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OUR COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENT SOURCE FOR THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND · JUNE 2022



CELEBRATING 75 YEARS

Although technically known as a semi-sesquicentennial, Parks Superintendent Alex Brown is simply calling the town's 75th celebration of parks and recreation a party and is inviting everyone to attend.

"This is a special anniversary we want people to enjoy; that 75 years ago, a forward-thinking council put a priority on parks."

As the longest-serving superintendent of the 200-acre park system that is home to 23 unique green spaces, Brown is proud of what has been created.

"I credit a staff that is dedicated to upgrading what we have and adding to a growing roster of programs created for the enjoyment of residents," he said. "We're excited to celebrate 75 years of parks and recreation!"

EVENT DETAILS

Join us from noon to 11 p.m. **Saturday, June 18** at Main Square Park. The event features live bands, a beer garden, food vendors, class demos, arts, crafts, bounce houses and games. On stage:

- ▶ Noon – Got Issues
- ▶ 2:30 p.m. – I'm with Frank
- ▶ 4:30 p.m. – 75th Anniversary celebration
- ▶ 5 p.m. – Smolen & Friends
- ▶ 8 p.m. – Underground Prophets

Check out our class demos near the butterfly garden:

- ▶ 2 p.m. – Self defense
- ▶ 4:30 p.m. – Body Pump fitness
- ▶ 7:30 p.m. – RIPPED fitness

HIGHLAND POLICE SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR VIPS PROGRAM

If you don't know Stan Wrobel by name, chances are you've seen him at the Fourth of July Festival or another town event.

As a member of the Highland Volunteers in Police Services unit for the last 15 years, Wrobel can't imagine a better way to be part of the community than as a civilian volunteer on the unit that provides another set of hands for police.

"I became a member of VIPS after I attended the Citizens Police Academy," he said. "It's in my nature to give back to my community. As part of VIPS, I make fire and ambulance calls to help out. We do patrols and vacation checks on residences. I also assist with funeral processions, town parades and other events."

Police chief Pete Hojnicky said VIPS provide a vital service to the town.

"VIPS do jobs that free up officers," he said. "We are always looking for individuals, like Stan Wrobel, to expand the ranks of the unit."

HOW TO APPLY: Tasks and assignments vary per ability and interest. All hours and shifts are available. Visit highland.in.gov to download an application or call Sgt. Glenn Cox or Det. Cpl. Darren Conley at (219) 838-3184.



4th of July FESTIVAL



DATES & TIMES

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

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

FRIDAY, JULY 1

FESTIVAL HOURS: 5-10 p.m.
NO WRISTBANDS
BEER GARDEN: 5-10:30 p.m.
ENTERTAINMENT: 5-10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 2

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

SUNDAY, JULY 3

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

MONDAY, JULY 4

FESTIVAL HOURS: 2-8:30 p.m.
\$25 LAST CALL WRISTBANDS: 5-8 p.m.
BEER GARDEN: 2-8:30 p.m.
ENTERTAINMENT: 2-8:30 p.m.

★ 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 also be part of the mix.

★ TWILIGHT PARADE ★

This year's Twilight Parade steps off at **6:30 P.M. SUNDAY, JULY 3** at 41st and Kennedy. Marching bands, military, veterans, scouts, police and fire organizations are free. Visit highland.in.gov to apply. Deadline is **June 20**.

★ KIDDIE PARADE ★

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

★ ENTERTAINMENT ★

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

5-6:30 p.m. **MY ALTERED ANGEL** - Alt./Classic Rock
7-8:30 p.m. **HEAD HONCHOS** - Blues/Rock/Soul/Funk
9-10:30 p.m. **TOGETHER** - Pop/R&B/Big Band/Latin Rock

FRIDAY, JULY 1

5-6:30 p.m. **UNDERGROUND PROPHETS** - 80s/Dance
7-8:30 p.m. **PHIL ANGOTTI** - "The Beatles Guy"
9-10:30 p.m. **SIMPLY ELTON** - Elton John Tribute

SATURDAY, JULY 2

2:15-3 p.m. **KALITA** - Master of Magic & Escape
3:15-4:45 p.m. **FATHER & SONS** - Rock 'n' Roll
5-6:30 p.m. **GOT ISSUES** - Classic Rock & Oldies
7-8:30 p.m. **HIGH STREET** - Party Rock/Dance
9-10:30 p.m. **DICK DIAMOND & THE DUSTERS** - Pop dance favorites

SUNDAY, JULY 3

2-3 p.m. **SILLY SAFARIS** - live animal conservation
3:15-4:45 p.m. **ADAM GAWLIKOWSKI & FRIENDS** - Folk
5-6:30 p.m. **CROSSTHREADS** - Country/Rock/Blues
7-8:30 p.m. **CRAWPUPIES** - Pop/Rock/Beatles
9-10:30 p.m. **MR. FUNNYMAN** - Ultimate variety band

MONDAY, JULY 4

2-3 p.m. **JOHN MEASNER** - The Illusionist
3:15-4:45 p.m. **CASA CASA** - Alternative rock
5-6:30 p.m. **BAD ALLEY SHADOWS** - Blues/Rock/Punk/Pop
7-8:30 p.m. **HEAVY** - 70s music

All times and acts are subject to change.

★ ALL-AMERICAN MILE ★

The 38th annual All-American Mile Run kicks off the Twilight Independence Day Parade. It is part of the Calumet Striders 2022 Gold Cup Series! Register early to receive a T-shirt. Open to all age groups, the race begins at **6:30 P.M. SUNDAY, JULY 3** at 40th Street and Kennedy Avenue. The fee is \$12 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. A special thank you to our sponsors – First Financial Bank, Strack & Van Til, and Highland Body Shop. **TOP PRIZES:** Awards for Top 3 in each age division. Males with the fastest sub 4-min mile and females with the fastest sub 5-min mile win a \$250 prize. INFO: (219) 838-0114 or highlandparks.org

★ 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. MONDAY, JULY 4** at Sharp Complex.

★ 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 Pete Hojnicky said. "Take every precaution to stay safe."



[SUPER SMASH BROS]

Are you the best player around? 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 24**

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

FEES: \$14 resident | \$18 nonresident

REQUIREMENTS: Must bring own Nintendo Switch device and Super Smash Bros. to participate.

INFO: highlandparks.org

[SOCCER SHOTS]

This engaging soccer class – for children ages 2-8 – focuses on character development. Our caring team impacts lives on and off the field through best-in-class coaching, curriculum and communication.

WHEN: Saturdays, **JUNE 25-AUG 6**

MINI CLASS (ages 2-3): 9-9:30 a.m.

CLASSIC CLASS (ages 3-5, pre-K):
10-10:45 a.m.

PREMIER CLASS (ages 5-8, K-2):
10:45-11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Field outside Lincoln Center

FEES: \$105 for seven weeks. \$20 annual enrollment fee includes Soccer Shots jersey.

INFO: soccershots.org/northwestindiana

[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-AUG 31**. No market June 29.

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



SECOND SUNDAYS

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

JUNE 12: LeAnn Stutler (country solo)
James Gedda & The Big Breakfast (Blues/Americana)

JULY 10: Adam Galikowski (traditional folk)
IPA Polka Band

VENDORS: Seeking fruits, vegetables, cheeses, breads, spices, business booths and more to complement this series.

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

[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. **June 25**

WHERE: Downtown Highland

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

[JUNE 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, **June 28**

WHERE: Downtown Highland

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