

The Highwood Highlights

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Season's Greetings,

2020 is rapidly coming to a close. This has certainly been a very difficult and tragic year. The City Council and staff continue to work to try and keep Highwood moving forward even through this difficult time.

I am happy to report that the [COVID19 Registration portal](#) is now open through the Lake County Department of Health. I urge everyone to register so we can get this under control and get back to normalcy. Here's a few updates on what's happening in Highwood:

- ◆ Thank you to City volunteers including Councilmen Brad Slavin, Eric Falberg, Jim Hospodarsky, yours truly, and others, for placing and decorating the gorgeous Christmas trees and assisting with the installation of the dining greenhouses. This is really helping our businesses and bringing some holiday cheer.
- ◆ Sadly we bid farewell to the **Humble Pub** which closed its doors this past month.



- ◆ The Everts Park renovation project is underway. We are excited to bring this new exciting park to our community. The [Highwood Chamber of Commerce](#) generously donated \$1,400 to the for the Everts project. The money is the proceeds of the auction of the dog houses they completed a few months ago.

- ◆ Thank you to the [Highwood Library](#) for conducting COVID mobile testing on several days this fall. Anything we can do to get this under control is greatly appreciated. Please visit their [new fantastic webpage](#).

- ◆ The City will welcome Windy City Cannabis in a few months to 260 Green Bay Road.
- ◆ The City will be paving Burris, Oak, and Summit next year.



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- ◆ The 6-story 49 unit apartment building is underway at 440 Green Bay Road. This development is testament to the desirability of our community, bringing brand new housing, and importantly fortifying the permanent day and nighttime population in our downtown.
- ◆ A joint Plan Commission meeting was held to discuss a proposed residential development near the military base. The developer was given significant feedback and we will wait to see if they decided to continue.
- ◆ The City received a check in the amount of \$220,457 from Lake County as our allotted portion of the CARES Act money given to them by the federal government. This money will reimburse us for direct costs that we incurred due to the coronavirus, including what incurred to support outdoor dining for restaurants.
- ◆ The Police Department has installed new in-car tablet computers. These are much quicker and easy to use. The previous laptops dated back to 2012.
- ◆ We extend our welcome to State Senator Julie Morrison as she is moving her office into 43 Highwood.
- ◆ Finally, thank you to everyone who participated in the 2020 Census. We will update you when we have the totals.



Hoping everyone has a safe and healthy holiday and new year. I look forward to an energetic and celebratory 2021.

My blessings, and have a great winter,

Charlie Pecaro

Mayor



A smart way to shovel your drive

How to reduce the possibility of getting a huge pile of snow in your driveway opening when snowplows clear your street:



POLICE DEPARTMENT



Safe Shopping Online Tips

The Highwood Police Department reminds shoppers of to be [careful shopping](#)

7 guidelines for safe online shopping

- Always check the address bar carefully.  **SECURE** https://www.
- Look for a lock symbol in the Web address bar.
- Don't use a debit card for online purchases. 
- Use the on-screen keyboard to enter your private information, including credit card numbers. 
- Keep anti-virus software up to date. 
- Don't save credit card information with online merchants or agree to recurring payments. 
- Have a credit card just for online transactions.

Winter Driving Tips

SLIP AND SLIDE: TEST ROAD CONDITIONS FREQUENTLY

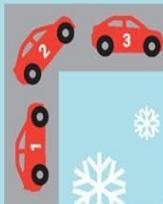
Periodically, check traction (available grip) when driving in challenging conditions. Road conditions can change drastically in a short period of time/distance in winter. Apply the brakes with moderate pressure to determine the available grip and modify your driving, if needed, to respond to ever-changing road conditions.



GRIP IT GOOD!

It's best to avoid braking or acceleration when negotiating a turn.

- 1 Brake before the turn
- 2 Negotiate the turn
- 3 Accelerate after the turn



YOU CRUISE, YOU LOSE



Avoid cruise control in wet, icy or snow conditions to maintain control of acceleration and deceleration at all times.

HIGHWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY - NEWSLETTER

The [Highwood Public Library](#) provides a multitude of community and library services.

HIGHWOOD HOLIDAY GIVING CAMPAIGN

Help the Highwood Public Library, Celebrate Highwood, and the City of Highwood collect holiday gifts for local families in need. As you walk around downtown and view the beautifully decorated trees, look for flat red, burgundy, and gold ornaments with QR codes that link to Amazon wish lists. Or, you can go to the links below to view Amazon Wish Lists with a variety of gifts options. From the Amazon website, select the gift(s) you wish to purchase, and at checkout make sure to select the Highwood Public Library as the shipping address. Library staff and volunteers will distribute the gifts to needy families in Highwood and surrounding communities, including Highland Park, Deerfield, Waukegan, and Lake Forest. Together, we can make this holiday a joyous one for everyone!



[Winter Clothing for all ages](#)

[Cookware and Household Items](#)

[Literacy and Learning Activities](#)



Ho! Ho! Holiday! Santa Storytime for kids 3-10

Join Santa for a very special Storytime on December 15 at 5:30pm! Dress in your holiday best and create an easy and fun festive backdrop. All participants will receive a Santa Pack with hot chocolate, marshmallows, animal crackers, and a special gift from Santa! [Register today online.](#)

DIY Pop-Tart Pads for Teens and Tweens 11-17

Use Pop-Tarts, icing, and candy to build and decorate a holiday gingerbread house on December 18 at 5:00pm! All participants will receive a supply kit with everything needed to make their own Pop-Tart Pad. [Register today online.](#)



Computer Classes

Learn computer skills, navigate programs, and create content from your own computer at home during our free Zoom sessions. Email techhelp@highwoodlibrary.org to register. All programs begin at 3:00pm.



RECREATION CENTER

Winter at the Rec Center

There will only be private basketball lessons going on at the Highwood Rec Center due to the newest Covid rules. Please call for updated information (847) 432-6633



YOUTH SPORTS

Basketball

Finish Strong Athletic-
www.finishstrongathletics.com

Highwood Small Fry-
www.highwoodsmallfry.org



The [Highwood Historical Society \(HHS\)](#) has one of the largest memberships of any historical society in Lake County with more than 275 members. The HHS is committed to preserving Highwood's unique history. We collect memorabilia, news articles and items important to preserving Highwood's history.

Teta Minuzzo, Past HHS President/ Archivist

[Highwood Historical Society](#)
122 North Avenue 847-682-9039



[Click Form to Become a Member!](#)

HELLO FROM THE HIGHWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY.
We wish you well.

During these trying days, take time to reflect on all the positive people and events that make you laugh and smile. Review your photo albums to see if you have written the names and dates on your pictures. Your family will be so grateful! Our spring events-Bingo at Buff's and our annual May meeting featuring a program on the Highwood Bocce Club have been postponed. We intend to reschedule at a later date.

HHS continues to work for you to save and preserve the history of the people, places and events that make Highwood such a unique community. We thank you for your kindness. Your support is so vital to HHS at this time.

Membership dues are key to keeping HHS strong and active.
If able, please complete the form below and mail to:
HHS, P O Box 132, Highwood, IL 60040
THANK YOU

**HIGHWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2020-2021 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP**

June 1, 2020-May 31, 2021

Name: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Annual Membership Categories (please check one)
 Family (Maximum \$500.00)
 GRS Membership \$20.00*
 Business/Organization \$30.00
 Donor \$50.00-\$99.00
 Patron \$100.00 and above

*Gift recipient, subject to approval

Please Make Checks Payable to:
Highwood Historical Society

Mail Membership Form and Payment to:
HHS
P.O. Box 132
Highwood, IL 60040

Questions? Call 847-682-9039 or email HighwoodHHS@gmail.com
Thank you for your support!

HIGHWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HOLIDAYS IN HIGHWOOD

The [Highwood Chamber of Commerce](#) invites you to [Highwood for the Holidays](#). Presented by Bank of Highwood and Ft. Sheridan and silver sponsor The ABL Group, the observance features creative, COVID-friendly ways for area families to support local businesses, celebrate the spirit of the season safely, and maybe even start some new traditions.



PREPARING YOUR PIPES FOR COLD WEATHER

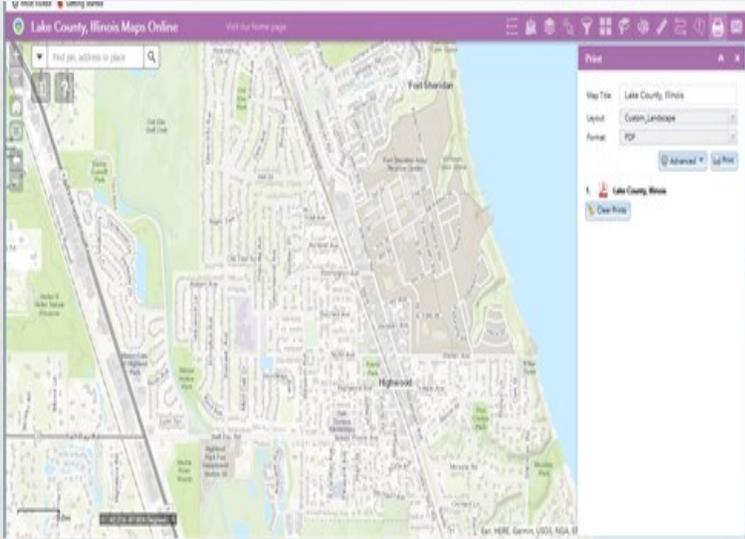
Every winter, many homeowners face the expense and inconvenience of frozen water pipes - make sure you're not one of them by taking the following simple precautions.

- ◆ **Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses:** detaching the hose allows water to drain from the pipe so an overnight freeze doesn't burst the faucet or the pipe it's connected to.
- ◆ **Insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas:** it's best to wrap water pipes in unheated areas (such as the garage, crawl space, and meter pit) before temperatures plummet. You can find pipe wrapping materials at any hardware or building supply store.
- ◆ **Consider installing "heat tape" or "heat cable":** Install "heat tape" or similar materials on all exposed water (i.e. exterior pipe or pipes located where the temperature might drop below freezing). It is relatively easy to install and can be found at your local hardware or building supply store. Be sure that you use only UL-listed products and follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully.
- ◆ **Seal off access doors, air vents, and cracks:** Winter winds whistling through overlooked openings can quickly freeze exposed water pipes. DO NOT plug air vents used by your furnace or water heater.
- ◆ **Find the master shutoff valve:** Usually located where the water line enters your house (or near the water heater or washing machine), the master shutoff valve turns off the water to the entire house. Paint it a bright color and make sure everyone in the household knows where it is.
- ◆ **What if it's too late?:** If you think you know where the freeze occurred and you want to try thawing it yourself, the easiest tool to use is a hair dryer with a low heat setting. Turn on several faucets, or if you know you have frozen break shut off water. Using the hair dryer, wave the warm air back and forth along the pipe. DO NOT heat only one spot on the pipe, as this can cause it to burst. Be careful when heating the pipe. It may already be broken and just not leaking because the water is frozen. When you thaw it out, the water could come gushing out, opening faucets will relieve pressure but have someone standing by master shutoff valve if necessary.



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT - LAKE COUNTY MAPS

Check out the free [mapping services provided by Lake County](#). This is an extremely robust platform that shows property tax information, flood events, trails, historic photos, parcel data, and much much more. You can enter your address in the search bar.



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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. City Hall will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. We wish you safe and happy holidays.

