

The Highwood Highlights

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

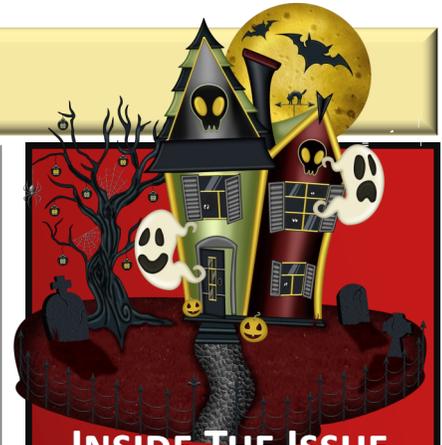
Here Comes Fall Residents!

During this difficult time, I hope you still managed to have a wonderful summer. Unfortunately, [Covid19](#) resulted in [Celebrate Highwood](#), the [Chamber of Commerce](#), the [Highwood Library](#), the [Highwood Historical Society](#) and many others having to cancel numerous long-standing awesome events this spring, summer, and fall. This includes Pumpkin Fest which will not be taking place this year.

The [City](#) is working hard to keep our businesses going and our residents served. To this end, we have opened on-street dining, reduced or suspended various City fees, and offered assistance in numerous other ways. This fall and winter we are working to purchase propane heaters to keep our restaurants humming as best we can and to leverage any available Federal and County funds. Please, do your best to spend money here in Highwood and support our businesses. City Hall will remain closed to public access through the fall, but staff will continue to provide services and respond to resident's concerns and requests.

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

- ◆ The partially grant funded [Everts Park](#) renovation will start in October. This project will transform Everts Park into a fantastic community amenity with a splash pad, bold new park equipment, new gazebo, new lighting, and band shell. It will incorporate native landscaping to attract [bees and Butterflies](#) (purchased through a [ComEd grant](#)) and will include power upgrades for our events. The entire park will be closed during the renovation until about June 30.



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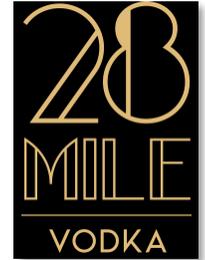
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- ◆ Click for [Voter Registration](#) information.
- ◆ The City and Highwood Library have worked hard to get Highwood residents to respond to the [2020 Census](#). That said, we are still behind other towns in the area. If you have not responded, please do so now and encourage others to respond as well.



- ◆ New business coming to Highwood include: [Loft 329](#) and [Step 2 This Dance Studio](#).
- ◆ Thanks to [28 Mile Distillery](#) that mobilized during the pandemic into a national distributor of hand sanitizers in several fragrances.
- ◆ We welcome our new residents to the four story 31 unit residential and retail development at 246 Green Bay Road (the former Bertucci site) which is renting up and [seeking retail tenants](#).



I look forward to seeing everyone out dining this fall and winter as best we can. Be safe, be careful, wash your hands and wear a mask when required.

Your Mayor, Charlie Pecaro

PUMPKIN FEST
Pumpkin Fest is Cancelled
Please contact
[Make-A-Wish](#)
to make a donation.

FREE TREE PROGRAM—SUCCESS

City of Highwood Free Tree Planting Program, Plants 90 Trees

The City continued the second part of tree planting for residents in the City of Highwood. The City, Chicago Region Tree Initiatives, and partners helped deliver/plant various types of trees to residents throughout the entire town. **The program planted 87 trees throughout Highwood.** A special thank you to Trinity Pierce (Stewardship Coordinator for the [Chicago Region Trees Initiative](#)) for coordinating and communicating with residents in regard to providing tree planting information, setting up a webinar of how-to-plant, and delivering trees to the City of Highwood.

It was wonderful to see residents participate with tree planting and enhancing the beautification of our community. Of note, the program added 16 trees (3 Swamp White Oak, 1 Bur Oak, 2 Hackberry, 3 Quaking Aspen, 1 Red Bud, and 6 Canadian serviceberries) to Pleasant Park. Special thank you to Paul Mocogni and Scopelliti Landscaping for coordinating tree types, locations, and taking care of planting and watering for all trees. Thank you to everyone who participated, we will all enjoy these new trees for decades to come.



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 are 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. So when the busses start rolling again, please comply with the stop arm.



YOU STILL HAVE TIME BE COUNTED 2020 CENSUS

- 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.
- 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. For every person not counted, there is a loss of approximately \$1,400 per person per year! This amounts to a loss of approximately \$14,000 per person over 10 years.
- It's so important that everyone be counted. Visit [2020census.gov](https://www.census.gov) to get started, visit the Highwood Public Library, or call (847) 432-5404.



See our Census videos:
 produced by the
 Highwood Library
[English Video](#)
[Spanish Video](#)

HIGHWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENT



HIGHWOOD DESIGN WEEK 2020

What is Highwood Design Week?

Highwood Design Week celebrates Highwood as a hub for design and home improvement! Join us to experience products, experts and industry trends.

The Show Must Go On ... Safely!

With COVID precautions in place, the Highwood Chamber continues to celebrate local businesses with Design Week 2020! Guests are required to comply with all mandated COVID guidelines. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available and are required. Indoor capacity will be limited to prevent large gatherings per CDC and state guidelines. Outdoor space will also be available wherever possible.

One event is even a LIVE webinar.



MONDAY | SEPT 21 | @LOFT329

[RSVP FOR MONDAY](#) Networking with the Experts & a tour of the Loft329 beauty and photography studio in the heart of Highwood.

TUESDAY | SEPT 22 | LIVE WEBINAR with Street Level Studio & DP Home Design

[RSVP FOR TUESDAY](#) TAD Talk: Technology And Design!
Join us at 10 AM for a lively, two-part discussion about exciting "new tools" that are transforming the very art and style of living in today's most intelligently designed environments.

WEDNESDAY | SEPT 23 | @SUMMER CLASSICS HOME with Sierra Pacific Windows

[RSVP FOR WEDNESDAY](#) Designing Your Perfect Covid Escape: Get ready for comfy and stylish binge watching and working at home.

THURSDAY | SEPT 24 | @CARPETS OF HIGHWOOD with SILK THUMB

[RSVP FOR THURSDAY](#) Modern Workspace Makeovers with a chance to ask the experts and bring ideas to life.

FRIDAY | SEPT 25 | @THE ABL GROUP with FWC ARCHITECTS & DOVETAILS CABINERY

[RSVP FOR FRIDAY](#) Rediscovering Home: A Mini Home Show with refreshments, qualified professionals, and shopping indoors and outdoors.

SATURDAY | SEPT 26 | DESIGNER DOG HOUSE AUCTION | ON THE PATIO @CHICAGO MIKE'S ICE CREAM

[RSVP FOR SATURDAY](#) Take home one of five creative dog houses to accent your own home. Benefiting the City of Highwood's redesign of Everts Park - so everyone in our community can enjoy design and the outdoors! Click below to RSVP for this event.

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

- ◆ **November 23-25:** Golf Professional's Year End Sale
- ◆ **September 23** from 10am-2pm: Hula Hoop Seminar
- ◆ **November 13** from 8:30am-5:30pm: Life Line Screening
Stroke prevention
- ◆ **12:00-3:00pm December 26-28 and January 2-4:** Winter Break Open Gym



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



GROUP FITNESS

Zumba with Mercedes -
Contact 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.ilsoccer.com
Chicago Rush—Contact Rec Center



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
www.theperformersschool.com
Theater camps available!



Office Hours

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

HIGHWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Please visit the **NEW [Highwood Public Library website](#)** to learn about their wonderful programs for all ages, as well as, learning opportunities for adults and Spanish speaking residents.

JOIN THE HIGHWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR ONLINE PROGRAMS

**FOR
YOUNG
ADULTS**

Plug-In Programs for 6-8 graders

Join us Wednesdays at 5:00pm on Zoom for escape rooms, trivia, and other fun virtual activities!

Email rmcmullen@highwoodlibrary.org for the Zoom login and password. Check our Facebook page for upcoming topics and dates.



**FOR
ADULTS**

Computer Basics

Learn basic computer skills, navigate programs, and create content from your own computer at home during our free Zoom sessions. Register for one or all five!

Email techhelp@highwoodlibrary.org. All programs begin at 4:00pm.

Microsoft PowerPoint Make a Slideshow - September 22

Microsoft PowerPoint Make a Video - September 29



Tutorias de GED

Clases desde su casa en los lunes y miercoles a las 6:00pm. Practica en computadoras. Exámenes de practica. Asesoría en todo el proceso de obtener su GED. Todo gratis. Comunicarse (224) 441-5250 o vdservicesduran@gmail.com



ESL Conversacional

Clases de ingles conversacional todos los jueves a las 6:00pm. Clases virtuales gratis. Mayor información (224) 441-5250 o vdservicesduran@gmail.com.

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Highwood Library

HIGHWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The mission of the Highwood Historical Society is to share and collect the unique history of our special community. Our schools have been instrumental not only in doing an excellent job of educating the students who come from many ethnic and racial families, but have played key roles in events that share and benefit Highwood.

Original Oak Terrace School: 1916- 1999

This building on Prairie Avenue was built on property previously owned by Judge Daniel Pease. It replaced the former Highwood School at the corner of High Street and Prairie Avenue that had become overcrowded. When the school was opened in 1916, there were 187 students. Since the property was hilly and surrounded by many oak trees, the school was named Oak Terrace. Original cost for the property was \$5,300 as noted in the book 28 Miles North by Marvyn Wittelle. In the late 1990's, the School Board made a decision to tear down the building since costs to repair and bring the building up to required building codes would be too expensive. At this time there were between 400- 500 students in the Kdg- grade 5 school. An architect was hired and building plans determined. Students during those next few years were bused to Lake Forest High School West Campus while the new building was completed. The new building retained the name, Oak Terrace School- a name that was not only acceptable but memorable to so many community members.



Current Oak Terrace School – 1991 +

This new Oak Terrace is a modern, up to date building. It too stands high on the hill. It was constructed in 2000. On the west side of the building two of the pillars from the original OTS building stand as a reminder of its history. This two-story building exhibits a 'prairie-style' look influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright. Oak Terrace today serves approximately 500 students with an emphasis on bilingual and bi-literacy instruction. Staff works to support, challenge and encourage its students to learn and strengthen their academic skills. Oak Terrace continues to be proud of its strong parent and community involvement.



The Highwood Historical Society welcomes information and artifacts from OTS- the new and the old. We have an extensive collection of materials from the years when OTS was a K-8 building and would be pleased to receive items reflecting the history and memories of special events, special teachers and activities. Help us collect the history of Highwood—this is the legacy we leave to future generations. *Teta Minuzzo, Past President/Archivist HHS* (also a proud former OTS teacher)

Highwood Historical Society

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CONTACT INFORMATION

City Hall
Hours of Operation
Monday - Friday
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

City Offices will not be open to the public due to COVID 19 likely till January 1 2021
November 23, Thanksgiving and Friday,
November 24, Turkey Sandwich Day.
We wish you safe and happy holidays.



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