

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Monday, May 7

Recreation and Arts Committee
8:30 a.m., Borough Hall

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Recreation Advisory Committee
7:00 p.m., Senior/Youth Center

Tuesday, May 8

Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs
7:30 p.m., Borough Hall

Wednesday, May 9

Highland Park Housing Authority
6:30 p.m., Borough Hall

Wednesday, May 9

Safe Walking & Cycling
7:00 p.m., Senior/Youth Center

Wednesday, May 9

Shade Tree Advisory Committee
8:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Thursday, May 10

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

Thursday, May 10

Memoir Writing Workshop
6:30 p.m., Library

Thursday, May 10

Board of Health
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Thursday, May 10

Rehabilitation and Redevelopment Screening Committee
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Saturday, May 12

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

Saturday, May 12

From Byrd to Beatles Clarinet Concert
3:00 p.m., Library

Monday, May 14

H.P. Gives a Hoot Committee
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Tuesday, May 15

Borough Council
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Wednesday, May 16

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

Thursday, May 17

Monthly Meditation Circle
7:00 p.m., Library

Friday, May 18

Plant Your Own Indoor Flowers
11:00 a.m., Senior/Youth Center

Saturday, May 19

Learn to Draw Comics with Liana Kangas
6:00 p.m., The Fallout Shelter Comics & Games

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

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Council Update from Councilwoman Stephany Kim Chohan



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I am pleased to announce the Historical Commission (formally known as the Highland Park Historical Society) is back and has kicked into high gear. Join us as we step through time on May 23 and June 3, come out and learn about the history of our main street's development, from the Raritan River to the Doughboy. Coming soon, the commission will be developing a self-guided tour program. Feedback from the public is greatly appreciated.

Our Arts Commission partnered with the New Brunswick Community Arts Council and the Rutgers Mason Gross School of the Arts for the "Windows of Understanding" project. This project was mentioned by Mycentraljersey.com for the "Ten Best Activities for Central Jersey" outdoor winter family fun. The "Windows of Understanding" project included local artists, organizations and businesses which promote compassion and awareness around social justice issues. Two dozen storefront windows showcased art that addressed cultural identity, faith-based initiatives, environmental conservation, homelessness, food insecurity and youth mentoring. The project was on display on Martin Luther King Day (January 15) and was a great way to attract young people.

The Arts Commission also held a successful standing room only Fluxus Art Panel on March 29 on the pop art movement of the 60's at the Highland Park Public Library. This was the first in a series of three panel discussions.

Our Senior/Youth center has also been keeping busy with monthly luncheons and trips. We kicked off our free tax assistance program provided by United Way in February. The following month we hosted a free six – week chronic disease self – management program called "Take Control of your Health." Beginning May 30 at 12:00 p.m. Daisy Mae the therapy dog accompanied by her companion, Roberta will make monthly visits to our Senior/Youth Center.

You can still sign-up for summer camp which runs July 5 – August 17. Summer camp jobs are posted on the employment section of the Borough's website at www.hpboro.com. Apply soon! Time is running out.

Don't forget to save the date for our annual Independence Day Fireworks event which will be held on Monday, July 2 (rain date will be July 3).

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. In 1992, the official designation was signed into law. The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843. Highland Park continues to be a role model for surrounding areas by embracing cultural diversity, something we should all be proud of.

Finally, last month in April, Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler and the Borough Council joined Governor Phil Murphy, Governor John Carney, Assembly member Jim Cooper, Senator Patrick Diegnan, Senator Steve Sweeney, Middlesex County, Burlington County, Mercer County, Hamilton Township, and a host of other municipalities. In celebrating Sikh Awareness Month which promotes an ongoing effort to bring an end to hate crimes.

Hope you enjoyed yesterday's street fair! The yummy fried oreos were my favorite!

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@HPArtsCommission
@HPdepartmentofaging

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

Highland Park Resident **Matthew Landis**, earned a Congressional nomination for the United States Naval Academy and was appointed to the academy by Congressman Frank Pallone on May 1, 2018 at Rutgers University.

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



The Highland Park Library located at 31 North 5th Ave will be sponsoring two Spring Concerts:

Saturday, May 12 at 3:00 p.m., From Byrd to the Beatles will be performed by Rouge et Noir, a superb clarinet group performing selections from the Renaissance and The Beatles.

Tuesday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m., Tsu Fil Duvids, Yiddish for "Too many Daves", a klezmer ensemble based in Central NJ, will perform your favorite tunes and melodies.

HPTV Highlights for May 2018

Channel 15 (for Cablevision/Optimum customers)
Channel 44 (for Verizon FIOS customers)



Monday

10:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. – Public Domain Domain – Old Time Radio
12:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. – Highland Park Update/Showcase
12:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. – Talk of The Town
1:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. – Aging Insights
1:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. – Health Talk
2:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. – Classroom Close-Up/School Talk
8:30 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday & Thursday

10:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. – Public Domain Domain – Movies
12:00 p.m. – Highland Park Update/Showcase
12:30 p.m. – Highland Park Borough/Schools Update
1:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. – Borough Council Meetings
2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. – Spotlight on Middlesex County
2:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. – Access New Jersey
3:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m. – Not Just Rock & Roll

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting
1:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. – Aging Insights
1:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. – Health Talk
3:00 p.m. – Classroom Close-Up/School Talk
4:00 p.m. – Public Domain Domain – Movies

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8:30 p.m. & 11:00 p.m. – Public Domain Domain – Movies
10:00 p.m. – Valley Homegrown Music

Highland Park School Superintendent, Scott Taylor Was Names Middlesex County Superintendent of the Year



Congratulations to our own, Highland Park Superintendent Dr. Scott Taylor who was named Middlesex County Superintendent of the Year by the New Jersey Association for School Administrators (NJASA).

Dr. Taylor received his doctorate from Columbia University, New York and a Bachelor's Degree and Education in Masters from Rutgers University in New Brunswick. He is an adjunct faculty member at the Graduate-School of Education at Rutgers University and at Montclair State University's College of Education and Human Services.

Dr. Taylor became Superintendent of Highland Park Schools in 2015 after serving as Superintendent of Kenilworth Public School. He is a resident of Highland Park where he lives with his wife, Caren, his two daughters both students of Highland Park schools, two dogs and two cats.

Borough Welcomes New Historical Commission



At the request of resident volunteers, Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler and the Borough Council reconstituted the Highland Park Historical Society (formerly known as the Highland Park Historical Society) as a formal commission.

The Historical Commission is chaired by Michele Racioppi, a historic preservation specialist at the New Jersey Historic Trust. The commission's varied membership includes two Rutgers faculty members and a Rutgers library staff person, a retired historian, a long time Highland Park history advocate, and a high school student. Highland Park Councilwoman Stephany Kim Chohan serves as the liaison.

The commission plans to create a small exhibit in a display case at borough hall, and produce a publication to mark the 40th anniversary of the integration of the Highland Park school system.

A free walking tour "Stepping through Time: Local Life along Main Street" is scheduled for May 23, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. and again on June 3, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the corner of Lincoln and Raritan Avenue. Reservations recommended but not required. To RSVP please go to <https://tinyurl.com/raritanwalk>.

For more information on the commission, or to get involved, please send an email to: highlandparkhistory@gmail.com.

Borough Recognizes the Redevelopment Agency



Pictured from left: Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler, Rosie Baruh, Ron Wong, Bob Fechter and Councilwoman Susan Welkovits.

Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler and the Borough Council recognized the work of the volunteers of the Borough's Redevelopment Agency in March. The Highland Park Redevelopment Agency seeks to improve the quality of life for residents and to enhance the economic vitality of the Borough through implementation of Highland Park's Redevelopment Plan.