

THE HIGHLAND PARK NEWS



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Summertime Sweets



Carvel has a variety of flavors and sundaes options.

Summertime in Highland Park is the perfect time for a stroll downtown to shop or browse through our unique gift shops, jewelry stores, toy stores and more. At some point during the walk, you're bound to come across one of Highland Park's delicious ice cream or candy shops, and their sweet temptations are hard to ignore!

Our ice cream shops are conveniently dispersed throughout town, from the stand-alone Dairy Deluxe at Raritan and 9th Avenue to a Carvel franchise on Raritan between 2nd and 3rd and Baskin Robbins in the Dunkin Donuts store at 55 Raritan. Each shop offers its own unique flair of ice cream flavors and combinations, and during the summer, all three are busy with hot and hungry customers.

Dairy Deluxe has been a staple in the community for more than 40 years and its popularity hasn't wavered. Throughout the summer residents line up for ice cream cones, sundaes and more. Owner Stephen Kim bought the shop nine years ago, introducing a new and unique flavor

each year, such as coconut and banana. This stand-alone shop is a popular hang-out after school, with picnic tables and booths for kids and families to enjoy their delicious treats.

When Tom Carvel started the Carvel Corporation in 1934, his goal was to serve "fresh, authentic ice cream and handmade cakes that make people happy", according to the Carvel website. For the past 81 years Carvel has done just that, with more than 500 stores throughout the country. The local Highland Park franchise, owned by Charles Fung, offers 24 flavors of soft and hard ice cream as well as Carvelanches, Sundae Dashers, milkshakes and more. Fung also likes to offer unique flavor options, incorporating new flavors like Pumpkin and Peppermint as well as the popular Midnight Madness. The Highland Park franchise opened in 2006

and its location across from the Farmer's Market is ideal for the summer crowds.

Dunkin Donuts franchisee Yogi Padel was eager to add a Baskin Robbins to his already successful Dunkin Donuts store, and it has paid off for him – and for the community. Baskin Robbins sells unique flavors of ice cream, such as Jamoca Almond Fudge and Gold Medal Ribbon, in addition to the standard chocolate and vanilla. Their ice cream cakes come in a variety of designs and are available for special order as well. Or, purchase tubs of Baskin Robbins ice cream to take home.

In addition to the ice cream shops that keep Highland Park residents cool in the summer, people are flocking to the Lady Tea bubble tea shop at 323 Raritan Ave. Opened in 2013, this shop offers various flavors of bubble tea. Bubble tea is a cold, frothy drink made with iced tea, sweetened milk, flavorings and tapioca powder. The refreshing drink was invented in Taichung, Taiwan in the 1980's, and quickly took off in America as well. Owner Yuphin Xin is excited to offer Highland Park its first bubble tea shop, and encourages customers to try new flavors. The store is appealing and comfortable, with a couch and TV as well as fun tables. It is often packed with students after school who enjoy hanging out with their friends while drinking the popular slushies.

For those with a real sweet tooth this summer, Highland

Park is home to two delicious candy shops. Sweets to Nuts, at 72 Raritan Ave, is filled with tons of candies, nuts and dried fruit, including some hard-to-find treats. Their chocolate covered pretzels, gummy and sour candies are among the most popular products. Owner Marion Bernstein, who is celebrating the store's 11th anniversary in the community, creates beautiful gourmet baskets and platters for every occasion, and recently began selling Judaica gifts as well. She ships nationwide and hand-delivers to Highland Park, Edison and East Brunswick.

Birnn Chocolate is a hidden gem in Highland Park. Located at 314 Cleveland Avenue, this chocolate factory/store makes delicious homemade chocolates. Originally established as Regina Sweets in 1932, the company became Birnn Chocolates in 1981 under the leadership of John Cunnell. In 2007 they celebrated their 75th anniversary of making delectable sugar-free, Stevia sweetened bars, and, of course, numerous types of tra-

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ditional milk, dark and white chocolate candies. Birnn distributes its chocolates nationwide, but local residents can stop by Monday through Saturday to get a taste of this fantastic homemade delicacy.

Highland Park has terrific options for summer treats, so if you get an urge for ice cream or candy, it is the place to be!



Lady Tea serves refreshing bubble tea, slushies and more.

Letter from Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler



It has been an incredible and busy year as your Mayor, and it is an honor to be serving such an inspiring group of residents. I am so proud of the progress we have made in our four areas of focus – tax stabilization, economic development, infrastructure, and quality of life.

Tax Stabilization – We continue to pursue shared service agreements to save money for the Borough. Recently we switched our Animal Control Services from New Bruns-

wick to Edison, at a savings of \$12,000. Our new toter program, which uses automated sanitation trucks, is being tested in certain areas, and we hope to expand the program soon. The automated trucks enable DPW employees to perform more functions without increasing labor costs.

Economic Development – Our redevelopment agency is actively pursuing new opportunities for our community. The new Pulte homes on Cleveland Avenue are selling rapidly, and a Merriewold project for 200 luxury homes with a clubhouse and pool at the old Castle site on River Road is in the works.

I'm very excited about the approval from the Department of Transportation to paint and beautify the retaining wall by the former Y site, which will include a motif consistent with our other signage. Thank you goes to our Main Street design

team, architect Robert Larsen and developer Jack Halpern for creating the look.

Infrastructure – Our Capital Improvements and Infrastructure Taskforce, led by Dr. Clint Andrews (title), is in the review stage of their extensive report about our infrastructure needs in planning for our future growth. Dr. Andrews, with a team of graduate students from the Bloustein School of Rutgers University, reviewed our water mains, fire and police, schools, gas lines, roads and more and will provide recommendations for planned growth by the end of the year.

Quality of Life – Councilwoman Elsie Foster-Dublin, liaison to the Public Safety Departments, and I are working closely with a Police Youth Officer, Joe Curbelo to be a positive role model to our youth. The Borough is planning to create a new Teen Center for our High School students, which will hopefully open in the fall.

The Center will have academic assistance, community service opportunities, mentorship programs, computers, games, TVs, field trips and more.

Our Senior Center continues to have wonderful programs for our seniors, including an active painting group as well as day trips, classes, social events and more. We are excited that our Food Pantry is growing, and for the first time we will have a Borough employee, Nicole Huff (Social Worker) serve as liaison to our volunteers. I want to give a big thanks to Beth Leech, who has led the Food Pantry for many years. We appreciate everything she has done for our residents throughout the years.

I am so pleased that our downtown and parks have been bustling with activity this summer, and I hope you enjoy the remainder of the summer in Highland Park!

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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

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Business License
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Flood Zones (Maps)
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Used Car Lot Licenses
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www.cablevision.com

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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
Court
Wedding/Civil Union Ceremony by Judge

HEALTH

732-819-3790

LIBRARY

732-572-2750
www.hpplnj.org

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PARKS

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Park Maintenance

PLANNING & ZONING

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
www.hpschools.net

TAX ASSESSOR

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

2015 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	September 10; October 8 & November 12
Council Committee Meeting	Borough Hall	7:00 pm	August 11; September 1; October 7 & 20 & November 10
Commission for Universal Access Meeting	Borough Hall	7:30 pm	September 3; October 1 & November 5
Environmental Commission Meeting	Environmental Center	8:00 pm	September 2; October 7 & November 4
Library Board Meeting	Library	7:30 pm	August 24; September 28; October 26 & November 23
Planning Board Meeting	Borough Hall	7:30 pm	August 13; September 10; October 8 & November 12
Public Information Committee Meeting	Senior/Youth Center	6:30 pm	August 26; October 28 & November 18
Redevelopment Agency Meeting	Borough Hall	7:30 pm	August 6; September 3, October 1 & November 5
Shade Tree Advisory Meeting	Environmental Center	8:00 pm	September 9; October 14 & November 11
Sustainable Highland Park Meeting	Environmental Center	7:30 pm	August 26; September 30; October 28 & November 18
Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting	Borough Hall	7:30 pm	August 24; September 21; October 26 & November 23

BOROUGH HOLIDAYS – BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED

Labor Day 9/7; Columbus Day 10/12; Veteran's Day 11/11; Thanksgiving Day 11/26; Day After Thanksgiving 11/27

Park Partners Success Story

When Highland Park created the Park Partners Community Service Grant Program, the hope was to encourage our active-minded residents to get even more involved in the community. The response to this program has exceeded expectations, and one of the most promising results is the involvement of so many young residents. For our high schoolers, Park Partners has become their entryway to civic involvement. Last year two high-school student-run programs won grant money to execute their programs, CuttingOutHunger and Enrich HP. CuttingOutHunger, a program that collects coupons to purchase items for the HP Food Pantry, has donated thousands of dollars worth of products over the past two years, thanks in part to the Park Partners grants they received in 2014 and 2015. Enrich HP is an Environment Education program created by high school students Sarah Liebau and Hailey Conrad. As co-presidents of the Highland Park High School Environment Club, Liebau and Conrad wanted to spread their concern for the environment to the entire community. Their goal was to bring awareness of environmental issues to the

public and make environmental education resources more accessible to everybody.

During the Park Partners grant vote, the girls created an impressive presentation, and residents voted to award Enrich HP a 2015 Park Partners Community Service Grant in the category of Environment. With the grant money, Enrich HP offered a series of films about environmental issues, which were shown at the Highland Park Public Library.

"It's been a pleasure to work to raise awareness of these issues. We hoped to create HP Enrich to make environmental education resources more accessible to the public. Without the Park Partners, the project would have never happened, so we appreciate the support," said Sarah Liebau.

On April 2, 2015, the group presented the film "Blackfish," about the mistreatment of marine life at sea parks. On April 9th they showed "Blue Gold: World Water Wars" about the privatization of water. The movie "Trashed" about trash and pollution was screened on April 23rd.



Yuqing Zhou, Sarah Liebau, Mark Dixon, Hailey Conrad

For the second part of their project, they welcomed Mark Dixon, creator of the documentary "YERT: Your Environmental Road Trip" to speak at the High School. The event, on June 2, 2015, was both educational and engaging for the high school students. Dixon encouraged the students to live a more sustainable lifestyle, emphasizing

how even small changes can make a difference.

"I am always astounded by the focus to detail and the tireless dedication that Sarah and Hailey have to spreading an environmental message in our school. They are always hard at work coming up with ideas to make the school more sustainable. I look forward to our Envi-

ronmental Road Trip next year being even more successful!" said Principal Michael Lassiter.

Liebau and Conrad appreciated the Borough support, and were excited with the success of this program. They both plan on continuing their involvement with environmental issues in the future.

Celebrating Our Volunteers



Rabbi Kaminetsky received the Volunteer of the Year Award from Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler and Sergeant Gary Panichella

The Mayor and Council were pleased to recognize our numerous resident volunteers at a special Volunteer Appreciation Event on April 22, 2015. Over 200 residents volunteer on our of our committees, commissions or departments. The event acknowledged our volunteers' unwavering dedication and service to our community. It is our volunteers that make our town so successful and special.

This year one member of each Borough Committee or Commission received a special honor. These honorees included:

Paul Scharf (First Aid Squad), **Loleta Mitchell** (Council on Aging), **Jonathan Horowitz** (Arts Commission), **Clint Andrews** (Capital Improvements Planning Task Force), **Gary Leslie** (Cable TV Advisory Committee), **Diane Feldman** (Commission for Universal Access), **Steve**

Barnes (Environmental Commission), **Beth Leech** (Community Food Pantry), **Jesse Crosson** (Board of Health), **Evelyn Sedehi** (Housing Authority), **Elizabeth Estes** (Human Relations Commission), **Bruce Tucker** (Library Board of Trustees), **James Nichols** (Main Street HP), **Lara Arp** (Municipal Alliance), **Craige Ambroch** (Meadow Trails), **Kim Hammond** (Planning Board), **Matt Hersh** (Public Information Committee), **Greg Trevor** (Recreation Advisory Committee), **Randall Solomon** (Redevelopment Agency), **Mary Denver** (Shade Tree Advisory Committee), **Allan Williams** (Sustainable Highland Park), **David Seiden** (Volunteer Fire Department), **Dr. Cliff Lacy** (Mayor's Wellness Campaign), **Judy Richman** (Board of Adjustment).

Rabbi Kaminetsky, who has served as our Police Department Chaplain for more than 20

years, was awarded Volunteer of the Year. Rabbi Kaminetsky's contributions to the community are invaluable, including his attendance of police events, making sure food service equipment is kosher for our residents, and his selfless support and assistance to the Police and Borough officials, as well as many of our residents. Lieutenant Gary Panichella spoke about Rabbi Kaminetsky's influence on him and the police department.

"I always cherish your visits and conversations," Panichella said. "You have always been there for me and the department, and your help on National Night Out as well as your humble and kind words on Memorial Day and Veterans Day are sincerely appreciated."

More than 100 people attended the event at the Senior/Youth Center, and numerous Highland Park restaurants donated food for the residents. Residents and local merchants came out to support each other and enjoy an evening socializing with their neighbors.

Congratulations to all of the honorees. There are many opportunities for residents to volunteer their talents and services to the Borough. Visit www.hpboro.com for a complete list of Committees and Commissions. Thank you, again, to our volunteers – we appreciate your hard work on behalf of the Borough.

Highland Park Launches Smart Home Energy Efficiency Campaign



Highland Park Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler and Borough Council President Susan Welkovits announced a renewed initiative to provide homeowners with resources to improve the energy efficiency of their homes. As a follow up to the ground-breaking home energy assessment program launched by Highland Park in 2012 (and subsequently replicated in a half dozen other communities throughout New Jersey), a renewed home energy assessment program will be unveiled during the fall season.

For its campaign to help local homeowners improve the comfort and efficiency of their homes, Highland Park has contracted with Ciel Power LLC. Under the Smart Homes program, residents can receive home energy audits for \$49, discounted from Ciel Power's regular \$99 fee. Homeowners who complete the audit can qualify for home

improvements that reduce energy use by up to thirty percent through NJ's Clean Energy Program.

"This program helps connect Highland Park residents to resources that will help them save energy and money while bringing us closer to achieving a more sustainable Highland Park," said Teri Jover, Chair of Sustainable Highland Park and managing director of New Jersey Future, a statewide organization devoted to responsible planning and sustainable development.

Council President Susan Welkovits, Frank Troy of Public Works and volunteers on Sustainable Highland Park will work together to administer the campaign. Local homeowners will receive letters from Ciel Power announcing the campaign. To learn more about the program, residents can visit www.cielpower.com/highland-park or call 201-632-3463.

Highland Park Sends Students to YouthROOTS Leadership Camp



DJ Jay Dabhi, Ashton Burrell, LeDerick Horne

Our youth are our future leaders, workers, and volunteers, and Highland Park strives to cultivate a sense of community service and civic participation in our young residents. We have encouraged their innovative programs through our very popular Park Partners Program, which provides grants for community service projects, and we work closely with the schools on numerous programs to benefit the community. Recently we were offered an opportunity to support these future leaders that we couldn't pass up.

The ROOTS organization approached the Borough with Project YouthROOTS, a weeklong summer mentorship camp for high school students entering grades 10-12. During this life-

changing journey, participants will cultivate self-esteem, learn how to engage in global citizenship, and develop strategies to overcome challenges from bias, bullying and oppression. Students will create a growth plan to catalyze change at both a personal and community level.

This program enables students who would not normally have the chance to go away in the summer to enjoy a week of camp while learning important life skills. It is innovative, effective and essential to building confidence and leadership among our youth, and we are excited to participate in the program.

The only issue we had was that the cost to send our students was not part of the municipal or school budget for this year. We

had to act quickly to pull some funding together. On May 20, 2015, Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler and High School Principal Michael Lassiter, with the support of Council and Superintendent Soto, sponsored a fundraising event to raise money for some of our high school students to attend this camp. The camp takes a maximum of 8 students from a school district each year. The event was held at Tete's Bistronomie and featured DJ Jay Dabhi, poet and advocate LeDerick Horne, and LIVE Mentorship leader Ashton Burrell. Thanks to donations from members of our Highland Park community, we were thrilled to raise enough funds to send seven students this year! Upon their return from the YouthROOTS camp, these seven students will implement programs and groups within school to teach their peers what they learned, and to act as mentors to other students. The students are Piney Arp, Dylan Boynton, Kyle Hagin, Ogemdi Nwadke, Patricia McDaniel, Olivia Ruiz and Amiri Tulloch.

Thank you to all of the donors, the ROOTS organization and everybody involved in the planning process. We are excited for this year's participants, and look forward to continuing the program in the future.

Spotlight on the Environmental Commission

The Highland Park Environmental Commission (HPEC) was established in 1968 to review site plan applications for environmental issues such as slopes, stream corridors, and the use of native plants and trees for landscaping.

The HPEC, currently under the leadership of Michael Rosenberg, works closely with the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment regarding concerns or recommendations, which helps assure that environmental issues are considered on major development projects. Recently, HPEC

reviewed the site clean up documentation for the Sunoco property (Raritan Avenue) and the Honeywell property (River Road and behind Cleveland Avenue).

In 2012 HPEC published the Highland Park Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI), documenting maps and data on local and regional environmental conditions. The ERI can be downloaded at <http://www.hpboro.com/documentcenter/view/921>. HPEC also reviews draft environmental ordinance for the Borough Council and on occasion recommend ordinances to the

Council. In addition, the Commission manages the 16 acre "Meadows" conservation area and the Meadows Trail (at S. 5th Ave and Valentine Street).

The Commission meets at the Eugene Young Environmental Education Center, 20 River Road, 8:00 PM on the first Wednesday of the month. We currently have two openings on our committee. If you are interested in volunteering for these positions, download the volunteer form at <http://hpboro.com/DocumentCenter/View/2191> and submit to the Borough Clerk's office.

Highland Marks



Dahlia Moyal Highland Park native Dahlia Moyal, a fitness instructor in the Israel Defense Force who trains soldiers in Maglan (the Special Forces), recently won her first major weightlifting championship by squatting an incredible 265 pounds! Moyal is a graduate of Highland Park High School and now she competes and helps write strength-training workouts on her base.

Frank Corcoran Highland Park resident Frank Corcoran was honored recently by the Middlesex County Freeholders for his service to the community. Corcoran is active in the NJ Gay Pride Center in HP and the Dignity movement and runs the Tower Thrift Shop at the Reformed Church, serving the needs of hundreds of residents every year.

Captain David Manero Highland Park graduate Captain David Manero, U.S.N. has been appointed to become Admiral in the U.S. Navy and earned his Navy Pilot wings in 1991. He served a tour of duty in Desert Storm and two-year tours of duty in both Germany and Russia He is currently station in the Pentagon.

Eve Orenstein Highland Park native Eve Orenstein performed with the National Chorale at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall on May 1st. Orenstein is an opera and classical singer, and has been singing with the Chorale several times a year since 2007.

Cheryl Wall Highland Park resident Cheryl Wall has received the 2015-2016 Chancellor's Professorship in the Arts and Humanities from Rutgers University where she has been employed since 1972. She has authored or edited nine books and numerous essays, and is a preeminent scholar of twentieth-century African American literature.

Joseph Balabkins Highland Park resident Joseph Balabkins is a board member of the Rotary Club of New Brunswick, where he helped raise \$1,000 to fund scholarships for course materials and educational supplies for military veterans at Middlesex County College. The club also pledged \$1,000 per year over the next two years.

Congratulations to Highland Park residents **Elissa J Birbach, Tamara Esther Birbach, Kristina P Brown, Wei Chia Chen, Nadiya Chernitska, Nicholas Dresch, Rigo Thomas Gutierrez, Dain Kim, Rachel Dahlia Krieger, Karina Lendel, Meng Qi Lin, Nina Shoshana Moyal, Daniel Alejandro Pinzas, Marni Joy Salomon, Suet Fung Wong, Feng Hua Zeng, Laila Zouhou**, who were named to the Dean's List at Middlesex County College for the spring 2015 semester.

Backyard Composting... Getting Started



Have you ever considered backyard composting but think it would be too complicated, too smelly, too yucky, too expensive? Sustainable Highland Park is hoping to convince you otherwise.

Backyard composting is, in fact, a simple and inexpensive way to 1) reduce Highland Park's landfill fees, 2) produce compost to make your lawns and gardens healthier, 3) save you money on fertilizer, mulch and garbage bags and 4) decrease waste going to the landfill.

Following some simple rules of composting, it is easy and satisfying to watch your kitchen scraps transform into decomposed material which can be

used again. It is also a great way of keeping organic material out of the landfill, thereby reducing methane emissions and your carbon footprint.

Buy a backyard composter for under \$50 from Middlesex County <http://www.mciauth.com/composting.htm> or a store like Home Depot. Get instructions on how to compost online. For a step by step introduction go to <http://cswd.net/composting/backyard-composting/>

Sustainable Highland Park generally meets the 4th Wednesday each month at 7:30 PM at the Environmental Center, 20 River Road. For questions, email sustainablehpnj@gmail.com

Stay Safe As You Walk!

As a walking community, Highland Park considers the safety of our pedestrians and bicyclists to be of the utmost priority. To that end, we are continually making improvements to make our streets safer and more convenient for everyone. Our Complete Streets program provided wider sidewalks in our downtown, the recent addition of sharrows on the streets helps make drivers aware of bicyclists, and our sidewalk program made our residential sidewalks easier and safer to use.

We encourage residents and visitors to use the sidewalks throughout town to ensure their safety. Obey pedestrian safety rules, such as crossing at crosswalks, and be alert and aware of your surroundings. The New Jersey Department of Health lists the following pedestrian safety tips:

Look left, right, and left again before crossing a street • Make eye contact with drivers when crossing busy streets • Wear bright colors or reflective clothing at night • Walk on the sidewalk whenever possible • When crossing, don't use your cell phone for calls and texting • Use particular caution when crossing driveways and alley entrances

Stay safe in Highland Park, and enjoy our community while you walk, ride or drive!



Nineteenth Annual Farmer's Market in Full Swing



Back for its 19th year, the weekly Highland Park Farmers Market returned for the season on Friday June 5, once again providing locals with the Garden State's bounty for the next six months. The market runs on Fridays from 11:00 am – 5:30 pm, from June through December.

"The Farmers Market brings not only fruits and vegetables, but also vitality and fun to downtown Highland Park every Friday," said Rebecca Hersh, Executive Director of Main Street Highland Park. "The market brings people from all over the region to our downtown, allowing us to showcase not just the market itself, but also all that Highland Park's downtown has to offer.

The 2015 market season is sponsored by community partner St. Peter's Healthcare System. "As a small nonprofit, we could not do the work we do without the generous support of sponsors like St. Peter's Healthcare System," said Ms. Hersh. "Their support of this year's market goes a long way to helping promote good health and a healthy community."

"Saint Peter's University Hospital is pleased to partner with Highland Park in health and wellness initiatives, added Tabiri M. Chukunta, MDiv, DMin, DRCC, Executive Director, Community Outreach and Diversity at Saint Peter's Healthcare System. "Providing services to the community is at the

core of our mission."

One of the largest markets in the state, shoppers enjoy a wide variety of fruits and vegetables, baked goods, flowers, cheeses, pickles, meats, and more. This year's vendors include:

- Baker's Bounty (Linden): Brick-oven Italian bread, fresh seasonal cakes, pies and desserts
- Better World Cafe (Highland Park): A community cafe serving local and seasonal food
- Bruce Julian: All natural Bloody Mary mixes
- Capsaicin Chiles (Highland Park): Smoky, fruity, sweet, and salty small batch condiments
- Carabella Imports (Hoboken): imported Italian olive oils
- Cherry Grove Farm (Lawrenceville): farmstead cheeses, whey-fed pork, grass-fed lamb, grass-fed beef and pasture-raised chickens and eggs
- Davidson Exotic Mushrooms (Pennsauken): Cremini, portabello, oyster, and shiitake mushrooms
- Doc Pickle (Wayne): New York Style pickles out of the barrel, sauerkraut, marinated mushrooms
- Gourmet Nuts & Dried Fruit (East Hanover): A wide variety of nuts and dried fruits
- Hoboken Farmstand (Hoboken): Fresh mozzarella, Italian bread, Omaha steaks, famous crab cakes, stuffed salmon and sole, and prepared chicken
- Jeff's Organic Produce (Monroe): Certified organic fruits, vegetables, and herbs
- Melick's Town Farm (Oldwick): Fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables, including peaches, apples,

cherries, plums, corn, tomatoes, and apple cider

- Nice & Sharp (Plainsboro): Sharp-ening service for knives, shears, blender blades, clipper blades, scissors, tools, and more
- Over the Moon Toys (Highland Park): Toys and games for ages 0 to googplex with a focus on green, fair trade, and brainy products
- Puppy Pies: Homemade gourmet dog treats
- R&K Farm (Monroe Township): Produce, specializing in eggplants, peppers, basil and cut flowers
- Skeba Farms (Hightstown): Jersey fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs
- Through the Moongate (Highland Park): Gift gallery featuring work by local and domestic artists and hand-crafted, fairly traded work by artisans from around the world
- Von Thun's Farm (Monmouth Junction): Fresh produce including blueberries peaches, apples, nectarines, sweet corn, tomatoes, peppers, fresh cut flowers

The Highland Park Farmers Market operates every Friday through December 18 (except for Friday November 27, the Friday after Thanksgiving) from 11:00 am – 5:30 pm, and is located in the heart of downtown Highland Park, on Raritan Avenue between 2nd and 3rd Avenues. WIC and Senior FMNP vouchers are accepted by some farmers. All Highland Park residents eligible to participate in the Highland Park food pantry receive vouchers that can be used as cash to purchase fruits and vegetables at the Farmers Market.

For additional information, please call (732) 828-8444 or visit www.mainstreethp.org or www.facebook.com/MainStreetHP.



Freeholder James Polos
Middlesex County
Chairman of Public Safety & Health

installing a state of the art and redundant wireless system which will provide uninterrupted service to our county and to municipal Police Departments, such as the Borough of Highland Park, who utilize the county radio system.

One area where I felt we were not as prepared as we needed to be was our response to floods. As a result, we are ordering equipment which can assist our communities during any flooding situation. We have ordered two "high water" vehicles and I have spear-headed the creation of a Middlesex County Lightweight Boat Task Force. The county is purchasing six light weight military grade inflatable boats which can be used for flooding evacuation, transport of equipment in flooded areas and river or lake rescues. Two boats will remain with county forces while four will be staged in municipalities throughout the county.

I have arranged for Highland Park to receive one of the boats, and all the equipment and train-

ing needed for ten volunteers from our dedicated Fire Department and First Aid Squad. With the strong municipal support of Chief Stephen Rizco and the Mayor and Council, Highland Park will soon be properly equipped to handle any water emergency in the Borough. Flooding and river recreation are a reality in this community so it will be comforting to know our emergency responders will now be properly equipped and trained to handle any emergency even if mutual aid, which is what we have depended upon in the past, is unavailable.

WE WANT YOU FOR ARTS IN THE PARK!

Are you an artist? A vendor? A sponsor of the arts? An art lover? Main Street Highland Park wants you!

Arts in the Park, Highland Park's annual street festival and juried art show, is back for its 11th year on Sunday, September 20, 2015. This event is Highland Park's premiere festival and attracts thousands of people every year to downtown Highland Park. Don't miss this chance to get involved.

The annual celebration of the arts draws thousands of art enthusiasts and visitors from around the region to stroll through downtown

Highland Park and enjoy artistic offerings, live music and other entertainment, food from local restaurants, children's activities, promotional booths, and much more.

Artists, crafters, performers, and vendors are invited to participate. Participants in the juried art show display and sell their work under tents along Raritan Avenue. The art show features cash awards for first, second, and third places in seven categories: Painting, Sculpture, Photography, Fine Crafts, "Green" (recycled/found), Graphics/Drawing/Printmaking, and Mixed Media.



Artists, Crafters, and Other Vendors

Register online today to reserve your space!
Visit mainstreethp.org for information.

Performers

Are you a musician, dancer, poet, or other performer? Consider performing on our music stages or our dance, theater, and spoken word stages.
Visit mainstreethp.org for information.

Sponsors

Please consider supporting this wonderful annual community celebration of the arts by being an Arts in the Park sponsor. A wide range of sponsorship levels are available. Visit mainstreethp.org for information.

Art Lovers & Festival Goers

Save the date and be sure to follow our event page for updates. Visit mainstreethp.org for information.

Freeholder Corner

Super Storm Sandy was an historic event forever changing the way our state plans for weather related emergencies. The storm tested every element of emergency response and demonstrated the strengths and weaknesses of our Middlesex County Emergency Operations Plan. As a resident of Highland Park I saw firsthand how flooding and power outages could cripple our community. Once the storm ended my first objective was to ensure that the county had a capable and properly staffed Recovery Office to deal with the personal loss and physical devastation felt by so many of our county residents.

My second objective was to perform a post-incident review with county staff to develop a plan to address any deficiency in response that we could identify. We experienced emergency service communication failures during the storm which were related to existing older communication technology. The county is now

Summer & Fall 2015 in HIGHLAND PARK

Outdoor Movie Theater
Saturday nights, May-September

Music on the Corners
Friday evenings, May-September

Farmers Market
Fridays, June-December

Arts in the Park
September 20

Townwide Garage Sale
October 10-11

Downtown Halloween Party
October 31

Small Business Saturday & Tree Lighting
November 28

Winter Art Bazaar
November 28-December 24

Downtown Hanukkah Party
December 6

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Community Services Office on Aging

Summer/Fall & Winter 2015 Senior Programs

Programs	Description	Age	Requirements	Date	Time	Place	Fee
Ice Cream Social	Escape the heat and join your friends for an afternoon treat! Enjoy ice cream with all the toppings!	55+	Pre-registration is required. Open to Members ONLY	Thurs. 8/13/15	2:00 pm	Senior/Youth Center	FREE
September Luncheon	Join us for Lunch and Enjoy a Presentation or Entertainment	55+	Pre-registration is required. Open to Members ONLY	Mon. 9/21/15	12:00 pm	Senior/Youth Center	FREE
October Luncheon	Join us for Lunch and Enjoy a Presentation or Entertainment	55+	Pre-registration is required. Open to Members ONLY	Fri. 10/23/15	12:00 pm	Senior/Youth Center	FREE
Thanksgiving Celebration Luncheon	Thanksgiving Luncheon with Turkey and all the trimmings! Musical Entertainment provided by: Francine & Joel	55+	Pre-registration is required. Open to Members ONLY	Mon. 11/23/15	12:00 pm	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+	Pre-registration is required. Open to Members ONLY	Thurs. 12/17/15	12:00 pm	Senior/Youth Center	\$10.00 /person
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+	Pre-registration is required. Open to Members ONLY	Sat. 12/19/15	11:30 am -1:00 pm	Senior/Youth Center	FREE

Senior Programs

All Programs are held at the Highland Park Senior/Youth Center, 220 South 6th Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904

Programs	Age	Dates	Days	Time	Fee
ARA Meeting (Alliance for Retired Americans)	55+	Year-Round (except July/Aug)	1st Thursday of each Month	1:00 pm	ARA Membership Dues
Body Refit	55+	Year-Round Sessions	Monday, Wednesday & Friday's	9:30 am	\$1.00 / class
Exercise with Donna	55+	Year-Round	Monday, Wednesday & Friday's (Wednesday 11:45 a.m.)	11:30 am -12:30 pm	\$1.00 / class
Senior Yoga	55+	Year-Round	Monday's & Friday's	12:30 pm -1:00 pm	\$1.00 / class

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 For further info, please contact The Dept. of Community Services or Kimberly Perkins, Senior Program Coordinator, at 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

Recreation Department

The Department of Community Services, Office on Aging - Senior/Youth Center (732) 819-0052 - 220 South Sixth Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904

Youth Soccer Starts in September. Team play and clinics included!	Youth Juggling All levels welcome. A fun environment to learn how to juggle!	Adult 30+Basketball Starts in September. Men 30 and Over.	Adult Volleyball All levels welcome. Runs Monday nights.
Youth Chess Beginner and Advanced instruction during a 5 week program.	Youth Basketball Starts in December Team play and clinics included.	Adult 18-29 Basketball Starts in September. For Men 18 to 29 years old.	Veterans Day 11/11/15 on the main street to honor our veterans.
Youth Theater All levels welcome. A show will conclude the program.	Buddy Ball Matching up special needs children with buddies to learn a sport.	Adult Tai Chi Advanced and Beginner classes offered.	Sports Equipment & Cleat Exchange Bring your lightly used cleats and sports equipment.
Youth and Adult Table Tennis Sunday mornings. Come and learn to play table tennis.	Adult Turf Soccer Sunday mornings on the turf field behind the High School.	Adult Wild Wacky Women Combination workouts for all levels.	Halloween Party 10/25/15 Come join our costume parade and party!
Youth Monday Night Football Held on the turf field Monday Nights.	Adult Indoor Soccer Starts in January. Program runs inside a gym.	Adult Israeli Dance Women only. Program runs on Monday nights.	Recreation Advisory Committee Meetings take place quarterly. Next meeting in September

For more information visit: www.hpboro.com • Or like us on facebook @highlandparknjrecreation • **ALL Programs need a minimum enrollment to run!**

Highland Park Senior Outreach Program

The Highland Park Borough Senior Outreach Program provides information and assistance to seniors 60+, disabled adults, and anyone who lives in Highland Park. 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 home care. 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 Monday - Friday between 8am-4pm. 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. Open enrollment for Medicare is from October 15th- December 7th Another reminder that fall and winter is upon us this is the time to apply for energy assistance. LIHEP applications are accepted from October 1- April 30th. The sooner you apply the better. *Chinese/Mandarin translators desperately needed. Your help is needed and we will accommodate your schedule. Please ask for Kim or Nicole, Highland Park Senior Center, 732-819-0052.

Visit the Borough's website at www.hpboro.com for complete events and programming.

Public Library

Public Library • 31 North Fifth Ave. Highland Park, NJ 08904
732-572-2750 • www.hpplnj.org • Contact: Valeri Drach Weidmann

Library Schedule & Hours

WEEKDAYS

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

WEEKENDS

Saturdays 10–5
*Sept: 19, Oct: 3, 17, 31,
Nov: 14, 28, & Dec: 12*
Sundays 1-5
*Sept: 13, 27, Oct: 11, 25,
Nov: 8, 22, & Dec: 6, 20*

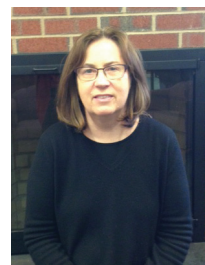
HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Sat. 9/5, Sun. 9/6, Mon. 9/7
Mon. 9/7 - Labor Day
Mon. 10/12 - Columbus Day
Tue. 11/3 - Election Day
Wed. 10/11 - Veteran's Day
Thurs. 11/26 - Thanksgiving Day
Fri. 11/27 - Day After Thanksgiving
Fri. 12/25 - Christmas Day & Sat. 12/26

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, workshops, poetry readings, writing workshops, and concerts. For children and teens we have clubs, art programs, game days, films, and special events.

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



Fall 2015 Adult Programs

Program	Description	Date	Time
International Film Festival	<i>Zero Motivation</i> - Hebrew - 1 hour, 36 minutes	Tues. 8/4	6:30 pm
International Film Series	<i>Wild Tales</i> - Spanish - 2 hours - Rated R	Tues. 8/11	6:30 pm
Particle Physics Program	Rutgers Physics Professor Amit Lath and Colleagues Present Higgs Boson	Thurs. 8/20	7:00 pm
Film in the Eighties	Film/ Introduction by Dr. Robert Knoll <i>My Favorite Year (1982)</i> - Rated PG	Tues. 9/1	6:30 pm
Women of the Civil War	Talk and Presentation	Thurs. 9/10	7:00 pm
Friends of the Library Poetry Night Series	Ed Romond	Tues. 9/29	7:30 pm
Film in the Eighties	On Golden Pond	Tues. 10/6	6:30 pm
Chamber Music Concert	Members of the Faculty at Westminster Conservatory	Sun. 10/25	3:30 pm
Friends of the Library Poetry Workshop	Jim Haba	Sat. 10/31	1:00 pm
Friends of the Library Poetry Night Series	Jane Rawlings	Tues. 10/27	7:30 pm
Friends of the Library Poetry Night Series	BJ Ward	Tues. 11/24	7:30 pm

Fall 2015 Teen Programs

For more programs please go to www.hpplnj.org

Program	Description	Date	Time
Teen Craft	Make your own Duct Tape Bookmarks	Tues. 8/4	3:00pm

Fall 2015 Children Programs

For more programs please pick up a brochure at the front desk or go to the library website at www.hpplnj.org

Program	Description	Date	Time
Super Hero Afternoon	Games, crafts, stories and creative drama for 5 and 6 year olds.	Wed. 8/5	3:30 pm
TNT (Twos and Threes)	Stories, finger plays, and crafts for two – three year olds accompanied by an adult. Please register for only one session.	Tues. 8/4 & 8/11	10:30 am
Book Break	Bring a bag lunch to story time and sit on the back lawn of the library	Tues. 8/4 & 8/11	11:30 am
Summer Movies for Kids Series	Alexander and the Terrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (2014)	Tues. 8/11	3:00 pm
Juggling Hoffmans	Astounding juggling feats from a husband and wife team!	Thurs. 8/13	6:30 pm
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.	Thurs. 1/23-3/13	6:00 pm-7:00 pm

Department of Public Works

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

LABOR DAY

Sept. 7 (Mon)

Labor Day – Closed

Sept. 8 (Tues)

Business District, North Side & Triangle recycling collection

Sept. 9 (Wed)

Business District, North Side & Triangle garbage collection

Sept. 10 (Thurs)

South Side recycling collection

Sept. 11 (Fri)

Business District & South Side garbage collection

COLUMBUS DAY

Oct. 12 (Mon)

Columbus Day – Closed

Oct. 13 (Tues)

Business District, North Side & Triangle recycling collection

Oct. 14 (Wed)

Business District, North Side & Triangle garbage collection

Oct. 15 (Thurs)

South Side recycling collection

Oct. 16 (Fri)

Business District & South Side garbage collection

VETERAN'S DAY

Nov. 11 (Wed)

Holiday falls on Wednesday, no changes to collection schedule

THANKSGIVING

***Please note there will be*

NO RECYCLING COLLECTION during this holiday week

Nov. 23 (Mon)

Business District, North Side & Triangle garbage collection

Nov. 24 (Tues)

Bagged leaves collection

Nov. 25 (Wed)

Business District & South Side garbage collection

Nov. 26 (Thurs)

Thanksgiving Day – Closed

Nov. 27 (Fri)

Day after Thanksgiving – Closed

CHRISTMAS

Dec. 21 (Mon)

Business District, North Side & Triangle garbage collection

Dec. 22 (Tues)

Business District, North Side & Triangle recycling collection

Dec. 23 (Wed)

Business District & South Side garbage collection

Dec. 24 (Thurs)

South Side recycling collection

Dec. 25 (Fri)

Christmas Day

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Dec. 28 (Mon)

Business District, North Side & Triangle garbage collection

Dec. 29 (Tues)

Business District, North Side & Triangle recycling collection

Dec. 30 (Wed)

Business District & South Side garbage collection

Dec. 31 (Thurs)

South Side recycling collection

Jan. 1 (Fri)

New Year's Day - Closed

BULK TRASH COLLECTIONS

Aug. 5 (Wed)

Business District, North Side & Triangle

Aug. 6 (Thurs)

South Side

Oct. 1 (Thurs)

South Side

Oct. 7 (Wed)

Business District, North Side & Triangle

Oct. 13 (Tues)

Business District, North Side & Triangle (**Special pick up after Borough Wide Garage Sale)

Oct. 15 (Thurs)

South Side (**Special pick up after Borough Wide Garage Sale)

Dec. 2 (Wed)

Business District, North Side & Triangle

Dec. 3 (Thurs)

South Side

LEAF BAG DISTRIBUTION

Leaf bag distribution will begin on Tuesday, Oct. 13th, at the Dept. of Public Works garage, located at 444 Valentine St, between 7:00 am through 2:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Residents are entitled to pick up 20 biodegradable leaf bags per property. After Dec. 1st, residents may pick up additional bags, until the supply runs out.

LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf collection traditionally runs October through December, occasionally through January. The duration of the collection depends on the amount of leaves still not picked up, as well as weather conditions.

Collections are performed weekly during these months, alternating starting locations each week. The first week the collections will start on the South Side, the second week the North Side and the third week in the Triangle, and so on. Residents are encouraged to place their leaves at the curb on Sunday evenings so they don't miss the collection. The DPW makes every effort to collect each street once a week.

Leaves MUST be placed at the curb in either the paper biodegradable leaf bags or loose in garbage cans. Plastic bags are not accepted during the leaf collections. The material collected at the curb is taken to a recycling facility and composted. Please remember that it is illegal to rake leaves into the street.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

A reminder that electronic recycling is available as a drop-off program at the DPW garage and there is NO curbside collection of electronics. Residents must bring their electronic devices to the DPW garage during normal business hours for drop-off.

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WALK IT. **HIGHLAND PARK** LIVE IT. **PARK IT!**

HIGHLAND PARK NEWS

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