

## FORGING ENVIRONMENTAL WINS

Partners for Clean Air Award recognizes efforts to improve air quality, reduce carbon footprint

Highland is the proud recipient of the 2022 NWI Partners for Clean Air Award, which recognizes the Redevelopment Commission's efforts to improve air quality and reduce the town's carbon footprint.

Redevelopment Director Kathy DeGuilio-Fox said in Highland's case, the award recognizes a myriad of ways the town is forging environmental wins.

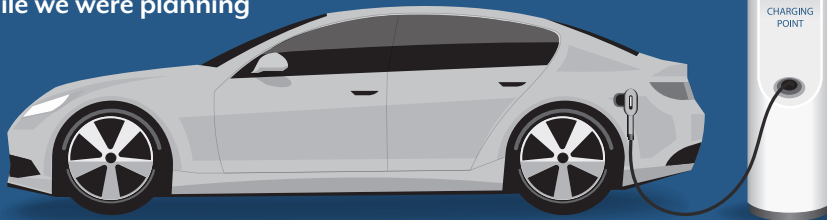
"We started planning The Depot project in early 2018 to replace the municipal lot, which was in such disrepair, and bring attention — and people — back downtown," she said. "Accentuating the bike path came next while we were planning

an homage to the history of trains that once ran through Highland."

DeGuilio-Fox said the amenities evolved as planning continued.

"The electric vehicle chargers are a wonderful addition, but they are just one component of a larger initiative," she said.

"The parking lot, which also features a Depot with public restrooms, is a community gathering place for car shows and other events. It's a great place to meet friends, grab dinner and take advantage of all downtown has to offer."



### SAVING OUR ENVIRONMENT



Environmental pluses of Highland's downtown municipal parking lot:

- ✿ **EV chargers** promote cleaner air with zero-emission electric vehicles.
- ✿ **LED luminaires** save energy, provide enhanced safety through better quality lighting, lower energy consumption and reduce CO2 emissions.
- ✿ **Pedestrian trail** that intersects with the downtown lot, encourages people to walk or bike to downtown Highland.

## SMITH APPOINTED HIGHLAND'S NEWEST TOWN COUNCILOR

One month into office, Councilwoman Toya Smith says the routine of the Highland Town Council is starting to feel familiar.

"Everyone has been working to help get me up-to-speed on issues as varied as the bands for the Fourth of July Festival, sanitary upgrades for the next several years as well as appointments to our boards and commissions," says Smith, a 15-year Highland resident. "Sanitary Board President Rich Garcia

has been amazing, so patient in explaining all that is going on with the board as have so many others. I am always conscious that I am making decisions that are best for Highland."

Council President Bernie Zemen said Smith's voice is a welcome addition to the board. "We appreciate that Toya has jumped right in to learn about issues that are important to the town," Zemen said. "She is a valuable addition to the council."



[ JULY 4<sup>th</sup> FESTIVAL ]

This year's Fourth of July Festival, which features music, food, carnival rides, a beer garden and craft/shopping venue, begins **JUNE 30** and continues through **JULY 4**.

This year's live entertainment lineup includes: Crawluppies, Dick Diamond & the Dusters, High Street, Mr. Funnyman, Simply Elton, My Altered Angel, Phil Angotti Band, Adam G & Friends, Father & Sons, Bad Alley Shadows, Underground Prophets, Head Honchos, Together, Got Issues and Heavy.



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[ **NEW FIRE STATION DOORS** ] Fifty years after the downtown Fire Station opened, the original doors have been replaced. Fire Chief Bill Timmer said it was a combination of age and material failure that led to the purchase. “We were having trouble getting parts and the paint didn’t stick,” he said. “Crawford Door, right here in Highland, installed doors made out of dark brown anodized aluminum that never need to be painted and tempered glass panels that are energy efficient, which means saving on energy costs, too.” [ Josh Carlascio photo ]

**Sip coffeehouse owner buys Jewett property**

Eight years after Rhonda Bloch leased space to open her second Sip Coffee House and Artisan Cafe in downtown Highland, she bought the building.

In addition to the 1907-vintage home at 2815 Jewett which is home to Sip, Bloch bought the garage at 2811 Jewett and the former grocery store that houses Primitive Peddler at 2813 Jewett. All three addresses had been owned by Highland Redevelopment. When the Redevelopment Commission decided to put them on the market in 2021, there were no takers, but Bloch was interested. Negotiations followed. The sale was complete in April.

Redevelopment Director Kathy DeGuilio-Fox said under Bloch’s ownership, there will be new stories



to write in the chapters of two of Highland’s oldest buildings.

“Rhonda loves the building and she loves downtown Highland. Jewett Street is her most active Sip location,” DeGuilio-Fox said.

“She is going to do some renovation and may be renting the garage or implementing ideas of her own for the space. Rhonda is a real go-getter.”



Memorial Day this year will expand on all of those that have preceded it.

Hosted by the Council of Community Events, the event will feature the Hometown Heroes banners encircling Main Square Park and lining both Highway, Jewett, Fourth and Fifth streets.

Event Coordinator Sandra McKnight said she and her fellow coordinator Jeffrey Pena are working to make Memorial Day 2022 a fitting tribute to all who have served.

“The Indiana Fallen Heroes Association will be here with a display of those who died in service to our country,” McKnight said. “American Legion Post 180, VFW Post 1109 and Highland Elks Lodge 981 will be in attendance. We invite the community to join us.”

#### [ MEMORIAL TRIBUTE ]

The community will honor veterans and fallen heroes during its annual Memorial Day ceremony.

**WHEN:** 10 a.m. **MAY 30**

**WHERE:** Main Square Park

**WELCOME:** Town Council President Bernie Zemen

**INVOCATION:** Michael Griffin, State Indiana

**SOLOIST:** Rick Tratar

#### MILITARY GUEST SPEAKERS

- ★ GMT3 Louis Williams
- ★ PFC Gary Van Der Noord
- ★ Lt. Col. David Anderson
- ★ Lt. Col. John Banka

**INFO:** Visit Highland Council of Community Events on Facebook.

#### [ SPRING CLEANUP DAY ]

Republic Waste Services crews will collect trash and rubbish **MAY 10** generated by spring cleaning. **NOT INCLUDED:** Construction debris, concrete, electronics, televisions, household hazardous waste and leaves. Televisions, computers and electronics may be recycled at Public Works, 8001 Kennedy.

**INFO:** Call (219) 972-5083.

#### [ HIGHLAND SPRING YARD SALE ]

Highland's next Communitywide Yard Sale will be held **MAY 14-15**.

Participants can sign up for Saturday only or both days.

- All participating addresses must be located in Highland.
- Residents are solely responsible for setup/removal of sale items, method of payment and assume all responsibility/liability for their location participating in the event.
- Participants should follow all current state and CDC guidelines for COVID-19 safety.

**REGISTRATION:** Visit the town website at [highland.in.gov](http://highland.in.gov) or Highland Council of Community Events on Facebook.

#### [ COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE ]

Do you have items you would like to resell, but don't want to invite people into your home to show your products? Join the community garage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, **MAY 21** at Lincoln Community Center!

**VENDOR FEES:** \$34 for 10' x 10' interior space. Cost includes 7% sales tax. Tables, chairs, extension cords are not provided.

**REGISTRATION:** For more info or to register, visit [highlandparks.org](http://highlandparks.org) or call (219) 838-0114.

**[ SUMMER CAMP ]**

Join us for games, crafts, songs, drama, sports and field trips.

**WHEN:** 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, **MAY 31-AUGUST 5.**

Pre-camp is from 7-8:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Lincoln Community Center

**FEES:** \$120 | \$140 weekly, \$30 | \$35 daily, \$7 | \$8 pre-camp and \$10 every 15 minutes past 5 p.m. late fee

**NOTE:** Mandatory parent meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. **MAY 31**

**INFO:** highlandparks.org

**[ TOUR DE HIGHLAND-GRIFFITH ]**

Enjoy a family-friendly bicycle ride through Highland and Griffith.

**WHEN:** 10 a.m.-noon **JUNE 11**

**WHERE:** Wicker Memorial Par

**FEES:** \$15 if you register by May 27 or \$20 the day of the ride. Includes the bike ride and lunch. Spectators may purchase a lunch wristband for \$5.

**INFO:** Visit eventbrite.com to register.

**[ SECOND SUNDAYS ]**

Grab a comfy lawn chair and head to Main Square Park **JUNE 12** for live entertainment. LeAnn Stutler (country solo) will perform at noon and headliner James Gedda & The Big Breakfast (blues/Americana) will perform at 1:15 p.m.

**INFO:** highlandparks.org

**[ MIDWEEK MARKET VENDORS ]**

Parks and Rec is seeking vendors of fresh fruits, vegetables, pet treats, soaps, honey, breads, cakes, etc.

**WHEN:** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesdays, **JUNE 8-AUGUST 31**

**WHERE:** Main Square Park

**VENDOR FEES:** \$200 for full 12 weeks, \$125 for six weeks, \$25 for one week.

Electricity and taxes not included.

Tables, chairs and cords not provided.

**INFO:** highlandparks.org

**MOTHER-SON SUPERHERO NIGHT**

Moms and their super sons – ages 4-12 – are invited to join us for this superhero-themed date night.

You'll create a great superhero project together and play fun superhero games.

The evening includes pizza and dessert.

**WHEN:** 6-8 p.m. Friday, **MAY 20**

**WHERE:** Lincoln Center Banquet Hall

**FEES:** \$25 resident | \$30 nonresident per couple

\$12.50 resident | \$15 nonresident per additional son

**INFO:** 219) 838-0114 or highlandparks.org  
Deadline to register is **MAY 13**

**[ SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY ]**

Highland Main Street invites the public to shop downtown during its monthly Small Business Saturday featured on the last Saturday of each month. Participating merchants are offering special Saturday sales.

**WHEN:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. **May 28**

**WHERE:** Downtown Highland

**INFO:** Visit the Highland Main Street on Facebook or highland.in.gov.

**[ MAY RESTAURANT CRAWL ]**

Highland's Downtown Restaurant Crawl is the last Tuesday of every month with restaurants featuring \$5 specials and businesses offering great promotions.

**WHEN:** 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, **May 31**

**WHERE:** Downtown Highland

**INFO:** Visit Highland Redevelopment Commission on Facebook or highland.in.gov for updates.