

The Highwood Highlights

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings Residents,

Usually these messages are easy to write, I get to promote upcoming [Celebrate Highwood](#) events, I get to tout our existing restaurants and businesses and promote the new ones opening up. We show pictures of new signs and buildings and exciting things to come. While there is some typical City business that you need to be aware of (see page 2), first I need to offer my comments on the recent police brutality, protests, riots and looting, as well as, where we stand on COVID19 as a community.

The biggest topic both locally and nationally is how racism manifests itself in our world, police accountability, and the role of protests that are sometimes co-opted by nefarious actors. We have been fortunate to have a Police Department that has been engaged in positive ways in the community for many years, but I, accompanied by the City Council, City staff and all departments, realize how important it is to look inward and think of ways in which we can continually move away from racial bias and fear.

Highwood has always been a diverse community and we are dedicated to respecting and serving all our residents. In my reflection on the past few weeks of horror, sadness, and fear; I keep coming back to the word **dignity**. Dignity is our inherent value and worth as human beings; **everyone** is born with it. Dignity is "the glue that holds all of our relationships together, it is the mutual recognition of the desire to be seen, heard, listened to, and treated fairly; to be recognized, understood, and to feel safe in the world." (*Dignity, Donna Hicks Ph.D.*)

As Mayor, I'm committed to ensuring that the entire City Staff recognizes the dignity of our residents and any persons we serve. We need to put dignity in our thoughts every day, every place, and in every action. With that foundation there is no problem we cannot solve and no bias we cannot eradicate.



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While it appears things are improving, COVID-19 remains a public health issue that requires all of us to remain vigilant and involved. The City is monitoring the situation with other communities, [the State](#), and [Lake County](#). We have begun to reopen, see this Newsletter for information. I am grateful to the Chamber of Commerce for taking the lead on getting the word out to get Highwood moving again. City Hall and the Recreation Center will remain closed until we are given the go ahead from the State to open. The Police Department will continue to respond to our residents following the guidelines shown at right. Please remember, not just now, but forever:

- ✓ Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- ✓ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- ✓ Stay home when you are sick.
- ✓ Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- ✓ Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- ✓ Get a flu vaccination every year.

City business, a few notes of interest:

- ◆ We have completed the 2020/2021 budget. I happy to inform even with the Covid19 losses we are fully solvent as a City and will continue to make improvements to our community, while retaining an appropriate reserve.
- ◆ The [Everts Park](#) project is moving along, see this newsletter for more information. I am very excited to provide these new exciting amenities, particularly for our children, let's get back to playing.
- ◆ The City is participating in a free tree program, please sign up for a tree this fall.
- ◆ [Census, Census Census](#); respond, we need every person counted. Talk to your neighbors, come to City Hall for free census swag (outside). If you need a job, [Census takers are needed](#) and it pays \$29.50 an hour. Click Highwood Counts logo.
- ◆ Remember, no more city stickers.

I am so grateful to be your Mayor. I wish you good health.

Promote dignity,

Mayor Charlie Pecaro


HIGHWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT


Effective immediately, in an effort to help protect our citizens and employees from the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Highwood Police Department will be implementing additional precautions and procedures.

The protocol below will go into effect immediately and continue until further notice.

HIGH PRIORITY – EMERGENCY CALLS

The Highwood Police Department will only be responding to high priority/emergency calls for service, including, but not limited to;

- Any violent crimes or crimes against persons
- Domestic or Battery related calls
- Motor vehicle crashes involving injuries or lane blockage
- Burglaries or Burglar alarms
- Any calls where evidence needs to be collected or a crime scene needs to be processed
- Or where a shift supervisor deems it necessary for a police officer to respond.

LOW PRIORITY CALLS FOR SERVICE

Low priority calls for service such as information for police reports, delayed reports, non-emergency calls, property crimes or ordinance violations will only be handled via phone. When you call the Police Department you will be advised that an officer will call you back and generate a report over the phone.

**IF YOU HAVE COME TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE A REPORT,
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE BUILDING IF:**

- Your request for service falls into the low priority classification
- You are experiencing a fever, flu-like symptoms, sore throat or shortness of breath, unless you need immediate medical assistance
- You have traveled outside the United States within the last 14 days

Please return home and call the non-emergency number (847)604-8992 to make your police report; an officer will be in touch as soon as possible.

HIGHWOOD COUNTS

2020 census

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ALFRESCO DINING—SUMMER IN HIGHWOOD

FAQ SHEET

Provide by the: [Highwood Chamber of Commerce](#)

WHAT

Highwood will offer an "AL FRESCO" outdoor community dining area, like a picnic grove, with tables and chairs. Order takeout from anywhere, and enjoy it here! Individual businesses may also have outdoor seating options - ask a volunteer for suggestions. Tables will be spaced at least 6 feet apart.

WHY

Highwood is renowned for our happening bar and restaurant scene, and Phase 3 offers a chance to re-energize it. But some bars and restaurants don't have outdoor seating. A community dining area allows all businesses to take advantage of the newly permitted outdoor dining in [Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois plan](#). We will evolve into Phases 4 and 5 as we go.

WHERE

[406 Sheridan Rd., Highwood, IL 60040](#)

The entrance to the Metra lot, between Astra Nails and Himalayan Sherpa Kitchen. *The Metra lot will remain open for parking.*

WHEN

Starts Friday May 29, 2020

- Friday 4-9PM
- Saturday 11AM-9PM
- Sunday 11AM-9PM

Hours are approximate and weather dependent.

PARKING

We encourage folks to use the Highwood Metra station parking lot. The lot can be accessed from the south via Highwood Ave. ([Walgreens](#) entrance) or from the north via Bank Lane ([Highwood Bocce Club](#) entrance).



LIQUOR

Liquor may be consumed at the Al Fresco Dining area. Open container laws still apply between businesses and the dining area. Obey signs indicating no alcohol beyond the barricades of the dining area.

RESTROOMS

Currently, we do not have portable washrooms for this area. Customers are encouraged to use the bathrooms at the bar/restaurant they ordered from while doing the following : 1) wear a mask when going to use the washroom, and 2) wash hands thoroughly

GET SOCIAL

PLEASE SHARE Facebook and Instagram posts from the :

[Highwood Chamber of Commerce.](#)

[www.highwoodchamber.com/alfresco.](http://www.highwoodchamber.com/alfresco)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Summer Safety Tips for Children Home Alone

1. **Always check with your parents** before you go anywhere or do anything. Be sure to check-in regularly with your parents when you're not with them.
2. Always **take a friend** with you when playing or going anywhere. It's safer and more fun.
3. **Don't be tricked** by people who offer you special treats or gifts. Never accept anything from anyone without your parent's permission.
4. Stay safer **when you're home alone**:
 - ✓ Keep the door locked.
 - ✓ Do not open the door for or talk to anyone who stops by unless the person is a trusted family friend or relative, and the visit has been pre-approved by your parents or guardians.
 - ✓ Never telling anyone who calls that you're home by yourself.
 - ✓ Before you are home alone, talk to your parents about a neighbor or trusted adult you can call if you feel scared, uncomfortable, or there's an emergency
5. Never go into a public restroom **by yourself**.
6. Never go alone to malls, movies, arcades, or parks. Take a friend with you, and always check first with your parents to **make sure it's okay**.
7. **Don't panic** if you feel lost. Identify the safest place to go or person to ask for help in reuniting you with your parents or guardians. Safe helpers could be a uniformed law-enforcement or security officer, store salesperson with a name tag, person with a name tag who is working at the information booth. Never search for your parents or guardians on your own, and never go with anyone who is trying to reunite you with them.
8. **Be careful when you play.**
 - ✓ **Never take shortcuts** unless you have your parents or guardians permission.
 - ✓ Don't play near busy streets or isolated areas.
9. Don't wear clothes or carry items **with your name** on the outside
 - ✓ Don't be confused just because a person you don't know calls out your name.
10. **Don't get into a vehicle** or go near a vehicle with anyone in it unless you are with your parents or a trusted adult.
 - ✓ Never take a ride from anyone without checking first with your parents or guardians.
11. Don't be afraid to **say NO and GET AWAY** from any situation making you feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused, **RUN**. TRUST YOUR FEELINGS, and be sure to TELL a trusted adult if anything happens to make you feel this way.



HIGHWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY



CURBSIDE PICKUP



STARTS JUNE 15!

Monday-Friday
1:00-5:00pm

Saturday
12:00-4:00pm

1... REQUEST

Request books, movies, and games via the online catalog, by calling (847) 432-5404, or by emailing programming@highwoodlibrary.org.

You will receive notification that your items are ready for pick up. Park in the city lot west of the Library building. Call (847) 432-5404 and let us know you are there and staff will bring your items to your car. Walk up services are also available.

2... PICK UP (holds will be available for 7 days)

You will receive a date due slip or email when your items are due. Return to the outdoor book drop at the main entrance. Items will be cleaned and quarantined for 7 days before being available again.

3... RETURN



Visit www.highwoodlibrary.org for more information and full FAQs.

HIGHWOOD RECREATION CENTER

The Rec Center is Closed Until Further Notice

EVERTS PARK RENOVATION UPDATE

Over the past year the City engaged its residents, and a professional planner, to create the [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 City then secured a \$400,000 State grant help pay for the Phase 1 renovation of the park which totals about \$1 million. The City has been moving closer to completion of the final design, some highlights include:

- ◆ A 1,000 square foot splash pad.
- ◆ Exciting new playground equipment - climbers and swings.
- ◆ An acoustically sensitive bandshell.
- ◆ Areas for public art display and reflection.
- ◆ Native plantings using pollinator flowers and shrubs and a rain garden.
- ◆ Enhanced security with lighting, cameras, and Wi-Fi.
- ◆ Vastly improved power for special events.
- ◆ A covered gazebo for picnics and monitoring the playground.
- ◆ Community gathering spaces, intimate and large.



CITY TO PRESERVE AND RE-DEDICATE PLAQUES

The City is keenly aware of the contributions that many people have made to Everts Park over many years. The City has inventoried the 31 commemorative plaques in the Park and will be moving these plaques into storage. Many of the plaques are on benches which will be reused or replaced, with the old plaques reattached. Many are adhered to rocks near dedicated trees. The City will be spading out and saving many of these trees, and simply returning the plaques. While several of the trees will be removed to accommodate the new park features, many new trees will be added and the plaques will be rededicated to those trees. We will be working to contact persons and their families on the plaques to participate in the grand opening of the Park in late June 2021 at which they will be recognized.



HIGHWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Highwood Historical Society

P. O.Box 132,
Highwood, IL 60040
847-681-9039



Highwood - 1918*

Did you know? Memories from the Highwood Historical Society

Population of Highwood was around 1400 residents.

Residents blamed soldiers for a Spanish Influenza epidemic in the fall of 1918. The school was closed, theatre attendance was banned and even church devotions were restricted. **Mayor was John Meyers, Sr.**, affectionately known as "Doc" or "Sarge," for all his array of medals from his military service in the Spanish American war.



Laegeler's Drug Store (now site of Miramar Restaurant) was opened on the corner of Highwood and Waukegan Road in 1927 but had been in operation as a pharmacy much earlier on Temple Avenue in the late 1800's and on North Avenue in 1910. The business remained a Highwood icon for over 100 years.

Oak Terrace School was built in 1916 on Prairie Avenue. The new Oak Terrace School was built and opened in 2001 on the same property. The original pillars from the front of the school were saved and are now on the east lawn of the school. By looking closely you can see oak Leaves carved into the top of the pillars.



- ◆ *Information obtained from 28 Miles North by Marvyn Wittelle and Highwood Centennial Book, 1987. These books are available for viewing at the Highwood Historical Society Museum, and at the Highwood Library once the buildings have been approved to open. Contact 847-682-9039 with any questions.)
- ◆ Teta Minuzzo, Past President/Archivist- HHS



CELEBRATE HIGHWOOD—EVENTS MOVED TO 2021

It is with a deep sadness that we report that Celebrate Highwood has cancelled all of its 2020 events due to the Covid19 Pandemic. Celebrate will be working on some pop-up ideas and charity outreach, note the Northshore Pride Fest with flags in our downtown celebrating diversity and inclusion. From Celebrate:

“Our festivals may be on hold this year, but we are working hard to help our neighbors. Thanks to YOU and all of your incredible donations to Family Service of Lake County – Nuestro Center, we were able to feed 200 families grocery bags filled with pork, rice, beans, masa, tortillas, potatoes, fruits, veggies and eggs. It was impactful and achieved with YOUR generosity.”



Festivals Coming in 2021

- ✓ Market, Music & Social
 - ✓ Inferno Fest
 - ✓ Taco Fest
- ✓ Family Fun Run
- ✓ Blood Mary Fest
 - ✓ Garlic Fest
 - ✓ Nashwood
- ✓ Pumpkin Festival
- ✓ Superhero Run/Walk
 - ✓ Elf Invasion

VEHICLE STICKERS NO LONGER REQUIRED!

The City of Highwood no longer requires City vehicle stickers. The City Council voted this past fall to eliminate the sticker requirement. The Council agreed that the difficulty in administering and enforcing the program was no longer tenable. Also, there was a recognition that program created a significant inconvenience for our residents. The revenues from the program will be replaced via the gasoline tax, new development and sales taxes, a portion of which is paid for by non-residents.



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