

# THE HIGHLAND PARK NEWS



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## Head Downtown for Back to School Clothes and Accessories

AS SUMMER COMES TO A CLOSE, it's time to start hunting for new clothes, hats, scarves, and accessories for the school year and new season... Luckily there are lots of treasures to be found right here in downtown Highland Park.

A short stroll through our downtown will reveal more of these treasures than one might think at first glance. Not only are there numerous shops to buy clothing, hats, socks, and scarves, but Highland Park is rich with shops that sell jewelry and trinkets of all kinds. And, as is the case with most of our downtown shops, the products they sell are very often funky, unique, locally-made things that can't be found in big box stores or malls.

One of our "only in Highland Park" shops is Covered Girl Clothing, a small shop packed wall-to-wall with colorful, well-made stylish clothes for girls and women. While the shop, which has been at 235 Raritan Avenue for the past five years, is popular with the area's Orthodox Jewish community because of its modest apparel, owner Sharon Garber makes sure that she carries clothing that can meet anyone's needs. "We work hard to stock stylish clothing for women and girls that can work for anyone - not just the Orthodox market. After all, who doesn't need a long-sleeved shirt in the cooler months?" As

is the case in all of Highland Park's mom & pop shops, shopping at Covered Girl can feel like you are getting a personal shopper - Sharon is happy to help customers find the right fit for their body type, and she can special order almost any requested item. From school uniforms to bathing suits to denim skirts, colorful layering pieces to sparkly dresses and accessories. Covered Girl should definitely be a stop on anyone's clothing shopping list.

If you're looking for some bling to add some sparkle to your fall outfits, look no farther than new kid on the block, Sibel's Vintage, at 311 Raritan, which moved in just six months ago. Owner Sibel Irtis has been collecting vintage and antique pieces by bidding at storage unit auctions for over 20 years. "All my friends live in Highland Park, and I just love this town so much," she said. "It's such a great downtown with great people."

No matter what you're looking for, you can find it in downtown Highland Park. Be sure to check out our wide variety of shops downtown to buy clothing and accessories!



**Alfredo's Fine Jewelry**, 311 Raritan, 732-418-1486. Custom made jewelry and repairs, appraisals, ear piercing, watch repairs.

**All is Vanity**, 52 Woodbridge, 732-393-1500. Body piercing, cosmetic tattooing, jewelry design, and fashion accessories.

**Covered Girl Clothing**, 235 Raritan, 732-640-1980, coveredgirlclothing.com. Fashionable clothing for the modest woman, teen, and girl. With skirts, shells, suits, dresses, cardigans, blazers, tops, etc.

**Delgado's Fashion**, 414 Raritan, 732-543-0900. Shoes, clothes, bags, perfumes, and jewelry for men, women, and children.

**Gems Galleria**, 312 Raritan, 732-339-8862. Jewelry, precious and semi-precious gems, watches, repairs, custom jewelry design, engraving.

**Gold Town Jewelers**, 509 Raritan, 732-220-9371. Remodeling, repairs, special orders, batteries, ear piercing.

**Highland Park Jewelry Exchange**, 225 Raritan, 732-325-9417. Jewelry, repairs, and watches.

**Highland Spark Jewelry Artists Cooperative**, 208 Raritan, 732-239-8248, highlandsparknj.com. Handmade jewelry by local artisans, and jewelry-making workshops.

**Keesah**. Unique gifts and finds, by appointment only, 866-996-7775, keesah.com.

**Modern Art Solutions (MAS)**, 421 Raritan, 732-354-3354, modernartsolutions.com. Screen-printed t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hats.

**Pure Green**, 233 Raritan, 732-543-1183. Clothing and accessories.

**Raspa Jewelers**, 4 North 10th Avenue, 732-572-0400. Diamond specialists. "Personal touch and a family tradition since 1947".

**Rite Aid**, 332 Raritan, 732-572-3773. T-shirts, hats, socks,

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scarves, gloves, sunglasses, flip-flops, watches, jewelry.

**Sibel's Vintage**, 311 Raritan, 732-317-8889. Vintage and antique jewelry.

**Soma Center**, 511 Raritan, 732-777-9642, somactr.com. Necklaces and earrings made by a local artist.

**Ten Thousand Villages Highland Park**, 320 Raritan, 732-393-1100, tenthousandvillages.com. Jewelry, scarves, bags, gloves, hats. All products are made by artisans in developing countries, allowing them to earn income by bringing their products to the stores through long-term fair trading relationships.

**The Buck Stops Here**, 408 Raritan, 732-572-1853. Hats, sunglasses, jewelry.

**Through the Moongate**, 440 Raritan, 732-729-9344. Jewelry, scarves, socks, bags; all products are made by local artists, made in the USA, or fair trade.

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## Letter From Your Mayor

OUR COMMUNITY'S CONCERN FOR OUR NEIGHBORS NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE ME. I was overwhelmed by the generosity of our residents at our Parkstock Fireworks event on July 3rd.

Volunteers walked through the crowd collecting donations to our "HP Gives a Hoot" fund to help the young residents in our town, and we raised nearly \$500 for our children. "HP Gives a Hoot" provides lunches for children when school is not in session, and provides opportunities to help them prosper in school and beyond. The success of our Parkstock drive is yet another example of the generosity and loyalty our residents have for each other, and it is an honor to lead such a caring community. Thus far, "HP Gives a Hoot" funds have provided more than 300 lunches, and movies for our children when school is not in session, distributed scholarship funds for 10 children to attend our Highland Park Recreation Summer Camp, sent 9 teens to the YouthROOTS Mentorship and

Self-Esteem building camp experience, and awarded other school supplies to our young students.

Art and creativity is what drives our community, and the Window Display project, a collaboration between Rite Aid and the Rutgers Mason Gross School of Arts, Visual Arts Department, is another example of our commitment to bringing more art to our streets. Mason Gross School will curate these beautiful displays in the Rite Aid windows facing 4th Avenue. Our existing corner living room seating there provides an excellent opportunity to enjoy these rotating displays. This adds just another bit of the charm and character to our already vibrant and inspiring downtown.

Another program to encourage sustainability and resilience in our Borough is a new solar field

which will be located in the Upper Meadows area at South 5th and Valentine St. This area is not viable for development in its current state, and therefore is an underutilized property. The Borough put the project out to bid with solar and utility companies, and at our July 12, 2016, we awarded the project to PSE&G. A public presentation of the project was made, with excellent input from our Environmental Commission. The next step will be for PSE&G to present their plans to our Planning Board. This solar field will generate a more sustainable and environmentally friendly energy, as well as generate at least \$25 - \$35,000 for the Borough annually from rental fees. Additionally, it is a pilot program that may have a future, positive impact on all of New Jersey.



This fall promises continued activity in Highland Park, and I am looking forward to events such as Main Street Highland Park's Arts in the Park on September 25th. This annual juried art show attracts thousands of residents and visitors to our downtown, to view and purchase work from local artists.

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the summer. Be sure to stroll downtown for shopping or restaurants, with many of our ethnic restaurants offering outdoor seating throughout the summer. Hope to see you at the Farmer's Market on Fridays.



# Window Displays At RITE AID

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**N**ine windows along Rite Aid's South 4th Ave. side are being renovated to host an exciting downtown arts initiative. Starting in September, the new window displays will feature artistic works from undergraduate and graduates students at Rutgers' Mason Gross School of the Arts.

Earlier this year, the Borough's Planning Board brokered the collaborative artist project between Rite Aid and Mason Gross' Visual Arts Department as part of Rite Aid's application to create a health and wellness center inside its renovated store. The Displays will feature painting, photography, print, design, drawing

and mixed media, and will rotate a minimum of three times each year. One rotation may feature work by children at the Mason Gross Extension Division.

"Mason Gross School of the Arts is delighted to share the work of our students with our neighbors in Highland Park," said Cassandra Oliveras-Moreno, Senior Administrative Assistant, Visual Arts Department. "Many of our students live here, and we are excited for this opportunity to contribute to the vibrancy of downtown Highland Park through these curated exhibitions."

Mason Gross will curate and maintain the displays, which will feature varied themes through-

out the year. In addition to the window displays, there will also be an "Information Window" on the Raritan Avenue side of the building that will be used to identify the art show in progress.

"This collaboration between Mason Gross and Rite Aid highlights the close affiliation between Highland Park and Rutgers University," said Highland Park Councilman and Arts Commission liaison Jim Walsh. "It also provides another reason for visitors to venture into Highland Park and experience our artisan shops and creative community. We are pleased to provide this space for young and aspiring artists to share their creativity and inspire our residents."

# 2016 BOROUGH CALENDAR

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

## Board of Health Meeting

**Borough Hall 7:00 pm.**  
September 8, October 3, November 10 and December 8

## Council Committee Meeting

**Borough Hall 7:00 pm**  
August 9, September 6, 20; October 12, November 1 and December 20

## Commission for Universal Access Meeting

**Borough Hall 7:30 pm**  
September 1, October 6, November 3 and December 1

## Community Food Pantry Meeting

**Senior/Youth Center 7:00 pm**  
August 3, October 5 and December 7

## Environmental Commission Meeting

**Environmental Center 8:00 pm**  
September 7, October 5, November 2 and December 7

## Housing Authority Board Meeting

**Samuel J Kronman Building 6:30 pm**  
September 14, October 5, November 9 and December 14

## Human Relations Commission Meeting

**Borough Hall 7:00 pm**  
August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16 and December 21

## Planning Board Meeting

**Borough Hall 7:30 pm**  
August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10 and December 8

## Public Information Committee Meeting

**Senior/Youth Center 6:00 pm**  
October 4 and December 6

## Redevelopment Agency Meeting

**Borough Hall 7:30 pm**  
August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3 and December 1

## Shade Tree Advisory Meeting

**Environmental Center 8:00 pm**  
September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 14

## Sustainable Highland Park Meeting

**Environmental Center 7:30 pm**  
August 24, September 28, October 26, November 16 and December 21

## Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting

**Borough Hall 7:30 pm**  
August 22, September 26, October 17, November 28 and December 19

## BOROUGH HOLIDAYS - Borough Offices Closed:

Labor Day - September 5  
Columbus Day - October 10  
Veterans Day - November 11

Thanksgiving Day - November 24  
Christmas Day - December 26

# Police Department Community Forums

**HIGHLAND PARK'S DIVERSE POPULATION HELPS MAKE OUR COMMUNITY SPECIAL,** and the respect we have for each other's differences is commendable. Neighbors participate in events together, and support each other in celebration and in times of need.

For officers in the Highland Park Police Department, who serve the community and interact with many residents on a regular basis, it is important to understand the different needs of our diverse population. Therefore, the Police Department holds Sensitivity Training sessions, required for every officer, to help them care for individuals with specific requirements or practices.

The police have hosted cultural awareness and special needs training sessions for a variety of communities, including African American, Orthodox Jewish, Chinese, Asian Indian, Muslim, LGBT, and those with Autism, Aphasia, and Mental Illness.

Sessions are led by a representative of each culture or demographic community, some of whom are police officers in New Jersey or New York themselves, and all of whom volunteer their time to meet with our police. In addition, officers attended a

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seminar regarding response to traumatic events, led by "Cop to Cop", to help them deal with difficult situations they may encounter while on duty. "Cop to Cop" is a program that provides mental health support for law enforce-

ment officers. In fact, in a recent issue of their magazine, Highland Park was singled out and praised for its commitment to the wellbeing of its police force.

Highland Park Police Chief Stephen Rizco recognizes the importance of continued sensitivity and cultural awareness training. "Highland Park is a diverse community, and our officers need to understand that diversity, and communicate properly with individuals with special or unique needs. Sensitivity training sessions teach our officers about the specific traditions and various cultures of individuals in our community. The better our officers are trained, the better they can serve the community."

The Highland Park Police Department is always seeking volunteers from various cultures to speak to their officers, and welcomes suggestions from residents.

# Highland Park Street Trees

**A**s you drive around Highland Park this summer, you may notice that a number of new trees have been planted in the grassy area between the sidewalks and the streets. In the spring

of 2016, the Borough installed about fifty new street trees, advised by the volunteer members of the Shade Tree Advisory Committee. Here is some useful information about the tree planting program:

- We attempt to plant street trees in front of homes whose owners want them.
- We plant a variety of species, preferring trees native to New Jersey, and we try to accommodate the preferences of the homeowner.
- We choose species that are suitable for the size and location of the planting areas. We plant small trees in small spaces and large trees in large spaces.
- We aim to complete one planting each year. The trees are planted in the spring, unless dry weather forces us to postpone planting until the fall.
- We rely on the residents of Highland Park to assist in assuring the survival of newly planted trees by watering them during their first year.

**Submit a STREET TREE REQUEST FORM now to get on the list to receive a new tree in 2017!**

Street Tree Request Forms are available on the Public Works page of the Borough website: [www.hpboro.com/](http://www.hpboro.com/).

More information about Borough trees may be found on the Shade Tree Advisory Committee page.





# "HP Gives A Hoot"

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**HIGHLAND PARK'S "HP GIVES A HOOT" FUND** is heating up this summer, providing scholarships to our Highland Park Summer Recreation Camp for 10 of our young residents.

**S**tudents who participate in the free or reduced lunch program were offered the opportunity to attend four weeks of camp, free of charge, this summer. A lottery was conducted, drawing the names of the 10 students to receive the scholarship.

Additionally, in a partnership with the Global Café, an international restaurant located in the Reformed Church of Highland Park on South 2nd Avenue, school aged students were provided a free lunch during the summer.

"HP Gives a Hoot" is a nonprofit fund created by the Borough of Highland Park to contribute to the wellbeing of our Highland Park students in need. Since its inception in December 2015, the fund has provided more than 300 lunches to students

on days when school was not in session throughout the year. High school students and adults in our community have volunteered their time to be with the children on these days.

"This fund has already made an impact on many of our children, by providing healthy lunches, helping children attend our camp, and sending 9 high school students to the YouthROOTS mentorship camp," said Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler. "It is also making an impact on our community, as volunteers are signing up to help their neighbors. It is a testament to the care and commitment our residents have for each other."

The Fund would like to thank all residents who have donated to help us provide these meals and programs to our children.

To donate to "HP Gives a Hoot", send a check to Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904. Please put "HP Gives a Hoot" in the Memo line.

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# GIRLS ON THE RUN IS SO MUCH FUN



Girls on the Run is a non-profit organization that INSPIRES GIRLS to be joyful, healthy and confident

**G**IRLS ON THE RUN HP is happy to celebrate our 4th successful season. We had the most wonderful group of 27 3rd-5th grade girls participate in the Highland Park Program this year! Girls on the Run is a non-profit organization that INSPIRES GIRLS to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum, which creatively integrates running. Jani Masur and Lynn Sherman met twice a week with our 3rd-5th grade girls to encourage them to create lives that reach their full potential. Discussing difficult topics such as bullying, body image, and peer pressure helps the girls form strong bonds of trust and friendship with their coaches and team members.

Through running games and goal setting, the girls increase their endurance to compete in a special 5K Race at the close of the session. It is an amazing experience to see girls that could not even walk once around a track, crossing the finish line of a 5K arms raised with smiles that could light up any room. For many it is a real lesson in challenging themselves, and accomplishing goals with hard work and perseverance—all good lessons for life.

Parents often comment about how much their girls enjoy the program and we encourage a healthy active lifestyle that will last a lifetime.

If you are interested in volunteering or wish to make a donation contact: **Lynn Sherman** at Lynn.Sherman@GirlsOnTheRun.org or go to [www.gotrcnj.org](http://www.gotrcnj.org)

## Recycling Refresher Course

Each year, earnings from Highland Park's recycling program result in revenue the Borough uses for recycling expenses. Sustainable Highland Park, in conjunction with our DPW Recycling Coordinator, Frank Troy, is embarking on an education campaign to advance this already successful program. Below are some ways you can help our recycling efforts:

**Single Stream Collection:** No need to sort by type – the recycling facility does this! Just put them in one rigid container.

### Be Sure To:

- Rinse recycled material. Remove food or residue, and dump out water. This increases their value.
- Recycle newspapers, corrugated cardboard, mixed paper (magazines, books, food boxes, etc.), glass, plastic, aluminum, tin and steel containers

### Do NOT:

- Put recyclables in plastic bags
- Include tree leaves, lawn clippings or garbage in the container
- Exceed 50 lbs. per bag

**Yard Waste:** Leaves are picked up and recycled in the fall. All other times, put lawn debris with regular garbage, or compost on-site.

**Electronics:** Drop off electronic devices at the DPW garage between 6:30am – 2:30pm.

**Cardboard:** Include cardboard with the street collection. Tie up or place in a container to avoid littering the streets. \*It is more profitable to bring cardboard to the dumpster at the DPW, Valentine St and South 5th Ave, between 6:30am-2:30pm, if possible.

**Backyard Composting:** Food scraps and yard waste make up 20-30% of what we throw away, and should be composted instead. Consider composting at home to keep these materials out of landfills where they take up space and release methane, a potent greenhouse gas. Compost is rich organic material that can be added to soil to help plants grow.

We will continue to alert you to changes and improvements to make our recycling program the best it can be!

## What Department DO I NEED?

MAIN TELEPHONE NUMBER  
**732-572-3400**

**BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**  
800-624-0241  
[www.state.nj.us/bpu/assistance](http://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)

**CABLE TV**  
866-575-8000  
[www.cablevision.com](http://www.cablevision.com)

**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

Court Wedding/Civil Union Ceremony by Judge

**HEALTH**  
732-819-3790

**LIBRARY**  
732-572-2750  
[www.hpplnj.org](http://www.hpplnj.org)

**MAYOR**  
732-777-6001



**PARKS**  
732-745-3900  
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](http://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/>

**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



# Overcoming Obstacles Through Creative Art

**"The Commission, which is led by Diane Feldman, constantly works to make Highland Park not just an accessible community, but an inclusive one as well,"** said Council Member and HPCUA liaison Josh Fine



**G**rowing up with disabilities of any kind can be stressful and emotionally difficult for an individual. Therefore, learning techniques to overcome personal adversity is an important factor in staying positive and happy.

Highland Park's Commission for Universal Access (HPCUA) works tirelessly on behalf of our residents with disabilities, helping them overcome daily obstacles by ensuring appropriate access to public buildings and sidewalk curbs, and educating the public about the needs and rights of all individuals. Recent advances include helping the police successfully implement the Special Needs Registry, acquiring a swing for children with disabilities, and holding a successful acting program for adults with disabilities.

In September, the Commission for Universal Access is partner-

ing with Disability Allies for a program to benefit people with adversity on an emotional level. The HPCUA and Disability Allies will run two Fall Fun Creative Art Workshops, creative sessions to help promote emotional well-being.

Participants will use song, dance, poetry and visual arts to create a skit about overcoming challenges. Workshops will be held on September 18th for teens age 15-17 (parent supervision required) and September 25th for individuals 18 and older. Both days' sessions will run from 1:00pm - 5:00pm. Cost is \$10 per person (scholarships are available). For more information, contact Doris Burns at 908-370-3173 or Kate Devlin at 908-472-9658.

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month." For information about Highland Park's Commission for Universal Access, email them at [universalaccesshp@gmail.com](mailto:universalaccesshp@gmail.com).

# Keeping Highland Park Healthy

## Update from the Board of Health

**T**eenagers often have trouble waking up early and getting to school on time because of lack of sleep. Research has recently confirmed that solutions like delaying school start times can positively impact teens' health, safety and academic success.

A report from *Pediatrics* magazine states, **"The American Academy of Pediatrics recognizes insufficient sleep in adolescents as an important public health issue .... the evidence strongly implicates earlier school start times (ie, before 8:30 am) as a key modifiable contributor to insufficient sleep, as well as circadian rhythm disruption, in this population."** (*Pediatrics*, September 2014, Volume 134/Issue 3)

The Highland Park Board of Health, whose overall mission is to promote the health of our community, has incorporated this evidence into a resolution to delay school start times. It is now under consideration by the school district.

To see a copy of the resolution, and for more information about what your Board of Health is doing for you, please visit our website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/hpboardofhealth/home>.

**Additionally, the Board of Health is currently working on the following programs:**

- Reduction of residential mosquito breeding sites, to reduce the nuisance and potential infections that mosquitoes may cause. We have recruited our Highland Park High School students to help the community with this effort.
- Development of an ordinance, recently passed by the Borough Council, requiring licenses for electronic smoking device merchants. The licensing fees collected will be used for community education about the harms of tobacco and nicotine.
- Discussion of the benefits of water fluoridation as a public health measure to reduce cavities.

For more information about the Highland Park Board of Health, visit [hpboro.com](http://hpboro.com).

# Highland Park's "Senior" Prom and Senior Center Programs

**OUR SENIORS DANCED** all evening at the Highland Park Senior Prom on June 29!

**S**ponsored by the Department of Community Services Office on Aging and the Highland Park Municipal Alliance, the annual "Dancing Under the Stars" themed prom featured dinner, dancing, entertainment, and the crowning of the Prom King and Queen.

It was a fun evening for everyone, including Council Member Jim Walsh, Police Chief Stephen Rizco and members of the Highland Park Police Department, who joined the seniors in celebration. Congratulations to Carl Wilson, Prom King and Carol Wilson, Prom Queen.

With our active and involved senior citizen population in Highland Park, the Senior Center is a hub of activity for many of them. Classes and performances fill the center daily, and out-of-town trips are always a big hit. In September, the Senior Center is pleased to offer an overnight trip. September 12-15, seniors will travel to Ocean City, Maryland for four-days/three-nights. The trip includes accommodations, breakfast, an all-you-can-eat Seafood Festival Buffet, an evening of entertainment, and

daily activities such as tours, casino, and beach excursions.

An important function of our Senior Center is providing transportation to our senior residents for appointments, grocery shopping and more. We are thrilled to have a new medical driver, Lawrence Patterson, to serve our community. Lawrence loves working in

Highland Park and meeting the residents, and is an important asset to the center.

Transportation is available Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am - 3:00pm. To schedule a ride, or for information about programming, please call 732-819-0052.



**DANCING UNDER THE STARS**  
Prom King Carl Wilson and Prom Queen Carol Wilson

# Highland Park Receives Grant for Clean Community

**"This additional funding is an important supplement to our litter abatement efforts..."**

**HIGHLAND PARK** received a grant of \$30,670 from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Clean Communities Program. The grant, awarded to help municipalities and counties conduct litter cleanup efforts, is part of a record \$23.7 million from the State to help beautify New Jersey's communities and roadsides.

Highland Park's Department of Public Works, under the supervision of Frank Troy, our Clean Communities Coordinator, will use the grant for litter cleanup and graffiti abatement, as well as for projects such as the purchase of leaf bags for town-wide distribution, education programming for the public, refrigerator magnet garbage pick-up schedules sent to every home owner, and salaries for employees to clean litter on Raritan Avenue and Woodbridge Avenue. "This additional funding is an important supplement to our litter abatement efforts. Our active residents expect HP's beautiful public spaces to remain



clean and litter-free. It's a priority to us to reduce litter, remain sustainable, and to educate our residents in litter reduction," said Council President Susan Welkovits, Council liaison to the DPW.

To qualify as a Clean Community, the municipality must complete a certification program, submit a program assignment, and participate in a Clean Communities program within 90 days of completing the initial certification program. The Clean Communities Act was created in 1986. Highland Park receives funding from NJ Clean Communities for litter cleanup and graffiti abatement.



# Spotlight On the HIGHLAND PARK REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By Matthew Hersh

*"The Plan very much reflects our goal of keeping Highland Park a walking town with a vibrant and safe downtown,"* said HPRA Chairwoman Rosie Baruh. Baruh, a retired attorney, has served as Chair since 2014.

The Highland Park Redevelopment Agency (HPRA) was created in 2004 to stimulate investment in our commercial areas and to improve the economic vitality and quality of life in Highland Park. Authorized and organized under the provisions of the New Jersey Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, the HPRA exists for the purpose of implementing the Borough's Redevelopment Plan.

The Redevelopment Plan, adopted by Borough Council in 2005 following extensive input from residents and planning professionals, is in place to revitalize the central business district along Raritan Avenue, which will not only make our Main Street more inviting for residents but also bring in needed tax revenue.

"The Plan very much reflects our goal of keeping Highland

Park a walking town with a vibrant and safe downtown," said HPRA Chairwoman Rosie Baruh. Baruh, a retired attorney, has served as Chair since 2014.

The Agency has seven commissioners, as required by law. All the commissioners are volunteer residents who receive no compensation. The commissioners are all appointed by the Mayor and Borough Council. Several of our commissioners have planning/architectural backgrounds.

The HPRA works closely with the Mayor and Borough Planner Jim Constantine, as well as with the Planning Board and Councilman Phil George, who serves as liaison to the HPRA.

The Redevelopment Plan designates specific properties along Raritan Avenue as "areas in need of redevelopment," a statutory legal standard, Baruh said.

The standard is good, Baruh said, because it protects property owners while carrying out the development vision of the town. It also allows the town to proceed with plans in a more deliberative pace, collecting HPRA and public input in the process.

In 2016, the HPRA is examining several exciting development projects that would create new life and increased revenue in our downtown.

The HPRA meets at Borough Hall, generally on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.

Please check [www.hpboro.com](http://www.hpboro.com) for a complete calendar.

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## Paving the Pathway To Excellence

Dr. Scott Taylor, Superintendent

Amazing things can happen when a passionate, progressive minded, expert-laden community comes together for two nights to have hard-hitting conversations about the future of its school district. June 28 and June 29 brought together over 50 students, parents, teachers, school leaders, members of the Board of Education, and senior residents to build a pathway to excellence—the Highland Park School District's strategic plan for the next several years.

Clustering in small groups and guided by a high-caliber steering committee, these stakeholders tackled the toughest issues our schools face: the need for educational equity, renewed focus on our kids' social-emotional well-being, individualization of learning opportunities, further development of community-partnerships and student opportunities to take part in field-based experiences, and enhancement of global awareness and attention to social justice to fight prejudice.

And now the school district will be guided by goals and action plans that will address these



issues. The stakeholders who came out on June 28 and June 29 created these goals and then crafted more than 20 strategies that will be implemented starting this fall. Groups of the stakeholders, from this point forward named Pathway to Excellence Action Planning Teams, will meet three to four times throughout the year to hold the school district accountable for implementation of the strategies and monitor the plan's progress.

Highland Park's Pathway to Excellence (the district's strategic plan) is a living document that will be sustained over the next several years. These goals and strategies will frame everything our schools do, including the building of yearly budgets, implementation of instructional programs, evaluation of personnel, and the facilitation of professional development. I strongly encourage the community to regularly visit the strategic plan website: [www.pathway.hpschools.net](http://www.pathway.hpschools.net) and to attend the board meetings during which times updates on the status of goal achievement will be presented.

## 12th Annual ARTS IN THE PARK: Sunday, September 25

Sunday, September 25 is Highland Park's 12th annual Arts in the Park arts street festival. This annual celebration of the arts showcases fine arts and crafts from throughout the region and shines a spotlight on Highland Park's vibrant, diverse, multi-faceted arts scene.

The outdoor juried art show and street fair draws thousands of people to the streets of Highland Park to enjoy top-notch art, music, and food while exploring Highland Park's downtown as a shopping and dining destination.

The main attraction of Arts in the Park is the juried art show and arts sale, which highlights Highland Park's many artists as well as artists from around the region. 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 the following categories:

CATEGORIES

- 4 Fine Crafts
- 5 Jewelry
- 6 Graphics/Drawing/Printmaking
- 7 Mixed Media
- 8 Textiles/Quilts/Needlework

Participants display and sell their arts and crafts under tents downtown, along Raritan Avenue. There will also be many promotional booths from local businesses and organizations, a kids' arts and crafts zone, a themed kids' art show, food from local restaurants and food trucks, as well as dance, spoken word, and music performances on a number of performance stages.

To register to be an artist or vendor, or to be an event sponsor, visit [www.mainstreethp.org](http://www.mainstreethp.org).

- 1 Painting
- 2 Sculpture
- 3 Photography

CATEGORIES

## FREEHOLDER CORNER



*"It is our belief that by continuing to learn from past events, we become more proficient in responding to all future situations and have the resources, training, and personnel necessary to protect our residents,"* said Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios.

Members of the Highland Park Fire Department participated in a Boat Dedication Ceremony at the Middlesex County Fire Academy. The ceremony welcomed the new inflatable rescue boat provided by Middlesex County through a Lightweight Boat Task Force initiative. The initiative was created by Middlesex County Freeholder James Polos as Chairman of the County Public Safety and Health Committee.

In addition to Highland Park, three other communities and the County Search and Rescue team received similar equip-

ment and hands-on, in-the-water training and certifications to properly staff the boats during flood and river emergencies. The countywide Task Force will also train together to be able to rapidly deploy and properly coordinate efforts when needed.

Freeholder Polos added, "As a resident of Highland Park I recognize the need we have in our community to be able to respond to flooding and river emergencies. This new equipment and the training our volunteers have received will well equip the Borough to handle such emergencies."

"It is our belief that by continu-

ing to learn from past events, we become more proficient in responding to all future situations and have the resources, training, and personnel necessary to protect our residents," said Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios. "Our residents' safety is paramount, and we will continue to assess ways to protect them."

**Pictured:** Center of photo Highland Park Fire Chief Jay Littman. To his right, Freeholder Director Ron Rios and Freeholder Charlie Kenny. To his left, Freeholder James Polos and Freeholder Charlie Tomaro and members of the Fire Department Boat response team.



# 55 + Years

## Ice Cream Social Events Escape the heat and join your friends for an afternoon treat! Enjoy ice cream with all the toppings!

Pre-registration is required. Open to Members ONLY. Tuesday, August 9th & August 30th, 2:30 p.m. Senior/Youth Center. **FREE**

## Hawaiian Luau Party Say Aloha to Summer and enjoy Authentic Hawaiian food, music & dancing!

Pre-registration is required. Open to Members ONLY. Tuesday, August 16th, 1:00 p.m. Senior/Youth Center. **FREE**

## Monthly Senior Luncheons & Parties

**Join us for Lunch and Enjoy a presentation or Entertainment**  
Pre-registration is required. Open to Members ONLY. 9/12, 10/25 & 11/23, 11:30 am & 12:00 noon. Senior/Youth Center. **FREE**

## September Luncheon Join us for Lunch and Enjoy a

# Summer/ Fall & Winter Senior Programs

## Presentation or Entertainment

Pre-registration is required. Open to Members ONLY. Monday, Sept. 12th, 12:00 noon. Senior/Youth Center. **FREE**

## October Luncheon

**Join us for Lunch and Back by Popular demand Enjoy a Mind Reading Game Show by Flavian**  
Pre-registration is required. Open to Members ONLY. Tuesday, Oct. 25th. 12:00 noon. Senior/Youth Center. **FREE**

## Thanksgiving Celebration Luncheon

**Thanksgiving Luncheon with Turkey and all the trimmings! Musical Entertainment**  
Pre-registration is required. Open to Members ONLY. Wednesday, Nov. 23rd. 12:00 noon. Senior/Youth Center. **FREE**

**Senior Holiday Party**  
**Join us for lunch (Location tbd) & Enjoy Entertainment to Celebrate the Winter Holidays By: Gordon James**  
Pre-registration is required.

Open to Members ONLY. Tuesday, Dec. 20th, 11:30 am-2:00 pm. Senior/Youth Center.

**\$10.00 per 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**

Pre-registration is required. Open to Members ONLY. Saturday, Dec. 17th, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 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**

## Summer Beach Trip

**Pier Village, Long Branch**  
**Enjoy a Summer Afternoon on the Beach, have lunch & Shop**  
Pre-registration is required. Open to Members ONLY. August 18th, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Depart From Senior/Youth Center **\$10.00 per person**

## Ocean City, Maryland Trip

**4 Days/3 Night Trip includes Motor coach transportation, (3) nights hotel accommodations, (3) breakfasts, (3) dinners including an All-you-can-eat Seafood**

**Open to all**

## Buffet guides tours and trips, and much more! See Center for more details!

Pre-registration is required. OPEN TO ALL. Monday, Sept. 12th - Thursday, Sept. 15th, TBA. Depart From Senior/Youth Center. **\$400.00 per person**

## Atlantic City Trip Casino: Resorts

Pre-registration is required. OPEN TO ALL. Tuesday, October 18th. 8:15 a.m.- 6:30 p.m. Depart From Senior/Youth Center. **\$40.00 per person (\$25.00 back in slot cash)**

## PNC Senior Concert Series Trip Shows TBA (See Center for listing of concerts)

Pre-registration is required. Open to Members ONLY. (Limited Seating). TBA September & October, 11:45a.m. Depart From Senior/Youth Center. **\$10.00 per person**

## Smithville Trip Take a fall trip to Historic Smithville & Village Greene. Enjoy sight-seeing, shopping & lunch

Pre-registration is required. OPEN TO ALL. (Limited Seating) Thursday, Nov. 3rd. 10:00 a.m. Depart From Senior/Youth Center. **\$15.00 per person**

**Delicious Orchards Trip**  
**Take a trip and shop for Thanksgiving at the Bakery & Market. Outdoor dining available for lunch**

**Open to all**

**Open to all**

Pre-registration is required. OPEN TO ALL (Limited Seating) Monday, Nov. 21st, 9:30 a.m. Depart From Senior/Youth Center. **\$5.00 per person**

## NYC Trip Radio City Music Hall

**Enjoy the afternoon in New York City to see The Christmas Spectacular Show with the world famous Rockettes**  
Pre-registration is required. OPEN TO ALL (Limited Seating) TBA December, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Depart From Senior/Youth Center. **\$70.00 Per person**

## Jersey Shore Premium Outlets Visit 120 outlet stores for all of your Holiday Shopping!

**Free VIP booklet**  
Pre-registration is required. Open to Members ONLY. Thursday, Dec. 15th, 10:00 a.m. Depart From Senior/Youth Center. **\$10.00 per person**

## AARP Driver Safety Course

**Driver Safety Program deduct 2 points from license or receive 5% discount on car insurance**  
Pre-registration is required. OPEN TO ALL. Thursday, Sept. 29th & Thursday Oct. 6th (2-part class) 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Senior/Youth Center, Room # 3. **AARP Member \$15.00 per person Non Member \$20.00 \*Checks ONLY Payable to AARP**

**Open to all**

# 55 + Years

## ARA Meeting (Alliance for Retired Americans)

1st Thursday of each Month. 1:00 p.m.

## ARA Membership Dues

## Exercise with Donna

Monday, Wednesday & Friday's (Wednesday 11:45 a.m.) 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. **\$1.00 per class**

## Senior Yoga

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

# Senior Citizens Programs YEAR-ROUND

## Tai Chi

Thursdays, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **\$1.00 per class**

## Healthy Bones

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. **Membership Fee**

## Move Today (Health Ease)

Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. **FREE**

## Knitting & Crochet

Monday's, 10:00 a.m. **FREE**

## BINGO

Tuesday's & Friday's, 12:30 p.m. **FREE**

## Bridge

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday's, 1:00 p.m. **FREE**

## Bridge/Cards/Mah Jongg

Tuesday's, 1:00 p.m. **FREE**

## Ping Pong

Thursday's, 1:00 p.m. **FREE**

## Woodcarving

Tuesday's, 9:30 a.m. **FREE**

## Chorus

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

## Piano Instruction

Tuesday's, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. **FREE**

## Painting Class

Monday's, Thursday's & Friday's, 10:00 a.m. **FREE**

## Yiddish Group

Wednesday's, 10:30 a.m. **FREE**

## Podiatrist

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

## Monthly Blood Pressure Screening

1st Thursday of each Month, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon **FREE**

## Monday Movies

Monday's (See Center for Monthly Listing), 1:30 p.m. **FREE**

## Computer Class

2nd & 4th Friday of each Month, 10:30 a.m. **FREE**

## Conversation - English (Chinese)

Tuesday's, 11:00 a.m. **FREE**

## Afternoon Tea & Discussion Group

Tuesday's (See Monthly Calendar for listing), 1:30 p.m. **FREE**

## Karaoke Afternoons

Friday's (See Monthly Calendar for listing), 2:30 p.m. **FREE**

## Jewelry Making Workshops

(See Monthly Calendar for listing), 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **\$5.00 - \$8.00 per class**

## Kraft's with Kim Workshops

(See Monthly Calendar for listing), 1:00 p.m. **\$5.00 per class**

## SPECIAL EVENT

## Blood Sugar Screenings & Health Counseling

(See Monthly Calendar for listing), 10:00 a.m. **FREE**

## SPECIAL PROGRAM

## Monthly Presentations

(See Monthly Calendar for listing), TBA. **FREE**

## SPECIAL PROGRAM

## Monthly Educational & Health Related Workshops

(See Monthly Calendar for listing), TBA. **FREE**

# The Borough of Highland Park

## Department of Community Services

**ALL Programs require a minimum enrollment to run!**

This fall the Highland Park Recreation Department welcomes you to participate in our upcoming fall activities.

**Our youth program** features a large array of programming such as soccer, juggling, chess, theater, table tennis, flag football and buddy ball.

**Our adult programming** features Adult basketball and soccer, tai chi, Israeli dance, fitness for all, and volleyball.

**Our upcoming events** include our Annual Halloween Party and Veterans Day Parade.

Join us for these upcoming events and remember to register for all of our programs at 220 South Sixth Ave, Highland Park in the Senior/Youth Center. For the most up to date information like us on Facebook at Highland Park NJ Recreation.

## Youth Soccer

Starts in Sept. Team play and clinics included!

## Youth Flag Football

5 on 5 Flag Football. All skill levels are welcome! Starting Sept 11th

## Youth Juggling

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

## Adult Volleyball

All levels welcome. Runs Monday nights.

## Youth Chess

Beginner and Advanced instruction during a 5 week program.

## Youth Basketball

Starts in Dec. Team play and clinics included.

## Adult 18-29 Basketball

Starts in Sept. For Men 18 to 29 years old.

## Veterans Day 11/11/16

On 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 and 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 Fitness for All

Combination workouts for all levels.

## Halloween Party

10/30/16 Come join our costume parade and party!

## Adult 30+Basketball

Starts in Sept. Men 30 and over.

## 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 Sept.

Visit [www.hpboro.com](http://www.hpboro.com)

Or like us on Facebook @ HighlandParkNJRecreation



**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 **8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

Friday **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](http://www.hpboro.com).

For further info, please contact The Dept. of Community Services or Kimberly McGraw, Senior Program Coordinator, at [kimberlymcgraw@hpboro.com](mailto: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



**W**e look forward to seeing you at the library this fall. We have lots of exciting new programs for adults that include health and wellness workshops, live theater, author talks, film series, writing 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](http://www.hpplnj.org) to access online services such as Mango Languages, downloadable ebooks and audiobooks from eLibraryNJ, as well as databases provided by the NJ State Library. You can also access our catalogue and your library account with our smart phone app [www.hppl.boopsie.com](http://www.hppl.boopsie.com)

**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  
Saturday 10:00-5:00  
(Summer 10:00- 2:00)  
Sunday 1:00—5:00

**Holiday Closings**

Monday, September 5  
**Labor Day**  
Monday, October 10  
**Columbus Day**  
Tuesday, November 8  
**Election Day**  
Friday, November 11  
**Veteran's Day**  
Thursday, November 24  
**Thanksgiving**  
Friday, November 25  
**Day After Thanksgiving**

## Fall 2016 Programs Highland Park Public Library

**FOR ADULTS**

**Friends of the Library International Film Series**  
**Second Mother Portuguese**  
Rated R, One Hour, 52 minutes.  
Tuesday, August 2, 6:30 PM

**Summer Afternoon Film Series**  
**Rudy**  
Rated PG, One hour, 46 minutes  
Tuesday, August 9, 3:00 PM

**Friends of the Library International Film Series**  
**Coming Home**  
China/Mandarin, Rated PG-13, One hour, 49 minutes. Tuesday, August 9, 6:30 PM

**Friends of the Library International Film Series**  
**Labyrinth of Lies**  
German, Rated R, Two hours.  
Tuesday, August 16, 6:30 PM

**Adult Craft**  
**Coloring With Refreshments And Music**  
Thursday, August 25, 7:00 PM

**Heartsaver CPR AED Class**  
**Highland Park First Aid Squad**  
Sunday, August 28, 1:15 PM – 4:15 PM

**Bone Density Screening**  
**Saint Peter's University Hospital's Community Mobile Nurses**  
Tuesday, August 30, 6:30PM-8:00 PM

**Cuba Yesterday and Today, Talk and Photo Presentation**  
**David Antebi**  
Thursday, September 8, 7:00 PM

**True or False-Demystifying Myths about Eating Disorders**  
**Talia Becker, LCSW, Robert Wood Johnson Hospital Eating Disorder Unit**  
Thursday, September 15, 7:00 PM

**The Ropes That Bind- Based on a True Story of Child Sexual Abuse**  
**Author Tracy Stopler**  
Saturday, September 17, 2:00 PM

**Klezmer Concert**  
**Tsu Fil Duvids (Too Many Daves)**  
Tuesday, September 20, 7:00 PM

**Chronic Disease Self-Management Program- Free Six Week Workshop Series**  
**Middlesex County Office of Health Service**  
Fridays, September 23, 30; October 7, 14, 21 and November 4, 10:30 AM- 1:00 PM

**Poetry Night Series**  
**Reading and Refreshments**  
Tuesday, September 27, 7:30 PM

**The Hidden Link Between Vision and Learning**  
**Author and Educator Wendy Beth Rosen**  
Sunday, September 25, 2:00 PM

**An Evening of Arias**  
**Operatic Bass Nicholas Hay and Friends**  
Thursday, September 29, 7:00 PM

**Dr Jekyll and Mr. Hyde Live Radio Play**  
**Raconteur Radio Actors**  
**Directed by Alex Dawson**  
Thursday, October 13, 6:30 PM

**Friends of the Library International Film Series**  
Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 PM

**Breast Cancer Awareness Talk**  
**Jean Withers, RN, JFK Medical Center Community Outreach**  
Thursday, October 20, 7:00 PM

**Friends of the Library Poetry Night Series**  
**Reading and Refreshments**  
Tuesday, October 25, 7:30 PM

**Friends of the Library International Film Series**  
Tuesday, November 15, 6:30 PM

**Friends of the Library Poetry Night Series**  
**Reading and Refreshments**  
Tuesday, November 22, 7:30 PM

**Friends of the Library International Film Series**  
Tuesday, December 20, 6:30 PM

**FOR CHILDREN**

**Engineering for Kids**  
**Grades 3-5**  
Monday, August 1, 3:30 PM

**TNT (Two and Three Year Olds) Stories, crafts and movement activities for two and three year olds with an adult**  
Tuesdays, August 2 - August 9, 10:30 AM

**Book Break**  
**Stories, crafts and creative dramatics for 4 and 5 year olds**  
Tuesdays, August 2 - August 9, 11:30 AM

**Elephant and Piggie Evening**  
**Celebrate Mo Willems**  
Thursday, August 3, 6:30 PM

**Rudy (PG)**  
**Summer Movies for Kids**  
Tuesday, August 9, 3:00 PM

**Get Ready, Get Set, Go West**  
**A Kitty Jones' Interactive Historical Play**  
Thursday, August 11, 6:30 PM

**FOR TEENS**

**Sidewalk Graffiti & Games**  
**Enjoy an Afternoon of using chalk to decorate the sidewalks and play sidewalk games**  
Tuesday, August 2, 3:00 PM

**Giant Scrabble**  
**Play a life-size version of Scrabble**  
Tuesday, August 16, 3:00 PM

## Art Exhibits

**JULY-AUGUST**

**Bo Jordan**  
**Sophisticated Graffiti**  
Meeting Room

**Kristen Holm Vogelius**  
**Pottery**  
Main Hall Display Case

**SEPTEMBER**

**Jennifer Lorenz**  
**Paintings**  
Meeting Room

**David Antebi**  
**Photos of Cuba**  
Main Hall Display Case

**NOVEMBER**

**Shelley Phillips**  
**Mixed Media**  
Meeting Room, Art Reception,  
Sunday, November 6,  
2:00 PM -4:00 PM

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# Social Worker Serving the Needs of Highland Park's Residents

AS PART OF HIGHLAND PARK'S OUTREACH PROGRAM, the Highland Park Senior/Youth Center has hired a full time Social Worker available for all residents.

**S**ocial worker Nicole Huff is available free of charge for Highland Park residents by appointment Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Tuesday 8:00 am-6:00 pm. Walk in hours are available on Friday 8:00 am-12:00 pm.

Huff has worked for Highland Park on a part-time basis for more than a year, and was recently hired full-time. She has a BA from Rutgers University, and worked as an intern with the Highland Park Food Pantry during her schooling.

Highland Park's Outreach Program provides seniors, disabled people, families, and caregivers with pertinent information and assistance with obtaining government benefits, entitlements, and various services, including senior/disabled housing programs, home delivered meals,

Food Stamps, NJ Family Care, 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 for these programs and provide follow through, phone and letter writing advocacy, and play a major role in ensuring proper delivery of services.

As a reminder, the 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.

For more information or to access services, contact Nicole Huff at [nhuff@hpboro.com](mailto:nhuff@hpboro.com).

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# Working Toward an Even Greener Highland Park

HIGHLAND PARK DEEPENS ITS COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

**F**rom the 2007 Green Community Plan to the 2012 Climate Action Plan, from edible gardens and refillable water stations in local schools, to installing solar panels and rain gardens, the Borough has been at the forefront of sustainability issues. Sustainable Jersey has long-recognized these efforts, awarding bronze-level certification to the Borough in 2010, followed by silver-level in 2013. This year, Highland Park is seek-

ing to re-certify at the silver level, and has approached the process in a unique way, which is sure to become a model in communities around New Jersey.

In February, Mayor Brill Mittler, with support from Sustainable Highland Park, called a Borough-wide summit for all boards, commissions and departments to help make sustainability a key focus throughout our town. By gathering our collective knowledge and actions, we have joined forces

to spread the work of reapplying for ongoing Sustainable Jersey silver certification. In this way we have deepened our Borough-wide commitment to sustainability and developed a more sustainable process of doing the work or applying for certification while involving many more people in the process.

If you would like to get involved with Sustainable HP, email [weishaus@optonline.net](mailto:weishaus@optonline.net)

## 2016 Holiday Collection Schedule

**This applies for the following holidays:**

Labor Day (Sept. 5)  
Columbus Day (Oct. 10)  
Christmas Day observed (Dec. 26)

**\*\*All are Monday holidays**

**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:**

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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