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The City is thrilled to welcome its newest "Pawfficer" to the Police Department. This adorable walker hound is actually a highly trained canine able to provide calm, cuddles, and comfort.

Learn more on p. 4.



Bow WOW!

Spring Forward March 13

Remember to set all clocks forward by one hour on Sunday, March 13 at 2 AM.

The Fire Department reminds residents to change smoke detector batteries to save lives.

Public Safety Reminder

Remember to lock car doors, avoid leaving valuables in view, and don't leave key fob or keys in the vehicle. The Chicago metro area has experienced a number of stolen vehicles and burglaries. Let's help prevent these crimes.

Neighborhood Meetings

Be a part of the conversation and attend one of three Neighborhood Meetings with elected and appointed officials from the governments serving Highland Park. These will be held virtually in April and May.

Special Feature: 2022 Spring Clean Up & New Savings with Lakeshore Recycling



Highland Park at a Glance



2022 Neighborhood Meetings

The City of Highland Park, North Shore School District 112, Township High School District 113, Park District of Highland Park, Highland Park Public Library, Moraine Township, Lake County and other governments serving Highland Park will host several Neighborhood Meetings this spring to meet with residents and discuss Highland Park community priorities.

Neighborhood Meetings are an opportunity for residents to interact with staff and elected officials in a friendly, informal environment. The public is invited to provide input and feedback to Highland Park's governing bodies. Residents may attend any meeting. The schedule of these two-way conversations are:

- Tuesday, April 5 at 11 AM
- Monday, April 18 at 5:30 PM
- Thursday, May 5 at 5:30 PM

These meetings will be virtual. Please RSVP and indicate which meeting you wish to attend. The unique link will be provided. Links are also posted on the Meeting Calendar on the City's website. For more information and to RSVP, please contact the City at [847.926.1000](tel:847.926.1000) or cityhp@cityhpil.com.



Fix-a-Leak Week, 3/14-20 World Water Day, 3/22

The EPA's Fix-a-Leak Week is March 14 - 20. World Water Day is held each year on March 22. Both focus on saving water, our most precious resource. Visit epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week and worldwaterday.org. For info about the City's water supply, contact our Water Production Division at [847.433.4355](tel:847.433.4355) or waterplant@cityhpil.com.



Public Safety Reminders

Communities in the Chicago metro area continue to receive reports of burglaries and vehicle thefts. To help prevent crime, be sure to:

- Follow the 9 PM Routine (cityhpil.com/9PM) to secure your vehicle.
- Lock your vehicle and remove keys and key fobs from the car, even when parking in your driveway, carport, or garage.
- Avoid leaving your vehicle running and unattended.
- Keep windows raised and sunroofs closed.
- Ensure your garage door opener is secured out of sight in your car.
- Always keep the doors to your home locked, and remember to close and secure any open windows before leaving.



Snow & Ice Reminders

Snow Plowing Operations: Snow removal begins with the clearing of the City's main arterial routes, followed by side streets and cul-de-sacs. Street plowing operations continue until all streets are passable and all parking areas have been plowed. Learn more: cityhpil.com.

Parking Restrictions: From December 1 - March 31, vehicles cannot be parked longer than 15 minutes on any public streets between the hours of 2 AM and 6 AM, regardless of weather conditions.

Sidewalks: Please be considerate of neighbors and clear your sidewalk of snow and ice. After a snowfall of 4" or more, the City's contractor will plow sidewalks once street plowing operations are completed. Find authorized overnight parking lots at cityhpil.com/parking.

Private Snow Removal Services: If hiring a contractor to plow your driveway, ensure that your snow is not pushed across the street onto a neighbor's property. City ordinance prohibits removing snow or ice from any building, private property, driveway, driveway approach or public sidewalk and depositing it onto public streets.

Hydrants: The Fire Department appreciates assistance from residents in clearing snow from the area surrounding fire hydrants.

Questions: During business hours, please contact Public Works at [847.432.0807](tel:847.432.0807). After hours, call the public safety non-emergency line at [847.432.7730](tel:847.432.7730).



Report Potholes

With freeze-thaw cycles occurring this time of year, potholes become a burden for all of us. Help Public Works maintain City streets by reporting potholes via the City's 24-hour Pothole Hotline at [847.926.1178](tel:847.926.1178). Just leave a message with your name, address, phone number and specific pothole location. Pothole repairs may also be reported on the City's website at cityhpil.com/service or by clicking on "Customer Service Request" on the main page.

Repairs are typically addressed within 24 - 48 hours upon notification. In winter, Public Works crews fill potholes with cold patch, a quick, temporary solution to make roads drivable until permanent repairs can be made when asphalt plants open in the spring.

Contact Public Works at [847.432.0807](tel:847.432.0807) during business hours or non-emergency public safety at [847.432.7730](tel:847.432.7730) during off hours.



Sharps Disposal Program Moves to Fire Station #33, 1130 Central Ave.

The City's new sharps disposal program for Highland Park residents has relocated from City Hall to Fire Station #33 at 1130 Central Avenue. Upon showing a photo ID, residents may pick up or drop off sharps containers.



Let's Eat!

Nancy R. Roterling
– Mayor Nancy R. Roterling

Whenever it's time to celebrate, connect, and relax, we often think of our favorite Highland Park restaurants. We know that we will be able to create new memories big and small, enjoying our favorite dishes in places that allow us to unwind and kick back. We cherish the choices and opportunities to have a shared fun experience with friends and family, and we appreciate the great effort and creativity that go into these small businesses. They are what make Highland Park special and are such an important part of our community's vibrancy.

What are your favorite Highland Park restaurants? Do you prefer casual, trendy,

or formal? Local or international cuisine? Lively or subdued?

Since the pandemic started, our restaurant partners have pivoted and adapted as they have continued to provide wonderful meals both in person and on-the-go. As our partners, the City has provided grants to assist with COVID-related expenses, eliminated permit fees and provided public space for greater distanced dining. Recent challenges have included staffing shortages, supply chain issues and on-going customer concerns about COVID. We continue to work together with out-of-the-box strategies to weather this unique situation.

It goes without saying, our restaurants are critical to our community's fabric. From our legacy favorites to our newest additions, Highland Park is proud of our varied restaurant scene. Join me in supporting our small business neighbors. Whether your celebration is a big family moment or just a special evening with friends, Highland Park restaurants have a huge range to offer. Visit a fave or try something new. With over 60 choices, you can't go wrong!

For more information about Highland Park restaurants, check out our Food and Dining Guide at enjoyhighlandpark.com.

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Archives Reveal Community History



Highland Park Archives &
Local History Collections

The Highland Park Archives and Local History Collections hold collections and materials that

document civil rights in Highland Park, including housing, education, and human relations. Newspapers and periodicals, photos, and scrapbooks all contain pieces of cultural and historical information.

The records of "Highland Park : A Symphony of Cultures" document the collaboration between the Highland Park Human Relations Commission, the Illinois Humanities Council, and other local organizations in the late 1970s. News clippings, press releases, brochures, guides, and evaluations documenting this project form the bulk of this collection. Spring 1977 witnessed multiple contentious local election issues including City Council candidates, proposed school district consolidations and school board candidate selection, and zoning issues regarding Ravinia Festival parking. A "Statement on Racial and Ethnic Tensions in Highland Park" by local religious leaders is a pivotal piece from this project. Researchers can also receive guidance on accessed materials in other collections.

If you have materials that you think would fit in this collection to document our community, please contact Nancy Webster, archivist, at [847.432.0216](tel:847.432.0216), ext. 138, or nwebster@hplibrary.org. Donations that are accepted are tax-deductible.



Ravinia Fire Station Redevelopment Status

Tentative plans are to relocate the Ravinia Fire Station to a temporary facility at the end of February. The Fire Department plans to use the vacated building for one week for training purposes. Demolition of the existing structure will start thereafter. To receive email updates regarding this project, please email cityhp@cityhpil.com or call [847.926.1000](tel:847.926.1000).



Rental Registration Reminder

Residential rental property owners are required to register their units with the City by April 1 each year. Contact information assists the City in its delivery of emergency and code enforcement services. The \$30 annual registration fee is used to conduct outreach and provide educational materials regarding life-safety, property maintenance, and building and zoning codes to all registered property owners and their tenants. For those who registered a property last year, renewal notices are mailed at the end of February. Please use your renewal notice to register again for 2022.

To register a property for the first time, please visit the City's website at cityhpil.com/rentalregistration and complete a full application. Questions? Call Community Development at [847.926.0808](tel:847.926.0808).

Our Community



Spring Clean-Up Begins April 24

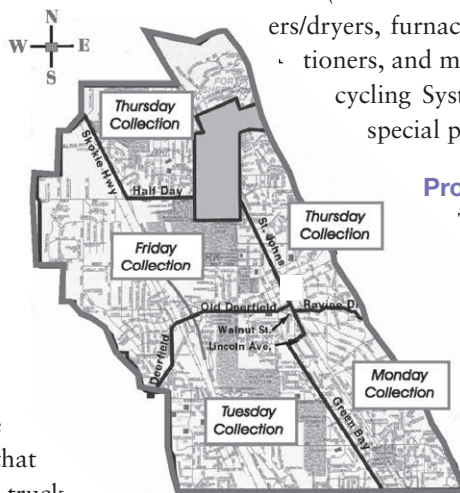
The City's annual Spring Clean-Up Program will be offered by Lakeshore Recycling Systems on four consecutive Saturdays beginning April 23 and ending May 14, coinciding with residents' primary garbage collection day (*the day both garbage and recycling are collected*). Items must be placed at the curb no later than 7 AM on collection day.

This program is for single-family residential customers only.

To keep City streets clean, please do not place any material out for collection earlier than one week prior.

Oversized Items

Lakeshore Recycling Systems will pick up all allowed oversized items that are placed at the curb during Spring Clean-Up. Only 1 cubic yard of construction material will be accepted. To discard waste from a do-it-yourself project, please make sure that the material is bundled so that one person can pick it up and place it in the truck. Carpeting must be rolled and should not exceed the weight that one person can carry. Waste material generated by general contractors will not be accepted.



For Single Family Residences Only:

Area	Collection Day	Spring Clean-Up Day
SE	Monday	Saturday, April 23
SW	Tuesday	Saturday, April 30
NE	Thursday	Saturday, May 7
NW	Friday	Saturday, May 14

Appliances

Residents with appliances for collection such as refrigerators/freezers (doors must be removed), stoves, dishwashers, washers/dryers, furnaces/boilers, hot water heaters, air conditioners, and microwave ovens must call Lakeshore Recycling Systems at **773.685.8811** to arrange for a special pick-up.

Prohibited Items

The following items will not be accepted: regular garbage; yard waste; debris generated by landscapers, tree trimmers, or contractors; demolition material from fences, roofs, or exterior building debris; rubber tires; batteries; and oil and household hazardous waste such as paint, pesticides, or pool chemicals.

Learn more about acceptable materials at cityhpil.com/springcleanup. For additional information, call **847.926.1000** or email cityhp@cityhpil.com/springcleanup.



Refuse & Recycling Contract

City Council is considering the renewal of the City's refuse, recycling, and compost collection agreement with Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS). The proposed agreement was discussed at the December 13, 2021 and February 14, 2022 meetings of the Committee of the Whole.

To learn more about the proposal currently under consideration, visit cityhpil.com. In addition to reviewing informational packets prepared for City Council, residents are also encouraged to view the meeting recordings at cityhpil.com/agendacenter. Feedback regarding current services provided by LRS is welcome. Please contact the City Manager's Office at cityhp@cityhpil.com or **847.926.1000**.

Updates about the new contract will be shared in eNews and the next issue of the Highlander, posted to the City's website, and included in refuse bills. Sign up for eNews at cityhpil.com/signup.



Help Name Our New Pawfficer!

This spring, the City will welcome a new member of the Highland Park Police Department: a highly-trained walker hound is joining the team to serve in a critical capacity as the City's first community wellness and service dog. As part of the Police Department's focus on community policing, the dog will support a variety of initiatives. Together with the officers who will be specially trained to serve as his handlers, our new pup will be out and about in the community, stopping by schools and community events, assisting with emergency response where appropriate, and bringing comfort and support to individuals in need.

Our Pawfficer's first assignment will be to choose his own name! Students at North Shore School District 112 schools and Highland Park High School will nominate one choice per school. Community members are invited to submit a name and then vote on a shortlist at cityhpil.com. Submit a name through the form by Feb. 20; voting will be available Feb. 22 - 28. We'll put the community's pick and the schools' choices next to treats, and our new pup will choose a treat and a name!

Visit cityhpil.com to learn more about this new program that will enhance the Police Department's mental health and crisis intervention response toolkit. Learn more about the Police Department's commitment to providing compassionate service to those in crisis at cityhpil.com/police.

Community Calendar

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

Cleveland Dean - Rapport & Abstraction

February 18 - April 9

Opening Reception: March 4, 5:30 - 8PM
Gallery Hours 10AM - 4PM, Mon - Sat

Abstract art is the concept where the artist's interpretation of what is experienced in the world does not necessarily represent an accurate depiction of a visual reality. Abstract art uses shapes, colors, forms and gestural marks to achieve its effect. Cleveland Dean is the featured artist in the main gallery as well as the guest juror for the exhibit. Dean works in various mediums and explains, "My goal is to simply recondition people to think, adhere to knowledge, and broaden their experience. In our society of the, we are inundated with so much information that it's virtually impossible to pay attention to and gain expertise in any of it."

East on Central
eastoncentral.org

Constructive Critique with Cheryl Steiger

March 1, from 7 - 9PM

The Art Center, 1957 Sheridan Road
9 Artists maximum, register at info@eastoncentral.org

Highland Park Poetry
HighlandParkPoetry.org

Gail Goepfert Reading & Poetry Open-Mic

Saturday, March 12, 5 PM

Sibling Revelry Reading with Gay Guard Chamberlin & Anara Guard & Poetry Open-Mic

Saturday, April 9, 5 PM

Madame ZuZu's, 1876 First Street

Pilgrim Chamber Players
pilgrimplayers.org

Guitar Magic

Sunday, March 6, 3 PM

Black Oak Ensemble

Sunday, May 15, 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 welcomes Guitar Duo, Fareed Haque and Goran Ivanovic. The Black Oak Ensemble's February concert is postponed from February to May. The trio will perform, *French Fantasy*.

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

HP's Contributions to Lake County History Symposium

Wednesday, March 9, 7 PM

Daughters of the American Revolution's late 19th century project to document log cabins and where was inventor Elijah Grey's Factory really located?

Destination Heartland: Discovering the Midwest's Remarkable Past

Tuesday, April 12, 7 PM

The history of the Midwest is remarkable and often surprising; fortunately, people realized early on it was worth preserving.

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:

Wednesday, March 9, 6 PM

Tuesday, April 5, 6 PM

cpahousing.org/class-registration



Capture the Heart of Highland Park Photography Contest Winners



Arts & Architecture Winner - Robert Limoges



Daily Life Winner - Lynn West

Congratulations to the winners of the *Capture the Heart of Highland Park* Photo Contest! For the sixth year, the City sought to illustrate the character of the community and capture the heart of Highland Park through a community photo contest. The contest was open to all residents and businesses in Highland Park, and more than 20 photographers submitted a total of 127 photographs. Photos were accepted in the following categories: Arts & Architecture, Daily Life, Environmental, Pets of Highland Park, and Portraiture. All submissions were evaluated in a blind judging process by the Cultural Arts Advisory Group. Winning photos will be featured on the City's Facebook page and winners will be recognized at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Thanks to all the residents who visited the website and voted for the "Community Favorite" photo.



Pets of Highland Park Winner - Kelli Stanko



Portraiture Winner - Kelli Stanko



Image on Left: Environmental Winner & Community Favorite - Lynn West

Our Community



Forestry Reminders

Monitor & Take Action on Private Diseased or Dead Trees

Diseased or dead trees located on private property should be assessed by a Certified Arborist. Of particular concern are trees that can destabilize due to root decay and become hazardous.

A Tree Removal Permit is required for removal of any tree with a trunk diameter greater than 8 inches as measured from 4.5 feet above the ground. There is no fee charged for a permit to remove a dead, dying, or diseased tree. Visit cityhpil.com/trees.

Green Bay Trail Call for Volunteers

Since 2017, the City has been removing invasive plants along the Green Bay Trail (Robert McClory Bike Path) and replacing them with pollinator habitat of native wildflowers, shrubs and trees. The City plans to collaborate with volunteers and students in 2022 to further restoration efforts and provide more opportunities for community stewardship.

For information on Tree Removal Permits, or to volunteer for the Green Bay Trail Beautification project, please contact Ben Miller, City Forester, at [847.926.1179](tel:847.926.1179) or bmiller@cityhpil.com.



Water Service Reminders

Prevent Frozen Pipes To help prevent frozen pipes within your home, ensure pipes are insulated, especially those located on outside walls, basements, attics, or crawl spaces. In addition, seal drafts and air leaks near water pipes and keep the house heated, even when on vacation. If extreme low temperatures persist, let warm water (pencil size flow) from one of the upper-level faucets. As part of winter seasonal maintenance, garden hoses should be disconnected and drained.

Street Salting & Water Quality As part of snow and ice removal, the City applies a combination of salt (sodium chloride) and brine solution to minimize salt pollution. The impact to Lake Michigan, which serves as the City's drinking water source, is minimal due to controlled application of salt usage and the dilution factor within our sewers and ravines prior to outfall into Lake Michigan. The City's drinking water has sodium and chloride concentrations well below the recommendation and standard, measured at 12 mg/L and 21 mg/L, respectively. Contact Public Works, Water Production Division, at [847.433.4355](tel:847.433.4355) or waterplant@cityhpil.com.

Moraine Township: Free Income Tax Preparation for Low- & Moderate-Income Taxpayers

Free Income Tax Preparation for Low- and Moderate-Income Taxpayers

Moraine Township is pleased to again offer free income tax return preparation to low- and moderate-income taxpayers. Under the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program, the Township partners with the IRS to train and certify volunteers to prepare basic returns.

The program will run from February 5 through April 9, 2022, and is available to taxpayers with basic tax returns and adjusted gross income of \$58,000 or less.

To keep taxpayers and volunteers safe, tax preparation will be remote again this year, but volunteers will be available Saturdays between 9:00 a.m. and noon for taxpayers to drop off their tax documents at the Township office,

800 Central Avenue. Volunteers will review taxpayer documents and call with questions.

Taxpayers do not need to be Moraine Township residents to participate in this program, but are required to show photo IDs for each spouse and original Social Security cards or ITIN letters for both spouses and all dependents.

Interested taxpayers should leave a message at [847.780.6644](tel:847.780.6644); a volunteer will return their call and get them started.

Assistance for Moraine Township Residents

If you know of a Moraine Township resident in need of assistance, please have them call [847.432.3240](tel:847.432.3240).

- Food Pantry
- Emergency Rent and Utility Assistance for income-qualified residents

- Help signing up for food and utility assistance, and health insurance.
- Door-to-Door van rides for seniors and disabled residents
- Job search assistance for income-qualified residents.
- Resource referral for specific resident needs.



Moraine Township government administers public funds to provide responsive, efficient and compassionate services and support for residents in need.

800 Central Avenue
Highland Park, Illinois

847.432.3240

info@morainetownship.org
MoraineTownship.org

Highland Park Senior Center

1201 Park Avenue West
847.432.4110

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

Special Activities

Book Club Discussion	Mondays, 2/28, 3/28, & 4/25	1 - 2 PM
Mindful Moment	Mondays, 2/21, 3/14, & 4/18	10 - 10:30 AM
Driver's Test Prep Course	Thursday, March 10	10 AM - 12 Noon
Grief Group	Thursdays, April 7 - 28 (4)	1:30 - 2:30 PM
News & Views Discussions	Wednesdays	10 - 11:30 AM

Classes

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

Day Excursions

Fee includes main floor tickets, 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

Please visit www.cityhpil.com/seniorcenter for full details and to register.



Community Task Force To Help Guide Plans That May Lead to D112 Referendum in November 2022



The first meeting of the North Shore School District 112 Citizen Task Force was held on the evening of January 27 with 19 community leaders, the administration, the district's construction manager, and the district's architects joining together at the newly modernized Northwood Middle school to discuss Phase II of the Long-Range facility modernization plan. The meeting marked the start of a community process that is meant to bring an end to an issue that has perplexed our community for more than a quarter-century — what to do with the district's six oldest elementary schools.

The inaugural meeting was a crash course for members that are new to the district's facility journey and it was a refresher for many in the room who have spent decades exploring these issues. The Citizen Task Force is made up of Highland Park, Highwood, and Ft. Sheridan residents with differing backgrounds, professions, and viewpoints. Members were selected by Superintendent Dr. Michael Lubelfeld and were given the charge to ask hard questions, lend their insight, and evaluate plans put forward that will ultimately lead to an end to deferred maintenance and aging school facilities. Their work will lead to an anticipated referendum being placed on the ballot for this year's midterm election on November 8, 2022.

The next steps in this detailed process will include, the District 112 construction/design teams, administration, and Board of Education further working to develop a pathway to modernize the elementary school. The Task Force will offer feedback and questions on these plans. The Task Force will meet two times in February with additional meetings to be scheduled in the coming months.

District 112 offers its sincere thanks to the following community members for serving on the Phase II Long-Range Facilities Citizen Task Force. Members include: **Jenny Butler, Andy Hamilton, Sara Sher, Eric Gordon, Ken Henry, Elaine Weinberg, Eric Ephraim, Heidi Smith, Daniel Kaufman, Rod Loewenthal, Rosa Machabanski, Susie Berk, Rosa Rebolledo, Paul Miller, Brent Ross, Kris Walker, Jaret Fishman, Piper Mead, and Len Tenner.**

Learn more about Phase II of the Long-Range Facility Modernization plan at: [NSSD112.ORG/PhaseII](https://nssd112.org/PhaseII)

Township High School District 113

Please note that this page is submitted, written and edited by Township High School District 113 and does not reflect the views or opinions of the City.

District 113 | Highlights of First Semester 2021-22

Dear District 113 Community,

It is hard to believe it is already February and that we are halfway through the 2021-2022 school year. Although the skies may be gray and the temperatures cold, spring is right around the corner and then life in high school becomes really busy as we approach the end of the school year. Let's take a moment now to celebrate the accomplishments of the first semester.



At the top of the list is the fact that we have been running school in person since August. Although we saw a significant increase in the number of cases immediately following winter break in conjunction with the omicron surge, numbers have been coming down and concern for operational disruption to in-person learning has stabilized. Students, teachers and staff deserve tremendous praise for making the first half of this year a success in so many ways, despite a pandemic.

Districtwide, students are accomplishing amazing things in and outside of the classroom.

To give just a few academic highlights:

- 13 HPHS students were chosen through a rigorous audition process to perform in the Illinois Music Education Association Music Ensembles
- 20 students were named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship program
- 279 students were named State Scholars by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for outstanding academic achievement

Of course, there are other components to students' high school careers like athletics, activities and the arts. For more detail, please go to the quick links section of the homepage of the District 113 website at dist113.org or scan the QR code with your smartphone.



Looking ahead to second semester, by the time this newsletter is mailed, HPHS Theater will have already presented an amazing Chicago! The launch of Charity Drive begins February 23 to support the Danny Did Foundation. Please check the website at hpcharitydrive.org for more information and for ways to participate in this incredible effort.

While we are just getting started on second semester, and summer still seems a long way off, please also keep in mind that there are many opportunities for learning and enrichment in District 113 Summer School. Opportunities are open for all students who wish to engage in credit recovery, additional learning and enrichment. Go to dist113.org/summerschool for details.

I am continually impressed and proud of all that our students, teachers and staff achieve. My heart is warmed by the dedication I see in everyone to support our students, to enrich their learning and their experiences, for the work our teachers and staff do to achieve those goals and for how everyone, despite the many challenges and fatigue we face, keep the focus on what matters most.

Thank you for your continued support. We so appreciate your commitment to our schools, our students, our teachers and our staff.

Bruce Law, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

Fri, Feb 18 | 6 - 7:30 pm | 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. Exchange your finds for fun prizes! Bring warm clothes and be prepared to be outside.

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

Mon, Feb 21 | 10am - Noon | Winter Wonders | Ages 6-10

\$33, Rosewood Beach Interpretive Center, 883 Sheridan Rd

Ever wonder what happens to animals in the wintertime? We play games that mimic animal behaviors, to see all the unique features that help animals survive in the cold. [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Mon, Feb 21 | 12:30 - 2:30pm | Cardboard Creations | Ages 6-10

\$33, Rosewood Beach Interpretive Center, 883 Sheridan Rd

Come be a creator with cardboard! Construct an air cannon, chart a marble run, concoct your own paper from scraps, and compose a rubber band car. All that from cardboard! [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Tue, Feb 22 | 10am - Noon | Endeavors In Engineering | Ages 6-10

\$33, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd

Test your skills in problems requiring a thoughtful mind and creative engineering. Participants who attend Fireside Fantasies may bring a peanut-free sack lunch and stay at Heller between programs.

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

Tue, Feb 22 | 12:30 - 2:30pm | Fireside Fantasies | Ages 6-10

\$33, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd

Warm-up on a cold winter day with a cup of hot cocoa and a s'more. Entertain your friends with original skits. [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Wed, Mar 2 | 4 - 5pm | Dr. Suess' Birthday | Ages 2-5

\$10 Res / \$15 NR, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd

Now is the best time to brighten it up with a splash of color! Join us to make colorful works of art with nature. [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Fri, Mar 4 | 4 - 7pm | Spring Skating Exhibition | All Ages

Centennial Ice Arena, 3100 Trail Way

Event is FREE to watch. Featuring skaters enrolled in our Learn-to-Skate and Freeskate programs at Centennial Ice Arena.

Skaters who wish to skate may enroll online or in person at Centennial Ice Arena. [For more information go to pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Sat, Mar 5 | 10am - 12:30pm | Maple Syrup Harvest | Ages 6 - Adult

\$12, The Preserve of Highland Park, 1207 Park Ave West

Listen to a folklore of how maple sap was discovered, tap a tree, and discover the sweet process of making syrup. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Wed, Mar 9, 23, & Apr 6 | 10 - 11am | Stories In The Woods | Adult & Child, Ages 6 mo-6 yrs

\$5, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd

Engage in a hands-on nature inspired activity, enjoy a story and take a short hike with a naturalist. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Thu, Mar 10 | 5 - 6:30pm | Leprechaun Hunt | Ages 3-8

\$15 Res / \$20 NR, West Ridge Center, 636 Ridge Rd

Join us for an indoor scavenger hunt. Child must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Fee per child; parent does not need to register/pay. [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Sat, Mar 19 | 10 - 11:30am | Orienteering | Ages 6-Adult

\$12, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd

Find out if you can navigate through the orienteering course while equipped with a map and compass. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).



Spring Break Programs



Mon-Fri, Mar 21-25 | 9am - Noon | Junior Spring Tennis Camp | Ages 5-14

\$40 per day / \$180 All 5 days, Deer Creek Racquet Club, 701 Deer Creek Parkway

Get out of the house and hit the courts this spring break. Drill and play with our pros and also play some games. [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Mon, Feb 21, 23, and 25 | 1 - 4pm | Spring Seekers | Ages 6-10

\$171 / 3 day class, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd

Conduct science investigations, set off on adventures in the woods, and experience camp like games. [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Tue, Mar 22 | 10am - Noon | Pixies, Polliwogs, and Potions | Ages 6-10

\$25, Rosewood Beach, 883 Sheridan Rd

Concoct magical potions, design a gnome or fairy home, and investigate the enchanted with experiments. [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Tue, Mar 22 | 12:30 - 2:30pm | Things With Wings | Ages 6-10

\$25, Rosewood Beach, 883 Sheridan Rd

Experiment with how wings work, make flying crafts and discover how high and far your creativity can go. [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Thu, Mar 24 | 10am - Noon | MythBusters | Ages 6 --10

\$25, Rosewood Beach, 883 Sheridan Rd

Questions about nature? Hunt for the answers and plan our own experiments to discover the truth about nature and debunk the myths. [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Thu, Mar 24 | 12:30 - 2:30pm | Staying Alive | Ages 6-10

\$25, Rosewood Beach, 883 Sheridan Rd

Play a variety of games intended to mimic animal behavior and see if you have the animal instincts to survive [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Fri, Apr 1 | 6 - 7pm | Cozy Campfires | Ages 6-10

\$5, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd

Join us around a cozy campfire with s'mores! Afterwards, explore a new park with self-guided activities. Children under two are free. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

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

Sat, Apr 2 | 10am - Noon | Mad Hatter Tea Party | Ages 6-10

\$15 Res / \$30 NR, West Ridge Center, 636 Ridge Rd

Hop through our Spring Garden Storywalk and photo stations. Have breakfast with Highland Park's favorite fluffy friend! Child price will include breakfast, a photo opportunity with the bunny, a craft and a take home treat! [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Sat, Apr 9 | 9 - 9:15am | Doggie Egg Hunt | Family

\$15 Res / \$20 NR, Debbie Gottlieb Beidler Dog Park, 1377 Clavey Rd

Your dog will help sniff out eggs that are filled with treats special for pups! One handler age 18 or older per dog. All dogs must remain on-leash for the entire event, be at least 4 months old to participate, and wearing current rabies tags. You MUST pre-register to participate, there will be no on-site registration. Fee is per dog. [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Sat, Apr 9 | 10 - 11:15am | Wonderland Egg Hunt | Family and Dogs

FREE, Larry Fink Memorial Park, 1377 Clavey Rd

Featuring scenes and characters from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and over 60,000 plastic eggs filled with treats. There will be timed egg hunts for children aged 1-2, 3-5, and 6-9. [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

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*11 and 12-year-olds are required to complete Intro to Fitness before eligible for membership.

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About Us

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

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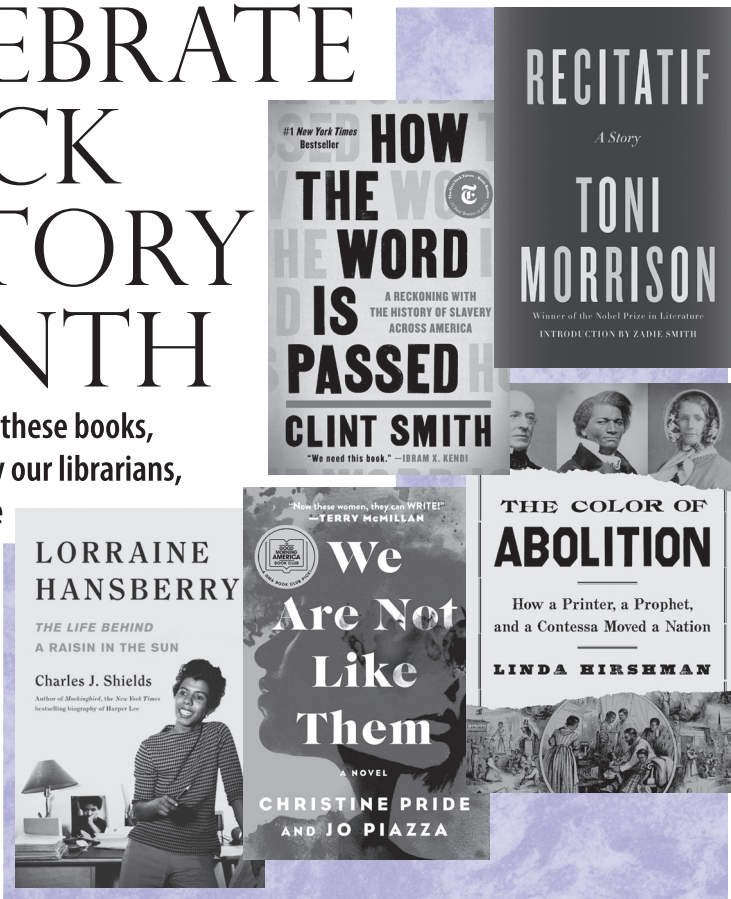
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Did Black Lives Matter in Early Illinois?

Voices from the Brink of Slavery and Freedom

Monday, February 28, 2 PM

Illinois entered the United States with a Constitution declaring itself a free state. But slavery's roots went back centuries in the region, and its hold on the young state was strong. Illinois Humanities Road Scholar Caroline Kisiel discusses the struggle over whether the new State of Illinois would remain a free state or become a slave state. Join us on Zoom. Register at hplibrary.org/events.

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An Evening with Jasmine Guillory

Wednesday, February 16, 7 PM

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Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide
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An Evening with Madeline Miller

Thursday, March 3, 7 PM

Presented in partnership with
multiple Illinois libraries.

An Evening with Jenny Lawson

Wednesday, March 30, 7 PM

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Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide
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An Evening With Angela Jackson Illinois Poet Laureate

Thursday, March 10, 7:30 PM

In her role as Illinois Poet Laureate, Angela Jackson, the fifth Illinois Poet Laureate, will present a reading and conversation about poetry. Ms. Jackson follows her predecessors including Carl Sandburg and Gwendolyn Brooks to promote access to poetry for all Illinoisans. Join us on Zoom. Register at hplibrary.org/events.

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Book Discussions

Davis Schneiderman, English professor at Lake Forest College, leads the discussions. Meet at the Library. Register at hplibrary.org/events.

***The Book of Form and Emptiness* by Ruth Ozeki**

Thursday, February 24, 7 PM

***The Anomaly*, by Hervé Le Tellier**

Thursday, March 24, 7 PM

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Find videos on fine art, design, paper crafts, sewing, jewelry, holiday and party ideas, crafts for kids, and more. Download knitting and crochet patterns and access daily practice ideas to jumpstart your creativity.

Get started at hplibrary.org. Click on resources, online resources, A-Z, and scroll down or try it out with one of our Creativebug Grab & Go kits!

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February 20

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Machu Picchu: Lost City of the Incas

Friday, February 18, 2 PM

Art historian Jeff Mishur will explore the fascinating archeological site, its importance, and beauty. Join us on Zoom.

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Spanish Conversation Group

Tuesdays, 2:30 – 3:30 PM

Meet on Zoom for a facilitated conversation in Spanish. Discuss topics related to Spanish language, culture, current events, and more. Intermediate language skills recommended.

A Night at the Oscars

Wednesday, March 23, 7 PM

Join us on Zoom for our annual Night at the Oscars. *Chicago Tribune* film critic Michael Phillips shares his predictions.

Presented in partnership with Glencoe Public Library.

Understanding Fintech

Tuesday, April 12, 6 PM

Financial educator Karen Chan explains the changing world of financial technology (fintech). Learn how these tools work and what to look for before transferring money with Cash App, Venmo, or Zelle; depositing money with neobanks such as Chime, Sofi, and T-Mobile Money; or linking bank accounts and credit cards to digital wallets like Apple Pay and Google Pay. Meet at the Library.

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Fun for Kids!

Storytimes

DIY Storytime Kits!

Available through May 27.

Stop by the Youth Services Department to pick up a themed storytime kit complete with books, songs, fingerplays, and coloring sheets. Check back often for new themed kits.

Limit two kits at a time per family please.

Storytimes On Zoom!

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

Rock & Read

**Thursdays, February 17, March 3, 17, 31.
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. Listen to stories and sing along!

Storytime Live!

**Tuesdays, February 22, March 8, 22.
10 – 10:30 AM.**

Ages 3 – 5, accompanied by a caregiver.

Read stories, sing songs, and more.

Sábado Morning Stories

**Saturdays, February 26, March 26.
10 – 10:30 AM.**

For families with children up to five years old.

A bilingual storytime in Spanish and English. Cuentos bilingües para familias con niños hasta 5 años.

Saturday Morning Stories

Saturdays, March 5, April 2, 10 – 10:30 AM.

For families with children up to 5 years old.

Join us for stories, songs, and stretches to start your weekend off right!

GRAB&GO

Pick up a kit at the Youth Services desk while supplies last.

Lucky Rainbow Heart Decoration

Monday, February 28 – Sunday, March 6.

Ages 5 – 10.

Bring yourself good luck with this beautiful and easy rainbow heart craft.

Spring Break Origami Star

Monday, March 21 – Sunday, March 27.

Ages 9 – 14.

Make your own 16-point origami star. A list of cool origami books available at the Library is also included.

Worry Dolls

Monday, April 11 – Saturday, April 16.

Ages 5 – 14.

Send your troubles packing by making a worry doll inspired by the Guatemalan legend! Instructions in English and Spanish. Supplies needed at home include glue, scissors, and markers.

lunes, 11 de abril – sábado, 16 de abril hasta acabar existencias. Años 5 – 14.

Destierra tus problemas por hacer una muñeca quitapena iinspirado de la leyenda guatemalteca! Instrucciones en español e inglés. Se necesita pegamento, tijeras, y marcadores en casa.



Learn something new!

Beginning Italian begins February 16. Or, try Mindfulness for Beginners, beginning in March.

Register now at hplibrary.org/libraryu.

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New: The Weekender

Be sure you're signed up for emails from the City to receive our brand-new Friday eNews. The Weekender is all about things to do, places to shop, restaurants to visit, and more in Highland Park! Business owners are invited to share upcoming events and promotions via email to cityhp@cityhpil.com with subject line "Weekender."

Spread Kindness

Your support of our small business community - restaurants, shops, salons and others - has been incredible throughout the pandemic. Please share a kind word of appreciation with the servers, employees, and small business owners you meet.

Follow us!

Keep up with the City by following @enjoyhighlandpark on Instagram for business spotlights, things to do and more.

Business Report

NEW BUSINESSES

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1910 First Street
847.266.9990
Mediterranean & Middle Eastern
Cuisine

Coleman Jet Solutions
559 Roger Williams Avenue, Suite 2
847.748.8333
colemanjets.com
Private & Business Aircraft Sales &
Consulting

PT2 Physical Therapy
643 Roger Williams Avenue
847.508.2221

Arawan Artistry
1883 Second Street (*Inside Sola Salon
Studios*)
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solasalonsstudios.com
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New: Share the Love Video Challenge

Make a 10-15 second video showing your favorite HP business and why you love it - and you could win a \$25 gift card to that business! Your video may be featured on the City's social media. Submit your video by February 28. Full details are available at cityhpil.com.

BUSINESS RECOGNITIONS

Therapeutic Kneads – Since 1997
1779 Green Bay Road
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Infinity Foundation – Since 1997
1280 Old Skokie Road
847.831.8828
infinityfoundation.org

Infinity Foundation is a holistic education center providing experiential courses in personal, professional, and spiritual growth to enhance your life. Whether you are at the entry-level to the vast world of holistic education, health, and healing or seeking advanced training and certification, Infinity Foundation offers a range of courses and free mini-workshops.