit the Community Calendar at [www.cityhpil.com](http://www.cityhpil.com) for additional info.

And though we were sad to postpone our Fourth of July celebrations, be sure to join us as we wrap up the summer with the Bitter Jester Music Festival Grand Finale and community fireworks at Wolters Field, 1080 Park Avenue West on Sunday, September 5 starting at 3 PM. Food will be available, and the concert will showcase some of the best up-and-coming

musical talent in the Midwest. Fireworks will begin at dusk. It will be a summer celebration you won't want to miss!

I encourage you to stay connected all year long. Sign-up for City notifications at [www.cityhpil.com](http://www.cityhpil.com). You can also follow the City on Twitter @CityHPIL, on Instagram at @EnjoyHighland Park and on Facebook at @HighlandParkIL. Follow me on Twitter @NancyRotering and Facebook at Nancy Rotering – Highland Park Mayor or email me at [nrotering@cityhpil.com](mailto:nrotering@cityhpil.com). I look forward to hearing from you!

Stay Informed with City Updates



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[youtube.com/user/CityHPIL](https://youtube.com/user/CityHPIL)

## Help Preserve Highland Park's History

Do you have letters, photographs, memoirs, business cards or other memorabilia that tell a story about Highland Park? Please consider donating them to the Highland Park Archives and Local History Collections (HPALHC), a collaborative effort of the Highland Park Public Library, the City of Highland Park, and the Highland Park Historical Society.



Highland Park Archives & Local History Collections

The HPALHC documents the distinct, diverse community of Highland Park and its inhabitants through government records, organizational records, family interviews, papers, correspondence and images, photography collections, maps, and much more in both digital and physical formats. Recent history is important, as well as items from long ago. This valuable community resource is housed at the Library, and digital archives can be accessed via the Library's website at [hplibrary.org/archives-5304](http://hplibrary.org/archives-5304).

Whether for research or for exploration and discovery, HPALHC ensures that the history of Highland Park is available and accessible. To preserve this history and enhance the collection, HPALHC welcomes contributions of historical documents and/or artifacts.

If you have items you think would fit in this collection, please contact Nancy Webster, archivist, at the Highland Park Public Library at 847.432.0216, ext. 138, or via email at [nwebster@hplibrary.org](mailto:nwebster@hplibrary.org). Donations that are accepted are tax deductible.



## Back to School Traffic Safety Reminders

The City works closely with both School Districts to improve traffic flow, parking options, drop-off and pick-up locations and procedures and signage at and around many schools. Police officers will be at and near schools to encourage traffic compliance to keep our community safe.

Let's all work together to keep pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers safe with increased traffic as school resumes:

- Only use designated drop-off and pick-up areas at your child's school. Do not use City streets for drop-off and pick-up.
- Obey existing State and City traffic and parking laws at all times.
- Do not pass stopped school buses which are loading or unloading passengers while its lights are flashing and its stop signal arm is extended.
- Obey State laws and City ordinances pertaining to Electronic Communication Devices and Wireless Telephone use.

The City of Highland Park Police Department continues to partner with both North Shore School District 112 and Township High School District 113 to provide the highest levels of school safety. For more information about back to school safety, contact the Highland Park Police Department at 847.432.7730.



# Sustainability



## Your sustainable home starts here.

The City's Sustainability Strategic Plan sets a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 5% by 2023. To that end, the City has successfully worked to increase the efficiency of its buildings and vehicle fleet, reducing reliance on fossil fuels and increasing access to renewable energy, reviewed and implemented opportunities to incorporate sustainable priorities into construction, purchasing, and contracts, and promoted energy-efficiency programs for residents and businesses. Whether you opt to bike more and drive less or start composting your kitchen waste, everyone can play a part in reaching this energy reduction goal.



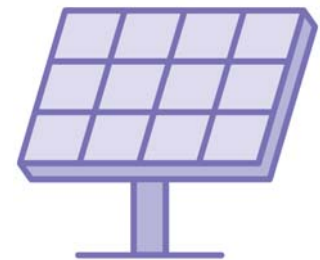
### Home Energy Webinar

Attend a virtual event to learn how you can save energy & money for your home or business with the North Shore Gas Energy Efficiency Programs. Join us for two webinars on Oct. 6: 10 AM for businesses, 6:30 PM for your home. Learn more: [cityhpil.com/webinar](https://cityhpil.com/webinar)



### Electric Aggregation

The City's electric aggregation program provides an annual civic contribution that funds sustainable initiatives. Participation is voluntary and costs remain the same as ComEd's published monthly rates. Learn more: [cityhpil.com/aggregation](https://cityhpil.com/aggregation)



### Community Solar

The City's Community Solar program allows residents and small businesses to subscribe to solar power & receive electricity supply cost savings without installing solar panels on-site. Learn more: [cityhpil.com/solar](https://cityhpil.com/solar)



### Composting

Participants in Lakeshore Recycling Services' Curbside Composting Service dispose of compostable materials (including food waste, compostable paper goods, and yard waste) in the same curbside bin or yard waste bag. Learn more: [cityhpil.com/compost](https://cityhpil.com/compost)



### Recycling Center

The City's Recycling Center, located at 1180 Half Day Rd., is open every Tuesday and the first Saturday of the month from 7AM - 1PM. A full list of acceptable items is available on the City's website. Learn more: [cityhpil.com/recyclingctr](https://cityhpil.com/recyclingctr)



### Water Conservation

Reducing your water usage is easy with tips compiled by the Public Works Department - Water Production Division. Information is available for residents and business owners, and highlights easy, often low-cost initiatives. Learn more: [cityhpil.com/water](https://cityhpil.com/water)

# Community Calendar

## Ravinia Farmers Market

Wednesdays, Now - October 27

7AM - 1PM / Open rain or shine

Jens Jensen Park and Dean Avenue between Roger Williams and St. Johns

[RaviniaFarmersMarket.com](http://RaviniaFarmersMarket.com)

The Ravinia Farmers Market vendors offer fresh produce, meat, cheese, bakery goods, flowers and more.

## Ravinia Food Truck Thursdays

Thursdays, Now - September 9

4:30PM - Dusk

Jens Jensen Park and Dean Avenue between Roger Williams and St. Johns

Ravinia Food Truck Thursdays are back this summer. Enjoy a variety of food and drinks and a wide range of musical performances.

*The Art Center of Highland Park*

[TheArtCenterHP.org](http://TheArtCenterHP.org)

1957 Sheridan Road / 847.432.1888

## Words Matter

Now through September 25

Monday - Friday 10AM - 4PM

Saturday 12PM - 4PM

When French surrealist, Renee Magritte famously wrote, "Ceci n'est pas une pipe" ("This is not a pipe") beneath the image of a pipe in 1929, he effectively connected words and images, creating a dialogue about the true 'meaning' of words in and about art that continues to this day. This exhibit looks at the intersection between visual art and language. Guest artist and curator is Makeba Kedem-DuBose.

*Highland Park Pops Big Band*

## Rehearsals in the Park

Wednesdays in August and September

6 - 8 PM, Sunset Woods Park Pavilion

The 17-piece Highland Park Pops Big Band encourages people to stop by for part or all of the evening. Bring a picnic, a blanket, a chair, etc. Having an audience will keep the band "on its toes." Event is weather permitting.

*Amdur Productions*

## Port Clinton Art Festival

August 28 - 29, 10 AM - 6 PM

260 artists showing and selling their

paintings, photography, jewelry, ceramics and sculpture. *The following streets are closed to vehicles:* Central Avenue between Green Bay Road and the train tracks; Second Street from Laurel Avenue to Renaissance Place; and First Street will be closed between Elm Place and Laurel Avenue with no access to First Bank of Highland Park's drive-through.

*Bitter Jester Music Festival*

## Battle of the Bands Grand Finale Concert

Sunday, September 5, 3PM until dark

Wolters Field, 1080 Park Avenue West

[847.433.8663/BitterJesterFoundation.org](http://847.433.8663/BitterJesterFoundation.org)

Up-and-coming musical groups perform and compete in the free Grand Finale Concert before the fireworks.

*City of Highland Park*

## 20th Anniversary Remembrance of 9/11 - We Will Never Forget

Saturday, September 11, 9AM

Fire Station #33, 1130 Central Avenue

[847.926.1000 / cityhpil.com](http://847.926.1000/cityhpil.com)

Join Mayor Rotering and Highland Park's Police and Fire Departments in paying tribute on this solemn anniversary.

*Highland Park Poetry*

## Ed Werstein Reading/Open-Mic

Saturday, September 11, 5PM

Coffee Speaks, 611 Central Avenue, #155

Port Clinton Square

[HighlandParkPoetry.org](http://HighlandParkPoetry.org)

Milwaukee poet Ed Werstein reads from his newest collection, *Communiqué: Poems from the Headlines*. Poetry open-mic immediately follows. Poets may read up to 3 poems and are encouraged to share a poem about 9/11 in honor of the tragedy's 20th anniversary.

*Highland Park Historical Society*

## This Land is Your Land: The Folksongs of Woody Guthrie

Sunday, September 12, 2 PM

Stupey Cabin, on St. Johns Avenue between Laurel and Hazel Avenues

Bucky Halker is a historian, songwriter and musician from Illinois Humanities Road Scholars. Woody Guthrie (1912-

1967) is America's most legendary folk-song writer. Inspired by Guthrie's famous song, *This Land Is Your Land* features the performance of several Guthrie songs, as well as commentary on the time period and each song. The program also places Guthrie and his music in a larger historical context while also offering details on his life. Program is live at the Stupey Cabin. If there is rain, we will move the program to Zoom. Register in advance via email to [Archives@HighlandParkHistory.org](mailto:Archives@HighlandParkHistory.org) to receive the program's Zoom link.

*Highland Park Players*

[HighlandParkPlayers.com](http://HighlandParkPlayers.com)

## Matilda, The Musical

September 24 - October 3

Be sure to catch the Highland Park Players' production of the Tony Award winning musical, "Matilda the Musical". For more information about this family friendly show, please visit [www.highlandparkplayers.com](http://www.highlandparkplayers.com).

*Pilgrim Chamber Players*

## The Notorious RBG In Song

September 26, 3PM

Highland Park Community House

1991 Sheridan Road

Cost: \$20 adult, \$16 senior & \$8 student

[847.433.0972 / carolhonig@comcast.net](http://847.433.0972/carolhonig@comcast.net)

Salute to former Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, composed and created by her daughter-in-law Composer/Soprano Patrice Michaels. Also performing are Michelle Arayzaga (Soprano), Matt Dean (tenor), Evan Bravos (Baritone), and Kuang-Hao Huang (Piano).

## Virtual Events

### Community Partners for Affordable Housing Buying an Affordable Home in Highland Park?

Attend a Community Partners for Affordable Housing virtual information session to learn about the program and to apply. All programs held via Zoom.

Upcoming dates:

Tuesday, September 14, 6PM

Tuesday, October 5, 6PM

[cpahousing.org/class-registration](http://cpahousing.org/class-registration)

# Our Community



## 2021 Capital Improvement Program Update

The City's annual Capital Improvement Program (CIP), part of the City's core priority of Infrastructure Investment, includes improvement projects prioritized annually based on life safety considerations, functional deficiencies, the age of infrastructure, and the reduction of long-term expensive rehabilitation costs.

For additional details on the City's construction projects, please contact the Department of Public Works at [847.432.0807](tel:847.432.0807).

### 2021 Construction Projects

#### Clavey Road Improvements Project – Phase One Construction

Construction started in April and includes the complete replacement of the bridge over the Skokie River as well as installation of a new water main along Clavey Rd. Phase One construction is scheduled for completion this fall. Phase Two construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2022 and includes

construction of the new pavement from Green Bay Road to US 41.

#### Walker Ave/St. Johns Av. /Lauretta Pl. Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Project

This project entails upsizing of water-main and installation of new sanitary sewer. All major phases of construction are scheduled for completion in August.

#### Laurel Ave Bluff Restoration Project

This project repaired the failed bluff slope at the east dead end of Laurel Ave. The cul-de-sac was relocated slightly to the west to provide a stable slope along the bluff. The project was substantially completed in June.

#### Central East-South Parking Lot

The entire parking lot was reconstructed with new curbs, permeable brick pavers in the parking stalls, LED lighting and a new rain garden in the center median. The project was substantially completed in July.

#### Streets Rehabilitation Program

This project entails grinding and resurfacing of select asphalt streets along with repairs to deteriorated sections of concrete streets.

All major phases of construction are scheduled for completion in August.

#### Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Projects within City Limits

Within City limits, IDOT performed work at the following location:

#### Bridge on Lake-Cook Rd over US 41

Work at this location was completed in July. One final major item completed was activation of the permanent traffic signal.

Regular updates on 2021 public infrastructure CIP projects and future projects are posted on the City's website. To learn more, click on "Construction Projects," an interactive map, available at [cityhpil.com/construction](http://cityhpil.com/construction).

## Moraine Township: US Passports, Door-to-Door Transportation & Food Pantry

### Need a Passport Book or Card?

Moraine Township is certified by the U.S. Department of State to process first-time Passport Applications.

Appointments are accepted between 10AM and 3PM, Monday through Friday at the Township office, 800 Central Avenue. You do not need to be a Moraine Township resident to use this service.

We'll take your passport photo for \$15.00! We accept payment in check or money order only.

To learn what you need to bring to the appointment, visit [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) or [morainetownship.org](http://morainetownship.org) to learn what to bring to the appointment.

Call [847.432.3240](tel:847.432.3240) to schedule your U.S. passport appointment.

### Moraine Township Door-to-Door Transportation for Seniors and Disabled Residents

Moraine Township's affordable and reliable paratransit service ensures that Township seniors who no longer drive, or are disabled, have access to medical care and other quality-of-life transportation needs. While medical trips and work transportation take priority, residents are also welcomed to schedule rides for errands, volunteering, and other quality-of-life trips.

Rides are scheduled weekdays between 8:30AM to 4PM for transportation within 15-miles from Township borders (for example: Evanston, the VA, Glenview, Libertyville).

Fares are \$4 each way and \$2 each way for income-qualified residents. Caregivers are required to accompany

wheelchair riders (*caregivers ride free*).

Riders are required to wear masks.

Call [847.432.3000](tel:847.432.3000) to schedule a ride!

### Moraine Township Food Pantry Open for Shopping

Tuesdays / Martes: 10AM to 12PM

Wednesdays / Miércoles: 1:30PM to 3:30PM

Thursdays / Jueves: 11:30AM to 1:30PM

Visitors are required to wear masks.

Call [847.432.3240](tel:847.432.3240) for more information.



# Highland Park Senior Center

Located at the Highland Park Country Club  
1201 Park Avenue West  
847.432.4110

## Senior Center Relocation and Open for In-Person Services and Activities

The Highland Park Senior Center is now located at the Highland Park Country Club (1201 Park Avenue West) to better serve its members. Senior Center members and guests may enjoy a hybrid of both in-person and virtual programs.

The Medical Equipment Loan Closet still operates at 54 Laurel Avenue by appointment only, on Mondays and Thursdays from 2 - 3 PM.

To ensure the well-being of guests and employees, COVID-19 safety protocols will continue to be updated to align with CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines. In order to keep members safe and provide the best possible activity experience, Senior Center activities may move between in-person and online as necessary.

The Senior Center offers a wide variety of programs and services including:

Exercise: Better Balance, Gentle Yoga, Sit & Be Fit, Tai Chi, and Zumba Gold

Cards and Games: Bridge, Canasta, and Mah Jongg Classes and Open Play

Art: Art Appreciation, Advanced Painting, and Mosaics

General: News & Views Current Events Discussion, Spanish Class, and Driver's Preparation

Special Activities: Bingo, Book Club Discussions, Live Concerts, Sing Along, and Speakers

Day Excursions: *Ragtime*, *Six*, *The King and I*, *The Devil Wears Prada*, and more

Social Services: Grief Group, Notary Public, Medical Equipment Loan Closet, and Counseling

## Online Membership and Activity Registration

In addition to conducting Senior Center business in person and over the phone, you may also visit the Senior Center's new online portal to join as a member, renew your membership, and register and pay for activities. There is also an interactive calendar that is updated in real-time and provides detailed information of scheduled activities.

## Connector Bus

The free Connector Bus operates Tuesdays and Fridays, from 9 AM to 3:30 PM. The Connector Bus travels along a fixed route throughout Highland Park to: 654 Walnut; 1695 Second St.; 400 Central; Highland Park Public Library; Sunset Foods; Sunset Woods Condos; Jewel-Osco; Sherwood Forest; CVS; Target; Brooke Estates; NorthShore Highland Park Hospital; Walgreens; and the Highland Park Senior Center at the Highland Park Country Club. Face masks are required.

To access the full schedule of activities, the online portal, and further Senior Center information, please visit: [www.cityhpil.com/seniorcenter](http://www.cityhpil.com/seniorcenter).





## ANOTHER HISTORIC SCHOOL YEAR AHEAD #112LEADS

Historic change for North Shore School District 112 has been a theme of my superintendency and it is a theme that we have embraced to help create and sustain positive outcomes for each student, staff member, and the communities we serve. As we return to school this year starting August 18, we look forward to once again managing a full collection of important initiatives that will be major milestones in the history of District 112.

This year will be the first full year at the newly modernized and beautiful Northwood Middle School. It will also be a full year of construction at Edgewood Middle School as Phase I of the District's Long Range Plan draws closer to completion with Edgewood construction slated to be finished in early 2023. We are proud of the fact that we were able to enact a \$75 million modernization project to rebuild our two middle schools without adding any additional taxes.

This year will also be a year of planning and action as we anticipate that the Board of Education will vote to place a referendum on the November 2022 ballot to upgrade our District's elementary schools. This plan will be developed with student needs in-mind, with the recommendations of experts, a community input committee, and with the commitment to progress after decades of debate.

This year will build on our work toward equity and inclusion following the recent release of an equity and inclusion audit done by PCG (Public Consulting Group). The audit put forward a menu of observations and recommendations meant to evaluate what works, what does not, and where to go on our road of continuous improvement towards a more equitable and inclusive school district. The work has already begun with immediate action on some recommendations and the formation of a working group to study and implement other more long term objectives. We have reached out to the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) for guidance on a Leadership 2025 task force for leadership coaching and organizational guidance.

Above all else, this year will mean the continued commitment to the ultimate reason why we do what we do - student growth and learning. It is a fact that District 112 has never had more instructional support, academic coaches, curricular resources, and exceptional staff in place to make real and lasting improvements on how our students grow academically and socially. This year we will also continue the Modern Learning Committee's work to determine and help implement the District's Portrait of a Graduate, which is an aspirational vision of what ALL of our students should be equipped with upon leaving District 112.

After a host of dramatic changes over the past few years, now is the time to take stock of what we've been through together. It is time to use the momentum we've generated to achieve even greater things, to overcome even more challenging obstacles, and to work hand-in-hand to positively impact education in Highland Park, Highwood, and Ft. Sheridan for generations to come.

With regards,

Mike

Michael Lubelfeld, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools



Dear District 113 Community,



As this month's issue arrives in mailboxes, District 113 will be just days away from the first day of school. We are so happy to welcome all of our students to the 2021-22 school year with full-day, in-person learning for everyone and the extracurricular activities and athletics that make high school the important, formative experience that it is.

While we know that the past 18 months have been challenging to say the least, we have come a long way from March 2020. School this year will be as normal as we can make it. That does not mean that we will not encounter new bumps in this already bumpy road, or that circumstances will stop changing. To give an example, on July 9 and July 27, schools received new guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) three times that substantially changed how schools will operate while they are fully in-person for all students. Without knowing what any future changes lie ahead, we know enough to expect more of them this year. So when the inevitable occurs, and the guidance changes, we will do what we have always done, we will align with it and provide all students with the opportunities they need in high school.

Change is hard. Uncertainty of inevitable change is even harder. Put the two together and we have an environment ripe for stress. The plain truth is that none of us knows what the future will bring, how COVID will impact school this year or how any forthcoming guidance will yet again upend what we are doing and how we do it. No matter. District 113 will remain nimble to put the health and safety of our students and staff first while we stay focused on our educational mission.

Our best moments the past 18 months came when we worked together as a community for our community. Let's redouble our resolve to work together to make this an incredible year for our students, our families, and our community. We can all do our part. Care for yourselves and each other. Stay home if you are sick. If you haven't been vaccinated and are eligible, please get the shot. Let's stay focused on our shared purpose and let any other noise remain in the background.

One day the pandemic will be behind us. And when it is, we will be in a much better place if we can look back and build upon all the ways that we worked together by uniting around our shared purpose to achieve new, bigger goals.

With that attitude in mind, we at District 113 look forward to a great year. There's nothing better than the excitement of a new school year, and that is more true than ever now.

Bruce Law, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic programs and events are subject to change. Please go to [pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org) for the most up-to-date information.

### **Mon/Tue Aug 16-17 | 1-4pm | Summer Seekers | Ages 8-12**

\$50, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd  
Enjoy the sunshine this summer with our half day camp.  
[Register at pdhp.org.](#)

### **Tue Aug 17 | 6-7pm | Yoga in the Park | Ages 13+**

**FREE**, Sunset Woods Park, 1801 Sunset Rd  
All levels of yoga exercises and basic postures.

### **Thu Aug 19 | 6-8pm | Beach Olympics | Ages 6-Adult**

\$10, Rosewood Beach, 883 Sheridan Rd  
Compete in Olympic inspired games adapted for the beach and suitable for the family. [Register at pdhp.org.](#)

### **Thu Aug 26 | Apollo 13 (PG) | Drive-In Movie | Family**

Screening begins at sunset  
\$30/Vehicle, Recreation Center of Highland Park Parking Lot, 1207 Park Ave West  
Hop in the car and cruise on over.

**Glow Dance Party add-on available.**  
[Purchase tickets at pdhp.org](#)

### **Mon Sep 13 | 6-7:30pm | Family Archery | Ages 8-Adult**

\$12, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd  
Learn the basics of archery. [Register at pdhp.org.](#)

### **Fri Sep 17 | 6-7:30pm | Explore S'more Parks! | All Ages**

\$12, Sunset Woods Park, 1801 Sunset Rd  
Take an interactive hike with a naturalist that ends around a cozy campfire with s'mores! [Register at pdhp.org.](#)

### **Mon Sep 20 | 4-4:55pm | Magic Class | Ages 5-12**

\$21/29, West Ridge Center, 636 Ridge Road  
Amaze family and friends with tricks. For more information, call 847.831.3810. [Register at pdhp.org.](#)

### **Mon Sep 20 | 6-7:30pm | Family Archery | Ages 8-Adult**

\$12, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd  
Learn the basics of archery. [Register at pdhp.org.](#)

### **Fri Sep 24 | 4-7pm | Autumn Fest | All Ages**

\$15/Adult | \$30/Child, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd  
Join us in celebrating the beginning of Autumn at Heller.  
[Register at pdhp.org.](#)

### **Sat Sep 25 | 10am-Noon | Touch-a-Truck | Family**

**FREE**, Sunset Woods Park, 1801 Sunset Rd  
The biggest, coolest, shiniest trucks around will be on display. Event could be canceled due to inclement weather. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information call 847.831.3810.

### **Sun Sep 26 | 10-11:30am | Digging the Outdoors | Ages 3-Adult**

\$12, Rosewood Beach, 883 Sheridan Rd  
Dig for buried treasure and excavate our construction site.  
[Register at pdhp.org.](#)

### **Sun Sep 26 | 3-4:30pm | Family Archery | Ages 8-Adult**

\$12, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd  
Learn the basics of archery. [Register at pdhp.org.](#)

### **Thu Sep 30 | Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (PG) | Drive-In Movie | Family**

Screening begins at sunset  
\$30/Vehicle, Recreation Center of Highland Park Parking Lot, 1207 Park Ave West  
Firepit upgrade available. [Purchase tickets at pdhp.org](#)

### **Sat Oct 2 | 10:30-11:30am & 11:30am-12:30pm | PolliNation | All Ages**

**FREE**, The Preserve of Highland Park, 1201 Park Ave West  
Explore stations that will teach you all about the importance of pollinators.

### **Sun Oct 3 | 3-4:30pm | Family Archery | Ages 8-Adult**

\$12, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd  
Learn the basics of archery. [Register at pdhp.org.](#)

### **Fri Oct 8 | 10am-Noon | Bugs, Slugs, and Crawlers | Ages 6-11**

\$25, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd  
Hunt for the mini beasts under rocks and logs at Heller.  
[Register at pdhp.org.](#)

### **Fri Oct 8 | 12:30-2:30pm | Eco-Sports | Ages 6 - 11**

\$25, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd  
Play games to learn about nature or use the materials found in the ecosystem. [Register at pdhp.org.](#)

### **Sat-Sun Oct 9-10 | 5pm-9am | Beach Campout | All Ages**

**\$15**, Rosewood Beach, 883 Sheridan Rd  
Explore the lakefront, sit around a campfire with s'mores and sleep to the sound of waves lapping the shore.  
[Register at pdhp.org.](#)

### **Mon Oct 11 | 10am-Noon | Soaring On Wind | Ages 6 - 10**

\$25, Rosewood Beach, 883 Sheridan Rd  
Discover the power of wind by building a glider.  
[Register at pdhp.org.](#)

### **Mon Oct 11 | 12:30-2:30pm | Pirates of the Lake | Ages 6 - 10**

\$25, Rosewood Beach, 883 Sheridan Rd  
Hunt for buried treasure, build boats and make your own pirate patch. [Register at pdhp.org.](#)

### **Mon Oct 11 | 11:10am-12:45pm | Try Skating & Gymnastics Day | Ages 3-Adult**

**FREE**, Centennial Ice Arena, 3100 Trail Way  
Beginner skating and gymnastics lessons! Pre-register online. For more information, call 847.432.4790. [Register at pdhp.org.](#)

### **Fri Oct 15 | 6-7:30pm | Explore S'more Parks! | All Ages**

\$12, Rosewood Beach, 883 Sheridan Rd  
Take an interactive hike with a naturalist that ends around a cozy campfire with s'mores! [Register at pdhp.org.](#)

# Park District of Highland Park

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## NORTH SHORE PICKLEBALL Fundraiser Tournament



**SAT AUG 28 – SUN AUG 29**  
Cunniff Park Pickleball Courts  
2700 Trailway

Join the fun and help the Parks Foundation raise funds to send local children in need to 2022 summer camp.

### SAT AUG 28

8-10am | \$25/player  
2-hour Clinic with a Pro

10am-2pm | 50/player  
Men's Tournament  
Women's Tournament

### SUN AUG 29

10am-2pm | 50/player  
Mixed Doubles Tournament

For each event registration, receive an entry into our drawing for prizes.

*Please bring your own rackets. Tournaments are round robin.*

Space is limited, register now at [pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org)



## Military Discount Update



In support of our country's veterans, the Park District of Highland Park has amended its Military Discount Policy to include the eligibility of "veteran" servicemen and women and their immediate families to receive discounted services. Before this addition, the Military Discount Policy provided a 15% discount off resident rates for programs, memberships, and daily fees, excluding select contractual programs for active military and their families. The Park District Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the new military discount policy amendment to include veterans at their July 27, 2021 meeting.

Veteran and active military must register in person with proof of active or veteran service to receive the reduced rates.

*Thank you to all of our veterans and active duty military for your service to our country!*

**NEW!**

## Sunset Woods Park Playground Seating Plaza Fundraising



The Parks Foundation of Highland Park is raising funds to build a playground seating plaza located between the new Rocketship (Ages 5 - 12) and Nature (Ages 2-5) playgrounds (Coming Soon). If you are looking for a meaningful way to give back to your community, consider making a contribution to this worthwhile project.

### CONTRIBUTION OPTIONS:

#### Brick Paver: \$200

Celebrate a loved one or a special occasion with a custom inscribed brick paver at the new Sunset Woods playground seating plaza. Your 4" x 8" brick engraved message includes a max. of three lines and up to 13 characters per line, including spaces and punctuation.



For more information contact: Mike Evans at 847.579.4085 or [mevans@pdhp.org](mailto:mevans@pdhp.org)

To purchase visit:



#### Hopscotch: \$750 (one year)

Promote your business with your logo on a hopscotch. Your hopscotch can be located at any Park District park or in front of any facility of your choice.

For more information contact: Nik Lapin at 847.971.0718 or [nlapin@pdhp.org](mailto:nlapin@pdhp.org)



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## STAY SAFE AT THE BEACH THIS SUMMER!

**Did You Know?** Since 2010, there have been 950 Great Lakes drownings. More than half of those drownings happened on Lake Michigan, and half of those drownings occurred at this southern tip of the lake (Milwaukee to Southwest Michigan).

**Lifeguards Save Lives!** Only swim at a beach with a lifeguard on duty. Rosewood Beach is our designated swimming beach and lifeguards are on duty every day from 10am-7pm through Labor Day.

**When you See a Shark Don't Go Swimming!** This summer, shark signs are posted at our non-swimming beaches as a reminder that a lifeguard is not present, and swimming is prohibited. Because swimming off a Lake Michigan beach without a lifeguard on duty can be as dangerous as swimming in shark-infested waters.



FOR IMPORTANT BEACH SAFETY INFORMATION AND TIPS, GO TO [PDHP.ORG](http://PDHP.ORG)



## Fri Sep 24 | All Ages

### Heller Nature Center | 2821 Ridge Rd

Join us in celebrating the beginning of Autumn at Heller with a petting zoo, pumpkin patch, campfire, games, and much more!

[Purchase Tickets at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org)

FREE



## Sat Sep 25 | Touch-a-Truck | Family

### Sunset Woods Park | 1801 Sunset Rd.

Check out the view from the driver's seat! The biggest, coolest, shiniest trucks around will be on display. Stick around for a ride, a game, or a tasty treat (for purchase). Event could be cancelled due to inclement weather. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information call 847.831.3810.

10am-Noon **FREE**



## Drive-In Movie Series | Family

- **Thu Aug 26** | Apollo 13 (PG)
- **Thu Sep 30** | Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (PG)

For more information see the Events Section

[Purchase Tickets at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org)

## About Us

Enriching community life through healthy leisure pursuits and an appreciation of the natural world.

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[pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org)



## ARE YOU SIGNED UP TO RECEIVE OUR EMAILS?

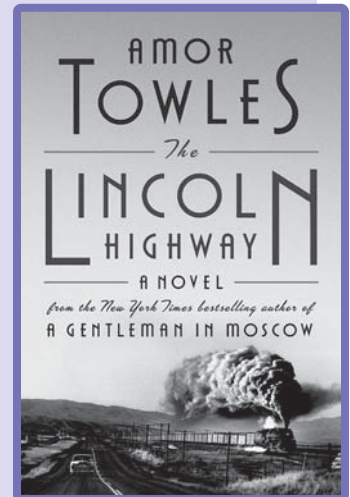
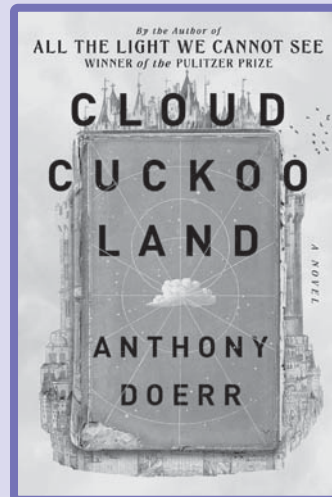
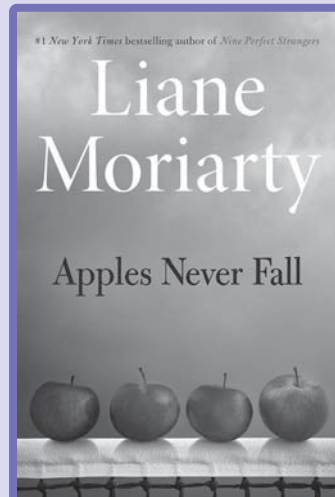
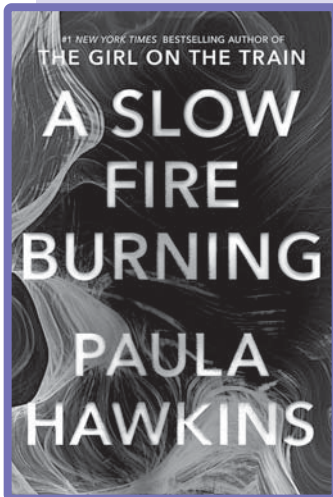
One of the fastest ways to get updates on Park District news is through our emails! To sign up for our emails go to [pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org) and click on "**Join Our E-List**" under "**Quick Links**".



## What To Read This Fall?

# WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!

Check out some of fall's most anticipated titles, coming soon.



## FALL BOOK BUZZ!

Thursday, September 23, 7 PM

### Looking for more book suggestions?

You'll find plenty to add to your TBR (To Be Read) pile at our annual fall book buzz. Publishers' representatives and librarians highlight new fall titles. For readers who like to be in the know! Join us on Zoom.

Register at [hplibrary.org/events](http://hplibrary.org/events).

For More Reading Suggestions, try Perfect Picks!

Fill out an online form and receive a curated list of titles.

For TV and film recommendations, try Film & Music Picks. For kids, try Perfect Picks Jr. Get started at [hplibrary.org/read](http://hplibrary.org/read).

## September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!

**"A library card is the start of a lifelong adventure."** — *Lilian Jackson Braun, author*

Use your library card for more than just books. Visit the Library to register for a card and access the Library 24/7.

Check out ebooks and eaudiobooks, from bestsellers to classics.

Check out a Roku and stream TV shows and movies from Amazon Prime Video, Netflix, PBS, and PBS Kids. Now access Disney+ and hulu, too!

Download and stream movies, TV shows, and music.

Access a daily pass to the digital issue of *The New York Times*.

Find online job coaching and resume help.

And much more!

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## Got Meetings?

### Check Out Our New Meeting Rooms

Reserve one of our new meeting rooms for your next meeting or study session. Choose from a room that seats from two – ten. Select a room with a dry erase board or an HDMI monitor for screen sharing to maximize your meetings.

Reserve a room at [hplibrary.org/reserve](http://hplibrary.org/reserve).

## Looking To Get Creative?

### Book The Digital Media Lab

Our studio for creative exploration, collaboration, and production features equipment and software for a variety of creative projects. Use the Digital Media Lab to design websites, create music, produce movies, edit photos, digitize tapes and old movies, and more.

Reserve the Digital Media Lab at [hplibrary.org/reserve](http://hplibrary.org/reserve).

## Head Back To School This Fall With Library U And Learn Something New!

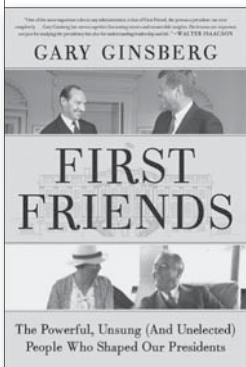


Classes include **mindfulness, canasta, memoir writing, poetry writing, beginning Italian, and beginning and advanced Spanish.**

In-person classes begin in September. Registration begins August 30. For class descriptions and to register, visit [hplibrary.org/libraryu](http://hplibrary.org/libraryu).

Library U is a continuing adult education program made possible by the generous support of the Alvin H. Baum Family Fund.

## Books and Authors Register at [hplibrary.org/events](http://hplibrary.org/events).



### An Evening With Gary Ginsberg

**First Friends: The Powerful, Unsung (And Unelected) People Who Shaped Our Presidents**

**Monday, September 13, 7 PM**

Author Gary Ginsberg's new book, *First Friends*, examines White House history as told through the stories of the

best friends and closest confidants of American presidents such as Lincoln and Joshua Speed, FDR and Daisy Suckley, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, and Bill Clinton and Vernon Jordan. *First Friends* is an engaging look into the lives of Commanders-in-Chief and how their presidencies were shaped by those they held most dear. Join us on Zoom as Ginsberg provides insights into the lives of the men who held the most powerful political office in the world by looking at the friends on whom they relied.

Presented in partnership with multiple Illinois libraries.

### Read With Us! Book Discussions

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

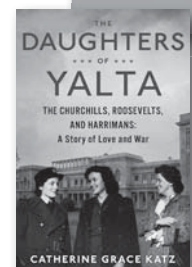
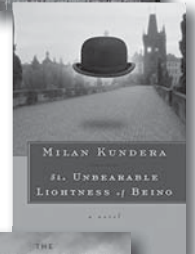
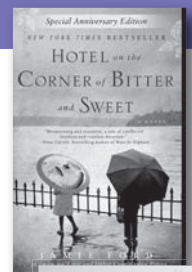
Davis Schneiderman, English Professor at Lake Forest College, leads the discussions.

***Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, by Jamie Ford  
Thursday, September 30, 7 PM**

***The Unbearable Lightness of Being*, by Milan Kundera  
Thursday, October 28, 7 PM**

Judy Levin, noted book discussion leader, leads the discussion.

***The Daughters of Yalta* by Catherine Grace Katz  
Tuesday, October 5, 1 PM**



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**LIBRARY IN YOUR LIVING ROOM** Join us on Zoom. Register at [hplibrary.org/events](http://hplibrary.org/events).

## Gardens of the North Shore

**Wednesday, August 25, 1 PM**

Join avid gardener and preservationist Benjamin Lenhardt for an inside look at some of the area's beautiful private gardens as featured in his book *Gardens of the North Shore of Chicago*. The book features 25 private gardens, interviews with owners, and photos by noted landscape photographer Scott Shigley. A perfect way to close out summer!

Presented in partnership with Glencoe Public Library and Highland Park Public Library.

## Medicare And Your Options

**Tuesday, September 14, 7 PM**

Choosing Medicare coverage can be overwhelming and difficult. Making the right choice will take thoughtful planning. Making the wrong decision can impact your retirement and finances. Mike Altman, Medicare benefit navigator, will discuss how to enroll and the options that are available to those turning 65 as well as for those who are currently covered under Medicare.

## Weiss Financial Ratings

Use your library card to access tools to learn about and protect your finances, invest wisely, and grow your wealth.

Find information on how to become an investor, guides to explain checking accounts, health insurance plans, and renters insurance, along with financial planning tools for Medicare, long term care insurance, and more

Get started at [hplibrary.org/databases](http://hplibrary.org/databases). Select A-Z and click on Weiss Financial Ratings.

# Fun for Kids!

Masks are required for ages 2 and older. Registration required. Register at [hplibrary.org/events](http://hplibrary.org/events)

## Grab & Go Crafts

Pick up craft kits in the Youth Services Department while supplies last. For ages 5 – 10.

### Marshmallow & Toothpick Shapes

**Monday, August 23 – Saturday, August 28.**

### Grab & Go Beaded Pumpkin

**Monday, October 18 – Sunday, October 24.**

## Bad Art Challenge

**Thursday, September 2, 4 – 5 PM. Ages 9 – 14.**

Get creative! Make a drawing, sculpture, collage, necklace, mobile — whatever you want — as long as it's REALLY BAD. We'll take a vote, and the best bad art will win the Bad Trophy. Meet outside, socially distanced on the west lawn. Registration required. Register at [hplibrary.org/events](http://hplibrary.org/events).

## Fall Cookie Decorating

**Wednesday, September 15 3 – 4:30 PM while supplies last. For families.**

Meet in the Youth Services Activity Room and decorate a cookie to celebrate the season. No registration required.

## STORYTIMES

Raise A Reader. Storytime sessions feature activities designed to foster pre-reading skills.

### Outdoor Book Babies

**Fridays, August 20  
September 10, 24  
10 AM and 10:30 AM.**

**For pre-walking babies and their caregivers.**

Babies can enjoy stories, rhymes, and songs in this socially-distanced outdoor storytime. Masks are required for caregivers. Registration required. Register at [hplibrary.org/events](http://hplibrary.org/events).

### Storytime Live!

**Friday, August 27  
10:30 – 11 AM.**

**For preschoolers and siblings.**

Preschoolers and siblings are invited to enjoy stories, songs, and other fun activities that foster pre-reading skills and encourage a love of books. Join us on Zoom for storytime fun in your living room! Registration required. Register at [hplibrary.org/events](http://hplibrary.org/events).

### 2 Books & A Craft

**Thursdays  
September 9, 23  
October 7, 1 – 1:30 PM.**

**For preschoolers and siblings.**

Preschoolers and siblings are invited to enjoy two stories and create a craft. Join us on Zoom. Registration required. Register at [hplibrary.org/events](http://hplibrary.org/events).

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## Business

ENJOY

*highland park*

Home to unique boutiques and shops, exceptional restaurants, vibrant arts and cultural events and so much more, the City of Highland Park is the heart of the North Shore.

The City of Highland Park is excited to introduce #EnjoyHighlandPark, a new campaign to highlight the shopping, dining, and cultural experiences you can't find anywhere but Highland Park.

As part of the campaign, we've launched a new website to make it easier than ever to find new restaurants to try, shops to visit, and events to attend. At [enjoyhighlandpark.com](http://enjoyhighlandpark.com), you'll find new dining and shopping guides, information about special events and more.

Keep up with the campaign by following @enjoyhighlandpark on Instagram.

Explore. Experience. Enjoy Highland Park: [enjoyhighlandpark.com](http://enjoyhighlandpark.com).



## New Businesses

**The Summer Inn**  
1850 Second Street  
847.780.4739  
[thesummerinn.com](http://thesummerinn.com)  
Contemporary American Cuisine

**Carlutz**  
250 Skokie Valley Road  
847.748.0858  
[carlutz.com](http://carlutz.com)  
Used Car Dealer

**Performance in Motion**  
1660 Old Skokie Valley Road  
312.877.5767  
[teampim.com](http://teampim.com)  
Physical Therapy & Performance Training

**Highland Park Yoga**  
1500 Old Deerfield Road  
847.943.7799  
[highlandparkyoga.net](http://highlandparkyoga.net)

*New in Salons by JC*  
229 Skokie Valley Road  
[salonsbyjc.com](http://salonsbyjc.com)

**The Barber Lounge**  
847.877.4784  
Hair Salon

**Maria Redzisz**  
847.244.0357  
Nail Technician

*New in Salon Lofts*  
1831 St. Johns  
[salonlofts.com](http://salonlofts.com)

**Anna Berman**  
414.559.4984  
Hair Salon

**Electric Locks**  
847.687.3833  
Hair Salon



## Beautification Awards

Nominations for the Mayor's Beautification awards, honoring businesses that have made improvements to enhance the visual appeal of their business. Nomination forms must be returned by Sept. 17, and are available at [cityhpil.com/awards](http://cityhpil.com/awards). Nominations may also be returned via postal mail to City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Ave. Call 847.926.1046.

## Business Recognition

New ownership:

Carpet of Highwood  
2699 Waukegan Avenue  
847.266.1400  
[carpetsofhighwood.com](http://carpetsofhighwood.com)  
Carpets, Harwood & Vinyl Flooring