

JULY 4TH FESTIVAL SPECIAL SECTION INSIDE

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HIGHLAND ADDS NEW FEATURES TO THIS YEAR'S JULY 4TH FESTIVAL

There will be a flurry of new entertainers performing at this year's Fourth of July festival. Small Town, The Who Band and Sounds of Santana will be headlining Highland's biggest ever celebration of Independence Day.

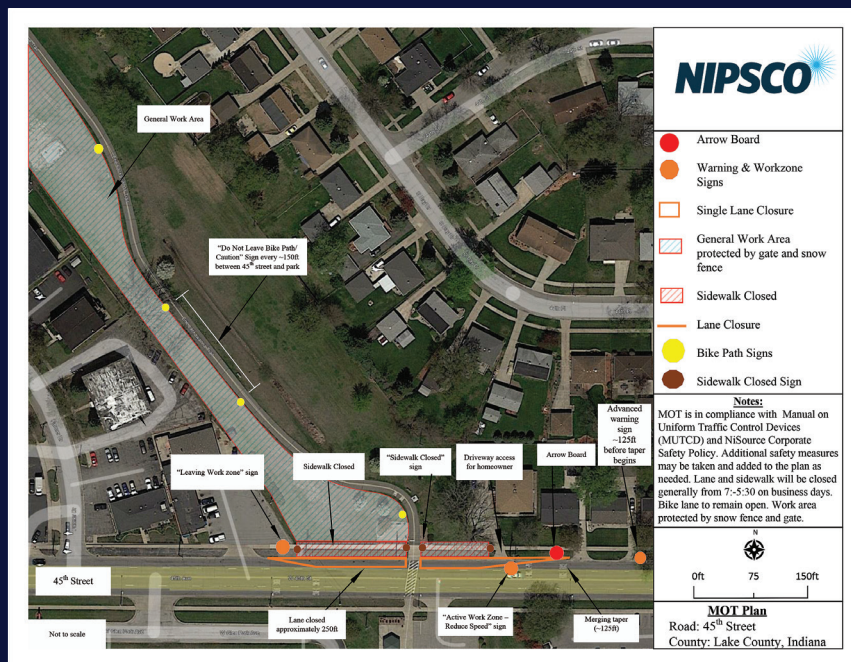
That's not all, Clerk-Treasurer Mark Herak said the Main Square Gazebo will feature a Jumbotron for folks who want to view the July 3 race and parade from the park.

Herak, who is coordinating the beer garden and entertainment, said there will be two ATMs at Main Square Park for the entirety of the festival.

In addition to the entertainment, food and rides, Linda Carter, president of the Community Events Commission, said visitors should stop by the many booths this year. There will even be a booth to register voters on-the-spot.

Want to get involved? Contact the Community Events Commission at highlandcce@highland.in.gov.

INSIDE: Turn the page to get all the details on this year's July 4th Festival including festival hours, details on the beer garden, entertainment lineup, parades and more!



NIPSCO NATURAL GAS EXPANSION INCLUDES 45TH STREET STATION

As part of NIPSCO's natural gas expansion, the utility will be running routine inspections through the pipeline at 45th Street at the Erie Lackawanna Trail through the end of July.

Megan Henning, Project Communications Lead for NIPSCO, said this year's work follows the rebuilding of the natural gas facility in 2022.

"There will be minimal noise with this phase of the project and the bike path will remain open," she said. "This inspection process provides an additional layer of protection to the current system."

WORK TIMELINE

JUNE: NIPSCO will install actuators, perform valve inspections and prep for cleaning and smart tool runs in late June. All work will be contained onsite.

JULY: Matting to prevent greenspace damage will be removed. Restoration is expected to conclude by the end of the month.

SEPTEMBER: NIPSCO will perform post-repair assessment and conduct additional test runs. There will be minimal impact to residents.

DATES & TIMES

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

FESTIVAL HOURS: 5-10:30 p.m.
\$30 WRISTBANDS: 5-9 p.m.
BEER GARDEN: 5-10:30 p.m.
ENTERTAINMENT: 6-10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 1

FESTIVAL HOURS: 2-10:30 p.m.
\$30 WRISTBANDS: 2-6 p.m.
BEER GARDEN: 5-10:30 p.m.
ENTERTAINMENT: 4-10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 2

KIDDIE PARADE: 1:30-2 p.m.
FESTIVAL HOURS: 2-9 p.m.
\$30 WRISTBANDS: 2-6 p.m.
BEER GARDEN: 2-9 p.m.
ENTERTAINMENT: 3-10:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 3

FESTIVAL HOURS: 5-10:30 p.m.
\$30 WRISTBANDS: 5-9 p.m.
BEER GARDEN: 5-10 p.m.
TWILIGHT PARADE: 6:30 p.m.

NEW



BIG SCREEN: 6:30-8 p.m.

Enjoy Fourth festivities from the comfort of Main Square Park – without missing any of the action. For the first time ever, the start of the All-American Mile run and the entire Twilight Parade will be streamed in real-time on the big screen. Enjoy the show – Highland style!
ENTERTAINMENT 8-10:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 4

FESTIVAL HOURS: 2-8:30 p.m.
\$35 ALL-DAY WRISTBANDS: 2-8 p.m.
BEER GARDEN: 2-8:30 p.m.
ENTERTAINMENT: 3-8:30 p.m.

2023 4th of July FESTIVAL

★ BEER GARDEN ★



Enjoy beer, wine and ready-to-drink cocktail cans in our expanded venue. Patrons must be at least 21 to purchase alcohol. ID is required. Final call to purchase drink tickets is 30 minutes before the end of the festival each night.

★ FOOD & CRAFT BOOTHS ★

Check out this year's food and craft booths. Foodies can get their fill on everything from Wisconsin cheese and pierogies to funnel cakes and elephant ears. Craft and business vendors featuring jewelry and clothing as well as items for your pet and home will be part of the mix.



★ KIDDIE PARADE ★

The Kiddie Parade begins at **1:30 P.M. SUNDAY, JULY 2** at the Highland Municipal Parking Lot on Highway and Kennedy avenues. The parade route continues east on Highway and ends at Main Square Park. A special gift is provided for each child who participates, with some lucky winners finding GOLDEN TICKETS for free wristbands good for festival rides. Visit highland.in.gov to register. Deadline is **June 30**.



FRIDAY, JUNE 30

6-8 p.m. **SMALL TOWN** - John Mellencamp Tribute
8:30-10:30 p.m. **THE WHO BAND** - Who Tribute

SATURDAY, JULY 1

4-5:30 p.m. **GOT ISSUES** - Classic Rock & Oldies
6-8 p.m. **MR. FUNNYMAN** - Ultimate variety band
8:30-10:30 p.m. **BONFIRE** - AC/DC Tribute

SUNDAY, JULY 2

2:15-2:45 p.m. **MICHELLE'S DANCE GROUP** - off stage
3-4:30 p.m. **CRAWPUPPIES** - Pop/Rock/Beatles
5-6:30 p.m. **VISIONS OF SANTANA** - Santana Tribute
7-9 p.m. **PHIL ANGOTTI** - Rolling Stones Show

MONDAY, JULY 3

6-8 p.m. **TWILIGHT PARADE** - On the big screen
8:15-10:30 p.m. **DICK DIAMOND & THE DUSTERS** - Pop dance favorites

TUESDAY, JULY 4

3-4:30 p.m. **MEASNER MAGIC SHOW** - off stage
3-4:30 p.m. **CROSTHREADS** - Iconic Music of Our Time
5-6:30 p.m. **I'M WITH FRANK** - All genres, new and old
7-8:30 p.m. **TOGETHER** - Classic Rock/Funk/Soul

All times and acts are subject to change.



★ TWILIGHT PARADE ★

The Twilight Parade steps off at **6:30 P.M. MONDAY, JULY 3** at 45th and Kennedy/St. James Church. Marching bands, military, veterans, scouts, police and fire groups are free. Visit highland.in.gov to apply. Deadline is **June 23**.



★ ALL-AMERICAN MILE ★

The 39th annual All-American Mile Run kicks off the Twilight Independence Day Parade. It is part of the Calumet Striders 2023 Gold Cup Series! Register early to receive a T-shirt. Open to all age groups, the race begins at **6:30 P.M. MONDAY, JULY 3** at 40th Street and Kennedy Avenue. The fee is \$15 through July 2 only at runsignup.com or register race day for \$20 from 5 to 6:15 p.m. at the school administration building. **TOP PRIZES:** Awards for Top 3 in each age division plus overall male/female winners, masters male/female winners and Clydesdale/Athena finishers. Males with the fastest sub 4-min mile and females with the fastest sub 5-min mile win a \$500 prize. **INFO:** (219) 838-0114 or highlandparks.org

★ PERSONAL FIREWORKS ★

Fireworks are allowed between 5 p.m. and two hours after sunset **JUNE 29** through **JULY 9**. The exception is **JULY 4** between 10 a.m. and midnight. "Fireworks can be dangerous," Highland Police Chief Ralph Potesta said. "Take every precaution to stay safe."

★ JULY 4 FIREWORKS ★

Celebrate the red, white and blue! Grab a blanket or your favorite lawn chair and join us for Highland's spectacular fireworks display at **9 P.M. TUESDAY, JULY 4** at Sharp Complex.

[SOCCER SHOTS]

This engaging soccer class focuses on character development. Our caring team impacts lives on and off the field through best-in-class coaching, curriculum and communication.

JUNE 21-AUGUST 2*wednesday evenings***MINI (ages 2-early 3):** 4:45-5:15 p.m.**CLASSIC (ages 3-5):** 4:45-5:20 p.m.**MINI (ages 2-early 3):** 5:30-6 p.m.**CLASSIC (ages 3-5):** 5:30-6:05 p.m.**PREMIER (ages 5-8):** 6:15-7 p.m.**JUNE 24-AUG 5***saturday mornings***PREMIER (ages 5-8):** 9-9:45 a.m.**CLASSIC (ages 3-5):** 9-9:35 a.m.**MINI (ages 2-early 3):** 10-10:30 a.m.**CLASSIC (ages 3-5):** 10:45-11:20 a.m.**WHERE:** Field outside Lincoln Center**FEES:** \$112 for seven weeks. \$20 annual enrollment fee includes jersey.**INFO:** soccershots.org/northwestindiana**[HIGHLAND DANCE ACADEMY]**

Students develop technique in ballet, tap and jazz.

SESSION 1: JUNE 12-29**SESSION 2: JULY 17-AUGUST 3***Mondays***BALLET 1 (ages 4-5):** 1:50-2:30 p.m.**BALLET 2 (ages 6-7):** 2:40-3:20 p.m.**BALLET 3 (age 8-9):** 3:30-4:20 p.m.*Tuesdays***BALLET 4 (ages 10+):** 2:30-3:20 p.m.**LYRICAL 4 (age 10+):** 3:30-4:20 p.m.*wednesdays***TAP (ages 6-8):** 2:30-3:15 p.m.**TAP (age 9+):** 3:30-4:20 p.m.*Thursdays***JAZZ 1 (ages 4-5):** 1:50-2:30 p.m.**JAZZ 2 (age 6-8):** 2:40-3:20 p.m.**JAZZ 3 (ages 9+):** 3:30-4:20 p.m.**WHERE:** Lincoln Community Center**FEES:** \$35 resident | \$38 nonresident**INFO:** Check out their Facebook page @highlandacademyofdance.


Midweek
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Grab a comfy lawn chair and head to Main Square Park for live entertainment through September. Opening acts perform 4:30-5:30 p.m. and headliners 5:45-8 p.m.

JUNE 14: D’Kobie (Jazz Vibraphonist)
Calumet Ridge Jazz Ensemble (Swing)

JULY 12: Jack Cunningham (Acoustic Variety)
International Polka Association Band

AUGUST 9: Amy McCormick & Aaron Harris (Pop/Rock)
Hurricane Reggae

SEPTEMBER 13: LeAnn Stutler (Country/Pop)
Jessi & Fizz (Dance/Pop Covers)

VENDORS: Seeking food vendors to complement this series. Tables, chairs and extension cords are not provided.

INFORMATION: (219) 838-0114 or highlandparks.org

[SUPER SMASH BROS]

This tournament – ages 8-12 – consists of round robin pool play, followed by a double-elimination bracket. Only top pool finishers will be eligible for the elimination bracket. Trophy and prize to winner.

WHEN: 6-9 p.m. Friday, **JUNE 30****WHERE:** Lincoln Community Center**FEES:** \$15 resident | \$18 nonresident**NOTE:** Parks and Recreation supplies the Nintendo Switch device and Super Smash Bros.**INFO:** highlandparks.org**[FARMERS MARKET]**

From fresh-picked asparagus, rhubarb and peas in early June to ever-so-sweet corn, beets and carrots in the throes of summer, the weekly Downtown Highland Farmer’s Market begins this month.

WHEN: 4-9 p.m. Thursdays,**JUNE 1-OCTOBER 26****WHERE:** Downtown Municipal Lot, 2730 Highway Avenue**VENDORS:** Interested vendors please contact Rhonda Bloch at (219) 306-0980 or RhondaBloch@yahoo.com