

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Tuesday, April 18

Teen Recycled Craft for Students
3:00 p.m., Public Library

Tuesday, April 18

International Film Series – Love & Friendship
6:30 p.m., Public Library

Wednesday, April 19

Bulk Trash Collection
South Side

Wednesday, April 19

Walk with the Mayor
7:00 a.m., Corner of South Adelaide & Raritan Ave

Wednesday, April 19

Nature Themed Book Break
4:00 p.m., Public Library

Wednesday, April 19

Human Relations Commission
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Thursday, April 20

Film - Before the Flood
6:30 p.m., Public Library

Thursday, April 20

Planning Board
7:30 p.m., Borough Hall

Saturday, April 22

H.P. Celebrates Our Birds
9:00 a.m., Environmental Center

Monday, April 24

Library Board of Trustee
7:30 p.m., Public Library

Monday, April 24

Healthy Kids Walk with the Mayor
10:00 a.m., Borough Hall

Sunday, April 23

Earth Day Celebration
11:00 a.m., Environmental Center

Monday, April 24

Library Board of Trustee Meeting
7:30 p.m., Public Library

Monday, April 24

Zoning Board of Adjustment
7:30 p.m., Borough Hall

Tuesday, April 25

Poetry Night Series – Maria Mazziotti Gillan
7:00 p.m., Public Library

Wednesday, April 26

Sustainable Highland Park
7:30 p.m., Environmental Education Ctr.

Thursday, April 27

Food Pantry Distribution
9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Senior/Youth Center

Thursday, April 27

Meditation Circle – Bobbie Ellis, Soma Center
7:00 p.m., Public Library

Saturday & Sunday, April 29 & 30

Operation Take Back – Turn in old medication
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Senior/Youth Center

All meetings are subject to change, please check the Borough's website at www.hpboro.com for updates

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Memo from Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler



The weather is finally cooperating, and it is wonderful to see residents back outside, walking, bicycling, shopping, and enjoying the beautiful weather in our thriving downtown and parks.

There are a myriad of events happening in Highland Park over the next few months, that you don't want to miss! In line with my goal to keep Highland Parkers living healthy lives, on April 23rd, at 10:00am, children are welcome to join me on a Healthy Kids Walk. We will walk from Borough Hall down to the Earth Day Celebration, at the Environmental Center on River Road, which begins at 11:00am.

The following week, on April 30, is the Grand Opening of our Sculpture Walk at the Environmental Center, starting at 1:30pm. Outdoor sculptures, created by students at the Mason Gross School of the Arts, will be set up and displayed in six different locations and we are proud to display them in Highland Park. The display will remain for several months, and we hope to have a new display of student sculptures each year. This is a perfect companion to the Mason Gross School's rotating art display in the Rite-Aid windows on South 4th Avenue. We are so fortunate to help grow the arts in Highland Park by partnering with the students at Rutgers' Mason Gross School of the Arts!

Important upcoming dates include April 26, which is Denim Day. Wear denim to raise awareness for the Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Campaign. Another important date is June 2nd, which is Wear Orange Day. Join me and our Borough staff and wear orange on June 2nd to commemorate Gun Violence Prevention Awareness.

The Borough will honor our many volunteers at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony on May 9, 7-9pm at the Senior/Youth Center. I invite the community to join us in celebrating our invaluable residents, who give up so much of their time to truly help make Highland Park a better place.

Finally, we honored resident musician Ray Andersen with a proclamation and named the song "Stand in Unity", which he wrote about Highland Park for our March 30th Unity Celebration, as the Official Song of Highland Park. Thank you to Ray for the very special song about our very special community. To listen to the song, visit www.hpboro.com.

I look forward to seeing all of you walking or biking along Raritan for shopping and eating this spring!

Congratulations to Our Retiree



Borough Administrator/CFO Kathleen Kovach

The Borough wants to wish a special "Happy Retirement" to our outgoing Borough Administrator/CFO, Kathleen Kovach. Kathy has been with the Borough since January 2007, when she was hired by Mayor Meryl Frank and Mayor Gary Minkoff, as the Chief Financial Officer. She was appointed as the Administrator in 2010 by Mayor Stephen Nolan, and has held both positions since then. Kathy is respected and appreciated by Borough employees and residents, as a knowledgeable and supportive Administrator/CFO, who handled every situation with a sense of fairness and integrity.

Kathy is retiring to sunny southwest Florida to live near her son and daughter-in-law, and her one-year-old grandson, Kaedan. We wish her the best of luck in her retirement.

Questions? Feedback? We want to hear from you!

Let us know what you think by writing to communications@hpboro.com

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Highland Marks



Alex Dobrowolski loves Highland Park, where he has lived with his wife, Joan, for over 45 years. But he also loves to travel and run marathons. Alex has run marathons in all 7 continents, even sleeping in a pup tent for the event in Antarctica (which he would not recommend doing). Alex is the oldest person to ever run a marathon in Antarctica, which he ran with his daughter, Holly. Together, they held the record for the oldest father/daughter pair to run. Alex started running at age 44, and entered his first marathon –the New York Marathon, at age 58. Altogether he has completed 11 marathons throughout the world. When he's back in Highland Park, he umpires mens' and womens' softball, and referees high school sports.

Have you – or someone you know – done something recently that's particularly noteworthy? Let us know about it and we'll include it in Highland Marks! Write to communications@hpboro.com

Denim Day

April 26, 2017 is Demin Day, to raise awareness for Sexual Violence Prevention and Education. Wear jeans and denim all day in support of this important cause. For more information visit denimdayinfo.org.

Earth Day Celebration



Come out for the annual Earth Day Celebration! Sunday, April 23, 11:00am – 3:00pm, at the Environmental Education Center, 20 River Road. Music, food, activities, and more!

- Learn about bees, chickens, and seed libraries
- Get a free native tree seedling to plant at home
- Join the scavenger hunt on the river trail
- Learn the scoop on going solar and recycling

For more information, visit www.hpboro.com or on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SustainableHP/>.

Sculpture Walk

Join the Highland Park Arts Commission and the Mason Gross School of the Arts for the Grand Opening of the Highland Park Sculpture Walk. Grand opening will be Sunday, April 30,

Students from Mason Gross have created outdoor sculptures for temporary display in Highland Park. This project

The Main Street Minute

Run, Walk, or Roll in the Highland Park 5k & Kids Races!
Sunday May 7, 9:00 am

Sign up today at MainStreetHP.org. All ages welcome, strollers welcome, wheelchairs welcome. For very young kids (6 and under), we have the Superhero Kids Races too! All proceeds go to the Highland Park police, fire, emergency, and recreation departments; the Highland Park Public Library, and Main Street.

Save the Date for the Annual HP "Spring Fling" Street Fair
Sunday May 7, 2016, 11:30 am – 4:30 pm

The Annual Highland Park Spring Fling Street Fair is one of Highland Park's signature events, and features something for everyone. It has crafters, vendors, artists, music, food, games, inflatable rides, and more. Admission is free!

We want Highland Park-based businesses and organizations to be vendors at this great festival that attracts thousands of people downtown. Vendor applications can be found at <https://goo.gl/zrXThH>.

Learn more about these events and more at www.mainstreethp.org or www.facebook.com/MainStreetHP.

Highland Park Names Official Song of the Borough



Highland Park's Council voted to make Ray "Mr. Ray" Andersen's song "Stand in Unity" the official song of Highland Park. Andersen wrote the song for the Borough's Unity Celebration on March 26, which featured children from the community singing, dancing, and performing poetry to express unity in our diverse community. Following the performances, the children and audience joined Andersen in the inaugural performance of the song. You can listen to the song on the Borough's website at www.hpboro.com or on you tube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ak9jLxSw_DQ&feature=youtu.be.

At the Council meeting on April 4th, Andersen and the children performed the song for the community, after which the Mayor presented him with a proclamation, and announced the song as the official song of Highland Park.

HP Gives a Hoot Fundraiser



Support our community children and enjoy a great meal with friends or family! Highland Park's HP Gives a Hoot is participating in a fundraiser with TGI Friday's in North Brunswick. Download a coupon (available at www.hpboro.com or facebook at www.facebook.com/hpgivesahoot, and on Tuesday, April 18, between 11:00am and 1:00am, visit the TGI Fridays at 993 Rt 1 South in North Brunswick for lunch or a snack.

Twenty percent of your meal will be donated to HP Gives a Hoot to support our children! HP Gives a Hoot is a nonprofit fund created by the Borough of Highland Park to contribute to the wellbeing of our Highland Park students in need. Donations to the fund are used to provide lunches to these students when school is not in session and offer opportunities to ensure their success in school and the future.

Healthy Kids Walk With the Mayor

Join the Mayor on a special "Healthy Kids Walk" on Earth Day! Meet at Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Ave, at 10:00am, and walk with Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler down to the Environmental Center, 20 River Road. Stay for the Earth Day Celebration, beginning at 11:00am.

Kids of all ages welcome!

Highland Park Summer Camps



**WHEN SCHOOL IS OUT,
CAMP IS IN!**

Summer Camp begins this year on July 5 with a 3 –day mini-camp, and will run for the following 6 weeks. Day Camp will have science, art, cooking, recreation, theme weeks, day trips, weekly pool visits, and more summer fun. Sports Camp will begin on July 10, and run a different sport for each of its 5 weeks. Learn a new sport or practice your favorite—there will be skills clinics, fun activities, game play, and summer fun. New this year—a 2 week Musical Theater Camp, July 24-Aug 4. HP Summer Camps have programs for children entering K through High School. Our Teen Camp includes international students, and provides trips, learning experiences, and activities structured for teens. Special Needs Camp provides an opportunity for children with special needs an individualized plan for their camp experience with on level peer interaction. Summer Camp packets may be picked up at the Senior / Youth Center or printed from the borough's website.