

The Highwood Highlights

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Happy Fall Residents!

So ends another summer in Highwood, lots of heat and lots of fun. The Wednesday Evening Markets were incredibly successful and the Nashwood event saw record crowds. Thank you again to [Celebrate Highwood](#) for creating such consistently great and utterly unique community events. We are of course looking forward to another awesome Pumpkin Fest this October.

Congratulations is in order on our community's sesquicentennial, aka its 150th year anniversary in 2018. "Highwood" was founded in 1868, with the first US Post Office opening in 1872. With Fort Sheridan being built in 1886, "Highwood" changed its name several times being known as; Ft. Sheridan Village, the Village of Fort Sheridan, and then the City of Fort Sheridan. In 1904, the City leaders, including Mayor Michael Gibbs, finally settled on the City of Highwood as it remains today. See inside for a bit more Highwood History.



Mayor Michael Gibbs

Here are a few highlights of what's up in Highwood:

- ◆ The previously approved [14-unit townhome](#) development extending from Clay to Webster is under construction.
- ◆ The City is requesting proposals for a residential/commercial development at 440 Green Bay Road. Interest has been high and we will likely award a development contract later this year.
 - ◆ The City is taking steps to provide much needed municipal parking along N. Green Bay Road through strategic property acquisition.
 - ◆ [Beermiscuous](#) is taking over the former Art of Beer location on Washington/Sheridan.
 - ◆ [Cluckers Charcoal Chicken](#) has completed its renovations and is now located downtown.
 - ◆ 28 Mile Distillery at 454 Sheridan Road is under construction and is looking to open this winter.



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- ◆ A proposal for a four story 31 unit residential and retail development is currently under consideration for the former Bertucci site. The City was successful in getting the old building demolished to improve the probability of re-development.
- ◆ The full reconstruction of Euclid/Euclid Court is underway. The City continues to make necessary capital investments to improve property values and the quality of life in Highwood.

In light of the popularity and heavy use of Everts Park, the City hired a planning consultant, [Hitchcock Design Inc.](#), to assist in creating a master plan for Everts Park. The Everts Park Master Plan will serve the City as the vision, resource allocation, and action plan to meet the identified needs and desires of the community. The Plan will rely heavily on illustrations, examples, and of course landscape and site plans. The City has begun the planning process by soliciting opinions on park concepts at the Evening Market and holding a kickoff meeting to review the timeline, budget, and initial ideas. We will be reaching out for public input via a dedicated website and will continue to provide updates on draft concepts, designs, and ideas. I am looking forward to a creative and exciting process. We are working to have the plan completed by the end of the year.

A very special thanks for his public service, to John Mitchell who retired from the Highwood Library this past month.

I will see you at Pumpkin Fest,

Your Mayor, Charlie Pecaro



Make-A-Wish®

PUMPKIN FEST

Save the Date for the Annual Pumpkin Fest

Hosted by [Celebrate Highwood](#)

[Make-A-Wish](#) and the [City of Highwood](#)

October 5, 6, 7, 2018

For schedules & details go to:

www.highwoodpumpkinfest.com



WATER DEPARTMENT

Planned Water Rate Increase

For many years, the City of Highwood did not increase water rates. While we all want to keep rates as low as possible, the water system is completely supported through charges to customers. The current rates and charges are exactly supportive of general operations and debt payments, which does not allow the fund to build a proper reserve from which to fund future system repairs.

After hearing the negative feedback that large increases are difficult on families the City decided to implement much smaller rate increases on a more regular basis to reduce the impact of larger, more infrequent increases. To this end, starting with consumption in October (with the bill issued in January), the water bills will be increased by 2%, from \$3.87 to \$3.95 per one hundred cubic feet of water. This will equate to \$4.80 total increase per year for minimum water use customer.



Online Payments

You can conveniently pay your utility bills, parking tickets and code violations. Visit our website at www.cityofhighwood.org and select **“online payments”**

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Smoke Detectors Available

The [Highland Park Fire Department](#), who provides service to Highwood as part of a cooperative agreement, though Moraine Township, provides **smoke detectors and batteries for low-income seniors or handicapped individuals in single family, non-rental homes.**



If you qualify, call [Moraine Township](#) at **847-432-3240**, and they will notify the Highland Park Fire Department who will schedule the smoke detector installation or battery change, free of charge. Remember to set your clocks back this fall and check your smoke alarm batteries.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fall Safety Tips

As weather and road conditions change with the season, following fall driving safety tips will help keep you safe as you enjoy the cool, crisp air and the beautiful colors of the autumn leaves.

The Dangers of Leaves on the Roads: when leaves accumulate on the roadway and become wet, they can get extremely slippery, making the driving conditions similar to driving on ice. If the temperature drops below freezing, the wet leaves will freeze and turn into dangerous icy leaves on the roadway. Besides reducing the car's traction, causing skidding and the possibility of losing control of the vehicle, leaves often cover the painted road markings, making it difficult to know the locations of the lanes.



- ◆ Slow down if you are driving on a road covered with leaves, especially when driving around turns.
 - ◆ Allow yourself plenty of room to stop in an emergency. Keep a greater distance between you and the car in front of you.
 - ◆ Leaves make it difficult to see potholes and bumps in the road.
 - ◆ A pile of leaves raked to the side of the road is an inviting place to a child. Children enjoy jumping into the leaf piles or burrowing down into them and hiding. Never drive through a leaf pile. Use caution going around turns and where children are playing.
 - ◆ Keep your windshield leaf-free to avoid wet leaves getting stuck under the windshield wiper blades.



Changing Weather Conditions: Autumn can be a damp, wet season. There are many rainy or foggy days and nights.

- ◆ When driving in fog, set your headlight to low beam.
- ◆ As temperatures drop in the fall, frost often forms on the roadway, causing hazardous driving conditions. Drive slowly and break gently at overpasses and bridges as these areas frost over more quickly than other roadway surfaces.
- ◆ Be aware of areas where black ice forms on the roadway.

Adjust for Fewer Hours of Daylight

It is common for children to play outside or ride their bicycles in the earlier darkness. People are walking their dogs, jogging or taking late afternoon or evening walks.

- ◆ Watch for children at bus stops in the morning and as they return home in the afternoon.
- ◆ Halloween is a fun fall holiday. Take special care where children are out trick-or-treating. They may be wearing masks or costumes that limit their visibility.
- ◆ Always drive defensively.



RECREATION CENTER

Fall Programs Beginning at the Rec Center

Fall is almost here! We wanted to take a moment to remind everyone of the wonderful programs we have available at the [Highwood Rec Center](#). From basketball to theater, there is something for everyone!

In addition, we are a wonderful venue for birthday parties, baby showers, and most gatherings. Feel free to contact us with any questions about program dates, times, or rental rates, call: **847-432-6633**.

IMPORTANT DATES

Hula Hoop Seminar

September 23 10am-2pm.

Life Line Screening Stroke prevention

November 13 8:30am-5:30pm

Golf Professional's Year End Sale

November 23 - 25

Winter Break Open Gym

December 26-28 and January 2-4
12:00 - 3:00pm

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

GROUP FITNESS

Zumba with Mercedes

Please contact the Rec Center for Information



YOUTH SPORTS

Basketball

Finish Strong Athletic-www.finishstrongathletics.com

Highwood Small Fry www.highwoodsmallfry.org

School Yard Sports pre-k classes



Soccer

Little Legends www.llsoccer.com

Chicago Rush



Martial Arts

Chu's Dragon Academy Taekwondo,

Contact Master Chu at 312-415-6387

Goju Ryu Karate,

Contact Joe at 847-710-5570



Theater, Drama, and Dance

The Performer's School and

Theatre Camps

www.theperformersschool.com



Office Hours

Monday – Friday

11:30AM - 4:00 PM

847-432-6633

HIGHWOOD LIBRARY

The [Highwood Library](#) strives to offer quality services and materials to the community and to be a gathering place for those interested in bonding along common interests.

Director Retirement

After 6 years of service, Director John Mitchell has retired. A search for his replacement will begin in mid-September. During the transition period, staff and trustees have been taking on additional duties. Two new patron service clerks have been hired. Communication to the director@highwoodlibrary.org email is actively read. Thank you for your patience during this transition period.

Programs and Events

K9 Reading Buddies

K9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore
Register your child to read to a trained therapy dog team to reinforce a positive, non-judgmental reading experience. Reading can be more fun when reading to a dog!
Program dates are the 2nd Tuesday of the month (10/9, 11/13, 12/11) 4:15 P.M.-5:15 P.M.
(four, 15-minute slots) Children, Grades 1-5

Children's Weeknight Story time

Ages 3 and 10 - Held Mondays & Thursdays At 6:00 P.M.

Children's Craft and Story Time

Ages 3 to 10 - Held alternating Saturdays At 1:30 P.M.

Handcrafts for Children

Handcrafts for children are being sponsored by the Together for Childhood Network. In addition to crafts, the program includes games, prizes and treats. The next offering will be on the first Tuesday in October.

Teen Craft Night

This Program is open to ages 11-17, does not require any sign up, and all materials are provided. Held every first Wednesday of the month At 6:00 P.M.

Family Movie Night

Held every last Thursday of the month At 5:30 P.M.

HPL Caring Through Crafting Club (New)

Adult Crafting is a twice a month program offered on the first and last Saturday of the month from 2:15 to 3:00 p.m. Our goal for this program is to provide adults with a creative outlet through crafting. A craft is selected for each gathering; past offerings range were crochet decorating flip flops.

Santa Claus is coming to the Highwood Library

Join us for a special story time with [Santa Claus on Thursday, December 6th at 5:30 P.M.](#) Santa will read a special Christmas Story and parents are invited to bring their cameras to take pictures of their child with Santa Claus following story time.



Strategic Planning

The Library Board of Trustees hired the firm of Raleigh Martin, award winning library consultants, to create a 5-year strategic plan for the library. The plan will be formally adopted during the September board meeting and we are excited to unveil our first vision statement and our updated mission statement that reflects the theme of the plan "Building Community through Library Service." The plan, which will be made available on our website, is focused on creating a library the community needs by *differentiating, not replicating*, library services available in surrounding communities.

The goal of this plan is to honor the past, support the current members of the community and ensure the success of the future taxpayers. To reinvent the library the *new Highwood Way*, by engaging the community in the process of creating a library that is *transformational* for those it serves.

Kids HALLOWEEN Fest

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018
1:30 P.M.

Get dressed up and join the Highwood Public Library at the Annual Kids [Halloween Fest](#). Children ages 3-10 will be entertained by RC Jugglers, can participate in a variety of games, win prizes and enjoy pizza!

BUILDING DEPARTMENT FAQ



When is a Building Permit REQUIRED?

New Construction

single-family homes, accessory structures (sheds, garages), new decks, patios, and driveways, new commercial buildings.

Additions/Exterior Remodeling

room additions, swimming pools, deck and balcony additions and replacements, deck and balcony repair for structural members, fire and major flood damage restoration, exterior work that requires footings and/or foundations, roofing, driveway resurface, fences, sprinkler systems, sanitary sewer connect, HVAC, water supply, signs, commercial build outs.

Interior Remodeling

basement, bathroom, or kitchen remodeling, any time interior walls, doorways, windows, or skylights are removed, resized, or added. Upgraded/new electrical service or addition of circuits or outlets, new water or sewer lines, new or replaced air conditioning, furnace, or water heater installs, stairs, addition of plumbing fixtures.



When is a Building Permit NOT REQUIRED?

cleaning, painting/wallpapering, carpeting, wood flooring, trim, tile and tub enclosures, plantings, driveway sealing, deck cleaning/staining, garage door installation, cabinet and counter replacements, replacement of rotted deck boards or interior trim.

What are the Permit Submittal Requirements?

- ◆ **Application Form:** [Completed building permit application](#) which is available at Village Hall, an example is attached.
- ◆ **Plans:** Three (3) copies of plans, stamped by a registered design professional if required.
- ◆ **Homeowner's Association Approval:** One copy of a letter of consent of any HOA if applicable
- ◆ **Plat of survey:** for all exterior projects.
- ◆ **Site Plan:** for all exterior projects showing location of improvements, drawn to scale.
- ◆ **Other:** engineering plans, topographical plans, utility plans, other items required by building department.
- ◆ **Contractors:** list of contractors working on the job
- ◆ **Fees:** all necessary fees, escrow, and charges.

HIGHWOOD HISTORY—THE RAUCOUS EARLY YEARS

Saloons had first been licensed in Highwood in 1893, and they had flourished, due in part to the business provided by soldiers at nearby Fort Sheridan. By 1905, Highwood had acquired a reputation as a source of liquor and gambling for the whole adjacent North Shore.

In 1905, Colonel Samuel R. Whithall, commandant at Fort Sheridan, began a crusade to reform Highwood. He not only forbade his men to go to Highwood but also attempted to arouse public opinion in Highland Park and Lake Forest. The results of his efforts were that a league for law and order was formed in Lake Forest on November 25, 1905, and a similar league was formed in Highland Park. The two groups efforts were not enough to correct the problems in Highwood. The United States Government then intervened in 1907,

establishing an act that prohibited the "sale, distribution, or gift of malt, spirituous vinous, or intoxication liquors within one and one-eighth miles of land owned or used by the United States Government..." As a result, numerous illegal taverns then sprang up.



At the April election of 1908, respectable Highwood attempted to curb its disreputable portion by annexation to no-saloon Highland Park, but Highland Park feared "being overwhelmed by the evil forces" and while Highwood voted for annexation to Highland Park 115 to 55, Highland Park voted

against it 524 to 285. Highwood eventually was reformed by the efforts of civic leaders who carried out the wishes of the town's law abiding citizens.

Source: *City of Highwood Town History* by Kelly Harmon

DOG WALKING ETIQUETTE

1) Dogs should be walked on the sidewalk. They should not be allowed to walk up onto front yards that do not belong to the dog owner. This is a safety issue for your dog, as some residents have invisible fences in the front yard. It can also create a nuisance (see tip #5).



2) If possible, move to the side when someone is passing you on the sidewalk. If you know your dog is reactive to new people or pets, it is always recommended to cross to the other side of the street. If that is not possible, keep your dog on a short leash and held to the opposite side of the person passing by.

3) Pay attention to your pet and surroundings, not your phone's screen. Limiting distractions while walking your pet can help avoid incidents.

4) **NOT ETIQUETTE; IT'S THE LAW:**
Dogs must be restrained on public property.
Dogs must be also restrained on private property unless it is your property or you have the property owner's permission to have them off leash.

"Restrained" means a leash or lead is securely connected to the dog's collar or harness and held by a person.

5) It is bad manners to allow your dog to urinate or defecate on other people's lawns, flower beds, trees, or other pieces of property.

6) Waste should be cleaned up as soon as it occurs and brought with the owner for disposal at home.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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City Hall

Hours of Operation

Monday ~ Friday

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

City Offices will be closed Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day and Thursday, November 23, Thanksgiving and Friday, November 24, Turkey Sandwich Day. We wish you safe and happy holidays.