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This summer, explore Highland Park's bike trails. Discover City history with a bike/walk architectural tour from the Historic Preservation Commission. Enjoy a family-friendly bike tour. Bicyclists and motorists are encouraged to test their knowledge of bike safety and the Rules of the Road. For info on all of these and more, check out Let's Bike! on page 4.



July 4 Reminders

Independence Day is Sunday, July 4. City offices will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of the holiday. There are changes to refuse and recycling collection as well as alternatives to our traditional celebrations.

Return of In-Person Events

Many outdoor special events are back! Check out the Community Calendar for details on upcoming concerts, festivals, markets, theatrical performances and more.

Landscapers & Pavement Sealers

Landscape and pavement sealant professionals working in Highland Park must be licensed by the City. For a list of licensed professionals, please visit cityhpil.com/landscaperlicense.

Special Insert: 2021 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Highland Park at a Glance



July 4th Reminders

Independence Day is Sunday, July 4. City offices will be closed in observance of the holiday on Monday, July 5. For public safety assistance, residents may call Public Safety Dispatch at [847.432.7730](tel:847.432.7730).

Garbage will not be collected on Monday, July 5. Refuse and recycling collection will be delayed by one day for the entire week. Contact Lakeshore Recycling Systems at [773.685.8111](tel:773.685.8111).

After much consideration, the City of Highland Park and the Park District of Highland Park made the difficult decision to cancel Highland Park's traditional 4th of July community events, including the 4th of July Parade and Fourth-Fest. The Fireworks Display is tentatively planned for Labor Day weekend, and the Bitter Jester Music Festival will host its annual music competition and concert series on a revised schedule in July and August, to conclude at the September Fireworks Display. The City will sponsor a virtual parade. Submit celebratory photos and videos at cityhpil.com/july4.

The Park District is planning a series of small, family-friendly events that will take place over the 4th of July holiday weekend including a virtual Firecracker 5K Fun Run, Walk or Bike event benefitting the Parks Foundation of Highland Park; a free Firecracker Family Boot Camp Competition; Drive-In Movie Night at the Recreation Center; 4th of July family specials for rounds of golf at Sunset Valley Golf Club and the River's Edge Adventure Mini-Golf Course; and an evening event at Hidden Creek AquaPark to float and watch fireworks on a big screen. Learn more at pdhp.org.

The Highland Park Historical Society will host a virtual parade on July 4, with historical 20th century photos of parades in Highland Park. Images will be featured daily on social media with a slide show on July 4. Share your parade photos with [#highlandparkhistory](https://twitter.com/highlandparkhistory). Stop by the Stuprey Cabin gardens to see the new outdoor exhibit: "Got Chalk." Email archives@highlandparkhistory.org for a pack of sidewalk chalk.



FEMA Floodplain Information & Development

FEMA designates floodplain areas through its Flood Insurance Rate Maps. Information is available at fema.gov/flood-zones. As a certified National Flood Insurance Program community, FEMA provides Highland Park residents with subsidized flood insurance rates. Learn more about the program at floodsmart.gov. Determine if a lot is in the floodplain, at msc.fema.gov. Learn more: cityhpil.com/floodplain.



Friendly Seasonal Reminders from Public Works

Voluntary Sanitary Sewer Lateral Cost Sharing Program

The voluntary sanitary sewer lateral cost sharing program provides assistance to residents in alleviating sewage backups occurring in their homes. The cost share program pays up to 20% of the total cost of the sanitary sewer backup improvement, or a maximum of \$1,260, whichever is less. The cost share program is applicable to only single-family homes. Visit cityhpil.com to learn more.

Smart Irrigation Month: Pledge to Conserve Water!

Water use reaches its peak during the summer. Overwatering lawns and landscape areas may increase the average residential water use from 260 gallons per day to 1,000 gallons per day. Reduce your water use by checking to see if irrigation is necessary; water in the cooler hours (early morning or evening); adjust sprinklers to avoid unnecessary spraying. As a reminder, odd/even sprinkling restrictions are in effect through Sept. 15. Learn more at cityhpil.com/waterconservation.



Sponsor-a-Planter

Residents and business owners may now sponsor planters in the Central Business District and Ravinia District. Sponsors may choose to be recognized on a 5"x7" placard featured in the planter, or they may choose to honor or memorialize an individual or family. Sponsors will also be recognized on the City's website. Learn more at cityhpil.com/seasonalplanters.



Online Payments

Convenient online bill payment is available for City invoices, water bills, permits, and more at cityhpil.com/payonline. Please note that the link to pay a parking citation is now determined by the date the parking citation was issued. Parking citations issued before June 1, 2021 will be paid via one link; parking citations issued on or after June 1, 2021 will be paid via a different link. Learn more at cityhpil.com/payonline.



Ravinia Fire Station Redevelopment Neighborhood Meeting

For several years, the City has been engaging with the neighborhood to obtain feedback and share information regarding the City's plans to redevelop the Ravinia Fire Station. A neighborhood meeting is scheduled on **Wednesday, June 30 at 6:30 PM**. City representatives will provide information about the building design and the construction timeline for this important public safety project. RSVP to 847.926.1000 or cityhp@cityhpil.com.



Brighter Days In Highland Park

Nancy R. Roterling
– Mayor Nancy R. Roterling

The sun is shining more these days and we can see the light at the end of the tunnel as COVID-19 restrictions are being lifted. For over a year, we have talked about “when things get back to normal.” That time is now within reach. For some, it will be like turning on a light switch and for others, it may take a little longer to feel safe and comfortable again.

Regardless of your timeline, let’s honor the sacrifices of the last year as we resume our post-pandemic lives. We learned so much about ourselves and each other during the pandemic. We worked together to overcome adversity, we adapted, and we

grew as individuals and as a community. At the City, we are already taking the lessons learned and building on them as we reimagine our bright future together.

Rather than rolling back into pre-pandemic plans, we are proactively reviewing City priorities, projects, and processes. We have hosted several neighborhood meetings to gather resident feedback. We are building on our successes and approaching projects with an eye towards flexibility. Our priorities include capital investment in our roads and sidewalks, public safety, supporting local business, human services, environmental

sustainability, and the myriad efforts that make our hometown vibrant. I ask that as a community we do the same. Are you grateful for a store or restaurant that kept you fed and well-stocked during the pandemic? If so, continue to frequent them and let’s welcome new businesses too. Do you know a neighbor who needed an extra hand a few months back? If so, continue to check on them.

Thank you for all you have done during our darkest days and all that we will do together in the days, weeks, and months to come. The sun is rising in Highland Park in more ways than one.

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Welcome New Residents

If you have recently moved to Highland Park, here is a warm welcome to our community! Stop by City Hall at 1707 St. Johns Avenue to pick up a Welcome Packet. Please contact the City at [847.926.1000](tel:847.926.1000) or email cityhp@cityhpil.com with any questions or feedback.

To keep up with the latest news and important information from the City, be sure to visit cityhpil.com/signup to receive the City's twice-weekly eNews, featuring news from the City, business updates, COVID-19 information and more.



Green The Scene

Keep Highland Park beautiful and wildlife-friendly by not littering! Many trash and recycling containers are located throughout downtown Highland Park and the Ravinia District. When you finish a drink or a meal, please dispose of your trash rather than leaving it on a bench or on the ground, and avoid adding additional refuse to full trash containers. With everyone pitching in, we can keep Highland Park looking pristine!



Reminder for Dog Owners

Pursuant to the City Code, every dog housed within the City that is more than six months of age must be registered with and licensed by the City. Be a responsible pet owner: make sure your dog is wearing a tag, use a leash and properly dispose of any dog waste. As a courtesy to your neighbors, curb your dog at the parkway rather than your neighbors' lawn and use your own refuse bin or public waste receptacle. Learn more at www.cityhpil.com.

Basic Safety Tips for Children

- Do not approach an unfamiliar dog
- Do not run from a dog or scream
- Only play with dogs when there is adult supervision
- Do not disturb dogs that are sleeping or eating
- When unfamiliar dogs approach, remain motionless
- Do not tease a dog



Let's Bike!

Six Steps to Stay Safe While Biking

1. Always wear a helmet.
2. Wear bright-colored clothing to increase visibility.
3. Ride in a group on the right side of the road no more than two abreast with the flow of traffic.
4. Review your route before you ride.
5. Remember to stop at stop signs and obey traffic laws.
6. It is legal to cycle on sidewalks. When riding on the sidewalks, remember to signal by voice or bell when approaching pedestrians. Note: In Highland Park, biking on the sidewalk within any commercial zoning district of the City is prohibited.

The Rules of the Road apply to bicyclists, too. Brush up at cyberdriveillinois.com.

Safety is everyone's responsibility. Drivers should use caution and remain alert for bicyclists, especially at night.

Bike Trails

Hop on your bike and get exploring this summer! Start your ride at Laurel and St. Johns. Head north through Lake County to the WI border for 25.4 miles of trail along the Robert McClory Bike Path. Surfaces include asphalt, concrete & crushed stone, including some roadways. Head south along the Green Bay Trail for 9 miles through the North Shore. Surfaces include asphalt, crushed limestone, and some sidewalks and roadway.

Family-Friendly Bike Tour

Enjoy this safe and fun way to spend time outdoors with your family! Explore the Highlands neighborhood riding on bike-friendly streets. Visit cityhpil.com/familybike.

Biking/Walking Tours

Bike into Highland Park's history with guided architectural tours from the Historic Preservation Commission. Visit cityhpil.com/walkingtours.

Bike & Shop Local!

Highland Park is home to two local businesses ready to help you find the right bike and gear to meet your needs.

Fit2Ride Velo Studio
1440 Old Skokie Valley Rd.
847.772.6618
fit2ridevelo.com

Trek Bicycle Store
1925 Skokie Valley Rd.
847.433.8735
trekhp.com



The Numbers Add Up!

Since passage in 2012 of Highland Park's first Bike and Pedestrian Plan (updated in 2020 as [MoveHP](#)), the City has been counting walkers and cyclists at various intersections almost semi-annually. You may have seen volunteer counters around town in May. The next count will occur in September.

These counts help the City plan for future street and sidewalk improvements. Data from past counts has informed the goals in MoveHP, and has enabled the City to receive grants to improve its non-motorized transportation network.

Some achievements since 2012 include:

- Completion of sidewalk along the west side of Green Bay from Lake Cook to Central, and along portions of Sheridan from Lake Cook to Roger Williams.
- Walk signals at some busy downtown signaled intersections are now automatic and curb bump outs make it easier for pedestrians to cross First and Second Streets.
- An 8' wide bike and pedestrian path being built on

Clavey Rd. will soon allow safe passage east and west for walkers and cyclists.

- The League of American Bicyclists named Highland Park a Bicycle Friendly Community at the bronze level based on these and other improvements.

Learn more about biking and walking in Highland Park at: cityhpil.com/bike. If you'd like to participate in the fall bike and pedestrian count, email HPBikeWalk@gmail.com.

HP BIKING BY THE NUMBERS



2 LOCAL BIKE SHOPS

18 MILES OF SHARROWS

7 BIKE & WALKING TOURS

103 BIKE RACKS



Community Calendar

Ravinia Farmers Market

Wednesdays, Now - October 27

7AM - 1PM / Open rain or shine

Jens Jensen Park and Dean Avenue between Roger Williams and St. Johns

RaviniaFarmersMarket.com

The Ravinia Farmers Market vendors offer fresh produce, meat, cheese, bakery goods, flowers and more.

The Art Center of Highland Park

TheArtCenterHP.org

1957 Sheridan Road / 847.432.1888

Festival of Fine Arts

Saturday, June 26 & Sunday, June 27

10AM - 5PM

TAC's Festival of Fine Arts showcases the work of 35-50 juried artists in many mediums, including ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, painting, and sculpture. Interact with artists through demonstrations and booth chats. Live music, great food, a Youth Art Division and fun activities for kids make the festival a perfect experience for all.

Highland Park Pops Big Band

Rehearsals in the Park

Wednesdays in June & July, 6 - 8PM

Sunset Woods Park Pavilion

Highland Park Pops Big Band encourages people to stop by for part or all of the evening. Having an audience will keep the band "on its toes."

Midwest Young Artists Conservatory

Summer Evening Jazz Ensembles

Mondays & Wednesdays

June 28 - July 21, 6 - 8PM

Summer Evening Orchestras

Tuesdays & Thursdays

June 29 - July 22, 6 - 8PM

878 Lyster Road, Highwood

847.926.9898 / mya.org

Ravinia Food Truck Thursdays

Thursdays, July 8 - September 9

4:30PM - Dusk

Jens Jensen Park and Dean Avenue between Roger Williams and St. Johns

Ravinia Food Truck Thursdays are back this summer. Enjoy a variety of food and drinks and a wide range of musical performances.

Bitter Jester Music Festival

Battle of the Bands Concerts

Fridays, 7PM - 10PM

July 23, July 30, August 6, & August 13

Buhai Plaza at Port Clinton Square

600 Central Avenue / Free

847.433.8663

BitterJesterFoundation.org

Up-and-coming musical groups from 40+ Chicagoland communities perform and compete for a slot in the Grand Finale Concert on Sunday, September 5 at Wolters Field before the fireworks.

Highland Park Chamber of Commerce

Sidewalk Sale

July 30 - July 31, 9AM - 5PM

Sidewalks throughout downtown

847.432.0284 / chamberhp.com

From the useful to the unique, the shops of Highland Park offer bargains galore during the annual Sidewalk Sale weekend. Merchants from throughout Highland Park move their merchandise to the downtown for this shopping extravaganza. See you on the Sidewalks!

Uptown Music Theater of HP

"Freckleface Strawberry, The Musical"

Saturdays & Sundays

July 24, 25, & 31, August 1 / 9 & 11AM

Danny Cuniff Park - 3100 Trail Way

umthp.org/upcoming

Based on the New York Times best-selling book by celebrated actress Julianne Moore, the show is a fun and touching family musical. Created for young audiences, join Freckleface and friends as they learn to "love the skin they're in." Tickets \$10 online or at the show.

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 3

6 - 8:45PM

City Hall Lawn

Enjoy fun family activities and a treat or two while you meet members of the Highland Park Police Department and learn about ways we can work together to keep our community welcoming and safe. Wear walking shoes to participate in a Unity Walk.

Dr. Mark & the Sutures

"Get Back" Community Concert

Saturday, August 14 (Rain Date, Aug. 15)

7PM - 10:30PM

Buhai Plaza at Port Clinton Square

600 Central Avenue / Free

Dr. Mark & the Sutures offer this prescription for feeling back to normal with the return of their free summer concert. Side effects may include toe-tapping, finger-snapping and spontaneous dancing. Bring your folding chair.

Virtual Events

Community Partners for Affordable Housing

Buying an Affordable Home in Highland Park?

Attend a Community Partners for Affordable Housing virtual information session to learn about the program and to apply. All programs held via Zoom.

Upcoming dates:

Tuesday, July 6, 6PM

Tuesday, August 10, 6PM

cpahousing.org/class-registration

Highland Park Historical Society

All programs co-presented with Three Presentations. Register in advance via email to Archives@HighlandParkHistory.org to receive the program's Zoom link.

Viennese Cuisine Prior to 1938

Monday, July 12, 7PM

Susanne Belovari of the University of Illinois Archives, a Holocaust restitution historian and an archivist for the Jewish community in Vienna discusses the famous Wiener Küche, which had long been a collective culinary tradition of Jews and non-Jews alike. It was perhaps the perfect example, in an imperfect and Anti-Semitic city, of two formerly distinct groups moving towards each other and integrating while daily creating, cooking, and eating one cuisine. This is to be expected of people who lived so long and close to each other, when there still was an 'us' in Vienna before 1938, as fragile as it may have been.

Our Community



2021 Capital Improvement Program Update

The City's 2021 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), part of the City's core mission of Infrastructure Investment, includes improvement projects prioritized annually based on life safety consideration, functional deficiencies, age of infrastructure, and reducing long-term expensive replacements.

Listed below are major construction projects scheduled for 2021:

- Clavey Rd Improvements Project (Phase One Construction-Bridge & Water Main)
- Walker Ave, St Johns Ave, and Lauretta Pl Water Main Replacement Project
- Laurel Avenue East End Bluff Slope Restoration Project

- Asphalt Streets Rehabilitation Program
- Concrete Streets and Sidewalk Repair Program
- Central-South Parking Lot Reconstruction Project
- Sanitary and Storm Sewer Main Lining Program
- Hydrant Painting and Hydrant Flushing Programs
- Tree Removal and Planting Program
- Public Services Roof Replacement
- St Johns Avenue Parking Deck Repairs
- Hidden Ridge Lift Station Improvements

In addition, within Highland Park IDOT is scheduled to work on the following projects:

- Lake Cook Rd Bridge over US 41: Bridge repairs were started in 2020 and this was completed in the spring of 2021.
- Sheridan Rd Resurfacing between Lake Cook Rd and Lambert Tree Rd.

Regular updates on 2021 public infrastructure CIP projects and upcoming future projects are posted on City's online construction interactive map available at www.cityhpil.com/construction. For additional details on the City's construction projects, please contact the Department of Public Works at [847.432.0807](tel:847.432.0807).

Moraine Township Re-Opens Office & Welcomes New Township Team



Moraine Township Food Pantry will Re-Open for Client Shopping July 7th

The last year has been difficult for most of us; for some of our neighbors, it has been a health and economic crisis. Moraine Township thanks a generous and caring community for helping us provide a safety net for our neighbors during this challenging year.

Our heroic staff provided over 35,000 non-duplicated services to Township residents, including \$140,000 of rent (through mid-May), utility and other emergency assistance. Township staff helped enroll for Medicaid, SNAP (cash food benefits), utility assistance and other resources, and made regular wellness calls to seniors and families. Our Door-to-Door van drivers ensured that residents needing 3x weekly dialysis had transportation to life-saving appointments. Assessor Staff helped taxpayers remotely.

Volunteers devoted hundreds of hours preparing free tax returns for income-qualified taxpayers and helped enroll individuals and families for health insurance when they lost their jobs. A

corps of 30+ weekly volunteers pitched in to ensure that hunger was not one of the issues our neighbors struggled with during this crisis.

The Food Pantry converted to drive-through and provided over 6,200 household food visits, over 1,000 of which were deliveries to clients who were unable to visit the pantry due to sickness, sheltering, or conflicts with work schedules.

The saying "we're all in this together" has never resonated more, and the spirit of our community has never shone brighter than during this crisis. Thank you to an amazing and unique community!

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

Moraine Township Office is Open to the Public for In-Person Assistance

Office hours are 8:30AM to 4:30PM, Monday through Friday. Visitors are required to wear masks; staff is fully vaccinated.

New Pantry hours are Tuesday from 10AM to noon; Wednesday 1:30 to 3:30PM; Thursday 11:30AM until 1:30PM. Visitors are required to wear masks; staff and volunteers are fully vaccinated. Volunteers are needed and welcome. Please email volunteer@morainetownship.org.

Welcome New Township Team

We bid adieu to retiring Clerk Gail Feiger Brown and Trustees Cindy Wolfson and Amy Zisook and thank them for their eight years of tireless efforts for residents.

We are excited to introduce your new Township Team, whose skills, experience, and commitment will ensure Moraine Township continues to deliver stellar services to our residents: Anne Flanigan Bassi, Supervisor; Naomi Wexler, Clerk; Mark Lindsay, Assessor; Trustees Pablo Alvarez, Mark Haggarty, Christine Peschier, Nancy Chausow Shafer.

Highland Park Senior Center

Located at the Highland Park Country Club
1201 Park Avenue West
847.432.4110

Senior Center Relocation and Open for In-Person Services and Activities

The City of Highland Park Senior Center has relocated to the Highland Park Country Club (1201 Park Avenue West) to better serve its members and allow for the safe reopening of limited in-person services and activities. Senior Center members and guests may enjoy a variety of on-site activities in addition to an ongoing calendar of virtual programs. To ensure the safety of guests and employees, COVID-19 safety protocols have been implemented.

The Senior Center has offered a wide variety of virtual programming for residents and members since the suspension of in-person service in March 2020. Programs that are well-suited to a virtual environment will continue to be offered online, such as the ongoing News & Views (Wednesdays), Speaker Series (Tuesdays), and book discussion group. Other programs, such as fitness classes, Mah Jongg, Bridge and Canasta open play and classes, and Bingo are being held in-person at the Country Club. The Senior Center also intends to resume day excursions, beginning with a trip to Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience in July.

For the time being, the Medical Equipment Loan Closet will continue to operate at 54 Laurel Avenue by appointment only.

The decision to shift Senior Center in-person services and offices to the Highland Park Country Club accelerates an existing plan to transition Senior Center activities from their present location to the Country Club, which provides ample parking and abundant open, accessible spaces for programs and events. The City's 10-year Capital Improvement Plan includes plans for enhancements to the Country Club to better serve the Senior Center members, tentatively slated for 2024.

The Highland Park Country Club continues to be available for corporate and private rentals through Catering By Michaels. For more information about reserving the Country Club for an event, contact Catering by Michaels at 847.213.5015.

Online Membership and Activity Registration

The Senior Center launched a new online portal to facilitate membership management, account maintenance, and activity registration. Through the portal, seniors are able to join the Senior Center, renew their membership, and register and pay for activities. There is also an interactive calendar that is updated in real-time and provides detailed information of scheduled activities.

Connector Bus

The Connector Bus has resumed services and runs on Tuesdays and Fridays, operating from 9 AM to 3:30 PM. The Connector Bus travels along a fixed route throughout Highland Park to: 654 Walnut; 1695 Second St.; 400 Central; Highland Park Public Library; Sunset Foods; Sunset Woods Condos; Jewel-Osco; Sherwood Forest; CVS; Target; Brooke Estates; NorthShore Highland Park Hospital; Walgreens; and the Highland Park Senior Center at the Highland Park Country Club. Riders may request stops at the Highland Park Metra Station, the Highland Park Police Department, and the Highland Park Hospital Medical Building. Face masks are required on the bus for all guests.

For further details, please visit www.cityhpil.com/seniorcenter.



Learning and Leading During a Pandemic

With the end of the school year, there is so much to be proud of as a community. My administration would like to thank District 112 staff, students, and parents for persevering during the immense volume of change that has been experienced over the past year plus. As a superintendent, I feel an almost overwhelming sense of pride and support as a result of how all stakeholders have worked together during a global crisis to educate the students of District 112.

At the May 18, 2021, Board of Education meeting we explored student growth and achievement and the impacts that the pandemic has had on learning. Overall, the data shows while the pandemic had learning impacts that significantly slowed growth in some areas, District 112 students continued to learn through the pandemic and all grade levels are performing above their peers across the nation in reading and math. There is so much work to be done to recover from some of the impacts of the pandemic and some the prioritized efforts for next school year include:

- Professional learning on teacher collaboration, the science of teaching reading, student engagement, and the instructional framework
- Adding seven elementary math interventionists and one instructional coach
- Refinements to dual language programming, including progress monitoring and goal setting for Spanish language learning
- Utilizing data from the May 31st social-emotional screener to implement services to support student's emotional well-being

Another huge priority to improve learning for all students is the modernization of our schools. We are so excited to start the concluding chapter of Phase I of our Long Range Plan with the Groundbreaking for the Edgewood Modernization Project on June 4. The project is slated to be completed in 2023 and Edgewood will join Northwood Middle School as being an exemplary educational palace built for the students of District 112.

This summer will also be the start of the formation of Phase II of our Long-Range Plan. This process will kick off a conversation with the community about how best to modernize the remaining schools within the District and if a bond referendum should be sought. We are proud of the fact that the \$75 million Phase I modernization was completed without adding any additional taxes, and we are grateful for the opportunity in Phase II to help determine our educational footprint for the next 50-years and beyond.

Vist www.nssd112.org to learn more about our epic story, and thank you once again for your support as we continue to Inspire...Innovate...and Engage!

Mike

Michael Lubelfeld, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

District 113 | Class of 2021 and Preparing for School Year 2021-22



Dear District 113 Community,

Well it has been quite the year. It is amazing to reflect on how far we have come.

In the fall of 2020, we began school in remote learning due to the pandemic but offered in-person services to provide as many opportunities as possible to bring students on campus in small, controlled groups. We watched COVID-19 numbers reach their highs in late fall - early winter and as those numbers began to ebb, in February we began hybrid learning, giving the option to be learning in-person to students and their families. In April, we pivoted yet again to full-day, in-person learning, giving the option to students and their families to select whether they were ready for that experience. And as I write this, we have just finished celebrating the Class of 2021 at in-person graduation ceremonies.

We did a lot to end the year the way we did. In addition to following local and state health departments requiring face coverings, hand hygiene, social distancing, and symptom screening, we improved air quality by increasing fresh air flow and improving filtration, and we contracted with a third-party cleaning crew for additional disinfecting of high-touch surfaces.

We also did things schools do not normally do. We provided 365,000 meals to our school families facing food insecurities. We were the first high school district to implement SHIELD screening testing, which enabled us to catch positive cases as early as two days after infection when the viral load of the infected person is low, reducing the possibility of spread. The 32,000 COVID-19 SHIELD tests we administered gave our staff and students more confidence to come back on campus.

Then there were the vaccination clinics.

District 113 stood up multiple vaccination clinics to vaccinate not only our own students and staff but also the students of 10 districts and the staff of seven districts in the Lake County area, nearly 15,000 shots in all. This was an incredible community feat for sure and I have to thank our partners Walgreens, Passport Health, our District 113 staff, and the volunteers from other districts as well as our own parent volunteers, for turning our schools from their usual functions into highly efficient vaccine deployment sites -- not once but 15 times.

The vaccines continue to bring even more good news as the CDC, state and local health departments have adjusted their guidance in light of increased vaccination rates and dropping COVID-19 infection numbers. Of course, as the guidance changes, we change with it.

Recent developments include moving into the Bridge Phase and perhaps by the time this issue is delivered, we may be in Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan. The Illinois State Board of Education has given every indication that school will be full-time, in-person for the 2021-22 school year. That's the good news. What we do not yet know is what the rules will be for next year but we do expect an update at some point this summer to the joint guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health. Once we have that guidance, we will adapt our operations accordingly.

Meanwhile, please enjoy the rest of summer while we continue to work to welcome back our students in August--all day and in person.

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.

Sun Jun 20 | 4-7pm | Grillin & Chillin With Dad | All Ages

\$20, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd
Experience the great outdoors with Dad! Archery, games and cooking over a fire with Dad for Father's Day.
[Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Sun Jun 20 | 11am | Father's Day Mini Golf Tournament | All Ages

FREE! Highland Park Golf Learning Center, 2205 Skokie Valley Rd
Kids, bring your parent or guardian and compete for prizes. Reservations required. [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Mon Jun 21 | 5:30-7pm | International Day of Yoga Summer Solstice Event | Age 13 +

\$20/\$25, Rosewood Beach, 883 Sheridan Rd
Celebrate International Day of Yoga at a beautiful setting while enjoying live acoustic music/performance by Robbie Gold. Limited space, registration required. [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Thu Jun 24 | 7:45pm | Drive-In Movie Series | Family

\$30/Vehicle, Recreation Center of Highland Park Parking Lot
Movie: The Goonies (PG) Cruise on over for our Drive-In Movie series! Tickets must be purchased in advance. View the movie inside your car, or bring lawn chairs to sit outside your car. Sound played via loud speaker, no transmitter. [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).
Glow Dance Party available for \$15/vehicle at checkout

Sat Jun 26 | 10-11:30am | Fish, Frogs & Polliwogs | All Ages

\$12, Danny Cuniff Pond, 2700 Trailway
Use nets and fishing poles to see what lives in the pond.
[Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Sun Jun 27 | 4-6pm | Can-U-Canoe? | Ages 6-Adult

\$22, Skokie Lagoons
Spend a tranquil summer afternoon paddling the beautiful Skokie Lagoons! Heller naturalists provide everything needed for a great paddle. [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Tue Jun 29 | 6-7:30pm | Nature Nights | All Ages

\$5, Woodridge Park, 150 Barberry Rd
Build a project, learn something new about nature and stay to play in the park. [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Tue Jul 6-13 | 9:30-11am | Sun, Earth and Science | Ages 5-7

\$35, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd
Nature and Science go hand in hand as we discover, experiment, and investigate around our prairie, pond and forest.
[Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Tu/Th Jul 6-15 | 1-4pm | Summer Seekers | Ages 8-12

\$100, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd
Enjoy the sunshine this summer with our half day camp. The afternoon will be filled with interactive games, crafts, hikes, and explorations! [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Thu Jul 8 | 6-7:30pm | Nature Nights | All Ages

\$5, Rosewood Beach, 883 Sheridan Rd
Build a project, learn something new about nature and stay to play in the park. [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).



Sat Jul 10 | Unplug Illinois Day | Family

FREE! Sunset Woods Park, 1801 Sunset Rd
Ditch your electronic devices, unplug and spend a day outdoors taking part in FREE outdoor activities for the whole family. [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Sat Jul 10 | 8:30-9:30pm | Night Hike | All Ages

\$12, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd
Experience the sounds and feel of the forest at night. Observe the night sky, listen for animals, and walk down a dark path using just your night vision. [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Sat Jul 11 | 11am | Parent/Child Mini Golf Tournament | All Ages

FREE! Highland Park Golf Learning Center
Kids, bring your parent or guardian and compete for prizes. Reservations required. [Reserve at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Thu Jul 15 | 6-7pm | Archery Basics | Ages 8-Adult

\$12, Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd
Learn the basics of archery, then spend time practicing on the range! [Register at pdhp.org](http://pdhp.org).

Fri Jul 16 | 5-7:30pm | Nine and Dine | All ages

Golf & Dinner: \$79/person, Dinner Only: \$49/person, Sunset Valley Golf Club, 1390 Sunset Rd
Bring your spouse, significant other or friend for an evening of golf, buffet style dinner and live entertainment. RSVP to Eileen Ourth at 847.432.7140 or eourth@pdhp.org.
Registration deadline: July 9



For all our 4th of July Celebration weekend events, see next page.



About Us

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

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ARE YOU SIGNED UP TO RECEIVE OUR EMAILS?

One of the fastest ways to get updates on Park District news is through our emails! To sign up for our emails go to pdhp.org and click on **"Join Our E-List"** under **"Quick Links"**.

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HIGHLAND PARK 4TH of JULY CELEBRATION

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Friday, July 2 – Monday, July 5

2021 FIRECRACKER 5K VIRTUAL RUN, WALK, AND BIKE EVENT

Complete the Virtual 5K at your own pace in your neighborhood, on a path, on a treadmill, exercise bike or any place you can safely social distance!

- All proceeds benefit the Parks Foundation of Highland Park SMILE Grant-in-Aid Fund.
- All participants who complete the 5K are entered to win prizes!

\$25/ household

Sign up today at pdhp.org



Saturday, July 3

10:30-11:15am

FIRECRACKER FAMILY BOOT CAMP **FREE!**

Outdoors at the Recreation Center of Highland Park

Join us for a 4th of July special family workout outside the Recreation Center of Highland Park.

Sign up today at pdhp.org

7:45pm • \$30/car

DRIVE-IN MOVIE: THE SANDLOT (PG)

Recreation Center of Highland Park Parking Lot

Hop in the car and cruise on over the Recreation Center of Highland Park for our Drive-In Movie. **Advanced tickets required, go to pdhp.org.**

Sunday, July 4

8am-6:30pm • \$4/player

MINI-GOLF INDEPENDENCE DAY SPECIAL!

Highland Park Golf Learning Center

Enjoy Independence Day at our River's Edge mini-golf course.

Book your tee time at pdhp.org

After 4pm

FOUR FOR \$40 ON THE 4TH FAMILY GOLF

Sunset Valley Golf Club

Enjoy a round of golf with your family. **Tee times can be booked starting June 20 at SunsetValleyGolfClub.org.**

8-10pm • \$10/person

VIRTUAL FIREWORKS AND FLOAT

Hidden Creek AquaPark

Relax in the pool while enjoying the spectacular fireworks show on the big screen. **Register at pdhp.org.**

**For more information and to register
visit pdhp.org**

Play *in the* Parks

**Get out of the house
& breathe the fresh
air this Summer!**

**For more information &
to register visit pdhp.org**



UNPLUG ILLINOIS DAY **FREE EVENT**

Sat Jul 10 • Sunset Woods Park • 1801 Sunset Rd

Leave your devices at home & celebrate Unplug Illinois Day by getting outside in beautiful Sunset Woods Park to enjoy a day full of free activities for the whole family.

PILATES IN THE PARK **FREE**

Wed Jun 9 | 6-7pm | Ages 13+

Sunset Woods Park • 1801 Sunset Rd

Pilates is a form of low-impact exercise that aims to strengthen muscles while improving postural

YOGA IN THE PARK **FREE**

Tue Aug 17 | 6-7pm | Ages 13+

Sunset Woods Park • 1801 Sunset Rd

This yoga practice consists of all levels yoga exercises and basic postures to leave you feeling strong and relaxed. Presented by the Parks Foundation of Highland Park.

NATURE NIGHTS

6-7:30pm | All Ages | \$5

Tue Jun 29 | Woodridge Park • 150 Barberry Rd

Wed Jul 21 | Central Park • 125 Central Ave.

Thu Aug 12 | Sherwood Park • 1435 Arbor Ave Build a project, learn something new about nature, and stay to play in the park.



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STAY SAFE AT THE BEACH THIS SUMMER!

Did You Know? Since 2010, there have been 950 Great Lakes drownings. More than half of those drownings happened on Lake Michigan, and half of those drownings occurred at this southern tip of the lake (Milwaukee to Southwest Michigan).

Lifeguards Save Lives! Only swim at a beach with a lifeguard on duty. Rosewood Beach is our designated swimming beach and lifeguards are on duty every day from 10am-7pm through Labor Day.

When you See a Shark Don't Go Swimming! This summer, shark signs are posted at our non-swimming beaches as a reminder that a lifeguard is not present, and swimming is prohibited. Because swimming off a Lake Michigan beach without a lifeguard on duty can be as dangerous as swimming in shark-infested waters.



FOR IMPORTANT BEACH SAFETY INFORMATION AND TIPS, GO TO PDHP.ORG

THE TRADITION CONTINUES



NORTH SHORE AMATEUR *Golf Tournament*

Wed & Thu Jul 28-29

Presenting Sponsor:



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Since 1956, thousands of Chicagoland's greatest amateur golfers have competed at the annual golf tournament. Join us for two days of lively competition with golfers from throughout northern Illinois as they play for the honor of the game and the win!

Entry Fee:

\$175

(includes 2 rounds of tournament play, lunch both days, and a tee gift)

How to Enter:

Online: go to sunsetvalleygolfclub.org

By Mail: mailed entries must include payment by check

In-Person: at the golf shop

- All entries must be received no later than Wed Jul 24, 2021 and must include an updated 2021 USGA Handicap Index.
- No refunds will be given after Wed, Jul 24 2021.
- The Tournament Committee has the right to approve or reject any application and has the right to modify a competitor's handicap per USGA guidelines.

Starting times will be emailed to each applicant by Mon Jul 26, 2021.

If you have not received your starting time by Mon Jul 26, 2021, please call the golf shop at 847.432.7140



**SUNSET
VALLEY**
golf club
— est. 1920 —

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

For more information contact Nik Lapin at nlapin@pdhp.org or 847.971.0718.

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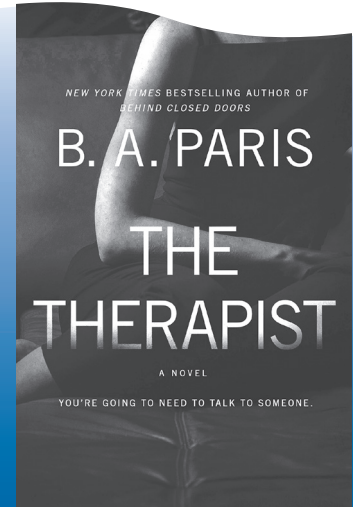
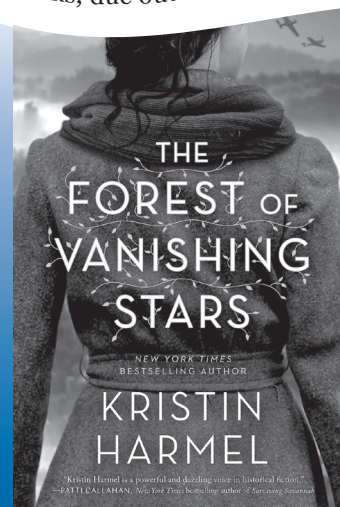
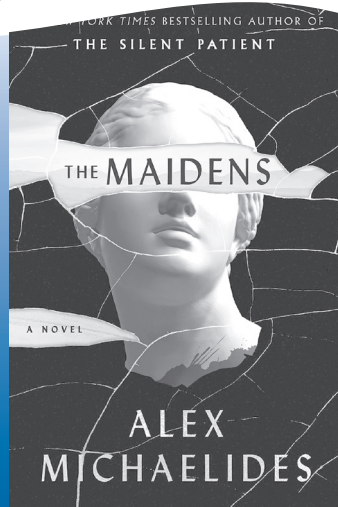
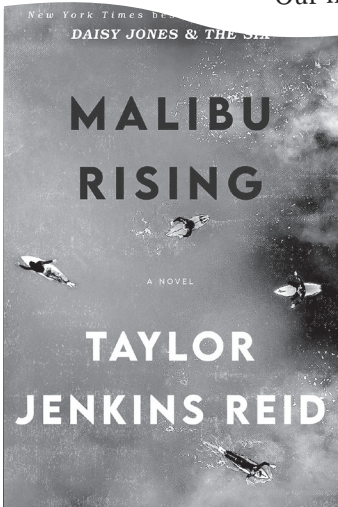
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Summer at the Library

HOT SUMMER READS!

Looking to dive into a beach read this summer?

Our librarians are recommending these books, due out in June or July. Enjoy!



Looking for more book recommendations?

Subscribe to our New Books epostcard.

Receive monthly emails with book recommendations and occasional emails with book-worthy news. During the big publishing season in the fall, receive weekly emails with news of new books. Subscribe at hplibrary.org.

Try Perfect Picks.

Fill out a form at hplibrary.org/read and receive an email with a customized list of titles curated by our librarians. (We've got film and TV recommendations, too!) Try Perfect Picks Jr. for a list of books for children.

Used Book Sale

Saturdays through August, 11 AM – 3 PM

Stock up on gently-used books, DVDs, CDs, and more. The sale will be held outside at the front entrance, weather permitting. Proceeds benefit the Library.

Presented by the Friends of the Library.

Book Donations Welcome

The Friends of the Library are accepting donations of gently-used books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, records, and puzzles for their used book sales. No textbooks or encyclopedias, please. Donations can be dropped in the orange drop box located in the Library's lower level parking lot.

Expanded Hours

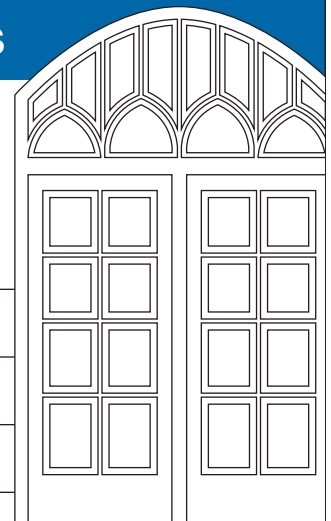
Visit the Library during expanded hours as we return to our pre-pandemic hours.

Monday – Thursday:
9 AM – 9 PM

Friday: 9 AM – 6 PM

Saturday: 9 AM – 5 PM

Sunday: 1 – 5 PM



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Read With Us This Summer!

Join our Summer Reading program for all ages. Through August 8.



Summer Reading Club For Babies – Students Entering 8th Grade

Our popular Summer Reading Club returns! Read and complete activities to earn prizes! Register at the Youth Services desk. Kids will receive a reading log (babies – preschoolers), activity packet (entering kindergarten – 5th grade), or bingo card (entering grades 6 – 8) to get started.

Summer Reading For Teens and Adults

Register at the Information & Reader Services desk and pick up a pack of colored pencils and a coloring sheet with a mandala pattern. Color the mandala with a different color for each book read and enter to win the grand prize!

LET READING COLOR YOUR WORLD.
FIND MORE INFORMATION AT HPLIBRARY.ORG/2021SUMMER.

Help Us Plan Your Library's Future!

The Library strives to provide relevant, proactive services and resources for our community. As we look towards the future, we want to hear from you!

Whether you use the Library regularly or infrequently, please update us on what's important to you so that we can meet your needs and successfully fulfill our mission — opening doors to information and imagination.

Visit hplibrary.org/future and tell us what matters to you.

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Summer Fun @ The Library [Register at hplibrary.org/events.](http://hplibrary.org/events)

Just For Kids!

Community Art Display

Through August 8.

Kids — design a piece of our community art project! Pick up a hexagon at the Youth Services desk and take it home to decorate. Bring it back and we will add it to our display.

Little Miss Ann

Monday, July 12, 2 – 2:45 PM. For families.

Enjoy socially-distanced clapping, singing, jumping, and dancing outdoors with award-winning children's musician Ann Torralba. Masks are required.

Mandala Drawing Class

Monday, June 21 – Sunday, June 27

The word “mandala” is the Sanskrit word for circle and is found in cultures worldwide. View the class on YouTube and draw your own mandalas to express yourself, as a tool for meditation, or for fun with Christine Thornton of Hello Art Studio.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Sound Healing And Meditation

Thursdays, July 8, 15, 22, 29, 5 – 6 PM

Find a moment of peace in these difficult times with simple meditation techniques. Instructor Lavender Suarez will guide participants through breathing exercises and gentle movement. Participants are encouraged to listen in a quiet place without distractions and wear headphones or plug into external speakers. Join us on Zoom and attend one or more sessions.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Bob Ross Paint-A-Long

Saturday, July 31, 1 – 2:30 PM

Join us in the lower level parking lot to paint along with one of the late Bob Ross' episodes of PBS' *The Joy of Painting* and go home with your own work of art. We'll provide all the supplies.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

It's Magic!

Magic Mania

Wednesday, June 16, 2 – 2:45 PM. For families.

Join us for a socially-distanced, laugh-out-loud magic show for kids and adults starring award-winning magician Randy Bernstein. The event will take place outside in Laurel Park, between the Library and City Hall, and will be rescheduled in case of inclement weather. Masks are required.

Through The Ether(net): Interactive Magic and Illusory Demonstrations

Thursday, June 17, 7 PM

For adults and children ages 9+.

Join us on Zoom and mystify yourself in this interactive performance with Jeannette Andrews, hailed as one of the most innovative illusionsits in the world. Please have four playing cards available with no sentimental attachment.

Presented with Glencoe Public Library, Highland Park Public Library, and Vernon Area Public Library.

Meet The Authors

An Evening With Megan Miranda and Shari Lapena

Join Us For Domestic

Thriller Night! Thursday, August 12, 7 PM

Don't miss this special event when bestselling authors Megan Miranda and Shari Lapena come together to discuss their new domestic thrillers! Miranda's *Such A Quiet Place*, described as the perfect summer beach read, is set in a seemingly idyllic neighborhood. Scratch the surface though, and there is viciousness festering inside the households of this community. Lapena's *Not A Happy Family* has it all — toxic men, toxic women, twists, turns, and red herrings. When Fred and Sheila Merton are murdered, their adult kids are devastated. Or are they?

Presented in partnership with multiple libraries.



[Find more summer fun at hplibrary.org/events.](http://hplibrary.org/events)

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Business

Could your business idea POP?

Interested in opening a pop-up shop? A pop-up shop is a temporary storefront space leased and operated by someone who has a business idea to try out or to test in a new market area. Pop-up shops might also be a good fit for online merchants or home-based business owners who would like a physical space to sell their merchandise or host a sample sale. Pop-ups are fun and attract new shoppers. These short-term retail environments enable customers to experience new products firsthand. Pop-up shops might be open for just one day, or a few months.

The process to open a pop-up shop in Highland Park is the same as opening a long-term brick and mortar business. Property owners may lease to a pop-up to showcase their space. If a pop-up is successful, business owners may enter into a long-term lease.

Visit cityhpil.com/popupshop for a list of opportunities in the Central and Ravinia Business Districts.

Nominations for 2021 Mayor's Beautification Awards

The Business and Economic Development Advisory Group is accepting nominations for the 2021 Mayor's Beautification Awards. The Award recognizes Highland Park property owners and business owners who have made improvements to enhance visual appeal consistent with the environment and the community. Given annually, award recipients will be granted a Mayoral Certificate, public recognition at a 2021 City Council Meeting, and publicity in *The Highlander*. Below is a list of business categories eligible for this award and the criteria for judging.

Business Categories

Auto Dealership, Commercial / Mixed-

Use Development, Service, Restaurant and Retail.

Award Criteria

Appearance, Cleanliness, Consistency, Window Clarity, Code Adherence, Façade Condition and Landscaping.

Please complete a nomination form on the City's website at cityhpil.com/awards or contact the Office of Business Development at **947.026.1046** or mrosen@cityhpil.com to request a form. Completed nominations must be returned to City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue, Highland Park, IL 60035, Attn: Mayor's Beautification Award. Nominations must be post-marked by **September 17**.



New Businesses

Peace of Mind Exterior Co.

1542 Old Skokie Rd
224.381.2100
peaceofmindexterior.com
Roofing Company

The Mindful Mortgage Team

2057 Green Bay Rd
312.545.6674
Residential Mortgage Brokering, Lending & Leasing

Arezou Beauty By Design

229 Skokie Valley Rd (Inside JC Salons)
847.630.6421
Esthetician

Business Recognition

New Balance North Shore – Since 1995

610 Central Ave, Ste. 169
847.266.8323 / shopnewshoes.com

New Balance North Shore is proud to be one of the first independently-owned New Balance stores. Still at its original Port Clinton Square location, New Balance North Shore is a destination for those who need extended sizes and widths or have foot problems requiring careful fitting and attention. This flagship store for the New Balance brand showcases the latest and best athletic footwear and apparel styles offered by the company.