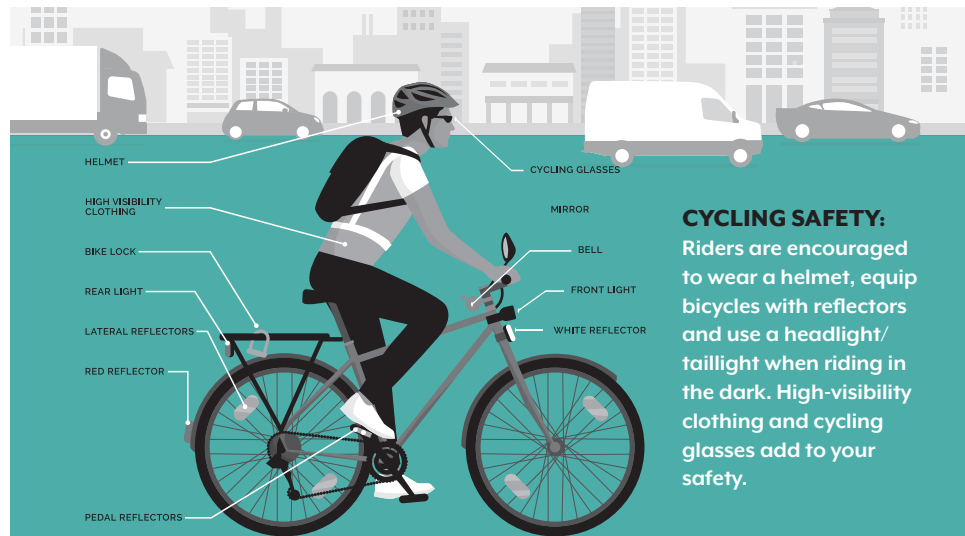




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CYCLING SAFETY:

Riders are encouraged to wear a helmet, equip bicycles with reflectors and use a headlight/taillight when riding in the dark. High-visibility clothing and cycling glasses add to your safety.

BICYCLES STILL BOOMING

WHETHER IT'S THE HIGH COST OF GASOLINE, THE PANDEMIC OR THE DESIRE TO GO GREEN, MORE AND MORE RESIDENTS ARE TAKING TO THE STREETS – AND TRAILS – ON TWO WHEELS.

Avid cyclist Sean Conley noticed an uptick in bike riders during the pandemic that re-emerged after the last snow.

As it turns out, since winter's hold over the weather broke and gas prices skyrocketed, the demand for bicycles has gone through the roof.

"We are selling more bikes this year than we have since COVID started and supply-chain problems became an issue," Ridge Cyclery owner Jeff Herak said. "Add that to the fact that people are bringing

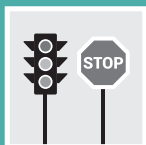
their bikes in for tune-ups and repairs: It's all keeping us busy."

An additional bike rack on Jewett Street across from Primitive Peddler, Sip and Miles Books may be a sign of things to come.

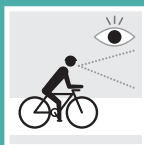
"It's great seeing more people out on their bikes," said Conley, who serves as president of the Redevelopment Commission and has a bike for every occasion.

"With everything Highland has to offer bicyclists, I'm hoping we will become a hub for the region."

THE RULES: Now that the warmer weather is here, Highland Police remind bicyclists they are required to follow the same rules of the road as drivers.



Follow rules and road signs



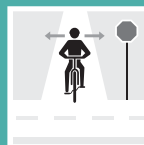
Be watchful: Look ahead



Follow traffic direction



Pay attention to vehicles



Look before entering lanes

UPGRADES MAKE WAY FOR NEW WATER FOWL AT HERON ROOKERY

Highland's Heron Rookery – once part of the largest wetland system in the world – is on track to welcome new marsh birds in 2023.

Three years of work to regulate water levels and remove invasive plants that choked out vegetation water fowl need to survive, a consortium of agencies with an interest in the rookery and other wetlands along the Little Calumet River are preparing to plant native species that will naturally attract ducks, herons and egrets.

Dan Repay, executive director of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, said marsh birds have suffered dramatic declines over the last 20 years. "We are doing all we can to give them the chance for a comeback," he said.

Harry Kuttner, Calumet Coordinator of the Wetlands Initiative agreed. "This effort is working to expand the habitat for water birds and serve as a resource for residents who enjoy watching for sightings of these magnificent birds and their young."

IF YOU GO: Bring a pair of binoculars and head east along the Little Calumet River Levee or the Erie Lakawanna Trail until you reach Liable Road to enjoy spectacular views of wildlife.

[GARAGE SALE SIGNAGE]

The height of the summer garage sale season presents a perfect opportunity to review town laws when it comes to the rules regarding yard sale promotions.

Code Enforcement would like to remind residents that signs advertising your sale may be placed only in your yard or the location of the sale.

Signs are banned in right-of-ways, parkways — the area between the street and your sidewalk — utility poles, traffic control signals and traffic control signs.



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Highland-Griffith Chamber of Commerce welcomes Ryskamp as executive director

After seven years serving as second-in-command in the Redevelopment Department, Lance Ryskamp is leaving to become executive director of the Highland-Griffith Chamber.

Ryskamp, who begins his new post in early July, said his desire to move into non-profit administration made for an opportunity he couldn't pass up.

"I'm proud of the time I've spent at Highland Redevelopment and enjoyed working with Cecile Petro and Kathy DeGuilio-Fox," he said. "I'm ready for this next chapter."

Council President Bernie Zemen said Ryskamp is a perfect fit to continue growing the chamber. "Whether Lance was serving as a councilman, on the Community Foundation or in redevelopment, he has made Highland better because he is here."

[CHAMBER GOLF OUTING]

Join Lance Ryskamp and the Highland-Griffith Chamber of Commerce team as they tee off at the 2022 chamber golf outing.

WHEN: 8 a.m. registration, 9 a.m. shotgun start **July 29**

WHERE: Wicker Park Golf Course

FEE: \$125 per person includes breakfast, lunch, golf, cart, drink tickets, golf balls and \$25 cash prize at every hole. Door prizes and cash payoffs for 1st and 2nd place teams. The driving range will be available before golfing.

INFO: Call (219) 923-3666 or visit highlandgriffithchamber.com to download a golf outing registration form or to learn more about this and upcoming chamber events.

Knotts joins Highland Police Department

Welcome Tyler Knotts as Highland's newest probationary police officer.

Sworn in by Highland Clerk-Treasurer Mark Herak June 13, Knotts arrived at the Highland Police Department with six years of law enforcement experience. The Portage High School graduate worked at New Chicago, Gary and the city of LaPorte police departments prior to coming to Highland. Knotts and his three children make their home with his fiancé and her child.

Stay tuned: In the August issue, we will introduce Devin Watkins and Kevin Guernsey, who were sworn in as Highland police officers June 27. Since Dec. 26, 2021, Highland has welcomed five new officers to the HPD family.





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SECOND SUNDAYS CONCERT SERIES

Grab a comfy lawn chair and head to Main Square Park for live entertainment. Opening acts perform at noon and headliners 1 p.m. Here's the upcoming lineup:

July 10	Adam Galikowski (traditional folk) IPA Polka Band
August 14	Dyllynger (classic rock) Geddy Trezek Band (classic rock)
Sept. 11*	Zodiac (rock/pop/country) Blues Fuse (blues & blues rock)

*Special 9/11 memorial. At noon, LeAnn Stutler will sing "Star Spangled Banner" and Craig Brooks will perform "Amazing Grace" on bagpipes.

INFO: highlandparks.org In case of inclement weather, concert will move to Lincoln Center Fieldhouse.

[HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY]

Make your environment safer by bringing your batteries, cleaners, oils, solvents, poisons, gasoline, pesticides, antifreeze, mercury thermometers, thermostats and fluorescent bulbs to the town garage from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. **July 23. ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:** tires, appliances, ammunition, explosives, medical/radioactive wastes, asbestos, 30-gallon or larger containers.

INFO: Call (219) 972-5083.

[ROTARY CORN ROAST]

Join us for all the corn you can eat plus two hot dogs or one sausage, chips, drink and dessert. Proceeds benefit Highland scholarships and park, fire and police departments.

WHEN: 4:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, **August 5**

WHERE: Main Square Park

TICKETS: \$8 in advance at the chamber, Cakes by Karen and Lincoln Center or \$10 at the park.



[WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE]

New Life Christian Reformed Church invites the community to attend its free family picnic. The event includes games and other fun activities including inflatables.

WHEN: Wednesday, **August 3.**

Picnic is from 5-6:30 p.m.

Games and activities from 5-7 p.m.

WHERE: New Life Church,
3010 Ridge Road, Highland

INFO: Call (219) 838-0506 or visit www.newlifecrc.com.

[NERF WAR]

Players will compete in teams of four in a capture-the-flag style tournament. Prizes awarded to top teams. Please bring one Nerf gun and Nerf N Strike foam darts. Required protective eye wear provided. Foam darts only!

WHEN: Saturday, **July 16**

AGES 6-8: 12-1:30 p.m.

AGES 9-11: 2-3:30 p.m.

AGES 12-13: 4-5:30 p.m.

WHERE: Lincoln Center Banquet Hall

FEES: \$14 residents | \$18 nonresidents

REGISTER BY: July 8

INFO: highlandparks.org

[KIDS YOGA]

A fun experience using traditional poses, games, songs, adventures and crafts to engage your child. We'll enhance fine and gross motor skills, balance as well as core strength. Yoga encourages self-esteem, concentration, body awareness and creativity through non-competitive physical activity. Please bring a towel, blanket or yoga mat.

AGES 3-5: 11-11:55 Tuesdays

AGES 6-10: 5:30-6:25 p.m.

Wednesdays

WHEN: **July 13 - August 17**

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

FEE: \$33 residents | \$36 nonresidents

INFO: highlandparks.org

[LET'S GET CREATIVE!]

Let the creative juices flow! In this fun and interactive Zoom class, kids will use their own natural talent of creativity and imagination to learn how to effectively develop and write their own stories. Each session covers different activities and topics.

WHEN: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays,
July 13 - August 3

FEE: \$52 residents | \$57 nonresidents

INFO: highlandparks.org

**FISHING TOURNAMENT**

Contestants will participate in a catch-and-release tournament at Meadows Park Pond. Prizes will be awarded for various categories. Bring your own fishing pole, hooks and bobbers. Limited amount of bait will be provided.

WHEN: 8-10 a.m. Saturday, **July 16**

WHERE: Meadows Park Pond

FEE: \$10 resident | \$13 nonresident

INFO: (219) 838-0114 or highlandparks.org
Deadline to register is **July 10**.

[SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY]

Check out the sidewalk sales at this month's Small Business Saturday on the last Saturday of the month. Highland Main Street will double the fun this month with **a car show from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.** on the corner of Kennedy and Highway.

WHEN: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. **July 30**

WHERE: Downtown Highland

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

[JULY RESTAURANT CRAWL]

Join us for our popular Downtown Restaurant Crawl the last Tuesday of every month. Participating restaurants feature a special for \$5 or less and retail businesses stay open late so diners can shop.

WHEN: 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, **July 26**

WHERE: Downtown Highland

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