



Virtual Town Hall May 20, 7PM

The City of Highland Park and its government partners will conduct a virtual town hall meeting on Wednesday, May 20 beginning at 7PM. Residents may email questions in advance to cityhp@cityhpil.com.

U.S. Census 2020

The City reminds residents to complete the U.S. Census. This information is important for funding allocations.

Character Counts in HP!

Congratulations to all of the recipients of the 2020 Robert Barnard Character Counts Pillar Awards.

Memorial Day Reminder

No refuse or recycling pick-up on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. The schedule is shifted one day for the entire week.

Highland Park at a Glance



Virtual Town Hall Meeting

The City of Highland Park will host a virtual town hall meeting on Wednesday, May 20, from 7 – 8:30PM. The meeting will feature short updates from each unit of government representing Highland Park, including the City, the Park District, the Library, School Districts 112 and 113, and Moraine Township. All organizations have been in close collaboration to provide an informed, cohesive response to the coronavirus pandemic. Although the meeting will be presented virtually, residents may submit questions in advance by emailing cityhp@cityhpil.com. The audio recording of the town hall, as well as any Q&A transcript, will be posted online at cityhpil.com following the meeting.

Residents may call in to the meeting with the following credentials:

Dial in: 312.626.6799

Webinar ID: 843 3342 1159

Password: 883634



U.S. Census 2020: HP Needs You to Be Counted

Highland Park has nearly reached its goal of surpassing its 2010 Census self-response rate of 78%! Census data informs representation in Congress and funding allocations for federal programs, hospitals, emergency services, and more. It also helps public health officials and first responders identify at-risk populations and resources needed to continue to provide high-quality community services. Respond to the Census today at www.my2020census.gov.

The U.S. Census Bureau is also collecting data through the Household Pulse Survey to measure the social and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. A limited number of addresses across the country have been invited to answer the Household Pulse Survey. If selected to participate, you will receive an email from COVID.survey@census.gov with a link to complete the survey. Learn more at www.census.gov/HouseholdPulse.



Observing Memorial Day in Our Hearts

In observance of current rules about physical distancing, the City will not hold its traditional Memorial Day Ceremony. Here are some suggestions to remember the significance of the occasion:

- Participate in a National moment of Remembrance at 3PM to pause and think upon the meaning of the day
- Fly a U.S. flag
- Wear your patriotic spirit
- Donate to veterans charities
- Send a thank-you letter or message to a soldier currently serving
- Remember your family's veterans
- Read the poem, *In Flanders Fields*, by Lieutenant Colonel John McRae
- Display a poppy, a symbol of remembrance for veterans
- Watch a movie or read a book that looks soldiers who lost their lives in service of the greater good.



Memorial Day Reminder

Garbage will not be collected on Monday, May 25. 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).



2020 Robert Barnard Character Counts Pillar Awards

These special awards recognize outstanding individuals who have demonstrated the six pillars of character in their beliefs, attitudes, and actions. The award is named in honor of its first recipient, dedicated volunteer Robert Barnard.

The six pillars of character - trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship - help instill a positive school climate and a culture of kindness. These awards are presented in partnership with the City of Highland Park, North Shore School District 112, Highland Park High School, and the Park District of Highland Park. To learn more, visit www.cityhpil.com/charactercounts.

The Character Counts Steering Committee reviewed nominations submitted by school personnel and community members, and is proud to recognize the following individuals for demonstrating exemplary character as 2020 Character Counts Pillar Award recipients: Stephen Alex, Athen Aloma, Lexi Berkowitz, Julia Eisenberg, Sammy Engle, Aylin Everastico-Antunez, Madelyn Fisk, Katia Flores, Ethan Glassman, Luis Miguel Gonzalez, Israel (Izzy) Johnson, Amy Kaufman, Benjamin Kerch, Penelope Knapple, Samantha Koerner, Esther Lowenthal, Paulette Margulies, Julian Martinson, Brendan Michael, Chloe Ng, Donna Novickas, Eric Rodriguez, Buddy Schreiber, Karen Silbar, Oziel Chavez Velazquez, Sam Waters, Cody Weiss, and Lily Zirin.

* Please note, the 2020 Highland Park Awards Ceremony was cancelled due to the COVID-19 Stay at Home Order.



Working Together We Are Saving Lives

Nancy R. Rotering
– Mayor Nancy R. Rotering

This is an extraordinary time, but by working together, we are saving lives. While we have been challenged, we are rising to the occasion as we work to stop the spread of COVID19. Your efforts are making a difference.

City officials coordinate daily with Governor Pritzker's Office, Lake County, and partner organizations. With the Governor's Stay-At-Home order extended through the end of May, the City extended its state of emergency to run in tandem. This provides ongoing

emergency management and disaster authority as the pandemic continues.

Predicated on the CDC's advice, all Illinois residents and visitors are required to wear a mask or face covering when in a public place where they are unable to maintain a distance of six feet from others. As of May 1, greenhouses and garden centers and groomers reopened, and nonessential businesses reopened to fulfill phone and online orders for curbside pick-up and delivery. We are working closely with our business

community to assist with these changes and help them find a successful path forward.

Now is not the time to get complacent. The hard work we have been doing is helping to reduce the load on our health care system and hopefully, slow the spread of infection. This is a marathon, not a sprint. Join me in thanking those on the front lines who help all of us during this difficult time. We are Highland Park strong. Together, we will get to the other side of this global challenge.

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COVID-19 Resources:
cityhpil.com/covid-19

Stay home,
Save lives!



Flood Mitigation: How to Prepare Your Home

As we welcome warmer weather, longer days and blooming flowers, we must also prepare for unwelcome rains! The risk of flooding cannot be completely prevented, especially for those residing in flood plain areas, primarily adjacent to the two rivers. In certain circumstances, solutions are available to help mitigate flooding and help alleviate property or yard damage.

Below recommendations and guidelines will assist in minimizing flood risks:

1. Regularly inspect flood protection devices such as backflow preventers, sump pumps, and battery back-ups, as well as check valves and standpipes, to make sure they are in good working condition.
2. Contact a licensed plumber to have your storm (rainwater) and sanitary (wastewater) lateral service pipes (running from your home to the street) inspected to make sure they are free of roots and debris.
3. Contact a licensed plumber to inspect and verify that storm lateral pipes are not connected to sanitary lateral service pipe or vice-versa. These two lateral pipes should remain separate

and are connected separately to the City storm and sanitary main pipes.

4. Make sure all exterior drains such as window well drains, outside yard drains, gutters, or street drains are clear of debris, leaves and any other obstructions.
5. Install an overhead sanitary sewer system (ejector pit) to alleviate sewer backups.
6. City has a voluntary sewer lateral cost-share program to assist with flood backups via sanitary sewer laterals.
7. To view floodplain areas, visit FEMA at msc.fema.gov/portal/home or the City's website, cityhpil.com. Click on "Interactive Maps" in the Quick Links section. Use Layers on the right side of the map to view City and FEMA floodplain areas.
8. To learn more about flood prevention tips, City's efforts towards flood mitigation, and other useful information, please visit www.cityhpil.com/flooding.

If you need additional information or would like to discuss specific flooding concerns, please contact the Public Works Sewer Section at **847.432.0807**.

Our Community



Driveway Approach Curb and Driveway Sidewalk Maintenance

Following multiple freeze-thaw cycles of Midwest winters, older driveway approaches or aprons tend to disintegrate resulting in an uneven surface causing riding discomfort. The driveway approach or apron is the area within the public right-of-way, typically from the sidewalk to the street. For driveways that do not have an adjacent sidewalk, the public right-of-way is approximately 30'-33' from the center line of the roadway. The infrastructure associated with the driveway approach within the public right-of-way typically includes the sidewalk along the driveway, the driveway approach (asphalt or concrete or pavers), and the curb over driveway (depressed or mountable).

City Code Section 93.255 requires property owners to maintain the infrastructure within the driveway approach, as noted above. The Code requires the infrastructure to be in good repair, free from obstructions and openings, clear of snow and ice, and in a safe condition for pedestrian and vehicular travel. For more information on driveway approach maintenance, please contact the Public Works Department Streets Section staff at **847.432.0807** between 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM.



June is National Internet Safety Month - Think Before You Click

One of today's biggest threats to internet security are the users themselves. Hackers are getting better at tricking people into clicking on fraudulent links or opening up malicious attachments in emails. A large portion of today's cyberattacks originate from within an organization's own user base when they click on a link or open an attachment in malicious phishing emails. It can happen at work and at home. It only takes one click or one attachment being opened to put your system and others at risk.

It is important for internet users to be cautious when clicking on links and attachments in emails. Be sure that the email is legitimate before opening or clicking on anything. Some emails look authentic but they can be malicious attempts to coax you into opening up a hyperlink or file.



Things to ask yourself before clicking on a link or opening an attachment:

- Are you expecting an email from the recipient?
- Is the recipient's email misspelled or is the link typed correctly? Is it from chaase.com?
- Does the email make sense? If the subject says "UPS delivery," ask yourself if you are expecting a package.
- If an email asks you to click on a link to sign in, skip the link and go directly to the site via a web browser.

Remember, think before you click.

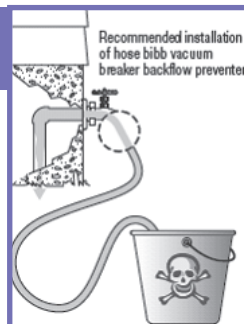


It's Time for Backflow Prevention Annual Testing

The City is committed to providing the highest quality potable water. We need residents' help in preventing cross contamination. Drinking water normally flows in one direction, from the meter to the house. Under certain circumstances, it can flow in the opposite direction - this is called "backflow."

Lawn irrigation systems must include a backflow prevention device prior to connection to the drinking water system. Lack of such device could result in potential hazard known as an unprotected cross connection. Chemicals, animal waste, and bacteria can potentially enter the drinking water supply unless the irrigation system is protected by an approved backflow prevention device. Each spring, when the lawn irrigation system is activated, the backflow device is required to be inspected and tested by a State of Illinois licensed plumber. A copy of the inspection report is to be sent to the City via waterplant@cityhpil.com or fax **847.926.1193**.

For fire sprinkler systems, please inspect the fire system's backflow protection device annually along with the fire protection system (some fire protection contractors can perform both lawn sprinkler and fire sprinkler services at same time). Also, for filling swimming pools and hot tubs please ensure the water hose is protected with a hose bib vacuum breaker installed on the faucet.



The US Environmental Protection Agency and State of Illinois have regulations to protect against possible backflow occurrence. Visit www.cityhpil.com/backflow or contact the Public Works Department, Water Production Division staff at **847.433.4355** during normal business hours. During off-hours, contact non-emergency Police dispatch at **847.432.7730**.

Community Calendar

The Art Center of Highland Park

TACHP is creating online classes, videos and other arts-related resources for all age levels and interests. Sign up for their email list or follow on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for ideas, projects, and things that you can do from home: info@theartcenterhp.org.

TACHP's annual benefit will be hosted online, **May 14 - 16** and will include an amazing art auction, silent auction, raffle, video 'surprises', social media blasts, and a special virtual exhibit provided by Ellen Sandor and her (art)n team, all enjoyed from the comfort of your own home. With your participation TACHP can continue to 'Make Art Available to All', award over 200 scholarships a year, provide 500 dynamic classes per year, inspire with over 20 unique gallery exhibits, and connect with over 30,000 community members. Video updates will be posted throughout the event. TACHP will use the user-friendly One Cause app to update you and share auction results. For raffle tickets and sponsorship information, visit theartcenterhp.org.

Educate, Inspire and Connect during this difficult time as we Celebrate the Future.

Highland Park Historical Society Wants Your Experiences with the COVID-19 Pandemic (SARS-CoV-2)

History is now! Document with photos and thoughts this strange world. Those thoughts, stories and images will impact to our memories long after this is over. Information at HighlandParkHistory.com, Facebook and email: archives@HighlandParkHistory.com.

Highland Park Poetry's Art Gets in Your Eyes 2020

Highland Park Poetry will celebrate the community's impressive collection of public art with short ekphrastic poems. Between June and September, temporary signs with contest winning poems will be installed adjacent to pieces of public art on City's streets, trails and paths. For a complete list of the art work, locations and accompanying poems, visit The Muses' Gallery on HighlandParkPoetry.org.

Ravinia Neighbors Association Presents Ravinia Farmers Market

Priority Shopping Hours: 7 - 8AM

For safety for immunocompromised individuals, pregnant parents, & those at elevated risk for COVID-19

**General Public Hours: 8AM - 2PM
Wednesdays, June 3 thru Oct. 28**

Jens Jensen Park and Dean Avenue
between Roger Williams and St. Johns
Open rain or shine

RFM Manager Ed Kugler, 847.561.1302

RaviniaFarmersMarket.org

*Application currently under review.
Event details posted at cityhpil.com
by the end of May.*

Following COVID-19 special operating guidelines, the Ravinia Farmers Market includes up to 20 vendors offering fresh produce, meat, cheese, bread, flowers and more.

- If you are sick, stay home.
- Please wear a face covering or mask and maintain a 6' distance between yourself, vendor employees and other customers.
- This is not a family event; limit attendance to one (1) person per household.
- Please no dogs at the Market unless it is a service dog.
- Please do not touch any of the produce or products. No hand-to-hand contact at the Market.
- Customers are encouraged to order items in advance online or check out vendor information before you shopping at the Market. There will be no lingering or gathering at the Market.
- Use credit or debit cards or no touch payments; no change will be given with cash purchases.

Affordable Housing Information

Tuesday, June 9, 6PM

Tuesday, July 14, 6PM

Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH)

400 Central Avenue, Suite 111

[847.263.7478 ext. 10](tel:847.263.7478) / CPAHousing.org

All staff available by phone and email. Classes and info sessions via Zoom while CPAH's offices closed. Register at www.cpahousing.org/class-registration/ or call above.



Staying Home, Staying Safe

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted daily life in numerous ways. It's common to experience stress and anxiety during an emergency situation, and feelings of loneliness and isolation are not unusual. Take a moment to check in with your neighbors by phone, particularly those who live alone.

Help is available to anyone in distress. Free and confidential crisis support is always available via the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline ([800.273.8255](tel:800.273.8255)) The Josselyn Center in Northfield is also providing mental health and psychiatric services, with a sliding fee scale, at josselyn.org.

While staying home is the best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19, not everyone feels safe at home. If you or someone you know is living in danger or in an abusive relationship, help is available. The North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic provides high-quality, confidential, accessible, pro-bono assistance, particularly to domestic violence victims. Visit nslegalaid.org to learn more.

The City's website offers a wealth of resources to help residents of all ages navigate this unprecedented time. There are a number of ways to stay connected and safe while staying home. These resources are available at cityhpil.com/covid-19.

Our Community



City Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing

City fire hydrant flushing is currently underway and should continue through Fall. A hydrant flushing program is very important to water quality. Over time, various materials such as corrosion products and organic materials build up in the mains of municipal water distribution systems. This buildup can cause water quality issues such as unusual tastes, odors and discoloration of the water.

During the flushing process, you may notice that your water is brown for a temporary period. There is no health hazard associated with the discolored water. Allow a few hours for discoloration to dissipate. To verify water is clear, run your cold water tap for a few minutes.

Signage will be placed at key intersections when hydrant flushing is done in each neighborhood. For more information on hydrant flushing, please visit www.cityphil.com/hydrantflushing or call the water plant at 847.433.4355.



Ravines and Bluffs Tree Removal Or Maintenance Process

Two of the most unique and iconic features of Highland Park's landscape are its winding ravines and the bluffs towering over Lake Michigan. The ravines or bluffs, known as Steep Slope Zone, under Highland Park City Code (Chapter 150) are sensitive to disturbance and caution needs to be taken when working or planning to work in these areas. City Code does allow for the management and maintenance of the Steep Slope Zone areas, but there are strict regulations in place to ensure that Best Management Practices (BMPs) are followed. Before working in the Steep Slope Zone, it is important to work with a professional on any planned improvements or maintenance activities and to contact Department of Public Works Forestry Section for permit requirements. A Building Permit is required for removal of any vegetation, landscaping, or ecological restoration, and any type of construction within Steep Slope Zone.

The ravines and bluffs provide invaluable ecological, structural, and financial benefits to the residents of Highland Park. The City, along with the Park District of Highland Park, has developed a guide to vegetative management in the Steep Slope Zone. This brochure is available at: www.cityphil.com/ravineandbluffBMPs. For information related to ravine and bluff maintenance or permit requirements, please contact City Forester, Dr. Keith O'Herrin, at 847.926.1604 or koherrin@cityphil.com.

Moraine Township

Please note that this section is submitted, written and edited by the Moraine Township and does not reflect the views or opinions of the City.

We Are Here To Help

If you know a Moraine Township resident who needs help, please have them contact us: 847.432.3240 / info@morainetownship.org.

Food Pantry: Tuesdays 10AM until 2PM. Call or email if you are not available during those times, or are sick or quarantined, and need food delivery. For the safety of other clients, volunteers and staff, please do not visit the Pantry if you are sick.

Health insurance and Medicaid: enrollment assistance.

Emergency Assistance: for rent or other needs.

SNAP: enrollment assistance (*formerly known as Food Stamps*)

Other Resources: We are available to connect residents with other resources and services.

There are no adequate words to thank our community for making it possible for the Township to help our struggling residents traverse this crisis without the resources to manage. It takes a village, and we are so proud to be part of this amazing, generous and caring community who understands we are all in this together and we are here to help each other through it.

A big shout out to the heroic Moraine Township staff who give 150% every day to ensure that our residents are safe, fed, and in their homes when we emerge from this dark tunnel!

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

Serving Seniors ages 50 and better

54 Laurel Avenue

847.432.4110

The Highland Park Senior Center strives to provide exceptional education, recreation, enrichment and support services targeting a population from 50 years of age and upward.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Senior Center is currently closed and the Highland Park Connector bus is currently out of service. However, staff are working remotely and diligently to provide members with resources and online engagement opportunities during the Stay at Home order.

During this pandemic, Senior Center staff have continued to provide the community with a wide variety of resources and referrals including: grocery, medicine, mask delivery, housing, home care, medical equipment rental, and mental health support services.

Additionally, staff have implemented the following special programs:

- Friendly Caller Check-In program reaching out to approximately 900 senior adults. Those who expressed interest will continue to receive follow-up calls throughout the SAH order.

- Bi-weekly emails to members sharing a variety of free online engagement opportunities including links to nightly opera performances, classic audible books, virtual tours of world renowned museums, Ravinia Festival classical concerts, senior friendly exercise programs, mindful meditation, and more.

- Virtual programs including Tuesday Trivia, Sharing the Good round table, News and Views discussion, and Spanish class.

Staff are also planning for the future and strategizing for a safe reopening of the Center and a safe return to programming of a wide variety of opportunities to satisfy many different interests.

- ~ Life-long learning with excellent speakers
- ~ Fitness classes
- ~ Classes in cards, games, arts and language
- ~ Enrichment groups
- ~ Social events
- ~ Day excursions
- ~ Resources and referrals
- ~ Social Services coordination and support

If you would like to inquire about any of the referrals, resources, services or activities listed above, please contact the Senior Center at 847.432.4110 or contact Laura Frey, Manager of Senior Services at LFrey@cityhpil.com.



2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report



Introduction

The City of Highland Park is pleased to present its Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2019. This report, as required by Federal law, is designed to inform all customers about the quality of water and services that are delivered each day. The City of Highland Park is pleased to report that last year, as in years

past; your tap water met or exceeded all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and state drinking water health standards. There were no water quality violations recorded during 2019, nor were there any samples over the Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL). The City's continuing goal is to provide all of its consumers with a

safe and dependable supply of drinking water. As part of this process, the City wants all customers to understand the efforts that are continually being made to improve the water treatment process and to protect water resources. In short, the City of Highland Park is committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

The Source of Our Drinking Water

The City of Highland Park Water Plant uses surface water drawn from Lake Michigan. The water is drawn from a 54 inch primary intake located one mile from shore. This primary intake is situated in 30 feet of water, adjacent to two secondary intakes that are 20 and 16 inches in diameter, which also feed water to the filtration plant. Highland Park's primary intake is located far enough offshore (5,150 feet) that the shoreline impacts are not considered a factor on water quality. The secondary 20 and 16 inch intakes, located 1,250 feet and 2,230 feet respectively, are close enough to the shore and may be influenced by potential sources including Central Park. The secondary intakes are used infrequently to augment the capacity of the primary intake or during maintenance or inspection of the primary intake. The combination of the land use, potential sources and the proximity of storm sewer outfalls adds to the susceptibility of these two intakes.



Contaminants and Protection

✓ EPA Source Water Assessment Completed

In 2002 Illinois EPA conducted a federally mandated Source Water Assessment of Highland Park. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>. This report states that sources of potential contaminants for Highland Park intakes include sediment, shoreline erosion, wet weather sewer overflows, wastewater treatment bypasses, stormwater runoff, and air deposition. The IEPA considers all surface water sources of community water supplies to be susceptible to potential pollution problems. The very nature of surface water allows contaminants to migrate into the intake with no protection, only dilution. Hence, the reason for mandatory treatment for all surface water supplies in Illinois. The report also commends Highland Park's active membership to the West Shore Water Producers Association. Coordination regarding water quality situations is frequently discussed during the association's quarterly meetings. Lake Michigan, as well as all the Great Lakes, has many different organizations and associations that are currently working to either maintain or improve water quality. Protection of Lake Michigan is a priority for Highland Park. For information on source water protection please visit the City's website at https://www.cityhpil.com/government/city_departments/public_works/water_treatment_plant/index.php

If you would like to learn more, please contact the Water Plant at 847.433.4355.

Contaminant Sources

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it can dissolve naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Possible contaminants consist of:

- **Microbial Contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife;
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm-water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming;
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses;
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems;
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which may be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Illinois EPA (IEPA) has determined that Lake Michigan has some of the best drinking water quality in the state. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1.800.426.4791).



Additional Information

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbiological contaminants are available from the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1.800.426.4791).

About the Data

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, USEPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health. The City of Highland Park Water Plant routinely monitors drinking water for these constituents, in accordance with State and Federal laws. The following water quality table lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the period between January 1 and December 31, 2019. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed in the table were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. Again, the presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Full comprehensive results may be obtained by calling the contact listed at the end of this report.

Data Analysis



2019 Water Quality Data Table

The “**Your Water**” column represents the highest sample result collected during the calendar year, unless otherwise noted. The “**Range**” column represents a range of individual sample results, from lowest to highest that were collected during the calendar year. The “**Sample Date**” column will show the year the sample was most recently analyzed. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The “**Violation**” column will indicate whether or not a violation occurred with each contaminant that was detected. The “**Typical Source**” information lists where contaminants may originate.



Disinfectants & Disinfectant By-Products (There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants)

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, OR MRDL	Your Water	Range Low High		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
Chlorine [as Cl ₂] (ppm)	MRDLG =4	MRDL =4	1.6	0.2	1.6	2019	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Total Organic Carbon (%)	NA	TT	100	NA	NA	2019	No	Naturally present in the environment
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	37	17.9	52	2019	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Haloacetic Acids [HAA5] (ppb)	NA	60	19	11.1	26.5	2019	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Note: The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set.

Note: Some sample results for regulatory compliance are based on a running annual average of quarterly samples, therefore; the result is not the highest level detected. This is the case for Cl₂, TTHMs and HAA5.

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, OR MRDL	Your Water	Range Low High		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.019	NA	NA	2019	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Calcium	NA	NA	35	NA	NA	2019	No	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA or the state.
Chloride (ppm)	NA	250	17	NA	NA	2019	No	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Naturally occurring; run-off from road salts.
Chromium, Hexavalent (ppm)	NA	NA	0.19	NA	NA	2019	No	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA or the state.
Copper, Free (ppm)	NA	NA	0.01	NA	NA	2019	No	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA or the state.
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.707	NA	NA	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Magnesium (ppm)	NA	NA	12	NA	NA	2019	No	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA or the state.
Nitrate [measured as nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	0.33	NA	NA	2019	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Potassium (ppm)	NA	NA	1.6	NA	NA	2019	No	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA or the state
Sodium [optional] (ppm)	NA	NA	12	NA	NA	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching; Used in water softener regeneration.
Sulfate (ppm)	NA	250	23	NA	NA	2019	No	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Naturally occurring; discharge from metal factories
Hardness, Total (as CaCO ₃ ppm)	NA	NA	140	NA	NA	2019	No	Erosion from naturally occurring minerals.
Alkalinity, Total (ppm)	NA	NA	110	NA	NA	2019	No	Erosion from naturally occurring minerals.
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	NA	NA	180	NA	NA	2019	No	Comprised of inorganic salts, dissolved organic matter, sewage, urban and agricultural run-off, industrial wastewater, chemicals used in the water treatment process, the piping or hardware used to distribute the water.

Note: There is not a federal or state MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required for information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If the level is greater than 20 ppm, and you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician.

Data Analysis (cont.)

2019 Water Quality Data Table (Cont.)

Coliform Bacteria

Contaminants	MCLG	Total Coliform MCL	Highest # of Positive	E. coli MCL	Total # Positive E. coli samples	Violation	Typical Source
Coliform Bacteria	0	1 positive monthly sample	1	-	0	No	Naturally present in the environment.

Microbiological Contaminants

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, OR MRDL	Your Water	Range Low High	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
Turbidity (NTU)	NA	0.3	100	NA	2019	No	Soil runoff

100% of the samples were below the TT value of 0.3. A value less than 95% constitutes a TT violation. The highest single measurement was 0.062 NTU. Any measurement in excess of 1 is a violation unless otherwise approved by the state.

Note: Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water caused by suspended particulates and is monitored because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration system and disinfectants.

Lead and Copper Contaminants

Contaminants	MCLG	AL	Your Water	Sample Date	# of Samples Exceeding AL	Violation	Typical Source
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.18	2017	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppb)	0	15	4	2017	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural

To minimize contamination resulting from corrosion, Highland Park has implemented a corrosion control program. The EPA established a lead action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb) and a copper action level of 1.3 ppm. The 90th percentile result of samples analyzed for lead and copper content in homes with lead pipes must be less than these action levels. In 2017, Highland Park sampled water from thirty-three homes with lead service lines and analyzed them for lead and copper content. All results, were below the action levels. The 90th percentile level for lead was 4 ppb. The 90th percentile level for copper was 0.18 ppm as illustrated in the results table.

Note: The City of Highland Park is in full compliance with all State and Federal regulations governing the control of lead and copper within public drinking water supplies. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Highland Park is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Additional Unregulated Contaminants-UCMR-4

Distribution System

Analyte	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCL	Units
HAA5	10/8/2019	14.9	13.4-14.9	NA	ppb
HAA6Br	10/8/2019	7.7	7.6-7.7	NA	ppb
HAA9	10/8/2019	21.2	20.0-21.2	NA	ppb

Raw Water

Bromide	10/8/2019	30	30.0-30.0	NA	ppb
Total Organic Carbon	10/8/2019	2.2	2.2-2.2	NA	ppm

Every five years, in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, the EPA identifies a new list of contaminants that are suspected to occur in public water systems. This list is referred to as the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR). A maximum contaminant level (MCL) for these contaminants have not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has mandatory health effects language been set. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist USEPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.

Drinking Water Definitions

In the water quality data table, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

- TT** : Treatment Technique or a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- AL** : Action Level or the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- MCL** : Maximum Contaminant Level or the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- MCLG** : Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

- MRDLG** : Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal or the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
- MRDL** : Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level or the highest level of a disinfectant allow in drinking water.
- MPL** : Maximum Permissible Level that is state assigned.

UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

- ppm** : Parts per million or Milligrams per liter (mg/L).
- ppb** : Parts per billion or Micrograms per liter (µg/L).
- NTU** : Nephelometric Turbidity Units, used to measure the cloudiness in drinking water.
- NA** : Not applicable.

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On April 20, 2020, North Shore School District 112 launched a ThoughtExchange to engage the community on what matters most as we continue education during this unprecedented time. We asked our community a question and then let others rate those thoughts and post their own. The question for this exchange was:

“Now that Governor Pritzker has declared an end to in-person schooling, what are your top 3 thoughts for the administration to consider regarding the remainder of this school year?”

The District 112 community responded in a remarkable fashion with 1,550 participants leaving 2,413 thoughts. Those thoughts were then rated 76,072 times overall.

TOP THOUGHTS

These were some of the Thoughts that produced the highest ratings by participants. Visit the link below to see a full summary of the findings.

1. Thank you, district staff and teachers for all your hard work. I appreciate all you're doing.
2. Make sure every child in this district receives access to 3 meals a day and the learning tools (iPads/ chrome books including cellular) to learn.
3. The wellbeing of families with little to no income at home. How can we support families economically?
4. Making sure that we continue to take care of students' basic and emotional needs first.

Visit WWW.NSSD112.ORG/ThoughtExchange2020 for a full summary of the community feedback results!

District 113



What does it take to move everything a school district does online?

In this situation, we humbly admit that the answer is we are learning as we go. If we were given the task of moving online what we do onsite, I would say that preparing to do that well would take two years. The Executive Order creating “remote learning days” came March 27, and we moved instruction and our operations online on March 31. Neither classroom instruction nor day-to-day operations were designed to take place wholly online and because of that fact, there have been challenges.

It is tempting to think of learning as a mental activity, an apprehension of knowledge. Learning, however, is a social activity. Research from psychologists, neuroscientists, and educational researchers indicate that learning is inextricably linked to emotions. Accordingly, moving instruction out of the classroom in schools to a place we call “remote” is much more than moving a meeting online to a platform like Zoom. Moreover, eLearning plans were intended for a day or two here and there, not for extended stretches of time. eLearning was a bridge between onsite instruction whereas remote learning replaced it.

That difference matters because learning takes place in the interactions between students and curriculum mediated by other students and the teacher. Anyone who has participated in a few or a few hundred Zoom meetings knows that although a lot can be accomplished online, true social interaction is lost. Instruction is far more complex than meetings and is a social activity, and our teachers are working to provide instruction in this less-than optimal venue. Knowing that we cannot replicate the instruction we can deliver onsite, we are focusing on staying connected to our students and to providing a continuity of education. Educators know that learning is a social activity, providing instruction remotely for extended periods of time working to provide instruction underscores how difficult remote learning is.

At the time this is published, there is a lot we do not know about next school year, but Governor Pritzker has advised school districts to plan for the possibility of beginning next year as we are ending the current one, remotely. So we will begin planning Remote Learning 2.0 for next year at the end of this year because by the time we know how we are returning to school it will be too late to plan. For planning purposes, schools need to know now. Realistically, the governor will want to wait as long as possible to announce how we are returning to school.

There is much to learn and much left to know, but we have learned and know some very important things about this crisis. We know that the District 113 staff have made Herculean efforts to stay connected to our students and keep their education going while managing their individual family situations. We also know that as a community we have come together in new ways to get through this and will figure out how to get through the future, whatever lies ahead.

Bruce Law, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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Rosewood Shoreline Protection Project Update



In April, the Park District completed a shoreline protection project at the Rosewood Beach Recreation Cove. The project included placement of the sand to protect the cove, adjacent boardwalk, and playground. Stone was also placed along the south breakwater interior wall to mitigate the passage of sand through the area. A similar project was completed early last Fall at Rosewood's nature and swimming coves. The buildings and boardwalk adjacent to both coves are situated closer to the shoreline and were in jeopardy of damage from potentially severe winter storms.

Rosewood Beach is one of the Park District's most heavily used facilities, and one of the most beautiful of our community's assets. The near-historic high Lake Michigan water levels in the last year resulted in rapid beach erosion at Rosewood Beach. Infrastructure located at the back of the beach was in jeopardy of damage. The shoreline projects last Fall and this Spring are preventing further erosion and protecting our lakefront structures and ensure this community asset will serve Highland Park for current and future generations.



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Youth Golf Programs

Youth Golf Programs support construction of a Youth Golf Development & Short Game Center at Sunset Valley Golf Club and golf lessons for teens facing financial or social challenges.

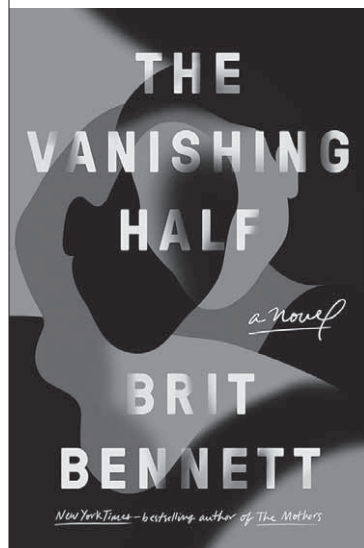
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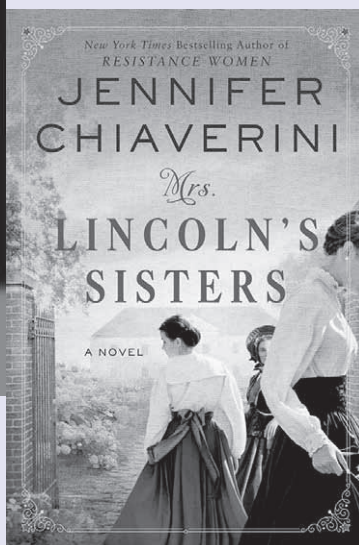


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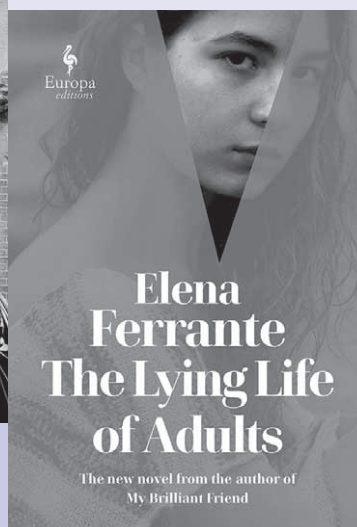


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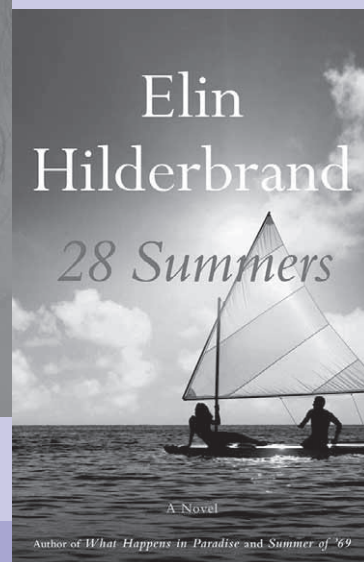


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Virtual Business Town Hall

The City will also host a Virtual Town Hall for Businesses on **Friday, May 22** at **8AM**. The meeting will be an opportunity for businesses to discuss the impacts of

COVID-19 on the local economy. To learn more, please contact the Office of Business Development at **847.926.1027**.



COVID-19 Resources

Visit cityhpil.com/covid-19 to access a wealth of resources about coronavirus and its impact on Highland Park. The website is updated regularly and includes important, detailed information about local and statewide measures to combat the spread of COVID-19, including the face coverings requirement and cancellation/closure updates.

To connect residents with local businesses and restaurants, the Office of Business Development regularly maintains pages with information about restaurants and other businesses providing curbside pickup, carryout, or delivery options, as well as virtual services. Information about restaurants is easily accessible at cityhpil.com/restaurantmap.

Other key sections include:

FAQ: topical information about immediate needs, including symptoms and reporting, resources for business owners, assistance with housing, utilities, unemployment and more

Local Businesses: state and federal relief opportunities for business owners, webinars and toolkits, information for employers and more

Community Resources: resources from business and nonprofit organizations addressing a wide variety of needs, including food banks, housing, health insurance, caregiving, and more