



The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3.

Exercising your right to vote is essential to being a good citizen.

Early voting has a new location this year at the Highland Park Country Club, 1201 Park Avenue West. This change of venue offers more space to allow for physical distancing as well as more parking.

Early voting begins Monday, October 19 and extends through Sunday, November 1 in Highland Park. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM until 7 PM and Saturday and Sunday from 9 AM until 5 PM.

A postage-free drop box to return Vote By Mail ballots will also be located at the Highland Park Country Club.

Read the article on page 4 to learn about grace period registration, election signs, requesting a ballot by mail and more.

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Veterans Day & Thanksgiving Reminders

Veterans Day is November 11 - No changes to refuse or recycling schedule. Thanksgiving is November 26. Refuse and recycling shift one day for Thursday and Friday collections.

No More Vehicle Stickers

If you're wondering why you haven't received your application for a 2020-2021 vehicle sticker, the program was disbanded earlier this spring. Residents are no longer required to purchase vehicle stickers.

Regional Flood Mitigation

A virtual Regional Flood Mitigation meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21 at 6 PM. Get updates on efforts to mitigate flooding in Lake County.

2020 Halloween Trick-or-Treating

If participating in trick-or-treating this year, review the COVID-19 safety guidelines, including ideas for contactless treat sharing tips.

There is no downtown trick-or-treating event this year.

Highland Park at a Glance



November Holiday Reminders

Veterans Day is Wednesday, November 11. City offices will be closed. For public safety assistance, residents may call the Public Safety Switchboard at **847.432.7730**. There is **no** change to refuse and recycling this week.

Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 26. City offices will be closed on Thanksgiving and Friday, November 27 in observance of the holiday. For public safety assistance, residents may call the Police Non-Emergency Line at **847.432.7730**.

There will be no refuse and recycling collection on Thursday, November 26. The regular Thursday collection will occur on Friday, November 27 and Friday collection will be on Saturday, November 28. Services return to normal on Monday, November 30. For more info, contact Lakeshore Recycling Systems at **773.685.8811** or visit **LRScycles.com**.



City receives budget award for the 26th year in a row!

Congratulations to the City for receiving the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 26th year in a row! The award is a reflection of the City's commitment to the highest principles of governmental budgeting. The GFOA assesses how well an entity's budget serves as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communications device. For more information on the City's Budget visit **cityhpil.com/budget**.



New: Business of the Week

The City of Highland Park has launched a new social media and web series: Business of the Week! Each Friday, a different Highland Park business will be profiled at **cityhpil.com/featuredbusiness**, on Facebook and in eNews. Check back each week for a new shop to visit or restaurant to try! Business owners interested in being featured should contact the Office of Business Development at **847.926.1027**.



Regional Flood Mitigation October 21, 6 PM

Given the intensity and frequency of storms impacting the area, the City and communities on the Skokie and Middle Fork Rivers have been meeting to address flood mitigation solutions. The next meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, October 21 at 6 PM. City officials and representatives from Lake County Stormwater Management, Army Corps of Engineers and others will update on efforts to mitigate ongoing flooding concerns in Lake County and Highland Park. RSVP to attend at **cityhp@cityhpil.com** or call **847. 926.1006**.



Friendly Fall Reminders

- Complete your Census questionnaire by October 31, 2020 at **my2020census.gov** or **844.330.2020**.
- Dog Licenses for the 2020-2021 license year must be purchased and displayed by October 1, 2020. Renew online at **cityhpil.com** or by mail. Please contact the Finance Department at **847.432.0800** or **finance@cityhpil.com** with questions.
- Historic Preservation Award applications are due October 30, 2020. Learn more at **cityhpil.com/hpc**.
- Photography contest submissions are due October 31, 2020. Learn more at **cityhpil.com/photocontest**.
- It is illegal to dump leaves, grass clippings and other debris on City streets or into the drainage system. This can create slippery road conditions and increase the risk of clogged inlets and street flooding. Contact Public Works Sewer Section staff Monday – Friday, 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM at **847.432.4355**.
- On Sunday, November 1 at 2 AM, Daylight Savings Time will end and all clocks must be set back by one hour.
- Remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you change your clocks to save lives. Install a smoke detector outside of every sleeping area and on each floor of your home. For questions about installation or maintenance of a smoke detector, contact the Fire Prevention Division at **847. 926.1075**.



Winter Parking Ban Begins December 1st

The City's "Snow Ordinance" (72.040) is in effect each year from December 1 through March 31. Vehicles cannot park in excess of 15 minutes on any public streets between the hours of 2AM and 6AM from December 1 to March 31. This City-wide ban on parking facilitates snow removal operations and decreases occurrences of accidental damage to vehicles parked on City streets or in City parking lots. This ban is applicable at all times regardless of snow conditions. For Winter Parking Regulation concerns, contact Anton Galati, Police Sergeant, at **847.432.7730** or **agalati@cityhpil.com**.



This, Too, Shall Pass

We are fortunate to live in a passionate community. For many, as Election Day nears, passions about politics and protecting respective values have intensified. While debate is healthy, it can also lead to division between family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors. Although City Hall is nonpartisan, we share our community's concern about bitter conversations and toxic actions that have been reported and observed in recent weeks.

The University of Texas Center for Media Engagement recently published research and suggestions about how to talk to people who disagree with you politically.

- Focus on the people, not the politics. See the humanity in people you disagree with.
- Find common ground. Be open to listening to and understanding others' viewpoints and finding elements to agree with.
- Stick to the facts and avoid confrontation. Seek to limit emotion in discussions, focus on information that can be verified, and use non-confrontational language.
- Be an advocate, rather than an opponent. Share what you support and why it matters to you personally.
- Pick your battles. Focus on discussions

about policy rather than focusing on particular parties. Don't assume that because someone belongs to a specific party that they agree with all of that party's beliefs.

We each have an opportunity to improve the current political climate of our hometown. Let's value the humanity in our neighbors even though we may not agree with them. This, too, shall pass. And in the end, we will still be Highland Park strong.

Source: Duchovnay, Marley, Moore, Casey, and Masullo, Gina M. (2020, July). How to Talk to People Who Disagree with You Politically. Center for Media Engagement. <https://mediaengagement.org/research/divided-communities>

Nancy R. Rotering

– Mayor Nancy R. Rotering

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

Call 4 Calm
free emotional support text line,
Text "TALK" to 552020

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www.youtube.com/user/CityHPIL



COVID-19 Trick or Treating Guidelines, Part 1

The City encourages families to celebrate Halloween safely this year in light of ongoing health concerns due to COVID-19. The CDC has determined that traditional, door-to-door trick-or-treating is a higher-risk activity, and recommends avoiding higher-risk activities as much as possible. While the City is not encouraging trick-or-treating due to the pandemic, the list of guidelines below should be reviewed along with the CDC's recommendations before choosing to participate. With the proper precautions, everyone can enjoy a safe and spooky celebration.

Not all families will feel comfortable participating in trick-or-treating this year. This is a personal choice based on individuals' comfort levels.

Children may trick or treat on Saturday, October 31, from 3PM – 7PM. Should your family choose to trick-or-treat, please carefully review the guidelines below, and practice the 3Ws.

Only visit homes displaying the "Trick or Treat" flyer (available for download at cityhpil.com/halloween) or with porch lights on.

• Do not participate in trick-or-treating if you are feeling unwell, if someone in your house is unwell, if you are awaiting COVID-19 test results, if you have recently returned from travel to a hot spot state, or if you know that you have been exposed to COVID-19.

• Turn on your porch lamp or outdoor lights and display the Trick or Treat flyer to show that your home is participating.

• Consider using a motion-activated noise maker to notify you when trick-or-treaters are at the door, such as a motion activated Halloween decoration, rather than having trick-or-treaters ring the doorbell, which can be a high touch-point.

• Face coverings should be worn by all participants over the age of two, including individuals passing out treats.

• Avoid close contact by leaving candy on your porch or socially-distanced on your lawn. Wave to kids from your window.

• If you prefer to answer the door, pass out candy instead of inviting children to take a treat from a communal bowl. Ask children to tell you their choice of a treat.

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Our Community



Voter Information



Tuesday, November 3, 2020 is the next General Election. The information in this article is derived from the Lake County Clerk. Visit [LakeCountyClerk.info](https://www.lakecountyclerk.info) for more information.

Grace Period Registration. Residents may still register to vote at any Lake County Early Voting Site. Grace period registration is also available on Election Day at the polling place for your current address, the Lake County Main Courthouse, and the Lake County Fairgrounds.

Online Registration. Residents may register to vote online through the State of Illinois website. This is available from now through Sunday, October 18. Visit [ova.elections.il.gov](https://www.ova.elections.il.gov).

Voting By Mail. Voters have four options if they choose to apply to request a ballot by mail:

- Online application available until noon on October 29 at [LakeVoterPower.info](https://www.LakeVoterPower.info)
 - Download a paper application at [LakeVoterPower.info](https://www.LakeVoterPower.info)
 - Call **847.377.VOTE (8683)** to have application mailed
 - Email a request to votingbymail@lakecountyil.gov
- U.S. mail and electronic mail requests must be received by 5PM on October 29.

Returning Your Vote By Mail Ballot. Voted ballots must be returned to the Lake County Clerk by November 3, 2020. There are several ways to return your voted ballot:

- Hand deliver your voted ballot to the Lake County Clerk's Office by 7 PM on Election Day. Appointments are required.
- Mail your voted ballot to the Lake County Clerk's Office with a postmark no later than November 3, 2020.
- Bring your voted ballot to the voting site and provide it to the election judges.

• Place your ballot in a postage-free drop box. Postage-free drop boxes for Vote By Mail ballots are now available for voters who choose to return their ballot to a secure drop box instead of postal mail. The drop box in Highland Park will be located at the Highland Park Country Club, 1201 Park Ave. West starting October 19.

Early Voting in Highland Park. Early Voting is available between Monday, October 19 and Sunday, November 1 at the Highland Park Country Club, 1201 Park Avenue West. The hours for early voting are Monday through Friday between 8:30 AM and 7 PM and Saturdays and Sundays between 9AM and 5PM. *The Highland Park Police Station is no longer an early voting site.*

Election Signs. Residents may place election signs on their property; however, signs are not permitted on the public right-of-way between the sidewalk and curb. For homes where there is no sidewalk, signs must be placed more than 5 feet from the curb or street. To report improperly placed election signs, call Code Enforcement in the Building Division at **847.432.0808**.

Residents are reminded that it is illegal to trespass on another's property to remove or deface an election sign.

Election Day. All polling places are open from 6AM until 7 PM on Tuesday, November 3 and are handicap accessible. Any handicapped or elderly voter who is physically unable to enter the voting site may request voting assistance usually at curb-side in a car. The voter should notify the Lake County Clerk's office by calling **847.377.2406** at least one day in advance of Election Day.



COVID-19 Trick or Treating Guidelines, continued from page 3

- Individuals should use hand sanitizer regularly throughout the trick or treat hours.
- Do not trick-or-treat in groups with others; trick-or-treat as a household.
- Maintain a safe distance from other trick-or-treating groups, and do not approach a house until the previous group has left.
- Consider distributing treats other than candy, which parents can then sanitize before giving to kids: stickers in cellophane packaging, pencils, mini pumpkins, erasers, etc.
- Please refrain from distributing coins or cash.
- Please do not distribute homemade treats or fresh fruits.

If welcoming trick-or-treaters, be sure to download and display the flyer at [cityhpil.com/halloween](https://www.cityhpil.com/halloween).

Creative Ways to Distribute Treats

If you would like to avoid trick-or-treaters coming to your door, but would still like to participate, why not try:

- Staying outside to host a "trunk or treat". Place candy in the trunk of your decorated car for kids to take. **An adult should remain beside the vehicle at all times for safety.**
- Creating a grab-bag candy walk on your lawn: place candy inside recyclable paper lunch bags so each child can pick up a bag of treats.
- Hanging treats from a clothesline at children's height.
- Marking a safe distance from your door using chalk and ask children to stand behind the line before you open the door. To learn more and to access CDC and IDPH guidelines, visit [cityhpil.com/halloween](https://www.cityhpil.com/halloween).

Community Calendar

Outdoor/In Person Events

Observe all COVID-19 Protocols

- Face coverings required for all over 2
- Maintain a 6' distance from any others outside your group
- No-contact purchasing with a credit card or a cashless pay system
- Follow the one way walking path (*no backtracking*)
- Please leave pets at home
- Stay home if you are feeling ill
- Stay home if you have been exposed to or are experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19
- Stay home if you are awaiting a test or test results for COVID-19
- Stay home if you are under any quarantine due to local travel guidance

The Art Center of Highland Park Día de los Muertos: A Celebration of Life

October 16 - November 14

**Opening Artists' Reception on
Friday, October 16, 5:30PM**

TheArtCenterHP.org

This exhibition celebrates the Day of the Dead, (el Día de los Muertos) a Mexican holiday where families welcome back the souls of their deceased relatives for a brief reunion that includes the deceased favorite food, drink and music. A blend of Mesoamerican ritual, European religion and Spanish culture, the holiday is celebrated every year during All Souls Day and All Saints Day. Rene Arceo is the featured artist & guest juror.

Ravinia Neighbors Association Presents Ravinia Farmers Market

Priority Shopping Hours: 7 - 8AM

General Public Hours: 8AM - 1PM

Wednesdays thru October 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

The Ravinia Farmers Market includes up to 20 vendors offering fresh produce, meat, cheese, bakery goods, flowers and more.

Virtual Events

Affordable Housing Info

Tuesday, November 10, 6PM

Tuesday, December 8, 6PM

Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH)

400 Central Avenue, Suite 111

847.263.7478 ext. 10 / 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. Meetings will be offered by Zoom as needed. Registration required in order to provide Zoom information.

City of Highland Park

Veterans Day Observance

Wednesday, November 11 at 11AM

Visit cityhphil.com for link to view the program.

The City of Highland Park will host a virtual Veterans Day Observance via Zoom. Representatives from the American Legion Post #145, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4737 and Jewish War Veterans #29 will be present. Mayor Nancy Rotering and other special guests will speak. The Highland Park High School Brass Quintet will perform patriotic music. All are welcome.

Highland Park Historical Society

Presents

No Ketchup! Why Dennis Foley Ate 50 Hot Dogs in 50 Days

Thursday, October 22, 7PM

The Chicago-style Hot Dog - fit for kings and commoners alike. In Dennis Foley's *No Ketchup*, you'll find Chicago's Top 50 hot dogs along with stories about the mom and pop entrepreneurs who slap the mustard on your wiener. No matter where you're at in the Chicago area, Foley will direct you to the nearest location for that tasty dog with plenty of snap.

Chicago & Marshall Fields

Thursday, November 19, 7PM

For over 150 years, Marshall Field and Company was Chicago's store, run by the most innovative retailer of the 19th century. Chicago natives could easily identify a Field's shopping bag at a hundred paces, and Chicago brides weren't really getting married until they registered at Marshall Field and Company. Marshall Field and Company's history is tightly entwined with that of Chicago.

All Highland Park Historical Society events are virtual. Register in advance to **Archives@highlandParkHistory.org** receive the program's Zoom link.

Highland Park Players

Musical Theater Dance & Tap Dance Workshop

Monday, October 19

Musical Theatre 7PM - 8PM

Tap: 8:15PM - 9:15PM

HighlandParkPlayers.com

Miss musical theatre dancing and tap? NOW through October 19th, The Highland Park Players will be offering a virtual Musical Theatre Dance and Tap Dance Workshop taught by Jeff Award winner and choreographer of HPP's mega hit production of MAMMA MIA!, Jenna Schoppe.

Uptown Music Theater of Highland Park

Virtual Cabaret

Friday, November 27, 8PM

Tickets: \$20 in advance

umthp.org / 847.877.0805

Highland Park High School alumni and current students, Highland Park and Highwood residents, and special guests perform your favorite Broadway show-tunes as a fundraiser for Uptown Music Theater of Highland Park. The virtual cabaret will be broadcast through a secure link that will be emailed to you prior to the event. There will also be a silent auction offered during intermission, live on Zoom.

Our Community



Protect the Lake When Draining a Pool

As we close our outdoor pools for the season, remember that City ordinance requires that swimming pools be drained directly to an approved sanitary sewer line to ensure that harmful chemicals can be removed at a treatment plant. **Discharging pool water into storm sewers, ravine streams or other natural water bodies is illegal.** Help us protect ravine streams from harmful pool chemical pollution because they drain directly to Lake Michigan. Contractors or swimming pool companies are not authorized to access City sanitary sewer manholes or structures. Discharging a heavy volume of pool water at a high rate could cause sanitary sewer surcharges potentially causing backups on sanitary sewer service laterals on downstream properties.

Residents must contact Public Works Sewer Section 24 - 48 hours prior to drainage, Monday – Friday, 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM at **847.432.4355**.



Carbon Monoxide Detectors Save Lives

Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels burn incompletely. Home heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide if not working properly.

Carbon monoxide detectors should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.

Choose a carbon monoxide detector that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Test your carbon monoxide detector by pushing the test button at least once a month. Replace them approximately every seven years.

If the detector makes a beeping or chirping sound, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still beeps the detector likely needs replacement. If you are unsure please call 911. Most detectors have a date and alarm information on the back.

If the carbon monoxide detector is activated and makes a loud alarm sound immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call 911 from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel arrive.

Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.

During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.

A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.

Gas or charcoal grills can produce carbon monoxide — only use outside.

Moraine Township

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Moraine Township Offers Remote Assistance for 2021 Marketplace Health Insurance & Sign Up for Holiday Gift Drive

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Moraine Township office is not open to the public at this time, but staff is available for remote assistance at **847.432.2100**.

Remote Help Enrolling for 2021 Marketplace Health Insurance During Open Enrollment November 1 through December 15, 2020

Moraine Township offers REMOTE enrollment assistance for health insurance on the Federal Marketplace under the Affordable Care Act. Residents wishing to obtain 2021 health insurance on the Federal Marketplace have only 45 days to enroll: November 1 through December 15.

Trained and certified counselors are available to remotely work one-on-one

with residents to help them understand their options, balance their medical needs and budgets, compare coverage and costs, and help ensure that enrollees receive the premium subsidies and cost-sharing reductions they may be income-qualified to receive.

Residents who are currently enrolled in health insurance plans through the Marketplace can re-enroll in their existing plan for another year or select a new plan. A Counselor will help enrollees learn about changes that may have taken place in their existing plan, or review details and compare costs of alternative plans. To schedule an appointment with a Moraine Township Certified Application Counselor, call **847.432.2100**.

Sponsors Needed for Phyllis Santullano Holiday Gift Drive

Moraine Township partners with the community and schools annually to facilitate holiday gift distribution to children of families in our Township who may be struggling. This holiday season looks like it may be more challenging than ever for our residents.

We are fortunate to live in a community with a spirit of generosity and compassion that is second to none. One note received after last year's holiday gift drive noted that *"as a parent I was worried because this year we are not able to buy them gifts. But there are special people like you."* If you would like to participate and sponsor a child this holiday season, please email clerk@morainetownship.org.



Highland Park Senior Center

Serving Seniors ages 50 and better

54 Laurel Avenue

847.432.4110

The Highland Park Senior Center provides education, recreation, enrichment and support services targeting a population from 50 years of age and older. The Senior Center is currently closed due to COVID-19, however staff is committed to offering high-quality, virtual activities throughout these unprecedented times. The list below outlines a partial listing of Zoom programs available to members of the Highland Park Senior Center. Please call 847.432.4110 to join the Center or for program details and Zoom links.

Heller Nature Workshop

Zoom Program, Registration Required

Honeybees are fascinating and useful insects! Not only do they make tasty honey, but they pollinate 1/3 of all the food we eat. Meet a Heller beekeeper and learn more about the hive and its busy inhabitants. *Sponsored by Radford Green*

Thursday, October 29	10 - 11 AM	Honeybees
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Book Club Discussion

Zoom Program, Registration Required.

Join professional facilitator Alice Moody as she leads an engaging and topical discussion. Most titles are available as ebooks or audio books through the Highland Park Public Library's online portal system at no charge. Please call the library for details.

Monday, October 26	1 - 2 PM	Valentine by Elizabeth Wetmore
Monday, November 30	1 - 2 PM	The Vanishing Half by Britt Bennett
Monday, December 14	1 - 2 PM	Nothing to See Here by Kevin Wilson

The Pleasure of Poetry

Zoom Program, Registration Required.

Participants will share some of a variety of published poems and discuss how they were crafted and what makes the words work so well.

Wednesdays, 11/18 - 12/9(4)	1:30 - 2:30 PM
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Barry Bradford Presents

Zoom Program, Drop-in

Sponsored by BrightStar Care

Friday, October 23	1:30 - 3 PM	Carl Reiner
Friday, November 20	1:30 - 3 PM	Mel Brooks
Friday, December 18	1:30 - 2:30 PM	Irving Berlin's <i>Holiday Inn</i>

Living Room Concerts Live

Zoom Program, Drop-In

Sponsored by Aperion Care

Thursday, October 22	1:30 - 2:30 PM	HPHS Halloween Concert (Open to the community at large)
Wednesday, November 11	7 - 8 PM	Veteran's Day Concert
Friday, December 18	1:30 - 2:30 PM	Home for the Holidays



AWARD WINNING SCHOOL DISTRICT!



Indian Trail Elementary School Receives the National Blue Ribbon Award

Please join the entire North Shore School District 112 (NSSD112) community in congratulating Indian Trail Elementary School on receiving the National Blue Ribbon Award! This is the first time a school in North Shore School District 112 has earned the coveted Blue Ribbon Award from the United States Department of Education.

This also marks the first time in more than 30 years that a school in our community won. Previously, the schools that earned this award are District 107 (Elm Place 1983, Indian Trail 1988), and District 108 (Edgewood 1989, Lincoln 1988, Ravinia 1986), and District 111 (Oak Terrace 1988). Indian Trail is now also NSSD112's only "two-time winner" of the National Blue Ribbon Award.

The Education Department looks at a number of factors in designating schools for the award. They recognize schools in one of two performance categories, based on all student scores on standardized assessment results over several years, including student demographic group scores.

Exemplary High Performing Schools – These are among the state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests.

Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing Schools – These are among the state's highest performing schools in closing achievement gaps between a school's student demographic groups and all students." (This is the category Indian Trail won.)

Please join us in congratulating the teachers, support staff, administrators, parents, and students at Indian Trail School on this historic accomplishment!

Stay Connected

Keep up with all District 112 news and updates by visiting www.nssd112.org, liking District 112 on Facebook, and/or following [@nssd112](https://twitter.com/nssd112) on Twitter. Parents, staff and community members, can also download the District 112 mobile app for instant notifications. News and information is also shared on **Lighthouse 112**, the District 112 Podcast.

District 113 | School Year 2020-21 Update



First and foremost, I hope fall finds you well. By the time this *Highlander* reaches mailboxes, we will be nearly through the first quarter. Although school in 2020-21 does not look the way we wish it could with everyone onsite all day every day, students are learning and we continue to add in-person services as quickly as we can while following the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), and the Lake County Health Department (LCHD) to keep everyone safe.

What do I mean by in-person services? Some examples include occupational and physical therapy, band and orchestra, athletics, testing, and a concept we're calling the lyceum, a space where students can work with adult supervision when they are onsite for services.

The novel coronavirus continues to present daunting challenges but we continue to find ways to run school--and all the things it means to run school at the high school level--one step at a time with safety as our highest priority. And still I know the question on everyone's mind is what will it take to have everyone back onsite all day every day? The simple but disappointing answer is we can't yet. School as we remember it from the fall of 2019 with everyone onsite all day every day will require us to be in Phase 5 of Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois Plan. Until that day comes and as long as six feet of social distancing is required, there is no way to have even 50 percent of students onsite at the same time. Disinfecting requirements reduce that number further, to approximately 25 percent, because any space that has a confirmed or even possible case must be evacuated immediately, allowing 24 hours before the disinfecting of that space can occur.

If everyone can't be onsite all day, every day, what options do we have? Since May, we have been planning for three possibilities, remote learning, onsite learning or a combination of the two, known as hybrid. Following the guidance from the CDC, IDPH, ISBE and LCHD, we have been developing instructional models to bring a portion of students onsite in a rotation of up to 25 percent of students at one time. This rotation will provide students the opportunity to be on campus, to meet and interact with other students and teachers, and learn in the classroom while the remaining 75 percent of students follow the class online from home. Of course, families who choose to remain in remote learning will be able to do so.

At the time this issue goes to press, a possible date to begin an onsite rotation of up to 25 percent of students on campus at one time has not been finalized. The September 29 and October 13 District 113 Board of Education meetings will occur by the time this issue is printed and may provide some answers. At those meetings, the Board will have the opportunity to review metrics from IDPH and at the county level while considering the input from the Pandemic Metrics Task Force, as well as review and discuss mitigation practices and the operational approaches to address them.

Our first priority is student and staff safety, as it should be. Absent any direction from the state on the metrics schools should use, every school district has to make its own decisions on how to make school operations decisions that fulfill that obligation. That is why we need to discuss with the Board metrics, mitigation, and operational approaches before moving forward with a hybrid rotation. The path will not be smooth, nothing about COVID-19 has been simple or straightforward, but I remain optimistic. This effort will require each of us to do our part for the collective good of the community, washing hands, wearing masks, watching distance while we are in schools but just as importantly, when we are in the community.

Bruce Law, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Park District of Highland Park

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PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK NEWS

THE PRESERVE OF HIGHLAND PARK CONSTRUCTION MOVES FORWARD



On September 22, the development of The Preserve of Highland Park took a significant step forward as the Park District of Highland Park Board of Commissioners awarded a construction contract for \$1,204,290 to Team REIL Inc. of Union IL, following a competitive bid process. Construction is scheduled to begin in October.

Among the amenities planned are a pond overlook, gardens, seating areas, play areas, and signage. New and improved pathways will be installed to lead visitors smoothly through green lawns, wet meadows, short grass prairie habitat, and restored woodlands. Existing pathways already connect the community to the Recreation Center, the Golf Learning Center, Skokie River Woods, and links to neighborhoods and downtown Highland Park.

Earlier this year, the Park District received a \$400,000 Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources that will be used for trail development, park amenities, landscaping, and signage at The Preserve.

The Park District also received a \$144,672 grant for shoreline restoration of the North Pond and enhanced plantings for swales on the property made available through the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission. Funding for this portion of the project is provided, in part, by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency through Section 319 of the Clean Water Act.

In 2018, through intergovernmental cooperation with the City of Highland Park, the Park District took ownership of the 100-acre property and began transitioning it into a passive recreational open space. The project is an initiative of the GreenPrint 2024 master plan and meets the Highland Park community's desire for additional outdoor and passive recreation opportunities. **For more information on the project, go to pdhp.org.**

Funding for this project is provided in part by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency through Section 319 of the Clean Water Act.

SUNSET WOODS PARK PLANNING UPDATE



The Park District Board has approved a planning project for the renovation of Sunset Wood's Park iconic Rocket Ship playground and Titanic Tides tot lot located on the western edge of the park and the development of a master plan for the entire park. In keeping with our community engagement tradition, an essential aspect of the Sunset Woods project planning process is a collaboration with residents.

Over the last month, interested residents shared their vision for Sunset Woods Playground and Park. Just over 300 people participated in a vision survey online. Residents also provided their input at an open house and additional feedback was gathered at an information booth in the park over several weekends.

We heard some creative ideas, including interest in ziplines, play structures with height, and hill play. Beyond the playground, we listened to an interest in park elements such as a splash pad, a wheel friendly plaza, and fitness opportunities.

The project team is currently reviewing the resident feedback to finalize a project program to guide the playground and master plan's initial schematic plans. These plans are expected to be presented to the community at the end of October. At that time, there will be opportunities for residents to collaborate with the Project Team on the design and share additional feedback. In keeping with DCEO COVID-19 guidelines, online, virtual, and in-person engagement opportunities will be available to all residents. Ideas and comments on the project can be emailed to planning@pdhp.org. To view additional background on the Sunset Woods Park and playground project, go to pdhp.org.

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Now more than ever, we are all conscious of staying healthy and only being in clean, safe environments. Our staff members follow strict, consistent sanitation and safety protocols to ensure you and your family are in the safest environments you can be while at our facilities. The Park District of Highland Park has also invested in new state-of-the-art air filtration systems at the Recreation Center of Highland Park, Deer Creek Racquet Club, Centennial Ice Arena, and West Ridge Center.



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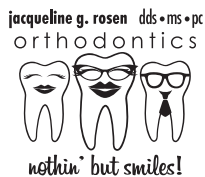
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NEW opportunities are available in 2021 including The Preserve, Sunset Valley Golf Club, and youth athletics leagues. If you are interested in connecting with the Highland Park community, please contact Nik Lapin at nlapin@pdhp.org or 847-971-0718 for a customized plan and to learn about all of our opportunities.

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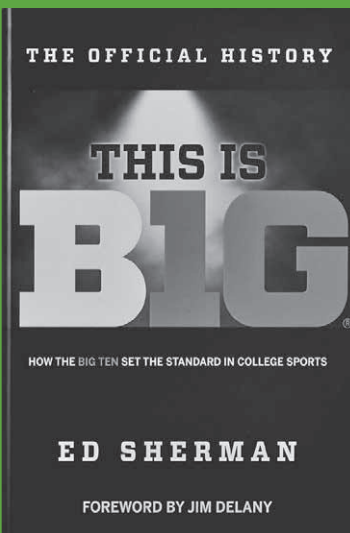


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How The Big Ten Set
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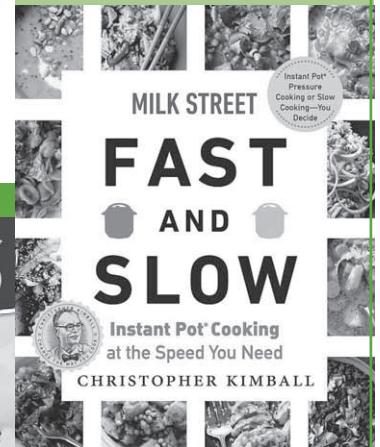
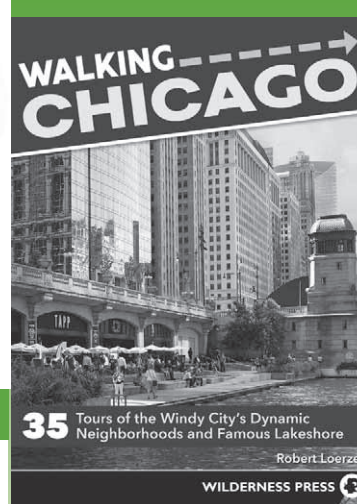
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Pandemic Parenting: Mental Health of Young Children

**Wednesday, October 21
7 – 8 PM**

Social worker and childhood development specialist Grazyna Jakubowska will facilitate this session on how to support young children's mental health as families navigate life in Covid-19 times. Join us on Zoom. Register at hplibrary.org/events.

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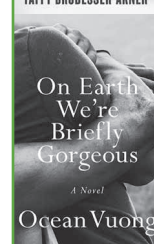
***The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett**

**Monday
November 9, 1 PM**

Davis Schneiderman, English professor at Lake Forest College, leads the discussions.



***Fleishman
Is In Trouble*
by Taffy
Brodesser-Akner**
**Thursday
November 12, 7 PM**



***On Earth
We're Briefly
Gorgeous*
by Ocean Vuong**
**Monday
December 7, 7 PM**

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FUN FOR KIDS

Halloween Grab & Go Craft

**Monday – Thursday, October 26 – 29, 11 AM – 7 PM.
Friday and Saturday, October 30 and 31, 11 AM – 5 PM.**

Make your own spooky lantern with our Halloween grab & go craft. Create, then illuminate! Pick up your kit at the Library while supplies last.



Spooky Stories

**Thursday, October 29
5:30 – 6:30 PM, grades 3 – 5.
7 – 8 PM, grades 6 – 8.**

Bring your best scary story and join us on Zoom for a night of terror! We'll take turns telling the spookiest, scariest, goose-bumpiest tales we know. Make sure your story is no longer than five minutes. Register, if you dare, at hplibrary.org/events.

DIY Air Freshener

**Tuesday, November 24
3 – 4 PM, ages 11 – 14.**

Make your own air freshener with us on Zoom! Materials will be provided by the Library. Instructions for picking up materials will be sent to registered participants. Registration required. Register at hplibrary.org/events.

Harry Potter Trivia

**Friday, December 11
6 PM, grades 3 – 5.
7 PM, grades 6 – 8.**

Do you know the difference between gillyweed and bubotubers? Are you polishing off your Patronus charm? Bring your *History of Magic* textbook to this virtual trivia event on Zoom! Registration required. Register at hplibrary.org/events.

Coming in December!

Visit hplibrary.org/events for more information and to register for the Noon Year's Eve Dance Party.

Grab & Go Winter Craft

Monday – Sunday, December 14 – 20, while supplies last.

Noon Year's Eve Virtual Dance Party

**Thursday, December 31, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Ages 3 – 6, accompanied by an adult.**

Silly Songs

Wednesdays

October 28

November 11

December 9

**3 – 3:20 PM,
for preschoolers
and older.**

Tune in via Zoom and sing along to some silly ukulele songs with Miss Kelly! For even more fun, play along with your own instruments, real or homemade!

Registration required.

Register at hplibrary.org/events.

Peanut Butter Lovers' Series

**Thursday
November 5
3 – 3:30 PM
Ages 5 – 10.**

**PB&J
CATERPILLAR
KABOBS!**



**Thursday
November 12
3 – 3:30 PM
Ages 5 – 10.**

**Thursday, November 19
3 – 3:30 PM, ages 5 – 10.**

**CHOCOLATE-DIPPED
PEANUT BUTTER POPS!**

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pixcarestaurant.com

Lefty's Pizza Kitchen (Coming Soon)
600 Central Ave, #107
leftypizzakitchen.com

Kuchta Academy of Fine Art & Illustration
474 Central Ave, #208
765.586.2465
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1450 Park Avenue West
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Silvercar by Audi Car Rental
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Businesses Gear Up for Fall & Winter

Outdoor dining and entertainment will keep Highland Park's business districts bustling this fall and winter! Local businesses are busy putting plans in place to ensure shoppers and diners can continue to enjoy delicious food and unique shopping even as the weather turns. Settle in for a cozy fall evening with tents, heaters and fire pits creating the perfect ambience. Businesses have also invested in new air purification systems, Plexiglas partitions, and other COVID-19 safety precautions such as changing merchandise displays and indoor layouts to help customers enjoy indoor services with confidence. Convenient curbside pickup spots make carryout a breeze - just park in a designated nearby spot and call the business to pick up your order quickly. Shopping and dining in Highland Park this holiday season is an investment in our community. For more information about local restaurants and shops, visit cityhpil.com.



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