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## Restaurant Crawl a huge success

Whether it was a juicy burger from Growler's, scrumptious buffalo shrimp from Traditions, ginger snap ice cream from The Counter or a Cotton Candy White Mocha from Sip 2, downtown Highland's first-ever Restaurant Crawl was an unqualified success.

For Traditions Restaurant & Pub, their Tuesday night crowd was ramped up with new folks of all ages, who spent time window-shopping as they joined the crawl.

Owner Mark Spain said the turnout was great.

"We stayed busy throughout the evening and people who came in were talking about food at the other restaurants and how busy everybody was," Spain said. "We are definitely going to remain part of the downtown crawl."

Highland Main Street President Dawn Diamantopoulos said the group wanted to assist downtown restaurants hard hit by the COVID-19 emergency.

"We thought a monthly crawl, held on what is a slower business weekday, would be an ideal way to showcase our great downtown dining options," she said. "We hope to see you all in October."

**Mark your calendars:** The Highland Restaurant Crawl will be held the last Tuesday of every month with downtown restaurants changing up their menus with \$5 specials. The next crawls will be held beginning at 5 p.m. Oct. 27, Nov. 27 and Dec. 29.

## [ LEAF COLLECTION ]

Autumn leaf collection begins Monday, **October 12** and will conclude December 4. The insert in this issue of the Gazebo Express contains dates for leaf collection in your neighborhood.



## [ FALL CLEANUP ]

If getting rid of excess stuff has been on your to-do list, it's time to let the purging begin. Republic Waste Services will schedule extra crews **October 13** to collect additional trash and unwanted items as part of fall cleanup day. Construction debris, concrete, household hazardous waste, paint, pool chemicals and leaves are NOT included.

## [ DRUG TAKE BACK ]

Turn in unused or expired medications to the authorities instead of flushing or throwing them out. No needles are accepted. Highland Police will be participating with the Drug Enforcement Agency as a drop-off site for medications from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **October 24**. The Highland Police Department is located at 3315 Ridge Road. QUESTIONS? Call Ken Balon or Ralph Potesta at (219) 838-3184.

# BACK ON TRACK: HIGHLAND

## [ NO BURNING LEAVES ]

Open burning of leaves, twigs or other yard waste is prohibited within the corporate limits of the Town of Highland. According to Title 12.15.050 of the Highland Municipal Code, "No person shall openly burn or ignite refuse, garbage or rubbish." The law was created in 2000 to keep residents and structures safe.

**INFO:** Visit [highland.in.gov/MunicipalCode](http://highland.in.gov/MunicipalCode) to learn more.



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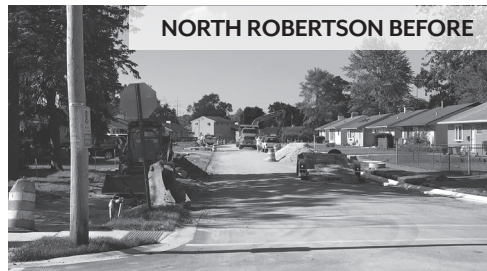
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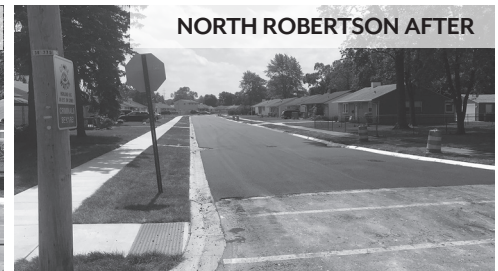
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## Wicker Park Manor improvements

The 8100 block of Robertson Place and Rosewood Court got a facelift in September thanks to the town's board of works and water board, which shouldered the lion's share of the cost.

The \$541,000 project – that included installation of a new water main and road, curbs and sidewalks where needed and driveway aprons throughout – received a funding boost through the federal Community Development Block Grant program, which benefits low- to moderate-income neighborhoods.

The improvements were the second

project in Wicker Park Manor in as many years. Public Works Director Mark Knesek said the completed work is an asset to the community.

Next up: construction to install an oversized storm sewer to alleviate flooding on what residents call Lake Laverne at Grace Street.

"There has been a logjam at Laverne for a number of years," Knesek said.

"As we framed the project, we were able to streamline the path of the stormwater. All storm sewers in that area will benefit from the project, which will be completed yet this year."



# BACK ON TRACK: HIGHLAND

## [ BACK ON TRACK STAGE 5 ]

Highland and communities throughout the state are in Stage 5 through October 17. Here are the guidelines:

- Face coverings are required. If you are not wearing a mask and a store or restaurant says it requires customers to wear face coverings, they can refuse to let you shop or eat in their establishment.
- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet, especially in public and when you are in close contact with others who are not members of your household.
- Wash your hands frequently and use hand sanitizer when hand-washing is not available.
- Do not go to work or other locations when you feel sick or symptomatic.
- Hoosiers 65 and older and those with known high-risk medical conditions should remain vigilant about protecting their exposure to COVID-19. Limit gatherings with those outside of your household or regular social bubble.
- Hoosiers who will be in contact with individuals 65 and older and those with known high-risk medical conditions should remain vigilant about exposure:
  - Consider a COVID-19 test before prolonged exposure to high-risk individuals so you can make an informed decision. Do not visit if you are positive or symptomatic.
  - Maintain 6 feet of social distancing and wear a mask for protection.
  - Maintain hygiene standards.

## [ RESTRICTIONS LIFTED ]

- Restaurants, bars and nightclubs are open at full capacity. Bar customers must be seated. Social distancing required as a seating consideration.
- Indoor and outdoor venues are open at full capacity. Social distancing of at least 6 feet is required among non-household members, especially for indoor events where attendees are gathered for extended periods of time.
- Personal services may resume normal operations. Face coverings and social distancing are required.

## [ WHAT'S NEXT? ]

Gov. Eric Holcomb will continue monitoring the COVID-19 crisis and update Back on Track plans on October 14. Visit [highland.in.gov](http://highland.in.gov) for the latest updates.



## [ SPECIAL AND SEASONAL EVENTS ]

Organizers of special or seasonal events for which total attendance will be in excess of 500, such as Highland's Pumpkin Plod, are required to submit an event plan to local health officials 14 days in advance of the event.

"We developed and submitted a plan for the Pumpkin Plod that outlines the steps that will be taken to mitigate against COVID-19," Park Superintendent Alex Brown said. "This will help the Lake County Health Department monitor large events that have higher risk potential for the spread of COVID-19 and better enable initiation of contact tracing."

In addition to social distancing measures, plans will outline attendance, screening and mask requirements. Stay tuned for details in the November Gazebo Express!

## [ GYMS & FITNESS CENTERS ]

Gyms, fitness centers and workout facilities have resumed normal operations. Face coverings and social distancing are required.

"We are monitoring group sizes and maintaining the spacing of equipment at Lincoln Fitness Center," Recreation Director Dave Byers said. "We ask our members to remain vigilant and maintain a cleaning regimen before and after using equipment."

## [ TOWN HALL BUSINESS ]

The Town of Highland will continue to conduct business at Town Hall, 3333 Ridge Road, by appointment only. All visitors are required to wear masks and wait in your car until called inside for your appointment. Highland residents are also asked to continue paying utility bills online or via the drop box. Visit [highland.in.gov](http://highland.in.gov) for the latest updates.

## BACK ON TRACK: HIGHLAND



# HALLOWEEN

## TRUNK OR TREAT

2-5 PM OCTOBER 24

Main Square Park

Interested in participating?

The Highland Council of Community Events invites merchants and organizations to participate.

Costumes and decorated vehicles are encouraged.

Set-up time is from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

INFO: Email [Highlandcce@gmail.com](mailto:Highlandcce@gmail.com).

## TRICK-OR-TREATING HOURS

Trick-or-treating hours are from 5 to 7 p.m. **October 31** for all Highland ghouls and goblins!

### [ PARKS & RECREATION ]

Looking for something to do while safely social distancing? Highland Parks and Recreation has a few fall classes, activities and events to consider:

### [ COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE ]

Do you have stuff you'd like to sell, but don't want people in your home? Join the community garage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **October 10** and **November 21** at Lincoln Community Center. Register to sell your items now! Vendor fees are \$33 for 10' X 10' interior space or \$54 for 23' x 6' wall space. Table, chairs, extension cords not provided.

### [ YOUTH BASKETBALL ]

Students in kindergarten through Grade 5 will play a 10-game season while learning the fundamentals of basketball. The league will consist of three divisions: Kindergarten and 1st Grade, 2nd and 3rd Grade, 4th and 5th Grade. Games are on Saturdays and practice on weekdays. Teams are determined by a player draft. All players receive a T-shirt. Deadline to register is **October 14**. Fee is \$50 for residents and \$55 for nonresidents. Practice begins the week of November 2. Games are held between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. December 5 through February 20 at Lincoln Community Center Fieldhouse.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit us online at [highlandparks.org](http://highlandparks.org) or call the park office at (219) 838-0114.

### [ HOLIDAY CHURCH BAZAAR ]

Looking for that special gift? Check out the Christmas bazaar — featuring arts, crafts, baked goods and more from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **November 14** at First Church of the Nazarene, 9330 Kennedy Ave. Lunch will be available for purchase, too! Questions? Please call (219) 775-1383.