

# THE HIGHLAND PARK NEWS



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## Park Partners Progress in Highland Park!

Highland Park has always prided itself on having an active volunteer spirit; we are a community whose residents feel a strong civic responsibility. Our borough-sponsored commissions and committees are involved in many aspects of life in Highland Park, spreading their important messages and planning programs and activities for the benefit of our residents.

It is because of our dynamic residents that the borough launched a special grant program to encourage volunteerism. Park Partners was created in 2013 as an annual Community Development Grant program. This program empowers our civic-minded residents to participate in the continual development of the community.

Park Partners awards up to five grants to programs in each of the following categories: Environment, Arts, Culture & Diversity, Safety and Health & Wellness or Universal Access. Residents or organizations based in Highland Park can apply for a grant of up to \$2000 to complete their project, and residents vote for the winning project. Park Partners is already making a big impact on Highland Park by introducing new projects and improving programs for residents and visitors.

Last year the Borough presented grants for Emergency Radios for elderly and disabled in the community, the Summer Series Outdoor Movies, Cutting-OutHunger food pantry program, Re:ThinkHP diversity project, and



a River Road walking trail.

Resident Brian Onken received a Borough grant to improve the variety and quality of movies for the Summer Series Outdoor Movies. The movies, which are shown on Saturday afternoons from May through September at the Municipal parking lot between 2nd and 3rd Avenues, have been a big hit with residents, and thanks to the Park Partners grant, Brian was able to purchase licenses for a wider variety of films.

Highland Park students Jamie and Kate Atschinow brought the idea of using coupons to a new level. They began an organization called CuttingOutHunger, which collects coupons and uses them to purchase food and supplies for the Highland Park Food Pantry. From June 2013 to July 2014 the girls donated more than \$1300 worth of items to the Food Pantry. This grant enabled them to purchase additional and more expensive items that are needed at the Food Pantry.

After experiencing several natural disasters in the past several

years, Tara Canavera saw a need to communicate with the elderly and disabled who may not have easy access to information. She used the Park Partners grant to purchase almost 60 Emergency Radios for these individuals so they could receive up-to-date information about an emergency in the community.

Oscar Lee, a 2014 Highland Park High School graduate, created Re:ThinkHP, an exploration of race and culture to encourage people to understand and accept each other. In April 2014 Re:Think HP hosted three panel discussions about diversity, criminal justice and educational inequality, and pop culture and housing discrimination. The successful panels were held at the Highland Park High School and featured journalists, professors and activists.

Many residents of Highland Park appreciate and enjoy the environment, and resident Allan Williams, in conjunction with Sustainable Highland Park and the Environmental Commission, is developing a new River Road

walking trail to do just that. The trail leads from the Environmental Center to the Raritan River, and is a beautiful path for walking, bird watching, and more. The Park Partners grant is providing the funds to build the path, and Sustainable HP will maintain it in the future.

Not only were these programs worthy of the grant, but the borough was proud that two of the winning programs were sponsored by students at our local high school and middle school, pointing to the fact that our current and future leaders are concerned about our community and assuring a future of active residents as well.

We are excited to welcome all of these great projects, and are looking forward to continuing the grant program in the future. In fact, the 2014 Park Partners Grant Program is underway, and applications are due on November 14th. For information or an application, visit [www.hpboro.com](http://www.hpboro.com) or Borough Hall.



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These articles and much more in your Highland Park News!

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WALK IT.  
HIGHLAND PARK  
LIVE IT.  
PARK IT!

## Letter from Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler

Highland Park is flourishing, and I am so excited to help lead the community into a bright and positive future. Over the past

several years we have become a Complete Streets town, making the commitment to ensure our streets are safe and welcoming for pedestrians, bikers and drivers. Our downtown, with the new Streetscape Living Rooms, planters, sidewalks and more, is not only more visually appealing, but more practical and convenient for everyone. And, our diverse and abundant group of merchants and ethnic restaurants keeps our downtown lively and busy throughout the year. Highland Park has truly become a Destination Community.

I want to show all of New Jersey everything Highland Park now has to offer. Our new marketing campaign, "Walk It, Shop It, Live It, PARK IT!" depicts our desire for residents and visitors to get out of their cars and walk around our wonderful town. Stop in our shops, eat in our many ethnic food restaurants, play in our parks, and visit our Library and Se-

nior/Recreation Center. We have so much to offer for everyone. Highland Park boasts a large diversity of religious and ethnic residents, and we are proud of our ability to live, work and celebrate our community together. Highland Park is a microcosm of the world!

Speaking of celebrating, we recently hosted our annual Arts in the Park, sponsored by Main Street Highland Park. This event welcomes dozens of local artists to our community to display their incredible work, and it attracts thousands of people from throughout Middlesex County and beyond.

We also hosted a Borough-sponsored "Park It" weekend, during which merchants and various Commissions and Committees hosted special family-friendly events during the weekend of October 23-26, and helped kick off Main Street's Restaurant Week. Both events were highly successful and once again

helped showcase our vibrant and active community.

You will soon see new, brighter lights lining our downtown shopping areas. I was so pleased to sign an agreement with PSE&G to acquire new head lamps for our street poles in time for the holiday shopping season. The best part – PSE&G has agreed to replace our old head lamps with these new brighter lights at no cost to Highland Park!

Speaking of shopping our downtown this holiday season, I hope to run into many of you doing your holiday shopping amongst our many unique stores. I'll be doing all of my gift purchasing between Adelaide Avenue and North 10th Street this year. And, I'll be using my Highland Park Shoppers Card wherever I can! I've already saved \$68.00 on my real estate taxes with this card! If you haven't gotten, used or received your card yet, stop by our Main Street office on Raritan Avenue.



It was thrilling to meet so many residents and business owners during my "Meet the Mayor" events throughout the summer and fall. I look forward to more informal gatherings in which I can listen and talk to residents about concerns and issues. There are many ambitious plans in the works to help develop the town, and I look forward to helping these wonderful programs and changes come to fruition. It is an honor to serve as Mayor of Highland Park, and I appreciate your faith in my leadership.

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Animal Service (Dead or Stray) Weekdays

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Apartment Registration  
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Death Certificates  
Dog and Cat Licenses  
Flood Zones (Maps)  
Garage Sale Permits  
Liquor Licenses  
Marriage Licenses  
Notary Public  
Ordinances  
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Wetlands Map

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Community Events  
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### CONSTRUCTION

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Affordable Housing Construction  
(732) 819-3795  
Construction Permits  
Decks (New & Inspections)  
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Public Pools  
Rodent Complaints

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Subdivision Applications

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Abandoned Cars on Street  
Accident Reports (ext. 4211)  
Animal Service (Dead or Stray)  
Week-Ends and Evenings  
Health Emergencies Weekends and Evenings  
Noise Complaints Weekends and Evenings  
Snow Not Removed from Sidewalks

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### PUBLIC WORKS

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Bulk Trash Questions  
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Recycling Questions  
Roadway Improvements  
Snow Removal  
Borough Shade Tree Issues

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(732) 572-6990

School Information

### TAX ASSESSOR

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Block & Lot  
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Senior Citizen Taxes  
Tax Bills  
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Death Certificates  
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(732) 247-9379

Billing - (732) 819-3787  
Maintenance Only - (732) 247-9379  
Meter Issues/Questions  
Sanitary Sewer Back Ups -  
(Weekends and Evenings (732) 572-3800  
Water - Billing & Meter Reading  
Water Leaks  
Water Quality Issues/Questions

### WATER & SEWER – FINANCE

(732) 819-3787

Billing & Meter Reading  
Sewerage Bills

### ZONING

(732) 819-3795

Abandoned Cars off Streets  
Abandoned Structures  
Additions (New)  
Complaints (Property)  
Driveways  
Fences  
Overcrowding, Illegal multi-family dwellings  
Pools (New)  
Property Maintenance  
(e.g. trash, litter, weeds, uncut grass)  
Sheds  
Sidewalk maintenance  
Site Plan Copies  
Subdivision Applications - (732) 819-3792  
Zoning Questions

## 'Paint Me A River' Mural to Bring Awareness for Raritan River

Take a drive down River Road past the Eugene Young Environmental Education Center, and you will be greeted by a beautiful new mural painted on the retaining walls and on the side of the building. The mural, unveiled on October 26, 2014, was painted by local artist Jonathan Horowitz, and is a special project to bring awareness to the Raritan River.

Two Raritan Scholars' organization and the Middlesex County Office of Planning approached Horowitz to create artwork that would highlight the river and make people aware of its beauty and value. After researching the area, Horowitz discovered the abundance of birds and other species that inhabit Highland Park. He was excited to discover the nature around us, and wanted to bring a greater sense of appreciation through his artwork.

"Many living systems are inextricably linked to the Raritan

River," Horowitz noted. "The mural design explored our mutual dependence on this natural resource." He hopes the mural will inspire a sense of discovery through its depiction of animal species sighted in Highland Park along with local historical events. As an educational and visually appealing piece of art, the project offers teaching opportunities and awareness both of this exciting wildlife and the rich human history along the river. The art also expresses the historical relationship between animals and humans, both of whom share this resource. Horowitz refers to our vulnerability during Superstorm Sandy, during which both humans and animals were affected by an act of nature.

This mural brings awareness to the environment and the river, and also promotes the importance of public art. Art has a strong educational value in history and culture, by



documenting our history and helping us understand our place in the world.

Horowitz was the lead artist in this project. He was also responsible for planning and

designing the mural, while Sustainable Highland Park member Allan Williams acted as project manager, coordinating the logistical work. The Borough Council has approved the project and pro-

vided financial support from a trust fund. Sherman Williams has donated all of the supplies for the mural plus technical support.

## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Teri Jover

Maintaining a sustainable community requires cooperation between government laws and plans, individual lifestyles, and business participation. It is a challenging undertaking, and one which Sustainable Highland Park Chairperson Teri Jover tackles with pride and skill.

In Jover's more than three years of leadership of this Borough Committee, she has made great strides in promoting and advancing sustainability in Highland Park. She is continuously seeking opportunities to implement Green strategies and aims to increase awareness of the importance of a Green community.

Jover has been involved with sustainable efforts for many years. She is the Managing Director at New Jersey Future, a nonprofit advocate for smart growth and sustainable development at the state and local levels. In this capacity, she focuses on organizational matters and land-use issues that affect local government. With the encouragement of active Highland Park resident Randy Solomon, Jover became an active member,

and eventually Chairperson, of Sustainable Highland Park.

During her tenure, she has helped to implement the Borough's USEPA Climate Showcase Communities Grant, which resulted in the creation of the Borough's Climate Action Plan and Home Energy Assessment Program. This past year she also led Highland Park to receive the Sustainable New Jersey Silver Certification. And for the past two years, her committee has held an annual Earth Day Celebration at the Environmental Center, which attracts more than 200 residents and visitors, and brings many dedicated volunteers to the center. Because of the success of this program, Jover hopes to hold additional programming at the Environmental Center in the future.

"Working with the community in this capacity is a wonderful experience," Jover said. "I have the opportunity to meet many people who care about the future of our community and the world. The Council and Borough staff is also so dedicated and supportive of our efforts, which is unusual for many towns and refreshing."

In fact, Jover finds her biggest obstacle is simply having the time to organize all the great projects and events Sustainable Highland Park plans, and resident volunteers are vital to the success of these pro-



grams.

In her limited free time, Jover enjoys spending time with her husband, Gary Kaplan, a local musician, and 2 ½ year old son Gregory. She also likes to spend time wrestling the groundhogs and weeds in her yard, improving her crafting skills, and sipping her husband's homebrew on the weekends. She has lived in Highland Park for 13 years, moving here after attending college and graduate school at Rutgers University, and is proud to call this town home.

If you are interested in volunteering for Sustainable Highland Park visit the Borough's website at [www.hpboro.com](http://www.hpboro.com), or call the Commission at 732-572-3400.

## Park It! Celebration Weekend

It was a weekend full of music and merriment in Highland Park, with residents and visitors flocking to our Downtown, Library and Recreation Center for a weekend full of fun!

On October 23 – 26, the Borough sponsored a special "Park It!" weekend to encourage residents and visitors to experience everything Highland Park has to offer. Merchants, restaurants and Borough Committees and Commissions hosted events to celebrate our town. The family friendly events varied from outdoor dancing and exercise class to presentations and seminars, music programs and Tailgate party.

Throughout the past several years Highland Park has been recreating itself as a Destination Walking Town, improving its sidewalks and visual appeal through the Complete Streets program and other initiatives. With a 97% occupancy rate in the Downtown Business District and a large variety of shops and ethnic restaurants, the Borough is proud of its success and looking forward to a bright future. The recent weekend of events provided an opportunity to showcase the progress that has been made.

The streets were utilized well during the weekend, with an outdoor dance party with Dancing in Highland Park and an outdoor fitness class sponsored by Kinetics Fitness. The Highland Park Municipal Band and the Highland Park High School Band GoodWorks delighted residents with their lively performances.

Pino's hosted a spirited Tailgate party, Speak Music Conservatory delighted children with their "Instrument Petting Zoo" and the Commission for Universal Access brought back the popular Service Dog presentation for families. In addition, CyberKnights Computer teamed up with the Police Department and the Highland Park School for an important seminar about Cyberbullying. Kinetics Fitness, Dietician Simone Gampel and Dr. Lauren Maza held a wonderful Women's Health and Beauty Session and the OQ Coffee Shop welcomed Mayor Brill Mittler for a "Meet the Mayor" coffee social and tasting. The Eugene Young Environmental Center hosted two special events – a Honey Donation to Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen and a Mural Unveiling to present the new mural on the side of the center.

This special weekend also helped kick off Main Street Highland Park's Restaurant Week, during which numerous local restaurants served special menus or items throughout the week. The variety of events highlighted the community's diversity, and demonstrated how the different cultures within Highland Park not only live harmoniously, but also genuinely enjoy each other's traditions and customs. Visitors were impressed with the friendly disposition of our residents and merchants, and the loyalty to our community.

Thank you to all the Commissions, Committees, Merchants and individuals who participated in this successful and exciting weekend!



## Borough Council Updates

### PHIL GEORGE



I thank my colleagues on the Borough Council for their confidence in me and I am pleased to be back in service to the Borough and its residents. The Borough Councilmembers are valuable resources for me as a new Councilman, and I hope that my experience in the field of municipal law and planning and development will add to the growth of our town's business. Since my appointment to the Borough Council, I have

been meeting with Borough officials to familiarize myself with our Borough's pending issues and initiatives. I will be filling Mayor Brill Mittler's role as liaison to the Redevelopment Agency, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Main Street, and hope to continue communication and cooperation between the Borough Council and Boards. I plan to focus on improving and expanding the opportunities along Raritan and Woodbridge Avenues for dining, shopping, entertainment and business, and working with Main Street to continue the Borough's approach to business as a partner. I consider my role as working within a customer based and interconnected system, not merely regulating a tax-paying base. If any residents have ideas for Highland Park to share with me, please contact me at georgephilip@gmail.com.

### SUSIE WELKOVITS



I am proud to report on the progress from our vital volunteer organizations. The Commission for Universal Access worked with the borough to further improve safer sidewalks and curbs at several locations. A handicap-accessible swing was installed at the park at Karsey St. in September. The Commission ran another successful Service Dog presentation in October. The Commission is seeking grants to expand our inclu-

sive summer camp program. In spring they finished another session of Act Out! adult theatre program, they are developing an adaptive yoga program, and with a Park Partners grant they are distributing Emergency Radios for persons with disabilities. With encouragement by the Board of Health, Council passed a resolution supporting a bill to ban the use of sub-therapeutic antibiotics in livestock production, and they have written to the State Board of Health and Attorney General seeking support to ban the sale of tobacco products at the Rite-Aid chain. They continue to offer a free rabies clinic each year and provide public health notices and mosquito prevention on the borough website.

We received a generous donation of \$2,000 and personal hygiene kits from Rutgers Against Hunger, while Cutting-OutHunger received a Park Part-

ners grant for their couponing program for our Food Pantry. The Farmer's Market vouchers were a great success. Thanks to all the dedicated Food Pantry volunteers and vendors that donate their services and goods.

The Human Relations Commission held a successful First Annual Dave Younge Memorial Forum on Social Justice. Thanks to all the participants, and a special thanks to Barb Turpin and Charlie Kratovil.

The Housing Authority completed major upgrades of the all the apartments. They also hosted a terrific Meet the Mayor Event BBQ in July.

The Library had another successful book sale in May and received grants for additional programming. Shop at Amazon Smile and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the Library. Connect to Amazon Smile at [www.hpplnj.org](http://www.hpplnj.org).

### PADRAIC MILLET



Seven years ago, (was it only seven?), I was chosen to complete the rest of a sitting Council person's term. Since then Highland Park has twice elected me to the Council and it has been the most rewarding work I have ever done. My term will be up at the end of this year so I'd like to take this opportunity to look back over my tenure and to thank all those that have helped me serve Highland Park.

I must begin by thanking the Borough staff and professionals who have always been there to help make the mayor and council's ideas into reality. They have also guided me on the various technical aspects of our work whether it had to do with the law, code issues, union rules, or anything else that our decisions would impact or be impacted by. They have done this with good humor and patience; which is commendable considering the various unique personalities they have to deal with both in the governing body and the general public.

Often the day to day management of the borough and the need to focus on the problems at hand causes us to lose sight of the many things we have accomplished. Though I joined mid-stream, I am proud of the role the council played in the creation of the turf field complex at the high school. We were able to overcome several obstacles and fix some issues so that today it's a vital part of the town, providing a great place to exercise and play for all of our residents.

Another great example of partnership was the borough's support of the efforts by the Reformed Church to provide housing for those in need. The Reformed Church did an incredible job organizing this, and they did so with the full support of the Mayor and Council who knew that providing homes for women aging out of foster care and veterans in need was a good thing, a concrete realization of the community's shared values. I am proud of the work we did to make sure these projects worked within their neighborhoods and that today we hardly give them a thought other than to marvel that such a small town could get this done.

Finally, there is our Street Scape Project. Though it took a bit longer than expected to get it from concept to completion it's now a great asset in our downtown. In partnership with Main Street HP, and with the patience of our business community, we revitalized three full blocks of our central business district, adding dozens of trees and new amenities like the living rooms and rain gardens. These accomplishments are great on their own, but have the additional impact of attracting further sustainable development in our downtown which our borough wants and needs.

All the above accomplishments, and many more, were not mine or even the council's solely but ultimately those of the people of Highland Park. In fact, I prefer that residents not talk about the borough in the third person. True, the borough is an entity, and is entrusted with providing services from public works to public safety, but we can't, we don't, do it alone. Our numerous volunteers and active citizens help make the borough the wonderful place it is today. To paraphrase a famous line from comic strip Pogo "we have met the borough and they is us." Please take the time to see what you can do to help make Highland Park an even better place. As I leave council, I look forward to watching all of your efforts come to fruition.

### GARY POTTS



There have been a lot of exciting things going on in Highland Park. Our annual Memorial Day parade was

a beautiful tribute to our fallen heroes. On June 15th the Highland Park Historical Society presented a historical timeline event at the Senior/Youth Center for the first time. The annual Senior Prom was held on June 19th and had over 130 people in attendance this year. Congratulations to Jimmy Richter and Ceil Diamond on being named the prom king and queen. July 3rd was our Independence Day event at Donaldson Park with lots of activities, music and fun concluding with the Fireworks show. Our summer camp

program has been a huge success with approximately 300 campers attending this summer. The Borough would like to thank Shirley Shapiro for her generous donation of two sculptures that her late husband, Jack Shapiro had designed. One is on display at the entrance to the Senior/Youth Center and the other at the entrance to Borough Hall. Speaking of art, the Arts Commission is an active group again and was present at the Arts in the Park event on September 21st.

### ELSIE FOSTER-DUBLIN



Our Police Department continues to serve the community by ensuring our safety and security, and they strive to maintain a positive relationship with residents. The Department is proud of their efforts during the past six months. Highland Park Police Officer Norman Brown was honored with the Life Saving Award for saving the life of an unresponsive individual. In May 2014 six Highland Park Police Officers participated in the Police Unity Tour, a bicycle ride from Florham Park, NJ to the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C. to raise awareness for Law Enforce-

ment Officers who have died in the line of duty. This was the first year that Highland Park participated in this ride, and it was a meaningful event for those involved. This past summer the HP Police Department hosted another successful National Night Out. This event, designed to heighten crime prevention awareness and strengthen police-community relationships, attracted hundreds of residents and was a fun and educational evening. In addition to these events, the Department hired a new officer, Alaina Giles, and they also received a \$5000 grant from the Federal Government for drunk driving enforcement. As we are in the midst of hurricane season, the Police Department and OEM encourage residents to pay attention to weather forecasts and listen for official instructions when an emergency occurs. For hurricane preparedness tips, visit the website's OEM link at [www.hpboro.com](http://www.hpboro.com).

### JON ERICKSON



The Borough continues to maintain a stable and responsible budget, staying within the state's 2% spending cap without significant program cutbacks. We take pride in our ability to balance the budget and provide so many wonderful services for our residents. Our Park Partners Community Grant Service was a huge success last year, and the five winning projects truly served to benefit our community. Park Partners enables residence to participate in the improvement of our town, and it empowers these resident volunteers with the knowledge and ability to make a difference. Once again I am proud to report that the Borough's finances are in excellent shape, and we look forward to continued growth and development.



## Highland Park Borough Council Committee Organization 2014

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The Standing Committees of the Borough Council are chaired by a member of the Governing Body, and include two other members of the Council. With the exception of the Administration Committee, which is chaired by the Mayor and includes the Council President as a Member. Standing Committee members are listed in the order of their rank on the Committee. Council President serves as liaison to County, State, and Federal elected officials unless otherwise noted.

\* By Statute, the Mayor (Class I member) and one member of Council (Class III member) serve as members of the Planning Board.

\* Statutes also provide for the Mayor to serve as a member of the Library Board of Trustees and to name an Alternate when unable to attend.

## Trading Places: Highland Park Businesses Move to New Locations in Town

Businesses are booming in downtown Highland Park, so much so that two local businesses moved to bigger and better locations! Sushiana Restaurant and Mordy's Bakery relocated from Raritan Avenue to North 4th Avenue, and the move brought big changes for both establishments.

Kosher food has come a long way since gefilte fish and potato kugel, and the kosher community has developed a palette for Chinese food, Italian cuisine, and even sushi. Though they can't serve foods like eel or crab, that doesn't deter from the taste or quality of the sushi at Sushiana's. In fact, the restaurant has been so successful that they moved to a larger building, at 17 North 4th Avenue.

Owner Michael Kornblum opened Sushiana on Raritan Avenue in March of 2012. He lives in the community and keeps kosher, and he wanted a sushi bar that both he and the community could enjoy. After nearly 20 years working on Wall Street, Michael felt it was time for a change, and opening a sushi bar seemed like a perfect idea.

By purchasing quality products, hiring top-notch chefs, and hiring a friendly and competent staff, the business grew quickly and needed a larger space for more seating and a bigger kitchen. In addition

to the new location, Sushiana implemented numerous menu changes, including a char griller for healthy options such as grilled fish. They have four deep fryers, two of which will be strictly vegetarian, and they added some traditional Asian dishes featuring mock chicken and beef. Sushiana is a "pareve" restaurant, meaning there are no meat or dairy products in the restaurant, but with a little creativity, the food is not lacking in taste or variety. In fact, this appeals to many vegetarians and pescatarians in the community. Michael is also thrilled to have a classically trained Pastry Chef who has added some delicious desserts to the menu.

Making the transition go smoothly was important to Michael, so he hired Division 9 Design & Construction, the contractor used by Chef Robert Irvine in "Restaurant Impossible" on the Food Network. He has been thrilled with their work. He also complimented the Borough's Code Enforcement Department for their thoroughness and helpful assistance during the process. Michael credits his wife, Michele for helping in his success, as well as their parents and the entire community of Highland Park, who have supported Sushiana and contributed to its growth.

Next door to Sushiana is a

long-time Highland Park business, Mordy's Bakery. Mordy's has been serving up baked goods in the community for the past 17 years, from doughnuts to pastries, to cakes and cookies. Residents stop by for coffee and a sweet treat, and on Friday this kosher bakery sells numerous challahs and desserts to its local and loyal customers. Business has been so successful that Mordy's moved to their new location on North 4th Avenue.

Owner David Scheiner bought the business last year and is committed to serving fresh baked goods to the community. He also focuses on customer service, and aims to please his customers with popular items. With a large customer base, this is a challenge, but David sees many customers on a weekly basis, so he knows they appreciate his efforts and his products.

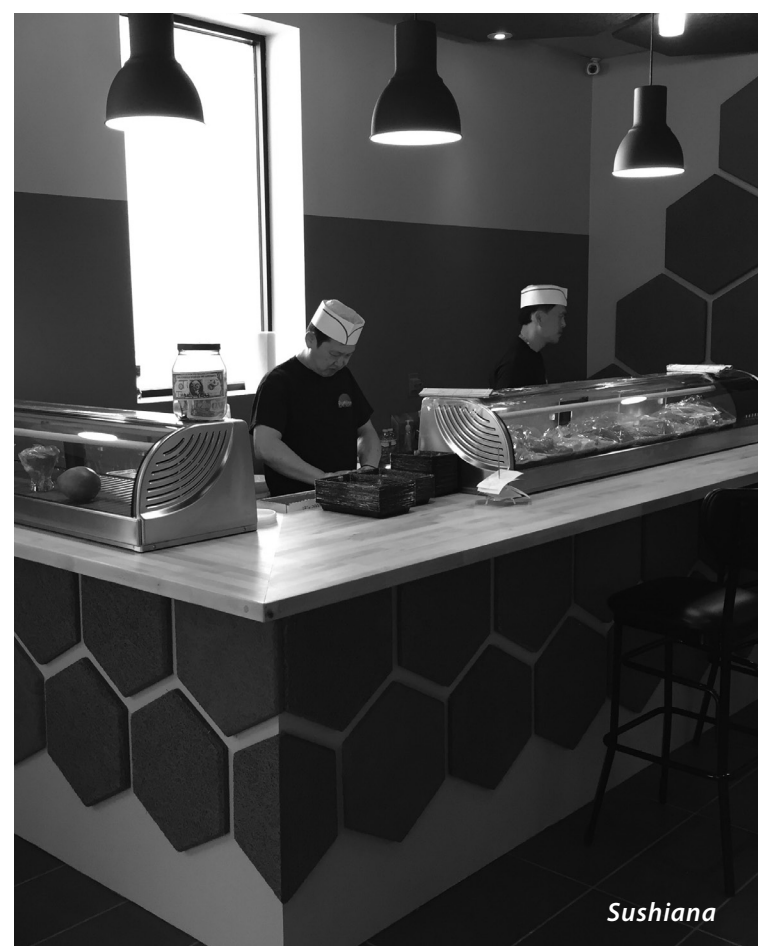
The move was exciting for Mordy's, and brought the scrumptious sweets closer to the community. It will also increase the walking traffic in the store. The new location allowed them to begin baking fresh goods on premises, including fresh kosher bagels, challahs, cakes and more. Understanding the demand for more variety as well as healthier food, Mordy's added an entire breakfast and lunch menu and set up a full salad bar,

which has been a welcome and exciting addition for the community.

Moving into an older building posed some obstacles for the bakery, but through persistence and help from the Borough, the new location and format has been thrilling for the owner and employees, as well

as local residents. David came from a catering background and has enjoyed the past year as business owner. He looks forward to a bright future for the bakery.

Residents are encouraged to visit both of these terrific businesses as they continue to grow and thrive!



Sushiana



## BOROUGH EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

**SCOTT LUTHMAN**

DIRECTOR OF CODE ENFORCEMENT



As the Director of Code Enforcement for Highland Park for the past 10 years, Scott Luthman has seen many changes and a great deal of progress in code enforcement and programs that have benefitted the community. His goal is to make new construction, repairs and code issues run smoothly, and he enjoys working with the residents and businesses and helping them in any way he can.

Scott lives in Piscataway with his wife Cheryl. They have 3 daughters and 3 granddaughters. He is an avid sports fan, rooting for Rutgers, the Giants, Yankees and the Rangers. Prior to working for Highland Park he worked for the Boroughs of Metuchen and Middlesex.

### Give an overview of your position.

As the Director, I am responsible for all building inspections, issuing permits for electrical, fire, plumbing and building. I also lead the Housing Division which enforces the Borough's property maintenance and housing codes. In addition,

I handle construction permits and inspections and interact with contractors in the Borough.

### What is the most challenging part of your job?

When I started I found the Code Enforcement Department was divided into two parts and offices were scattered throughout the building. Within four months we renovated our new office space and unified the department.

### What are some of the long-term goals you have to enhance the community?

One of my goals since the beginning has been to create a good working relationship within our department and between the department and the residents and businesses in town. When we all work together on a project, it makes things easier and ensures that things are done properly and efficiently.

## Share Your Skills – Volunteer in Highland Park

The Borough takes pride in our civic-minded and active residents, and encourages residents to volunteer their time and skills for the benefit of the community. Our numerous Commissions and Committees offer a wide array of opportunities for those with varied interests.

If you have a special interest or skills in the following areas, consider volunteering for

one of these existing groups. Or, if you have an idea for a new organization or program, the Borough welcomes these ideas as well!

The following organizations are active in Highland Park, and are eager to welcome volunteers: Arts Commission, Board of Health, Economic and Redevelopment Board, Environmental Commission, Fire Department, First Aid Squad,

Food Pantry, Historical Society, Human Relations Commission, Library, Main Street, Planning Board, Public Information Committee, Shade Tree Committee, Sustainable Highland Park, Commission for Universal Access, Zoning Board.

For information about these organizations or additional volunteer opportunities, visit the Borough website at [www.hpboro.com](http://www.hpboro.com).

## 2014 BOROUGH CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER 2014

- 11/05 – Environmental Commission Meeting @ Environmental Education Center – 8:00 pm
- 11/06 – Commission for Universal Access Meeting @ Borough Hall – 7:30 pm
- 11/06 – Redevelopment Agency Meeting @ Borough Hall – 7:30 pm
- 11/11 – Veteran's Day - Borough Offices Closed
- 11/12 – Council Committee Meeting @ Borough Hall – 7:00 pm
- 11/12 – Housing Authority Board Meeting @ Samuel J Kronman Building – 6:30 pm
- 11/12 – Shade Tree Advisory Committee Meeting @ Environmental Center – 8:00 pm
- 11/13 – Board of Health Meeting @ Borough Hall – 7:00 pm
- 11/13 – Planning Board Meeting @ Borough Hall – 7:30 pm
- 11/19 – Human Relations Commission Meeting @ Senior/Youth Center – 7:00 pm
- 11/19 – Sustainable Highland Park Meeting @ Environmental Education Center – 7:30 pm
- 11/20 – Public Information Committee Meeting @ Senior/Youth Center – 7:00 pm
- 11/24 – Library Board of Trustee Meeting @ Public Library – 7:30 pm
- 11/24 – Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting @ Borough Hall – 7:30 pm
- 11/25 – Thanksgiving – Borough Offices Closed
- 11/26 – Day After Thanksgiving – Borough Offices Closed

### DECEMBER 2014

- 12/02 – Council Committee Meeting @ Borough Hall – 7:00 pm
- 12/03 – Environmental Commission Meeting @ Environmental Education Center – 8:00 pm
- 12/04 – Redevelopment Agency Meeting @ Borough Hall – 7:30 pm
- 12/04 – Commission for Universal Access Meeting @ Borough Hall – 7:30 pm
- 12/10 – Housing Authority Board Meeting @ Samuel J Kronman Building – 6:30 pm
- 12/10 – Shade Tree Advisory Committee Meeting @ Environmental Education Center – 8:00 pm
- 12/11 – Board of Health Meeting @ Borough Hall – 7:00 pm
- 12/11 – Planning Board Meeting @ Borough Hall – 7:30 pm
- 12/16 – Council Committee Meeting @ Borough Hall – 7:00 pm
- 12/17 – Human Relations Commission Meeting @ Senior Center – 7:00 pm
- 12/17 – Sustainable Highland Park Meeting @ Environmental Education Center – 7:30 pm
- 12/22 – Library Board of Trustee Meeting @ Public Library – 7:30 pm
- 12/22 – Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting @ Borough Hall – 7:30 pm
- 12/25 – Christmas Day – Borough Offices Closed

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



## The Department of Community Services, Office of Recreation – Senior/Youth Center (732) 819-0052

### HIGHLAND PARK DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION 220 SOUTH SIXTH AVE, HIGHLAND PARK, NJ 08904

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK @ HIGHLAND PARK NJ RECREATION FOR UP TO DATE PROGRAM AND WEATHER INFORMATION!

SEASON	PROGRAM	AGE	DAYS	TIME
Winter	<b>Youth Basketball:</b> Games are on weeknights and Sundays depending on age groups. Participants will learn the sport focusing on fundamentals, individual skills and team play! Volunteer Coaches Needed!	K - 8th Grade	Weeknights, Sundays	Depends on Team Placement
Winter	<b>Winter &amp; Spring Soccer:</b> Winter indoor, Spring outdoor soccer run by Spencer Rockman Rovers! Limited space is available. Registration opens in November.	3-12 Years Old	Tuesdays, Thursdays	Depends on Session
Spring	<b>Youth Baseball:</b> Games are on weeknights and Sundays depending on age groups. Participants will learn the sport focusing on fundamentals, individual skills and team play! Volunteer Coaches Needed!	K - 7th Grade	Weeknights, Sundays Clinics Provided by Baseball Warehouse	Depends on Team Placement
Spring	<b>Youth Track &amp; Field:</b> This program includes lessons on starts, running form, speed and agility and field events.	3rd - 8th Grade	Starts Mid Spring! Practice Day to be Determined.	5:30 - 7:00pm
Fall, Winter	<b>Chess Class:</b> 5 week session for beginners and advancing beginners. Learn the basics or improve your game! Taught by Alex Braylovskiy	6-12 Years Old	Thursdays - 5 week session @ HP Senior Youth Center	5:00 - 6:00pm New Session Starts in January!
Fall, Winter, Spring	<b>Theater Program:</b> No experience necessary. Participants provided with a fun, creative environment to explore their dramatic talents! Taught by Tova Halpern	7-16 Years Old	Thursdays - 10 week session @ HP Senior Youth Center	4:00 - 6:00pm Come see our Fall Production in January!
Fall, Winter, Spring	<b>Teen Table Tennis:</b> Work on game play, shots and fundamentals. Taught by Howard Lee	Kids 8-11 Adults 12+	Sundays - 4 & 8 week Sessions @ HP Senior Youth Center	Kids, 8:30-9:30am 12+, 9:30-10:30am
Fall	<b>Flag Football:</b> Work on fundamentals and gain experience in games situations in a non-contact format. Taught by Rich McGlynn	3rd-5th Grade 6th-8th Grade	Tuesdays, Thursdays - 5 weeks @ Municipal Recreation Complex Turf Field	3rd-5th, 6:00-7:30pm 6th-8th, 6:00 8:00pm
Spring, Summer	<b>Spring &amp; Summer Tennis:</b> Enjoy outdoor tennis at Donaldson Park! Learn basic skills or improve your game! Taught by Howard Lee	April - August	@ Donaldson Park	High School/Adults, 7:30-8:30am 4th-8th, 8:30-9:30am
Fall, Spring	<b>Art Classes for Children:</b> Come show your creative side! The class will focus on graphic arts, covering drawing and painting. Taught by Alan DiGaetano	3rd-5th Grade	TBD @ HP Senior Youth Center	TBD
Fall, Spring	<b>Juggling Club:</b> All skills welcome! Improve your coordination, concentration and confidence with Juggling! Taught by Louis De Lauro	8-16 Years	Wednesdays -10 week sessions @ HP Senior Youth Center	6:00-7:15pm
Winter	<b>Indoor Adult Soccer:</b> Open pick-up games at the Bartle School Gym	Adults	@ Bartle School Gym	9:00-11:00am Winter Session starts in January!
Fall, Spring	<b>Adult Turf Soccer:</b> Open pick-up games at the Municipal Recreation Complex Turf Field	Adults	@ Municipal Recreation Complex Turf Field	9:30-11:30am Spring Session starts in March! Join in at any time!
Fall, Spring	<b>Mens 30+ Basketball:</b> Open pick-up games for men 30+	Adults 30+	Wednesdays - 10 weeks	8:00-10:00pm Join in at any time! New participants welcome!
Fall, Winter, Spring	<b>Mens Basketball League:</b> Teams are formed and play in a formal spring league.	Adults 18+	TBD	TBD
Fall, Winter, Spring	<b>Volleyball:</b> Adult volleyball pick-up games with instruction. Instructor Ehab	Adults	Mondays - 10 weeks @ Bartle School Gym	8:00-10:00pm Join in at any time! New participants welcome!
Fall, Winter, Spring	<b>Israeli Dance:</b> Traditional dances arising from Jewish Religious and cultural celebrations with the line and dance circles.	Adults	Mondays - 10 weeks @ HP Senior Youth Center	8:00-10:00pm Join in at any time! New participants welcome!
Fall, Winter, Spring	<b>Wild Wacky Women Workout:</b> Traditional dances arising from Jewish Religious and cultural celebrations with the line and dance circles.	Adults	Mondays, Thursdays - 10 weeks @ HP Senior Youth Center	7:00-8:00pm Join in at any time! New participants welcome!
Fall, Winter, Spring	<b>Tai Chi:</b> Beginner and Advanced groups will use gentle traditional techniques connecting mind and body.	Adults	Mondays - 10 weeks @ HP Senior Youth Center	6:00-7:00pm Join in at any time! New participants welcome!
All Year	<b>Teen Advisory:</b> This program is to explore issues related to teens and facilitate teen involvement in the borough.	Teens & Adult Men- tors	Meetings Once a Month @ HP Courtroom	Like us @ Highland Park Teen Advisory Committee
All Year	<b>Recreation Advisory Committee:</b> Members Offer Suggestions and input on current and future activities designed to enhance the lives of the residents of Highland Park	Adult Volunteers & Teen Advisors	Four meetings a year with special meet- ings when needed.	TBD
Spring	<b>Womens Softball League:</b> Womens softball league that takes place in Johnson and Donaldson park on weeknights throughout the summer.	Adults	Tuesdays, Johnson or Donaldson Park	6:30pm Starts in early spring!
Spring	<b>Coed softball League:</b> Takes place in Johnson and Donaldson park on week- nights throughout the summer.	Adults	Thursdays, Johnson or Donaldson Park	6:30pm Starts in early spring!
Summer	<b>Highland Park Summer Camp:</b> Come enjoy your summer break with the HP Summer Camp counselors! Spend your summer at the pool, playing sports and taking awesome day trips!	Children & Teens Grades K-12	July - August	Weeks to be Announced!
Winter	<b>Look out for our Special Events! Holiday Dinner:</b> Free Holiday Dinner	December 25th	Donations & Volunteers Always Needed!	1:00-4:00pm
Spring	<b>Kite Day:</b> Come fly kites in beautiful Donaldson Park!	Late Spring	Kite Supplies Provided	TBD
Summer	<b>Memorial Day Parade:</b> Come enjoy your summer break with the HP Summer Camp counselors! Spend your summer at the pool, playing sports and taking awesome day trips!	May 25th	Parade starts in New Brunswick & ends in Highland Park!	Parade Start Time TBD



## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION

Residents are encouraged to visit the Public Works and Recycling webpage's, located under the "Departments" heading at the Borough's homepage at [www.hpboro.com](http://www.hpboro.com), where they can access collection schedules, guidelines and contact information.

### 2014 / 2015 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Please note that there will be **NO RECYCLING** collections performed during Thanksgiving week. Only household garbage & bagged leaves will be collected.

**November 25 (Tuesday)**  
*Business District, North Side & Triangle* recycling collection skipped, will be picked up on Tuesday Dec. 2

**November 27 (Thursday)**  
**Thanksgiving Day**  
*South Side* recycling collection skipped, will be picked up on Thursday, Dec. 4

**November 28 (Friday)**  
**Day after Thanksgiving**  
*Business District & South Side* garbage collection will be on Wednesday Nov. 26

**December 25 (Thursday)**  
**Christmas Day**  
*South Side* recycling collection will be on Wednesday Dec. 24

**January 1 (Thursday)**  
**New Year's Day**  
*South Side* recycling collection will be on Wednesday Dec. 31

**January 19 (Monday)**  
**Martin Luther King Day**  
*Business District, North Side & Triangle* garbage collection will be on Wednesday Jan. 21

**February 12 (Thursday)**  
**Lincoln's Birthday**  
*South Side* recycling collection will be on Wednesday Jan. 11

**February 16 (Monday)**  
**President's Day**  
*Business District, North Side & Triangle* garbage collection will be on Wednesday Feb. 18

**April 3 (Friday)**  
**Good Friday**  
*Business District & South Side* garbage collection will be on Wednesday Apr. 1

**May 25 (Monday)**  
**Memorial Day**  
*Business District, North Side & Triangle* garbage collection will be on Wednesday May 27

### 2014 / 2015 BULK WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

**Business District**  
December 3, Wednesday  
February 4, Wednesday  
April 1, Wednesday

**North Side & Triangle Area**  
December 3, Wednesday  
February 4, Wednesday  
April 1, Wednesday

**South Side**  
December 4, Thursday  
February 5, Thursday  
April 2, Thursday

### SHADE TREE MAINTENANCE

The Borough is responsible for the maintenance of trees located in the right of way. This includes pruning, removal, stump and root grinding. If you feel your tree in need of attention, call the DPW at (732) 247-9379 during normal business hours. If you need to report an issue requiring immediate attention, during off hours, please call the HP Police Department, on the non-emergency number, (732) 572-3800 and they will notify Public Works.

**\*\* For further information about DPW Schedules or Guidelines visit [www.hpboro.com](http://www.hpboro.com) or contact DPW at (732) 512-1277.**

## Volunteers Making Their Mark in the Park!

In a community known for its diversity and creative spirit, it is only natural that residents are eager to volunteer and promote their interests for the benefit of others.

This past year, two noteworthy volunteer groups were revived in Highland Park, and they are both off to a great start, spreading their messages and planning events and programs for the community.

The Highland Park Arts Commission, chaired by local artist Jonathan Horowitz, aims to enhance the cultural visibility of Highland Park. The Commission plans to hold public events that empower artists while supporting economic efforts of the downtown business district. The Arts Commission is sponsoring numerous events for the community, including the relaunch of Art in the Windows, monthly art shows, contests, concerts and more.

"We wanted to restart the Arts Commission to better coordinate the arts efforts in town," said Horowitz. "This is an enormously creative community with so many talented

artists, so we wanted to take advantage of all this cultural capital." The Commission believes that through art, other businesses can benefit as well. A cultural and diverse community such as Highland Park can attract visitors from throughout Middlesex and beyond, who will come for the art and stay to enjoy the town.

Another unique group that is resuming their volunteer work is the Highland Park Historic Society. Inspired by the upcoming 110th anniversary of Highland Park, a group of local history buffs met one evening, and the rest is, well, history. They restarted this society to promote the maintenance and rehabilitation of Highland Park's historical resources and heighten awareness of the Borough's historical and cultural heritage.

"There's a value in preserving and recalling a community's history," said one of the founding members, Gary Leslie. "People tend to be in-

terested in the history of their homes and neighborhoods, and how they've changed over the years. This area has also been part of some significant events in American history. We hope to be able to help bring some of these things to the community in interesting and fun ways."

The society's first event took place on June 15, 2014. They held a successful and fascinating History Timeline at the Senior Center. Numerous living historians and re-enactors brought costumes, artifacts, and information about our history, from the American Revolution to the Civil War and more. The society is planning a town-wide re-enactment event to celebrate the town's 110th anniversary in 2015. They are seeking volunteers who would like to participate in the Society and join them in their efforts to bring awareness to our community's rich history. For more information contact the HP Historical Society at [highlandparkhistory@gmail.com](mailto:highlandparkhistory@gmail.com).



## Highland Park Shade Tree Advisory Committee

Borough Hall, 221 S Fifth, Highland Park, NJ 08904

### Highland Park street trees are valuable assets for the community

- They reduce noise pollution by absorbing sounds.
- Trees filter and cleanse our water.
- They help to conserve energy by blocking winter winds and shading the summer sun.
- On average trees add from 5 to 6 percent to the value of a house.
- A large shade tree can produce enough oxygen for ten people each year.
- Trees make the borough cooler by reducing the "urban heat island" effect.
- They control soil erosion.
- They enhance the appearance of our streets.
- They clean the air by absorbing carbon dioxide and harmful pollutants.

Highland Park is fortunate to have about four thousand street trees. However, it is necessary to remove over seventy of these each year due to age, illness, or the effects of weather. We make every effort to replace these trees, but it is the policy of the borough to obtain the permission of the home owner before planting a tree in the margin between the sidewalk and the street. Please assist us in our efforts to maintain our urban forest by sending a tree request form to Borough Hall this fall! Forms can be found on the Borough website at <http://www.hpboro.com> in the Shade Tree link.

Thank you for your cooperation.

The Highland Park Shade Tree Advisory Committee



## 10th Annual Arts in the Park



On Sunday September 21, Highland Park held its 10th annual Arts in the Park arts street festival. This annual celebration of the arts showcases fine arts and crafts from all over the region and shines a spotlight on Highland Park's vibrant, diverse, multi-faceted arts scene. The outdoor juried art show and street fair drew thousands of people to the streets of Highland Park to enjoy top-notch art, music, and food while exploring Highland Park's downtown as a shopping and dining destination.

As always, the main attraction of Arts in the Park was the juried art show and arts sale, highlighting Highland Park's many artists as well as artists from around the region. Participants displayed and sold their work under tents downtown along Raritan Avenue. There were also many pro-

motional booths from local businesses and organizations, a kids' arts and crafts zone, a space-themed kids' art show, food from local restaurants and food trucks, as well as dance, spoken word, and music performances.

Additionally, in honor of the festival's 10th anniversary, Main Street's board chair Jenni Chapman and executive director Rebecca Hersh presented an award to the Arts in the Park founders, Highland Park residents Jay and Rachel Ruggieri, for their hard work on the early years of the festival and their ongoing dedication to the arts in our community.

This year's art show judges

represented a diverse array of artists, arts professionals, and local celebrities. The juried art show featured cash awards for first, second, and third places in seven categories: Painting, Sculpture, Photography, Fine Crafts, Green/recycled, Graphics/Drawing/Printmaking, and Mixed Media.

On the festival's three music stages, there was a wide range variety of music. The musical performers included the Magnolia Street String Band (Bluegrass), Vinnie Troyani Quartet (Jazz), Do Rights (Funk), John Bianculli (Jazz, Latin), Billy (Rock), Too Many Daves (Klezmer), the Fresco Quintet (jazz and Latin), and the



students from Highland Park's own SpeakMusic conservatory.

On the performing arts stage, performers included Highland Park children's musician Mr. Ray (accompanied at times by Highland Park resident and musician Peter Horvath), the American Repertory Ballet, Danny & Kim Adlerman, Highland Park's champion teen juggler Jonah Botvinick-Greenhouse, Lustig Dance Theatre, Ziran Martial Arts, Kinetics Fitness, and local author Marc Mappen.

Main Street Highland Park would also like to thank the generous sponsors of this year's arts festival, without whom this festival would not have been possible: Unity Bank, Middlesex County Cultural & Heritage Commission, SpeakMusic Conservatory, Over the Moon Toys, Academy of Art of Highland Park,

Cyber Knight Computers Inc., Stop & Shop of Highland Park, Law Office of Rebecca Begelman Strub, Yellow Brick Road Preschool, Miller's Rentals, Highland Park Artists Collective, Unitarian Society in East Brunswick, The State Theatre, Schwartz & Nagle, and Through the Moongate.

And as always, Main Street Highland Park offers sincere thanks to the Borough's staff, particularly the Police Department and Department of Public Works, for working so hard during the festival to make the day such a great success.

Save the date for next year's Arts in the Park, on Sunday September 20, 2014! More information will be coming soon at [www.mainstreethp.org](http://www.mainstreethp.org).



## A Busy Spring and Summer on the Avenue

In addition to the arts festival, Main Street Highland Park has been helping keep things busy all spring and summer long, with a wide variety of events, including the Downtown Planting Days; the 6th annual Run in the Park 5k race and kids' races; the 25th annual Spring Street Fair; Saturday Summer Cinema flicks every other Saturday in our "Outdoor Movie Theater" in the municipal lot next to our office on Raritan Avenue; the Farmers Market every Friday, including a Tomato Festival in July; Music on the Corners every Friday night; a business networking happy hour, and the annual Town-wide Garage Sale in partnership with Century 21/JJ Laufer.

Our downtown businesses have been keeping busy as well. Tete's moved into the much bigger space across the street (into the

former Charlie Brown's location); both Sushiana and Mordy's bakery moved into bigger spaces on North 4th; a new Indian restaurant called Indus will be opening soon in the old Sushiana location on Raritan Avenue; a new restaurant called Sunrise Diner opened in the old Tete's spot on Raritan Avenue; Pino's opened its lounge and is now serving drinks every evening; the Dish Café expanded its hours and is now open many evenings; SpeakMusic Conservatory moved to a bigger space on South 3rd and expanded their curriculum; a gift and hobby store, Acapsule, opened at 439 Raritan Avenue; Highland Spark created a Jewelry Artists Cooperative; Highland Bark started offering pet grooming services...and more is always around the corner!

## Highland Park Home Improvement Program

The Highland Park Home Improvement Program provides funds for repairs for lower-income families. Residents can receive up to \$18,000 in repairs on their home for Heating and Electrical Systems, Plumbing Systems, Weatherization, Roofs, Foundations and more.

Residents must apply for the program, upon which a Case Manager determines eligibility. Once eligibility is established, a comprehensive house inspection is conducted to detail any health, safety or substandard code items on your property. If the house was built prior to 1978, a lead paint risk assessment will also be performed.

Eligibility requirements include household occupants who are within the income limit, eligible home improvements, property and, if applicable, mortgage payments paid current, equity in home must be greater than maximum amount of assistance by the Program, and living quarters in basements or attics must have evidence of permits from the Borough. Applications meeting eligibility will be chosen by a random selection process of a lottery drawing at the inception of the program.

The program will solicit bids for a contractor; if the home-

owner chooses their own contractor they are responsible for the cost difference. The homeowner also has the option of contributing personal funds for any work that exceeds the funding limit. The contractor

will obtain the permits prior to construction, and participants will adhere to the Program's decisions.

For information about the program visit [www.hip.cgph.net](http://www.hip.cgph.net) or [www.hpboro.com](http://www.hpboro.com).



### Does your home need repairs?

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park invite you to apply to the Highland Park Home Improvement Program

You can receive up to \$18,000 in repairs  
Additional funds for rental properties

Eligible uses of the funds include:

- Heating and Electrical Systems
- Plumbing System Components
- Weatherization (Windows, Insulation, etc)
- Roofs
- Foundations
- And more!

If you live in Highland Park, own your home and your total gross annual household income falls below the income limit for your household size, you may qualify to participate in the Program. (Income limits updated annually)

Household size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Maximum Income	\$58,800	\$67,200	\$75,600	\$84,000	\$90,720	\$97,440	\$104,160	\$110,880

- There is no cost to apply and it does not affect your credit score.
- Funds are provided as a no interest (0%) ten year forgivable loan.
- There are no monthly payments.
- A professional program inspector oversees the process.

### Don't Miss This Great Opportunity

Go to [www.hip.cgph.net](http://www.hip.cgph.net)

for more info including easy submission of a pre-application.

If you do not have internet access call the Borough's Agent Community Grants Planning & Housing at 609-664-2781.

Funding also available for rental properties - Landlords to call for terms



This Home Improvement Program is sponsored by the Borough of Highland Park





## Highland Park Public Library

### Contact: Valeri Drach Weidmann

Highland Park Public Library • North Fifth Ave. Highland Park, NJ 08904  
732-572-2750 • www.hpplnj.org

### Library Schedule & Hours

#### WEEKDAYS

Monday 10–9  
Tuesday 10–9  
Wednesday 10–5  
Thursday 10–9  
Friday 10–5

#### WEEKENDS

Saturdays 10–5  
*Oct. 4, Oct. 18, Nov. 1, Nov. 15,  
Nov. 29, Dec. 13, Dec. 27*  
Sundays 1-5  
*Oct. 12, Oct. 26, Nov. 9,  
Nov. 23, Dec. 7, Dec. 21*

#### HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Mon. Oct. 13 - Columbus Day  
Tue. Nov. 4 - Election Day  
Tue. Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day  
Thur. Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving Day  
Fri. Nov. 28 - Day After  
Thur. Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

### Message from Jane Stanley, Director of the Highland Park Public Library

We look forward to seeing you at the library this fall. We have lots of exciting new programs for adults that include informative talks, film series, author signings, poetry readings, and parenting programs. For children and teens we have clubs, art programs, game days, films, and special events.

In October, in honor of New Jersey's 350th Anniversary we will host a special program on the history of New Jersey as the Innovation State made possible by a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. Paul Israel, director and editor of the Thomas Edison Papers at Rutgers University will trace the history of NJ inventors including two Nobel Prize winners from Highland Park, Arno Allen Penzias and Selman Abraham Waksman.

Each month we feature different artists in our meeting room and display cases. In addition to our public computers with internet access and free WIFI, we also offer a Career and Education Center where you can work on your resume and search for jobs. Visit our website [www.hpplnj.org](http://www.hpplnj.org) to access online services such as Mango Languages, downloadable ebooks and audiobooks from eLibraryNJ, as well as databases provided by the NJ State Library. You can also access our catalogue and your library account with our smart phone app [www.hppl.boopsie.com](http://www.hppl.boopsie.com)

2014 FALL PROGRAMS	DESCRIPTION	DATE	TIME
<b>ADULTS</b>			
Hollywood's second Golden Age: Films in the Seventies	Film and introduction with Dr. Robert Knoll. <i>Klute</i>	Tuesday, September 9	6:30 PM
Book Talk	<i>The Death Class: A True Story About Life</i> With Norma Bowe	Tuesday, September 16	7:00 PM
Open Mic	Sing a Song, Play an instrument or Read a poem.	Thursday, September 18	6:30 PM
Friends of the Library Poetry Night Series	Alicia Suskin Ostriker	Tuesday, September 23	7:30 PM
International Film Festival	<i>The Past</i>	Tuesday, September 30	6:30 PM
Hollywood's Second Golden Age: Films in the Seventies	<i>Chinatown</i> (1974)	Tuesday, October 7	6:30 PM
Photo Tips For Great Pics: Camera Workshop	Photographer Walter Choroszewski	Thursday, October 16	7:00 PM
International Film	<i>Harmonists</i>	Tuesday, October 21	6:30 PM
Mozart Concert	Marjorie Selden, Viola	Sunday, October 26	2:00 PM
New Jersey: Innovation State	Paul Israel, Director of the Edison Papers	Thursday, October 30	7:00 PM
Memories of Kristallnacht	Film and discussion With Rabbi Rosenberg	Thursday, November 6	6:30 PM
Hollywood's Second Golden Age: Films in the Seventies	<i>The Candidate</i>	Tuesday, November 18	6:30 PM
Friends of the Library Poetry Night Series	George Witte	Tuesday, November 25	7:30 PM
Hollywood's Second Golden Age: Films in the Seventies	<i>Three Days of the Condor</i>	Tuesday, December 2	6:30 PM
International Film Festival	<i>Ilo Ilo</i>	Tuesday, December 9	6:30 PM
September Art Exhibit	Water Colors By Indrani Choudhury		
October Art Exhibit	Paintings by Alexander Agor		
November Art Exhibit	Paintings By William Giacolone		
December Art Exhibit	Paintings By Mayu Burr		
January Art Exhibit	Middlesex County Arts High School Dtudents		
<b>TEENS</b>			
Teen Craft	Back to School Craft Decorate Notebooks, Pencils, Create Fun Locker Decorations	Tuesday, September 9	3:00 PM
Teen After School Movie	The Fault in Our Stars	Thursday, September 18	3:00 PM
Teen Autumn Craft	Autumn Themed Craft	Tuesday, September 23	3:00 PM
Keys To Unlocking Financial Aid	Rana Slosberg of Slosberg College LLC will be giving a talk on college financial aid for teens and parents.	Tuesday, October 6	7:00 PM
Teen Craft	Make a cool creation using Duct Tape!	Tuesday, October 14	3:00 PM
Teen Gaming Afternoon	Try out some games on Xbox Kinect!	Tuesday, October 21	3:00 PM
Teen Craft	Mini Pumpkin Decorating	Thursday, October 30	3:00 PM
Anime/Manga Club	Watch Anime, read Manga, discussion and crafts.	Mondays - Sept: 8, 15, 22, & Nov: 3, 10, 17	7:00 PM
Teen Craft – Cork Coaster Craft	Paint Your own set of handmade cork coasters or wall art.	Thursday, November 13	3:00 PM
Teen Gaming Afternoon	Try out some games on Xbox Kinect!	Tuesday, November 18	3:00 PM
Teen After School Movie	Divergent – Watch the hit movie based on the Bestselling Teen Novel!	Thursday, November 20	3:00 PM
<b>CHILDREN</b>			
Nursery Rhyme Time	Songs, rhymes, and reading for 6-23 month olds accompanied by an adult. Please register.	Wed: Oct 15-Dec 3	10:15 AM
TNT (Twos and Threes)	Stories, finger plays, and crafts for two – three year olds accompanied by an adult. Please register for only one session.	Mon: Oct. 27-Dec. 8 <b>OR</b> Wed: Oct. 15-Dec. 3	10:30 AM 11:00 AM
Preschool Story Time	Stories, art and creative drama for 4-5 year olds.	Mon. Oct.20-Dec. 1	4:00 – 5:00 PM
Around the World in Stories: A Read to Me Club for Children Up to Age 5 years.	Preschool Reading Club. Earn prizes for your children as you read to them. Available through a grant from Target.	Mon: Oct. 20 – Dec. 19	Come in Anytime to Sign Up for the Read to Me Book Club!
Around the World in Stories kick Off Party	First date to Pick Up Game Boards and start Reading!	Monday October 20	10:30 AM
Read to Belle The Library Dog For children who need practice reading.	Sign up for a 10-15 minute session. Belle loves to listen! Registration is required.	Thur: Oct.23 – Dec. 18	6:00 – 7:00 PM



## Police Unity Tour: “We Ride for Those Who Died”



They rode as a group to raise public awareness of their brothers and sisters who have died in the line of duty, while individually they became aware of the true impact of their service to their communities.

The men and women in Law Enforcement risk their lives every day for our safety and security. Too often they sacrifice their lives in the line of duty, and the Police Unity Tour seeks to honor the memory of those fallen officers.

The Police Unity Tour was created in May 1997 by Officer Patrick P. Montoure of the Florham Park Police Department. The purpose was to raise awareness to fallen officers, and raise money for the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial and Museum in Washington, D.C. The four day bike ride started with 18 riders and raised \$18,000 in its first year. This May they had more than 1800 members nationwide and donated over \$1.9 million to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

The four-day tour began its

300+ mile ride in Florham Park, NJ and ended at the museum in Washington D.C., where participants gathered at a memorial wall engraved with the names of over 20,000 Law Enforcement Officers who died in the line of duty.

During the tour, every member rode in honor of a Police Officer who died, wearing a blue metal bracelet inscribed with the officer's name and department. At the memorial they met members of the officer's family who they represented, and the rider presented the bracelet to the family. It was an emotional meeting for both officers and family members.

This past year members of the Highland Park Police Department joined the ride, most of them for the first time. Sergeant Joseph Olarra and Patrolman Norman Brown drove with the support team, and Detective John Sachau, Patrolman Gaetano Palumbo, Patrolman Sean McGraw and Patrolman Kevin Shiffner rode with the bikers. The experience was moving and unforgettable, and there were moments dur-

ing the ride that held a special meaning for each of them.

Sergeant Olarra and Brown were part of the support team for the riders, handling bicycles and luggage, preparing for their arrival at the various hotels, and making sure the riders were safe and comfortable. The trip created a bond between their fellow officers, and they shared stories about their lives and experiences. "It was humbling during the ceremony when we watched family members who lost a father, mother, sister or brother shed a tear," said Olarra.

Patrolman Sean McGraw had participated in the Tour three times with the Holmdel Police Department and was the officer who encouraged the Highland Park Police Department to get involved. He described it as "the most moving experience of my law enforcement career. When we met the family members and presented the bracelet, we showed them that their loved one will never be forgotten."

## HIGHLAND MARKS

Twelve year old **Sophie Ostrove** raised over \$11,000 in a Bowl-a-thon for NOAH, the National Organization for Albanism and Hypopigmentation. Ostrove is a 7th grader at the Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva in Edison, NJ.

**Patrick Guetti** was one of the top 9 finalists in a Metropolitan Opera contest to find the top young talent in North America. Guetti is a third-year resident artist at the Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia.

**Sydney McManus-Smith**, an entering junior at Highland Park High School, was a vital force on the Highland Park softball team last season. She hit a homer and knocked in four runs in their game against Perth Amboy Tech, and hit a three-run home run which helped win the game against Piscataway Tech in April.

**James Shangle** received an All-American for the 200-medley relay at the 2014 NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving National Championships. Shangle, a junior at The College of New Jersey, was a significant asset to his team his first two years, and will continue with the team this year.

**Grace Chong**, an entering senior at Highland Park High School, was presented a 2014 Caring Award by the Middlesex County Guidance Council. The Caring Award, given to one student from each high school in the county, is for outstanding volunteer community service.

**Gavriel Epstein** is the winner of the 2014 Teen Video Challenge for New Jersey. The Challenge, sponsored by the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) is a national competition for teens to get involved with reading and their public library's summer reading program.

We are proud of our Highland Park students who made the Dean's List for the Spring 2014 semester at Middlesex County College. They are: **Elizabeth Ambos, Nicolas Baay, Tara Canavera, Wei Chia Chen, Daniel Cohen, Maribel Garcia, Jacob Holdowsky, Irene Howard, Kaitlin Kovalchik, Kenneth Li, William Morris, Patrick Nicklas, Chioma Onwumelu, Hyungbin Park, Jason Potts, Marni Salomon, Nadav Salomon, Judah Stechel, Shlomo Tanenbaum, Jeeun Uhm, and Feng Hua Zeng.**

Recent Highland Park High School graduate **Oscar Lee** participated in The New Jersey DECA, an organization of high school students preparing to become leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. They recently donated more than \$22,000 to the Covenant House, a nonprofit charity serving homeless youth with a network of shelters.

**Dwayne Haskins** is considered one of the hottest prospects in college football this year. The 6 foot 3 inch, 185 pound Highland Park native is considering playing at Rutgers University, and recently visited the school and met with the coach.

Highland Park Borough Clerk **Joan Hullings** has been named as a MCANJ'S MEMBER SPOTLIGHT award recipient for July 2014. Hullings was nominated for organizing the annual "Hullings Heroes", a team of walkers who participate in the NJ Metro MS Walk to raise awareness and funds to support MS research.

Muhlenberg Senior tight end and Highland Park resident **Michael Long** was named to the D3football.com preseason All-America first team. The Sporting News and Lindy's Sports also named Long to their preseason All-America first teams. In 2013 he caught 47 passes – the second-most ever by a Muhlenberg tight end – for 525 yards and four touchdowns.

**Dave Bell's** hobby is heating up Highland Park! Bell creates a variety of hot sauces from super hot peppers he grows in his own garden. He has developed several products including The Smoky Disturbance with chilies and pomegranate molasses, and Magma Powder, a dry spice with chilies and sel gris (French sea salt). His latest sauce, Joy Noise, combines whole chilies with tamarind puree, vegetables and citrus juices. Bell has a Facebook page that chronicles dishes he makes with his sauces.

UBS, the multi-national global financial services company, has picked **White Lotus Home** as one of only seven companies in the New York City area to be included in their Elevating Entrepreneurs Program this year. They only pick companies they thoroughly research and conclude and determine that those companies are on the verge of lots of growth. Congratulations to White Lotus Home!

## National Night Out

Who knew police officers could be so much fun? Every year in Highland Park, the Highland Park Police Department participates in the National Night Out event by throwing a festive, fun block party for the community. Hundreds of residents gather for music, food, games, and the chance to dunk a Police Officer or Borough official in the dunk tank.

This year's Night Out event was held on August 6 on North 3rd Avenue. The weather was perfect and the activities were enjoyed by adults and kids. Residents had the opportunity to view emergency service equipment and vehicles on display courtesy of the Highland Park Fire Department, First Aid Squad and Police Department. Raffles



and giveaways made possible by donations from Highland Park businesses took place throughout the event. The community interacted with first responders who ran informational tables on crime prevention, community outreach programs, and more. They also worked the dunk tank, rock wall, high striker, and other

fun games for the whole family.

National Night Out Against Crime was created by the National Association of Town Watch in 1983 as a way to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness. More than 11,000 communities in 50 states participated in the program last year.



## The Borough of Highland Park Department of Community Services Office on Aging – 732-819-0052

### FALL/WINTER 2014/2015 SENIOR PROGRAMS

Special Programs	Description	Age	Requirements	Dates	Time	Place	Fee
Monthly Senior Luncheons & Parties	Join us for Lunch and Enjoy a Presentation or Entertainment	55+ Years	Pre-Registration is Required. Open to Members ONLY	9/12 & 10/24	12:00pm	Senior/Youth Center	FREE
Thanksgiving Celebration Luncheon	Thanksgiving Luncheon with Turkey and all the trimmings! Musical Entertainment	55+ Years	Pre-Registration is Required. Open to Members ONLY	Monday, Nov. 24, 2014	12:00pm	Senior/Youth Center	FREE
Annual Lion's Club Luncheon & Holiday Party	Join the Lion's club members & your friends for an afternoon of music to welcome in the Holiday Season	55+ Years	Pre-Registration is Required. Open to Members ONLY	Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014	11:00pm	Depart From Senior/Youth Center	FREE
Senior Holiday Party	Join us for lunch At The Italian Bistro & Enjoy Entertainment to Celebrate the Winter Holidays By: Gordon James	55+ Years	Pre-Registration is Required. Open to Members ONLY	Monday, Dec. 15, 2014	11:30am-2:00 pm	Highland Park Italian Bistro	\$10.00/person
Wednesday Out of Town Shopping Trips	Afternoon Outings to Local Malls & Shopping Centers See Center for Weekly Listing	55+ Years	Pre-Registration is Required. Open to Members ONLY	Wednesday's	12:30pm-3:30pm	Depart From Senior/Youth Center	FREE
PNC Senior Concert Series Trip	Drinkin', Singin' & Swingin'	55+ Years	Pre-Registration is Required. Open to Members ONLY Limited Seating	Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014	12:30pm-4:30pm 12:30pm-4:00pm	Depart From Senior/Youth Center	\$10.00/person Trans Fee
Atlantic City Trip	Casino: Tropicana	Open to All	Pre-Registration is Required. OPEN TO ALL	Thursday, Sept. 18, 2014	8:30am-6:30pm	Depart From Senior/Youth Center	\$35.00/person (\$25.00 back in slot cash)
PNC Senior Concert Series Trip	Jerry Blavat Presents: The Early days of Rock & Roll	55+ Years	Pre-Registration is Required. Open to Members ONLY Limited Seating	Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014	12:30pm-4:30pm 12:30pm-4:00pm	Depart From Senior/Youth Center	\$10.00/person Trans Fee
Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Dinner Theatre Trip	Show: "Breaking Legs" Meal: Full course meal & dessert	55+ Years	Pre-Registration is Required. Open to Members ONLY Limited Seating	Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014	11:30am-4:30pm	Depart From Senior/Youth Center	\$65.00/person
Peddler's Village, P.A.	Day trip to Buck's County for Shopping & Fall Displays	55+ Years	Pre-Registration is Required. Open to Members ONLY	Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2014	9:00am-4:00pm	Depart From Senior/Youth Center	\$20.00/person
Atlantic City Trip	Casino: TBA	Open to All	Pre-Registration is Required. OPEN TO ALL	Thursday, Nov. 6, 2014	8:30am-6:30pm	Depart From Senior/Youth Center	\$35.00/person (\$25.00 back in slot cash)
Jersey Shore Premium Outlets	Visit 120 outlet stores for all of your Holiday Shopping! Free VIP booklet	55+ Years	Pre-Registration is Required.	Thursday, Dec. 11, 2014	TBA	Depart From Senior/Youth Center	\$10.00/person
AARP Driver Safety Course	Driver Safety Program deduct 2 points from license or receive 5% discount on car insurance	Open to All	Pre-Registration is Required. OPEN TO ALL	Monday, Nov. 10th & Tuesday, Nov. 18th, 2014 (2-part class) March 2015 Course- Dates/ Times - TBA	9:30am-12:30pm	Senior/Youth Center	AARP Member \$15.00/ person Non Member \$20.00 *Checks ONLY Payable to AARP
New Year's Celebration Luncheon	Join us at a Special Luncheon to Ring in 2015! Entertainment provided!	55+ Years	Pre-Registration is Required. Open to Members ONLY	Monday, Jan. 12, 2015	12:00pm	Senior/Youth Center	FREE
Valentine's Celebration Luncheon	Come out to celebrate Valentine's Day with your friends at the center! Live Musical Entertainment Provided	55+ Years	Pre-Registration is Required. Open to Members ONLY	Friday, Feb. 13, 2015	12:00pm	Senior/Youth Center	FREE
Chinese New Year Celebration	Join us for a special program to Celebrate The Chinese New Year Year of The Goat	55+ Years	Pre-Registration is Required. Open to Members ONLY	Friday, Feb. 19, 2015	TBA	Senior/Youth Center	FREE

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Special Programs	Description	Age	Requirements	Dates	Time	Place	Fee
St. Patrick's Day Celebration Luncheon	Join us at our monthly luncheon and enjoy a traditional Irish lunch & Musical Entertainment by: John Gallagher	55+ Years	Pre-Registration is Required. Open to Members ONLY	Monday, Mar. 16, 2015	12:00pm	Senior/Youth Center	FREE

The Senior/Youth Center is open Monday- Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Senior In- Town Transportation is available Monday- Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and Out of Town Medical Transportation is available Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. To schedule a ride, please call the center at (732) 819-0052. A monthly Senior Citizens Calendar with detailed program information and more is available at the Senior/Youth Center or online at [www.hpboro.com](http://www.hpboro.com) For further info, please contact The Dept. of Community Services or Kimberly Perkins, Senior Program Coordinator, at [kperkins@hpboro.com](mailto:kperkins@hpboro.com) or stop by the Senior Center to inquire about registering for programs. Limited enrollments for some programs. Space is also limited on some senior trips.

## The Senior/Youth Center Serves as a meeting place for local senior citizens. It offers a wide variety of Social, Recreational, and Educational Activities daily for the benefit and enjoyment of Highland Park Seniors.

All Activities, Programs, Luncheons, Trips & Transportation are available to members of the Highland Park Senior Center.

The Yearly fee is \$10.00 for In Town Residents and \$75.00 per year for Out of Town Residents.

The Department of Community Services, Office on Aging - Senior/Youth Center (732) 819-0052.

## Highland Park Senior Outreach Program

The Highland Park Borough Senior Outreach Program provides information and assistance to seniors 60+, disabled adults, and their caregivers. The Outreach Coordinator is here to listen and respond to your urgent needs. She will help arrange for various services such as meals, housing options, home energy, immigration, transportation, social security, Medicare, food stamps, and Medicaid. Our Outreach Coordinator will actively work with you to assist with forms and applications for programs and benefits, and will advocate on your behalf if a problem or glitch arises. Best of all, our services are free of charge and confidential.

Due to the increasing number of people seeking outreach services, we ask that you call to make an appointment ahead of time. Appointments are available on

Monday, Tuesday, and Friday between 8:00am and 1:00pm. Drop-in hours are on Thursdays from 9am-12pm, on a first come served basis. Homebound persons may call to request a home visit. Please call to schedule an appointment at 732-819-0052 between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Counselor.

**\* Chinese/Mandarin translators desperately needed. Your help is needed and we will accommodate your schedule. Please ask for Kim or Rosa, Highland Park Senior Center, 732-819-0052.**

## Tribute to Dave Younge



For Dave Younge, running a community newspaper offered the chance to serve his community, mentor student writers, and set an example of journalistic ethics.

A 20-year resident of Highland Park, Younge served on the board of directors of Main Street for several years beginning in 2002. He founded and edited *The Mirror*, a community newspaper that covered Highland Park, New Brunswick, and Rutgers University between 2007 and 2012.

In October 2013, he lost a decade-long battle with cancer. His contributions to Highland Park were commemorated in a November 2013 memorial service at the Reformed Church in Highland Park and at a June 2014 forum on social justice held in his honor.

Born in San Jose, California, Younge eventually moved to Minneapolis, where he served on the board of the non-profit

East Side Neighborhood Service.

Younge and his wife Barbara Turpin, a professor of environmental sciences at Rutgers, lived in Highland Park for 20 years. They have three daughters.

He took part in various committees in the public school system before being appointed to the Main Street board, where his familiarity with the rules for non-profits was especially useful.

His college journalism experience—he served as editor of the CalTech college newspaper—made him an ideal choice to run the Main Street newsletter, which he did for two years.

In 2004, Younge was honored as Highland Park's Volunteer of the Year "in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Main Street."

Professionally, Younge worked as a technical writer for several major companies, both in Minneapolis and in New Jersey.

When he retired from technical writing around 2005, community members with whom he had volunteered suggested he start a local newspaper.

Turpin described *The Mirror* as her late husband's "retirement job" because he started it with money from his own retirement fund and believed it was more important to start a local newspaper than to make a lot of money through it.

*The Mirror* began publishing in April 2007, which happened to be during the middle of a very

heated local election.

The timing led some to question whether the paper's founding was politically motivated, but within a few months, it became clear that Younge's only agenda was producing good journalism.

"The timing was about him needing to do something valuable in the community," and unrelated to the election, Turpin emphasized.

*The Mirror* was published three times a month in hard copy except during summers, and Younge worked hard to obtain advertiser support.

Covering a broader area than only Highland Park helped bring in advertising from neighboring communities.

In later years, the paper was published both in print and online. At one point, due to lack of advertiser support, Younge printed small cards with a front page containing story leads that directed readers online to the rest of the articles.

Sticking to his priority of maintaining a strong sense of journalistic ethics proved challenging in a small town, Turpin said.

Covering controversial issues was difficult, especially when he personally knew many of the people involved, but Younge did not shy away from doing so.

It helped that "he was a likeable guy," she added.

When he first started publishing, Younge went to the high school and spoke with the advi-

sor to the student newspaper, *The Fling*, in an effort to recruit student writers.

Hiring student writers provided him with the opportunity to mentor kids interested in journalism, Turpin noted.

"One of the things he didn't know he would enjoy but enjoyed a lot was mentoring student writers," she emphasized.

Younge also hired young writers in their 20s, who were working several jobs at once, and community members who wanted to contribute to a Highland Park newspaper.

Advertisements did not always cover the paper's costs, which is why Younge eventually moved more content online.

His impact in the community is reflected in the fact that his life was celebrated by the public in two separate, well-attended events.

The November 2013 memorial, described as a celebration of life, a "down home" potluck event, "in some ways was a roast," Turpin described. "We enjoyed telling stories about Dave. We played 'Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me.' Several people told three versions of a story (about him), and people had to guess which one was true."

The June 2014 social justice forum, organized by Councilwoman Susie Welkovits and community member and *Mirror* writer Liz Estes, featured a host of community organizations, many from beyond Highland

Park, sharing information about their work, both in talks and via display tables.

Appropriately, the keynote speaker was Charles Kratovil, editor of the print and online publication *New Brunswick Today*.

In concert with the forum, *The Fling* dedicated two whole pages to Younge, publishing quotes about him from community members and writers who worked for him.

Turpin described *The Mirror* as a newspaper version of Younge's commitment to social justice.

Danny Breslauer, a graduate of HPHS, was one of the high school students who wrote for *The Mirror*. His remarks at the November memorial, printed in *The Fling's* tribute to Younge, accurately encompass everything this remarkable man was to Highland Park.

"It really represented everything that Highland Park is about—the community, celebrating life instead of mourning it," he said regarding *The Mirror*. "A celebration of life is a great concept, and I think a lot of people can gain a lot from seeing what Dave was able to do for the community in terms of services."

In publishing *The Mirror*, Younge always sought divergent opinions, Turpin stated.

"While he was doing the newspaper, he felt strongly about journalistic ethics, writing from a non-invested viewpoint, without a personal agenda."



## Living History in Highland Park

"As a former history teacher, I can tell you: You can learn more about a time period by interacting with a Living Historian for 20 minutes than I could possibly teach you in a classroom."

Bruce Form was speaking about the Living History Timeline event held this past Father's Day at the Highland Park Senior/Youth Center. He and his wife, Mira, have participated in many such events over the years. And, as members of the recently re-formed Highland Park Historical Society, they helped bring one to Highland Park.

Living Historians dress up in authentic garb of the period, demonstrate materials of the time and interact with the public. "The idea of a Living History event," said Bruce, "is we talk about our characters in character. The public can interact with them in character. The Living Historians are experts in their subjects, so it's a great casual learning experience. And people have a lot of fun."

At the Timeline event, sixteen Living Historians came to represent historical - mostly

military - figures from colonial times to the 1983 invasion of Granada.

Greg BelCastro, a Morristown policeman, portrayed a Soviet WWII soldier. He had a display of authentic Russian weapons. "Many people don't know the Russian army had both men and women in combat," he said. "There were many expert female snipers who used these weapons."

BelCastro also had a Dnepr Russian motorcycle on display. "It was used as a scout vehicle, to run in front of the main army. In 1938, Russia purchased three R71 VMSs from Germany - they loved motorcycles. When the war broke out, they simply back-engineered them and used them in battle."

Bruce Tucker of East Brunswick came as Civil War Union hero Admiral David Farragut. "Farragut never lost his humanity in his 50 years in the Navy, even in wartime," Tucker said. "He's known primarily for the quote, 'Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!'. That was during the Civil War Battle of Mobile Bay.' But in reality, that quote mischaracterizes

the man. He always tried to minimize casualties. He had great compassion for his men. I feel honored to bring his story to people in this way."

Among the other historical figures represented: Judi Cox portrayed Mary Todd Lincoln, and her husband, Paul Segre served as Lincoln's bodyguard. There was also a demonstration of Civil War medical and surgical equipment and techniques.

Mira Form came as Miss Rebecca Moss of Philadelphia. "The rabbi at her synagogue, Congregation Mikva Israel, wanted to help the Union cause. So Miss Moss helped form the Ladies' Hebrew Association for Relief of Sick and Wounded Union Soldiers. They raised money to support using the shul as a Union hospital and to send supplies to Union soldiers."

Mira's husband, Bruce, played a WWII agent for the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). "He worked with the French Resistance to gather and analyze info, and relay it to the Allies in England. My character was put into France to help organize



the French resistance and to gather intelligence ahead of the D-Day invasion."

Bruce had on display examples of aerial photographs and maps used to plan the invasion, false identification papers used to fool the Germans and materials used to hide explosives, such as hollowed-out branches. "My character was a Jew, and I wanted to develop this living history to show people how Jews fought back during the war."

Mira and Bruce, longtime

residents of Highland Park, recently moved to Gettysburg. They plan to continue with the Highland Park Historical Society, though, and promote more of these Timeline events in the future.

"Most people, if they've never come to a Time Line event, really don't know what to expect," Mira said. "What they find is a wealth of knowledge. They won't be overwhelmed, they'll find it a very rewarding day because these Living Historians know so much."

## Highland Park's First Aid Squad Celebrates 68 Years of Service

As the Highland Park First Aid Squad approaches its 68th Anniversary, we would like to highlight the continued efforts of the squad. As one of the few remaining all-volunteer squads in the surrounding area, our First Aid Squad has been steadfast in its level of service to our residents. In addition to responding to all types of medical calls, the dedicated and well-trained members of the squad contribute their time and talents running community programs. The squad has a strong cadet program offered to high school students between the ages of 16 and 18, and we run educational programs for many community organizations.

We are proud to have a diverse membership of men and women representing a variety of cultures, including Korean, Chinese, Indian, Hispanic, and many members of the observant Jewish community. As such our members make every effort to be sensitive to the various religious and cultural needs of our community.

The First Aid Squad works in tandem with other emergency responders. By dialing 9-1-1, the local emergency response system is set into motion. The 9-1-1 dispatcher will dispatch a Police Officer, the First Aid Squad, and if necessary, the



paramedics from the hospital directly to the location of the emergency. The typical response time for Highland Park first responders to reach the location is under two minutes. First responders come equipped with first aid kits, oxygen and AEDs which they are all trained to use. Within the next few minutes an ambulance will arrive. If the emergency requires more advanced life-saving measures, the paramedics will be simultaneously dispatched.

Our First Aid Squad is dedicated and committed to the community, and we appreciate the wonderful support we have always received from residents. It is especially important in these economically trying times to continue your financial support of the squad, and perhaps even consider becoming a member.

We would also like to thank the squad members for their hard work and continued efforts on behalf of our community.

## FREEHOLDER CORNER



**H. JAMES POLOS**

There doesn't seem to be a week that goes by where I am not meeting with one of the Highland Park Municipal officials to discuss how Middlesex County can help Highland Park. That is a credit to your Mayor and Council who are always looking for ways to do more with less, improve programs and make improvements. As a resident and "Highland Park's" Freeholder I applaud their efforts and I am pleased to report that we have collectively created many great new initiatives and opportunities for the Borough.

The Police Department will be receiving a used pickup truck from the county, which is in excellent condition, to facilitate the movement of emergency equipment such as cones, barricades and the mobile sign board in their department. The

mobile message board you see around town was also given to the Borough through a county grant. Moreover, we presented a grant to the Police, through the NJ Highway Traffic Safety Department, to fund pedestrian traffic safety enforcement at a time when distracted driving accounts for more than half of all pedestrian accidents statewide.

The Office of Emergency Management has provided a fully stocked trailer to Highland Park which can provide potable water, generator power, blankets, heaters and hygiene kits in the event a shelter needs to be established due to power outage or storm.

We also continue to make improvements in Donaldson Park and ready the fields each day for the enjoyment of our residents in the Borough and the many Borough school teams who depend upon them for practice and games.

I will continue to search out additional opportunities for the Borough. Should you have any suggestions or have any questions about Middlesex County government, please do not hesitate to contact me at 732-249-2611 or e-mail me at Freeholder@MPM-NJ.com.

**Freeholder H. James Polos  
Chairman of Public Safety  
and Health**



## The New Pino's – For Shopping and Lounging

Pino's Gift Basket Shoppe and Wine Cellar has become the "place to be" in Highland Park lately – a cool spot to relax after work or socialize on the weekend. People are flocking to this new hangout, though many don't realize that Pino's is actually 95 years old! The Lounge area is brand new, but the shop itself has been a staple in Highland Park since the Pino's family opened it as a green grocer in 1920.

In fact, the family owned the shop for 64 years until it was sold in 1984, and then again in 2013. The current owners are a young Highland Park couple with vision and energy. Stephen and Siobhan Weinstein aimed to create not only a convenient place to purchase liquor, but a cool place to spend time as well. With Stephen's background as the co-owner of a warehouse and ship-

ping company and Siobhan's experience in marketing and creative writing, their winning combination has translated into a successful and growing business over the past year and a half.

The Weinsteins had a two-fold plan: make the store more customer-friendly and create an enjoyable social environment for the community. They refurbished the shop with fresh paint and new shelving, creating an easy flow throughout the store. They updated their inventory with more than 300 varieties of wine and a larger Kosher section. They reorganized their beer collection, concentrating on craft and old time beers to satisfy the needs of their knowledgeable and sophisticated customer base. Finally, noticing a renewed interest in gins, ryes and bourbons, they adjusted their inventory to include a wider range of

craft and artisanal spirits, adding a "Prohibition Room" which showcases small batch dark spirits.

Pino's then began hosting numerous wine, beer and liquor tastings throughout the year, which were immediately successful. This encouraged the Weinsteins to realize their ultimate goal – to create a lounge for people to drink, listen to some music, and socialize. To do so, Pino's needed a Broad C license, which would enable them to serve liquor as well as sell it. Due to strict laws in New Jersey, each town is granted only a certain amount of these licenses. Fortunately for Pino's, two individuals in Highland Park held Broad C licenses that were not being used. Stephen was able to partner with one of these individuals, thus enabling Pino's to serve alcohol. Soon after, The

Lounge was born.

The Lounge is a cordoned-off section of Pino's that features old-style benches and soft lighting. It's got a cool vibe and even cooler drinks. A certified mixologist created the menu, which includes a mix & match gin and tonic section, mixed drinks, a carefully selected wine list including Kosher wines, and a selection of bottled and craft beers plus Growlers. Cheese plates are available, and in the future they hope to serve tapas and appetizer food as well.

Since its opening this past summer, The Lounge has been busy with locals and out-of-towners who come to enjoy a few drinks and hear local musicians – or even sometimes Stephen himself – entertain them. It's busy but exciting for the Weinsteins. They take pride in everything they've accomplished so far, and

look forward to more improvements and growth in the future.

"Whether it be our retail selection or the cocktails we serve in the lounge, we select unique, reputable products and pride ourselves on having a friendly, well trained, knowledgeable staff," said Siobhan.

Now that things are moving forward, they are working on their next goal; bringing Pino's back to its roots as a green grocer by reintroducing fresh produce from local farmers. They're also planning a tasting bar in the store, and considering ideas for their Prohibition Room, which currently holds small batch ryes and bourbons. Already, the new look and improvements have been embraced by community, and residents are excited to see what lies ahead for the new Pino's.

## Highland Park Public Schools: Home of the Owls

### Irving Primary School

Greetings! My name is Kelly Wysoczanski and in May 2014 I was appointed Principal here at the Irving Primary School. The warm welcome I received only made it more evident what a great community we have here in Highland Park. We have begun another fantastic year! The staff and faculty are busy in their classrooms; our custodial staff ensures that the building shines, and our hardworking office staff has all the information you will need for the school year.

Irving Primary is a warm, comfortable place where our youngest learners take the journey through those magical primary grades. The students learn and grow together in an environment that gives them opportunities to take chances and extend their thinking. This year, we welcomed back our students on September 8th. The first day was filled with the excitement of meeting new teachers, new friends, and of course taking out all our school supplies. As with any new beginning, there was a range of emotions for both the children and parents. One book that can assist both parents and children with the beginning of the year transition is *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn. Sometimes curling up with a good book grounds us and gets us ready for all those new beginnings. We anticipate another successful year!

### Bartle Elementary School

Hello, my name is Anthony Ben-

jamin and I am proud to serve as the new principal of Bartle Elementary School. I believe in supporting a school with great systems and processes that work well for everyone, especially systems that ensure students are maximizing learning opportunities that support them reaching their full potential. My experience working at the elementary and secondary level in both suburban and urban school districts (large & small) have been great preparation for me to serve as Bartle's new principal.

Prior to my arrival at Bartle, I had the honor and privilege of working alongside and supervising some amazingly talented individuals as administrator/principal within the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission, as well as the Rockaway, Philadelphia, Montclair and Trenton Public Schools. Our collective efforts throughout these particular schools/districts have resulted in noteworthy student academic achievement gains. Moving forward, I am excited to share my experiences and provide the necessary leadership and support that will enable our staff here at Bartle to continue to address and appropriately respond to the academic, social and emotional needs of all our students.

I am happy to be working with some amazingly talented teachers at Bartle who have demonstrated their commitment to educating the whole child. My goals for this year include ensuring the preservation and enhancements of the arts, supporting enrichment/gifted & talented educational opportunities, and to Supporting an increase in our teachers' capacity and ability to become expert questioners and responders to student learning and understanding of new and challenging skills and concepts. I am impressed and inspired by the level of passion, positivity and optimism that the teachers and staff have expressed in my short time at Bartle. I am

excited to learn, work alongside and be inspired by the teachers' commitment to ensure that our increasingly diverse student learner population receives the best education possible in Highland Park.

### Highland Park Middle School

Hello! My name is Donna Malouf and I am honored to serve as Interim Principal of the Highland Park Middle School. I come to Highland Park not only as a teacher and administrator with over seventeen years of experience, but also as a parent who understands the demands in today's world on parents and families.

All of us here at the Middle School are eager to begin what promises to be the best year ever. We will continue to provide academic experiences for our students that are rigorous, relevant and builds relationships. As principal, it is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors is excited to be here! It's that excitement that enables us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a positive, fun and nurturing environment.

Community and collaboration are the foundation of our partnership as we begin this new school year. It is imperative that our teachers, staff, and community embrace the idea of doing whatever it takes to ensure the academic growth of our students. As a professional learning community, we are committed to working tirelessly to provide challenging educational opportunities for children each day. In order to find success as a learning community, we need to work together. Collaboration is a vital ingredient to a healthy and successful year. The middle school years are a time of growth and transition into ado-

lescence. Our children need the support of all members of the educational community as they continue on their journey toward becoming happy and productive citizens, capable of adapting to an ever changing world. The faculty and staff of Highland Park Middle School are committed to meeting the educational, social, and emotional needs of all of our students. Welcome to the start of a new year!

### Highland Park High School

As I begin my first year as the Principal of Highland Park High School, and the faculty and staff are starting the 2014-15 school year, we are excited to continue to build on the traditions of our school. Our current enrollment has grown tremendously and this year we will be providing for the needs of more than 500 students. As an educator in this district for over twenty years, I know that our faculty, staff, and students are capable of many great accomplishments. Our students have routinely achieved both academic and extra-curricular success. Some of the numerous awards and accolades were attained last year in DECA, Model UN & Model Congress, Robotics, Orchestra, Band, and Choir. This year promises to be even more gratifying.

We anticipate the installation of a new electronic sign in front of the high school to publicize many events that will be taking place throughout the school year. We will strive to keep the community informed of other upcoming events and to celebrate our students' achievements. We are the Owls, and we will live up to our new mission of "Openness, Wisdom, Leadership, and Spirit." Please join us by con-

tinuing to support our teachers, staff, and students in making our high school the best it can be!

Mr. Michael J. Lassiter

### Message from Interim Superintendent Israel Soto

I would like to express what an honor it is to be a member of this community as the Interim

Superintendent of Highland Park Public Schools. I have been overseeing all operations throughout the district and have had the pleasure of collaborating with our building principals, Interim Educational Services Director, Business Administrator, the Teen Center, facilities personnel and staff and faculty members.

My time in the district has graced me with a deeper appreciation of the caliber and commitment of the teachers and students we have in this wonderful district. Therefore, we endeavor to continue working diligently on our commitment to excellence, to forge stronger relationships with parents, students, staff and the Highland Park community, to continue focusing our energies on encouraging our students to embrace integrity, develop 21st -century skills, become self-advocates, engage in rigorous academic programs, participate in extra-curricular activities and know that there is strength in diversity. It is my hope that as we journey through the 2014-2015 school year, we will work together to provide our students of Highland Park the best possible opportunities to fulfill their potential here and beyond.

Towards Excellence,

Israel Soto

Interim Superintendent



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