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CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

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FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

Greetings Citizens,

Thank you to all who attended the State of the City Address. Your presence and your belief in our community made the moment special. Through community engagement and commitment, we can come together to reflect on our progress and confidently look ahead to a brighter future. Together, we are building a stronger and more connected community. As we look ahead, let's continue to stand united, support one another and work together toward a shared vision of growth, success, and opportunities. Remember your voice matter and you are a vital part of the legacy of Highland Park. Let's continue to do the work together as one community.

–Mayor Glenda McDonald

IN FULL SWING! INFO PROVIDED BY: CED DEPARTMENT

The CED Department is in full swing! With the adoption of the Economic Development Strategy on March 2, 2026, the City of Highland Park is now in the process of amending our Master Land Use Plan 2030 with fresh and vibrant housing and economic goals and strategies. On March 24th we held a Community Open House at the Highland Park Justice Center to hear from you, the community, on what your vision for the City of Highland Park looks like! We would like to thank everyone that came out and gave your input, we are One Community, and we are Moving Forward together! We are always looking for ways to improve and make Highland Park an even better place to live, work, and visit.

Along with the updates to the Master Plan, we will be creating a Strategic Housing Framework Policy Outline which will provide a comprehensive, data-informed roadmap to guide housing policy, investment, and decision-making. Its purpose is to address current and future housing needs by expanding supply, preserving existing neighbourhoods, promoting housing stability, and aligning resources and partnerships to support equitable, sustainable community growth.

It is a great day in the City of Highland Park! Along with the above mentioned planning efforts, we have \$5 Million worth of demolition underway – residential, commercial, and large structures; highlights include the Highland Towers (12850 Woodward), 25 Highland, Highland Appliance (13847 Woodward), and the old theatre (13839 Woodward). The Joe Louis Greenway construction is underway and nearly complete (over \$20M investment) and there are new and improved housing rehab projects in place totalling over \$135 Million investment. Lastly, be on the lookout for your downloadable copy of the Economic Development Strategy and The Highland Park Guide to Development, which you will be able to find on the City's website www.highlandparkmi.gov. Stay tuned for the upcoming Economic Development Forum (May 2026) and Small Business Lunch and Learn (June 2026).

For more information contact the CED Department at (313) 252-0050 ext. 255

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INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

INFO PROVIDED BY:

WATER & ENGINEERING DEPT.

- Water Main and Lead Service Line Replacement Projects:
 - Project 1:
 - Replacement of 4.25 miles of water main, including the full replacement of 149 lead service lines.
 - Construction is ongoing, with completion tentatively scheduled for Spring 2026.
 - Project 2:
 - Replacement of 7.2 miles of water main, including the full replacement of approximately 1,053 lead service lines.
 - Construction is ongoing, with completion tentatively scheduled for Summer 2026.
 - Project 3:
 - Replacement of 10.23 miles of water main, including the full replacement of approximately 1,228 lead service lines.
 - Design and construction are ongoing, with Phase 2 of construction anticipated to begin Summer 2026.
- Glendale Avenue Road Rehabilitation
 - Received \$950,000 in MDOT funding to resurface 0.51 miles of Glendale Avenue, between Hamilton Avenue and Woodward Avenue.
 - Construction planned for Spring 2026.
- Manchester Street Road Rehabilitation
 - Received \$742,000 in MDOT funding to resurface 0.50 miles of Manchester Street, between Woodward Avenue and Oakland Avenue.
 - Construction anticipated for Late 2026.

JOB POSTINGS IN HP

NACA Counselor – \$65,000 – \$100,000 per year
Neighborhood Assistance Corp. of America
Apply on www.indeed.com

Mentoring Coordinator – \$20.00 – \$50.00 per hour
My Sister's Keeper
Apply on indeed.com

Various Positions Available – Part time & Full time
Forman Mills
Apply on <https://jobs.dayforcehcm.com>

HIGHLIGHTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The police department is excited to announce the **Autism Awareness & Acceptance Event on April 25, 2026 from 11am – 3pm** and the Highland Park Justice Center. Join us for resources, crafts, vendors, prizes and more!

Basketball Cop Foundation, Highland Park Police Department, and Michigan State Police are back at it again! **May 23, 2026 from 12pm–3pm we are shooting hoops!** This free event will have food, music, games, prizes and more! Meet us at Manchester Ave., between Second & Third.

PARKS & REC

The City of Highland Park, Parks & Recreation Department is continuing through May our **After School Program, Monday – Thursday from 3 pm – 6 pm.** Come and let the children enjoy sports, arts & crafts, media, beat making and more. **A meal is also provided Monday – Thursday. Fridays are reserved for our teens 14 – 17 yrs from 4:00 – 5:30 pm.**

We will be hosting our **annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th from 11 am – 1 pm.**

On **April 18 we will be hosting a Baseball Clinic in honor of Jackie Robinson Day.**
Youth 4–7 yrs. 10 am – 11:15 am
Youth 8–13 yrs. 11:30 – 1:30 pm

We will be conducting a **park clean-up at MLK Park on April 18** and the **Summer Kick off on June 13, 12 – 3 pm.**

Our **Summer Sports clinics begin on June 22nd.** All clinic will run from 9 am – 1 pm
Monday – Thursday. Breakfast and lunch are served Monday – Thursday.