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CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

Newsletter.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

Greetings Citizens,

As the City of Highland Park continues to move forward, we will begin reaching out to various groups for their input on a variety of topics related to the growth of our community. I am also pleased to share that the new sign for the Joe Louise Greenway has been installed. Please take a moment to stop by and see it. This sign represents a new beginning for our city, and we are looking forward to a formal ribbon cutting in 2026. Last but not least, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Honorable Martha G. Scott on the dedication of an honorary street sign in her name. Rhode Island Street will also bear the name Honorable Martha G. Scott Blvd. Together, these milestones reflect the pride, progress, and promise of Highland Park.

-Mayor Glenda McDonald

A WORK IN PROGRESS

INFO PROVIDED BY: CED DEPARTMENT

The Community and Economic Development Department (CED) of the City of Highland Park is committed to building a prosperous future for the residents, businesses, and visitors of the City of Highland Park. In an effort of commitment, the CED Department is **working with Wayne County to demolish 64** City owned blighted structures to help clean up the City, as well as spark economic growth and development. **Wayne County is also in the process of demolishing over 60 blighted structures of their own to total over 125 structures** that have been sitting vacant and in disrepair for many, many years!

The CED Department, in conjunction with McKenna, is also near completion of the Economic Development Strategy and getting ready for the next series of Community Engagement Activities to get community feedback and input to update the Highland Park Master Land Use Plan, which will include a Housing Readiness Strategy. Together CED and McKenna are also scrubbing Ordinances and working with the City Council to update and strengthen the Ordinances to benefit the residents of the City of Highland Park and help lay the groundwork for future development and economic opportunities.

Lastly, the CED Department is happy to announce that the **City recently sold seven (7) out of (7) residential structures during the Auction** that took place August 15, 2025.

More to come... **For more information, contact the department at (313) 252-0050 ext. 255**

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INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

INFO PROVIDED BY: WATER & ENGINEERING DEPT.

The City of Highland Park, in partnership with Metro Consulting Associates, continues to make significant progress in improving our water and sewer infrastructure. To date, the **City has replaced 15 miles of water main, installed 100 new hydrants and valves, and replaced 758 lead service lines, moving toward the goal of 2,000 replacements.** In addition, three water master meters are being installed at key locations with the Great Lakes Water Authority, improving system accuracy and efficiency. Two of these installations are now complete, with the final site expected to be operational by November 2025.

The Engineering Department has also been hard at work ensuring safe and sustainable infrastructure across the community. **Twenty-three sinkholes have been identified and are scheduled for repair by year's end,** improving roadway safety. Major site improvements are underway along the **Joe Louis Greenway to create a bike path from Rosa Parks Boulevard to Oakland Avenue.** Additionally, state grant-funded stormwater management projects will soon begin at the Ernest T. Ford Recreation Center, including rain gardens, bioretention ponds, and a newly repaved parking lot with enhanced drainage. These efforts reflect the City's ongoing commitment to infrastructure, safety, and quality of life for Highland Park residents.

JOB POSTINGS IN HP

School Administrative Assistant

George Washington Carver Academy (Highland Park, MI)
Apply on www.indeed.com

Program Director - From \$54,000 /yr
Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan
Apply on www.bgcsm.org/work-at-bgcsm/

Customer Service Associate

Family Dollar
Apply on www.careers.familydollar.com

HIGHLIGHTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Big things are happening at the Highland Park Fire Department! We've added a new Engine 1 to our fleet! We recently purchased pumper truck from Swartz Creek that's now ready to serve our community.

As **October marks Fire Prevention Month**, we encourage all residents to test their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and remember, **we provide them free of charge to Highland Park households.** Join us at our **Fire Department Open House on Friday, October 17th from 2-6 PM**, where you can meet the team, tour the station, and take home important safety resources.

Thanks to a special collaboration with Mayor McDonald, we'll also be distributing 200 free kitchen fire blankets to help keep your home safe.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Starting October 1st we are releasing a new series, **"Behind City Hall"** on YouTube which highlights the people working for you!

"Ask HP Live" is a new monthly series where various departments will go Live on Social Media allowing for residents to ask questions.

A CITY IN MOTION!

SPECIAL EVENT: HONORING ONE OF OUR OWN

The City of Highland Park announced a special honorary street naming ceremony on September 27th, in recognition of the Honorable Commissioner Martha G. Scott, a distinguished public servant and trailblazer who has dedicated her life to uplifting the community.

Commissioner Martha G. Scott has a storied legacy of leadership and service, having served Highland Park, Wayne County, and the State of Michigan with distinction for decades. The honorary street naming celebrates her unwavering commitment to public service, her advocacy for equitable policies, and her dedication to improving the lives of residents throughout the region.

Community members, elected officials, and local leaders gathered to pay tribute to Commissioner Scott's extraordinary legacy and her role as a trailblazer in Michigan politics.

