

The Highwood Highlights

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy Fall Residents!

I hope you had wonderful summer. While we had some more rain this year the Wednesday Evening Markets were again successful and the Nashwood event continues to draw crowds. Thank you to [Celebrate Highwood](#) for managing these great events. We are of course already preparing for [Pumpkin Fest](#) this **October 11-13th**.

The City Council is always examining city services, revenues, and expenses with the aim of providing a highly efficient, fair, and responsive city government. To this end, the Council looked at two items of particular interest. Firstly, this summer we took a hard look at city vehicle stickers. The City has required car stickers since 1963. Every resident that complies with the car sticker requirement (and there are many that do not) is aware of the inconvenience, cost, and messiness of this program. From the city side, it is very difficult to enforce and highly inefficient to manage the 1000's of sticker transactions. The result..., I am very happy to report that the Council was unanimous; agreeing to discontinue the vehicle sticker program for next year (2020). Revenues from new development and sales tax growth will make up a bulk of the lost sticker revenues along with a minor adjustment to the City's gas tax. This means that residents will pay less (\$60 a car) to live in Highwood next year.

Secondly, like many municipalities in the State, the Council has held discussions with city staff, the City Attorney, and several public and private sector entities related to the legalization of recreational marijuana by the State of Illinois (January 1, 2020). The Council is in agreement that Highwood would be open to a single such use/business in the downtown area, as long as, appropriate operational, signage, safety, access, and other conditions are met. The Council believes that Highwood can accommodate this type of use and that there are significant financial and competitive advantages to communicating an open path to the private sector.



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Here are some highlights of what's up in Highwood:

- ◆ The [14-unit townhome](#) development extending from Clay to Webster is just about finished with many of the units already sold.
- ◆ The City approved a five story residential development of 40 total units at 440 Green Bay Road (Washington and Green Bay corner). The rental building will have 32 interior parking spaces and four off-street spaces. Following a hearing with the Planning and Zoning Commission, the developer added additional landscaping and made other site adjustments. We are excited to see this investment in Highwood that is in lock-step with our downtown vision and strategic plans.
- ◆ The City Council also approved the “downzoning” of several residential properties throughout Highwood. The purpose of this action is to increase single family homes and reduces duplex and triplexes. The City is committed to increasing residential density in the downtown while reducing it in our neighborhoods.
- ◆ The Hotel Moraine is nearing completion, they have begun marketing rentals as available.
- ◆ New business coming to Highwood include: Pazzo Da Vino (replacing Cellar Gate), Papa Willie's BBQ (across from Greenwood), [Street Level Studios](#) (will be moving to the former Ballero site), and Fresh Café on Green Bay Road.
- ◆ [28 Mile Distillery](#) at 454 Sheridan Road is open, and, they added a fabulous patio for enjoying their great beverages, try the Tom Collins.
- ◆ The 4 story 31 unit residential and retail development at 246 Green Bay Road (the former Bertucci site) is moving along quickly and should be completed within about five months.



I would like to recognize the local design firm [Street Level Studios](#) that helped the City with the new banners that you see up and down Sheridan Road and other locations. These banners are exciting and interesting and really add to the streetscape along Sheridan.

I will see you at [Pumpkin Fest](#) and in Miami for the [Bears](#) Superbowl,

Your Mayor, Charlie Pecaro



PUMPKIN FEST

Save the Date for the Pumpkin Fest

Hosted by [Celebrate Highwood](#)

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

October 11, 12, 13 2019

For schedules & details go to:

www.highwoodpumpkinfest.com

FREE TREE PROGRAM—SIGN UP!

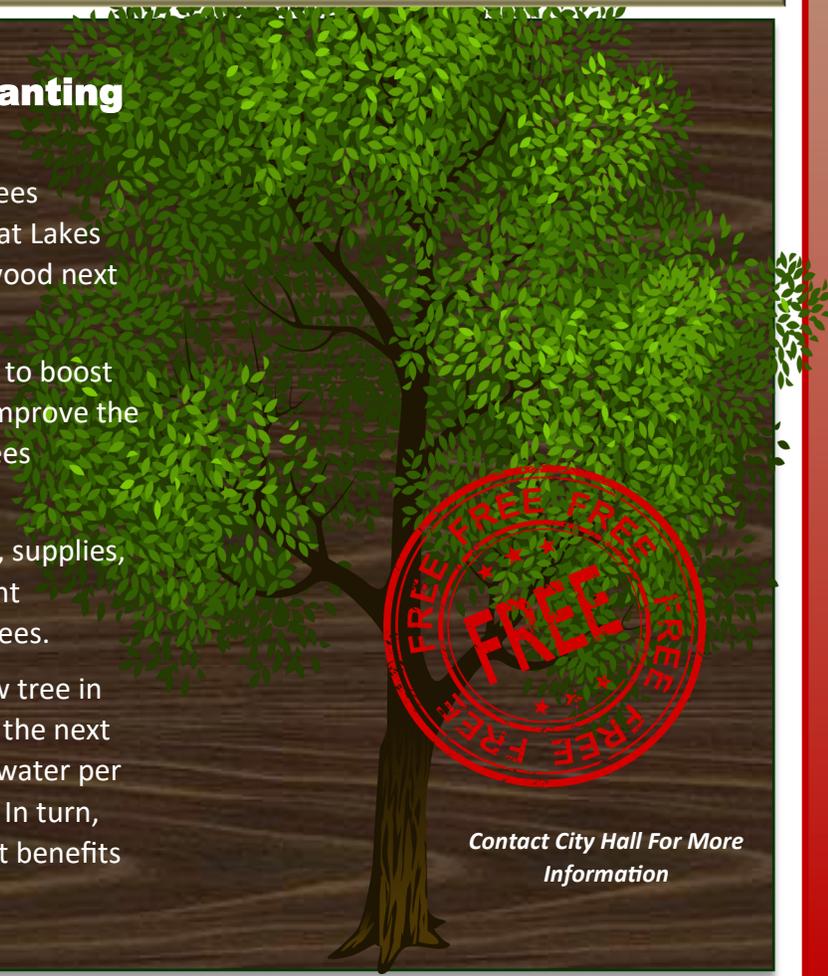
Spring 2020 Highwood Tree Planting Sign Up for a Free Tree!

The City of Highwood and the Chicago Region Trees Initiative are collaborating together through a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant to plant trees in Highwood next spring.

We're excited to connect with you to plant trees to boost species diversity, increase canopy coverage, and improve the health of Highwood through the many benefits trees provide.

It's free to participate - we will provide the trees, supplies, and lead the planting. Highland High School student volunteers will also participate to help plant the trees.

All you need to do is commit to watering the new tree in front of your home between May and October for the next three years. Ten gallons (two 5-gallon buckets) of water per week will help each young tree survive and thrive. In turn, these trees will provide shade and other important benefits for your neighborhood for decades to come.



Contact City Hall For More Information

2020 CENSUS - IT'S WORTH \$\$\$

- What is the [2020 US Census](#):** The 2020 US Census counts every person living in the United States and the five U.S. territories. The US Census is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency.
- How:** Each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire: online, by phone, or by mail. This will mark the first time that you will be able to **respond to the census online**.
- Why is it important to Highwood:** The census count is directly related to how much money the State of Illinois returns to the City of Highwood from state income and motor fuel taxes. These funds are used to pave roads, maintain street lights and sidewalks, improve parks, and pay for police and other services. **So... make sure you participate in the count.**
- Job available:** work for the US 2020 Census. Go [here](#) for more information.



POLICE DEPARTMENT



Back to School Safety Tips



School days bring traffic, kids on bikes, and hurried parents trying to drop off their kids before work.

The Highwood Police Department reminds residents that schools are back in session. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school. Here are a few recommendations:

If You're Dropping Off

Schools have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids. The following applies to all school zones:

- 🚗 Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles.
- 🚗 Don't load or unload children across the street from the school.
- 🚗 Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school.

Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- 🚶 Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic.
- 🚶 In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection.
- 🚶 Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign.

Sharing the Road with School Buses

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children. Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if:

- 🚌 you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children.
- 🚌 If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is.
- 🚌 extended, traffic must stop.
- 🚌 The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough.
- 🚌 back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus.
- 🚌 Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.

Cameras To Be Installed on School Buses To Catch Illegal Passing

School District 112 has invested in a monitoring device which records images of a vehicle which fails to stop for a school bus, in violation of state statute. An intergovernmental agreement is being drafted which would allow the local police departments, as the enforcing agency, to issue citations for these violations. Highwood, Highland Park, and District 112 are partnering in this program.



RECREATION CENTER

Fall Programs Beginning at the Rec Center

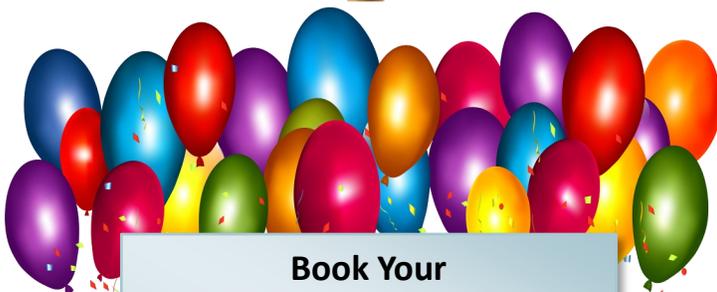
Fall is almost here! We wanted to take a moment to remind everyone of the wonderful programs we have available at the [Highwood Rec Center](#). From basketball to theater, there is something for everyone!

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

Golf Professional's Year End Sale

November 22-24



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



ZUMBA

GROUP FITNESS

Zumba with Humberto - Tuesdays

Zumba with Mercedes - Sundays
and Wednesdays

Contact Rec Center for Information

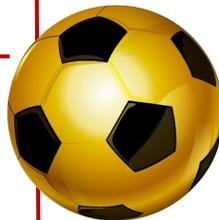
YOUTH SPORTS

Basketball



Highwood Small Fry

www.highwoodsmallfry.org



Soccer

Little Legends www.ilsoccer.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

11:30 am - 4:00 pm

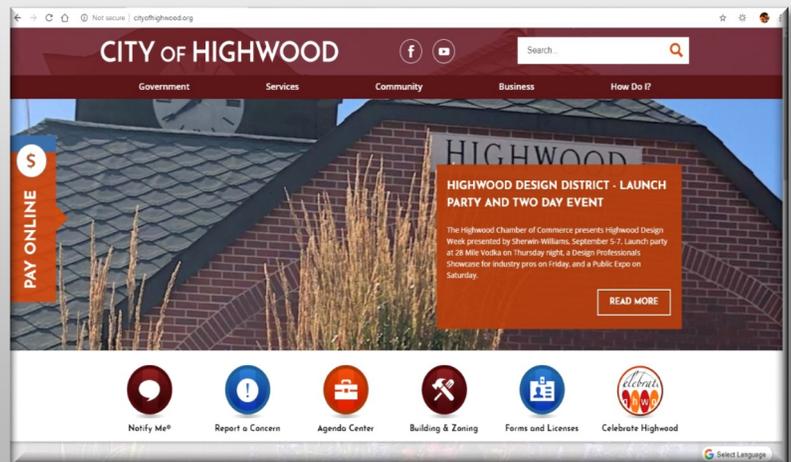
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NEW CITY OF HIGHWOOD WEBSITE

The City is excited to announce the launch of the fully redesigned www.cityofhighwood.org website. The redesign includes several items of note:

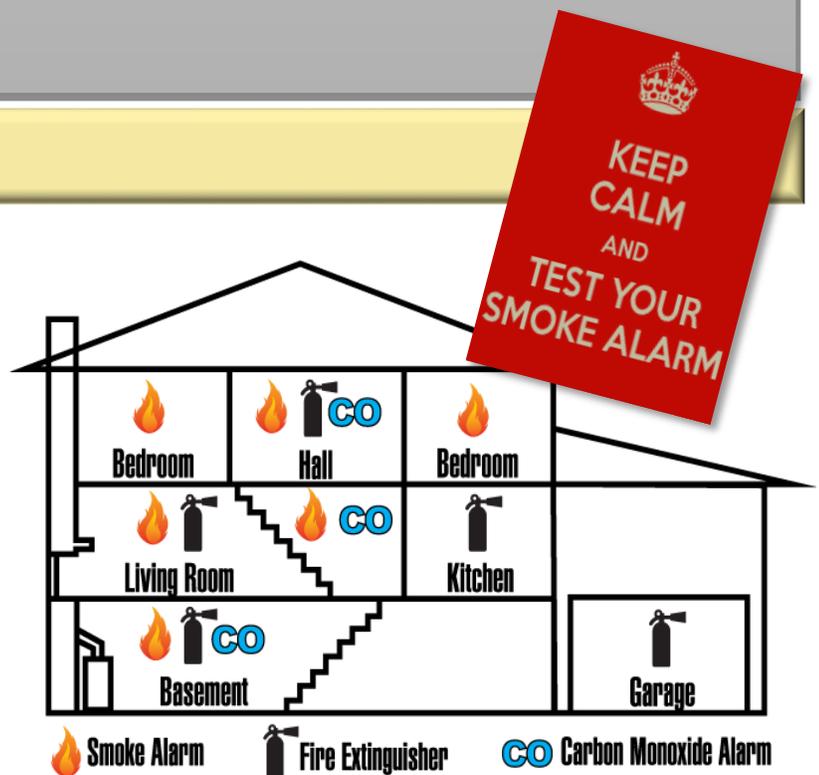
- ◆ Full page design rather than centered page. Typical for most websites.
- ◆ Use of the same color palette on the City welcome signs, along with a vibrant blue as a homage to Lake Michigan.
- ◆ Large single photo that will vary upon opening the site and will stay static once open to reduce bandwidth issues.
- ◆ Button based navigation, easier to use more attractive and interactive.
- ◆ Prominently featured “Pay Online” button that scrolls with the page. This City is intending to promote greater use of the website going forward for payment of licenses, permits fees, and other charges.
- ◆ Graphically presented news and announcements.

- ◆ Integrated and interactive calendar on homepage intended for all meetings, events, due dates, etc.
- ◆ Removal of ads.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

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



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.



The Highwood Public Library
 102 Highwood Avenue - Highwood, IL 60040 - 847-432-5404
 Mon-Thurs: 12-8 Fri: 12-6 Sat: 10-5 Sun: closed



- Home
- Catalog
- My Account
- Programming
- Meeting Room
- Children
- Teens
- Library Board
- Library Policies
- Friends
- Community Links

Please consider donating to the Highwood Public Library.
 Your donation will help provide much needed literacy-focused programming.
 Every dollar donated makes a difference.
 Donate button works best in the Chrome browser.

[Donate](#)



HALLOWEEN KIDS FEST
 Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 1:30 PM



Children ages 3-10 will be able to participate in a variety of games, win prizes and enjoy pizza.

This program is free. Please register now at the circulation desk or call 847-432-5404 or e-mail programming@highwoodlibrary.org

- Online Catalog
- Events Calendar
- eRead Illinois
- rb digital
- biblioboard
- howstuffworks
- w3schools.com
- Google Scholar
- FamilySearch
- Project Gutenberg
- Internet Archive
- Photo Gallery
- E-Mail Us
- Employment Opportunities
- The New York Times Best Sellers
- follow us on facebook
- Chicago Botanic Garden

GIRLS STEP2IT
 A PROGRAM THAT TEACHES GIRLS TO CODE AND
 LEARN ABOUT A CAREER IN
 COMPUTER SCIENCE

Highwood Library Newsletter

HIGHWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2019 EVENTS

- ✓ *Love is a Many Splendored Thing*- Wedding Displays

September 26, 27, and 28

[Highwood Library](#)

Times to be announced.
We welcome your photos and memorabilia of weddings in Highwood!

- ✓ **HHS Holiday Dinner Event**

December, 2019 Date TBD

[Froggy's Restaurant](#)

Registration required

Highwood Historical Society

P. O.Box 132,

Highwood, IL 60040 847-681-9039

highwoodhistoricalsociety.com

Love is a Many Splendored Thing

The Highwood Historical Society
Requests the honor of your presence

As we celebrate the
weddings of Highwood.

Join us on
September 26, 27, 28
from 2 to 7 PM
at the
Highwood Library
102 Highwood Avenue



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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.