



Give!

Seasonal Giving Opportunities.

Spread festive cheer this holiday season to those in need! From toys to warm winter clothes to food pantry staples, there are many ways to give back this holiday season.

Moraine Township Food Pantry
Support community members in need while you shop for your family. Donations from those who are able to give are greatly appreciated. Visit cityhpil.com/seasonalgiving to view the shopping list of needed items. Donations may be dropped off at 800 Central Avenue, Monday-Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

Toys for Tots
Make the holiday season special for a child in need by donating toys to the Marine Corps' annual Toys for Tots campaign. Drop off your new, unwrapped donations of toys to Fire Station #33, 1130 Central Ave., during business hours (Tuesday - Friday, 7 AM - 4 PM) through December 17.

Coats for Kids
The Highland Park Fire Department's Coats for Kids drive is underway. Donate new or gently used coats to be given to local families in need. Donations will be accepted until February 1, 2023, at the drop box located in the front lobby of Fire Station #33, 1130 Central Avenue.



Holiday Reminders

Find out when City offices will be closed in observance of winter holidays and related changes to Lakeshore Recycling Services' pick-up schedule.

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MLK Day of Service

The City and Park District of Highland Park co-host this live, in-person community event on Monday, January 16, 2023 to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Snow Removal Guidelines

Learn the correct placement of snow deposits from clearing driveways. Be sure to share these guidelines with your private snow plow operator.

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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 Monday, Dec. 26, Monday, January 2 and Monday, Jan. 16, in observance of Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, respectively. Residents may call the non-emergency public assistance line at **847.432.7730** if required.

Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) observes the Christmas and New Year holidays on the Monday after. All refuse and recycling pickups will be delayed one day. The normal weekly schedule resumes Monday, January 9. There is no change to service for Martin Luther King Day or the week of January 16. Contact LRS at **844.633.3577** (*new toll free number 844-NEED-LRS*) or visit LRSrecycles.com.



Warming Centers

Warming centers operate on an ad hoc basis to assist residents during emergencies such as power outages. Visit cityhpil.com/warmingcenters.

City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue, 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 Solé Lakeside, 1301 Clavey Road. Evening hours available. Call **847.432.7730** after hours.

Trinity Grace Church, 1506 Half-Day Road. Evening hours available. Call **847.432.7730** after hours.



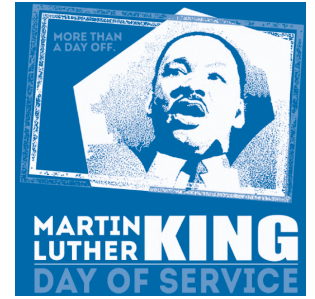
Permanent Memorial

A permanent memorial will be planned based on feedback from victims, victims' families, the public, community organizations and businesses. Recognizing that many victims are still recovering from physical injuries, and are not yet able to participate, the City will begin this process at the Jan. 23, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting. Council will discuss a proposed framework to begin the planning process. Members of the public may attend and participate. Please note that no permanent memorial concepts or designs will be discussed at this meeting. Meeting information will be posted at cityhpil.com/agendacenter. Updates about the permanent memorial will be shared in the City's eNews.



Martin Luther King Day of Service: January 16, 2023

Join us on Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, for the 14th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service to pay tribute to Dr. King's legacy through service. Hosted by the City of Highland Park's Human Relations Advisory Group and the Park District of Highland Park, the in-person event will be held at the Recreation Center of Highland Park from 10 AM - 12:30 PM. The event features a keynote address on "Unity in the Community" by Gabrielle Cummings, President of Highland Park Hospital and a dance performance by Deeply Rooted Dance Theater. Guests will be invited to participate in a variety of service projects facilitated by local organizations. A drive-through donation event will follow from 12:30 - 2 PM. Learn more at cityhpil.com/mlk.



Holiday Tree Disposal/Recycling

LRS will collect non-artificial Christmas trees as organic material on Jan. 2 - Jan. 27 at no cost, free of any tinsel, ornaments or lights. Trees can be left loose (*never in bags*), curbside or at the end of your driveway. Due to snow and ice, trees may not always be taken on your primary service day, but LRS drivers and trucks will be in the community for the majority of the month making these pickups. Please feel free to contact LRS at **844.633.3577**.

The Park District will accept dropped-off trees free of decorations, wires or any other materials for recycling through January 22. Drop-off locations are in posted areas of parking lots at Larry Fink Park, 1377 Deer Creek Parkway, and Danny Cuniff Park, 2700 Trailway. Trees will be chipped for use as woodchips which may be used for residents' gardens and landscapes. Contact Glenn Nance, Parks Landscape Mgr, **847.579.4175** / gnance@pdhp.org.



Resources & Support Navegación de recursos

Everyone grieves at a different pace. Professionals from our community are here to help. Call **211**, visit 211LakeCounty.org or text **898211** to be immediately connected with a trained navigator who can help you access services. 211 is free, confidential, multilingual, and available 24/7.

Cada quien procesa su dolor a diferente ritmo. Profesionales de nuestra comunidad están aquí para ayudar a usted y su familia. Llame al **211**, visite 211LakeCounty.org, o mande un texto al **898211** para ser inmediatamente conectado con un navegador capacitado que puede ayudarlo a acceder a los servicios. El 211 es gratuito, confidencial, 24/7 y multilingüe.



Simple Acts of Kindness Supporting Those in Need

Nancy R. Rotering

– Mayor Nancy R. Rotering

As the days grow shorter, the temperature drops and we await winter's arrival, more than ever we appreciate opportunities to connect with one another. Individually and collectively, this is a season where we become more reflective, especially as we head toward the holidays and beyond.

We have been through so much this past year, but we are fortunate to live in a caring and inclusive town. Time and again, we have reached out to friends, acquaintances, and even strangers with

simple acts of kindness. Regardless of success or challenge, we have created a culture where neighbors work together, care deeply about each other, and support those in need.

In the spirit of this season of giving and gratitude, please consider putting these core principles into action. Let's continue to care for our neighbors in need. Nationwide and right here in our community, food banks are struggling to keep up with hunger and food insecurity.

The pandemic and, more recently, inflation have intensified those problems. Donations of non-perishable, unopened, and unexpired food are greatly needed and welcome at the Moraine Township Food Pantry at 800 Central Avenue, Monday – Friday between 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

As the saying goes: Many hands together make light work. If we all contribute, we can make a difference. Together, we can give our neighbors peace of mind and so much more. We are Highland Park.



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

Winter brings snowy conditions, dark nights with low moonlight, overcast skies, and inclement weather which decrease motorists' visibility. Everyone is responsible for taking safety precautions. 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](tel:847.432.7730).



Healthy Tree Care

Every winter, Public Works performs preventative maintenance on approximately 29,000 public trees. Parkway trees are pruned for proper form and structure, clearance over the streets and sidewalks, and removal of dead/dying limbs, resulting in trees that are more resistant to storm damage and longer-lived. This season, Advanced Tree Care will prune parkway trees in portions of region 1 (*south of Park Avenue West and north Northland Avenue*) and begin work in region 2 (*southwest corner of Highland Park*). Work begins in January and is completed April 15th. Contact Ben Miller, City Forester at [847.926.1179](tel:847.926.1179) or bmiller@cityhpil.com.



New: Passport Digital Parking Permits

The City has entered into a contract with Passport Mobile Parking to provide a digital parking system for the community. Daily Commuter Parking Permits and formerly metered spaces is anticipated to begin in December. The purchase of new digital parking permits for 2023 begins on Dec. 19. For Student Parking Permit holders, the new system will go into effect in the second semester. When the program launches, daily commuter permit parking will be available for purchase only through the Passport website, mobile app, or at one of seven cashless (credit/debit only) payment kiosks placed throughout the parking system.

Signage indicating the appropriate zone number to use when paying by the mobile app is in place at all Passport parking locations. Passport Parking via the website and the Apple App Store/Android Google Play mobile apps is free to download and use. However, usual parking rates still apply. Visit cityhpil.com/parking to learn more and access the Passport mobile parking website when it is launched.



Daily Commuter Parking Permit Buy-Back Program

As the community transitions to Passport Parking solutions, a "buy-back" program will reimburse those who pre-purchased Daily Commuter Parking Permit hang tags. The City will buy back these unused hang-tag permits through March 31, 2023. Applications for refunds will be accepted at the City Hall Finance Counter during normal business hours (Monday by appointment, Tues.-Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM). Individuals should bring in all unused Daily Permit hang tags as well and complete an application requiring name, address, phone number, and email address so that a refund may be issued by the City. Refunds will not be given over the counter; they will be processed through the City's accounts payable system and a refund check will be issued. Learn more and download the application at cityhpil.com/parking.

Keeping Up with the City

The City of Highland Park values efficient, transparent, and effective public communication. The City strives to increase open two-way communication both internally and externally, produce strong and consistent messages that reinforce and reflect the goals of our community, and strengthen community problem-solving to provide residents with complete, accurate, and timely information.

The City uses many communication platforms and strategies to reach its residents, businesses, and visitors. The City's website, cityhpil.com, is its primary communications tool, offering inline multilingual translation. The City issues public safety and emergency alerts via **Smart911**. The City's Enjoy Highland Park campaign to promote Highland Park's unique mix of dining, retail, and entertainment, has its own standalone web presence at enjoyhighlandpark.com. The City is active on social media, primarily Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. The twice-weekly eNews offers important information and updates from the City and government partners. The Weekender, issued every Thursday afternoon, is packed with things to do, shops to visit and restaurants to try right here in Highland Park. Interested in receiving updates from the City direct to your inbox or newsfeed? Check out the links below to sign up!

La ciudad de Highland Park se enorgullece en reconocer el valor de comunicación con el público que sea transparente, eficiente y efectiva. Adicionalmente, la ciudad se esfuerza para que la comunidad se pueda comunicar con la ciudad de una manera mutua con el propósito de producir información que sea consistente y fuerte para que esto se refleje en las metas de nuestra comunidad, y para que nuestra comunidad tenga los recursos necesarios para que se pueda resolver cualquier pendiente y proveer información que sea completa, precisa, y oportuna.

La ciudad usa diferentes plataformas y estrategias para comunicarse con sus residentes, negociantes, y visitantes. El sitio de web de la ciudad, cityhpil.com, es la plataforma primordial para informar a la comunidad y ofrece traducción multilingüe. Para la seguridad pública y alertas de emergencia, la ciudad manda alertas vía el **Smart911**. La ciudad de Highland Park utiliza una campaña de información para promover la mezcla de opciones de restaurantes, ventas, y entretenimiento. Para más información, puede visitar el sitio de web enjoyhighlandpark.com. Adicionalmente, la ciudad usa las redes sociales de Facebook, Instagram, y Twitter para dar información de los acontecimientos ocurriendo en la ciudad de Highland Park. El Enews ofrece información y actualizaciones de nuestros colaboradores gubernamentales y de nuestra ciudad de Highland Park. El Enews se publica dos veces por semana. El Weekender, publica información acerca de los acontecimientos, negocios para visitar, y da recomendaciones para visitar restaurantes y negocios dentro de nuestra ciudad de Highland Park. El Weekender se publica todos los jueves en las tardes. ¿Esta interesad@ en recibir actualizaciones de la ciudad de Highland Park a su correo electrónico o en las redes sociales? Haga click abajo para subscribirse!

Public Meetings Find upcoming public meetings at cityhpil.com/agendacenter.

Email/Phone Find staff emails, phone numbers, and department contact numbers at cityhpil.com/directory or contact the City Manager's Office at cityhp@cityhpil.com.

In Person Find staff at City Hall, the Public Services Building (Public Works and Community Development Departments), the Police Department, the Fire Department, and the Senior Center.

Website The City's website at cityhpil.com is its primary public communications modality. Submit non-emergency service requests at cityhpil.com/service. The City maintains a standalone website, enjoyhighlandpark.com, to promote special events and Highland Park businesses.

eNews The twice-weekly eNews provides important information and City news to the community; the weekly Business Development eNews is sent to business owners. The new Weekender eNews, issued weekly, spotlights upcoming events, activities, and business promotions. Visit enjoyhighlandpark.com/weekender to read the most recent issue. Sign up to receive City emails at cityhpil.com/signup.

Smart911 The City issues emergency alerts via Smart911. Registering with Smart911 at smart911.com enables residents to create a household profile to assist first responders in the event of an emergency. Profiles should be updated every six months to remain active.

Social Media The City maintains active social media profiles on Facebook (facebook.com/HighlandParkIL / facebook.com/EnjoyHighlandPark), Instagram (instagram.com/enjoyhighlandpark), Twitter (twitter.com/CityHPIL), and YouTube at (youtube.com/user/CityHPIL)

Public Access Channels Watch public access programming and government programming on Highland Park's two channels, Channel 10 and 19.

Community Calendar

The Art Center Highland Park
TheArtCenterHP.org
1957 Sheridan Road / 847.432.1888

Object Oriented: 3-D Art

Open: Now through December 30

Gallery Hours 10 AM - 4P M, Mon - Sat
[closed Dec 23, 1 PM - Dec 27, 10 AM]

Object-oriented, this exhibition theme features the work of three incredibly talented artists/designers, all working in various mediums to create art in 3-D: Norman Teague (Center Gallery), Michael Thompson (Cindi Elkins Gallery), & Zachary Weber (Meryl S. Levenstein Gallery).

In View: Annual Member & Faculty Show

January 6 - January 28

Artist Reception: January 20, 5:30-8PM

Gallery Hours 10 AM - 4 PM, Mon - Sat

TAC's annual member/faculty exhibition highlights the creative energy that is at the heart of our community. With over 90 artists represented, the wide range of mediums, techniques, subject matter and styles reflect the professionalism and skill so prevalent at The Art Center Highland Park.

Highland Park Historical Society

Register in advance

archives@highlandparkhistory.com

Eat, Drink and Be Merry, Pt. 1

Thursday, January 5, 7 PM - Zoom only

The History of Food and Hospitality in Lake County, 8th Annual Lake County History Symposium. Presentations are Crofton manuscript cookbook from Fort Sheridan, Highland Park Community Cookbooks circa 1911 and 1925, and Eating Wild in Deerfield.

Eat, Drink and Be Merry, Pt. 2

Thursday, January 5, 7 PM - Zoom only

The History of Food and Hospitality in Lake County, 8th Annual Lake County History Symposium. Presentations are History of Libertyville's Hotels, Highland Park Archives are the source for *Flora and Fauna*: Recipes from Native Americans recorded by local pioneer settlers, and Eating Wild in Deerfield.

Highland Park Poetry

HighlandParkPoetry.org

Charlotte Hart/Janea D. Harris Reading & Poetry Open-Mic

Saturday, January 14, 4 PM

Laughlin Gallery, 1900 Sheridan Road

Julie Isaacson Reading & Poetry Open-Mic

Saturday, February 11, 4 PM

Laughlin Gallery, 1900 Sheridan Road

Poets may bring up to 3 poems to share.

Highland Park Strings

HighlandParkStrings.org

Annual Benefit Gala Concert

Sunday, February 19, 3 PM

Ravinia Festival's Bennett-Gordon Hall

201 St. Johns Avenue

\$40 General Admission / **847.831.3622**

Canadian pianist Winston Choi makes his debut with the Strings in the performance of the iconic *Rhapsody in Blue*. Choi is Associate Professor of Piano and the Head of the Piano Program at Roosevelt University's Chicago College of Performing Arts. The program includes *Concerto Grosso* for strings and piano by Ernest Bloch, Selections from Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story* and Aaron Copland's *Lincoln Portrait*.

Pilgrim Chamber Players

pilgrimplayers.org

Stars of Tomorrow Free Concert

Sunday, February 12, 3 PM

Highland Park Community House

1991 Sheridan Road

847.433.0979 / PilgrimChamber@gmail.com

This free concert showcases the incredible talent of Chicago students from the area's top music programs. Be dazzled by the virtuosity of these young rising stars all under the age of 18!

Uptown Music Theater

of Highland Park

UMTHP.org/up2

Highland Park Broadway Cabaret Fundraiser

Saturday, December 17, 7:30 PM

Highland Park Community House

1991 Sheridan Road

Uptown Music Theater of Highland Park presents its 4th Annual Broadway Cabaret fundraiser to help provide live family-friendly theater for the Highland Park community in 2023. Featuring cast members from Uptown's musicals, HPHS students, and talented singers from our surrounding community, this special evening of favorite Broadway songs will be performed with a live band. Minimum suggested donation is \$25. Tickets are on sale at umthp.org.

Community Partners for Affordable

Housing - cpahousing.org

Buy an Affordable Home in HP!

Attend a virtual session to learn about the program and to apply. Upcoming dates: Wednesday, **January 11** and Tuesday, **February 7**, at **6 PM**. Register at cpahousing.org/class-registration



Holiday Fire Safety Tips from the Highland Park Fire Department

If a live tree is used, be sure it is 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.

Keep lit candles away from curtains or combustible materials and never put them in windows or near exits. 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 can create a flash fire. The fireplace should be protected by a 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.

Our Community

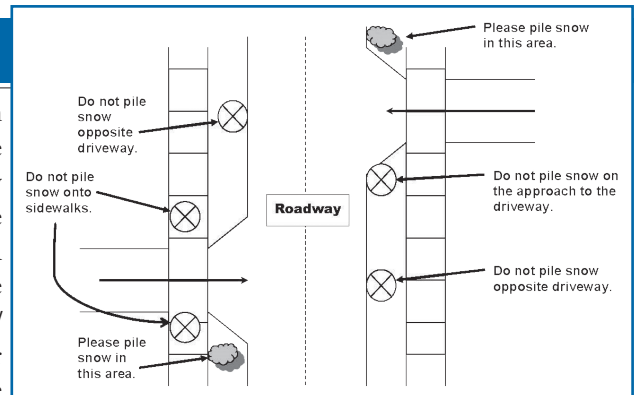


Snow Removal Guidelines

Removing snow from one parcel of property and depositing it onto another parcel (including the adjacent public parkway) without consent of the property owner is a violation. The code does provide an exemption to allow plow operators to deposit snow on the City parkway immediately adjacent to and on the same side of the street as the property from which the snow is being removed. Please inform 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; 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. The

abutting property or business owners should 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, contact Sgt. Galati at [847.432.7730](tel:847.432.7730) or agalati@cityhpil.com.



Volunteer Snow Shoveling

Low-income elderly and disabled residents may register in advance to request volunteer snow shoveling assistance when there is a snowfall of 2" or more. Every effort will be made to secure and dispatch a volunteer team to assist within 48 hours. The homeowner must provide shovels, ice-melting materials, etc. Volunteers and recipients will be required to complete City liability waivers. Contact Jennifer Aiello to register for assistance or to volunteer at [847.432.4110](tel:847.432.4110) or jaiello@cityhpil.com.



Snow Ordinance

Winter parking restrictions are in effect through Mar. 31, 2023. Vehicles may not be parked for more than 15 minutes on any public streets between 2:00-6:00 AM, regardless of weather conditions.



Moraine Township Services

Thanks to our extraordinary, generous and caring community!

- Over 700 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 – thanks to Co-Chairs Clerk Gail Feiger Brown, Trustee Christine Peschier, Trustee Emeritus Cindy Wolfson.
- 120 seniors who use the Township's income-qualified services were cheered with gifts and grocery gift cards – thanks to Co-Chairs Sarah

Lanchak and Nina Hollander.

- Almost 200 families received Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings and special pies and treats – shout out to North Shore Congregation Beth El, Jewel Foods, Sunset Foods and HPHS PTO.
- Small holiday gifts to cheer 40 low-income residents of Abbott House who do not have family involvement in their lives.

We came together to brighten the holidays for our neighbors in need of additional resources, and the spirit of our community has never shown brighter!

2023 Subsidized Health Insurance Open Enrollment Ends Jan. 15, 2023

Moraine Township offers assistance to residents needing 2023 health insurance on the Federal Marketplace.

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.

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



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Highland Park Senior Center

1201 Park Avenue West
847.432.4110
www.cityhpil.com/seniorcenter

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

New Year's Eve Luncheon

Bella Via – Highland Park

Saturday, December 31 from 11:30 AM – 2 PM

Fee: \$30 / NM: \$50

Ring in the New Year with good time cheer! This beloved annual event returns with lunch and live entertainment! Countdown to 12 noon with a champagne toast, then enjoy a fabulous meal featuring calamari and stuffed mushrooms, your choice of entree (grilled salmon, chicken parmesan, or involtini di melanzane (stuffed eggplant), grilled vegetables and pesto penne pasta, chocolate mousse cake for dessert, and your choice of soft beverage. Please register by 12/21. *Sponsored by Arbor Terrace Highland Park.*

Senior Center Classes beginning in January 2023

Please visit www.cityhpil.com/seniorcenter for registration and session dates, fees, and to register.

Bridge Class: Play of the Hand	Mondays	9:30 - 11:30 AM
Bridge Class: Conventions	Tuesdays	9:30 - 11:30 AM
Tai Chi	Tuesdays	6:30 - 7:30 PM
Zumba Gold	Wednesdays	10:15 - 11:15 AM
Canasta Lessons	Wednesdays	1:30 - 3:30 PM
Intermediate Spanish	Thursdays	9:30 - 10:30 AM
Advanced Spanish	Thursdays	11 AM - 12 PM
Beginning Spanish (Continued)	Fridays	9:30 - 10:30 AM
Yoga with Mat Work	Fridays	10 - 11 AM
Gentle Yoga	Fridays	11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Senior Center Activities beginning in January 2023

Activities are free, for Senior Center members. Please visit www.cityhpil.com/seniorcenter.

Open Bridge - Duplicate Play	Mondays	1 - 3:30 PM
Knit and Crochet Club	Tuesdays	10:30 AM - 12 PM
Mah Jongg Open Play	Tuesdays	1 - 3:30 PM
News & Views Discussion Group	Wednesdays	10 - 11:30 AM
Canasta Open Play	Wednesdays	1 - 4 PM
At the Movies	Thursdays	1 PM
Poker Open Play	Thursdays	1 PM



District 112 extends its gratitude for the community's support of the multi-year effort of facility upgrades and an end to long-deferred maintenance. With your support, Phase 2 will now become a reality! Phase 1, 2018-2023, upgraded and modernized D112 middle schools. Northwood opened its new doors in 2021, and students will move from Elm Place to Edgewood in March 2023. On November 8, 2022, the community voted 72% in favor of Phase 2 of the Long-Range Facilities Plan, which calls for the upgrade and modernization of Ravinia, Indian Trail, Braeside, Wayne Thomas, and Sherwood Schools over the next several years and funds \$6MM (six million dollars) towards investments in immediate security upgrades at all campuses.

WHAT NOW

The logistical challenges and opportunities now presented come at a scope and magnitude never before seen by the District. However, we have short, medium, and long-term plans in place to effectively manage an unprecedented period of change, transitions, and modernization. Here is a look at the first few steps of this transformation.

Central Kitchen Design Draft



Lincoln School Classroom



Elm Place School



January 2023

District administrative staff and administration personnel will move to alternative office space in January 2023. The final plans for the administration will be part of Phase 3 of the Long-Range Facilities Plan.

The District will lease temporary warehouse space in January 2023 for 12-18 months, as the current District operations warehouse (located at Indian Trail) will be vacated & converted into the Central Production Kitchen as part of Phase 2 of the Long-Range Facilities Plan. The permanent plan for the warehouse is slated to be part of Phase 3, and might be completed sooner.

June 2023

The District's Early Childhood Center Pre-Kindergarten program will temporarily move to classrooms at Lincoln School after the school year in June 2023. The final plans for the Early Childhood Center are called for in Phase 3 of the Long-Range Facilities Plan. Indian Trail Elementary School will temporarily move to the Elm Place School site after the school year in June 2023.

Ravinia Elementary School will temporarily move to the Green Bay School site after the school year in June 2023. Construction at Indian Trail and Ravinia Schools, part of Phase 2 of the Long-Range Facilities Plan, is estimated to last until March 2025.

Fall 2023

The construction work to build the Central Production Kitchen will start in 2023. The kitchen will provide a District-wide hot food service program for all students at all K-8 campuses. This equitable approach to nutrition, wellness, lunch, and overall health of the students will be another improvement for our community for the first time in its history. The new food service program will be introduced in the coming years. More information will be shared.



District 113 | Happy Holidays, The Year Ahead



Dear District 113 Community,

As this issue of *The Highlander* arrives in mailboxes, we will be days away from winter break and well into the holiday season. I wish everyone in our community the happiest of holidays and hope you are able to enjoy these festive days with family and friends. Of course, this time of year is also a time of giving, sharing with those who may be dealing with hardship or who may find this time of year difficult. We are fortunate that our community has so many who give generously and that we have so many resources available to those in need. As we move into 2023, let us also recommit to coming together in support of each other. Strong schools contribute to strong communities, and our nation desperately needs all of us to work together.

January marks the start of a new calendar year as well as the start of second semester, a natural time of new beginning, and the opportunity for renewal for the remainder of this school year. In fact, it is also in January that our students begin selecting classes for the 2023-24 school year. This requires a lot of planning and ground work.

To prepare, we have used this school year as a year to lay the foundation for the future. Coming out of the pandemic, recovering from the mass shooting July 4, this year was a year to reset. It is now that we will begin in earnest gathering input to determine future goals. To this end, we will be asking staff and parents and guardians to think about their students walking off the graduation stage, diploma in hand: what skills, qualities, and competencies do we want our graduates to possess in order to move ahead to the next step on the path to their ideal future?

These answers are incredibly important. Anyone who has or has had high schoolers knows how quickly four years race by. In order to have students walk off the stage with those skills and competencies requires that our instructional program and budget align to these values. And that instructional program has to be available to students beginning on day one of their freshman year.

The District 113 community has found resilience and renewed commitment in adapting to a global pandemic and a local horror. This year marks a pivot from finding stronger shared purpose to build and build upon structures and practices to allow us to focus and concentrate our work on long-term goals. These long-term goals will make District 113 even better and support the success of all students, not just as scholars but as whole people. As we experienced the past two years, we are stronger and can achieve more when we work together, and we look forward to working with our dedicated teachers and parents to get this right.

However you celebrate the holidays, I hope they are joyful.

Bruce Law, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Park District of Highland Park

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Happy Holidays

See you in the New Year!
from the Park District of Highland Park



Give the Perfect Gift

PARKSHOP

Gear up your friends and family with merch from your favorite Park District facility!

The ParkShop has something special for everyone. Choose from knit caps, hats, mugs, tote bags, blankets, and so much more! We even have puzzles! Fun for the whole family this holiday season. Visit the ParkShop for the perfect gift!

Visit the ParkShop:



Proceeds from all shop sales go to the Parks Foundation of Highland Park. The Parks Foundation raises funds to ensure that every Highland Park/Highwood resident can access Park District programs and works to support the parks and facilities that bring our community together.

THE FITNESS CLUB AT THE REC CENTER

Give the gift of staying healthy! Purchase our 10-pack of Core Plus Day Passes! Each pass includes a full facility access day to all Recreation Center of Highland Park amenities including equipment on the fitness floor, open/lap swim, running/walking track, open gym, and the entire drop-in group exercise schedule!

To purchase visit:



GIFT CARDS

Park District of Highland Park and Sunset Valley Golf Club gift cards are great gift ideas for teachers, kids, moms & dads, or that "hard to buy for" friend or relative. Buy a stack of cards to keep at home for last minute gifts. Gift cards are available in any denomination, and may be purchased online, and in-person.

PURCHASE GIFT CARDS

Park District of Highland Park



Online:



In-person:

The Rec Center
1207 Park Ave W

Sunset Valley Golf Club



Online:



In-person:

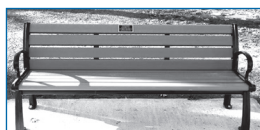
Sunset Valley
Golf Club
1390 Sunset Rd.

TRIBUTE & MEMORIAL GIFTS

Life is full of occasions to celebrate – weddings, births, anniversaries, the lives of loved ones lost. The Parks Foundation's Tribute and Memorial Gift program offers you the opportunity for recognition of special occasions and loved ones with the gift of a bench, tree, or brick for placement in our parks. Proceeds from your donation go to improving our community parks and facilities.

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

To purchase visit:



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A SUMMER TO REMEMBER... IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Tue, Dec 27 - Fri, Dec 30 | 9am-Noon | JUNIOR TENNIS WINTER MINI CAMP | Ages 5-14

Individual Days \$45, All 4 Days \$162, Deer Creek Racquet Club, 701 Deer Creek Parkway
Get out of the house and hit the courts this winter break!
[Register at pdhp.org.](#)

Tue, Jan 3 - Fri, Jan 6 | 9am-Noon | JUNIOR TENNIS WINTER MINI CAMP | Ages 5-14

Individual Days \$45, All 4 Days \$162, Deer Creek Racquet Club, 701 Deer Creek Parkway
Get out of the house and hit the courts this winter break!
[Register at pdhp.org.](#)

Tue, Jan 10 | 10-11:15am | SNOW DAY | All Ages

\$6, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd
Discover the wonders of snow just as Peter from "The Snowy Day" does in his neighborhood. Take a walk with us in the snow, to make prints, snow structures, and discover some science.
[Register at pdhp.org.](#)

Sat, Jan 14 | 1-2:30pm | WINTER PLUNGE | All Ages

\$12/15, Recreation Center of Highland Park, 1207 Park Avenue West
Swim in a Winter Waterland and gather toys and treats! The winter plunge will be broken into 3 separate age groups throughout the event. We encourage all participants to stay after and enjoy open swim. This is included with the enrollment of the event.
[Register at pdhp.org.](#)

Sat, Jan 14 | 6-7:30pm | LIGHT IN THE NIGHT | Ages 6-Adult

\$12, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd
Find the beauty of the night, with several activities that celebrate light and dark. Find the light by exploring caves, making shadows, watching fireflies, stars and more.
[Register at pdhp.org.](#)

Mon, Jan 16 | 10-11am | TAKE IT, MAKE IT, DISPLAY IT | All Ages

\$10/15, West Ridge Center, 636 Ridge Rd
Cozy up at home with this surprise craft kit! Each kit will contain items to create a unique project with family. Bring the finished project back for the Recreation Staff to put on display at the West Ridge Center.
Craft Kit Pick-up: January 16, 10am-11am at West Ridge Center
Craft Drop-Off: January 22, 10am-3pm at West Ridge Center
A light reception will be held on Monday, January 23 from 5:30pm-6:30pm during the Artist Showcase.
[Register at pdhp.org.](#)

Mon, Jan 16 | 1-3pm | DRAGONS! | Ages 6-10

\$33, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd
It's Appreciate a Dragon Day! Hatch a dragon of your very own and go on a quest (hike) to unveil the magic of dragon lore with experiments and more. [Register at pdhp.org.](#)

Wed, Jan 18 | 4-5pm | LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION | Ages 7-10

\$15/20, West Ridge Center, 636 Ridge Rd
Let's ring in The Year of the Rabbit with celebration and good luck! Participants will start in the kitchen creating a traditional snack and a New Year craft to complete with family.
[Register at pdhp.org.](#)

Fri, Feb 3 | 6:30-7:45pm | VALENTINE'S CANDLELIGHT YOGA | Ages 21+

\$25, Recreation Center of Highland Park, 1207 Park Avenue West
Join us for a candlelit night of a peaceful all-levels flow designed to deeply relax and connect to loved ones. Beautiful music, good vibes, chocolates, and wine included.
[Register at pdhp.org.](#)

Sun, Feb 5 | 10am-Noon | BREAK CABIN FEVER | All Ages

FREE, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd
Don't get stuck inside all winter, break your cabin fever. Enjoy games in the snow, live animals, science demos, crafts and more. Cross country skiing is available if snow is 4" deep.
[Register at pdhp.org.](#)

Tue, Feb 7 | 10-11:15am | THE GRUFFALO | All Ages

\$6, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd
Walk with a mouse through our trails looking out for creatures big and small. Build a "Gruffalo" and try to outsmart animals that want to eat our mouse friend. [Register at pdhp.org.](#)

Tue, Feb 10 | 4-5pm | SWEETHEART SURPRISE! | Ages 3-7

\$15/20, West Ridge Center, 636 Ridge Rd
Get cozy with some heart-shaped fun while we create some unique sweet-inspired art to take home. Bring your imagination and creativity! [Register at pdhp.org.](#)

Wed, Feb 5 | 5:30-7pm | FAMILY ART NIGHT | Ages 3+

\$15/20, West Ridge Center, 636 Ridge Rd
Join us for this family fun event that allows your creativity to run wild! Flex your artistic skills and be explorative of many art forms and techniques. You are never too young or too old to make works of art! [Register at pdhp.org.](#)

About Us

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

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[pdhp.org](#)



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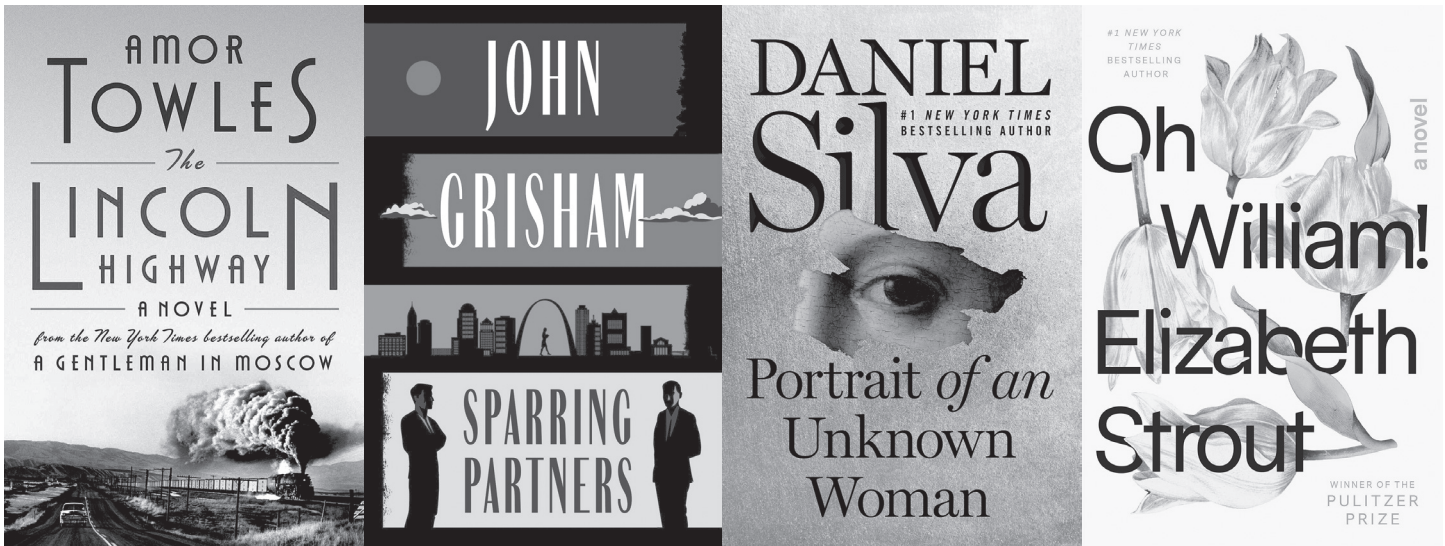
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Highland Park's Favorite Books Of The Year

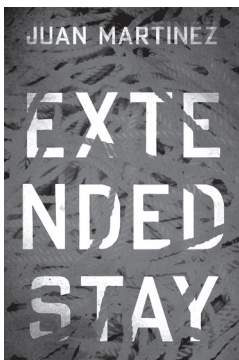
What did we read in 2022?

Here are the most borrowed books of the year.

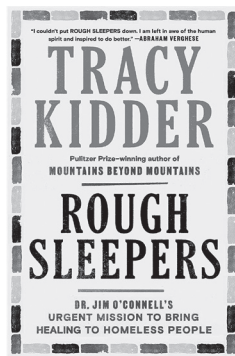


What to Read in 2023?

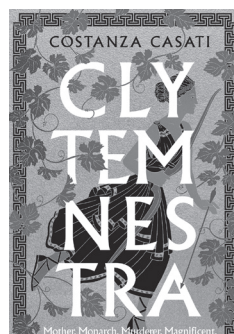
Here's a preview of upcoming titles that our librarians are recommending.



It's creepy, it's gross, it's brutally emotional, and wickedly insightful. It's by a Highland Park author!



Kidder is a master of long-form journalism. The Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award committees agree — he's won both of them.



The Greek myth of Helen of Troy's twin sister is reframed from a feminist perspective. If you liked Madeleine Miller's *Circe*, get ready for a treat.

For more book recommendations, subscribe to our New Books email.

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Stay Warm This Winter

We have plenty of cozy, winter, and holiday-themed books, films, and music. Visit hplibrary.org for winter entertainment.

This winter, use curbit and we'll deliver your items to your car.



Request materials at hplibrary.org or by calling 847-432-0216. When items are available, call the Library to request curbside delivery.

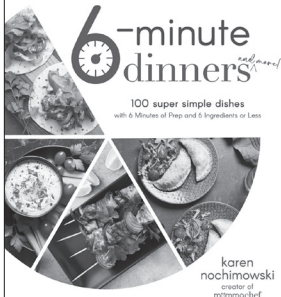
Park in the designated curbit spot in the lower-level parking lot and call the Library to let us know you've arrived. We'll bring your items to your car. An ID is required to receive materials.

2023 – A New Year, A New You

6-Minute Dinners and More

Meet The Author! Karen Nochimowski *6-Minute Dinners and More* Monday, December 19, 7 PM

Food columnist Karen Nochimowski, the creator of the popular food blog Momma Chef, discusses her new cookbook and demonstrates a recipe. All about flavor and ease, the cookbook features 100 recipes that only require six ingredients (or less) and six minutes of prep. Perfect for busy days during the holidays and in the new year!



Join us at the Library and enjoy a sample of one of Karen's recipes.

Books will be for sale and the event will conclude with a book signing.

A portion of the proceeds from sales of the cookbook will help fund the soup kitchen that Karen started in Chicago.

Inciting Joy

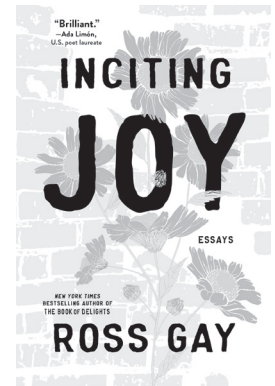
A Conversation with Ross Gay Wednesday January 11, 7 PM

Kick off your new year with a conversation about joy with bestselling essayist and award-winning poet Ross Gay. Ross will discuss his most recent collection of essays, *Inciting Joy*, an exploration of the joy we incite when we turn our attention to what we love and what brings us together.

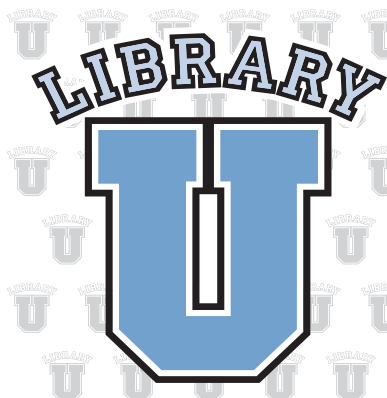
In conversation with performance poet Dan "Sully" Sullivan.

Join us on Zoom. Register at hplibrary.org/events.

This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.



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Winter Classes

Beginning Spanish • Beginning Italian • Poetry Writing • Memoir Writing
Poetry Writing in Spanish • Screenwriting and Playwriting Workshop

Spring Classes

Mindful Meditation • Poetry Writing • Memoir Writing • Canasta • Mah Jongg

Register beginning January 9 for all classes at hplibrary.org/libraryu.

Find more information at hplibrary.org/libraryu.

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

Get a head start on spring cleaning! The Friends of the Library are accepting gently-used books, DVDs, CDs, and records. Donations can be placed in the orange drop box located in the Library parking lot.

Looking for more books? Stock up on gently-used books and more at the used book sales presented by the Friends of the Library on Thursdays and Saturdays. Visit hplibrary.org/events for dates and times.

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Fun for Kids! [®]

Registration required. Se requiere registrarse.
Register at hplibrary.org/events.

iREAD KICKOFF & KID LIT FEST

Kick off iRead, District 112 Education Foundation's annual read-a-thon, at the Library!

Celebrate books and reading! Saturday, January 21, 9 AM – 2 PM.

Meet children's authors and illustrators.

Books will be for sale and authors will sign copies.

Make a craft.

Visit the book cover photo booth.

Listen to teachers read from their favorite books.

Enjoy storyteller Anne Shimojima's performances at 10:30 AM or 12:45 PM.

Receive credit for 30 minutes on your iRead reading log.

Sensory Bins

Saturdays

December 17, 10 AM – 12 PM

January 14, February 11, 11 AM – 1 PM.

For babies – five-year-olds accompanied by a caregiver.

Explore sensory bins with your little ones! Sensory play allows kids to connect ideas with concrete experiences, strengthen neural pathways, and build motor skills. Plus, who doesn't like squishy, smooth, textured, crunchy, colorful, and smelly stuff?

Panel to Panel:

A Graphic Novel Book Club [®]

Tuesdays, 4 – 5 PM. Grades 4 – 7.

Graphic novel fans, join us to discuss a graphic novel each month. We'll wrap up with a fun activity!

December 20:

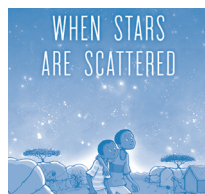
The Crossover
by Kwame Alexander

"THEY EXPLORED... I LOVE THE CROSSOVER EVERYONE WALKS" —KYLE CHANDLER



January 31:

When Stars Are Scattered
by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed



February 28:

Wingbearer
by Marjorie Liu



Craftapalooza

Thursday, December 29

Drop in from 10 AM – 2 PM while supplies last.

Ages 3 – 14.

Bored? Feeling crafty? Stop by and make something creative! Choose from many different DIY crafts.

Board Game Bonanza

Wednesday, January 4, 2 – 5 PM.

Preschool – age 14.

Stop by and play a board game. Bring a friend or challenge a member of the Youth Services staff.

Mandarin Bilingual Storytime [®]

Saturdays, January 14, February 11

10 – 10:30 AM. Ages 5 – 9. Siblings welcome.

Introduce your family to Mandarin through simple stories, music, and hands-on activities with Highland Park High School's Chinese teacher Emma Forquer.

Meet The Author and Illustrator! Shannon Hale & LeUyen Pham [®]

Saturday, February 11, 3 – 4 PM.

Join us on Zoom for a virtual author visit with writer Shannon Hale and illustrator LeUyen Pham! They will talk about their books, answer your questions, and share an engaging activity.

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Business

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Shopping Guide

Your holiday shopping starts here!
Browse Highland Park's specialty
shops across all nine business districts
at enjoyhighlandpark.com/shopping.

Parking Holiday

Enjoy extended parking hours
through January 2, 2023. Parking
restrictions will be suspended at all
municipal parking lots. There will be
no time limit enforced at these public
lots. Disabled parking, fire hydrant
zones, loading zones, and on-street
customer-only parking will still be in
effect. Permit parking still remains in
effect during these parking holidays.
Employee parking restrictions will
also be strictly enforced.

New Year, New You

Treat yourself after the rush of the
holiday season at one of Highland
Park's salons, spas, wellness centers
and more.



Business Awards

Beautification Award

Congratulations to the [Hillco Properties'](#)
"Shop the Block on Central" business-
es: Beanstalk, Sprout Kids, Wild Willow,
Harper & Ash, Central Cafe, Central
Boutique, and Central for Men, which
were honored with the City's 2022 **Beau-
tification Award!** This award recognizes
businesses that have enhanced their store-
fronts and created a welcoming atmo-
sphere that invites and attracts prospec-
tive customers with pleasing aesthetics.
Their beautiful window displays change

seasonally with creative decor and pre-
sentation of merchandise created by Ai-
mee Bartlett. From dressing mannequins
to weaving yarn, Aimee creates displays
that are truly works of art that enhance
our community all year long.

Business Recognition

Congratulations to North Shore Shell
and North Shore Shell Service, with 50
years of service, and 75 years in business
for Trans World Travel.



Business Report

New Businesses

Garasi (Asian Cuisine)
431 Temple Avenue
847.780.8441 / garasiasian.com

YogaSix (Fitness Studio)
610 Central Avenue, Ste 173
847.868.1396
yogasix.com/location/highland-park

Enclave 1849 (Coworking Space)
1849 Green Bay Road, Unit 109
enclavecoworking.com/highland-park

Toto's Sport Solutions
2250 Green Bay Road
224.276.0146 / totosportsolutions.com
Bicycle, ski & snowboard sales & service

Furology (Dog Grooming)
464 Central Avenue
847.780.3904 / furology464.com

**Lakewood Cleaners (Cleaning & Tailor-
ing)**
824 Central Avenue
847.780.3866 / lakewoodclean.com

New Location

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486 Central Avenue
847.926.7053 / annieturbin.com
Women's Clothing & Accessories

New Owner

New Balance (Shoes)
610 Central Avenue Ste 169
847.266.8323 / newbalance.com