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HIGHLAND COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

FRIDAY
AUGUST 18
5-10:30 PM

SATURDAY
AUGUST 19
2-10:30 PM



BEER • MUSIC • FOOD • VENDORS • CAR CRUISE

This year's BBQ Festival has been planned and designed to be a grill-lover's dream come true. Every vendor will offer grill-tastic delights from appetizers to entrees – and yes – even desserts.

There will be companion brews at the beer garden and an enviable line-up of local talent on the Gazebo stage.

The Council of Community Events is inviting the community to Main Square Park to enjoy the final festival of the summer.

[ENTERTAINMENT]

Friday, August 18

- ▶ Mike Green | 5 p.m.
- ▶ Grindstone | 6:30 p.m.
- ▶ Anthem | 8:30 p.m. (Styx Tribute)

Saturday, August 19

- ▶ Ellie Anderson | 2 p.m.
- ▶ Neil Blankenship/Hail Mary | 2:45
- ▶ Rockology Chicago | 4:45 p.m.
- ▶ Idylly Unknown | 6:45 p.m.
- ▶ Bad Medicine | 8:30 p.m. (Bon Jovi Tribute)



JULY 4th FESTIVAL DRAWS RECORD CROWD

Whether you watched the Twilight Parade streetside or took advantage of the first-ever Jumbotron livestream from a comfy chair at Main Square Park, this year's July 4th festivities gathered hefty crowds under mostly picture-perfect skies with only one day of rain who stepped up for rides, food, beer and fun.

In only its third year, the beer garden chalked up record profits. Clerk-Treasurer Mark Herak said net proceeds for adult beverages were up by \$41,000 over last year.



TWILIGHT, KIDDIE PARADES BOAST HUGE TURNOUT

Community Events Commission President Linda Carter said ride bracelet sales were up.

"If Sunday hadn't been a wash-out, we would have exceeded last year's sales," she said. "This year's fest was a tremendous success. With 84 entries, the parade was 3.5 hours long. The Kiddie Parade exceeded all of our expectations."

[MOSQUITO ABATEMENT]

Highland's Summer Mosquito Abatement Program administers adulticide (insecticide used to kill adult mosquitoes) and larvicide (insecticide used to kill mosquito larvae before they can grow into adults) from 7-11:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, weather permitting. Please visit the home page of the town website – highland.in.gov – to download a map of the routes and schedule.

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HPD fully staffed with final 2 hires

Police Chief Ralph Potesta is thrilled with the department's most recent hirings – Probationary Officers Jesse Guerrero and Alejandro “Alex” Anaya.

With those two hirings, the Highland Police Department is back to full strength. Across the country, police departments have been challenged to find officers to replace a contingent of retiring officers.

“Police work is a demanding career choice,” Potesta said. “Officers Guerrero and Anaya are exactly what we are looking for in young officers – an understanding of law enforcement and a heart to serve.”

Both Officers will be attending the Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Hobart along with three of their fellow probationary officers for 16 weeks of education and training to prepare them for patrolling the streets of Highland.

**[ALEJANDRO J. ANAYA]**

Officer Alejandro “Alex” Anaya is 25 years old and grew up in East Chicago. Anaya is a 2016 graduate of the Thea Bowman Leadership Academy. Following high school, he went to Ivy Tech Community College, where he graduated with an Industrial Technology Degree in 2019.

**[JESSE GUERRERO]**

Officer Jesse Guerrero is 27 years old and grew up in Chicago. After graduating from George Washington High School in 2015, he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from DePaul University. During his senior year at DePaul, Guerrero completed an internship with the Illinois State Police.

NIPSCO to replace utility poles, electrical lines

Northern Indiana Public Service Company continues to update the power grid in Highland through November 20 – primarily in the Brantwood and Meadows neighborhoods – weather permitting.

In 2019, the work in Highland to replace and string new wires atop existing electrical transmission towers was done from the air. This phase of the project is being completed nearer the ground.

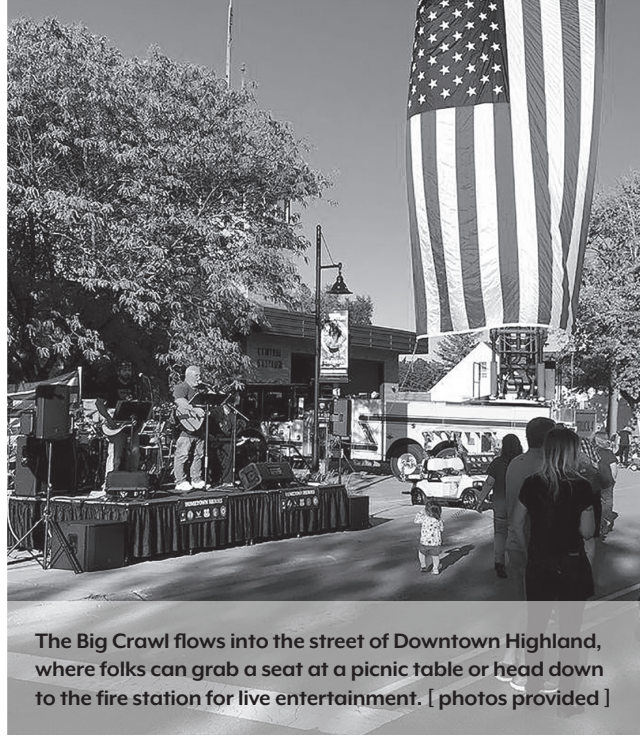
Megan Henning, Project Communications Lead for the utility, said, “As a result of this work, the community will have a new electrical system and experience fewer service interruptions and maintenance work in the area.”

[PROJECT TIMELINE]

NIPSCO will replace aging utility poles and electrical lines in neighborhoods west of US 41, between Ridge Road and 41st.

Work will take place 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday through November 20 – weather permitting. Please be cautious around any construction zone and follow the direction of onsite crew members and posted signs. NIPSCO will be reaching out to customers directly impacted by this work. Some lane closures are anticipated.

{ HIGHLAND MAIN STREET }



The Big Crawl flows into the street of Downtown Highland, where folks can grab a seat at a picnic table or head down to the fire station for live entertainment. [photos provided]

Big Downtown Restaurant Crawl

Mark your calendars for Aug. 29. Set your sights on downtown where Highway and Kennedy meet. Highland Main Street will be there to welcome you to the Big Crawl – the third annual celebration of good food and great neighbors.

HMS President Alex Robertson said the Big Crawl will feature live music from a stage near the Fire Station at 4th and Highway, vendors from the Thursday Market and best-of offerings from some of your favorite eateries.

“We are hoping to see big crowds of familiar – and new – faces,” said Robertson, owner of Fuzzyline Brewing Co. “It’s your once-in-a-year opportunity to walk in the street because we close down Highway Avenue to vehicles and hand it over to pedestrians for the evening.”

Now entering its fourth year, the monthly restaurant crawl is becoming a tradition.

“The Crawl is an exciting event for Highland, something unique that gets people out and about,” he said. “Our residents have gotten to know the downtown restaurant scene and what we have to offer.”

[EVENT INFORMATION]

We’re shutting down Highway Avenue for a special Downtown Restaurant Crawl featuring live entertainment, vendors, shopping specials – and, of course – a healthy helping of soul-satisfying eats.

The concept is simple: participating restaurants feature a special for \$7 or less, so that visitors can “eat their way through downtown,” stopping at their usual haunts and discovering new favorites along the way.

WHEN: 4-9 p.m. Tuesday, **August 29**

WHERE: Downtown Highland

[LIVE ENTERTAINMENT]

The live entertainment includes music from:

- ▶ Strings Beyond Description | Bluegrass
- ▶ The Boogie Monsters | Blues and Rock

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

[MIDWEEK MUSIC]

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

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

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

INFO: (219) 838-0114 | highlandparks.org.

[CANVAS PAINT NIGHT]

Our trained instructor will show artists – ages 13+ – how to paint a 16" x 20" tropical beach. No experience is required for this fun, no stress experience. You will leave with your creation at end of class.

WHEN: 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, **August 10**

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

FEE: \$27 resident | \$32 nonresident

INFO: (219) 838-0114 | highlandparks.org.

[MOVIE IN THE PARK]

Join us for an evening in the park to watch "Minions: Rise of Gru" on the big screen. Bring a blanket or lawn chair.

WHEN: Dusk Friday, **August 11**

WHERE: Main Square Park – If it rains, we'll move to the Lincoln Community Center Fieldhouse.

INFO: (219) 838-0114 | highlandparks.org.

[HATHA YOGA]

Relieve tension and restore good health with relaxing exercises, breathing techniques and meditation. Ages 15+ should bring towel, blanket or yoga mat.

WHEN: 6:30-7:25 p.m. Wednesdays,
August 23-October 4

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

FEE: \$35 resident | \$37 nonresident

INFO: (219) 838-0114 | highlandparks.org.

[LINCOLN COMMUNITY CENTER 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, **August 19** at Lincoln Community Center!

VENDOR FEES: \$36 for 10' x 10' interior space or \$58 wall space. Tables, chairs and extension cords are not provided.

INFO: (219) 838-0114 | highlandparks.org.

**[HIGHLAND COMMUNITYWIDE YARD SALE]**

Highland's next Communitywide Yard Sale will be held Saturday and Sunday – **August 26-27**.

- 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 event.

REGISTRATION: Visit highland.in.gov to register your sale. Deadline is **August 14**.

[LINCOLN LITTLE LEARNERS PRESCHOOL]

Classes are structured to teach proper school behavior. Children should bring a healthy snack and drink to each class, along with a backpack to carry home class projects. Children must be fully potty trained and able to leave parents for the full two hours. Preschoolers will work on sharing, learning ABCs, shapes, numbers, colors, cutting with scissors, making crafts as well as working on listening skills and attention span.

3-4 YEAR OLDS: Tuesday and Thursday, **August 15-December 12**

4-5 YEAR OLDS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, **August 14-December 11**

INFO: Visit highlandparks.org for morning/afternoon times and pricing.