

# ***First Bank of Highland Park***

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## **HP150 and The Highland Park Historical Society**

Acclaimed actor, director and teacher Jeff Perry was welcomed back to his hometown as an honored guest to celebrate Highland Park's 150th Anniversary at First Bank of Highland Park. The event gathered together many of the city's influential community members whose contributions make us proud to call Highland Park "home."

The evening also served as a kick-off for the month-long HP150 Exhibition, provided by the City of Highland Park, which gives a historical retrospective of Highland Park through photographs, fun facts, trivia and a "Hall of Fame." The exhibit, which will be on display throughout January on the bank's Ruth Fell Wander Community Art Wall, highlights activities planned during the year-long celebration including special events, tours and more.

Mayor Nancy Rotering gave the keynote address and Jeff Perry shared fond memories of his upbringing, as well as his parents' strong ties to Highland Park's education system. Jeff's father's career began as an English teacher at Highland Park High School and then was head of the English department. Later he became District 113's Curriculum Director. Jeff's mother served as the school secretary at Ravinia Elementary School. Jeff spoke about being one of the co-founders of the famous Steppenwolf Theatre, along with Highland Park High School buddy Gary Sinise, and his deep roots in our city which have greatly influenced his long-lasting career that includes starring and guest roles in many popular TV series such as Scandal, Nash Bridges and Grey's Anatomy.

Stop by the bank throughout the month of January to view the HP150 exhibition. Help preserve Highland Park's history, by liking FBHP's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/firstbankofhighlandpark>. For every new "like" received throughout the month, the bank will donate \$2 to [The Highland Park Historical Society](#) (up to \$250).

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