



**NEW**

## FIRESIDE FROSTIVAL

Join us from 4-8 p.m. **December 14** for the new, family-friendly Fireside Frostival. Highland Parks and Recreation will light up the town with dazzling new displays as festival-goers warm up by the fire pits. Celebrate the season with frosty fun and fiery festivities all while supporting our local community!

**S'MORES STATION ... FACE PAINTING  
KIDS' GAMES ... TOUCH-A-TRUCK  
PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES ...  
AND MUCH MORE ...**

**DELICIOUS FOOD • BEER • WINE**

Experience the magic of Highland's new Main Square holiday lights display! All activities are sponsored by local Highland groups. Proceeds benefit their clubs and causes. Cash only.

**INFO:** Contact Alyce Van Drunen at [avandrunen@highland.in.gov](mailto:avandrunen@highland.in.gov) or call (219) 838-0114.



## COMMISSION SEEKS INPUT ON 20-YEAR MASTER PLAN

The Redevelopment Commission is appealing to residents to become a voice for Highland's tomorrow.

Utilizing the valued input of those who participate, the commission will draft a plan to guide development for the next 20 years.

The goal: Chart a fresh course that benefits the community economically while taking into consideration quality of life, services and character.

"Essential to this plan is the full engagement of our residents," Redevelopment Director Maria Becerra said. "Residents are encouraged to participate actively, share their ideas, concerns and aspirations for the town's future."

The first Input session in December will launch the year-long process.

"We will disseminate information through the town website, local businesses, the library and Lincoln Community Center," she said. "We want the comprehensive plan to reflect the vision and values of our community as it offers guidance for planning and development."

### [ UPCOMING WORKSHOP ]

The Town of Highland invites the public to attend a workshop from **6-7:30 p.m. December 13** at Lincoln Community Center to discuss a vision for downtown Highland and the Kennedy Avenue corridor.

[ SNOW PARKING BAN ]



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.

[ SNOW REMOVAL ]



The noise ordinance bans the use of snowblowers and snowplows in residential neighborhoods between midnight and 6 a.m.

[ CRIME WATCH MEETING ]

Join us 6:30 p.m. **November 13** for a Crime Watch meeting in the Community Room at the Highland Police Department, 3315 Ridge Road. Our Guest Speaker Jess Kern, founder and president of the Raindrops Rising Foundation, will discuss human trafficking.



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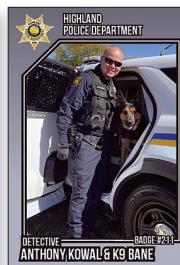
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[ LIGHTING UP DOWNTOWN ] Highland Main Street President Ben Tomera is eager for the community to see decorative lights anchoring both sides of Highway Avenue this season. The lights range in color from autumnal oranges in the fall to a patriotic palette in summer – and everything in between. “What I love most about this project is that the colors of the lights are controlled remotely and can be changed in an instant,” he said. In other downtown news, the Plan Commission has approved plans for a bigger and brighter Traditions Restaurant & Pub to be rebuilt beginning spring 2025 pending approval of the Town Council. [ Rendering Provided ]



## Highland police launch trading cards

Highland Police and the Rotary Club have joined forces to create a contest for children that features a deck of 41 incredibly unique trading cards.

You won't find a joker in the mix. What you will find are a series of cards featuring HPD members, like Police Chief Ralph Potesta, Sgt. Lee Natelborg and Patrol Officer Alexis Gerolimos.

With one card dedicated to each sworn member of the police department – including patrol officers, detectives and administrators – the object of the contest is to be the first child in town to collect all 41 trading cards.

Cards went into circulation in October with a deadline to collect the entire set

by **December 9**. If there is no winner by that date, the contest – open to Highland kids ages 5-13 – will continue.

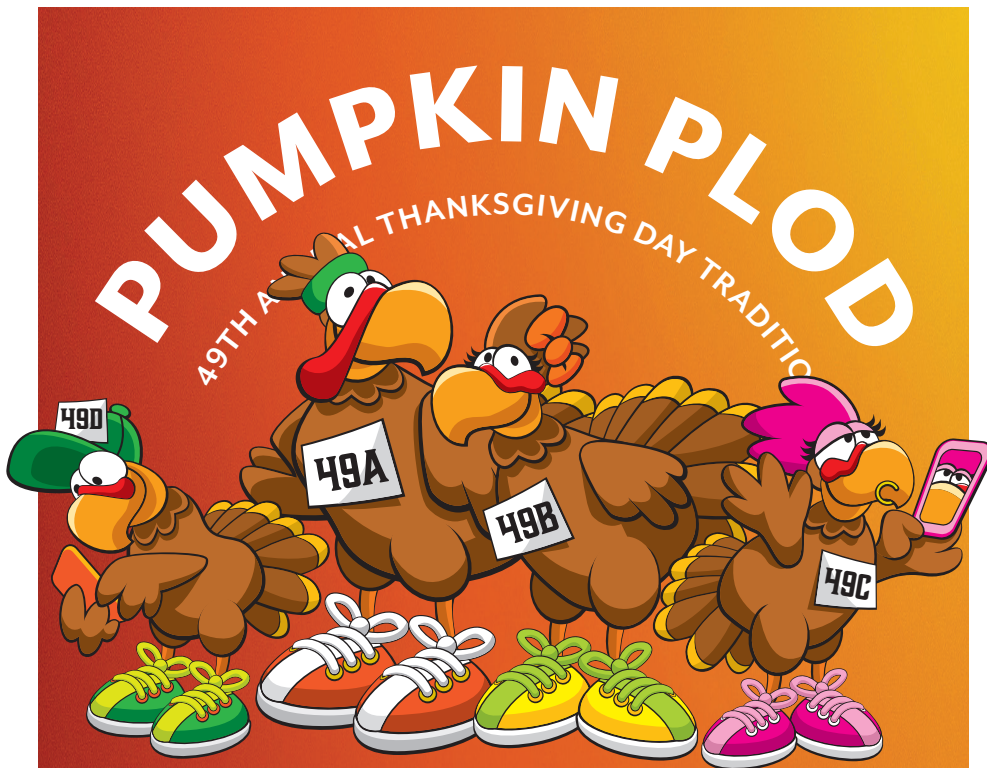
Each HPD officer has 100 of their personal trading cards. A child and his/her parents can approach an officer and request their card.

- ★ First place: \$200 Target gift card
- ★ Second place: \$100 Target gift card

The first two participants to collect all five Special Editions cards, all five All-Star cards or all 3 rookie cards will receive a \$50 Target gift card.

**INFO:** Visit [highland.in.gov](http://highland.in.gov) for a complete list of contest rules or contact Sgt. Lee Natelborg at (219) 838-3184.





Register now for the **49th 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 2024 Gold Cup Series race. Walkers are invited to join the unofficial 5K noncompetitive fun walk. Pumpkin pies will be awarded to the top three runners in each category and all participants will receive a long-sleeve shirt (while supplies last).

## THANKSGIVING DAY NOVEMBER 28

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

**FEE:** \$33 for runners and \$23 for walkers through **November 26**, \$40 for runners and \$30 for 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.

### [ 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-rifle ceremony honoring veterans.

### [ ELKS STEAK & MUSIC NIGHT ]

Join the Highland Elks for a Steak & Music Night **November 22** at Highland Elks Lodge 981, 3120 45th Street. Dinner is 5-7:30 p.m. Live Entertainment is 7-10 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a 14-ounce Bone-In Strip Steak, Green Bean Casserole, Garden Salad and Dinner Roll. Desserts and beverages available for additional cost.

### [ ARTISAN & VENDOR FAIR ]

Hop on over to Highland Christian School, 3040 Ridge Road, for an Artisan and Vendor Fair from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. **November 23**. Proceeds will help offset costs for the 8th Grade Educational Field Trip.

### [ RESTAURANT CRAWL ]

Join us for our Restaurant Crawl from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, **November 26** in downtown Highland. 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.

### [ COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT ]

Enjoy the sounds of the season at Highland Community Band's annual Christmas concert from 7-9 p.m. **December 17** at Highland High School's Monbeck Auditorium. Doors open at 5 p.m. and admission is free.

## [ TOYS FOR TOTS ]

The Highland Fire and Police departments are collecting gifts as part of the 2024 Toys for Tots campaign. Bring your new, unwrapped gift(s) to these locations through **December 6:**

### **Main Fire Station | 2901 Highway**

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

### **HPD | 3315 Ridge Road**

Drop off donations from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.



## [ SHOP WITH FIREFIGHTER ]

The Highland Fire Association is appealing to the public to help make this Christmas bright for Highland children. Firefighters are asking residents to 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 on local children.

**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 Jim Glidewell at (219) 838-3184.



## *Santa's March*

Parade with Santa through downtown Highland at 4:45 p.m. Saturday, **November 30** from 1st and Highway to Main Square Park. Lineup begins at 4 p.m. Hot chocolate will be served. Applications are available at Town Hall and Lincoln Center or online at [highland.in.gov](http://highland.in.gov).

## *Tree Lighting*

Helpers will be asked to assist Santa in officially lighting Main Square Park at 5 p.m. Saturday, **November 30** for the holiday season. Santa will have treats for good boys and girls. Bring your letter to drop off in Santa's mailbox!

## *Letters from Santa*

Receive a personalized letter from Santa Claus, delivered straight from the North Pole! Register from **November 29-December 13**. Pick up a form from Lincoln Center and drop it off in our mailbox outside of the building. Children will receive a personalized letter and coloring page – along with stickers. Residents \$3 | Non-residents \$5



## *Phone Calls from Santa*

A phone call from Santa is on every child's wish list! Register from **November 18-December 9** at Lincoln Center. Highland residents only. Santa will call your child between 6 and 8 p.m. **December 11-12**.

## *Home Decorating Contest*

Entry forms are available at Lincoln Center and must be submitted by **December 15**. Highland residences only. Categories include: Griswold Award, Best Front Door/Entryway, Best Theme and Best Overall Show Stopper. Cast your vote **December 17-19** at [highlandparks.org](http://highlandparks.org).

## *New Year's Eve & Twelfth Night*

Ring in the new year with a fireworks display at midnight **December 31** at Main Square Park. The holiday Festival of Lights will close at 6 p.m. **January 6** with our Twelfth Night Celebration at Main Square Park. Residents are encouraged to bring their Christmas trees for the bonfire. Hot chocolate will be served.

