



HIGHWOOD BOCCE CLUB

Members,

As the end of summer approaches and we move into the latter part of 2015, we have some very important news to share. See below for updates on our potential relocation, upcoming elections, beginning of our fall/winter leagues, and other announcements.

- **Relocation Update**

As you are likely already aware, the membership recently voted 184 to 82 in favor of the proposal to relocate should the City of Highwood proceed with the development of the property surrounding the Metra station and including the property we lease from the City.

Next steps for us are to continue to work with the City and the Gart Partners to optimize the plans for our new facility, while they work through other steps required to make the development a reality. See the next page for a summary of activities and earliest possible schedules. To ensure we get membership input as part of this process, we are forming a focus group. Participants will be asked to provide periodic input over the next few months on our building design and other items important to our relocation plans. Please contact Tom Holleman (tomho@yahoo.com or call 847-867-3470) if you would like to participate.

- **Elections in November!!!**

The current administration is nearing the end of their two year term and the membership will be called upon to elect its next leadership team on November 8th. We are looking for volunteers to run for all positions – President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and 5 Trustees.

If you have good ideas for how to improve the Club, care about its future direction, or just want to give back **please consider running**. To submit your name and be included in the election, simply provide a written notice to any member of the current Administration or to highwoodbocceclub@gmail.com by October 9th.

- **New Date for October General Membership Meeting**

In order to not conflict with the Highwood Pumpkin Fest we are moving our October general membership meeting from 10/11 to Sunday 10/18 at 3PM. Please update your calendars.

- **Schedules for Fall/Winter Leagues**

All fall/winter leagues must start before or by the first week of November this year and finish by March 31. This is to allow us to have additional leagues starting in April, and give more of our members a chance to participate in league play. Please reach out to your league contact if you have any questions.

Your HBC Board

President: Lenny Innocenzi ♦ Vice President: Jack Grandi ♦ Treasurer: Sil Maiorana ♦ Secretary: Tom Holleman
Trustees: Judy Amidei, Susan Hauer, Vic Picchiotti, Emilio Santi, Alex Serafini

ESTIMATED HIGHWOOD DEVELOPMENT / HBC RELOCATION SCHEDULE

Please view the schedule below as **ESTIMATED ONLY**, and simply an attempt to provide membership with some idea of the earliest key activities **COULD** happen. It's likely the schedules will get extended from what is listed below.

September - October 2015

- City of Highwood and Gart Partners work to secure ownership of required properties from private land owners
- HBC extends membership of Building/Relocation committee and forms focus group of volunteer members. Club begins work to optimize building plans and resolve any outstanding questions and issues. Update to be given to membership at 10/18 general membership meeting.

November 2015 - February of 2016

- City begins to hold public forums soliciting input on overall development from Highwood residents while finalizing architectural and development plans. City also works to obtain final approval from state legislature for required TIF funds.
- HBC finalizes plans for new facility and enters into contract with City.

Spring 2016: Earliest construction of new bocce club would begin

Fall 2016: Earliest construction completes

2015 Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

18 **NEW DATE** General Membership Meeting, 3 PM

NOVEMBER

8 Club Elections, 3PM

14 Members Dinner Dance

DECEMBER

13 Children's Christmas Party, 2-4 PM

31 Member's Annual New Year's Eve Party

All events will be posted at the Club and can always be found at our website.

HBC Hours and Reminders

Club Hours

Opening Times:

Sunday 12 noon

Monday - Saturday 6:30 PM

Courts Only Opening Times:

Daily at 1:30 PM

With the passing of the Labor Day weekend, the Club is now open again on Mondays.

Club may be closed for large private parties on Saturdays that use the courts, bar, and banquet room areas.

Member Reminders

- For liability reasons, alcohol cannot be brought in from outside the Club.
- To protect our world-class courts, members or guests MUST wear a different pair of shoes than what they walked in with and they must be flat-soled shoes. No Exceptions.