

The Highwood Highlights

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dearest Neighbors,

The horrifying shooting that took place in downtown Highland Park on July 4th weighs heavily on us all. From the City Council of [Highwood](#), and all of our residents, we grieve with you, and we stand by you. Highwood will continue to support the residents of Highland Park in whatever manner they require. I applaud the response of the Highland Park Police, [Lake County Sheriff](#), Mayor Rotering and the entire Highland Park community. Thank you to our own police department and administrative staff for so ably assisting Highland Park both during, and in the ongoing aftermath, of the shooting.



[Highland Park Strong!](#)

The city is taking steps to enhance public safety in Highwood. The city has installed 12 HD cameras in Everts Park and is reviewing additional cameras for the business district. The city is also considering an incentive program for adding Ring type cameras in residential neighborhoods. We will continue to evaluate safety in our community but will not live under a cloud of fear and intimidation.

The City has restarted its festival season with Celebrate Highwood events including the Evening Markets, Taco-Fest, and Grads and Grease. See the last page of this newsletter for upcoming events. I am pleased to note the City's finances are in great shape, revenues remain strong, and we continue to monitor expenditures to make sure we are: 1) investing in our community infrastructure and 2) holding the line on operating costs. The recently approved budget includes the following highlights:

- ◆ **Reducing Highwood's portion on your property tax bill for the second year in a row.**
- ◆ Resurfacing or reconstructing Oak Terrace Avenue, De Roo Loop, and a portion of Green Bay Road, and investing \$500,000 annually in future years.
- ◆ Replacement of the police vehicle fleet for \$320,000.
- ◆ Outsourcing of the mailing of water bills.
- ◆ New bleachers in the Recreation Center.
- ◆ Resurfacing of the City Hall and Rec Center parking lots for \$140,000.
- ◆ \$30,000 to repair sidewalks, and \$150,000 towards stabilization of the shoreline adjacent to the water plant if needed.
- ◆ Resumed funding of a \$10,000 program to reduce non-conforming uses in residential districts and \$20,000 to program to improve downtown building facades.
- ◆ \$25,000 to replace sewers that collapse in roadways and \$30,000 to keep them clear of debris.
- ◆ \$25,000 to properly support services related to special events, night markets and festivals.



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New developments are on-track in downtown Highwood designed to maintain our tax base and encourage folks to live in, and support, our downtown 24/7. Here's what's up on the business and development front in Highwood:

- ◆ **440 Green Bay Road:** this 49-unit development includes 60 interior parking spaces, is moving in tenants with only minor improvements remaining.
- ◆ **546 Green Bay Road:** this 40-unit development includes 32 interior parking spaces, is nearing completion, sidewalk replacement has begun.
- ◆ **420 Sheridan and 454 Green Bay Roads:** the City recently purchased these dilapidated properties and completed demolition. The properties are being cleared and prepped as temporary parking sites and as shovel-ready development properties.



We welcome these new businesses to Highwood:

- ◆ **Changing Closets Resale Shop** - 112 Washington - great finds.
- ◆ **Toffee Traditions** - 323 Waukegan Road - yummy English toffees.
- ◆ **Soup Fairy** - 846 Sheridan Road – Fabulous soups and salads.
- ◆ **Chikito Pero Picoso** 320 Green Bay Road – delicious snacks and treats.



Again, my deepest sympathies to all those impacted by the July 4th tragedy. I will see you all at **Pumpkin Fest** in the spirit of love and community.



Your Mayor, Charlie Pecaro

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fall Crime Prevention Tips

As the Fall season sets in, temperatures drop and the Sun sets earlier each day. While we are all busy enjoying the weather it is important to remember that this time of year is perfect cover for petty criminals. Here are a few simple tips that will help to keep you from being a victim of theft.

Put on those lights! Criminals don't like bright lights. A carefully placed floodlight on a motion sensor is an economical way to prevent people from lurking in the shadows.

Lock those doors! Most vehicle thefts are spontaneous events. If a thief is confronted with a locked door it is likely that he will move on to the next car.

Keep your valuables in the house! You would not believe how many people will leave valuable electronics like laptops in an unlocked car. Lock your car!

Where are your serial numbers? When we solve a burglary one of our priorities is returning property to the rightful owner. That is why it is important to keep those serial numbers listed somewhere.

Don't be afraid to call! You know what is normal for your neighborhood and what is out of the ordinary. If you see any suspicious activities don't hesitate to call us at 847-604-8992.



Cameras Installed—Everts Park

The City installed with cameras on several poles in Everts Park. These are monitored by the Highwood Police Department and are also able to engage lights and sirens remotely. The cameras will hopefully reduce vandalism.



UTILITY BILLING UPGRADES

New! Enhanced Utility Bills With Customer History and More!

The City has upgraded its water billing to create staff efficiencies and enhance our customer experience.



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PAY AT:
www.cityofhighwood.org

Or Remit to:
City of Highwood
17 Highwood Ave,
Highwood IL 60040

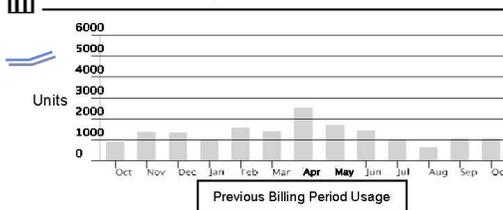
City of Highwood Utility Bill

Office Hours – Mon. Tues. Thurs. 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Telephone (M-F) 8:30am to 4:30am... (847) 432-1924
24 Hour Non – Emergency Police..... (847) 604-8992

Bills are due when rendered, and delinquent if not paid within 20 days. Water service may then, after five (5) days written notice, be discontinued for non-payment of either the water or sewer service. Service will be resumed only upon payment of all past due water and sewer bills and penalties together with a reconnect charge.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	SERVICE ADDRESS		STATEMENT DATE	DUE DATE		
0060039500	123 High Street, Highwood IL 60040		10/19/2022	11/08/2022		
METER NUMBER	SERVICE USED		# OF DAYS	METER READING		USAGE
	FROM	TO		CURRENT	PREVIOUS	
14901238	08/10/2022	10/12/2022	60	500 Actual	515 Actual	15

Water Use History



Previous Billing Period Usage

Billing Detail

Amount Owed from Last Bill	\$139.37
Adjustments	\$0.00
Total Payments Received	\$139.37
Prior Balance	\$0.00
New Charges	
Water 15 UNITS X \$5.21	\$78.25
Wastewater/Sewer 15 UNITS X \$2.20	\$33.00
Garbage/Recycling/Organics – Single Family	\$50.50
Total Current Charges	\$161.75
Total Amount Due 11/08/2022	\$161.75

Message Center

- Welcome to the City of Highwood new water bill.
- You will be able to review your usage over time, pay online via your own personal portal, setup and setup automatic payments.
- Visit the Cityofhighwood.org and click on the Water Bill portal.
- Your statement reflects all payments received and posted through 10/13/2021. Any payments posted after that date will be reflected on your next statement.
- Water usage is calculated using cubic feet. Each UNIT is 100 cubic feet of water. The formula to convert that to gallons is as follows:
(UNITS X 100) X 7.48 = TOTAL GALLONS
- Example: 6 UNITS X 100 = 600, 600 X 7.48 = 4,488 gallons.
- There is minimum water charge of \$51.20 per billing regardless of usage.
- Balance inquiries can be checked and payments made 24 hours a day, 365 days a year at www.cityofhighwood.org

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Amount Due by	\$161.75
Amount Enclosed:	\$

Pay online www.cityofhighwood.com

City of Highwood
17 Highwood Ave.
Highwood IL 60040

Check this box for address correction or message. Please print on reverse side.
Acct#: 0060039500

Mr. John Smith
123 High Street
Highwood IL 60040

City of Highwood Water Department
17 Highwood Ave.
Highwood IL 60040

City and Celebrate Highwood Logos.

Account number goes with customer and not address.

Added meter number.

12 months of water usage history in bar graph.

Enlarged message center.

Simple calculation to convert units to gallons.

New bill is 8.5 by 11 standard paper, and will be mailed with an addressed, return envelope.

Usage and billing data box.

Simplified billing, just three items:
Water
Sewer
Garbage/Recycling



HIGHWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENT

HIGHWOOD DESIGN WEEK 2022

SEPTEMBER 19 - 24

What Is Design Week?

Join us for our 4th Annual [Highwood Design Week](#) and celebrating dozens of participating businesses in the interior design, building, remodeling, fashion and art industries.

Design Week takes you through the various lineup of businesses in the Highwood Area Design District providing educational opportunities, Q&A and celebrations.



DESIGN WEEK 2022 - EVENT LINEUP

- ♦ MONDAY SEPT 19 - [Summer Classics Home](#)
- ♦ TUESDAY SEPT 20 - [Carpets of Highwood](#)
- ♦ WEDNESDAY SEPT 21 – TBD
- ♦ THURSDAY SEPT 22 - [The ABL Group](#)
- ♦ FRIDAY SEPT 23 - [Earth Renovation & Design](#)
- ♦ SATURDAY SEPT 24 - Design Week Finale Event



CELEBRATE HIGHWOOD



[Highwood Evening Gourmet Market](#)
June 8 - August 24



[Garlic Fest](#)
August 17,
Everts Park



[Bloody Mary Fest](#)
September 18
10 A.M. - 5 P.M.
Everts Park



[Nashwood](#)
Labor Day Weekend
September 2-4



[Highwood Historical Cocktail Tour](#)

Wednesdays, July 13—August 24
Meets At Celebrate Highwood Booth At Evening Gourmet Market
Departs At 7 Pm



[The Great Highwood Pumpkin Fest & Skeleton Invasion](#)

Friday - Sunday, October 7 - 9



HIGHWOOD RECREATION CENTER

Fall Programs at the Rec Center



Fitness Programs:

- ⇒ Zumba with Mercedes: Please contact at 847-571-0466 for days and times. Sunday and Wednesday classes available.
- ⇒ Powercore Pilates: Please contact Dave Sternshein at Dave.cycle.pilates@gmail.com Saturday morning classes available.



Youth Basketball:

- ⇒ Finish Strong Athletics: Go to [www. http://teamfsa.com/](http://teamfsa.com/) for league, travel, camp and private lesson information.



Youth Soccer

- ⇒ Little Legends: For ages 3-8. Go to www.lsoccer.com or call 847-530-5386 to register. Contact Tony Youhanna with questions.
- ⇒ Soccer Shots. Children 2-8 years old. Contact Erik Rozentals at 847-527-7401. Register at: <https://www.soccershots.org>



Martial Arts:

- ⇒ Brasa Jiu Jitsu of Highwood: Please contact Aditya at 630-335-3855 for more information.



Creative Arts:

- ⇒ The Performer's School: All ages. For class schedules and descriptions visit www.theperformersschool.com



Book Your Children's Birthday Parties at the Highwood Rec Center!

The Highwood Rec Center is available for private party rental throughout the year! Contact our office at 847-780-8084 for pricing and availability.



Office Hours

Monday – Friday
11:30 am - 4:00 pm
847-432-6633

HIGHWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Highwood Historical Society
Highwood ... MAKING History Since 1868

The mission of the Highwood Historical Society is to share and collect the unique history of our special community.

Highwood Historical Society
P. O. Box 132
Highwood, IL 60040 847-682-9039
highwoodhistoricalsociety.com



HIGHWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Please visit the Highwood Public Library website to learn about their wonderful programs for all ages, as well as, learning opportunities for adults and Spanish speaking residents.

Teen Learning Center

Teens can grow by using the Highwood Public Library's resources and developing new ways of learning and expression.

- Robotics Club
- Homework Help
- SAT/ACT Practice Testing
- Comic & Art Club
- Manga & Anime Club
- Summer Reading Program

- Board Game Nights
- Youth/Tween Advisory
- Learning Partners
- TikTok Club



CONTACT INFORMATION

City Hall Hours

Monday: 8:30am-4:30pm
Tuesday: 8:30am-4:30pm
Wednesday: Closed to Public
Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm
Friday: Closed to Public
Saturday/Sunday : Closed



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