

# The Highland Park eNews

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## Events & Meetings

### Tuesday, July 18

Summer International Festival  
6:30 p.m., Public Library

### Wednesday, July 19

Walk with the Mayor  
7:00 a.m., Donaldson Park Entrance  
(South 2<sup>nd</sup> and Riverview Drive)

### Wednesday, July 19

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

### Monday, July 24

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

### Tuesday, July 25

Summer International Film Festival  
6:30 p.m., Public Library

### Wednesday, July 26

A Better World Naturally  
1:30 p.m., Public Library

### Wednesday, July 26

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

### Thursday, July 27

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

### Friday, July 28

Tomato Festival  
11:00 a.m., Farmer's Market Lot

### Saturday, July 29

Food Pantry Distribution  
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Senior/Youth Center

### Tuesday, August 1

Summer International Festival  
6:30 p.m., Public Library

### Wednesday, August 2

Bulk Trash Collection  
North Side, Triangle & Business District

### Wednesday, August 2

Chalk Art Festival  
5:00 p.m., South 3<sup>rd</sup> (Raritan & Magnolia)

### Wednesday, August 2

National Night Out  
5:00 p.m., North 3<sup>rd</sup> and Raritan Ave

### Wednesday, August 2

Community Food Pantry  
7:00 p.m., Senior/Youth Center

### Thursday, August 3

Redevelopment Agency  
7:30 p.m., Borough Hall

All meetings are subject to change, please check the Borough's website at [www.hpboro.com](http://www.hpboro.com) for updates

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## Memo from Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler



The summer is heating up in Highland Park, as we look forward to some great events in the next few weeks. First, stop by our Farmer's Market at Raritan between 2nd and 3rd every Friday, and especially on July 28, for the annual Tomato Festival & Beer Garden. The market is open for extended hours that day, from 11am – 8pm. I hope to see you there!

Highland Park is hosting two major events on August 2nd. The Highland Park Police Department will once again hold National Night Out, an annual community-building event that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. The event features games, food, vendors and lots of fun for the entire family.

This year, in conjunction with National Night Out, the Highland Park Arts Commission and ASAP (Adult Substance Abuse Program) is hosting a Chalk Art Festival – across the street from Night Out. Watch professional and amateur artists create amazing works of art using chalk, on the street at South 3rd Avenue. Two special kids sections will welcome children to create designs and pictures as well! Donations and sponsorships go to ASAP. ASAP, a program developed by Judge Hoffman, a long-time Highland Park resident, provides help to inmates at the Middlesex County Correctional Facility, helping them combat substance abuse.

Speaking of streets, we are pleased that PSE&G is ready to repave several streets that were broken up during repair work. Streets will be repaved from curb to curb, making a much smoother surface along the entire width of the street. Residents who will be affected by this repaving work will be notified.

At long last, our efforts for greater resiliency for our municipality in times of temporary power outages may soon be a reality. I am pleased to announce that Highland Park has been awarded grant of \$130,000 from the NJ Board of Public Utilities to conduct a feasibility study for a Borough center microgrid. Our program, Being Resilient In a Temporary Emergency (BRITE) is a first step to ensuring we remain Highland Park, not Highland Dark. I will share more details on our first microgrid project as it proceeds.

I wish you a happy, safe summer, and look forward to seeing you at the Farmer's Market, upcoming downtown events, and in our parks!



The Highland Park Police Department will host National Night Out Against Crime on Wednesday, August 2 from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. at North 3<sup>rd</sup> and Raritan Avenues. The event is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness and strengthen police-community relationships. It has a block party atmosphere, complete with a DJ, hot dogs, popcorn, snow cones, cotton candy and other refreshments all for FREE.

Those in attendance will have the opportunity to receive valuable education material, view emergency service equipment and vehicles on display courtesy of the Fire Department, First Aid Squad and Police Department. Raffles and giveaways of merchandise made possible through donations by Highland Park businesses will take place throughout the event. Residents of all ages are invited to come spend the evening with neighbors, friends and police.

The Rain date is Tuesday, August 8.

**Questions? Feedback? We want to hear from you!**

Let us know what you think by writing to [communications@hpboro.com](mailto:communications@hpboro.com)

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## Highland Park History Maker



Long-time Highland Park resident **Earle E. Dickson** was frustrated when his wife often cut herself while preparing meals, and gauze tape wouldn't stay on to stop the bleeding. Earle was a cotton buyer at Johnson & Johnson, but he was also an inventor, and this problem led him to create the Band-Aid brand adhesive bandages. In 1910, he placed gauze scars on a roll of tape, held in place with crinoline (a material used for petticoats). He showed the idea to James Wood Johnson, and in 1924, J&J installed machines to mass-produce the bandage. Following the huge success of the Band-Aid, Dickson was promoted to vice president of the company.

**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](mailto:communications@hpboro.com)**

## Highland Park Police Department Promotions



Pictured left to right Sgt. Sachau, Lt. Abrams & Sgt. Curbelo

On July 11, 2017 the Highland Park Police Department had its Annual Award Ceremony and Promotions.

Det. Sean McGraw and Det. Allie Bitterman of the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office were honored for their lead roles in the sexual assault investigation that led to the arrest and conviction of the actor.

Sgt. Wenskoski, Ptl. Garley, Ptl. Giles, and Ptl. Olarra Jr. along with the Highland Park First Aid Squad were recognized for the delivery of a premature baby.

Also, the Promotion of Sgt. Rick Abrams, Ptl. John Sachau and Ptl. Joe Curbelo.

Sgt. Abrams was promoted to Lieutenant He has been with the Highland Park Police Department since 2003. Lt. Abrams is our Fire Arms and Taser Instructor. He is also a member of the Middlesex County Special Response Team.

Ptl. Sachau was promoted to Sergeant. He has been with the Highland Park Police Department since 2007. He has served in the Detective Bureau where he became an Arson Investigator. Sgt. Sachau is also one of our Patrol Field Training Officers and Motorcycle Officer.

Ptl. Curbelo was promoted to Sergeant. He has been with the Highland Park Police Department since 2006. He has served in Patrol, Traffic Bureau and is currently our Youth Officer. Ptl. Curbelo is a trained Vehicle Collision Crash Reconstruction investigator and Patrol Field Training Officer.

We would like to congratulate all of the Officers who received Awards and Promotions tonight. And thank all of our family, friends, and residents who were able to celebrate with us!

## Police Youth Academy



The Highland Park Police Department sponsored their annual FREE Youth Academy last week. At the camp Police officers join students in activities and games, and the students learn about various aspects of law enforcement.

## Chalk Art Festival

The Highland Park Arts Commission and ASAP (Adult Substance Abuse Program) invite you to come to the First Highland Park Chalk Art Festival! The event, held in conjunction with National Night Out, will be Wednesday, August 2 (raindate August 8), 5:00-9:00pm, at South 3rd between Raritan Ave and Magnolia St.

Watch local artists create incredible chalk art pictures! Special section for children to create their own artwork (chalk provided)! All donations and sponsorships go to ASAP. Donations also accepted online at [www.friendsofasap.org](http://www.friendsofasap.org).

## Ladies Night Coming this Summer to Downtown Highland Park

On Wednesday evenings in July and August, many Highland Park businesses are staying open late and participating in our first "Ladies Night Out" events – an evening of exclusive promotions and discounts brought to you by the shops and restaurants of Highland Park.

For a list of participating stores please visit [www.mainstreethp.org](http://www.mainstreethp.org) or contact 732-828-8444.

## Tomato Festival

Main Street Highland Park is throwing a tomato party at the Highland Park Farmers Market on Friday July 28 to celebrate the beloved Jersey tomato!

We will have live music, free tomato samples, food demos, and special tomato-themed products from our farmers and artisans. There will be EXTENDED market hours, till 7pm! We will be featuring a small punk rock flea market this year!

We will also be working with Sustainable Highland Park to launch the town's plastic bag reduction campaign at this event.

Thank you to Saint Peters Healthcare System for its support of the Highland Park Farmers Market, and its support of a healthy Highland Park community.

## TAX BILL DELAY



Tax bills for the second half of the calendar year 2017 (which includes the August 4 due date) have been delayed as a result of the passage of the State Budget, requiring action by the Local School District. The tax bills will be mailed accordingly, once approval is complete. The statutory grace period has been extended to comply with active billing dates. Residents will have until August 31 to submit payment without interest.

If residents don't receive their bill by August 1 please contact the tax office at 732-819-3788 or check the website at [hpboro.com](http://hpboro.com).

## Bag It! Is Your Life Too Plastic? Film Screening & Discussion

Join Sustainable Highland Park on July 24 from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m at Pino's Gift Basket Shoppe and Wine Cellar, 13 North 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. for a film screening and discussion of this docu-comedy "Bag It, Is Your Life Too Plastic?"

Want to get involved in the plastic bag reduction campaign? Email us at the [refusetheplastic@gmail.com](mailto:refusetheplastic@gmail.com). Learn more about our campaign and other initiatives at [www.sustainablehighlandpark.org](http://www.sustainablehighlandpark.org).