

# The Highwood Highlights

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### *Hello Residents and Welcome Spring!*

Great things are happening again this spring in [Highwood](#). I am happy to announce the evolution of downtown Highwood continues and the City is playing an active role to ensure that our entire community remains unique, vibrant, and inviting. A few highlights of our efforts are noted below:

- ◆ The dilapidated Bertucci building is gone and new apartments and retail space are rising in its place (right).



- ◆ [28 Mile Vodka Distillery](#) has added a fresh new look to Sheridan Road. The owner has also purchased and demolished the motel next door, with plans for an outdoor patio space.

- ◆ The Webster Place town homes are moving along nicely.

- ◆ The Everts Park Master Plan is completed and approved, see page 4.



- ◆ The City is offering matching grants: 1) to improve building facades in the downtown, and 2) to eliminate non-conforming residential structures and improve neighborhoods. See page 2.

Also, the City's budget process for next year is well underway. In summary, revenues remain strong particularly sales tax receipts. Also, the City continues to see robust growth in building permit revenues with all of new projects underway. The proposed draft budget shows our commitment to investing in our neighborhoods and our future:

- ◆ The reconstruction of **Ashland Avenue** and the **alley between Walker and Webster**.
- ◆ \$20,000 to repair sidewalks to reduce possible trip hazards.
- ◆ \$150,000 to stabilize the shoreline adjacent to the water plant.
- ◆ \$235,000 dedicated annually to street resurfacing.
- ◆ \$15,000 to crack seal several streets.



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Please post clear and easy to read address numbers on your home. This helps Police and Fire find you in an emergency.



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- ◆ \$25,000 to replace sewers that collapse in roadways, \$20,000 to line the storm sewer on Sheridan Road across from Westover Townhomes and \$30,000 to keep them clear of debris.
- ◆ \$5,000 to plant new trees.
- ◆ Future funding of Police body cameras.
- ◆ \$10,000 to support services related to night markets, events, and festivals.
- ◆ The budget maintains a 90 day reserve in case of emergencies.
- ◆ See pie chart at right detailing our major expense areas.

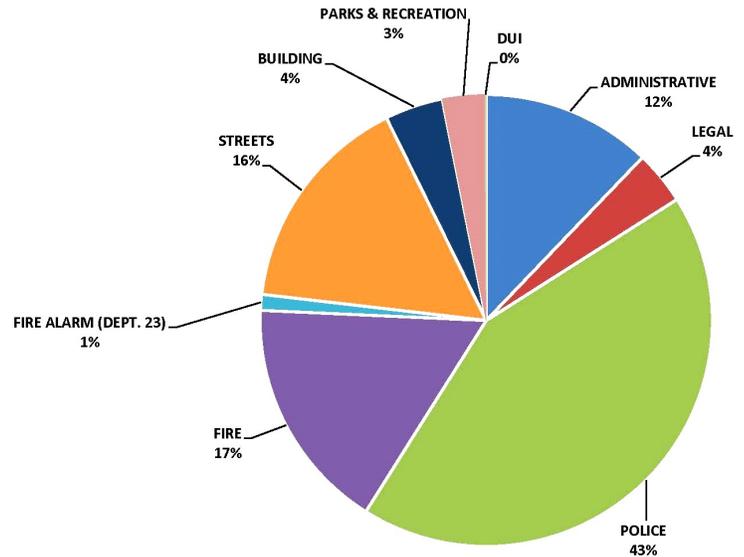
In closing, I am looking forward to a great spring and summer. As usual the City will continue to partner with [Celebrate Highwood](#) to promote or fun and vibrant community. Feel free to attend a City Council meeting on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, starting at 6:00pm

Have a great spring. Go [Cubs](#) and Go [Sox](#)!

*Charlie Pecaro*

Charlie Pecaro, Mayor

City of Highwood  
FY2020 PROPOSED BUDGET - MAJOR EXPENSE AREAS



## APPLY FOR A HOUSING IMPROVEMENT GRANT

### Repair, Renovate, Improve

1. Are you buying, or do you own a home, that is broken down, gutted, or damaged?
2. Have you been issued citations for zoning or building code violations?
3. Does your property have a non-conforming structure or apartment on it?



**If so.... Consider a City of Highwood Housing Improvement Grant!**

[www.cityofhighwood.org](http://www.cityofhighwood.org)

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**Rental inspection program payments are available online.**

- ☑ The [Housing Improvement Program \(HIP\)](#) is a City of Highwood grant program providing matching funds to incentivize new and existing owners to eliminate dilapidated and non-conforming residential units and structures in the community.
- ☑ **Eligible Projects.** Projects must eliminate zoning and building code non-conformities or violations. Grant funds can be used for materials only, labor will not be funded, nor will converting single family homes to duplexes.
- ☑ **Cash Match and Payment.** Each project application must include a cash match contribution. The minimum match is 50% of the requested project funding.
- ☑ **Grant Application.** To have your project considered, please submit an HIP Grant Application form. You can find the application form and contact information at [cityofhighwood.org](http://cityofhighwood.org).

# HIGHWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Spring Tips from the [Highwood PD](#)

*With winter hopefully in the background soon and better weather all around, you'd think the roads would finally be safer. This isn't always the case.*

- ◆ **Rainy days and flooding** - Spring rain brings slippery road conditions and flooding. What makes rain and wet pavement so dangerous? For one, slippery roads reduce your car's handling and increase the distance it takes to stop. Big puddles can also cut down on tire traction and could lead to hydroplaning.
- ◆ **Winter road wear and tear** - Winter wreaks havoc on the roads. Snow plows, salt, sand, and the aftermath of ice can all leave roads a bit battered. Now that the snow has melted away, expect to drive over new potholes.
- ◆ **Animal activity** - Animals are incredibly active during the spring. Some are emerging from hibernation, and others are entering mating season. This could mean that more animals are crossing streets and roaming around. Many animals, especially the very rare North Shore deer, are most active at dawn or dusk. BE CAREFUL!
- ◆ **More bicycles on the road** - Spring also brings cyclists out of hibernation. Driving alongside cyclists can make traffic maneuvers, from turning right to parallel parking, more dangerous. Watch for bikers!



- ◆ **Spring driving safety tips** - Check your lights: Since spring rain hinders driving visibility, make sure all your lights work, including headlights, taillights, backup lights, turn signals, parking lights, and brake lights. Replace your wiper blades: Worn-out wiper blades may not be up to the task of clearing water away from your windshield. Check your wiper blades and replace them if necessary (usually once a year). Check your tire pressure: Harsh winter weather can deflate your tires. Make sure you have enough air in them once spring rolls around. (proper tire pressure can also help you increase your mpg.) Slow down and drive carefully.
- ◆ **Seasonal showers**, animals, and poor road conditions can create unpleasant complications out on the road. Use the above tips to your advantage and you'll be that much more prepared for any seasonal driving dangers that come your way.
- ◆ **Help Keep Our Emergency Workers & First Responders SAFE** Along the Roadside.
  - Always give your full attention while driving.
  - SLOW down and give the roadside emergency workers as much of a safety cushion as possible.
  - Signal your lane change and move over into the next lane in the same direction only if able to do so safely.
- ◆ **MOVE OVER FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES!** Let's provide an extra barrier of safety for police officers, firefighters, emergency rescue personnel and tow truck drivers.

## Be a safe citizen, some rules for your personal safety:

- ◆ Be calm, confident, and know where you are going.
- ◆ Trust your instincts. If it doesn't look or feel right, take action.
- ◆ Stay in areas that are well-lit with high foot traffic.
- ◆ Be conservative in how you handle cash and keep the bulk of it in your wallet or purse
- ◆ Keep expensive property concealed as much as possible.
- ◆ Be aware of your surroundings at all times. If you suspect you're being followed, cross the street and enter a public area (such as a restaurant or store) until you are comfortable.
- ◆ **And remember, if approached, your life is not worth the paper in your wallet or your cell phone. Everything can be replaced.**

# EVERTS PARK MASTER PLAN—APPROVED!

Over the past six months the City engaged its residents, and a professional planner, to create a [Master Plan for Everts Park](#). This Master Plan serves the City as the vision, resource allocation, and action plan for the Park. The Plan includes a master site plan detailing landscaping, park equipment locations and types, lighting, performance and event spaces, entry features and other park elements. The Plan also provides budget detail and phasing options. The [approved plan](#) is available on the City's website. Staff and the City's consultant will now begin work to secure grant funds to begin Plan implementation.

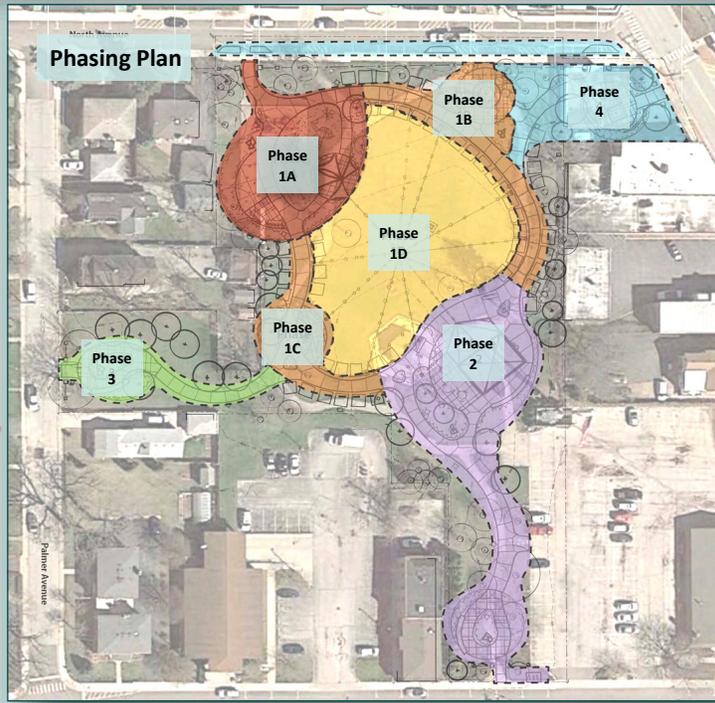
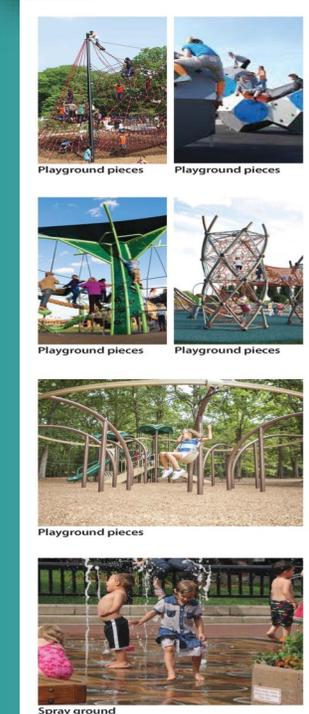
**Shade Sails**

- Planted parking islands
- Entry columns
- Drinking fountain with pet bowl
- Playground (ages 2-5 and 5-12 zones)
- Art installation location, typical
- Rain garden
- Spray ground
- Seating area with shade sails
- Pedestrian lighting with GFRIs and Wi-Fi, typical
- Landscape screening
- Concrete walking path
- Power bollard, typical
- Seating area
- Entry columns
- Entry plaza paving

**Bandshell Options**

- Ornamental fence
- Dining area with picnic tables
- Public art/sculpture location
- Future development
  - Park entry sign
  - Entry columns
  - Seawall
  - Public art/sculpture location
  - Security lighting
  - Fireplace
  - Community celebration wall
- Power bollard, typical
- Mural on existing building
- Multipurpose lawn/festival space (±24,200 S.F.)
- Catenary lighting
- Shade sails
- Festival tents (10'x10')
- Landscape screening
- Accessible seating area
- Performance area with bandshell and GFRIs
- Restroom/storage building with drinking fountain
- Dining area with picnic tables
- Seawall
- Public art/sculpture location
- Path connection to existing parking lot
- Pedestrian lighting with GFRIs and Wi-Fi, typical
- Public art/sculpture location/9-11 memorial
- Entry columns
- Bike racks

**Other Features:** Seating area with shade sails, Rain garden, Spray ground, Seating area, Seawall, Community celebration wall, Power bollard, typical, Mural on existing building, Multipurpose lawn/festival space (±24,200 S.F.), Catenary lighting, Shade sails, Festival tents (10'x10'), Landscape screening, Accessible seating area, Performance area with bandshell and GFRIs, Restroom/storage building with drinking fountain, Dining area with picnic tables, Seawall, Public art/sculpture location, Path connection to existing parking lot, Pedestrian lighting with GFRIs and Wi-Fi, typical, Public art/sculpture location/9-11 memorial, Entry columns, Bike racks.



# HIGHWOOD RECREATION CENTER

## Spring is At the Rec!

**Spring is 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. (847) 432-6633.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Spring Break Open Gym 12:00-3:00pm

**March 25th — March 29th**



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

Office Hours  
**Monday — Friday**  
11:30 am — 4:00 pm  
847-432-6633



### GROUP FITNESS

#### Group Fitness

**Zumba with Humberto** – Tuesdays,

Contact Rec Center for Information

**Zumba with Mercedes**- Sundays and Wednesdays,

Contact Rec Center for Information

#### **Foote Fitness with Jolie Foote:**

High intensity full body work out, contact Jolie at  
(757) 362-4033

[Foote.fitness@yahoo.com](mailto:Foote.fitness@yahoo.com)

### PROGRAMS

#### Youth Sports Basketball

Finish Strong Athletic-[www.finishstrongathletics.com](http://www.finishstrongathletics.com)

Private Trainers/Lessons are available- please call  
(847) 432-6633

#### Highwood Small Fry

#### Soccer

**Rush Soccer**- contact Racheal at dochpe-  
lite@gmail.com

#### Little Legends Soccer

#### Theater, Drama, and Dance

**The Performer's School**-  
[www.theperformersschool.com](http://www.theperformersschool.com)

Theater camps available!

#### Martial Arts

**Chu's Dragon Academy Taekwondo,**

Contact Master Chu at 312-415-6387

**Goju Ryu Karate** - Contact Joe at 847-710-5570

**NEW!!!! Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu** - Contact Marcos  
Escobar at (630) 398-6515



# HIGHWOOD LIBRARY—NEWS AND NOTES

## Highwood Library welcomes their new Director - Carmen Patlan.



With over 14 years of non-profit experience in a wide range of disciplines, including education, social services, and health and welfare, Carmen Patlan has been a leading force in connecting and engaging families throughout Lake County Lake County.

Carmen was most recently the Chief Development Officer of A Safe Place, Lake County's provider of services solely focused on domestic violence. Prior to A Safe Place, Carmen worked as the Community Engagement and Development Manager for the Waukegan Public Library, and developed relevant resources and programs to address barriers in the community that impacted the underserved and ethnic populations.

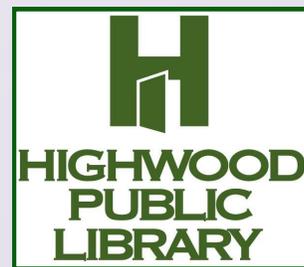
### K-9 READING BUDDIES OF THE NORTH SHORE

Register your child to read to a trained therapy dog team, to reinforce a positive, non-judgmental reading experience.

### EASTER EGG DECORATING FAMILY CRAFT NIGHT

Come to the library and decorate your Easter Egg! This event is open to kids ages 5 to 12.

## HIGHWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



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### City Hall

#### Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday

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