

City Council



Calendars

Your City Government And What It Is Doing

New Street Lights Installed; Council Plans for the Future as Work Progresses on Current Projects

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Lack of a quorum necessitated the postponing of this week's council meeting until next Monday evening. In the meantime the various activities of the departments making up the city's government goes on apace.

Perhaps the busiest department of all during the past week has been the street department. Commissioner Swanson reports that the unprecedented snow fall during the month of November has kept his men busy day and night doing work that they are not usually called upon to do until late in December or after the first of the year. On Thursday and Friday of last week employees of the street department were kept busy far into the night keeping the main arteries of travel and particularly Central avenue clear of snow and ice.

Commissioner Swanson states that if the month of November is a fair sample of what is to follow the rest of the winter in the way of weather, his \$2,200 appropriation for the removal of snow and ice from the city's streets will have to be drastically revised upwards. Normal fall of snow in the Chicago area for the month of November is one and one-half inches. This year a total of fourteen inches fell during this month. In commenting on this part of his department's work, Commissioner Swanson stated that it would facilitate matters greatly for his men if property owners in the business district would pile the snow removed from their sidewalks in one spot rather than scattering it willy-nilly all over the street.

The first of the new street lights on East Central avenue authorized by the council at its meeting on November 25 was ready for operation on Monday of this week and by the time these words are read the remaining two lights in this section will be in use. This small battery of lights proves an excellent sample, or preview of what the business district lighting plan will look like when all the property owners in the area approve this plan and install this same type of light and fixture.

Word from the "front" regarding progress on the new incinerator and fire station indicate that these two projects are moving towards completion but not at the rate expected. Inclement weather, labor trouble and general lack of speed on the part of the contracting firms doing the jobs have all contributed toward postponing the time when these two important undertakings could be written off the record books as completed. Now that apparently the labor question has been settled as recently reported in the columns of THE PRESS, delay from this source should definitely

be at an end. If the weather man behaves himself and the contractors put on a much needed burst of speed it should not be very long until these units are placed at the city's disposal.

Commissioner Bowes reports that negotiations between his department and the telephone company on the latter's franchise are still going on but that several details have to be ironed out before the document can be placed before the council for approval.

The telephone company's franchise with the city expired in 1937 but by mutual agreement has been held in effect since that date.

The coming of the end of the year finds the city council looking forward with the hope that the New Year will bring forth the realization of many of its plans and projects that in the past have been laid aside because of lack of funds or for other reasons. Unless unforeseen expenses between now and the end of the city's fiscal year on April 30th next, enter into the picture it is believed that there will be sufficient funds available to finance at least the start of some of these much needed enterprises. The current administration has operated well below its income during its first year and if the present trend continues will do likewise during its second year. It is the opinion of some minds close to the city's government that the current administration should not attempt to pay off the city's deficit in one, two or three years but rather prorate it over the full four year term of office thereby releasing funds for current needs.

This school of thought believes that it is hardly doing the correct thing by the citizens of the community if it finds itself at the end of four years with no deficit but little else to show for its labors. Those who hold to this view think that money saved over and above the annual sum set aside to pull the city out of the red should be diverted to other necessary channels. It is also their opinion that if a proper budgeting system is devised and used it will not be necessary to wait until the end of each year to use these funds that have accumulated during the city's fiscal term.

This discussion naturally leads to the question. What does the city need that it does not already possess? First, and most important, we might add, a Public Health program. Although recent reports and surveys indicate that the City of Highland Park enjoys equal and perhaps better health than many communities of comparative size, there are conditions existent within the city that easily might upset this apple cart of physical well-being.

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Highland Park Events for Coming Week

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 —

10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Red Cross meeting, Trinity Church Parish House.
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Invite helpers to paint and repair toys at Community Center.
10:30 a.m. Ravinia Garden Club Board meeting.
7:30 p.m. Footlighters, at Y.W.C.A.
8:00 p.m. Sheridan Rifle and Pistol Club, Deerfield range.
Fidelity Life Association card party, Elks Hall.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 —

9:00 a.m. Boy Airplane Club at Community Center.
8:00 p.m. Saturday Evening Club for Young Marrieds, Y.W.C.A.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 —

4:00 p.m. Vesper Service at Y.W.C.A. Community Choral Club program.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 —

9:30 a.m. Highland Park Woman's Club Board meeting at Club House.
Woman's Association meeting, Presbyterian Church.
12:15 p.m. Rotary Club luncheon, Sunset Valley Club
2:00 p.m. Mrs. Faxon's Book Review, Presbyterian Church.
2:00 p.m. Musart Club, home of Mrs. Iverson.
6:30 p.m. Kiwanis Club meeting.
7:00 p.m. Park Board meeting.
7:30 p.m. Sea Scout Ship 39, N. S. Yacht Club.
7:45 p.m. School District 108, Board meeting.
City Council meeting.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 —

10:00 a.m. Y.W.C.A. Board meeting.
2:00 p.m. N. S. Catholic Woman's League, Winnetka Community House.
6:30 p.m. Highlander Club dinner, Presbyterian Church.
Mens Club, Trinity Church, opening dinner.
Highland Park Chamber of Commerce monthly dinner meeting.
7:00 - 11:00 p.m. Invite help to paint and repair toys at Community Center.
8:00 p.m. School District 107, Board meeting.
Mothers Club annual Christmas party, Y.W.C.A.
Community Choral Club, Community Center.
N. S. Stamp Club, Community Center.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 —

9:45 a.m. Girl Scout Council, at home of Mrs. Nereim, 247 Central Ave
10:30 a.m. Hospital Auxiliary, Trinity Church Parish house.
2:00 p.m. Ravinia Woman's Club. Dr. A. E. Bailey speaker.
8:00 p.m. Library Board meeting.
Royal Neighbors, Masonic Temple.
Highland Park Chapter Royal Arch Masons, installation, Masonic Temple.
10:00 a.m. North Shore Creative Writing course, Y.W.C.A.
10:00 a.m. High School Creative Writing course, Y.W.C.A.
12:15 p.m. Lions Club meeting, Sunset Valley Club.
2:00 p.m. Meeting of Daughters of American Revolution.
7:00 - 11:00 p.m. Invite helpers to paint and repair toys at Community Center.
8:00 p.m. Dumaresq Spencer Post of the American Legion, Legion headquarters.
Y.M.C. Community House.

THE PRESS will appreciate notification of any future meetings or public events scheduled, which do not appear in the calendar of events.

Deerfield Community Calendar

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 —

1:00 p.m. St. Paul's Sodality, George Sampson home.
3:00 p.m. Altar and Rosary tea, at Mrs. F. Diebert's.
7:45 p.m. Bethlehem Church Choir.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 —

10:00 a.m. Dorcas Home Board.
3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts, Troop 1, at Presbyterian Church.
7:30 p.m. Girl Scouts, Troop 11, at Presbyterian Church.
7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts at Presbyterian Church.
7:30 p.m. Sea Scouts at School.
8:00 p.m. Deerfield Grammar School Board.
8:00 p.m. American Legion at Masonic Temple.
8:00 p.m. Deerfield Building & Loan.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 —

2:00 p.m. Deerfield Woman's Club.
7:00 p.m. Woman's Bowling League.
7:30 p.m. Village Board.
9:00 p.m. C of C Bowling League.
8:00 p.m. Holy Cross Services.
8:30 p.m. Holy Cross Choir.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 —

1:00 p.m. Judy's Social Club.
7:00 p.m. Evangelical Daughters.
7:30 p.m. St. Paul's Choir.
8:00 p.m. Presbyterian Choir.
8:00 p.m. Bethlehem mid-week service.
8:00 p.m. Badminton League at School.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12 —

12:15 p.m. Rotary at Phil Johnson's.
1:00 p.m. St. Paul's Sewing Club.
2:00 p.m. Hobby Show at Presbyterian Church.
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Presbyterian Dinner.
7:00 p.m. Job's Daughters.
8:00 p.m. Bethlehem Fireside Club.
8:00 p.m. Royal Neighbors at Town Hall.