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The three-story hotel will be just steps away from Veterinary Orthopedic Center, which serves as an anchor for the professional office campus. Once complete, it will become the first hotel to open in Highland in decades.

## CARDINAL BOUTIQUE HOTEL COMING THIS SPRING

A boutique hotel planned for the Cardinal Campus development at Main Street and Prairie Avenue has gotten the thumbs up by the state Building Commission. Next up will be the desk of town Building Commissioner Ken Mika.

The vision of Claude Gendreau, DVM, the hotel is planned for spring construction and will cater to families who bring their dogs and cats from locations across the country to have orthopedic surgery and post-surgical rehab.

Project Manager Jodi Kennedy said, "The Cardinal Hotel will support the lodging needs of individuals visiting the area as well as surrounding businesses and events in the Northwest Indiana community."

### ABOUT THE HOTEL

The three-story luxury hotel is estimated to cost \$18 million and will include 35 guest rooms and luxury suites – and feature conference rooms, a coffee shop, bar and light dining.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

The project will be reviewed by the Highland Building Department and Plan Commission to gain the necessary approvals to begin construction.

### [ HIGHLAND VETERANS DAY CEREMONY ]

Join American Legion Post 180, Highland Elks and the Daughters of the American Revolution Timothy Ball Chapter at 11 a.m. **November 11** at the Highway of Flags for a wreath and rifle ceremony to remember and honor our veterans. Speakers include Joseph DeVito, Outreach Director for the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs; and Michael W. Griffin, Interim Merrillville Town Manager and Former Indiana Senator.

### [ ELKS VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCE ]

Join the Highland Elks for a Veterans Day Ceremony honoring those who served from 4-4:30 p.m. **November 11** at Highland Elks Lodge 981, 3120 45th Street. The Elks will host an All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner from 4:30- 7 p.m. after the ceremony to raise money for Indiana veterans. The cost is \$10 per person and includes spaghetti, garden salad, garlic bread and dessert. Beverages available for additional cost.

[ CRIME WATCH ]

Join us for a Neighborhood Crime Watch meeting at 6:30 p.m. **November 15** in the Community Room at the HPD, 3315 Ridge Road. Officers will discuss recent crime trends. **Questions?** Email [jomalley@highland.in.gov](mailto:jomalley@highland.in.gov).

[ SNOW PARKING BAN ]

**Reminder:** All on-street parking is banned when there is more than 2 inches of new-fallen snow. This allows plows to do their jobs in the first critical hours after snowfall.



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[ COMMERCIAL PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT GRANT ]



From the moment NWI Parkinson's bought the building at 2927 Jewett Street nine years ago, Director Elizabeth Woodbury has worked and prayed for money to help pay for a new sign and capital improvements. "We have more than 200 people who come here for classes and programs throughout the week that are geared for individuals with Parkinson's Disease. It is vital for all of us with Parkinson's to keep moving," said Woodbury, who was diagnosed 20 years ago. It was the Highland Redevelopment Commission that came to the rescue, providing a first-ever grant to a Highland not-for-profit. NWI Parkinson's paid about \$8,000 while Highland Redevelopment contributed \$3,289 to the project. "I love the new sign. The new heating and air conditioning units are invaluable," she said. "I can't thank Highland enough for making this possible." [ Photo provided ]

## Highland police sporting beards to raise money for Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids

Highland police are forgoing close shaves in November to help the NICK Foundation raise money for local children with cancer. This marks the third year donations from Highland residents will go to NICK, which provides assistance to families and supports charities searching for a cure.

November 2023 marks the eighth year the town Fraternal Order of Police have participated in "No Shave November." During that time, officer participation and the generosity of Highland residents have helped raise more than \$20,000 for charity. "We normally get half the department to grow beards," Sgt. Shawn Anderson said. "Those who can't grow one typically donate. It's a great cause."

[ NO SHAVE FUNDRAISER ]

Highland Police Officers will once again forgo shaving for their No Shave November 2023 fundraiser, which benefits the NICK (Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids) Foundation.

**Donations:** Can be made to a lodge member or in person at the Police Department Support Services Window. Contact FOP President Frank Peckler [fpeckler@highland.in.gov](mailto:fpeckler@highland.in.gov) or Chaplain Shawn Anderson [sanderson@highland.in.gov](mailto:sanderson@highland.in.gov) for more information or to contribute.

# PUMPKIN PLOD

48TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY TRAIL RUN



Register now for the **48th Annual Pumpkin Plod** – a USATF-certified 10K course through the streets of Highland that is chip timed by T&H Timing. This is a Calumet Striders 2023 Gold Cup Elite race. Walkers are invited to join an unofficial 5K noncompetitive fun walk. Pumpkin pies will be awarded to top three runners in each category and all participants will receive a long-sleeve shirt (while supplies last).

## THANKSGIVING DAY NOVEMBER 23

**WHERE:** Race begins at Kennedy and Highway and finishes at Lincoln Center.

**FEE:** \$32 for runners and \$22 for walkers through **November 22**, \$40 for runners and \$30 walkers on race day.

**REGISTRATION:** Online only at [runsignup.com](https://runsignup.com), where you'll also find a course map, race details, divisions, shirts and awards.

**INFORMATION:** Visit [highlandparks.org](https://highlandparks.org) or call (219) 838-0114.

### [ COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE ]

Do you have stuff you'd like to sell, but don't want folks in your home? Join the community garage sale – with more than 100 vendors – from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **November 18** at Lincoln Community Center.

**INFO:** [highlandparks.org](https://highlandparks.org)

### [ PERFECTLY PICKLEBALL ]

Does the latest episode of the Golden Bachelor have you curious about pickleball? Learn the basics from our very own skilled and knowledgeable instructor from 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, **November 21-December 12**. During this four-week course, you'll learn about the rules, scoring, serving, volleys, faults, swing, games and more much. Fee is \$28 for residents and \$32 for nonresidents.

**INFO:** [highlandparks.org](https://highlandparks.org)

### [ YOUNG REMBRANDTS ]

Our elementary-age curriculum (ages 6-12) is designed to teach basic to advanced drawing skills, art techniques and vocabulary. We give your student the skills to express their creativity from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Fridays, **November 17-December 15** (Off 11/24). Fee is \$52 for residents and \$57 for nonresidents.

**INFO:** [highlandparks.org](https://highlandparks.org)

### [ RESTAURANT CRAWL ]

Join us for our Restaurant Crawl from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, **November 28** in downtown Highland. 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. Several businesses will also be open late.

**INFO:** [highland.in.gov](https://highland.in.gov)

## [ TOYS FOR TOTS ]

The Highland Fire and Police departments are collecting gifts as part of the 2021 Toys for Tots campaign. Bring your new, unwrapped gift(s) to these locations through **December 8:**

### Highland Main Fire Station:

Gifts may be dropped off at 2901 Highway, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

### Highland Police Department:

Drop off donations from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Highland Police Department, 3315 Ridge Road.

## [ SHOP WITH FIREFIGHTER ]

The Highland Fire Association is appealing to the public to help make this Christmas bright for Highland children. Firefighters are hoping residents will dig deep to help by donating. "We treat the kids to a day they will always remember," Chief Mike Pipta said.

**DONATIONS:** Make checks payable to Highland Fire Association Shop With a Firefighter and drop off or mail to Highland Main Fire Station, 2901 Highway Ave.

**INFO:** Call (219) 923-9876.

## [ CHRISTMAS COPS & KIDS ]

Highland FOP Lodge #122 is seeking donations for its annual Christmas Cops and Kids shopping event in December. Last year, the FOP took dozens of Highland kids shopping at Meijer, where they spent more than \$6,000.

**DONATIONS:** Make checks payable to Highland FOP #122, P.O. Box 1743, Highland, IN 46322 or drop them off at the police department.

**INFO:** Call FOP President Officer Frank Peckler at (219) 838-3184.

## Santa's March

Parade with Santa through downtown Highland at 4:45 p.m. Saturday, **November 25** from 1st and Highway to Main Square Park. Lineup begins at 4 p.m. Hot chocolate will be served. Parade applications are at Town Hall and Lincoln Center.



## Tree-lighting Ceremony

Helpers will be asked to assist Santa in officially lighting Main Square Park at 5 p.m. Saturday, **November 25** for the holiday season. Santa will have treats for good boys and girls. Bring your letter to drop off in Santa's mailbox!

## Phone Calls from Santa

Register now at Lincoln Community Center to have Santa call your child directly from the North Pole! He'll talk to your little one about his or her wishes. Registration forms are available at Lincoln Community Center. Highland residents only.

**WHEN:** Santa will call your child between 6-8 p.m. **DECEMBER 6-7** (your preference) from the North Pole.

## Home Decorating Contest

Enter our contest and let the public be the judge of the best decorated homes. Entry forms are available at Lincoln Center and must be submitted by **December 11**. Highland residences only. Categories include: Classic/Traditional, Most Creative Use of Lights, Best Theme and Best Overall Show Stopper.

**CAST YOUR VOTE:**

**December 13-17** at [highlandparks.org](http://highlandparks.org)

**WINNERS ANNOUNCED: December 18**

