



July–Sept 2026

CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

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FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

Greetings Citizens,

This quarter, our City continued to build real momentum, from new investment and progress on the Joe Louis Greenway, to the reestablishment of our Historic Commission and key updates to our planning tools. I'm also grateful for the spirit our Senior Department brought to summer, through daily meals, wellness programs, and beloved traditions like the Ice Cream Social and Princess Boat Cruise. These moments remind us that a stronger Highland Park is built through connection, not just construction. I encourage every resident to stay engaged, attend a meeting, share your voice, and take pride in what's happening in your community. Together, we're writing the next chapter of Highland Park.

–Mayor Glenda McDonald

BUILDING MOMENTUM! INFO PROVIDED BY: CED DEPARTMENT

Highland Park's Community & Economic Development Department is advancing on multiple fronts. Property investment remains strong, with 27 offers to purchase (30 parcels, ~\$36,170 potential sales) and 9 option-to-purchase agreements (33 parcels, ~\$109,750 potential sales) currently under review. Blight elimination efforts continue to reshape neighborhoods, with 21+ dangerous structures demolished so far in 2026 and 40+ more planned before year-end. The Joe Louis Greenway is nearing completion through Highland Park, with discussions underway for a possible trailhead near Woodward Avenue to connect residents to the regional trail system.

Planning initiatives are also reaching key milestones. The Capital Improvement Plan has been completed, while updates to the Future Land Use Map and Master Land Use Plan are nearing completion, with the latter expected to go before the Planning Commission in the coming months. Municode implementation will soon give the public easy online access to updated City ordinances, and the Parks & Recreation Plan is on track for completion in Q3 2026. Zoning Ordinance updates and the Housing Stock Site Plan Playbook are also nearing the finish line, aimed at strengthening development standards and encouraging quality residential investment.

The City has reestablished its Historic Commission, with a first meeting set for August 29, 2026, and seats still available for interested residents. An update to the TIFA Development Plan is also underway, with community engagement sessions to follow in the coming months. New "Guide to Development" and "Economic Development Strategy" resources are now available on the City's website for developers, investors, and residents. Together, these efforts reflect the City's continued commitment to attracting investment and building a stronger Highland Park.

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.

- Glendale Avenue
 - 0.50 miles of hot mix asphalt, cold milling and resurfacing, storm sewer, curb ramps and pavement markings on Glendale Avenue from Hamilton Avenue northeasterly to Woodward Avenue (M-1). Anticipated completion by the end of August 2026.
- 2024 Water Main & Service Line Replacement
 - Replacement of the existing cast-iron water main, with approximately 42,820 linear feet of new C900 pipe with diameter sizes of 6-inch, 8-inch, and 12-inch. The project is divided into four phases. Anticipated completion by the end of September 2026.

JOB POSTINGS IN HP

Community Outreach - Full time - \$20 per hour

CADC LLC

Apply on indeed.com

Executive Admin Assistant - Full time - \$22-26 per hour

Spectrum Human Services

Apply on indeed.com

Assembler - Full time - \$17.50 per hour

Magna International

Apply on indeed.com

PARKS & REC

The City of Highland Park, Parks & Recreation Department is continuing through Aug 20 our Summer Programs Program, Monday – Thursday from 9 pm – 4 pm. Come and let the children enjoy sports, arts & crafts, media, beat making and more. A meal is also provided Monday – Thursday.

HIGHLIGHTS

SENIOR DEPARTMENT

This summer, the Senior Department kept Highland Park's older adults active and connected through daily Food & Friendship lunches (Mon–Thu, DAAA partnership), a Walking Club, tech classes, cooking demos, and wellness sessions. Standout events included an Ice Cream Social with HPOT and the Joe Louis Greenway Partnership, plus the annual Princess Boat Luncheon Cruise on the Detroit River. The Department thanked key partners — HPOT, DAAA, JLGP, and Dedicated Senior Medical Center — for their ongoing support.

Looking ahead, September kicks off the Fall/Winter Program Season with returning favorites (Chair Exercise, Walking Club, Bingo, Congregate Lunches) and new offerings like Art Therapy, a Caregiver Support Group, and Health & Wellness Presentations. Seniors are encouraged to pick up the Fall/Winter Activities Calendar and RSVP early.

Book Mobile on Wed. thru Aug 18th 9:30 – 11:00 am

Sept 15th Ribbon Cutting for Ives Park Project

Sept 19th Resource Fair 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Fridays is reserved for our teens 14 – 17 yrs from 3:30 – 5:30 pm

We will be hosting our annual Back to School Program on Saturday, August 15th from 11 am – 1 pm

October 5th After School Program begins M–Th 3–6 pm

October 31st Trunk or Treat 5:30–7:00 pm

December 28th 3 on 3 Holiday Basketball Tournament