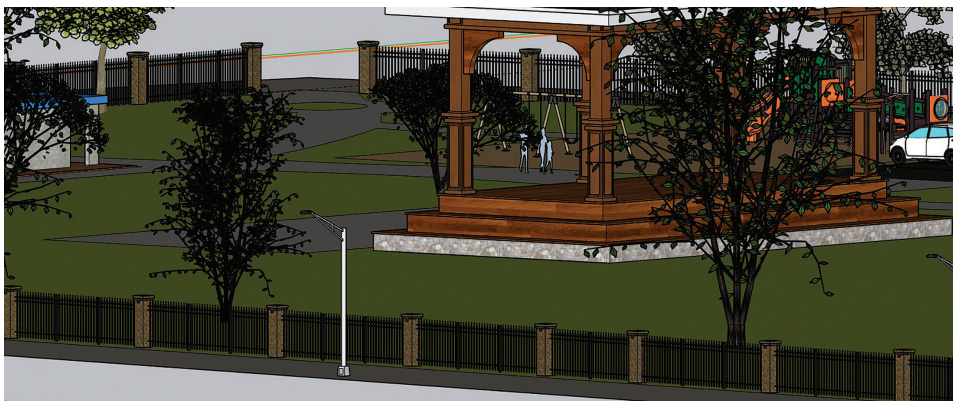




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Gariup Construction Co. – with the winning bid of \$593,700 – will install the new 4-foot fence featuring smooth brick columns and access points throughout the perimeter. Nies Engineering is overseeing the project. [ Rendering by Alex Robertson ]

## NEW FENCE WILL ENHANCE MAIN SQUARE PARK

Construction of a permanent fence surrounding Main Square Park is planned to be completed in time for this year's Fourth of July festivities.

Parks Superintendent Alex Brown said the fencing made of panels of aluminum spindles between smooth brick columns will replace the orange snow fencing that park crews installed for big events.

The enclosure will have an oversized gate to allow vehicle access for set up, pedestrian gates on the west and north and easy access from the parking lot at the northwest corner of the park near the playground.

"Indiana Excise always requires fencing because of the beer garden," Brown Said.

"This is going to be an attractive addition to the park – and to Highland," he said. "This presents new options for decorating for events and the holidays with the permanent structure."



The 2025 Fourth of July Festival kicks off July 2 at Main Square Park.

**WEDNESDAY | JULY 2**  
5-10:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY | JULY 3**  
2-10:30 p.m.  
6:30 p.m. All-American Mile Run and Twilight Parade

**FRIDAY | JULY 4**  
2-10:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY | JULY 5**  
2-10:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY | JULY 6**  
2-9 p.m.  
9 p.m. Fireworks

Visit [highland.in.gov](http://highland.in.gov) for complete festival details.

## MEMORIAL DAY

Remember and Honor

### [ MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY ]

Join us in recognizing Highland veterans and fallen heroes from 10 a.m.-noon Monday, **MAY 26** at Main Square Park. Hosted by the Council of Community Events, the event will feature military speakers as well as the Hometown Heroes banners lining the streets of downtown.

### [ POLICE MEMORIAL ]

The Highland FOP invites the community to remember Highland's fallen officers during a memorial at 9 a.m. Saturday, **MAY 10** at the Highland Police Department, 3315 Ridge Road. The service will recognize officers Donald R. Sheppard, who was shot and killed by a prison escapee Nov. 12, 1971; and, Robert J. Markley, who was struck and killed by a drunk driver March 10, 1978.

### [ CHARITY SOFTBALL GAME ]

The Highland Fraternal Order of Police is reviving a beloved tradition of hosting a charity softball game at 4 p.m. **MAY 17** at Meadows Park. Gates open at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Instead of playing against their fellow police brethren, Highland FOP President Jim Glidewell said officers will be taking on a team of Highland High School alumni ballplayers. "We are excited to revive this tradition," he said. "Money we raise supports Highland kids through youth sports and our annual Cops for Kids."

**[ LAWN MAINTENANCE ]**

Building Commissioner Ken Mika reminds homeowners that with spring and summer comes the need for regular lawn maintenance, property beautification and storm cleanup. "We also advise residents to hire companies licensed to do work in Highland," Mika said. "Too often, disreputable contractors follow in the wake of bad storms."

**[ CRIME WATCH MEETING ]**

This month's Crime Watch meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. **MAY 14** in the Community Room at the HPD, 3315 Ridge Road. Learn about what's going on in your neighborhood as well as Highland's criminal activity in 2024. **Please note:** This is the last meeting until September.

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## HIGHLAND POLICE CALL ON COMMUNITY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR NEW ANIMAL SHELTER

The Police Department is launching an all-hands-on-deck fundraising campaign. The goal: \$300,000 to fund construction of a new short-term housing facility for strays and lost pets.

Shawn Anderson, administrative commander for the Highland Police, is appealing to the public to help.

"At 52 years old, the building that houses animals has long outlived its useful life," Anderson said. "We need the public's help to build a new one"

The new Animal Control Shelter will be built in partnership with Munster just south of the current building. The plan is to expand its footprint from 15 feet by 15 feet to 15 feet by 30 feet.

Last year, the facility cared for 98 dogs – 83 from Highland and 15 from Munster.

**[ JUNE 7 KICKOFF ]**

The Highland FOP Lodge will be hosting a fundraiser from 5-9 p.m. Saturday, **JUNE 7** at the Lincoln Center Banquet Hall. The evening includes a pasta dinner provided by Amici's Grill and Langel's Pizza as well as live entertainment featuring the band, I'm with Frank. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at **highland.in.gov** or in person at the Highland Police Department and Lincoln Community Center.

**DONATIONS:** An account has been opened at Centier Bank under the FOP Lodge #122 "Animal Shelter Donation" account. You can donate directly at the bank, 9102 Indianapolis Blvd., or the Highland Police Department, 3315 Ridge Road. Make checks payable to the Highland FOP Lodge #122 with "Animal Shelter" in the memo. Or simply visit to donate online at **highland.in.gov**.

## HIGHLAND'S SUMMER ROAD PROJECTS GET BOOST FROM COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT

The town will be resurfacing a dozen streets this summer, thanks to an investment of \$753,000 in local funds that are being matched by the Indiana Department of Transportation's Community Crossings Matching Grant Program.

In addition to paving, the Town of Highland project includes pavement markings and curb ramps.

**[ 2025 ROAD PROJECTS ]**

- » **Wirth Road:** Kleinman to Cline
- » **Price Place:** Wirth to 38<sup>th</sup> St.
- » **38<sup>th</sup> Street:** Price Place to Cline
- » **42<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Liable to Kleinman
- » **Grace Street:** Ridge to Strong
- » **Grace Street:** 120 ft. south of 41<sup>st</sup> to 41<sup>st</sup> Pl.
- » **Delaware Street:** Ridge to LaPorte
- » **Condit Street:** Kennedy to 5<sup>th</sup> Street
- » **Woodward Avenue:** Bluebird to Martha
- » **Woodward Avenue:** Martha to Dead End
- » **Georgetown Drive:** Dead End to Kennedy
- » **Sara Lane:** Dead End to Dead End

HIGHLAND NEIGHBORS FOR SUSTAINABILITY

# Highland Community Garden



10 AM – NOON MAY 31

## Planting Day

*Come play in the dirt with us!*

We'll be putting in tomatoes, peppers, zucchini, cucumbers, lettuce, kale, beans and herbs. Volunteers have also been busy planting vegetables to give away to community members during the planting day. The garden is located just east of the Main Fire Station on Highway Avenue.

**Garden Vouchers:** You can also provide plants for the garden by purchasing and donating at Zandstra's Greenhouse, 10202 Kennedy Ave. and Scheeringa Farms & Produce, 9436 Cline Ave. Your plant donations help fill our garden with produce for those in need.

### [ SPRING CLEANUP DAY ]

Republic Services will schedule extra crews Tuesday, **May 20** to collect trash and rubbish generated by spring cleaning. **Not included:** Construction debris, concrete, electronics, televisions, household hazardous waste and leaves. Televisions, computers and electronics may be recycled at Public Works, 8001 Kennedy.

**INFO:** Call (219) 972-5083.



### [ TOWNWIDE YARD SALE ]

Find the latest bargain or the ultimate treasure at our Townwide Yard Sale from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, **May 23** and Saturday, **May 24**.

**INFO:** Visit [highland.in.gov](http://highland.in.gov) or Highland Council of Community Events on Facebook to download a map of participating residences.



### [ HIGHLAND SHRED DAY ]

Highland will shred your confidential documents for free from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, **June 21** at Highland Public Works, 8001 Kennedy. Proof of residency is required.

- » 4 boxes (no larger than 12x18x10) or 4 brown paper bags.
- » No plastic covers, binder clips/ notebooks or spiral notebooks.
- » Recycle all your nonconfidential documents bi-weekly in your Highland curbside recycling bin.



### [ LATEX PAINT COLLECTION ]

The Lake County Solid Waste Management District will accept latex paint, primers and stains in original containers (up to five gallons) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, **May 10** at 8695 Broadway Ave. in Merrillville.

**[ MOVIES IN THE PARK ]**

Join us at dusk (around 8:30 p.m.) for an evening in the park to watch some family-friendly movies on the big screen. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and snack under the stars (concessions available). In the event of inclement weather, movie will be shown at Lincoln Community Center.

**May 30:** Despicable Me 4

**July 11:** Dog Man

**August 22:** The Wild Robot

**WHERE:** Main Square Park

**INFO:** highlandparks.org

**[ SUMMER CAMP ]**

Children ages 5-12 (must have completed kindergarten) enjoy games, crafts, songs, drama, sports and field trips during our camp.

**WHEN:** 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, **June 2-August 8.** (Off July 3-4). Pre-camp is from 7-8:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Lincoln Community Center

**WEEKLY CAMP FEE:** \$130 R | \$150 NR

**DAILY CAMP FEE:** \$30 R | \$35 NR

**DAILY PRE-CAMP FEE:** \$7 R | \$8 NR

**LATE PICK-UP:** \$10 per child every 15 minutes past 5 p.m.

**NOTE:** Mandatory parent meeting will be held at 6 p.m. **May 22.**

**INFO:** highlandparks.org

**[ MARTIAL ARTS BOOSTER CAMP ]**

Our four-week Martial Arts Booster Camp helps students – ages 9-13 – progress their belt rank and build skills. Each day includes breaks for snacks, drinks and games.

**WHEN:** 1-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, **June 2-27** or **July 7-August 1**

**WHERE:** Lincoln Community Center

**FEE:** \$125 residents | \$130 nonresidents

**INFO:** highlandparks.org

# SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



## Main Square Park

Grab a comfy lawn chair and head to Main Square Park for live entertainment. All shows are 7-9 p.m. Here's the lineup:

**MAY 22:** Community Band

**JUN 4:** Carlton and The Soul Entertainers featuring Arlene Taylor

*Blues*

**JUN 11:** The Ultimate British Invasion

*Classic British Rock*

**JUN 18:** Hendrix Effect

*Jimi Hendrix Tribute*

**JUN 25:** Eddie Korosa Jr.

*Polka*

**JUL 16:** Pawns

*Motown*

**AUG 6:** Stingrays

*Swing and 20s-50s music*

**AUG 13:** Oscar & The Majestics

*Rock*

**VENDORS WANTED!**

Parks and Recreation is seeking vendors to complement the summer concert series. Tables, chairs and extension cords are not provided.

**WEEKLY FEE:** \$30

**SEASON FEE:** \$175 (7 weeks)

**INFO:** highlandparks.org

**[ COMMUNITY 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 2 p.m. Saturday, **May 10** at Lincoln Community Center!

**VENDOR FEE:** \$40 for 10' x 10' interior space or \$65 wall space. Tables, chairs and extension cords are not provided.

**INFO:** highlandparks.org.

**[ SKATEBOARDING ]**

Learn the fundamentals of skateboarding or elevate your riding game while connecting with local skateboarders and making new friends. Anyone – ages 4+ – with a skateboard is welcome! Build proficiency in balance, pushing and riding, agility, ollies, and use of park obstacles with Instructor Jeff from Driftwood Collective.

**WHEN:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, **May 13-29** and **June 10-26**

**AGES 4-7:** 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**AGES 7+:** 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Sheppard Skate Park

**FEE:** \$70 residents | \$80 nonresidents

**INFO:** highlandparks.org.

**[ RESTAURANT CRAWL ]**

Join us for our popular Restaurant Crawl from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, **May 27** and **June 24** 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 ones along the way. Retail businesses will also be open late.

**INFO:** Visit highland.in.gov or Highland Main Street on Facebook for monthly restaurant specials.