

The Highwood Highlights

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Hello Residents!

Well it's been long and difficult road. My sympathies to everyone who has lost someone over the last year and half. To keep us moving forward I implore everyone to get vaccinated. I'm optimistic that we have turned the corner and will soon get back to normal. I am happy to see the excellent attendance at our recent events and I am hoping for a wildly successful [Pumpkin Fest October 8-10](#).



The City has a lot going on and we continue to move forward and evolve. Listed below are some highlights from the past several months:

- ◆ **Everts Park:** The City is almost done with the Everts Park Renovation project. This project grew out of a community visioning process and has been aided by a \$400,000 state grant. The new splash pad and playground are already very popular and the band shell and enlarged lawn area are serving our events well. We will be installing benches and additional trees in the coming weeks and returning the plaques to the park at that time.
- ◆ **TIF Extension:** the City completed the lengthy process for extending its very successful [TIF District](#). The extension will take the TIF into 2039 and provide the City with funds to acquire and develop additional blighted properties while also making needed public works improvements.



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- ◆ **Community Survey:** the City is tabulating the survey on policing services sent out a couple of months ago and will detail the results at an upcoming Council meeting and in the winter newsletter.
- ◆ **New Developments:** Highwood is becoming a desired location for significant investment. Two apartment buildings are under



construction at 440 and 546 Green Bay Road these should be completed in the next six months or so and will bring high quality new housing and new residents to Highwood. 210 Green Bay Road has a new owner, and we are expecting an exciting new business at that location. Finally, [Noon-O- Kabab](#) is working towards opening in the 246 Green Bay Road building next door to the new location for the Smilelist.



- ◆ **Budget News:** The City's finances are in excellent shape due to the aforementioned TIF extension, as well as, very strong sales tax revenues from the new dispensary and the strong reputation and consistency of Highwood's restaurants.



- ◆ **New Employees:** the City welcomes two new employees to City Hall. **Betty Holmes** is the new Water Clerk and **Ted Monroy** is the new Community Service/ Enforcement Officer.

Let's have a wonderful fall!

Charlie Pecaro, Mayor

HIGHWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The [Highwood Chamber of Commerce](#) sponsors excellent events and works to support all of its members and the community.

- ◆ The [Design Expo](#), Saturday, September 20-25, 11 am to 4 pm at the corner of Waukegan and Walker Avenues. Design related vendors will be showcasing ideas for your home; a Kid Zone with arts and craft as well as raffle prizes; and, our Charity Silent Auction where people will be able to bid on the Adirondack chairs you perhaps have seen around town. Fun for the entire family!
- ◆ **Halloween: Trick-or-Treat in the business district** Friday, Oct. 29. There will also be a window decorating contest for the businesses leading up to Halloween (like we did last year).
- ◆ **Holiday Fest:** Saturday, November 27.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fall Safety Tips

The Dangers of Leaves on the Roads

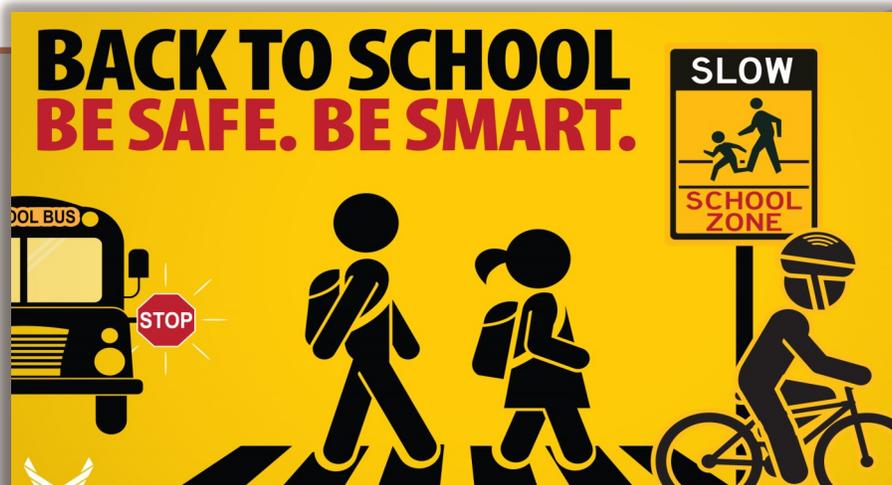
- ◆ Slow down if you are driving on a road covered with leaves, especially around turns.
- ◆ Allow yourself plenty of room to stop in an emergency. Keep a greater distance between you and the car in front of you.
- ◆ A pile of leaves raked to the side of the road is an inviting place to a child. **NEVER drive through a leaf pile.**
- ◆ Keep your windshield leaf-free to avoid wet leaves getting stuck under the windshield wiper blades.
- ◆ To avoid the possibility of a fire hazard from the exhaust system or catalytic converter, never park your vehicle over a pile of leaves.

Changing Weather Conditions

- ◆ When driving in fog, set your headlight to low beam. This setting aims the beam of light down toward the roadway.
- ◆ 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.

Fewer Hours of Daylight

- ◆ In the fading light of dusk, it is more difficult to see the children and pedestrians.
- ◆ 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.

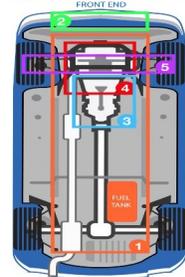


SPILLS AND DRIPS HURT LAKE MICHIGAN

Prevent Pollution of our Drinking Water:

- Be aware that that all storm drains eventually lead to Lake Michigan and that the lake supplies our drinking water.
- A significant source of contamination comes from fluids leaking from cars and trucks.
- If you see spots on your driveway or the garage floor, consult this chart and keep your [car leak free](#).

IDENTIFY THE LEAK



FLUID							
LOCATION	1 <small>Must leak under the front end</small>	1	2	3	4	5	4
COLOR	Clear <small>(Unless you change the color)</small>	Clear or Yellow to Brown	Green or Yellow <small>(Some have coolant color and pink to orange)</small>	Pink or Red to Brown	Brown to Black	Pink or Red to Brown	Blue or Green <small>(Unless you use coolant color and pink to orange)</small>
FEEL	Thin & watery	Oily <small>(Stickier than engine oil)</small>	Slimy	Oily <small>(Thinner than engine oil)</small>	Oily <small>(Thick & slippery)</small>	Oily <small>(Thinner than engine oil)</small>	Thin & watery
SMELL	Gasoline	Fish Oil	Sweet	Petroleum	Cooking Oil	Burnt Marshmallow	Glass Cleaner

What's That Leak Under My Car?

Water Quality Report

The City of Highwood is dedicated to providing the highest quality drinking water to its customers. We are pleased to report that, as in years past; the City's tap water met all United States Environmental Protection Agency and state drinking water health standards, [2021 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report](#).

HIGHWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The mission of the Highwood Historical Society is to promote, research and preserve the unique history of the special community of Highwood. While our museum at 122 North Avenue has been closed these many months, we hope to have a grand re-opening soon.

This bulletin shares news of a past recreation center director, Don Skrinar, who encouraged, mentored, taught and supported our students in sports and other athletic activities. He was an active participant in the community and will be remembered for all he did for Highwood.

In the mid 1950's Don Skrinar initiated the Little Guys basketball program. It was a program for boys under 12 with a five foot limit in height.



This photo did not have the names of these team players—. Please call 847-682-9039 or email highwoodhistory@gmail.com with any information.



1957 HIGHWOOD "LITTLE GUYS" (NATIONAL DEFENDING CHAMPIONS)
Left to Right: Al Malmquist, Jr., Jeff Jennings, Mark Fiore, Sarg Ori, Mike McHugh, Dennis Giangorgi, Richard Lunardi, Steve Simons, Richard O'Connor and Roger Cimbalò.

Highwood was the Birthplace of "Little Guys" basketball. Our boys played teams from Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Pennsylvania and teams from the U. S. Army. These young athletes went on to become National and International champions and exceptional players as they demonstrated their winning skills on the basketball court, not only in Highwood and nearby suburbs, but even when they traveled to Puerto Rico! What great experiences they had and what wonderful memories and honors they brought to Highwood.

HIGHWOOD RECREATION CENTER

Fall At the Rec!

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.

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11:00AM - 3:30 PM
847-432-6633

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

GROUP FITNESS

Group Fitness

Zumba – Tuesdays,

Contact Rec Center for Information

Zumba with Mercedes- Sundays and Wednesdays,

Contact Rec Center for Information



PROGRAMS

Youth Sports Basketball

Finish Strong Athletic

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



Soccer

Elite Soccer Futsal: program contact,

dochpelite@gmail.com

Little Legends



Theater, Drama, Dance

The Performer's School

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 - ART CLASSES

224-803-0970



HIGHWOOD LIBRARY

IMLS National Medal Win

On May 18th, the Institute of Museum and Library Services announced the Highwood Public Library has been awarded the 2021 National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation's highest honor given to museums and libraries that make significant and exceptional contributions to their communities. Read the [official press release](#). There's always something happening at the Highwood Public Library! Check out **these programs and services for all ages:**



Vaccinations and COVID-19 Testing

Get vaccinated at your library! COVID-19, flu, and shingles vaccinations will be available October 1, October 12, October 22, and November 9. Testing services for COVID-19 will also be available October 8 and November 12. Call the library at (847) 432-5404 to schedule an appointment today!

Homework Help for K-12 Students

The Library offers free virtual Homework Help by appointment for up to 30 elementary, middle, and high school students. To request Homework Help, contact the library at (847) 432-5404 or visit our [website](#) to complete an online application.



Children's Programs

Join us on Saturday, October 16, at 1:30pm for our annual Halloween Kids Fest! Also be sure to check our [event calendar](#) for more information on our weekly interactive story times and arts and crafts activities for kids.

Teen Programs

Calling all middle and high school students! Get involved with our Teen Advisory Board or join us for our monthly Craft Cafe or Book Buffet. Email rmmullen@highwoodlibrary.org for more details.

Literacy and Language Classes

The Library provides free weekly classes to learn a new language, expand your knowledge, and connect with your community. Classes include GED in Spanish, conversational ESL, Spanish as a second language, early childhood workshops for parents, and virtual computer basics sessions. Check our [event calendar](#) on our website for more details.

Online Resources

Read popular eBooks and eAudiobooks using our free library apps, Axis 360 and Hoopla. View other digital resources on our [website](#) to access additional resources.

Volunteering

If you are interested in volunteering at the library, please complete a volunteer application on our website at www.highwoodlibrary.org/volunteer.



Monday - Thursday Noon to 8:00 p.m.

Friday Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Closed

DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ *Did you know* you can [pay your water bill online](#). No need to mail a check or visit City Hall. Simply go [here](#) and create an account or enter you account number and pay the bill.
- ✓ *Did you know* you can place organics (food items, grass clippings, leaves, etc.) in your organics bin for collection once a week. If you still need yard waste stickers they can be purchased at City Hall.
- ✓ *Did you know* City Hall has modified its hours. City Hall is open to the public Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 8:30am-4:30pm
- ✓ *Did you know* that if you have rental unit you must [register](#) with the City and complete an annual inspection
- ✓ *Did you know* overnight parking (2am-5am) is prohibited everywhere in Highwood expect on Lakeview and Clay Streets.
- ✓ *Did you know* there is a wealth of information the City's [website](#).
- ✓ *Did you know* that garbage and recycling pick up is delayed one day on the following holidays: Christmas, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Thanksgiving.



CELEBRATE HIGHWOOD—EVENT DATES

We're Back....!
Celebrate Highwood Festivals



Highwood Strong
Saturday 22

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Keep it Going, Don't Get Sick, Get Vaccinated!

We're Back....!
Celebrate Highwood Festivals



The Great Highwood
Pumpkin
Festival

Pumpkin Fest
October 8 - 10

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We're Back....!
Celebrate Highwood Festivals



Elf Invasion
pub crawl

Elf Invasion Pub Crawl
December 4

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