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On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was adopted, stating that "the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

To celebrate 100 years of women's suffrage, here is a photo of Highland Park resident Grandma Brand casting her first ballot during the Nov. 7, 1916 presidential election.

Securing women's right to vote in Illinois was a lengthy fight, beginning in the 1860s and first yielding results in 1891, when women were given the right to vote for school officers. Illinois women like Grandma Brand were able to cast a vote for president and for local officials thanks to the 1913 Illinois Suffrage Act. However, it wasn't until the ratification of the 19th Amendment that women in Illinois obtained full suffrage with the right to vote for state and federal legislators, too.

Steady perseverance characterized the fight for women's suffrage. Honor the legacy of suffragettes by exercising your right to vote this fall. See p2 for information on safely voting by mail in November.





Labor Day Reminder

No refuse or recycling pickup on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day. The refuse and recycling schedule is shifted one day for the entire week.

Diversity & Inclusion

Highland Park is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive community for all who live in, work in and visit our community.

Rescheduled Clean-Up Days

Lakeshore Recycling Systems Clean-Up Days are rescheduled for Saturdays in August. This program is for single-family residential customers only.

Time to Renew Dog Licenses

Renewal applications for 2020-2021 City of Highland Park Dog Licenses will arrive in August.

Highland Park at a Glance





City offices will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day. Residents may call the Public Safety Switchboard at **847.432.7730** if assistance is required.

Refuse and recycling collection will be delayed by one day for the entire week of September 7. Services return to normal on Monday, September 14. For more info, contact Lakeshore Recycling Systems at 773.685.8811 or visit LRSrecycles.com.

How to Request a Ballot

Registered voters wishing to receive a ballot by mail for this year's November 3 General Election may submit their request to the Lake County Clerk's Office at www.lakecountyil.gov/351/voter-power-for-registered-voters or call 847.377.VOTE (8683). All ballot by mail requests must be received by the Lake County Clerk's Office no later than 5PM on October 29, 2020. Ballots will be mailed beginning September 24.



LRS Cleanup Days Rescheduled

In partnership with Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS), the City has rescheduled the annual Spring Cleanup days, which were canceled earlier this year due to COVID-19. The new schedule, for single-family residential refuse customers only is listed below:

For Single Family Residences Only:		
<u>Area</u>	Collection Day	Spring Clean-Up Day
SE	Monday	Saturday, August 8
SW	Tuesday	Saturday, August 15
NE	Thursday	Saturday, August 22
NW	Friday	Saturday, August 29

LRS will not be taking the following items:

- More than 1 cubic yard of Construction material
- White Goods (refrigerators, stoves, etc.)
- Electronic waste
- · Yard waste

To request removal of an appliance or white good, please contact a LRS Service Representative at 773.685.8811 or info@lrsrecycles.com to schedule service. A charge of \$40.00 per item will be charged. Learn more at cityhpil.com/cleanup.



Aaa Bond Stable Outlook

Moody's Investors Service has assigned a Aaa rating to the City of Highland Park's General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020, and reaffirmed a Aaa rating on the City's outstanding general obligation debt with a stable outlook. The City of Highland Park's Aaa credit rating is the highest credit rating that can be earned by an organization, and is a strong indicator of sound financial management. The City has consistently maintained a Aaa bond rating for over 20 years.

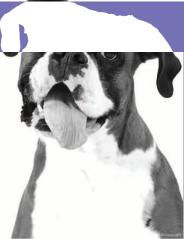
The Aaa stable rating ensures that the City is eligible for the lowest possible interest rates on its debt. This will reduce the overall cost of projects and afford the City the flexibility to allocate resources to additional capital projects or service enhancements. Learn more at **cityhpil.com/Aaa**.



Woof! Time to Renew Dog Licenses

Watch your mailbox! Renewal applications for 2020-2021 City of Highland Park Dog Licenses will arrive in August. Renewal fees for the 2020-2021 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 or by mail.

Once City Hall opens to the public, renewals can occur 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. For information, please contact the Finance Department at 847.432.0800 or finance@cityhpil.com.





Staying the Course for the Community's Health

Many R. Mary
- Mayor Nancy R. Rotering

Since the onset of COVID-19, our daily lives have changed profoundly. However, our resilience, compassion, and perseverance have not. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard, sacrificing to protect the public's health, and showing Highland Park's true caring character during this difficult time.

Unfortunately, this pandemic has no end in sight until a vaccine or impactful treatment is discovered. As the number of cases throughout the nation continues to increase, COVID-19 continues to impact our lives and livelihoods, posing tremendous health challenges

everyone. Although we are in Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan, which allows businesses to open and a broad range of activities to take place, open does not mean over. The contagiousness and detrimental impact of the virus has not diminished whatsoever since the very first Stay-at-Home order was put in place.

We strongly urge residents and businesses to continue to take the necessary steps to keep everyone safe. We all must continue to wear face coverings and practice physical distancing. Every effort may impact a life.

The City continues to receives data and guidance from the Lake County Health Department and the Illinois Department of Public Health. If you are not signed up for the City's eNews, please visit www. cityhpil.com/signup. The provides important public information from the City and our government partners.

Thank you for your continued participation, patience, and strength. Please stay the course - if not for yourself, then for your neighbor, your friend or someone vou love.

COVID-19 Resources: cityhpil.com/covid-19

Call 4 Calm

free emotional support text line, Text "TALK" to 552020

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Informed www.cityhpil.com/signup

www.facebook.com/HighlandParkIL



@CityHPIL



www.youtube.com/user/CityHPIL







Diversity & Inclusion

The City is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive community for all who live in, work in, and visit Highland Park. Following the death of George Floyd, Mayor Rotering, City Council, and City staff reaffirmed Highland Park's Statement Against Hate, emphasizing our shared values and support for a just and equitable society.

To that end, City staff prepared a comprehensive review of the City's internal and external diversity, inclusion, and community engagement initiatives. This information is now available in a new, easily accessible section on the website at www.cityhpil. com/diversity. In addition, the Highland Park Police Department has made available its written directive system of General Orders, which set forth standards, values, and expectations of the Police Department at www.cityhpil.com/pd-orders.

Our Community



Regional Flood Mitigation Meeting - October 21 at 7PM

Given the intensity and frequency of storms impacting the area, the City and communities on the Skokie and Middle Fork Rivers have been meeting to address flood mitigation solutions. The next meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, October 21 at 7 PM. City and representatives from Lake County Stormwater Management, Army Corps of Engineers and others will update on efforts to mitigate ongoing flooding concerns in Lake County and Highland Park. RSVP to attend at cityhp@cityhpil.com or call 847. 926.1006.

112 Education Foundation Update

Thank you to the community members who upgraded their City vehicle stickers to support the 112 Education Foundation. Unfortunately, the discontinuation of vehicle stickers means that the Foundation's primary source of funding has been eliminated. This loss of critical revenue puts our mission at risk; therefore, we turn to you with an urgent request for support. Your generous donation allows the 112 Education Foundation to fund our signature programs, including the Robot Revolution robotics, Reel 112 Film Festival, our Foundation Grant, and the Author Visits. Our students and educators need additional resources to creatively meet the challenges of an altered learning environment. Help us continue to deliver high-impact programs. To donate, visit 112foundation.org/donate/.



Backflow Device Reminder and Shutting Down Sprinklers

The City is committed to providing the highest quality drinking water. We need residents' help in preventing cross contamination. Drinking water normally flows in one direction, from the meter to the house. Under certain circumstances, it can flow in the opposite direction or "backflow." Lawn irrigation systems (*sprinklers*) are required to include a backflow prevention device prior to connection to the drinking water system. Chemicals, animal waste, and bacteria can potentially enter the drinking water supply unless the irrigation system is protected by an approved backflow prevention device.

Prior to shutting down lawn irrigation systems for the winter season, please ensure the system is drained completely and the backflow prevention device is properly stored to prevent system damage from freezing temperatures. Visit www.cityhpil.com/backflow or contact the Public Works Department, Water Production Division staff at 847.433.4355.

:౧్ర: Electronics & Foam Recycling Center

The City and Solid Waste Agency of Lake County drop-off Electronics and Foam Recycling Center (EFRC) is located at 1180 Half Day Road and is open year-round on Tuesdays and the first Saturday of each month, from 7 AM to 1 PM (closed on holidays).

The EFRC accepts electronic items free of packaging material, #6 foam, unbroken fluorescent light bulbs and rechargeable batteries. Clothing and textile recycling is available in self-service collection bins located near the EFRC and at the Central Metra Train Station. EFRC accepts residential electronic items only; no commercial, institutional or governmental electronics items. The EFRC also participates in Reuse-A-Shoe program. Shoes should be tied together or paired with a rubber band. All types of shoes accepted except for rollerblades, ice skates and winter boots.

COVID-19 Safety Measures: New safety protocols at EFRC keep residents and City employees safe. Staff will have face coverings, gloves or sanitize hands regularly to protect themselves. Residents must place materials to be recycled in the hatchback or trunk area of the vehicle. Small loose electronics and small clean foam containers must be placed in a bag. Residents should unlock/open the trunk from the inside of the vehicle and staff will unload the materials. Residents are to remain in their vehicles with the windows rolled up. If you don't have remote access to open the rear gate of your vehicle, you will need to wear a face covering, exit and manually open the rear access. You can then re-enter your vehicle and the staff will unload and close the rear gate. To speak with staff, you must wear a face covering.

As a reminder, Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) allows one large electronic waste item to be placed curbside on the customer's first pickup of each month at no additional charge. Items over 50 pounds will incur additional fees. Please call LRS at 773.685.8811 for pick-up or additional information. For complete COVID-19 safety protocols, full listing of accepted items at EFRC, and other pertinent information, visit www.cityhpil.com/recyclingcenter or call 847.432.0807.

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Highlander Issued Bimonthly

The *Highlander* will begin publishing on a bimontly schedule beginning with this issue. The next issue of the Highlander will be the October/November issue. For more information about the economic impact of COVID-19, please visit **www.cityhpil.com/restorehp**.



Candidate Petitions

The Lake County Clerk's Office issues candidate petition packets for City Council positions. These will be available for residents after August 26 by contacting the City Manager's Office at **847.926.1000**. The petitioner filing period will be from November 16 at 8AM through November 23 by 5PM.

Community Calendar

Outdoor Events

Observe all COVID-19 Protocols

- Face coverings required for all visitors over 2 years of age
- Maintain a 6' distance from any others outside your group
- Only one visitor/family/friend group per art booth viewing at a time. Wait for a vendor's invitation before entering a booth
- No-contact purchasing with a credit card or a cashless pay system
- Follow the one way walking path (no backtracking)
- Please leave pets at home
- · Stay home if you are feeling ill
- Stay home if you have been exposed to or are experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19
- Stay home if you are awaiting a test or test results for COVID-19
- Stay home if you are under any quarantine due to local travel guidance

The Art Center of Highland Park Voices & Visions: Standing on the Bridge of Health and Disease

August 14 - September 26 Outdoor Artists' Reception on Friday, September 11, 5:30PM TheArtCenterHP.org

The 7th biennial exhibit expresses how cancer can be a metaphor both literally and symbolically. Selected artists are survivors, previvors, caregivers or have been touched by cancer whose works help us find meaning and context how pain and suffering can lead to empowerment and healing.

Ravinia Neighbors Association Presents Ravinia Farmers Market

Priority Shopping Hours: 7 - 8AM General Public Hours: 8AM - 1PM Wednesdays, now thru Oct. 28

Jens Jensen Park and Dean Avenue between Roger Williams and St. Johns Open rain or shine

RFM Manager Ed Kugler, 847.561.1302
RaviniaFarmersMarket.org

The Ravinia Farmers Market includes up to 20 vendors offering fresh produce, meat, cheese, bakery goods, flowers and more.

Amdur Productions Presents Port Clinton Art Walk

Sat. & Sun., August 29 - 30
Priority Shopping Hours: 9 - 10AM
General Public Hours: 10AM - 6PM
East METRA Parking Lot

Free timed 1-hour reservations available on EventBrite.

info@amdurproductions.com 847.926.4300

The 37th Annual Port Clinton Art Festival returns as an artful, mindful and socially-distanced art walk featuring a smaller carefully curated group of artists. Throughout the weekend, art enthusiasts will enjoy the opportunity to purchase unique works of art by master artists from across the country. RESERVE YOUR TIME SLOT FOR THE FEST. Due to congregating regulations, attendees will need to sign up for a one-hour time slot to visit this year's Fest.

Virtual Events

How Corn Changed & Then Changed Everything Else

Thursday, August 20, 7PM

Nurtured by early farmers in the Oaxaca region, this grain transformed the Americas even before First Contact. For newcomers in North America, it rescued early settlers, created the Midwest and built the world we know.

Sinking of the Lady Elgin

Tuesday, September 8, 12 Noon

In recognition of 160th anniversary of the greatest loss of life on the Great Lakes, a reading of Port Clinton Lighthouse keeper's daughter Miss Julia Monahan's account of the sinking of the *Lady Elgin*.

An Illinois Disaster

Wednesday, September 9, 7PM

The 1909 Coal Mine Fire in Cherry: How a blaze 320 ft. below ground trapped hundreds of miners and brought Chicago firefighters from 100 miles away to help.

All Highland Park Historical Society events are virtual. Register in advance to **Archives@highlandParkHistory.**org receive the program's Zoom link.

Highland Park Poetry Seeking Submissions: Trees

September 1st Deadline

Poets of all ages are invited to share poems about trees for the Fall/Winter Muses' Gallery. Visit www.HighlandPark-Poetry.org for details.

Affordable Housing Information

Tuesday, September 15, 6PM Tuesday, October 6, 6PM

Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH)

400 Central Avenue, Suite 111

847.263.7478 ext. 10 / CPAHousing.org

All staff available by phone and email. Classes and info sessions via Zoom while CPAH's offices closed. Register at www.cpahousing.org/class-registration/ or call above. Meetings will be offered by Zoom as needed. Registration required in order to provide Zoom information.

East on Central Publication

Tuesday, October 13

The East on Central Association presents the annually published *East on Central:* A Journal of Arts and Letters, volume 19, at a virtual publication party. More information available at www.eastoncentral.org after September 1, 2020.

Highland Park Strings

Although the immediate future is unclear, the Highland Park Strings has planned its 42nd Season with FREE concerts scheduled for **October 18**, **December 6**, and **May 9** at Highland Park High School and the Gala Benefit at Ravinia on **February 14**. The mission of the Strings remains the same--to provide free community concerts, where families and residents of Highland Park can gather together for an afternoon of musical enjoyment. Stay tuned.

Face coverings show care and respect for others and *are required* when 6' distance is not possible



2020 Capital Improvement Program Update

The City's Annual Capital Improvement Program (CIP), part of its core mission of infrastructure investment, includes improvement projects prioritized annually based on life safety consideration, functional deficiencies, age of infrastructure, and reducing long-term expensive replacements. Due to the COVID-19 situation, the asphalt streets rehabilitation, concrete streets and sidewalk removal and replacement programs have been suspended until further notice.

2020 Construction Projects

- Taylor Ave/Perennial Ln Storm Sewer Improvement Project o All major phases of construction are complete o Parkway restoration with sod is postponed until Sept.
- Ivy Lane Storm Sewer and Water Main Upgrade Project o Construction of the new water main is complete. o New storm sewers should be completed by September.
 - o Construction of the new pavement will begin in August.
 - o Parkway restoration with sod is postponed until Sept.
- Ryders Lane/Berkeley Road Water Main Project o All phases scheduled for August completion.

- o Parkway restoration with sod is postponed until Sept.
- Sanitary and Storm Sewer Main Lining Program Completed
- Hydrant Painting Scheduled for November completion.
- Hydrant Flushing Program Completed in July.
- Tree Removal & Planting Program December completion.

Within City limits, the Illinois Department of Transportation is performing work at the bridge on Sheridan Road, between County Line Road and S. Deere Park Drive and on Lake-Cook Road over U.S. 41. These projects are scheduled for completion this fall.

Within City limits, the Cook County Department of Transportation is performing work at the bridge on Lake-Cook Road over the Middle Fork.

Regular updates on 2020 public infrastructure CIP projects and future projects are posted on City's Construction Projects interactive map at www.cityhpil.com/construction. For additional details on the City's construction projects, contact the Department of Public Works at 847.432.0807.



August is National Water Quality Month

Water quality begins with our drinking water source: rivers, lakes, and ground water. It's important to protect our drinking water supplies and keep our water sources and waterways clean. Protecting drinking water is everyone's responsibility.

For more information, please visit http://www.cityhpil.com/watertreatment. For additional information on City's water supply, please contact the Department of Public Works Water Production Division at 847.433.4355.

Moraine Township

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Moraine Township 2020 Property Tax Assessment Notices Mailed August 6

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Moraine Township office is not open to the public at this time, but staff is available for remote assistance at **847.432.2100**.

On August 6, Assessment Notices (or the "Blue Letter") will be mailed to Moraine Township property owners and published in the Highland Park News. Property owners who do not agree with the Assessor's valuation of their property may appeal their assessment with the Lake County Board of Review. By state statute, you have only thirty days from the date of publication to file an appeal. The final date on which an objection to your 2020 Property Assessment is September 8; appeals must be filed online at https://www. lakecountyil.gov/551/Online-Appeal-Filing.

Many people wait until they receive their property tax bill to try to challenge the assessment; unfortunately, that is too late. The Moraine Township Assessment office, or the County website, should be your first stop in understanding your 2020 assessment. Please call **847.432.2100**.

Moraine Township Assessor's staff is available to help residents understand their assessment, answer questions on exemptions, and needed resources to evaluate their assessment and decide whether or not to file an appeal. There may be circumstances where the record is not accurate and, if warranted, Moraine Township's Assessor may be able to make a change to your assessment without further appeal.

Apply online for property tax exemptions you may be eligible for:

https://www.lakecountyil.gov/575/ Property-Tax-Exemptions

- •Homestead Exemption: If your property is your primary residence, be sure your Blue Card reflects a reduction for the Homestead Exemption.
- •Senior Homestead Exemption: Turning 65? Homeowners turning 65 need to make sure they file for the senior homestead exemption.
- •Senior Assessment Freeze: If your modified adjusted gross income is less than \$65,000, and you do not have a current assessment freeze, please call the Assessor's office **847.432.2100** to see if you are eligible.

Highland Park Senior Center

Serving Seniors ages 50 and better 54 Laurel Avenue 847.432.4110

The Highland Park Senior Center provides education, recreation, enrichment and support services targeting a population from 50 years of age and older. While the Senior Center is currently closed due to COVID-19, staff is committed to offering high-quality, virtual activities throughout these unprecedented times. The list below outlines a partial listing of Zoom programs available to members of the Highland Park Senior Center, planned for August, September and October.

Please call 847.432.4110 to join the Center or for program details and Zoom links.

LIVE IN CONCERT Friday, August 21, 1:30 – 2:30 PM

Join vocalist and pianist Andrew Blendermann for a live concert featuring well-known and well-loved music. Sponsored by Aperion Care

MONDAY SPEAKER SERIES 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, 1:30 – 2:30 PM

Enjoy Zoom presentations by engaging speakers covering a variety of different topics.

Sponsored by Whitehall of Deerfield

BINGO 1st Tuesday of the month, 1:30 – 2:30 PM

Calling all Bingo lovers! Enjoy an afternoon of virtual fun, friends and an exciting chance to win Senior Center gift certificates! Sponsored by Aperion Care

BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION Last Monday of the month, 1:30 – 2:30 PM

Professional facilitator Alice Moody leads an engaging and topical monthly discussion. Explore notions of theme, style, tone and perspective, and connect the reading with your own personal experiences.

COFFEE TALK Wednesday, August 19, 10 – 11 AM

Grab a cup of coffee or tea and join other members for a time to socialize and chat about life!

NEWS & VIEWS Fridays, 10 – 11:30 AM

Senior Center members gather virtually for a lively, intellectual discussion on worldwide, nationwide and local current events.

BEGINNING BRIDGE Tuesdays, 10 AM – 12 PM **INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE** Mondays, 10 AM – 12 PM

Volunteer instructor David Nehmadi, ACBL Certified Best Practices Teacher, teaches Bridge. Beginners will learn from square one, while intermediate players will review skills to help players brush up on their game.

BEGINNING SPANISH Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:30 AM **CONTINUING SPANISH** Thursdays, 11 AM – 12 PM

Certified Spanish teacher Leslie Fenster teaches students the fundamentals of Spanish, in a fun and supportive environment. Learning a new language is a great way to spend time exercising your brain while social distancing!

North Shore School District 112

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SCHOOL DISTRICT 112 REOPENING OF SCHOOLS PLAN

North Shore School District 112 is dedicated to ensuring our students and staff return safely in-person to school for the 2020-2021 school year to the degree possible in light of the state department of education and health guidelines. In-person learning will look different than what we are used to as we are currently recommending a hybrid learning model consisting of two shifts of students, morning and afternoon, to allow us to implement risk mitigation of COVID-19 with a smaller population in school at one time.

We will focus on providing an environment that is caring, supportive, and compassionate, with the understanding that the health and wellbeing of our students, staff, and community is our highest priority. September 3, 2020, is set to be the first day of school for students. However, our plan of reopening in person may change due to the metrics and science surrounding community spread of COVID-19. If we need to switch to the Full Remote Model, the District will announce this decision in mid-August. We ask that the public please help us open the schools by doing your part by continuing to wear face masks and practice social distancing. The positive test rate for our region of Illinois jumped from 3.4% to 5.3% from July 15 to July 27. We must band together to get these numbers down.

The District has created a Reopening of Schools Plan that outlines the comprehensive approach to launching the 2020-2021 school year in these unprecedented times.

READ THE REOPENING OF SCHOOLS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY BY SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW OR VISITING www.nssd112.org/summary



Township High School District 113

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As the Highland Park community is receiving this issue of the *Highlander*, District 113 has begun returning to school for the 2020-21 year. People who work in education always look forward to the first day of school. There is nothing like the first day of school because everyone is excited to be back and everything seems possible. This school year, however, is beginning unlike any other in our lifetimes, and the beginning of the year is just the beginning of what will almost certainly be an extraordinary year.

The Board of Education voted July 27 to begin the year in remote learning and continue in remote learning at least until the end of the first quarter, October 20. Safety is always the top priority in school, and in the middle of a pandemic, beginning the instructional year remotely was the safest option for all of our students and staff. The only thing we know for sure about the conditions caused by the pandemic is that they will change, and we will monitor these pandemic conditions and discuss with the Board September 14 whether we are able to transition to an onsite rotation of no more than 50 percent of students and staff.

In high school students are preparing for their individual ideal futures. Students have individual interests that turn into course selections that then create individual schedules for over 3,400 students. That means we have thousands of students and staff moving through the building all day long. With the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health telling us to follow social distancing guidelines of six feet even while wearing face coverings, 50 percent of students is the maximum number of students we can have on campus at any one time. We are working classroom by classroom to calculate a more precise number. Even if we are able to transition to an onsite rotation of students, holding school like this will be very different than it was before the pandemic.

While we are in remote learning, our aspiration is to offer onsite services, which was also part of the plan the Board approved. What do I mean by services? We're using the term services to describe just about everything other than classroom instruction. Services could be athletics, activities, tutoring, counseling, testing, special education services. By bringing in smaller, discrete groups of students to designated spaces on campus, we can more easily practice social distancing while still providing the social interaction that students crave from school. We are working to build the services we can offer, which requires considering both the ever evolving health conditions and matching services to staff who can provide them.

Looking ahead, our returning students will notice a profound change from their experience of remote learning in the spring, when remote learning was an emergency response to a global pandemic. We learned a lot from last spring and from summer school, and our teachers began working at the end of last school year and have been working all summer to put into place changes for remote learning. Remote learning this year will offer more synchronous learning opportunities, require regular attendance and pre-pandemic grading standards will apply. Additional supports have been put in place to address learning gaps from the spring, to provide more resources for social emotional well-being, and to help students and families who suffered financially as a result of COVID-19.

We will continue to stay agile, adapting to the guidance we receive from the Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and Governor Pritzker. We will continue to collaborate with our government partners in Highland Park and Deerfield as this community response to the COVID-19 pandemic continues. In our schools, we will follow all the guidelines to protect students and staff, but the decisions made in the community will impact what happens in school. Wear a face covering. Maintain social distancing.

People who work in schools are among the most resilient, magnanimous people I know, and despite the difficulties of changing how we deliver instruction, we are ready to go and, just like every school year, we are excited to welcome students back.

Bruce Law, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

Park District of Highland Park

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AUGUST

Program Registration Going on now!

FILL YOUR DAYS WITH SUNSHINE AND FUN IN AUGUST!

Enjoy our new in-person programs for the whole family including athletics, tennis, nature, fitness, childhood enrichment, gymnastics, and performing arts! Also included are virtual theater program options.

Make the most of summertime fun with your park district!

VIEW THE BROCHURE AT PDHP.ORG



September-November

Registration Going on Now at pdhp.org



Need Financial Assistance?

Programs listed in our brochures have a nominal fee intended to cover some of our costs to deliver these programs. However, we do not want any fee to be a deterrent to your or your family members from participating.

If you are a Highland Park resident experiencing financial hardship, please email **scholarships@pdhp.org** to speak with our staff about available scholarship opportunities. All scholarships and inquiries regarding financial aid are completely confidential.



About Us

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

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Park District of Highland Park

BEACH ACCESS AND GUIDELINES

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Highland Park is one of the few communities in the area that is providing access to public beaches during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Park District has instituted policies, safety guidelines and protocols to allow this recreational access for the well-being of our community.

Park ambassadors are onsite at Rosewood Beach, Millard Beach and Park Avenue North Beach to monitor beach activities, enforce parking, policies, and ordinances. Patrons are required to practice social distancing and safety measures.

When visiting our beaches please be respectful of our neighbors and private property lines. The boundaries of the Park District of Highland Park property are clearly marked at all our public beaches. It is unlawful to go beyond those boundaries.

We ask that you review the information below before visiting our beaches. Your cooperation and understanding will ensure we can continue to safely keep our beaches open for the remainder of the season.

ROSEWOOD BEACH

Beach Access: Residents and Non-residents are permitted.

- Residents Residents receive free access. Resident ID or beach wristband is required to access beach. Children 4 and under may access beach with a resident parent. Residents who do not have an ID can visit the Recreation Center of Highland Beach Hours: Dawn to Dusk Park and receive a free beach wristband for the summer. This wristband should be worn to the beach to receive access at Rosewood and Millard Beaches. Proper identification from a parent is required to receive the wristband.
- Resident Guests Non-resident guests are allowed access as long as they are accompanied by a resident and have a Resident Guest Beach Pass. Residents with non-resident guests must park at the upper parking lot and purchase a Resident Guest Beach Pass at the auto-attendant (located at upper Rosewood by the stairs) for a \$10 fee.
- Non-residents Must have a seasonal beach pass for entry. Please note: Non-resident beach passes are no longer for sale.

Capacity: 275 people (beach access will be closed when at capacity. Before heading to the beach, check our online Rainout Line at pdhp.org for capacity and water condition status.

Regular Swimming Season:

Runs through August 16

Post-Season Swimming:

Weekends and Labor Day only from August 17 - September 7.

Guarded Swimming Hours:

Daily 10am - 6pm

Lap Swimming: 7am-10am in the swimming cove only. Water access during these times is for lap swimming only.

Recreational Water Access and Swimming: 10am - 6pm

Parking: 7am – 9pm (gates close promptly

- Lower Parking Lot Resident parking
- Upper Parking Lot Residents parking only before noon, and then available to both Residents and Non-residents after noon. Non-residents must pay an hourly fee to park in the upper lot, or purchase a lakefront parking decal. For additional Non-resident parking information, visit pdhp.org. Please Note: Non-resident parking is not allowed at lakefront lots on holidays.

For additional information on Rosewood Beach and our FAQ, visit pdhp.org

MILLARD BEACH

Beach Access: Resident only. A Resident ID or beach wristband is required to access beach. Children 4 and under may access beach with a resident parent. Residents who do not have an ID can visit the Recreation Center of Highland Park and receive a free beach wristband for the summer. This wristband should be worn to the beach to receive access at Rosewood and Millard Beaches. Proper identification from a parent is required to receive the wristband. Non-residents guests may access beach only when accompanied by a Resident.

- Capacity: 75 people (beach access will be closed when at capacity). Before heading to the beach, check our online Rainout Line at pdhp.org for capacity and water condition status.
- Swimming: This is a no swimming beach. Wading up to your waist is permitted when a beach staff member is present, and the water is safe.
- Parking: The parking lot is closed to both Residents and Non-residents.

PARK AVE. NORTH BEACH

Beach Access: Residents and Non-residents are permitted. No ID required.

Capacity: 100 people (beach access will be closed when at capacity. Before heading to the beach, check our Rainout Line for capacity and water condition status.

Swimming: This is a no swimming beach. Wading up to your waist is permitted only when a beach staff member is present, and the water is safe. The parking lot is free for Residents. Non Residents can purchase a seasonal parking decal.

MORAINE BEACH

This is a dog beach. Currently this beach is closed for safety reasons, due to the path experiencing significant erosion

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SUNSET WOODS PLAYGROUND RENOVATION AND MASTER PLAN KICK-OFF



The Park District Board of Commissioners approved design services to renovate the Sunset Woods Park's iconic Rocket Ship playground and Titanic Tides tot lot located on the western edge of the park. The Park District is committed to taking care of park properties and is now proceeding with the design phase of replacing the playground equipment, which is approaching its useful life. The planning project kicks-off this summer.

Sunset Woods Park serves as Highland Park's central park, offering active and passive recreation, gathering areas, and connections to the downtown. The Park Board is also taking advantage of playground design services by approving design services to develop a site master plan for the entire park. This plan will ensure that the playground renovation fits into a modern vision of Sunset Woods Park for the whole community to enjoy. This site master plan was a recommendation in the Park District's GreenPrint 2024 comprehensive plan.

Construction of the new playground and tot lot is anticipated to occur in 2021. All other park improvements identified in the Sunset Park master plan will be considered for future years.

In keeping with our community engagement tradition, an essential aspect of the Sunset Woods project planning process will be a collaboration with residents. Over the next few months, community members will have a variety of opportunities to provide their input on the playground design and the vision for Sunset Woods. In keeping with COVID-19 DCEO guidelines, online, virtual, and in-person engagement opportunities will be available to all residents.

As the project progresses, updates and ways to participate will be posted to a Sunset Woods Park project page at pdhp.org



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MARK NOONAN



Open Senior Division
JOHN VERNASCO



Women Division
RIMA BAKAITIS

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New Fall Books

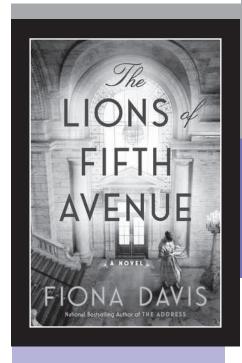
Here's what our librarians are looking forward to reading and recommending this fall:

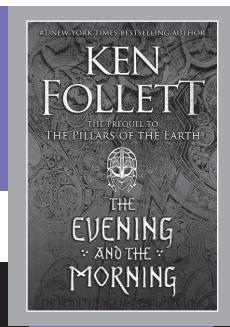
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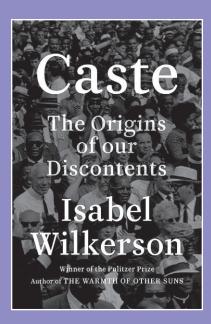
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Caste: The Origins of our Discontents, by Isabel Wilkerson

The Lions of Fifth Avenue by Fiona Davis



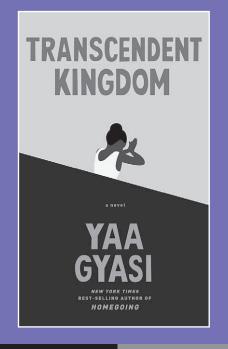




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Receive news of new fall titles each week in September and October, one of the big publishing seasons, along with occasional emails throughout the year.

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Looking for more new books? Join us for the annual Fall Book Buzz!

Wednesday September 9, 7 PM

For readers who like to be in the know. Representatives from Penguin and Workman publishers along with librarians will highlight new and upcoming titles. Find out what to read this fall!

Register at hplibrary.org/events.

For more reading suggestions, try Perfect Picks!

Receive a curated list of book, film, or TV titles. Fill out the online form and we will email you a customized list of titles suggested by our librarians. Visit *hplibrary.org* and scroll down to Perfect Picks to get started.

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Our series of virtual programs continues. Join us from home!

LIBRARY IN YOUR LIVING ROOM

JUSTFORKIDS

Outdoor Movie Friday, August 21 6:30 – 8 PM For families.

Join us for a socially-distanced showing of a fun family movie.
Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, and bug spray to our parking lot-turned movie theater! Visit hplibrary.org/events for the movie title.

Virtual Escape Room Beginning Monday September 14. Ages 9 – 14.

Escape the room without leaving *your* room! Use your brain to solve the puzzles in this virtual adventure. Play whenever you want! The link to the escape room will be available beginning Monday, September 14 at *hplibrary.org/events*.

Huichol Yarn Art Monday, October 12, 2 – 3 PM Ages 7 and older.

Craft with us on Zoom! Pick up the supplies at the Library and meet with fellow artists on Zoom! We'll give instructions in English and Spanish. Bring your own pencil and glue!

iCrea con nosotros en Zoom!
Recoga los suministros en la
biblioteca. Después, ise reune
con otros artistes! Vamos a
dar instrucciones en español y
inglés. iTraiga su propio lápiz y
pegamiento! Se requiere registrarse.
Se registra en hplibrary.org/events.

Register at hplibrary.org/events.

Registration is required for all scheduled discussions and events.

Raising Antiracist Children Wednesday, August 26, 7 PM

Join racial healing facilitators Sarah Dennis and Yvonnie DuBose for a discussion on race, racism, and parenting via Zoom.

For parents and caregivers eager to learn practical tools to go beyond "colorblindness" in talking to their children about race. Librarians will provide information about books on the topic.

Gorgeous Garlic Grown @ Home Workshop Wednesday September 9, 7 PM

Marissa Hopkins, local kitchen gardener, will show you how to expand your garlic repertoire by growing your own. Learn about the variety of flavors, and how to buy, plant, harvest, and store garlic.

Hollywood in HP

Use our map and take a self-guided tour of movie locations in Highland Park. Click on the pinpoints on the map for the movie locations and information about the films. Get started at hplibrary.org/HollywoodFilmsHP.

Inside The First Folio Sunday, October 11, 2 PM

The First Folio was compiled by John Heminges and Henry Condell, two of Shakespeare's fellow actors. Without it, we would not have half of Shakespeare's plays. Peter Garino, artistic director of The Shakespeare Project of Chicago, discusses the First Folio, its importance to our knowledge and understanding of Shakespeare, and how the Folio is used by actors to craft their performances. For Shakespeare aficionados or those who wish to broaden their understanding of Shakespeare. Join us via Zoom.

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Fall Virtual Book Discussions Join us on Zoom for book discussions. Sponsored by the Friends of the Highland Park Public Library.



Noted book discussion leader Judy Levin leads the discussions.

Disappearing Earth by Julia Phillips Tuesday, September 8, 1 PM



Maybe You Should Talk to Someone by Lori Gottlieb Tuesday, October 13, 1 PM

The Dutch House by Ann Patchett Monday, November 9 1 PM

Librarians lead the discussion.

The Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller Friday, September 11, 2 PM



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

The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander Wednesday, October 14, 7 PM

Fleishman Is in Trouble by Taffy Brodesser-Akner Thursday, November 12, 7 PM



On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous, by Ocean Vuong Monday December 7 7 p.m.







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New Businesses

Children's Theatre Co.

Performing Arts School

462 Central Ave 847.997.1317 thechildrenstheatreco.com

Gallery Five

610 Central Ave, #160 224.754.2690 galleryfive.art Art Gallery

Lincoln & Mendota

1306 Old Skokie Road

847.444.9484

Groceries, Liquor & Prepackaged foods

New Journey Physical Therapy

1770 First Street, #400 224.707.0765 newjourneypt.com

Studio Spin 332 Skokie Valley Rd, #103

888.232.5355

Studiospin.com

Spin, Boxing & Yoga Studio

DK Barbershop - New at Salon Lofts

224.508.7693 1831 St. Johns Ave

Larry's Barber Shop

1815 St. Johns Ave 847.748.8668

NS Barbers

2090 Skokie Valley Rd 847.777.0274 nsbarbershop.com

Oomph -New at Salon Lofts

847.322.9915 1831 St. Johns Ave

Yana's Barber Shop

463 Roger Williams Ave 847.322.9863

yanabarber.com



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