

THE HIGHLAND PARK NEWS



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Beautiful Highland Park, Beautiful You

SPRING IS HERE, and along with the longer days and warmer weather, we're all taking off our hats, boots, and coats, and looking for a little pampering – perhaps a new haircut, some highlights, a pedicure or a tan?

Luckily, all you have to do is take a walk downtown. Highland Park is filled with more than a dozen personal care service businesses. New spas and salons are opening all the time, and each has found its niche that lets it thrive in Highland Park. And when they come to town, many of them stay for decades. In fact, four of our downtown salons have been in town for over 20 years.

Everybody's Barber Shop certainly wins the longevity prize – it has been on Raritan Avenue since 1928, only changing ownership three times. Current owner Angela Nagy has worked in the barber shop since 1992, and owned it for the past 10 years. "I bought it from the previous owner, Santo Bongiovanni, who owned it for almost 50 years, and was like a father to me," she said. "He still lives in town,

and he visits us almost every Wednesday."

When she took over the business, Ms. Nagy also inherited the store's permanent fixture, Jerry DePasquale. "I worked as a custodian at the Highland Park High School for 27 years," Mr. DePasquale said. "Coming here is my social club. I'm always here." Ms. Nagy picks up Mr. DePasquale every single morning from his home on South 9th Avenue and brings him to the barber shop, where he sits in the back, chats with customers all day, and watches the Raritan Avenue hustle and bustle.

Miss Joann's Unisex Beauty Salon is another longtime main street institution. "Highland Park is my town – I've been here for 32 years," said the owner, Joann Lukanski. "I love the people in Highland Park. They are what keep me coming back every day; the people make the job easy." Ms. Lukanski goes out of her way to accommodate her customers – she takes appointments as early as 6:30 am. "And I go home whenever I get done," she added. "I want to make sure working



ALL IS VANITY



MS. JOANN'S UNISEX BEAUTY SALON

customers can find appointment times that work for them."

All is Vanity, tucked into a house on Woodbridge Avenue just past the triangle, has been in town for almost 25 years. Owner Randy Fotia's business not only offers traditional hair salon services like cuts and color, but he also has a wide range of other hard-to-find services, including piercings, eyelash tinting, make-up, cosmetic tattooing, and hair extensions. There is also a small boutique inside with unique jewelry and clothing.

Haven, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary in Highland Park this April, prides itself in "not being just another hair salon," as owner Carmen Crea Jr. noted.

"We offer personalized, one-on-one service. We work closely with our clients, offer appointments whenever our clients need, and we really listen to their individual requests about how they want their hair to look."

"I opened Haven in Highland Park because of the walkable downtown vibe, and its accessibility from all parts of the tri-state area," Mr. Crea said. He takes pride in his personal contribution to the downtown's look and feel – his artistically decorated storefront window, which he changes regularly. "The window design also showcases my interior decorating business, which I have in addition to the hair salon," Mr. Crea said. "Right

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now the window's theme is purple, for my mom. Every year in March, for the anniversary of my mom's passing, I install a purple-themed window display."

Haven patron Suzin Green added, "I live all the way down in Princeton, but I will only come to Haven for my hair color. I had a very hard time finding a good colorist when I moved to New Jersey, but Carmen is the best colorist I've ever found."

No matter what you're looking for, you can find it in downtown Highland Park. Be sure to check out all the salons and spas our downtown has to offer! *(continued on page 5)*

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Letter from Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler



AFTER THE BIG WINTER STORM IN JANUARY, it is nice to see the trees and flowers beginning to bloom. It is also great to see residents once again flocking to Highland Park's downtown for leisurely walks or shopping and eating in our unique and diverse stores and restaurants.

Highland Park has been recognized as one of New Jersey's best Complete Streets communities. We take our pedestrian and bicycle safety seriously. As the number of pedestrians and bicyclists increases in the warm weather, it is important to ensure their safety. As Middlesex

County grows, state highways like route 27 (Raritan Avenue) become busier. We continue to explore more pedestrian and bicycle safety issues on our roads especially along Raritan Avenue. Recently I met with officials in the Department of Transportation, the Lieutenant Governor's office, Edison Mayor Lankey and his Chief, along with our Borough Engineer and Police Captain Golden, to discuss safety improvements along Raritan Ave. All of the officials were highly receptive to our concerns and recommendations. We are working closely with the DOT to improve safety throughout town.

We recently broke ground for our new Teen Center at 203 South 6th Avenue. This center, set to open by fall 2016, will provide a "home" for all of our high school aged students after school. Activities such as computer accessibility, games, creative expression, trips, mentoring and tutoring will be available for our students.

Have you heard about our new "HP Gives a Hoot" community

fund? HP Gives a Hoot is a fund created in September 2015 to contribute to the wellbeing of our Highland Park children. In particular, we want to provide a nutritional lunch for students who might not have one when school is not in session. We've already had the pleasure of providing lunch PLUS an enjoyable movie to groups of children ten times this school year. Besides providing lunches, donations are used to offer opportunities to ensure their success in school for all our children. Donations can be made to Borough of Highland Park, with a memo of "HP Gives a Hoot," and sent to: Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park NJ 08904. Donation jars are also available at many of our events throughout the year. Plus look out for special events in which you can participate and help your neighbors.

We completed our 3rd Annual Park Partners Community Grant program in February, and it was another huge event. Nearly 200 Highland Park residents turned out to vote for the winners. What a great way to impact our community! There were a number of excellent programs to choose from, and I appreciate the involvement of our residents who submitted applications and put together such inspiring presen-

tations. Look forward to the following winning programs: 1. An independent magazine that will report on local human interest stories. 2. The restoration of native plants in our open spaces, 3. Additional funds to the Community Food Bank, and 4. The distribution of free books to our elementary school children. If you have an idea for a program that will benefit many members of the Highland Park community, look for 2017's application available in June.

Spring brings lots of exciting events like our annual Highland Park Street Fair and 5K, sponsored by Main Street Highland Park, on May 1. This year's Fireworks Celebration on Sunday, July 3 is going to be extra special! Celebrate our first ever ParkStock Music Event and Independence Day Fireworks. ParkStock is Highland Park's own music festival that raises money for the HP Gives a Hoot fund. Beginning at 5:00 pm on July 3, a variety of local musicians will be performing at this free event. And, this year, we are sharing our fireworks display with our neighbors across the Raritan, New Brunswick. I encourage residents to come out and enjoy the show, and donate to this important community fund. All donors at ParkStock will receive a special, *(continued on page 4)*

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SPOTLIGHT ON The Public Information Committee

By Laurel Kornfeld

THE HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE uses a variety of print and digital media to keep residents informed about a wide range of local issues, from the workings of municipal government to outreach during a crisis.

Founding Committee Chair Matthew Hersh, a former journalist, described the group's spirit as a focus on citizen journalism and on information justice, especially when it comes to communicating with populations that the borough may not otherwise reach.

Formed in 2009 as part of an initiative led by then-Councilwoman Gayle Brill Mittler (now mayor) and Mayor Steve Nolan, the Committee has grown to nine members officially appointed by the Mayor and Borough Council, and includes non-appointed liaisons to Main Street Highland Park, the school district, the Police Department, the library, and HPTV.

It works in conjunction with Monica Jackson and Stacy Kaplan, the Borough's Communications Coordinators.

Current projects include publishing the borough's print

newsletter three times a year, sending the digital HP eNews every first and third Monday of each month, maintaining social media presences online, operating the Nixle email notification program, and broadcasting local meetings, interviews, and events via HPTV.

Hersh praised HPTV Coordinator Gary Leslie, who videotapes Borough Council and Board of Education meetings as well as in-depth interviews with local decision makers, as being critical to bolstering Highland Park's communications infrastructure.

"When so many residents access their municipal government by way of public access, it's important to work closely with HPTV," Hersh emphasized.

Borough Council and Board of Education meetings are put on YouTube and broadcast via the HPTV channel—15 for those using Cablevision and 44 for those using Verizon FIOS—usually within 24 hours.

Hersh conducts the half-hour

interviews as part of Highland Park Update, a monthly digest focusing on current issues in town.

Placing videos on TV and online assures residents can gain learn what local government is doing even if they cannot attend meetings in person.

Hersh regularly attends Borough Council meetings and talks with the mayor regarding issues that needs immediate attention, such as snow removal.

HPTV also does other programming, such as features highlighting the Highland Park Artists' Collective, the Food Pantry, the Farmers' Market, and the Mayor's Wellness Campaign.

The Committee also uses social media, running the Borough's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages. About 2,000 people are reached via the Facebook page.

"All social media has such potential," Hersh emphasized. "We not only broadcast to our audience;



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we assume people reading it will share the content with their friends and social networks."

When Hurricane Sandy struck in October 2012, the Committee faced unprecedented challenges. With many parts of town having lost power, communication with residents had to be done via non-digital means.

In Sandy's aftermath, "We needed to find ways to communicate with residents who were without power and provide them with updates and necessary safety tips and updates from PSE&G," Hersh said. "That experience really showed us how to be effective town criers during a crisis."

That need led to several initiatives including daily letters by then-Mayor Gary Minkoff, which were broadcast on WCTC, translated into Spanish and Chinese, and posted in three languages at apartment complexes, pub-

lic housing facilities, houses of worship, the Senior/Youth Center, Borough Hall, and in kiosks and storefronts around town.

The Committee meets quarterly, though most of its work is done outside of meetings.

In coming years, they plan to revamp the Borough website and incorporate other tools such as mobile apps.

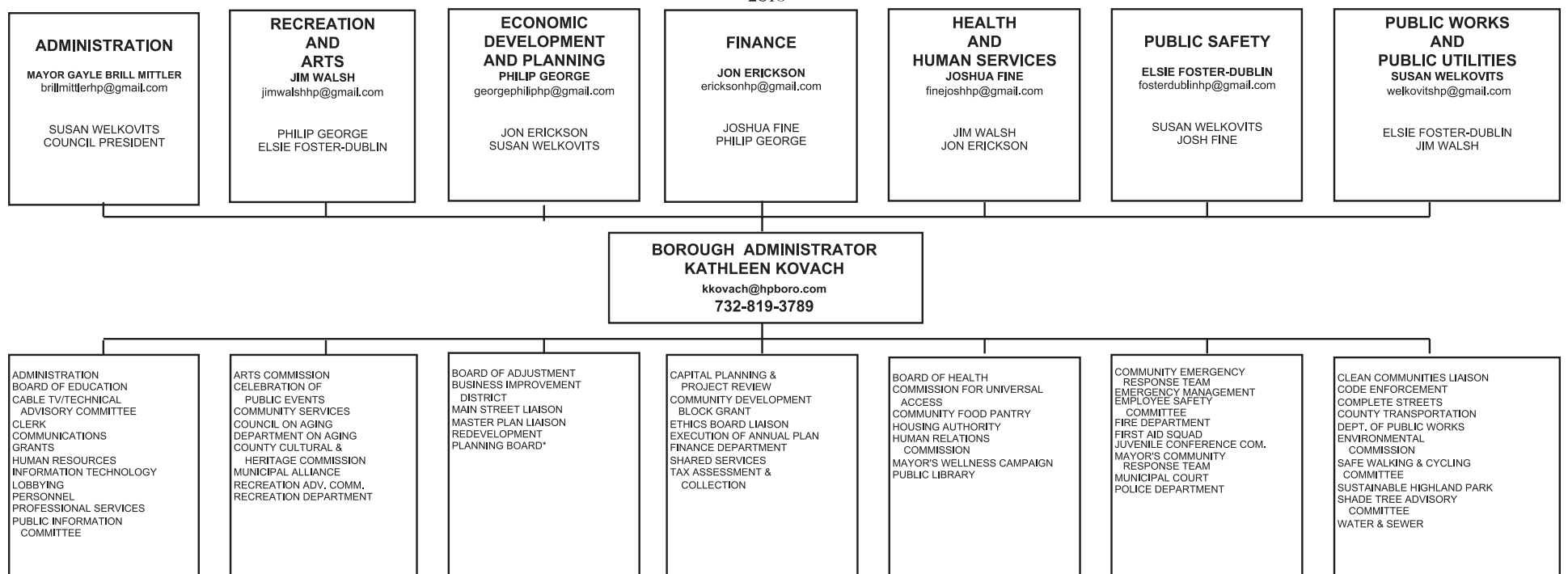
And while the committee will continue to embrace technological advances in information distribution, Hersh said the real challenge is gathering information and making sure it's distributed equitably. "What we do as a Committee is driven by a journalistic ethos—essential information accessible to every resident at all times," Hersh said.

"I'm just ecstatic that we've been able to build a volunteer base in order to do this critically important work," he added.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING with the Committee should email Hersh at matthewhershhp@gmail.com

BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

2016



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.

Important Water/Sewer Repair Information for Homeowners

Throughout New Jersey during the past few years, we have seen an increase in water main breaks due to aging underground pipes. Most residents are not aware

that they are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the water and sewer lines that connect from their homes to the Borough's main water and sewer pipes. Issues

with these individual pipes can be costly to the homeowner, and most homeowner insurance policies do NOT cover water pipe or sewer line repairs.

There are companies that provide insurance for both Sewer Line Coverage as well as Exterior Water Service Line coverage. While the Borough does not make

recommendations, we strongly advise homeowners to read their policies and research companies that do provide such coverage.

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"HP Gives A Hoot"

Town-wide Fund to Support our Children



HIGHLAND PARK has always been proud of the friendly, positive relationships among our residents. With our diverse population, both ethnically and economically, people here try to learn more about and embrace each other's cultures and differences.

We attend each other's cultural events, rally in support of our neighbors, and help each other when help is needed. These qualities are what make Highland Park a great place to live and visit.

Here in Highland Park we are keenly aware that our children are our future. We have made great strides in providing our youth with programs and help to ensure their success. Last year, residents rallied together and raised enough funds to send five of our high school students to YouthROOTS, a week-long youth mentorship camp program. These students came back energized and prepared to initiate programs to encourage tolerance and acceptance amongst their peers here in Highland Park. Additionally, each year residents have voted for student-run programs to receive grants from our Park Partners Community Grant Program. In 2016 we will see the opening of our new Teen Center, which will provide a safe, af-

ter school place of their own for our high school students.

At the end of 2015, Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler recognized a need to help our children in another capacity. With over 35% of our students on free or reduced lunch, we realized that these children needed healthy meals all of the time, even when school is not in session. The "HP Gives A Hoot" fund was created to provide healthy lunches to students when school is not in session (and parents must work), such as school holidays and throughout the summer. This ensures that these students get the nutrition and food they need every day. Funds are also used to offer children opportunities to ensure their success in school and the future with the purchase of needed school supplies, and

will be used to continue sending children to the YouthROOTS camp.

"HP Gives a Hoot" has been running since September 2015 and has thus far provided approximately 300 lunches. Elijah's Promise in New Brunswick has generously provided the lunches, but will need our help to continue as the program grows. With the generosity of our residents, we are confident

we will raise enough money to fulfill our needs.



TO DONATE to "HP Gives a Hoot", stop by the Borough offices, or mail a donation to Borough of Highland Park, Attn: Mayor's Office, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904.

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Irving School 100th Anniversary Celebration

ON JANUARY 8, 1916, Europe was in the middle of World War I, while striking steelworkers in Youngstown, Ohio were rioting over working conditions.

In Highland Park, NJ, however, the news was all good that day. Our small town, which had been newly formed as a Borough eleven years earlier, celebrated the opening of the Irving School's new building on Central and South 11th Avenues.

The opening of the Irving School was part of a plan to create two separate neighborhood schools in the Borough. Alexander Merchant, Highland Park's most influential architect in the early 20th century, drew up plans for the two buildings, the Irving School and the Hamilton School on North Third Avenue. The Irving school was built to educate the children of the "Race Track" section of Highland Park (presently the Triangle), which included recent immigrants largely in the working class, while Hamilton served the children of Highland Park's middle and upper classes.

The building opened on January 8, 1916, with two teachers and a principal. Four years later it received a four-room addition. As the student population increased, additional rooms were added in the post-war era, and renovations were made in the early 1990s.

Today, as the Irving School celebrates its 100th birthday, the school is a thriving center of education for all Highland Park students from preschool to first grade. Today, Irving boasts

300 students, 19 teachers, and a reputation for excellence is known throughout the community and beyond.

In celebration of its 100th anniversary, Irving students and faculty are hosting numerous events throughout the year. On Friday, January 8, the students kicked off the celebrations by dressing in period costumes of 1916. They held a special assembly in which they were entertained by Mother Goose, who sang songs from the era and introduced the children to popular games of the time. Throughout the day children spent part of their day learning like students did 100 years ago, including using slates with chalk.

Other events throughout the year include a special Read Across America Day in which alumni visited the pre-K and first grade classes to read books and share memories. In May the students will perform at the Board of Education Meeting at Irving School, and they are hosting an Open House on October 8, 2016 for alumni and community members in the fall. They are asking residents to spread the word of this event to alumni who live outside the Borough. To donate to help fund these events, please contact jpoches-ci@hpschools.net.

Congratulations for this momentous occasion, and we look forward to 100 more years of learning at the Irving School!

2016 Borough Calendar

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

Board of Health Meeting
Borough Hall 7:00 pm.
April 14; May 12 and June 9

Council Committee Meeting
Borough Hall 7:00 pm
April 5, 19; May 3, 17; June 14;
July 12 and August 9

Commission for Universal Access Meeting
Borough Hall 7:30 pm
April 7; May 5; June 2 and July 7

Community Food Pantry Meeting
Senior/Youth Center 7:00 pm
April 6; June 1; and August 3

Environmental Commission Meeting
Environmental Center 8:00 pm
April 6; May 4; June 1 and July 6

Housing Authority Board Meeting
Samuel J Kronman Building 6:30 pm
April 13; May 11; June 8 and July 13

Human Relations Commission Meeting
Borough Hall 7:00 pm
April 20; May 18 and June 15

Planning Board Meeting
Borough Hall 7:30 pm
April 14; May 12; June 9; July 14
and August 11

Public Information Committee Meeting
Senior/Youth Center 6:00 pm
June 7

Redevelopment Agency Meeting
Borough Hall 7:30 pm
April 7; May 5; June 2; July 7 and
August 4

Shade Tree Advisory Meeting
Environmental Center 8:00 pm
April 13; May 11; June 8 and July 13

Sustainable Highland Park Meeting
Environmental Center 7:30 pm
April 13; May 25; June 22; July
27 and August 24

Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting
Borough Hall 7:30 pm
April 25; May 23; June 27; July
25 and August 22

BOROUGH HOLIDAYS
Borough Offices Closed

Memorial Day May 30
Independence Day July 4

What Department DO I NEED?

MAIN TELEPHONE NUMBER
732-572-3400

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
800-624-0241
www.state.nj.us/bpu/assistance

BOROUGH CLERK
732-819-3782
Apartment Registration, Business License, Dog & Cat License, Flood Zones (Maps), Garage Sale Permits, Liquor Licenses, Notary Public, Ordinances, Request for Public Record, Street Maps, Used Car Lot Licenses, Taxi Licenses, Voter Registration, Zone Maps (to purchase)

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866-575-8000
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CODE ENFORCEMENT
732-777-6013
Additions (Inspections, Capital Improvements)
732-819-3795

COMMUNITY SERVICES
732-819-0052
Community Events, Senior Programs, Events & Activities

CONSTRUCTION
732-777-6013

COURT
732-777-6010
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HEALTH
732-819-3790

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732-572-2750
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732-745-3900
Park Maintenance

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732-819-3792

POLICE
732-572-3800
Abandoned Cars on Street, Accident Reports (ext. 4211), Animal Control (Dead or Stray)
Weekends and Evenings
Health Emergencies, Noise Complaints, Snow not removed from sidewalks

PSEG
800-426-7734
www.pseg.com

PUBLIC WORKS
732-514-1277
Borough Shade Tree, Bulk Trash, Garbage, Leaf Bags, Recycling, Roadway Improvements, Snow Removal

RECREATION
732-819-0052
Recreation/Arts Programs & Events, Registration & Information

SCHOOLS
732-572-6990
School information
<http://www.hpschools.net/>

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732-819-3787
Block & Lot, Deed Inquiries

TAX COLLECTOR - FINANCE
732-819-3788
Senior Citizen Tax Deductions, Tax Bills, Veteran Tax Deductions

VITAL STATISTICS
732-819-3782 or 732-777-6014
Birth Certificate, Death Certificate, Marriage License

WATER
732-247-9379
Billing 732-819-3787
Maintenance Only 732-247-9379
Meter Issues/Questions, Sanitary Sewer Back-ups (Weekends & Evenings) 732-572-3800, Water leaks, Water Quality Issues/Questions

WATER & SEWER FINANCE
732-819-3787
Billing & Meter Reading, Sewerage Bills

A School District on the Rise and Making Strides Toward Being World Class

Dr. Scott Taylor, Superintendent,
Highland Park Public Schools

The Highland Park School District renaissance is hitting its stride. My fall article explained the long term plan for making our community's schools world class again. I will provide more details about the plan later in this article, but I must first point out the immediate "fixes" our leaders, teachers, support staff, and parents have put in place to address what I identified to be time sensitive problems that had to be solved as soon as I started my work as superintendent.

Fostering a trusting relationship between the school district and the greater Highland Park community has been a high priority. "Bring the community in" will now be one of several school district mantras. Many committees are in place to provide a decision-making voice to all of our stakeholders. The Superin-

tendent Community Advisory Committees comprises 31 parents who meet quarterly to tackle issues of which the educational staff may not be aware. Ad Hoc Committees of Highland Park residents, including parents, have been formed to create a Board of Education transgender policy and to build an action plan to improve the way student behavioral issues are addressed. A District Safety Committee has brought together local clergy, law enforcement, a member of the Board of Education and district personnel to tackle security needs in our buildings while being sensitively mindful of Highland Park's "community culture."

Community-school relationship-building was an obvious primary need. It was also clear upon my entry to the school district that our teachers lacked the vital cur-

riculum and instruction support vital to helping their students grow academically, socially, and emotionally. A year and a half of unfilled administrator positions left our district's programs in a poor state. The first step to rectifying this situation has been to appoint a Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction for Humanities. The second steps will be to bring aboard a Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics and a part time Supervisor of Special Education. Our administration team will still be understaffed, but I am confident we'll be able to provide our children with the world class curriculum and instructional support they so much deserve.

Our school district's third area of immediate need has been

the establishment of consistent protocols to allow personnel to conduct their work efficiently and effectively. The Highland Park School District now has an Administrative Operations Manual that puts in place clear management protocols to guide such matters as the hiring and retention of staff, teacher evaluation, and the revision of curricula and adoption of new instructional resources.

Now begins the long-term planning that will lead us to being a world class school system. Narrowing the academic achievement gap, driving children to find a love for learning and other important goals will be developed when the community comes together to engage in strategic planning. A steering committee has already started plotting the course for this process, and

a call for participants will go out in early April. Highland Park Public Schools' Strategic Plan will include five-year goals, action plans, and measures of achievement that will guide everything the school district does, including building yearly budgets, implementing programs, evaluating teachers, and facilitating professional development.

Announcements about the strategic planning process will be made on the district's Facebook page and through its social media network. You can follow Highland Park Public Schools on Instagram ([highlandparkpublicschools](https://www.instagram.com/highlandparkpublicschools/)) and Twitter (@hpschoolsnj). Please check in daily and, of course, call to share your concerns about, ideas and dreams for our four beautiful schools by contacting **Scott Taylor at 732-572-2400, extension 2813.**



"If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading" (Lao Tzu)

Park Partners Community Grant Program 2016



"I am so proud of our residents for their involvement and commitment to Highland Park. We would not be as successful as we are without our many volunteers and active residents," said Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler.

That activism is evident each year during the Park Partners Community Grant Program. Park Partners, started in 2013, is a "give-back" program that awards up to \$2000 for each of five programs to benefit the community. The categories of programs include Arts, Environment, Health & Wellness or Universal Access, Culture & Diversity, and Safety. Projects are initiated, planned and executed by residents or organizations within the Borough, and must be completed within one year of receiving the grant.

The town-wide Voting Fair was held in February and featured presentations from the applicants. Many created tri-folds and flyers, while some utilized computers for their presentations, and one group, promoting a folk music group, entertained voters with live music. Residents were invited to view the projects and listen to presenters, after which they voted for their favorite proposal in each category.

"This year's applicants were so well thought out and creative. Our residents had to make some very hard choices," said Brill Mittler.

The winners for 2016 include:

1 ARTS – Highland Park Magazine, a free, independent publication, will provide a unique look at our town through human interest stories and more!

2 ENVIRONMENT – This project will restore the native plants within the Borough's open spaces. Many of the native trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants have been destroyed by weather and other forces. This project will purchase and replant native plants to restore natural health to the fields and forest and enhance wildlife habitat in the open spaces.

3 HEALTH & WELLNESS OR UNIVERSAL ACCESS – CuttingOutHunger, an organization run by two sisters in the Highland Park schools, uses donations and coupons to provide food and supplies to the local Community Food Bank.

4 CULTURE & DIVERSITY – Prescription for Reading understands the importance of children being exposed to books and reading at a young age.

With nearly 38% of our students on free or reduced lunch, this program will buy and distribute books to students who otherwise could not afford many books.

"The culture of activism within our community is heartwarming," said Mayor Brill Mittler. The programs not only benefit the community, but provide a unique learning experience for the recipients. In addition to executing the program, recipients are given lessons on grant writing, permit requests and other government procedures.

Park Partners has been recognized by the New Jersey League of Municipalities, which awarded the program the prestigious 2014 Innovation in Governance Award. The annual program has made a positive impact on Highland Park through the awards by providing emergency radios to elderly and disabled residents, educating the public through environmental speakers and programs, supplied the Community Food Bank with additional food and supplies, and starting diversity discussion groups, among other programs.

STAY SAFE THIS SPRING

Pedestrian Safety Tips from the Highland Park Police Department

SPRING AND SUMMER are always busy in downtown Highland Park, with residents flocking to our downtown to walk, shop, or eat. As you are walking, the Highland Park Police Department wants to remind you to be safe and cautious along the busy streets. Here are some tips we recommend to residents to ensure your safety.

TIPS

- **Walk on the sidewalks.** It is much safer to walk on a sidewalk, but if you must walk in the street, walk facing traffic.
- **Cross at intersections with traffic light and crosswalks.** Crossing in the middle of the block is unsafe, and never cross in between two parked cars, as drivers can't see you and aren't expecting you.
- **If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic.** Wait for a gap in traffic that allows you enough time to cross safely, and continue to watch for traffic as you cross.
- **Don't dart or run into traffic.** Pedestrians should not enter the roadway so suddenly that a driver is unable to stop.
- **Make eye contact with drivers,** but don't assume they will yield.
- **Allow vehicles enough time to stop.** Don't assert the right of way with a fast-moving vehicle.
- **Don't walk and use your cell phone,** especially while crossing a roadway.

Follow these tips to have a safe, enjoyable walk along our vibrant downtown area, and throughout town.

(Continued from cover) Letter from Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler

glow-in-the-dark wristband... just perfect for a night of fireworks in Donaldson Park.

Our hard working committee, Sustainable Highland Park, received the honor of Silver Status last year from Sustainable New Jersey. It was incredible that more than 30 volunteers and Borough employees showed up in February to offer their help getting the Borough's Silver Status recertified. No wonder Highland Park is known as New Jersey's first Green Community!

Speaking of volunteers, on April 13 Allan Williams will be awarded Volunteer of the Year at this Year's ceremony.

I look forward to seeing many of you around town, along the downtown shopping area, and at our upcoming events.

Oh! And don't forget to join me for our Wednesday Walk with the Mayor on Wednesday mornings, 6:30 a.m at Donaldson Park. Watch our Borough website for start dates.

What's Happening on MAIN STREET

By Rebecca Hersh

AS ALWAYS, DOWNTOWN HIGHLAND PARK is the place to be this spring for both shopping and fun. Main Street Highland Park and the Borough are teaming up to bring you even more reasons to get downtown this spring.

Highland Park 5k Race & Superhero Kids Races: Back for its Eighth Year

Join Main Street Highland Park for a full day of fun starting with the eighth annual Run in the Park 5k on Sunday, May 1 at 9 a.m. The course, which is completely closed to traffic during the race, heads downhill towards New Brunswick for a fast first mile. The race starts next to Highland Park High School, and then winds its way through the historic streets of Highland Park before finishing behind the High School on the track. Visit runinthepark.org/ to check out the course, register online, and check out sponsorship opportunities.

Following the 5K, refreshments

To register for the 5K and/or the Kids' Races, visit <http://runinthepark.org/>!

will be available in the finish area. At 10 a.m. there will be Superhero Kids Races, sponsored by Yellow Brick Road preschool, on the high school track. Kids' race entrants will also receive a T-shirt and refreshments.

Following the kids races, awards will be presented to:

- **1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall Male and Female**
- **Age Groups 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Male and Female (0 - 10, 11 - 13, 14 - 19, 20 - 29, 30 - 39, 40 - 49, 50 - 59, 60 - 69, 70 - 70, 80+)**

Race Proceeds to benefit the Borough of Highland Park Police, Fire, First Aid, Library, Main Street, and the Recreation Department.

Please consider bringing a non-perishable food donation for the Highland Park Food Pantry on the race day.

After the 5K, Stay Downtown for the Spring Fling Street Fair

After the 5K, make your way over to Raritan Avenue annual Spring Fling Street Fair, which is Sunday May 1 from 11:30 am - 4:30 pm. This annual spring festival is one of Highland Park's signature events, and features something for everyone. It has crafters, vendors, artists, music, food, games, kids' rides, and more. Admission is free! Highland Park businesses interested in participating should email Rebecca@MainstreetHP.org for a vendor application.

Help Beautify Main Street on Downtown Planting Days

Get your hands dirty and help plant flowers along Raritan and Woodbridge Avenues to fill over 150 downtown planters with beautiful plants and flowers supplied by Main Street Highland Park. Downtown Planting

Days will be Thursday May 12, 3 pm - 6 pm, and Saturday May 14, 10 am - 1 pm. Come to the Main Street Highland Park offices at 212 Raritan Avenue on either day to pick up your plants, your planter assignment, and get your free Planting Day Tshirt while supplies last!

Outdoor Movie Nights Are Back

In partnership with the Highland Park Outdoor Movie Theater, there will be a lineup of eight Saturday night outdoor movies this summer:

May - 21

June - 4 & 18

July 2 - 16, 30

August - 13 & 27

Interested in supporting Highland Park's summertime outdoor movies, getting a cool t-shirt, and having a vote in what movies are shown this summer? Email hpoutdoormovies@gmail.com today!

SAVE THE DATES:

Farmers Market:

Every Friday, 11 am-5:30 pm, June - December

Townwide Garage Sale:

Saturday & Sunday, September 17 & 18, 2016

Arts in the Park:

Sunday September 25, 2016

Halloween on the Avenue:

Monday, October 31, 3 pm-6 pm

Small Business Saturday & Downtown Tree Lighting:

Saturday November 26

Kwanzaa Celebration:

Monday December 26

Downtown Menorah Lighting:

Wednesday December 28

ParkStock is Coming to Highland Park!

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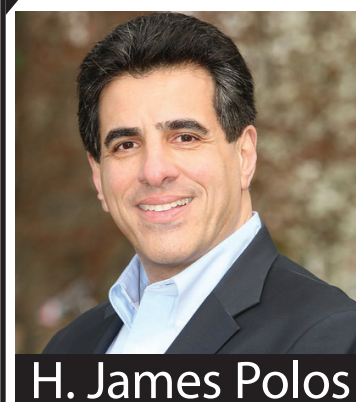
This year, in addition to celebrating the birth of our nation, come out to relive a memorable event in our country's history with ParkStock Highland Park's own version of Woodstock.

ParkStock is a music festival being held in conjunction with our Independence Day fireworks event. Beginning at 5:00 p.m.

on Sunday, July 3, local bands and musicians will perform on-stage at Donaldson Park to help raise money in support of our "HP Gives a Hoot" campaign. Donation jars will be located at various vendors. Additionally, there will be an HP Gives a Hoot children's activity center, and volunteers will be on the grounds to collect donations for this important fund.

HP Gives a Hoot is a town-wide fund created to provide lunches to students when school is not in session and offer opportunities to ensure their success in school and the future. To donate to "HP Gives a Hoot", stop by the Borough offices, or mail a donation to Borough of Highland Park, Attn: Mayor's Office, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904.

FREEHOLDER CORNER



H. James Polos

The countywide emergency radio system has now been upgraded with all new radios (both portable and vehicle type), base stations, and most importantly new microwave transmitters, which ensure clear transmissions and "back-up ring" redundancy. This new technology is essential for our Police, Fire and EMS personnel, who depend upon their communications in all types of emergencies. A few years ago, we offered our system to municipal police departments in order to promote interoperability and save the municipality the cost of buying an expensive new stand-alone system. Highland Park was one of the first to participate, and now it operates on the fully upgraded county system with all new radios.

As a member of the Highland Park Schools Superintendent's Safety Committee, I participated in several discussions with the local team about the need to improve emergency communications in the schools. Having just completed the radio upgrade for the county, I saw an opportunity to obtain the portable radios being phased out for the county upgrade and use them in the schools. With the assistance of Officer Joe Curbelo and the support of Dr. Scott Taylor and the school principals, we performed several radio tests and determined that the radios being phased out by the county would provide ideal communications in the schools. Additionally, due to their frequency compatibility, they could also communicate with responding Highland Park emergency personnel in any major emergency, which is a critical and valuable benefit. The county is programming and donating the radios, batteries and chargers to the school district to provide the staff the proper communications in an emergency. The radios will also improve the day-to-day operational efficiencies of the school for communication between key staff, custodians, recess areas, and outdoor activities.

Community Outreach

Highland Park Senior/ Youth Center has a full time Social Worker Nicole Huff.

Nicole is available free of charge for Highland Park residents by appointment Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8am-4pm, Tuesday 8am-6pm. Walk in hours are available on Friday 8am-12pm.

Our Outreach Program provides seniors, disabled people, families, and caregivers with pertinent information and assistance

to obtain government benefits, entitlements, and services: Senior/disabled housing programs, home delivered meals, Food Stamps, home care, home energy assistance, understanding Social Security, prescription drug assistance such as PAAD, SLMB, and Medicare part A, B, C supplemental/advantage plans and part D. We also assist in the application process to these programs and

provide follow through, phone and letter writing advocacy, plays a major role in ensuring proper delivery of services.

Reminder open enrollment for Medicare part D prescription plans, Medicare Advantage plans and Medigap plans are from October 7th-December 15th. General enrollment for Medicare part A&B is from January 1-March 31.



(Continued from cover) **Beautiful Highland Park, Beautiful You!**

A GARDEN PARTY, 60-A Raritan, 732-246, 0011. Haircuts, styling, and color.



ALL IS VANITY, 52 Woodbridge, 732-393-1500. Boutique and salon services, including hair styling, body piercing, eyebrow shaping, waxing, eyelash tinting, hair extensions, makeup,

cosmetic tattooing, jewelry design, and fashion accessories. Owner Randy Fotia has owned the business for almost 25 years. Salon services by appointment.

BLOOM NAILS & SPA, 75 Raritan, 732-543-1912. Nail and waxing services.

EURO BRONZE, 55 Raritan, 732-296-6766. Tanning beds, airbrush tanning, spray tans, and wellness products.

EVERYBODY'S BARBER SHOP,

311 Raritan, 732-692-4631.

FREDRICK SCOTT, 71 Woodbridge, 732-853-4430. Haircuts, styling, color, and waxing.

HAIR COMPANY, 411 Raritan, 732-745-2525. Hair extensions, color, straightening, proms, wedding, and haircuts.

HAVEN, 333 Raritan, 732-249-3334. Haircuts, styling, and color.

LOFT SALON, 440 Raritan, 732-393-1300. Haircuts, styling, color, and waxing.

LUXI NAIL, 55 Raritan, 732-828-0909. Nail, waxing, and spa services.

MICHAEL BIANC, 324 Raritan, 732-393-0003. Haircuts, styling, color, straightening, and waxing.



MS. JOANN'S UNISEX BEAUTY SALON, 219 Raritan, 732-247-4800. Haircuts, styling, and hair color.

MUSE SALON, 141 Raritan, 732-993-0200. Haircuts, styling, hair color, and balayage color.

ROMA SALON, 55 Raritan, 732-828-8008. Haircuts, styling, color, waxing, threading, facials, piercing, and henna tattoos.

RUTGERS BARBER SHOP, 74 Raritan Avenue, 732-317-2224

SALON ENVY, 242 Raritan, 732-247-2366. Haircuts, styling, color, and waxing.

55 + Years

Senior Luncheons & Parties

Join us for Lunch and Enjoy a Presentation or Entertainment.
Pre-Registration is required.
Open to Members ONLY.
3/18, 4/5 & 5/9 11:00 am & 12:00 pm. Senior/Youth Center. **FREE**

St. Patrick's Day Celebration Luncheon

Join us at our monthly luncheon and enjoy a traditional Irish lunch & Musical Entertainment by: John Gallagher
Pre-Registration is required.
Open to Members ONLY.
Friday, March 18th, 11:00 am. Senior/Youth Center. **FREE**

Spring & Summer Senior Programs

Spring Luncheon
Join us for a luncheon to celebrate the Spring Holidays. Enjoy a performance by Bartle School's 5th grade Band and other special performances.
Pre-Registration is required.
Open to Members ONLY.
Tuesday, April 5th, 12:00 noon. Senior/Youth Center. **FREE**

Mother's Day Luncheon
Join us for a Special Luncheon to Celebrate Mother's Day. Entertainment by: A Touch of Sinatra.
Pre-Registration is required.
Open to Members ONLY.
Monday, May 9th, 12:00 noon. Senior/Youth Center. **FREE**

Wednesday Out of Town Shopping Trips
Afternoon Outings to Local Malls & Shopping Centers
Pre-Registration is required.
Open to Members ONLY. Every Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Depart From Senior/Youth Center **FREE**

Atlantic City Trips
April Trip
Casino: TBA.
Pre-Registration is required.
Thursday's 4/7, 6/30, 8/19 & 10/20, 8:15 am-6:30 pm. Depart From Senior/Youth Center.
\$35.00 per person
(\$25.00 back in slot cash)

Open to all

90's Birthday Bash
Join us for Middlesex County's Annual Bash to Celebrate Seniors 90 +
Pre-Registration is required.
Tuesday, May 17th, 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Depart From Senior/Youth Center. **FREE**

**90 +
Years**

Middlesex County Senior Health & Fitness Week
Stop by the Center to check out all the Exercise & Fitness Programs that are center has to offer & much more...
Pre-Registration is required.
Week of Monday, May 23rd. TBA. Senior/Youth Center **FREE**

SENIOR PROM
"Dancing Under The Stars"
Join us for a magical evening of dancing, Candlelit dinner & crowning of the 2016 King & Queen
Pre-Registration is required.
Open to Members ONLY. Tuesday, June 14th. 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Senior/Youth Center **FREE**

Ice Cream Social Event
Join us for our annual Ice Cream Social and cool off with a refreshing ice cream sundae with all the toppings!
Pre-Registration is required.
Open to Members ONLY. Tuesday, July 12th, 3:30 p.m. Senior/Youth Center. **FREE**

Summer Luau Party
Stop by for a Hawaiian Luau Party this Summer! Enjoy authentic Hawaiian snacks & games.
Pre-Registration is required.
Open to Members ONLY.
Tuesday, August 16th, 2:00 p.m. Senior/Youth Center **FREE**

Pizza Friday's
Join us for a pizza lunch every Friday!
Pre-Registration is required.
Friday's, 12:00 noon. Senior/Youth Center.
\$2.50 per slice Includes a drink

Take Control of Your HEALTH Chronic Disease Self-Management Program
FREE (6) week workshop series
Free book, Healthy Snack, Incentives & Completion Certificate
Open to All Pre-Registration is required.
Monday's, Starting Monday 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Senior/Youth Center. **FREE**

55 + Years

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE **Open to all**
Provided by United Way
By Appointment ONLY. Open to all. (Must meet guidelines).
February 2nd-April 15th (Tax Season). Wednesday's, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **FREE (Call for guidelines)**

ARA Meeting (Alliance for Retired Americans)
Year-Round (except July/Aug)
1st Thursday of each Month. 1:00 p.m. **ARA Membership Dues**

Exercise with Donna
Year-Round
Monday's & Friday's (Wednesday 11:45 a.m.) 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
\$1.00 per class

Senior Yoga
Year-Round
Monday's & Friday's, 12:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m. **\$1.00 per class**

Senior Citizens Programs

Tai Chi
Year-Round
Thursday's, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
\$1.00 per class

Healthy Bones
Year-Round
Thursday's, 9:30 a.m.
Membership Fee

Move Today (Health Ease)
Year-Round
Thursday's, 11:00 a.m. **FREE**

Knitting & Crochet
Year-Round
Monday's, 10:00 a.m. **FREE**

BINGO
Year-Round
Tuesday's & Friday's, 12:30 p.m. & 10:30 a.m. **FREE**

Bridge
Year-Round
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday's, 1:00 p.m. **FREE**

Bridge/Cards/Mah Jongg
Year-Round
Tuesday's, 1:00 p.m. **FREE**

Ping Pong
Year-Round
Tuesday's, 4:30 p.m. Thursday's 2:00 p.m. **FREE**

Woodcarving
Year-Round
Tuesday's, 9:30 a.m. **FREE**

Chorus
Year-Round
Tuesday's, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. **FREE**

Piano Instruction
Year-Round
Tuesday's, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. **FREE**

Painting Class
Year-Round
Thursday's & Friday's, 10:00 a.m. **FREE**

Yiddish Group
Year-Round
Wednesday's, 10:30 a.m. **FREE**

Podiatrist
Year-Round
2nd Tuesday of each Month, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. **FREE**

Monthly Blood Pressure Screening
Year-Round
1st Thursday of each Month, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon **FREE**

Monday Movies
Year-Round
Monday's (Call Center for Monthly Listing) 1:30 p.m. **FREE**

Computer Class
Year-Round
2nd & 4th Friday of each Month, 10:30 a.m. **FREE**

Conversation-English (Chinese)
Year-Round
Tuesday's, 11:00 a.m. **FREE**

Afternoon Tea & Discussion Group
Year -Round
(See Monthly Calendar for listing) 1:30 p.m. **FREE**

Karaoke Afternoons
Year-Round
(See Monthly Calendar for listing) TBA **FREE**

Jewelry Making Workshops
Year-Round
TBA (See Monthly Calendar for listing). 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
\$5.00 - \$8.00 per class

Kraft's with Kim Workshops
Year-Round
TBA (See Calendar for dates and project listings), 1:00 p.m.
\$5.00 per class

AARP Driver Safety Program **Open to all**
Driver Safety Program deducts 2 points from license or receive a 5% discount on car insurance
Open to All. Special Program.
Tuesday, April 19th and Tuesday, April 26th (2-part class). Must attend both days to receive certificate. 9:00a.m.-2:30 p.m.
AARP Members \$15.00 per person. Non Member \$20.00 *Checks ONLY Payable to AARP. No credit card or cash

Plant a seed, watch it Grow. Potted Plant project in Honor of our Mothers and Grandmothers
Project includes: planter to decorate and planting materials. Special Program. Provide by: BrightStar Lifecare. Monday, May 9th, 2:00 p.m. **FREE**

Monthly Educational & Health Related Workshops Special Programs
(See Monthly Calendar for listing) TBA **FREE**

The Borough of Highland Park Community Services

Recreation / Arts

Youth Baseball
Team play and clinics included. K -5th Grade

Youth Theater
All levels welcome. A show will conclude the program.

Spring Soccer Clinics.
Starts in April. Learn skills and game play from Rovers Coaching Staff.

Adult Coed & Women's Softball Leagues
Takes place in Johnson and Donaldson Park.

Adult Tai Chi
Advanced and Beginner classes offered.

Youth Chess
Beginner and Advanced instruction during a 5 week program.

Youth Juggling
All levels welcome. A fun environment to learn how to juggle!

Buddy Ball
Matching up special needs children with buddies to learn a sport.

Adult Turf Soccer
Sunday mornings on the turf field behind the High School.

Adult Indoor Soccer
Starts in January. Program runs inside a gym.

Girls on the Run
A running program inspiring girls to be healthy and confident. Starts in April.

Youth and Adult Spring/Summer Tennis at Donaldson Park.
Runs May to July

Summer Sports Camp
Starts 7/11. Each week will feature a new sport. Half Day Options available

Recreation Advisory Committee.
Meetings take place quarterly. Next meeting in April.

Adult Israeli Dance
Women only. Program runs on Monday nights.

Flag Football
Tues & Thurs, 3rd-8th grade. Learn the fundamentals in a non-contact format

Track and Field
Lessons on starts, form, speed and agility. Starts in April.

Summer Day Camp
Starts 7/5 and runs for 7 weeks **Full Day Only**

Adult 30+ Basketball
Men 30 and over.
Adult 18-29 Basketball.
Men 18 to 29 years old

Adult Fitness for All!
Combination workouts for all levels.

Visit www.hpboro.com
Or like us on Facebook @ HighlandParkNJRecreation
ALL Programs require a minimum enrollment to run!

The Department of Community Services

Office of Recreation - Senior / Youth Center

(732) 819-0052

220 South Sixth Ave.
Highland Park, NJ 08904

The Senior/Youth Center is open

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday **8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Tuesday **8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

Friday **8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Senior In-Town Transportation

is available Monday- Friday, **8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

Tuesday's **8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

Fridays **8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Out of Town

Medical Transportation is available Monday - Thursday **9:00 a.m. - 3:00 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.

For further info, please contact The Dept. of Community Services or Kimberly McGraw, Senior Program Coordinator, at kimberlymcgraw@hpboro.com or stop by the Senior Center to inquire about registering for programs. Limited enrollments for some programs.

Space is 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

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Highland Park Public Library

From JANE STANLEY
Director of the Highland Park Public Library



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

This year the Friends of the Library is offering a museum program for patrons. Get \$3 off your admission price when you show your library card at the Liberty Science Museum. Later this year more museums will be joining this library service.

Highland Park Public Library
31 North Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904 • 732-572-2750

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 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

Weekday Openings

Monday 10:00 am – 9:00 pm
Tuesday 10:00 am – 9:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday 10:00 am – 9:00 pm
Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Weekend Schedule

Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
April 2, April 16, April 30, May 14, June 11, and June 25
Sunday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
April 10, April 24, May 8, May 22, June 5 and June 19

Holiday Closings

Friday, March 25 **Good Friday**
Sunday, March 27 **Easter**
Saturday, May 28, Sunday, May 29, Monday, May 30 **Memorial Day**
Saturday, July 2, Sunday, July 3, Sunday, July 4 **Independence Day**

Spring 2016 Programs Highland Park Public Library

FOR ADULTS

Smart Homes Energy Assessment Program

Presentation by Scott Fischer from Ciel Power
Tuesday, March 8 - 7:00 PM

Worried Sick—How Stress Hurts Us and How to Bounce Back
Presentation by Dr. Deborah Carr, Rutgers University Sociologist
Thursday, March 10 - 7:00 PM

Friends of the Library International Film Series Testament of Youth (2015)
English, Rated PG-13, Two Hours, 9 minutes, Tuesday, March 15 - 6:30 PM

Ask the Dog Trainer One on One With Kris Collins
Thursday, March 17 - 7:00 PM

Friends of the Library Poetry Night Series Gail Gerwin
Tuesday, March 22 - 7:30 PM

Opening the Door to Poetry Discussion and Word Play Jim Haba
Saturday, March 2, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Films from the 1980s Tootsie (1982)
Tuesday, April 5 - 6:30 PM

Author Talk with Justin Krebs Blue in a Red State: The Survival Guide to Life to Life in the Real America
Sunday, April 10 - 2:00 PM

Readings on Food, Family, Memory, Geography, and New Jersey Award Winning Author Laurie Granieri
Tuesday, April 12 - 7:00 PM

From the Shadow of JFK: The Rise of Beatlemania in America Multimedia Presentation from Aaron Kreiowicz
Thursday, April 14 - 7:00 PM

Friends of the Library International Film Series Rust and Bone (2012)
Rated R. French Romantic Drama. Two Hours. Tuesday, April 19 - 6:30 PM

Friends of the Library Poetry Night Series Barbara Crooker
Tuesday, April 26 - 7:30 PM

Friends of the Library International Film Series Jimmy's Hall (2014)
Rated PG-13. English Drama. One hour, 49 Minutes. Tuesday, May 3 - 6:30 PM

Friends of the Library Poetry Night Series Ocean Vuong
Tuesday, May 24 - 7:30 PM

Community Blood Drive New Jersey Blood Services is collecting for Our Hospitals
Thursday, June 2 - 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Films in the 1980s Ghost Busters (1984)
Tuesday, June 7 - 6:30 PM

Pianist Carolyn Enger Contemporary and Classical Pieces
Thursday, June 9 - 7:00 PM

FOR CHILDREN

Nursery Rhyme Time Movement activities, songs, rhymes for 6-24 month olds with an adult.
Wednesday, April 6-May 4 10:30 AM

TNT (Two and Three Year Olds)
Stories, crafts and movement activities for two and three year olds with an adult.
Tuesdays, April 5-May 3 10:30 AM

Book Break Stories, crafts and creative dramatics for 4 and 5 year olds
Wednesday, April 6-May 4 4:00 PM

Chinese Storytime Recommended For 2-4 year olds Athena Rubino is our storyteller for this story time celebrating the Chinese language.
Wednesdays, April 6-April 27 11:15 AM

Read to Belle The Library Dog For Immerring Readers
Belle is back and can't wait to listen to stories!
Wednesday, December 23. 1:00 PM

FOR TEENS

Teen Crafts Enjoy an Afternoon of Craft Making and refreshments with friends.
Tuesdays, March 15, April 5, April 19, and May 24.
Thursday, May 5 - 3:00 PM

Teen Anime Club Enjoy everything Anime and Manga
Mondays, March 14, March 21, April 11, April 18, - 7:00 PM

Teen Game Day Enjoy board games and refreshments
Tuesday, May 17 - 3:00 PM

Summer Internal Film Festival

Lady in the Van
July 12, 6:30 PM

Son of Saul
July 19, 6:30 PM

Samba
July 26, 6:30 PM

Second Mother
August 2, 6:30 PM

Coming Home
August 9, 6:30 PM

Labyrinth of Lies
August 16, 6:30 PM

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All about Potholes

A POTHOLE is a type of failure in an asphalt pavement, caused by the presence of water in the underlying soil structure and the presence of traffic passing over the affected area.

Water to the underlying soil structure first weakens the supporting soil. Traffic then fatigues and breaks the poorly supported asphalt surface in the affected area. These two factors create a hole in the pavement.

In areas subject to freezing and thawing, frost heaving can damage a pavement and create openings for water to enter, and spring thaw of pavements accelerates this process.

Another "type" of pothole is a utility cut out. These rectangular cuts in the pavement are required when an underground utility (water service, sanitary sewer service, gas service and sometimes electric and communications service) need to be repaired due to damage or service disruption to that utility. The contractor making the repair, regardless whether it's PSE&G, Verizon or a private contractor,

is responsible to replace any road surface disrupted by their work and bring it back to grade with the existing road after the repair has been made.

The Borough of Highland Park has approximately 36 miles of road surface, as well as municipal parking lots, that is maintained by the Department of Public Works. The DPW has equipment that allows the department the ability to perform pothole repair year round. What the Borough doesn't have is an unlimited access to the hot asphalt material required to patch those holes. Some of the asphalt manufacturing plants will shut down in colder weather for maintenance. The DPW fills potholes with a temporary cold patch material when the hot mixed asphalt is not available.

Most recently, the DPW pothole repair efforts have resulted in the following:

2013
40 tons of asphalt purchased to fill 2,141 potholes

2014
48.5 tons of asphalt purchased to fill 2,416 potholes

2015
63 tons of asphalt purchased to fill 2,953 potholes

If a residents wish to report a pothole, they can submit a "Report a Concern" on the Borough's web site (www.hpboro.com), e-mail the DPW or call the DPW at (732) 247-9379.

Highland Marks

Highland Park resident **SHARICE RICHARDSON** has been honored by the New Brunswick Area Branch NAACP when she received the Mary McLeod Bethune Educator Award for her work on educational equity. In 2014 she founded the HP Parents of Students of Color, an organization that promotes respect and empowerment for students of color within Highland Park Public Schools. Richardson is an Assistant Dean for Academics at Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences.

TRACEY HORAN, Court Administrator for the Borough was sworn in as Treasurer for the Municipal Court Administrator's Association of New Jersey. This association represents all court administrators throughout the state. Horan has been Highland Park's Court Clerk for five years, and was previously Court Clerk in Spotswood for nearly seven years.

Highland Park resident **ANN GOEHRING** had a big celebration recently as she turned 100 years old! Ann, who has been a resident for 25 years, was born in Poughkeepsie, NY on December 24, 1915, and grew up

in New Brunswick raising cattle and pigs. She worked as a housekeeper and at Revlon for many years. Ann is one of nine children, and has three sons, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Highland Park resident **JAMES SHANGLE**, a senior at The College of New Jersey, won the 100 breaststroke event in a Tri-Meet in January this month, with a time of 56:45. He also placed runner-up in the 200 breast and contributed to a relay event victory. Shangle has been an integral member of the TCNJ's swim team for the past four years.

Highland Park resident and Borough employee **ASHTON BURRELL** was selected as the 2016 recipient of the Community Service Award at the 38th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Celebration. The award, sponsored by Johnson & Johnson, recognizes a member of the community who demonstrates a passion for others through service. Ashton was presented the award by Award Winning Actor Blair Underwood.

2016 Holiday Collection Schedule

This applies for the following holidays: **All are Monday holidays

Martin Luther King's B-day (Jan. 18)
President's Day (Feb. 15)
Memorial Day (May 30)
Independence Day (July 4)
Labor Day (Sept. 5)
Columbus Day (Oct. 10)
Christmas Day observed (Dec. 26)
Monday - Holiday
Tuesday - Business District,

North Side & Triangle recycling collection
Wednesday - Business District, North Side & Triangle garbage collection
Thursday - South Side recycling collection
Friday - Business District & South Side garbage collection

This applies for the following holidays: **All are Friday holidays

Lincoln's B-day (Feb. 12)
Good Friday (Mar. 25)
Veteran's Day (Nov. 11)
Monday - Business District, North Side & Triangle garbage collection
Tuesday - Business District, North Side & Triangle recycling collection
Wednesday - Business District &

South Side garbage collection
Thursday - South Side recycling collection
Friday - Holiday

Thanksgiving Week:

Monday - Business District, North Side & Triangle garbage collection
Tuesday - Bagged leaves collection

Wednesday - Business District & South Side garbage collection
Thursday - Closed for Thanksgiving
Friday - Closed for Day after Thanksgiving
****No recycling collections during Thanksgiving week. Recycling will resume as regularly scheduled the next week**



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BOROUGH STAFF: Stacy Kaplan, Communications Coordinator; Monica Jackson, Communications Coordinator