'Tis the Season of Giving

Shop Local & Enjoy Extended Parking Hours Now Through December 23

Residents and visitors are encouraged to shop and dine locally with extended parking hours in public parking lots in Downtown Highland Park through Saturday, December 23. Extended parking hours only pertain to public lots. On-street customer-only parking, disabled parking, fire hydrant and loading zones will still be enforced. Additionally, permit parking still remains in effect. Employee parking restrictions will be strictly enforced. Visit cityhpil.com or contact the City Manager’s Office at 847.926.1000.

Art is Alive in Highland Park

Local artists of all ages are encouraged to submit a finished piece of art work to this community art contest sponsored by the Cultural Arts Commission and The Art Center - Highland Park.

Holiday Information

Learn when City offices will be closed over the holidays and how refuse and recycling services will be adjusted. Also, there are options for disposing or recycling your holiday tree.

Give!

Shop local this holiday season. You’ll discover wonderful gifts for friends and loved ones while supporting both local businesses and our community.

Give non-perishable food items to the Moraine Township Food Pantry.

Give to Fire Department Cold Weather Clothing Drive and City Hall’s USO Drive.

Give your time and energy on Monday, January 15 for the 9th Annual Martin Luther King Day of Service.

Give!
Highland Park at a Glance

**Holiday Information**

The Mayor, City Council and staff wish all Highland Park residents a very happy and safe holiday season. City offices will be closed on Monday, December 25, Monday, January 1 and Monday, January 15, in observance of Christmas Day, New Year’s Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday, respectively. Residents may call the Public Safety Switchboard at 847.432.7730 if assistance is required.

Refuse and recycling will not be collected on Mondays, December 25 and January 1. Residents with regular Monday refuse and recycling collection will receive service on Tuesday. Residents with regular Tuesday refuse and recycling collection will receive service on Wednesday, December 27 and Wednesday, January 3. Customers with Thursday and Friday collection will be serviced one day after their regular collection day. Please contact Lakeshore Recycling Systems at 773.685.8811 or visit LRsrecycles.com.

**Martin Luther King Day of Service: January 15, 2018**

Join together with the community, friends and family on Monday, January 15 from 10 AM – 2 PM for the 9th Annual Martin Luther King Day of Service, held at the Recreation Center of Highland Park. The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday is a perfect opportunity for Americans to honor Dr. King’s legacy through service. The MLK Day of Service empowers individuals, strengthens communities, bridges barriers, creates solutions to social problems and moves us closer to Dr. King’s vision of a beloved community.

This event will feature purposeful service projects and presentations to engage all ages. The Honorable Jesse White, Illinois Secretary of State, will recount his personal experiences with Dr. King, Lynn Epps will present a portrait of Dr. King, and the Jesse White Tumbling Team will perform their amazing feats.

Service projects will include assembling toiletries for Hospitalized Veterans and the USO, creating Valentine messages for Operation Support Our Troops (Braeside PTO), creating Darfur paper dolls (Elm Place), decorating tablecloths for the USO (Wayne Thomas PTO), making cards for kids in hospitals (Northwood’s YESS), preparing warmth boxes for the less fortunate (Families Helping Families Chicagoland), assembling creative care packages for survivors of domestic violence (Rotary Club).

Service vendors are seeking the following donations, which should be brought in/dropped off to the event between 10 AM – 12 noon: toiletries, non-expired and non-perishable food items (Moraine Township Food Pantry), gently used musical instruments (Ravinia Festival’s Reach, Teach, & Play), and bicycles in any condition (Working Bikes).

Overflow parking is available at Wolters Field with a shuttle bus running between Wolters and the Recreation Center from 9:45 AM – 2:15 PM.

For more info contact Terry Grossberg at trpltung@gmail.com or 847.204.4815. Learn more at cityhpil.com/MLK.

**Holiday Tree Disposal/Recycling**

Residents may dispose of Christmas trees on their primary refuse collection day. Lakeshore Recycling Systems will collect, transport and dispose of trees left curbside by all customers between January 2 through January 26, 2018. A sticker is not required. Contact Lakeshore Recycling Systems 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 29, 2018. Drop-off locations are in posted areas of parking lots at Larry Fink Park, 1377 Deer Creek Parkway, and Danny Cunniff 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 for more information.

**Recycling Tip**

Holiday gift giving and receiving often means residents have a lot of boxes to recycle. Residents are reminded to break down cardboard boxes for recycling. Larger boxes may require the use of a box cutter. This maximizes the amount of recyclable material in both containers and the trucks.
**Gratitude & Giving**

Often, as one year ends and another begins, we talk about gratitude and what we hope to achieve in the New Year. Thank you for your time and thoughtful input throughout the year, focusing on issues that matter to all of us.

We are fortunate to live in a caring and inclusive town. Together, we continue to work to create the community we desire both for today and for future generations. 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 giving, please consider putting these core principles into action. Let’s continue to care for our neighbors in need. Consider donating non-perishable food to the Moraine Township Food Pantry at 777 Central Avenue. Our Fire Department is collecting new toys during their Annual Toys for Tots drive through December 18 and new or gently used children’s winter hats, gloves, and scarves for their cold weather clothing drive through February 1, 2018. Collection boxes are located in the lobby of Fire Station 33 at 1130 Central Avenue. The City has also partnered with the USO to collect books, games and toys to support families of US Armed Forces service members. Donations can be dropped off at City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue through December.

As the saying goes: Many hands together make light work. If everyone contributes, we can make a difference. Together, we can give our neighbors peace of mind and so much more. Join me. Happy Holidays!

– Mayor Nancy R. Rotering

**Winter Tree Trimming**

Highland Park has been a recognized Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for over 30 years. Each year, City contractors prune parkway trees in one of eight sections of the City. The work consists of removing any large dead, dying or diseased limbs. This maintenance helps ensure the trees grow correctly and are safe for everyone to enjoy.

This winter, Advanced Tree Care will begin trimming in Region 2, the area between Richfield and Lake Cook Road, west of Highway 41. Contact City Forester Keith O’Herrin at 847.926.1604 or koherrin@cityhpil.com with questions.

**Holiday Message from Police Chief Fleischhauer**

Residents of Highland Park:

The holidays are a special time of year where friends, family and neighbors come together to celebrate. As parties are scheduled and travel spikes, there is an increased risk for youth including those students returning home from college for the holiday break. The rate of high-risk drinking, including underage drinking, is alarmingly high. Statistics cited by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Association (SAMSHA) indicate that nearly 400 young people under the age of 21 die from alcohol-related causes every month. It is my hope that we do not add to this number. Parents and guardians can help to prevent adolescents from consuming alcohol during the holidays.

- Be mindful of your own drinking behaviors which provide a model for youths.
- Keep track of where your children are and what they are doing. They may be in the family room with their guests, but stopping in occasionally to be sure they are not drinking is a good idea.
- Ask relatives to respect your family rules if necessary.

As families and friends gather to celebrate, please be reminded that it is unlawful to host a party where alcohol is provided and or consumed by those under 21. It is also important to use designated drivers or taxis if you plan to drink at a party. Driving a vehicle when sober is already a challenging proposition in bad weather. Imagine the difficulty when attempting to do so when affected by alcohol or drugs.

Holiday Safety is an issue that burns brightly for all of us in Public Safety during this time of year. Please help us keep you and your families safe.

On behalf of the City, we wish everyone a safe and prosperous holiday season,

- Mark Fleischhauer, Chief of Police
Our Community

Winter Driving Tips

Winter driving can be dangerous. The Police Department offers these additional suggestions for safe travel:

- Keep your gas tank full.
- Buckle seat safety belts…it’s the law.
- Drive with headlights on and don’t use bright lights during a snowstorm as it increases the glare and reflection from falling snow.
- Keep all windows clear of snow and ice.
- Allow more time for travel. Drive slower and increase the distance between your car and the one in front of you.
- If pavement is snow or ice covered, start slowly and brake gently. Braking abruptly can result in skidding and loss of control. Bridges and lesser-traveled portions of roadways freeze over first.
- Be careful if you are involved in a minor accident. If possible, re-locate the vehicles involved to the nearest location free from other motorists.
- Hand-held cell phone use while driving is illegal in Illinois.
- Maintain a safe distance from State and City snow plow trucks. Do not pass snow plow trucks when they are engaged in snow plowing and salting activities.
- Move over a lane width when possible and slow down when passing stationary emergency and highway maintenance vehicles with their emergency warning lights activated. It’s the law.
- If you can, avoid driving during snow storms and severe weather. Consider public transportation.

Help the Police Department reduce crashes and injuries this winter driving season. Be a safe driver and drive responsibly.

Art is Alive in Highland Park: Calling All Artists!

The Cultural Arts Commission and The Art Center - Highland Park jointly sponsor Art is Alive in Highland Park, a community art contest open to all Highland Park public and private school students and Highland Park residents in four categories: elementary, middle, and high school students, and adults aged 18+.

To enter, bring a finished piece of artwork to The Art Center, 1957 Sheridan Road, on Saturday, January 13, 2018 between 10 AM and 1 PM.

A jury of art professionals will select one winner and four finalists in each category. Prize ribbons will be awarded and selected art works will be displayed at The Art Center throughout the month of February. Final judging and announcement of winners will be made on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at a reception hosted by The Art Center.

Submitted art may be in all forms - from drawing, painting, photography, ceramics, sculpture to mixed media. Wall-mounted art must be ready-to-hang, preferably with d-rings and wire, and submitted with a black or white matte around the work if not framed. Please do not use sawtooth hangers. Visit www.cityhpil.com/cac or call 847.432.1888 or email info@theartcenterhp.org for more information.

Frozen Water Service Lines - What to Do?

During winter season, in addition to snow and ice, one can expect extreme low rigid temperatures that can result in frozen water service pipes. An underground frozen water service line or a frozen pipe inside the house can cause low pressure, total loss of water service, or a burst pipe.

To prevent frozen pipes, please ensure inside pipes are insulated, especially those located on outside walls, or in basements, attics, or crawl spaces. In addition, seal drafts and air leaks near water pipes and keep house heated, even during vacations or out of town. If the extreme temperatures persist, keep water running (pencil size flow) from a faucet. This helps in keeping the water moving in the pipes and minimize potential of freezing.

The water service line from City’s water main to home is typically installed at a depth below the frost line thereby reducing the likelihood of freezing. With persistent sub-zero temperatures, the frost zone can get deeper making the underground water service line susceptible to freezing.

If you suspect frozen service line, please contact a licensed plumber or Public Works Department at 847.432.0807 during normal business hours or Police non-emergency number at 847.432.7730 during off hours.
Community Calendar

Midwest Young Artists Presents
A Magical Musical Family Holiday Show
Sunday, December 17, 2 & 4 PM
Bennett-Gordon Hall at Ravinia
201 St. Johns Avenue
847.926.9898 / mya.org
Tickets: FREE
This holiday adventure will take you on a magical journey through some of the seasons celebrations, including Christmas, Hanukkah, a North Pole sing-along and a special visit from a man in a red suit... Because one celebration is never enough, there are two showings for this event: 2 PM & 4 PM

Affordable Housing Information
Tuesday, January 9, 7 PM
Tuesday, February 6, 7 PM
Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH)
400 Central Ave., Suite 111
847.681.8746 / CPAHousing.org

Art is Alive in Highland Park:
A Juried Community Art Contest
Drop off submissions:
Saturday, January 13, 10 AM – 1 PM for children and adult residents (see article on page 4 for details).

Highland Park Historical Society Presents
Chicago Food Biography, Illinois 200 Series
January 16, 7:30 PM
Highland Park Public Library
494 Laurel Avenue - Auditorium
The food biography of Chicago is a story of not just culture, economics, and innovation, but also a history of regulation and regulators, as they protected Chicago’s food supply and built Chicago into a city where people come not only to eat, but where locals rely on the availability of safe food and water. With vivid details and stories of local restaurants and food, Professors Block and Rosing reveal Chicago to be one of the foremost eating destinations in the country.

Pilgrim Chamber Presents
Winter Passions
Sunday, January 21, 3 PM
Highland Park Community House
1991 Sheridan Road
Tickets: $20/Adults
Pilgrim Chamber Players presents The Kontras Quartet with a program including works by Beethoven, Tchaikovsky and Mark O’Connor.

Highland Park Poetry Presents
Faisal Mohyuddin Reading & Poetry Open-Mic
Saturday, January 27, 8 PM
582 Roger Williams Avenue
HighlandParkPoetry.org
Faisal Mohyuddin is the author of The Riddle of Longing (Backbone Press, 2017) and The Displaced Children of Displaced Children (Eyewear Publishing, 2018), the winner of the 2017 Sexton Prize in Poetry. Warm up this winter with some word magic. Poets may bring up to three poems to share.

East on Central

Highland Park Poetry

Highland Park Players Presents
Busytown, The Musical
Saturdays & Sundays
February 10, 11, 17 & 18
11 AM and 1 PM
Elm Place Auditorium
2031 Sheridan Road
Tickets: $12 online or at the door www.HighlandParkPlayers.com
In this musical for young audiences, Huckle Cat and his friends take us on a tour of his great neighborhood and see how the Busytown characters work together and help each other.

Check out more happenings in Highland Park at cityhpil.com/CommunityCalendar
Our Community

On November 13, Mayor Nancy Rotering announced Gabrielle Rousso as the recipient of the 2017 Mayor’s Award for the Arts.

Gabrielle first joined the Board of The Art Center – Highland Park (TAC) in 1998 and served for ten years before becoming TAC’s Executive Director and School Director in 2008, a position she held until January 2017. During her time at TAC she oversaw 20+ exhibitions annually in three galleries for established and emerging artists. She also managed TAC’s Art School which offers over 300 classes in all art mediums annually, to over 1,500 students. Gabrielle directed and produced the national outdoor juried Festival of Fine Craft, consisting of over 125 national juried artists for many years.

In 2015 she was appointed to be one of the Advisory Panelists for Visual Arts Grant Programming for the Illinois Arts Council Agency (IAC) by Shirley Madigan, Chairman of the IAC, Chicago. Prior to becoming Executive Director at TAC, Gabrielle was the president and Lead Designer of Designs Within, a Chicago interior design firm. During her 20 years she designed over 100 residential and commercial projects in Chicago, on the North Shore and western Chicago Suburbs. Gabrielle holds degrees in Education, Art and awards in Interior Design. She has been surrounded by and influenced by the arts her entire life. A resident for 28 years, Gabrielle is been married to husband David and has three children.

The Fire Department reminds homeowners to display home addresses properly. The Municipal Code states that each owner or occupant of real estate shall provide, place and display their street address in a manner that may be easily and distinctly read year-round from the roadway in the daylight and easily and distinctly read year-round during darkness with the use of outside lighting provided by the persons on the roadway doing the reading.

When 911 is called, a lack of a clear and legible address will delay emergency responders in finding your property when every second counts. Firefighters, paramedics and police officers need to be able to see addresses during the day time and the night time. Please make sure your home address is displayed on your home and is visible from the street. We have many homes in town with addresses that are very hard to read. If 911 is called and you are able to turn on your outside lights in the evening it will also aid in finding your house.

Additionally, address numbers should not be obscured by bushes or other decorative materials, and each of the numbers and letters of every address needs to be at least three inches high.

The City appreciates your help in this matter. Your health and safety is very important to us. If you have any questions, call 847.433.3110 or email our Public Education Officers John Brens (jbrens@cityhpil.com) or Joe Schrage (jschrage@cityhpil.com).

Did you know?

… 27% of Highland Park / Highwood’s elementary students qualify for the free/reduced lunch program based on their family’s income.

… there are seniors in our community who may need help to make it to their next Social Security check.

… some of our neighbors may need food before their next pay check.

Visit www.morainetownship.org and click to equip! Contributions are tax deductible.

Moraine Township, set to open its new client-choice food pantry in early 2018, has announced a unique giving opportunity for those who’d like to help make the new space complete. For the person on your holiday shopping list who has everything, this is a chance to purchase the gift that will keep on giving - donate in their name and benefit our residents.

The pantry has established a “wish list” of necessary but unusual items needed to equip its new client-choice Pantry. Visit morainetownship.org for the “click to equip” button to purchase items from a 3-bay sink to a shopping cart or a grocery store shelf, sorting table, check-in counter and a myriad of other items needed to make the new Pantry welcoming for the Township’s clients.
Senior Center

54 Laurel Avenue
Serving Seniors ages 50 and better

New Year’s Eve Celebration

Beelow’s North Shore
Sunday, December 31
11:45 AM - 2 PM
Fee: $33 / NM: $53

Ring in the New Year with loved ones, delicious food, fabulous music, and a champagne toast at 12 noon. Lunch includes butternut squash soup, your choice of entrée, mashed potatoes, sautéed spinach, white chocolate mousse cake for dessert, and coffee, tea or soda. During lunch, you’ll enjoy festive music by Bob Moreen, who will play well-known and well-loved music. When registering, please indicate your entrée choice of grilled lobster tail, petite filet, or grilled salmon. Registration deadline is Friday, December 22. Sponsored by Freedom Home Care.

Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo: La Belle

Auditorium Theater
Sunday, March 4
Fee: $135 / NM: $155
Bus departs Toys R Us at 12 PM

Enjoy Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo’s first appearance in Chicago since 1935! Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo, the premier dance company of Monaco that is known for its elegant, classical style, comes to the Auditorium Theatre with La Belle, a dark and beautiful reinterpretation of Marius Petipa’s classic ballet The Sleeping Beauty. Artistic Director and award-winning choreographer Jean-Christophe Maillot has created an enthralling version of the original fairy tale. Seats are located in the main floor orchestra front. Please register by January 15, 2018.

Firehouse Youth Center

1830 Green Bay Road
Serving Youth in grades 6 - 8

Firehouse After School Club
Now Registering for 2nd Semester
Monday - Friday, 3 - 6 PM
Semester Fee: $120 for one day per week, $240 for two days per week, $360 for three days per week, $480 for four days per week, and $600 for five days per week.

The After School Club serves families looking for a comprehensive after school program for their middle school students. Offering transportation from District 112 middle schools, snack, homework time and assistance, choice of special activities, outdoor play, and free time, while supervised by a team of experienced staff, this is a great opportunity for students in 6th - 8th grade.

Further details and registration forms are available at www.cityhpil.com.

Early Release Day Field Trips

The Firehouse Youth Center offers a wide variety of field trips available on District 112 Early Release Days. Open to all Highland Park and District 112 middle school students, fees include transportation, lunch, activity fees, and supervision. Registration deadline is one week prior to the trip. Since activities will be off site for these special days, please arrange to pick your child up between 5:30 – 6 PM.

January 12    Movie Madness    $40
February 16   Escape Room    $50
April 27      Trampoline Park    $50
Kindergarten 2018 – 2019
Pre-Registration

Pre-registration is now underway for students entering kindergarten for the 2018 – 2019 school year. The pre-registration packet is available on the district website at www.nssd112.org, district office, and all District 112 schools. Packets must be submitted to the District 112 Registration office at District Offices.

Please bring the following:
1. Completed Pre-Registration Packet
2. Student’s Original Birth Certificate
3. Form of Identification (e.g. Driver’s License, State Issued ID, Military ID, Consulate ID)
4. One Proof of Residency (utility bill: electric, gas, water, cable)
5. 5-year-old Immunization/Physical Health Form must be submitted before/on first day of school (please submit once you have obtained)

Parents can attend the upcoming Kindergarten information night to be held on:
Tuesday, January 16th, 7:00 p.m., @ District Office (1936 Green Bay Rd. Highland Park)

There will also be a Dual Language information night held on:
Wednesday, December 13th, 6:30 p.m. @ District Office (1936 Green Bay Rd. Highland Park)

For additional information contact: 224-765-3046 or registration112@nssd112.org
Highland Park High School Kicks Off Annual Charity Drive

Highland Park High School will officially kick off its annual Charity Drive with an all-school assembly on Friday, February 2nd. Charity Drive is a month of fundraising activities planned and implemented by Highland Park High School students, staff, and community members. Over the past two decades Charity Drive has raised in excess of $2.5 million for various charities; last year’s Charity Drive brought in $140,000 for the Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center, a nonprofit center providing a place of safety and healing for survivors of sexual assault and abuse.

This year’s recipient, chosen by Highland Park High School students and staff, is Cal’s Angels, whose mission is to help children with cancer by granting wishes, raising awareness, and funding research. The students chose to make the announcement live on WGN Morning News, which provided them with an opportunity to engage the entire Chicagoland community and inform them of ways to support Cal’s Angels.

Over the last 10 years, Cal’s Angels has helped thousands of kids through wish granting, hospital parties, Fantasy Flight, and their 12 Days of Christmas program. In addition to helping take kids’ minds off their treatments, Cal’s Angels works to raise awareness with their “Go Gold” campaign during the month of September. Cal’s Angels also provides funding for research aimed at identifying new treatments for pediatric cancer and improving outcomes for kids everywhere.

The month-long Charity Drive includes events that Highland Park and Highwood families and community members can attend, including a dance clinic for 4th-8th grade students, Canasta Craziness, Mahjongg Madness, and Skate Night.

The NorthShore Cupid’s Love Dash 5K is being held on February 11th, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Charity Drive! Runners can find out more information by visiting [http://carpediemraces.com/northshore-cupids-love-dash](http://carpediemraces.com/northshore-cupids-love-dash)

On February 16th, all are invited to attend the Silent Auction at Highland Park High School. Items to bid on include outstanding seats to Chicago sporting events, jewelry, and various items and services from local businesses.

For more information and a full list of events, please visit [dist113.org/charitydrive2018](http://dist113.org/charitydrive2018)
Fun for All Ages

Winter Break Fun

Mon-Fri Dec 18-22 | 9-2:30pm | Junior Holiday Break Tennis Camp | Ages 5-14
$75 individual day | $335 all 5 days | $20 Hourly
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 Dec 18 | 1-4pm | Fairies, Trolls & Gnomes | Ages 6-10
$25, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd.

Build a home for the fairy, gnome, or troll you create; then settle to watch a movie. Register at pdhp.org.

Wed Dec 20 | 1-3pm | Shipwreck Mysteries | Ages 6-10
$15, Rosewood Beach Interpretive Center, 883 Sheridan Rd.

Learn about shipwrecks, play games and build a boat. Register at pdhp.org.

Thu Dec 21 | 10am-2pm | Grins, Giggles & Gags | Ages 5-7
$55/65, West Ridge Center, 636 Ridge Rd.

Join us for a hilarious time telling jokes, learning tricks, and making gags! Register at pdhp.org.

Tue-Fri Dec 26-29 | 9-2:30pm | Junior Holiday Break Tennis Camp | Ages 5-14
$75 individual day | $260 all 4 days | $20 Hourly
Deer Creek Racquet Club, 701 Deer Creek Parkway

Get out of the house and hit the courts this winter break! Register at pdhp.org.

Wed Dec 27 | 10am-2pm | Blizzard Bash | Ages 5-7
$55/65, West Ridge Center, 636 Ridge Rd.

Celebrate this silly snowy season with snowman games and snowflake crafts. Register at pdhp.org

Thu Dec 28 | 10am-2pm | Noon Year’s Celebration | Ages 5-7
$55/65, West Ridge Center, 636 Ridge Rd.

Let’s celebrate 2018! Make party favors and play games, then push the clock forward and ring in 2018 a little early. Best of all we’ll create memories of a fun filled New Year’s! Register at pdhp.org.

30 DAY
Winter Break Student Fitness Membership

Limited Time! Available for Purchase thru Dec 31
$45/residents, $60/nonresidents
Stay in shape with this 30-day membership. Provides unlimited, full access to the fitness center, aquatic center, the running/walking track and open gym, and drop-in group exercise classes.
A current photo ID and student ID are both required at the time of registration. If a student ID is not dated, another form of proof of student status may be required at the time of registration.
Membership is valid 30 days from the date of purchase. This membership cannot be modified or prorated.

Introducing Gift Cards

Just in time for the Holidays!
Gift cards are available in any denomination and can be purchased at all Park District of Highland Park facilities. Cards may be redeemed online or in-person.
Park District of Highland Park

Fun for All Ages

Tue Jan 2 | 7-8:30pm | Full Moon Campfire | Ages 6-Adult
$10, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd.

Winter is the perfect time to be outside at night, join us for a night of exploring! Register at pdhp.org.

Sat Jan 6 | 2:30-4:30pm | Winter Fest | Family
FREE, Centennial Ice Arena, 3100 Trail Way

Join us for a great day of FREE winter activities for families! Participate in indoor ice skating and gymnastics. Skating instructors will offer free group lessons.

Sat Jan 6 | 10am-12pm | Self-Defense Training |
Ages 8-Adult
$31 resident/$37 non-resident, West Ridge Center, 636 Ridge Rd.

Learn techniques based on instinctive principles that don't require years of training and practice to use. Register at pdhp.org.

Mon Jan 8 | 4-4:55pm | Magic Class | Ages 5-12
$21 resident/$37 non-resident, West Ridge Center, 636 Ridge Rd.

Amaze family and friends with tricks that involve cards, ropes, coins, mind ready and more! Register at pdhp.org.

Thu Jan 11 | 4:30-6:30pm | Blood Pressure & Glucose Screening | All Ages
FREE, Recreation Center of Highland Park, 1207 Park Ave West

Screenings provided by NorthShore University HealthSystem.

Sun Jan 14 | 1-2:30pm | A Hootin’ Good Time |
Ages 6-Adult
$9, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd.

Meet live owls up close and personal. Register at pdhp.org.

Mon Jan 15 | 10am-2pm | Martin Luther King Day of Service | All Ages
FREE, Recreation Center of Highland Park, 1207 Park Av. West

Join us for the 9th Annual MLK Day of service and take part in fun and creative projects to help local community agencies!

Mon Jan 15 | 9-11am | Science in the Snow | Ages 6-10
$15, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd.

Experiment with snow, ice and winter cold.

Jan Dec 18 | 10am-12pm | Women’s Health Awareness Screening | All Ages
FREE, Recreation Center of Highland Park, 1207 Park Av. West

Screening provided by NorthShore University HealthSystem.

Sun Jan 21 | 10-11:30am | Ecological Gardens Series-Native Plants in the Home Landscape | Adult
$9, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd.

Get ready for spring blooms with Meredith Tucker from Citizens for Conservation. Register at pdhp.org.

Tue Jan 23 | 9:30-11:30am | Blood Pressure & Glucose Screening | All Ages
FREE, Recreation Center of Highland Park, 1207 Park Ave West

FREE screenings provided by NorthShore University HealthSystem.

Sat Jan 27 | 8am-6:30pm | Eagle Extravaganza | Ages 6-Adult
$23, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd.


Wed Jan 31 | 7-8:30pm | Full Moon Campfire | Ages 6-Adult
$10, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd.

Winter is the perfect time to be outside at night, join us for a campfire and some exploring. Register at pdhp.org.

Wed Jan 31 | 4-6pm | Body Fat Analysis | All Ages
FREE, Recreation Center of Highland Park, 1207 Park Ave West

FREE screenings provided by NorthShore University HealthSystem.

Sat Feb 3 | 10am-Noon | Self-Defense Training |
Ages 8-Adult
$31/37, West Ridge Center, 636 Ridge Rd.

Learn easy and effective ways to defend yourself in any situation. Register at pdhp.org.

Sat Feb 3 | 10am-Noon | Nature Discovery Day | All Ages
FREE, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd.

Visit our nature classrooms, complete a craft to take home, explore the science of nature, go sledding or cross country skiing, view live animals and enjoy marshmallows over the fire!
Registration Going On Now! Register at PDHP.ORG

MORE THAN A JOB!

JOIN OUR TEAM

View current job openings at pdhp.org

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

H2O Connect
Mon/Wed/Sat: 8:30-9:30am
Aqua Fit
Tue: 8:30-9:30am
Sun: 9:30-10:30am
Water Warriors
Fri: 8:30-9:30am
Zumba
Mon: 6:30-7:25pm
Tue/Thu: 9:35-10:35am
Sat: 10:45-11:45am
Aqua Zumba
Thu: 8:30-9:30am
Strictly Strength
Mon: 10-10:50am
Sun 9:15-9:55am
Aqua Fusion
Wed/Fri: 10-11am
Light n’ Lively
Mon/Fri: 11-11:55am
Wed:
11:30am-12:30pm
Balance & Tone
Tue:
11:05-12pm
Sets and Reps
Mon: 1:15-2:15pm
Restorative Yoga
Tue: 6:15-7:30pm
Strength and Core
Thu: 1:15-2:15pm

Gentle Yoga
Mon:
Noon-1:15pm
Tai Chi
Sun:
10:30-11:30am
Chair Yoga
Tue/Thu:
Noon-1pm

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Whether you’re looking to curl up with a book or stay home and watch a movie this winter, we’ve got you covered!

Check out one of Highland Park’s Most Requested Books For 2017

1. HOUSE OF SPIES, Daniel Silva
2. A GENTLEMAN IN MOSCOW, Amor Towles
3. THE LATE SHOW, Michael Connelly
4. TWO KINDS OF TRUTH, Michael Connelly
5. LITTLE FIRES EVERYWHERE, Celeste Ng
6. MANHATTAN BEACH, Jennifer Egan
7. ROOSTER BAR, John Grisham
8. TESTIMONY, Scott Turow
9. THE FIX, David Baldacci
10. CAMINO ISLAND, John Grisham
11. HILLBILLY ELEGY, J. D. Vance
12. THE IDENTICALS, Elin Hilderbrand

What To Read in 2018? Here’s A Sneak Peek At Titles Already Generating Buzz!

Reserve a copy now at hplibrary.org.

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THE GIRLS IN THE PICTURE, Melanie Benjamin
THE MONK OF MOKHA, Dave Eggers

FEB
WOMAN IN THE WINDOW, A. J. Finn
MUNICH, Robert Harris

MAR
STILL ME, Jojo Moyes
CITY OF ENDLESS NIGHT, Douglas Preston

APR
THE GREAT ALONE, Kristin Hannah
FORCE OF NATURE, Jane Harper

MAY
LOOK FOR ME, Lisa Gardner
NIGHT MOVES, Jonathan Kellerman
SUNBURN, Laura Lippman

JUN
WHITE HOUSES, Amy Bloom
TEMPTATION OF FORGIVENESS, Donna Leon
TO DIE BUT ONCE, Jacqueline Winspear

Check Out These Noteworthy Films & TV Series From 2017

FEATURE FILMS

★ BIG SICK ★ DETROIT ★ DUNKIRK ★
IT COMES AT NIGHT ★ LOST CITY OF Z ★ PATerson ★

TV SERIES

★ BIG LITTLE LIES ★ THE CROWN ★ FARGO SEASON 3 ★
★ QUEEN SUGAR ★ SILICON VALLEY SEASON 4 ★
★ TWIN PEAKS ★

DOCUMENTARIES

★ AMERICAN EPIC ★ ECLIPSE OVER AMERICA ★
★ I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO ★
★ AN INCONVENIENT SEQUEL: TRUTH TO POWER ★
★ PLANET EARTH II ★ THE VIETNAM WAR KEN BURNS ★

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Rare and hard-to-find titles
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New Year, New Home: How to Create Your Dream Home

Wednesday, January 10, 7 PM

Kick start your New Year’s resolutions with moving expert Ali Wenzke. Ali highlights steps for creating a beautiful, cozy, and happy home on a budget, whether it’s a new house or the place you’ve called home for years.

Sauerkraut Making Workshop

Thursday, January 4, 7 PM

Learn about the benefits of fermentation and make a fermented classic — sauerkraut! While cabbage and other vegetables are naturally full of nutrition, the process of fermentation increases their health benefits. Holistic health coach Evey Schweig explains the benefits and demonstrates how to make sauerkraut. Then make your own to take home! Please bring a wide-mouth quart size Mason jar, chef’s knife, large mixing bowl, cutting board, and a tamper to push down the kraut (optional). Registration required and space is limited. Register at hplibrary.org.
Book Discussion

Discussions With Davis
An Officer And A Spy
by Robert Harris

Thursday, February 15, 7 PM

Award-winning author Dave Eggers’ forthcoming book, The Monk of Mokha, tells the story of Mokhtar Alkhanshali, a Yemeni-American man who dreams of resurrecting the ancient art of Yemeni coffee. At 24, Alkhanshali works as a doorman until a chance encounter awakens his interest in coffee and its rich history in Yemen. Reinventing himself, he travels to Yemen eager to help farmers bring their coffee back to its former glory. He’s on the verge of success when he is trapped in Yemen by civil war. This true story weaves together the history of coffee, the struggles of everyday Yemenis living through civil war, and the courageous journey of a young man — a Muslim and a U.S. citizen — following the most American of dreams. Books will be for sale and the event will conclude with a book signing.

Special Appearance

Meet Mokhtar Alkhanshali
In A Special Appearance

Tuesday, February 6, 7 PM

Dreyfus Affair... a complex and alluring thriller.

That’s Entertainment

Theatrical Reading
The Tragedy of Coriolanus
Sunday, January 14, 2 PM

Equity actors from The Shakespeare Project of Chicago perform a theatrical reading of one of Shakespeare’s Roman tragedies. Sponsored by the Friends of the Highland Park Public Library.

Film Showing & Discussion
Espionage Film Series
Sunday, January 28, 2 PM

Bob Coscarelli, professor emeritus at College of Lake County, introduces and screens an espionage film. A discussion follows. Presented with the Highland Park Senior Center.

Tech

3D Cookie Cutter Creations
Monday, December 18
6:30 – 9 PM, Ages 14 and up

Create your own custom cookie cutter! Digitally draw a cookie cutter design, render the design into a 3D model, and submit it for printing on the Library’s 3D printer. Registration required. Register at hplibrary.org.

Photos In The Cloud

Wednesday, December 27
4 – 5 PM

We’ll show you how to back up your pictures to the cloud and clear some space on your Android or Apple device. Registration required. Register at hplibrary.org.
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2017 Business Report

2017 MAYOR’S BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

Sovereign Brands - 1300 Old Skokie Road
Renovated as an urban style office/warehouse space, Sovereign features a wood entry wall and a rooftop deck with steel cable railings and awnings.

Michael’s Chicago Style Red Hots – 1879 Second Street
Recent renovation included a new awning and outdoor tables as well as stencil drawn illustrations on the interior walls that pay homage to the Highland Park community.

Highland Park Hospital – 777 Park Avenue West
Highland Park Hospital’s landscaping project replaced over 90 trees and planted more than 150 shrubs, trees and flowers throughout the campus.

2017 BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARDS

Volunteer Pool of Highland Park – Since 1964
847.433.2190 / volunteerpoolhp.org
For over 50 years, Volunteer Pool of Highland Park has promoted and encouraged volunteerism in the community.

Corvette City – Since 1967
3046 Skokie Valley Road
847.433.6610 / vetteconnect.com
Corvette City has been a dependable source for service and restoration since 1967. Quality, dependable work has kept their customers returning for 50 years.

Zengeler Cleaners – Since 1940
2020 First Street / 847.432.4600
Operating in Highland Park for over 75 years, Zengeler Cleaners offers a variety of cleaning and laundry services, Zengeler Cleaners has become a staple in our community.

Mutual Ace Hardware & Rental – Since 1917
1393 Half Day Road
847.432.0026 / mutualrentals.com
Now run by 4th & 5th generations of the Sheahen Family. The knowledgeable and friendly staff have made Mutual Ace a favorite in Highland Park and beyond for 100 years.