

# GAZEBO EXPRESS

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENT SOURCE FOR THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND NOVEMBER 2022

Highland readies the town for ...

# SNOW

With snow right around the corner, Public Works Director Mark Knesek is reminding everyone: the town winter parking ban requires all vehicles to be off streets when snow totals equal two inches on the ground. Violation of the rules means fines and impounding fees.

"Ideally, residents and visitors would move their cars to their driveway or other off-street locations as soon as snow is predicted," Knesek said. "It makes it safer and faster for crews to clear the streets curb-to-curb when we don't have vehicles blocking the way."

Town Councilman Mark Schocke was able to experience plowing firsthand earlier this year.

"It is amazing to see how plow drivers are able to maneuver these very large, heavy trucks in very tight spaces," Schocke said. "They shouldn't have to avoid parked cars to get the job done."



## [ PARKING BAN ]

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



## [ SNOW REMOVAL ]

The Highland noise ordinance bans the use of snowblowers and snowplows in residential neighborhoods between midnight and 6 a.m. If you contract for snow removal, please ask the company to schedule your service between 6 a.m. and midnight to avoid disturbing neighbors.



## [ VETERANS DAY CEREMONY ]

Join Highland VFW Post 1109 and the Daughters of the American Revolution Timothy Ball Chapter at 11 a.m. **November 11** at the Highway of Flags to remember and honor our veterans who gave their lives to protect this county. Indiana Senator Michael Griffin will be the keynote speaker.

## [ ELKS VETERANS CEREMONY ]

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.

**INFO:** Call (219) 922-8253.

## [ VETERANS FUNDRAISER ]

Following its Veterans Day Ceremony, the Highland Elks will host an All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner from 4:30-7 p.m. **November 11** to raise money for Indiana veterans in need. The cost is \$10 per person and includes spaghetti, garden salad, garlic bread and dessert. Beverages available for additional cost.

**INFO:** Call (219) 922-8253.



[ CRIME WATCH ]

Join us 6:30 p.m. **November 16** for a Crime Watch meeting in the Community Room at the HPD, 3315 Ridge Road. Officers will discuss personal safety tips and recent crime trends.

**QUESTIONS?** Please email sanderson@highland.in.gov.



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[ HIGHLAND TRUNK OR TREAT ]



Amid a sea of orange and black – jack-o'-lanterns and skeletons, witches and ghosts – and more than 700 ghouls and goblins turned out for Trunk or Treat at Main Square Park on a day that featured perfectly blue skies and seasonably spectacular temperatures. The Highland Council of Community Events would like to thank the many volunteers, trunk participants and treat sponsors who made it all possible. [ Jeffrey Pena photos ]

## Police sporting beards to raise money for Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids

Highland's finest will forgo shaving this month as a way to raise money for Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids. Donations from local residents and businesses help offset the needs of local children battling cancer.

Police Sgt. Shawn Anderson said Highland is one of several local police departments that participate in the Schererville-based charity's No Shave November program.

"I enjoy organizing and being a part of this annual fundraiser. It's a fun way for our officers to express themselves for a good cause," Anderson said. "It's a small way we, as a community, can give back to help those going through a rough time in their lives,"

An estimated 15,800 children are diagnosed with cancer every year in the United States.

"We all know someone impacted by

[ NO SHAVE FUNDRAISER ]

Highland Police Officers will once again forgo shaving for their No Shave November 2022 fundraiser, which benefits the NICK (Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids) Foundation.

**DONATIONS:** Make checks payable to Highland FOP #122, P.O. Box 1743, Highland, IN 46322 or drop them off at the HPD. Wristbands are also available for a \$10 donation.

**INFO:** Email Sgt. Shawn Anderson at sanderson@highland.in.gov.

cancer and it's comforting to know a local non-profit organization such as NICK is providing assistance to children in our community," he said. "It's also encouraging to see how many of our residents get involved by donating to the project."



Register now for the **47th Annual Pumpkin Plod** – a USATF-certified 10K course through the streets of Highland that is chip timed by T&H Timing. Pumpkin pies will be awarded to top three runners in each category and all participants will receive a long-sleeve shirt (while supplies last). Walkers are invited to join an unofficial 5K noncompetitive fun walk.

## THANKSGIVING DAY NOVEMBER 24

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

**FEE:** \$30 for runners and \$20 for walkers through **November 22**, \$35 for runners and \$25 walkers on race day.

**REGISTRATION:** Online only at [runsignup.com](https://runsignup.com), where you'll find a course map.

**INFORMATION:** For more race details, divisions, shirts and awards, 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 people in your home? Join the community garage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **November 19** at Lincoln Center. Register to sell your items now! Vendor fees are \$34 for 10' X 10' interior space or \$56 for 23' x 6' wall space. Table, chairs, extension cords not provided.

**INFO:** Stop in at Lincoln Center to register. For more info, call (219) 838-0114 or visit [highlandparks.org](https://highlandparks.org).

### [ RESTAURANT CRAWL ]

Join us for our popular Restaurant Crawl from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, **November 29** in downtown Highland. The concept is simple: participating restaurants feature a special for \$5 or less, so that visitors can "eat their way through downtown," stopping at their usual haunts and discovering new favorites along the way. Several retail businesses will also be open late so diners can shop in between courses or while waiting for food.

**INFO:** Visit the Redevelopment Commission on Facebook or [highland.in.gov](https://highland.in.gov) for updates.

### [ SOUP, SALAD AND SONG ]

Join the Highland Elks for a Soup, Salad and Song Night from 4:30-7 p.m. **December 2** at Highland Elks Lodge # 981, 3120 45th St. The \$10 meal features your choice of Homemade Chicken Noodle, Cream of Potato with Ham, Lemon Rice, Minestone as well as Ham and Bean soups. Fresh salad and breadsticks are included. Beverages and bake sale items available for additional cost. Local sensation Maritza Aguilar will be performing standard and holiday classics.

**Questions?** Call (219) 922-8253.



## [ 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 Bill Timmer 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.

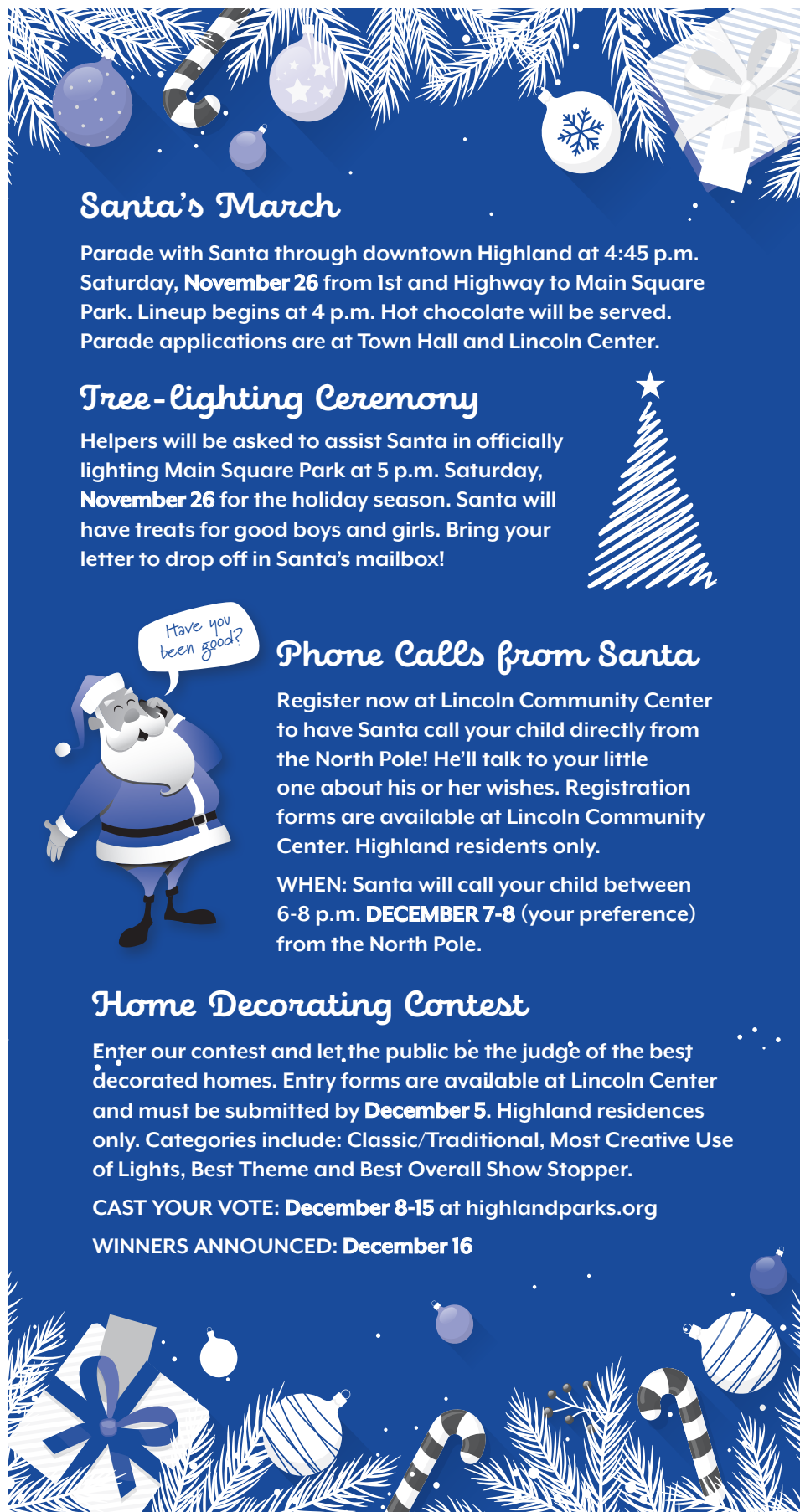
**INFO:** Call (219) 923-9876.

## [ 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 26** 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 26** 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 7-8** (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 5**. Highland residences only. Categories include: Classic/Traditional, Most Creative Use of Lights, Best Theme and Best Overall Show Stopper.

**CAST YOUR VOTE: December 8-15** at [highlandparks.org](http://highlandparks.org)

**WINNERS ANNOUNCED: December 16**