



Happy Holidays!

Holiday Reminders

City Offices will close Friday, December 24; Friday, December 31; and Monday, January 17 in honor of Christmas, New Year's and MLK Day respectively.

There are no changes to refuse and recycling collection.

New Sharps Disposal Program

The City now offers Highland Park residents a Sharps Disposal Program. Stop in to City Hall to pick up your sharps disposal container, then return when full.

Holiday Fire Safety Tips

Keep your family safe this holiday season with these tips for fire prevention and safe decorating.

Special Feature: 2021-2022 Ice & Snow Plan and Snow Removal Guidelines

Highland Park at a Glance



December & January Holiday Reminders

The Mayor, City Council, and staff wish all Highland Park residents and businesses a very happy and safe holiday season. City offices will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24, Friday, Dec. 31 and Monday, Jan. 17, in observance of Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, respectively. Residents may call the non-emergency public safety line at **847.432.7730** if assistance is required.

Since Christmas and New Year fall on Saturdays, there is no holiday schedule change. All refuse and recycling pickups follow the normal weekly schedule. For questions, contact Lakeshore Recycling Systems at **773.685.8811** or visit LRSrecycles.com.



Holiday Tree Disposal/Recycling

Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) will collect, transport, and dispose of holiday trees left curbside and free of decorations by all customers on their primary collection day, January 3 through January 25. A sticker is not required. Contact LRS at **773.685.8811** with questions.

Residents may also drop-off trees free of decorations, wires or any other materials for recycling by the Park District through January 23. Drop-off locations are in posted areas of parking lots at Larry Fink Park, 1377 Deer Creek Parkway, and Danny Cuniff Park, 2700 Trailway. Park District crews chip the trees for use as mulch. Residents are welcome to use the mulch for their own gardens and landscapes. Contact Dan Voss, Director of Parks, at **847.579.3130** or dvoss@pdhp.org with questions.



Volunteer Snow Shoveling for Low-Income Elderly & Disabled

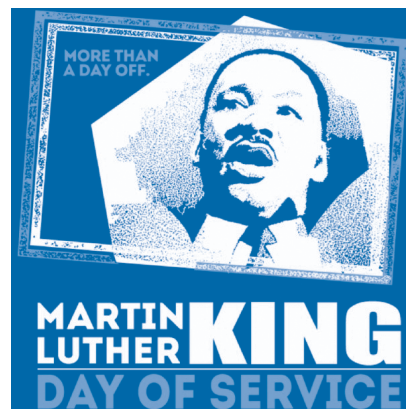
The City offers a volunteer snow shoveling program to serve low-income elderly and disabled residents. Income-qualified individuals requesting assistance may register in advance by calling Jennifer Aiello at **847.432.4110**. After a snowfall of 2 inches or more, registered individuals may request assistance with shoveling the home's driveway and walkway; every effort will be made to secure and dispatch a volunteer team to assist within 48 hours. The homeowner is responsible for providing shovels, ice-melting materials, etc. Volunteers and recipients will be required to complete City liability waivers. Contact Jennifer Aiello, Social Services Coordinator at **847.432.4110** or jaiello@cityhpil.com.



Martin Luther King Day of Service: January 17, 2021

Join together with the community on Monday, January 17, 2022, for the 13th Annual Martin Luther King Day of Service. This federal holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is a perfect opportunity for Americans to pay tribute to Dr. King's legacy through service. In light of the Governor's extension of the COVID-19 executive order, and with an abundance of caution, the 2022 event will be held virtually. Featuring keynote presentations streamed via Zoom, online opportunities including video presentations, create at-home service projects, a Martin Luther King Jr. trivia quiz, as well as in-person donation collection drop-offs, there will be plenty of opportunities for all community members to engage. The event is presented by the City of Highland Park's Human Relations Advisory Group and the Park District of Highland Park.

For full details, please visit www.cityhpil.com/mlk or email Laura Frey at lfrey@citypil.com.



Warming Centers

Warming centers operate on an ad hoc basis to assist residents during emergencies such as power outages. Face coverings are required for all over the age of two, and individuals should follow all other COVID-19 regulations. Please do not visit a warming center if you have COVID-19 symptoms, have tested positive for COVID-19 even if asymptomatic, or have been exposed to a confirmed case. Visit cityhpil.com/warmingcenters.

City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Ave., 8AM - 5PM Mon. - Fri. Call **847.926.1000**.

Police Department, 1677 Old Deerfield Rd., available 24/7.

Highland Park Public Library, 494 Laurel Ave., 9AM - 9PM Mon. - Thurs.; 9AM - 6PM Fri.; 9AM - 5PM Sat.; 1PM - 5PM Sun. Call **847.432.0216**.

Makom Solel Lakeside, 1301 Clavey Road. Evening hours available. Call **847.433.3555**.

Trinity Grace Church, 1506 Half-Day Road. Evening hours available. Call the non-emergency public safety line at **847.432.7730** for contacting Trinity Grace Church after hours.



Highland Park is a Helpful Community

Nancy R. Rotering
– Mayor Nancy R. Rotering

As each year ends and another begins, we often talk about gratitude and what we hope to achieve in the New Year. This year, more than ever, I want to thank you for your time and involvement. We are fortunate to live in a caring city, focusing on creating the hometown we desire now and for future generations, where neighbors work together, care deeply about each other, and support those in need.

But there is always more to do and in the spirit of the season, please consider supporting our neighbors who may be experiencing increased challenges this

winter. Moraine Township Food Pantry, 800 Central Avenue, accepts donations of non-perishable food items as well as household cleaning and personal care products Monday-Friday between 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. The Highland Park Fire Department, 1130 Central Avenue, seeks new or gently used children's coats, hats, gloves and mittens for Coats for Kids until February 1, 2022. At City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue, we are collecting new, unwrapped children's toys on behalf of Toys for Tots, Tuesday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 5 PM until December 17, 2021.

Other local organizations offer opportunities as well. The Highland Park Community Foundation, www.HPCFIL.org, coordinates grants to nearly 60 local agencies that address unmet needs in our community. And the Highland Park Volunteer Pool can always use more help. Their website is www.volunteerpoolhp.org.

As we know: "Many hands together make light work." Together, we can give our neighbors peace of mind and so much more. Join me.

Happy Holidays!

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Help Preserve Highland Park's History!



Highland Park Archives &
Local History Collections

Archives and Local History Collections, a collaborative effort of the Highland Park Public Library, the City of Highland Park, and the Highland Park Historical Society.

Here is one example of the historical materials and perspectives included in the collections: On March 17, 1934, Emilie Nafe (1850-1936) described her 1854 journey from Europe to Port Clinton, Illinois, including her interesting observation of "...big fish with eyes that looked to me like pigs." This interview, conducted at the newly established History Room on the second story of the Highland Park Public Library, provides a primary source about emigration, language challenges, and transportation and travel. Nafe also gives an eyewitness account of the sinking of the Lady Elgin, September 8, 1860.

If you have items you think would fit in this collection, please contact Nancy Webster, archivist, at 847.432.0216, ext. 138, or nwebster@hplibrary.org. Donations that are accepted are tax deductible.

Do you have letters, photographs, memoirs, business cards, or other memorabilia that tells a story about Highland Park? Please consider donating them to the Highland Park



Photo Contest Community Voting



This year, 22 Highland Park photographers submitted more than 130 photographs to the Capture the Heart of Highland Park photography contest! The Cultural Arts Advisory Group has selected winners in five categories - and now it's your turn!

Visit cityhpil.com/photocontest to browse the submissions and choose your favorite. Pictured here: 2020 Community Favorite winner "Icy Sunrise" by Thomas Brubaker.

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New Sharps Disposal Program for Highland Park Residents at City Hall

The City now assists residents with the proper disposal of sharps, such as hypodermic needles, syringes, lancets and other sharp medical instruments. This prevents needles from entering the solid waste collection streams.

To dispose of sharps, visit the City Man-

ager's Office in City Hall during regular hours, Tuesday – Friday, 8AM – 5PM. Residents receive a snap-lid container to take home and then return once items have been placed inside. A photo ID showing Highland Park residency is required for pickup and drop-off. Contact [847.926.1000](tel:847.926.1000) or cityhp@cityhpil.com.



Coats for Kids Collection

The City is collecting new or gently used children's coats at the Fire Department. All donations go to local families in need. The collection box is located in the front lobby at Fire Stations 33, 1130 Central Avenue. Donations are accepted now through February 1, 2022.

Our Community



2021-2022 Snow & Ice Control Plan

Public Works proactively monitors weather reports and works closely with public safety personnel to ensure efficiency. Timely response and effective execution against variable weather conditions are essential.

When are specific streets plowed? Under normal conditions, all streets are plowed at least once within the first six hours of a three-inch or less snowfall. Initial snow removal operations are staged simultaneously throughout the City and multiple plowing passes along streets are required to move snow to the curb. Response times can vary depending on the magnitude, duration, and timing of the storm. Snow removal operations will continue until all public streets are passable and all parking areas have been cleared.

Why do plows fill driveway approaches? Plows must make multiple passes to push snow back to the curbs. Plows initially traverse the center of each street so that cars can travel in both directions, then return to push the snow back to the curbs. This allows melting snow to enter the storm sewers or other drainage systems. The City has approximately 10,000 residential driveways and unfortunately, it is not possible for plow trucks to turn the snow blade away at each driveway.

How is salt application managed? Initial salting efforts concentrate on hills, intersections and inherently hazardous areas. Salt and salt-brine help break the bond of snow and ice from the street surface while minimizing the use of salt, expediting snow removal and improving driving conditions.

How should drivers navigate the road when encountering a snow plow? The large, heavy snow plow trucks are difficult to maneuver, especially in less than optimal driving conditions when snowy conditions reduce visibility. Plow trucks also gen-

erate slush which can further obscure visibility, so it is important to always stay clear of snow removal equipment.

What assistance can residents provide? Observe street parking restrictions and avoid parking on the street until after the road has been cleared after a significant snowfall event. City ordinance prohibits parking on City streets and public parking lots between 2 AM and 6 AM from Dec. 1 - Mar. 31.

If a contractor plows your driveway, ensure the snow is not pushed onto a neighbor's property. The City prohibits removing snow or ice from any building, private property, driveway, driveway approach or public sidewalk and depositing it onto public streets where it can create a traffic hazard for motorists, especially on streets that have already been plowed.

What if a snow plow damages my property or mailbox?

Snow plowing is performed under challenging weather and traffic conditions and areas adjacent to a street can occasionally be inadvertently damaged. Hardscape or streetscape items within the right-of-way are the homeowner's responsibility. Lawns damaged inadvertently by a City plow truck within the City right of way will be repaired the following spring, upon notification from the homeowner. Report a mailbox damaged by a City plow or equipment to Public Works at [847.432.0807](tel:847.432.0807) within 48 hours. The City will place a temporary mailbox and then either repair the damage or reimburse the resident up to \$65 for the purchase and installation of a replacement.

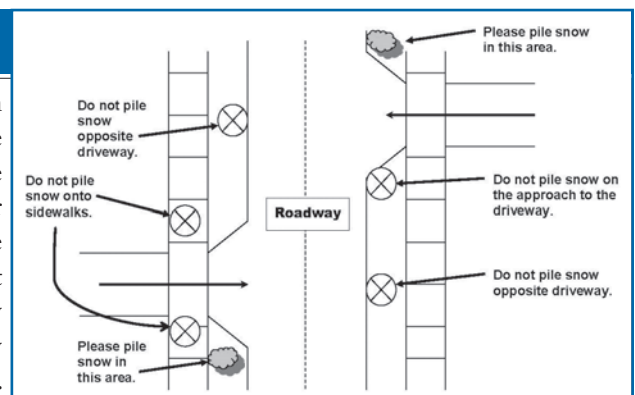
Who should residents call? In an emergency, dial **911**. During regular working hours, contact the Public Works Department at [847.432.0807](tel:847.432.0807). During off-hours, please call the public safety non-emergency hotline at [847.432.7730](tel:847.432.7730).



Snow Removal Guidelines

It is a violation to remove snow from one parcel of property and deposit it onto another parcel (including the adjacent public parkway) without the consent of the property owner. The code does provide an exemption to allow plow operators to deposit snow on the City parkway located immediately adjacent to and on the same side of the street as the property from which the snow is being removed. Property owners should inform their private snow removal companies of the Snow Removal Ordinance provisions. Snow plow operators observed improperly

depositing snow in violation of the ordinance will be cited; however, residents are ultimately responsible for compliance and may also be cited. A violation may subject the snow removal company and/or originating property owner to a fine of up to \$200. It is the responsibility of the abutting property or business owners to clean the public sidewalks for snow events with less than 4" of snow. Public sidewalk routes will be plowed after accumulation of 4 inches. This process of



clearing residential sidewalks can take up to 72 hours as streets and high pedestrian foot traffic areas take priority. For more information, please contact Police Sgt. Galati at [847.432.7730](tel:847.432.7730) or agalati@cityhpil.com.

Community Calendar

The Art Center of Highland Park

TheArtCenterHP.org

1957 Sheridan Road / 847.432.1888

The Thin Line

Now through January 22

Gallery Hours 10AM - 4PM, Mon - Sat

The thin line looks at the link between madness and genius, exploring the relationship to mental illness, and artists expressing the struggle between strength and surrender, in order to illustrate the moment when darkness turns to light.

In View 2022

January 7 through January 29

Opening Reception TBD

Gallery Hours 10AM - 4PM, Mon - Sat

The annual member and faculty exhibit.

Highland Park Strings

highlandparkstrings.org

Gala Concert

Sunday, February 13, 3 PM

Ravinia Festival's Bennett-Gordon Hall

201 St. Johns Avenue

Cost: \$40 general admission

This gala concert includes performance by featured violinist Maya Anjali Buchanan and works by Strauss, Glazunov, Saint-Saens and Dvorák.

Highland Park Poetry

HighlandParkPoetry.org

Marcia Pradzinski Reading & Poetry Open-Mic

Saturday, January 8, 5 PM

Gail Goepfert Reading & Poetry Open-Mic

Saturday, February 12, 5 PM

Madame ZuZu's

1876 First Street

Pilgrim Chamber Players

pilgrimplayers.org

Black Oak Ensemble

Sunday, February 13, 3 PM

Highland Park Community House

1991 Sheridan Road

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

847.433.0972 / carolhonig@comcast.net

Pilgrim Chamber Players will present the Black Oak Ensemble. Their program, *French Fantasy*, features music by Jean Francaix and newly discovered delights by Henri Thomasi and Robert Casadesus.

Find more special events and things to do at enjoyhighlandpark.com/calendar.

Virtual Events

Highland Park Historical Society

All Historical Society events are virtual.

Register in advance archives@highland-parkhistory.com

Three Antique Local Cookbooks Compared

Thursday, January 13, 7 PM

Three local cookbooks, from 1895, 1911, and 1925, are compared to learn how culinary and social trends changed over time.

The Inky Sea: Tattoos and the Navy

Tuesday, February 10, 7 PM

Learn about the centuries-old, rich culture and tradition of tattoos in the Navy.

Community Partners for Affordable Housing

Buying an Affordable Home in Highland Park?

Attend a CPAH virtual information session to learn about the program and to apply. All programs held via Zoom.

Upcoming dates:

January 11, 6 PM & February 8, 6 PM

cpahousing.org/class-registration



Winter Walking And Cycling - Wear Reflective Gear And Be Safe!

Dark nights and snowy conditions don't deter pet owners or avid joggers, walkers, and bicyclists from enjoying outdoor activities in winter! However, low moonlight, overcast skies, and inclement weather decrease motorists' visibility. It is everyone's responsibility to take safety precautions for sharing the road. Pedestrians and bikers should:

- Always wear reflective and light-colored clothing.
- Wear LED arm-bands, flashlights, and reflective material to increase visibility. Lots of reflective material is best!
- Don't assume drivers can see you.
- Pets should have a leash or harness with reflective material or LEDs, especially for

walking at night.

- Use sidewalks where available; avoid walking or jogging in the street. If no sidewalk is available, walk or jog against the flow of traffic so you can see vehicles coming towards you.
- Avoid wearing headphones and be attentive.

Drivers should avoid unnecessary travel during snowstorms and severe weather where possible. During snowy conditions, drive slowly with headlights on, but avoid using bright lights, which can increase glare and reflection from falling snow.

For information, please contact Sgt. Galati at 847.432.7730.



Healthy Tree Care

Public Works' Forestry Section manages approximately 30,000 public trees and every winter performs preventative maintenance. Parkway trees are pruned for proper form and structure, clearance over the streets and sidewalks, and removing dead and dying limbs. This results in trees that are more resistant to storm damage, and longer lived.

This season Balanced Environments Inc. will prune parkway trees in region 7 (*the area south of Clavey Road and north of Lake Cook Road, east of route 41*) and begin work in region 1 (*northwest corner of Highland Park*). Work begins in January and is completed April 15th. Contact Ben Miller, City Forester at 847.926.1179 or bmiller@cityhphil.com.

Our Community



Holiday Fire Safety Tips

Keep your home and family safe this holiday season with these tips from the Highland Park Fire Department:

If a live tree is used as a decoration, be sure to use a fresh tree that is not shedding needles and keep it well watered.

Make sure a testing laboratory such as UL labels all holiday lighting. Replace worn out light sets or those with loose connections, and use only approved lighting for outdoor use. Unplug all lights and extinguish all candles before going to bed or leaving home.

Be very careful when using candles in decorations and displays. Keep any lit candle away from curtains or other combustible materials and never put them in windows or near exits. More than one-third of home decoration fires are started by candles. Keep matches and candles out of the reach of children.

Do not burn garbage in a fireplace. Before lighting a fire, make sure the flue is open. Burning wrappings and packaging can create a flash fire. Make sure the fireplace is protected by wire screen or glass doors to prevent embers or sparks from shooting out. Never keep flammable material in front of a fireplace.

Assist the Fire Department by making sure your address is visible at all times. Instruct your plowing service not to place snow

mounds that will block or cover any fire hydrants.

If you are leaving town for an extended holiday vacation, the Fire Department reminds you that:

- If you have an automatic fire alarm system or sprinkler system in your business or multi-family occupancy, you are required to have a KNOX BOX key entry system installed on your building with the proper keys in place. Single-family residence owners are encouraged to also consider the use of this system. Contact the Fire Department at [847.433.3110](tel:847.433.3110) about a KNOX BOX.
- All residents who have monitored alarm systems (municipal or privately monitored) should have a current updated listing of keyholders on file with the monitoring agency. The key holder should also have the phone number to contact you if needed in an emergency.
- Please make sure your address is visible from the front and both directions of the street.
- Make sure you have smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in the home. Make sure they are working properly. A “chirping” detector is an indication of a low battery. To avoid this please change your batteries every six months with fresh batteries.

The Fire Department wishes everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday season!



Moraine Township: Community Thanks, Health Insurance & Transportation

Our Community Came Through for our Struggling Neighbors

Thanks to our extraordinarily generous community, more than 800 Moraine Township children received holiday gifts this year, and their families received grocery gift cards to shop for the food most meaningful for their family's holiday celebration.

The community also stepped up to partner with Moraine Township Food Pantry to provide almost 200 complete Thanksgiving dinners with all the trimmings to food pantry clients!

We came together to brighten the holidays for our struggling neighbors, and the spirit of our community has never shone brighter!

Need 2022 Health Insurance?

Moraine Township Offers Help Navigating the Federal Marketplace

Open Enrollment for 2022 Health Insurance Available Through January 15, 2022

Moraine Township offers assistance to residents wishing to enroll for 2022 health insurance on the Federal Marketplace under the Affordable Care Act. Trained and certified counselors are available to work one-on-one with residents to help them understand their options, balance their medical needs and budgets, compare coverage and costs, and ensure that enrollees receive the premium subsidies and cost-sharing reductions they may be income-qualified to receive.

Residents who are currently enrolled in health insurance plans through the Marketplace can re-enroll in their existing plan for another year or select a new

plan. A Counselor will help enrollees learn about changes that may have taken place in their existing plan, or review details and compare costs of alternative plans.

To schedule an appointment with a Moraine Township Certified Application Counselor (CAC), call [847.432.3240](tel:847.432.3240).

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 welcome to schedule rides for errands, volunteering, and other quality-of-life trips. Call [847.432.3000](tel:847.432.3000) to schedule a ride! Riders are required to wear masks.

Highland Park Senior Center

1201 Park Avenue West
847.432.4110

Monday - Thursday, 9 AM - 4 PM and Friday, 9 AM - 1 PM

Registration for the following activities begins January 11 for members of the Highland Park Senior Center, and January 14 for all others.

Day Excursions

Day excursions include orchestra seating tickets for these matinee performances, motor coach transportation departing from the Highland Park Country Club, and trip leader. Advanced registration required; please call for full details.

Moulin Rouge	Broadway in Chicago	March 23, 2022
The King and I	Drury Lane Oak Brook	April 13, 2022
Six	Broadway in Chicago	April 27, 2022
Fiddler on the Roof	Broadway in Chicago	May 18, 2022
The Devil Wears Prada	Broadway in Chicago	August 10, 2022

Classes

Classes begin the week of January 17th. Advanced registration is required: please call for full details.

Intermediate Bridge Series	Mondays	10 AM - 12 PM
Sit & Be Fit	Tuesdays and Thursdays	1:30 - 2:30 PM
Beginning Bridge Series	Tuesdays	9:30 AM - 11:30 PM
Tai Chi	Tuesdays	6:30 - 7:30 PM
Zumba Gold	Wednesdays	10:15 - 11:15 AM
Canasta Class	Wednesdays	1:30 - 3:30 PM
Zumba Toning	Fridays	9:15 - 10:15 AM
Yoga with Mat Work	Fridays	10 - 11 AM
Gentle Yoga	Fridays	11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Online Membership and Activity Registration

Senior Center business may be conducted in person, over the phone, or via the Senior Center's online portal to join as a member, renew your membership, and register and pay for activities.

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



2022

A Historic Year for the District 112 Community

North Shore School District 112 begins 2022 with a determined focus on its Long-Range Facilities Modernization Plan. With the final steps of its Phase I plan to modernize, update, and repair both middle schools, and the start of the Phase II planning process to repair the six oldest elementary schools, the transformation of the schools within District 112 draws us closer to a conclusion of a process that is nearly 30 years in the making and has approached a zenith in the last five years. To date our work has resulted in the opening of the newly modernized Northwood Middle School and the now-in-progress modernization of Edgewood Middle School -- both done without causing any direct tax increase.

In January 2022, the District will form a Citizen's Task Force that will meet to study ballot issues for a November 2022 referendum to modernize and repair the six oldest elementary schools. The guiding principles throughout Phase II will be providing the best possible educational environment for all of our students while honoring our obligation to being responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars. Phase II scenarios being investigated call for the sale of Green Bay and Lincoln schools with the possible sale of other unused land assets. It includes some level of upgrade and overall modernization at each of the District's oldest elementary schools, some approaching a century in age. It calls for historic Ravinia School to become handicapped accessible as well as the home of high needs, low incidence special education programming for the community. Ravinia would also receive a robust renovation to handle the likely increase in overall student population due to enrollment growth from new housing developments. The Early Childhood Center would move to a new school site specially constructed for the early learners.

At this time, we also proudly look back at the past year with gratitude to our teachers, support staff, parents, grandparents, community members and administrators. The important work we do together puts our children on the path to success. Some highlights of our successful work include the following:

- National Blue Ribbon Schools (Indian Trail 2020 and Braeside 2021)
- Northwood modernized and reopened with LEED Silver certification
- Leading in uncertain times (COVID-19)
- Investments in math interventionists, tutoring, instructional coaches, literacy training
- Gold Medallion National School Public Relations Award for COVID-19 communication
- Illinois School Personnel Administrator of the Year (Dr. Schroeder)
- Long-range plan for modernization of Northwood and Edgewood

To the members of our community who make supporting local schools a priority and a goal, we thank you too! We believe strongly in educating all children in a learning environment with high expectations. Throughout the next year, we will be asking for your support as we contemplate the best ways to repair our six most aging school buildings. Our future is now and we can move forward together. [Inspire, Innovate and Engage!](#)

District 113 | One District, Two Schools



Dear District 113 Community,

It is hard to believe Thanksgiving has passed and we are just days away from Winter Break and the end of 2021. The end of the year prompts reflection and gratitude, holds many celebrations of joy and light, reminds us of our responsibility to care for others, and ultimately fosters hope that the new year brings better times than the year before.

After some recent difficult discussions at the Board table about how best to position District 113 for the future, we are beginning the new year under the concept of one district, two schools, which the Board has articulated as a lens for viewing our two great high schools. First and most importantly, we will continue to provide at both schools the high quality education our community expects for its students, but “one district, two schools” applies to finances and facilities as well. Ensuring continued financial stability is the foundation for all of the important work that takes place in our District, and we owe it to our taxpayers to live within our means. Facilities needs in schools are ongoing, and one of the lessons from the pandemic is how important this place we call “school” is to our students’ education. After the architects, construction manager and District staff complete an updated Master Facilities Plan early next year, the Board will begin a thorough review of the plan and continue to seek community input along the way to get to work on the schools our community wants for its students.

Half way through the school year, we have much to celebrate. As I write this, full-day, in-person learning has continued uninterrupted since August and school feels like school every time I am in one of our schools. We have certainly faced challenges, and although new hurdles appear all the time, our students, teachers and staff have demonstrated remarkable resolve and resilience. We keep at it, supporting our students’ social-emotional well-being while addressing any unfinished learning and building their skills and experiences to prepare them to be college and career-ready for whatever path their ideal future holds.

Thank you for your support. I wish you the peace and joy of spending time with family and friends as this year draws to a close and I hope that the new year renews our commitment to work together for a brighter future in District 113.

Bruce Law, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Together We Make Cool Things Happen

How the Parks Foundation of Highland Park Bridges the Gap for Our Community



A Highland Park resident passionate about golf is determined to create a development center for young golfers in the community. He is willing to make a substantial donation, but he would like other golfers to get involved. Meanwhile, baseball parents lament that the communities' diamonds are not up to tournament standards. At the same time, funds need to be raised to develop a plaza connecting new playgrounds at Sunset Woods Park.

Who ya gonna call? The Parks Foundation of Highland Park

"The Parks Foundation is separate but aligned with the Park District of Highland Park," explained Rafael Labrador, the Parks Foundation Board of Directors president. "It is a community-led, independent, all-volunteer non-profit. We raise money for scholarships for families in need to participate in Park District programs, help with summer camp tuition, and raise funds for the capital projects that are in the Park District's long-range planning but are not fully funded."



Learn To Swim Program

So All Can Play

As to the former, the Parks Foundation has established two programs. The first is SMILE (Scholarships Mean Involvement in Leisure for Everyone), the Park District initially started in 1992 to benefit Highland Park residents, and FYI (Foundation Youth Initiative), established in 2019 for

Highwood residents. Its inaugural initiative was FYI Learn-to-Swim, which provides free beginners' swim lessons for dozens of children annually.



Champions Banquet with Mike Ditka

The Champions Banquet is the Foundation's primary annual spring fundraiser to support the scholarship programs. It has featured speakers such as Chicago sports legends former Blackhawk and Hockey Hall of Famer Chris Chelios and "Da Coach" Mike Ditka. The Parks

Foundation is now in its fourth year and has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants and donations. Its goal is "to raise funds to support and enhance exceptional Park District projects and provide scholarship funding to ensure that all community members can participate in Park District programs."

Labrador suggests a more succinct tagline: "Helping our community connect through recreation."

Why a Foundation?

"There is a misconception," Labrador said, "that the Park District has a ton of money and should be able to fund everything residents want. But from the upkeep and maintenance of the beaches, dozens of facilities, and 800 acres of parkland, there is a need to fill that gap that property tax revenue doesn't provide. The Foundation can help bridge that gap."

"The Park District is a taxing body, but only about half of our budget is funded from property tax revenue," said Brian Romes, the Park District of Highland Park executive director. "The rest comes from programming fees, memberships, state and federal grants, sponsorships, and private donations. That is where the Foundation can be a valuable resource for our Park District to benefit our community."

How does the Foundation choose projects for fundraising? "I wish I could tell you there was a scientific method, but I can't," Labrador said. "Some of it is based on need and some on opportunities that present themselves. We are a small volunteer organization, and we're still in the process of establishing our presence in the community. Still, we are proud to have made significant contributions to our community in four short years."

Individual donations are a vital piece of the puzzle, Labrador said. For example, the amateur golfer who approached the Foundation wanted to donate the seed money to build a youth golf development center on an undeveloped acre at the Sunset Valley Golf Club because golf had enriched his life. With grant money and additional private donations, the center opened last spring. The Foundation also provides golf scholarships to eligible middle school and high school applicants through the Michael Goldman Memorial Golf Scholarship Fund.

Taking It to Another Level

"Individuals can direct their donations to the Foundation's general fund or choose a specific earmark," Labrador said. "They can direct where they want their donation to go, and the funds will only be used for that purpose." The Foundation is more than halfway to its fundraising goal for the new Sunset Woods playground seating plaza. And, one of the most ambitious Park District projects that the Foundation is helping raise funds for is the new Park Avenue breakwater and concrete boat launch. The Park District recently passed an ordinance allowing the sale of \$17 million in debt certificates, \$2 million of which will be used exclusively for the breakwater and the boat ramp. This money will be augmented by a state grant and community donations, for which the Foundation has set a target of \$300,000.

None of this money, Labrador said, is coming from property tax revenue. "The community has a significant role in making some of these cool things happen that will enrich all of our lives and add to the value and pride in Highland Park that many of us feel," he said. "This community has demonstrated a solid commitment to helping people, whether it be retirees on fixed incomes who can't afford to take a Rec Center exercise class or a child whose family cannot afford summer camp."

"We all benefit from having fantastic amenities in our town and having our community able to connect. It's part of what makes Highland Park strong. We all have a vested interest in seeing it grow. What we do with our tax dollars keeps us where we are. It is our role to raise the funds that will keep Highland Park in a leadership position."

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic programs and events are subject to change. Please go to pdhp.org for the most up-to-date information.

Mon-Thu Dec 20-23 & Dec 27-30 |

9am-Noon | Junior Tennis Winter Mini Camp | Ages 5-14

Individual Days \$40, All 4 Days \$145, Deer Creek Racquet Club, 701 Deer Creek Parkway

Get out of the house and hit the courts this winter break!

Register at pdhp.org.

Mon-Thu Dec 20-23 & Dec 27-30 |

9am-3pm | Winter Break Mini Camp | Grades K-5

Two sessions, \$280/295, Centennial Ice Arena, 701 Deer Creek Parkway

Go to camp all year round! Register at pdhp.org.

Wed Dec 22 & 29 | 9am-3pm | Family Skate Night | All Ages

Two sessions, \$6 Youth / 7 Adult, Centennial Ice Arena, 701 Deer Creek Parkway

Skating coaches are available to assist new skaters. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required.

Skate rentals are available for \$3 at front desk on event night.

Register at pdhp.org.

Mon Jan 17 | 10am-Noon | Winter Olympics | Ages 6-10

\$33, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd

Join in the fun as we all get ready to watch the Winter Olympics!

Participants who attend Tie Dye the Forest may bring a peanut-free sack lunch and stay at Heller between programs. Register at pdhp.org.

Mon Jan 17 | 12:30pm - 2:30pm | Tie Dye the Forest | Ages 6-10

\$33, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd

Now is the best time to brighten it up with a splash of color! Join us as we create original tie-dye T-shirts, paint the snow, and make colorful works of art with nature. Register at pdhp.org.

Mon Jan 17 | 12 Annual Martin Luther King Jr Day of Service Online Event

Join the Highland Park community for a special virtual multigenerational event. Proudly sponsored by the Park District of Highland Park and the Highland Park Human Relations Advisory Group. For more information go to pdhp.org.

Fri Jan 21 | 6-7:30pm | Family Flashlight Finds | Ages 6 - Adult

\$8, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd

Explore the forest at Heller with your family while equipped with a flashlight. Follow the trails as you hunt for hidden objects that can be found using a glowing light. All participants, including children and adults, must register for the program. Bring warm clothes and be prepared to be outside. Register at pdhp.org.

Sat Jan 29 | 10am - Noon | Jammin' in the Forest | All Ages

\$12, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd

Celebrate music with Heller and Bach to Rock! All participants, including children and adults, must register for the program.

Register at pdhp.org.

Sat Feb 12 | 9-11am | Family Biathlon | Ages 7-Adult

\$12, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd

The Biathlon is a sport at the Winter Olympics that combines cross-country skiing and shooting. Try out this family sport inspired by the real games. All participants, including children and adults, must register for the program. Register at pdhp.org.

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To purchase visit:

Park District of Highland Park Gift Cards:

Recreation Center of Highland Park | 1207 Park Ave West

Sunset Valley Golf Club Gift Cards:

Sunset Valley Golf Club | 1390 Sunset Road



Brick Paver: \$200

Celebrate a loved one or a special occasion with a custom engraved 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.

To purchase visit:



For more information contact: Mike Evans at 847.579.4085 or mevans@pdhp.org



Heller Honey

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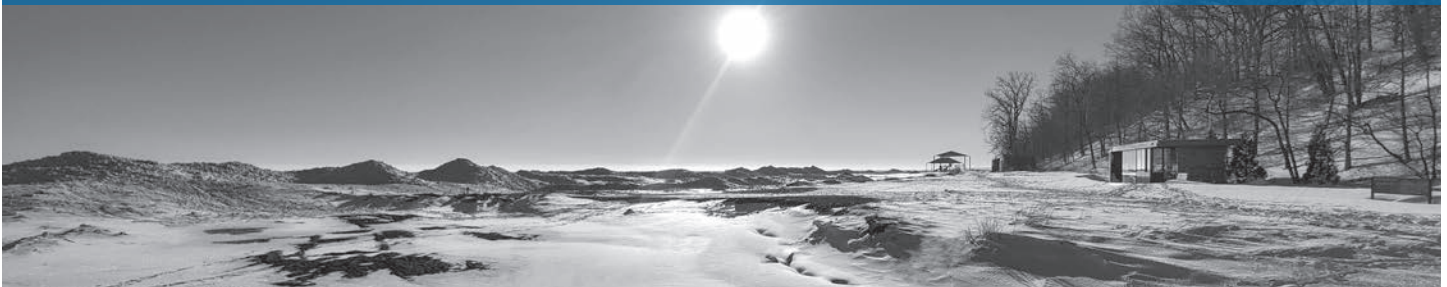
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WINTER IS COMING | EMERGENCY CLOSING POLICY



The Park District endeavors to keep our facilities and programs operating whenever possible. There are times, however, when weather, road conditions, or facility malfunctions dictate that programs and/or services must be cancelled, or temporarily postponed or entire facilities closed.

In order to provide employees and patrons with a safe and secure environment in which to work and play, the Park District reserves the right to close a particular facility or cancel a program using the following criteria:

1. Whenever School District 112 (D112) cancels school due to weather conditions, all Park District activities and programs held at a school site will follow the same procedure the entire day and/or evening. When D112 cancellations take place in the morning (prior to the beginning of school), Park District programs at Park District facilities will also be cancelled through 12pm.
2. Program cancellation will be consistent district-wide unless there are facility-specific reasons for cancellation.
3. When programs are cancelled:
 1. Affiliate and youth groups will be cancelled.
 2. Adult rental groups will be given the option to cancel without penalty so long as they follow the above time period.
 3. Private lessons/training staff or clients are given the option to cancel without penalty
 4. Drop-in classes and/or programs will be determined by the facility manager
4. In all situations, the Park District reserves the right to adapt this procedure and make decisions based on extenuating circumstances and/or on the safety of staff, patrons, and/or participants.
5. Park District facilities themselves will remain open for non-registered and/or drop-in activities (e.g. fitness and tennis club use, public skating, open gym, cross country ski rentals, etc.) unless specifically directed to close due to weather conditions.

Because weather and road conditions can change dramatically as the day progresses, the Park District will monitor weather conditions and announce closing updates throughout the day. Communication regarding any weather-related closings and updates will be posted on the homepage of this website and the Park District Facebook page. Email updates are sent to customers who have subscribed to the Park District email list



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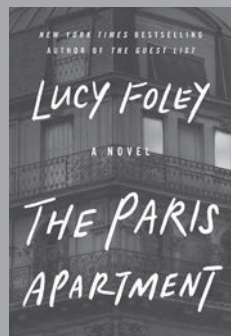
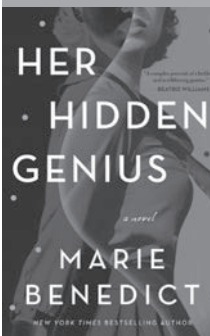
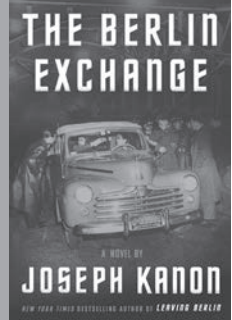
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What We Read in 2021

Highland Park's Top books checked out this year.



Here's
A Sneak
Preview
Of What To
Read Next
Year



Get Ready For The Holidays @ The Library

Find Entertainment Check Out A Roku!

Access popular TV shows and movies with a Roku streaming device, available to check out with a Highland Park Public Library card. Watch Netflix, Disney+, Hulu, Amazon Prime, and just added, HBO Max and Apple TV+! Talk to one of our film and music experts to find out more.



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Check out your favorite CDs or stream music from hoopla and Alexander Street. To stream music visit hplibrary.org/download.



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Find New Recipes Check Out A Cookbook!

There's something to please every palette.

Come on Over:
111 Fantastic Recipes for the Family That Cooks, Eats, and Laughs Together
by Jeff Mauro

Teatime at Grosvenor Square:
An Unofficial Cookbook for Fans of Bridgerton
by Dahlia Clearwater

Dinner for Everyone: 100 Iconic Dishes Made 3 Ways — Easy, Vegan, or Perfect for Company
by Mark Bittman

For more about cookbooks, join us for Cookin' With Books.

Try out a recipe from a different cookbook each session and join via Zoom to discuss. Meets every other Tuesday. Register at hplibrary.org/events.

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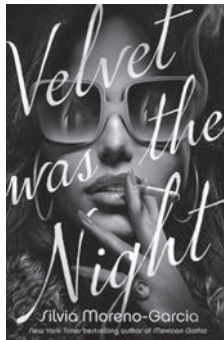


Meet The *Chicago Tribune's* New Food Critics

Thursday, January 6, 7 PM

What's a day in the life of a food critic at a major newspaper in one of the world's best foodie cities? Meet *Chicago Tribune* food critics Louisa Chu and Nick Kindelsperger as they share Chicago food trends, how restaurants are surviving during COVID, and what it's like to follow in the footsteps of legendary critic Phil Vettel.

Presented in partnership with Highland Park Public Library and Vernon Area Public Library.



An Evening with Silvia Moreno- Garcia *Velvet was the Night*

Wednesday, January 26, 7 PM

The bestselling author of *Mexican Gothic* discusses her newest book and her genre-defying mashups of cultural noir and Lovecraftian horror.

One of The New York Times' 100 Notable Books of 2021.

Presented with Illinois Libraries Present.

Social Media For Businesses and Entrepreneurs

Tuesday, February 15, 6 PM

Need help with social media for your business?

There's no shortage of social media sites to promote your business, but which ones are the best for you? Mike Gershbein, the founder of Very Smart People, a technology tutoring company, discusses the basics of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and more. Learn what you need to know to choose the most useful sites and get started.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Meet At The Library Register at hplibrary.org/events.

Please note that masks are required at the Library for attendees over age two.



Thursdays, 1:30 PM
December 16
January 13
February 17

A Memory Cafe is a safe space and social gathering place for individuals, loved ones, and caregivers who live with memory loss, mild cognitive impairment, early Alzheimer's, or other dementias.

Meet at the Library, socialize, and explore a different topic each month that engages the senses.

To engage loved ones at home, check out a Memory Kit.

Designed to engage people with dementia or other cognitive issues through sight, sound, smell, touch, and hearing, the kits include items such as books, puzzles, sensory material, and more.

Funded by a grant from the Highland Park Community Foundation.

Journey Through Time History Book Discussion

Wednesday, February 9, 7 PM



The Girl Explorers

by Jayne
Zanglein

History teacher
Ronald Oberman
leads the
discussion.

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Fun for Kids!

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Storytimes

Raise a reader. Storytime sessions feature activities designed to foster pre-reading skills. Meet at the Library. Register at hplibrary.org/events.

Baby Booktime

Fridays, December 17, January 7, 21, February 4, 10 AM, 10:30 AM.
Newborns – 18 months, accompanied by a caregiver.
Enjoy stories, rhymes, and songs.

Rock & Read

Thursdays, December 23, January 6, 20, February 3, 17, 10:30 – 11 AM.
For toddlers accompanied by a caregiver.
Let's rock! Join us for a musical storytime where you can make lots of noise. Explore instruments, listen to stories, and sing along!

Storytime Live!

Tuesdays, December 28, January 11, 25, February 8, 10 – 10:30 AM.
Ages 3 – 5, accompanied by a caregiver.
Read stories, sing songs, and more.

Sábado Morning Stories

Saturday, January 29, 10 – 10:30 AM.
For families with children up to 5 years old.
Join us for a bilingual family storytime! Enjoy stories and songs in Spanish, English, or both!

Sábado, 29 de enero, 10 – 10:30 AM.
Para familias con niños hasta la edad de 5 años.

¡Júntanos para un tiempo de cuentos familiar bilingüe!
¡Disfruta cuentos y canciones en español, inglés, o los dos! Se requiere registrarse hplibrary.org/events.

Covid Capsule

**Tuesday, December 21, 10 AM – 2 PM.
For families with children ages 5 – 14.**

Share memories, photos, and drawings about your experiences during Covid-19, to be preserved in a time capsule in the Highland Park Archives and Local History Collections. What was it like going to school via your computer? Did you discover any new hobbies or talents while you were stuck at home? The time capsule will be opened in January 2032.

GRAB&GO

Paper Bag Gingerbread House

Friday, December 17 – Thursday, December 23.
Ages 3 – 8.

Here's a gingerbread house that won't go stale! Use a paper bag and fun decorations to make a festive gingerbread house replica. Pick up your kit at the Youth Services desk while supplies last.

iRead

Let's read!

Join the annual 112 Education Foundation read-a-thon to raise money for educational opportunities.

Stop by the Library to receive a 30-minute bonus reading credit for iRead! Pick up a craft kit, load up on books, enjoy an indoor storywalk, and try the book character scavenger hunt.

Visit 112foundation.org/iread/iread-projects/ for additional activities to add to the read-a-thon fun! #iREAD2022.

**Saturday, January 8 – Monday, January 17.
Kindergarten – 5th Grade.**

Kick off iRead with a virtual performance by storyteller Paddy Lynn! Register at hplibrary.org/events.

**Saturday, January 8,
10:30 AM, 12:45 PM.
For families.**

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Holiday Events

Heart of the Holidays
at Port Clinton Square
Saturday, Dec. 18, 2 - 4 PM

Ice carving demonstration
Festive carolers
Warm drinks & sweet treats

Shopping Guide

Finish your holiday shopping in Highland Park! Browse Highland Park's specialty shops across all nine business districts at enjoyhighlandpark.com/shopping.

New Year, New You

Watch the Enjoy Highland Park Facebook page to be the first to see our latest videos spotlighting ways you can treat yourself after the rush of the holiday season at a sampling of Highland Park salons, spas, wellness centers and more.

Keep up with the campaign by following [@enjoyhighlandpark](https://twitter.com/enjoyhighlandpark).



New Businesses

Luna Rosa Gourmet
469 Central Avenue
847.780.4098
lunarosawineshop.com
Wine & Gourmet Food Shop

Sugarcoated Bakery
479 Central Avenue
(847) 748-8990
sugarcoatedhp.com

Annie Turbin
716 Central Avenue
annieturbin.com
Women's Clothing & Accessories

Laccura MedSpa
1729 Green Bay Road
847.748.8948
laccura.com

Louy's Dry Bar Salon
1820 Second Street
847.748.8987
drybarlouyssalon.com

New in Salon Lofts:
1831 St. Johns
salonlofts.com

Beauty Bar Salon & Spa
312.620.4709

European Skin Care
773.727.2509

Katzen Creative Hair Salon
847.942.4027



Business Development Plan

Thank you to all the residents, business owners, property owners, realtors, and other community stakeholders who shared their feedback with City staff as part of the Business Development Strategic Plan Focus Groups! City staff have compiled and analyzed this feedback to share with the Business and Economic Development Advisory Group (BEDAG) for their review. Next, staff will develop a draft strategic plan update to be presented to City Council.



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