

- Promoted recreation programs for the disabled, providing initial endorsement of **Buddy Ball** program (2009). Offered a **Drama Program** (with VSA New Jersey) for adults with disabilities (2013-14)
- Have worked with construction official, Planning Board, Zoning Board, Redevelopment Agency and Main Street to insure **ADA guidelines** are met
- Purchased appropriate **materials for the public library** to facilitate awareness and understanding of individuals with disabilities (2005)
- Reviewed **voting accessibility** issues with County Clerk (2006)
- Met with Highland Park and County Offices of Emergency Management to discuss issues of **emergency preparedness** for people with disabilities (2006).

Meeting Dates Remaining in 2016

(first Thursday of the month, 7:30 pm)

January 7	May 5	October 6
February 4	June 2	November 3
March 3	July 7	December 1
April 7	September 1	

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Mission of CFUA

- Advise Borough government of programs, grants, legislation, policies and practices in the best interest of **fostering full civic partnership** by individuals with disabilities
- Promote **programs and opportunities** for individuals with disabilities
- Partner with Borough government and Schools to facilitate **physical and social inclusion** of individuals with disabilities
- Assist ADA Coordinator in resolving complaints brought to his/her attention (**ADA Compliance Resolution**)
- Investigate, seek and apply for appropriate **grants/awards**

Current CFUA Activities

- Distribute **Emergency Radios** to some senior citizens and residents with disabilities. A **Park Partners** grant was secured to purchase these.
- Monitor current use of Borough **Handicapped Parking Ordinance**
- Support efforts to make Highland Park more accessible for all (e.g., accessible entrance to **Main Street** office, **sidewalk improvements**)
- Promote and offer **Programs** for people with disabilities:
- Promote awareness of **ADA guidelines**, especially the newest ones
- Apply for **grants** as appropriate
- Support **SEPAC** (Special Education Parents Advisory Council), working with the Director of Educational Services (in the Schools)
- Increase **awareness of social accessibility issues** and invisible/hidden disabilities
- Investigate **work opportunities** in town for people with disabilities

A Sampling of Past CFUA Accomplishments/Projects

- With Police and Borough government, created **Handicapped Parking Ordinance**. This provides improved access to handicapped parking and generates additional funds for the Borough (2009)
- Updated Handicapped Parking Ordinance to allow residents to request an **On-Street Handi-capped Parking Space** when off street parking is not available where they live (2011)
- Worked with the Borough and Schools to improve **handicap access into and through the buildings and grounds** (e.g., ramp and Council chambers at Borough Hall, ramp at High School, doorbells as appropriate, signage throughout the buildings)
- Received HP **Park Partners** grant to purchase emergency radios for senior citizens and people with disabilities in town (2014)
- National finalist for NOD (National Organization on Disability) **Accessible America Award** (2004)