

THE HIGHLAND PARK NEWS



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Gifts for Everyone in Highland Park

In Highland Park, shopping for the holidays is like a “walk in the park” – literally! This holiday season, instead of standing in long lines and pushing through crowds at the mall, enjoy a unique shopping experience in the friendly, relaxing environment of downtown Highland Park.



Highland Park is home to numerous gift and jewelry shops, and our pedestrian-friendly downtown is an ideal place to shop for family and friends this holiday season. It is easy to find something for almost everybody on your list, and at the same time, it's a great way to support small businesses and our community.

Highland Park's recent completion of our Streetscape program makes walking in our downtown that much more enjoyable. As part of this project we widened the sidewalks, improved the lighting, and installed Living Room corners with chairs and couches, to take a break during all that shopping. Our street sharrows, which encourage drivers to share the road with bikers, also makes navigating our down-

town easier throughout the year. These make for the perfect reasons to shop in Highland Park.

Need a special piece of jewelry for a special person in your life? Visit a jewelry shop in town, including Alfredo's Fine Jewelry, 311 Raritan Ave, and Ashley's Pearl & Jewelry, 311 Raritan Ave, Gems Galleria, 312 Raritan Ave, Gold Town Jewelers, 509 Raritan Ave, Highland Sparks, 208 Raritan Ave, Jewelry Exchange, 225 Raritan Ave, Jimmy's Watches, 1161 Raritan Ave, and Raspa Jewelers, 4 North 10th Ave. These jewelry shops each have a unique character, and they offer a variety of beautiful pieces from costume jewelry to diamonds and other gems. Custom-made jewelry is also available, and many of them offer repair services.

For kids – or kids at heart – Highland Park has two terrific toy stores that sell hard-to-get, educational and out of the ordinary gifts. Acapsule Toys & Gifts, 439 Raritan Ave and Over the Moon Toys, 440 Raritan Ave, offer games, activities, toys and more for children of all ages. You can also find some great, inexpensive stocking stuffers at The Buck Stops Here, our dollar store at 408 Raritan Ave.

Have a loved one who has a special interest? You're likely to find a gift for them in one of our specialty shops along Raritan Avenue. Check out Author's Bookstore, 711 Raritan Ave, with a great collection of new and used books, Beamesderfer Gallery, 6 North 2nd Ave, which holds art shows and sells everything from snapshots to major works of art, Century 20

Antiques, 72 Raritan Ave, a buyer and seller of antiques, coins, stamps, jewelry, gold and silver, The Fallout Shelter, 320 Raritan Ave, Highland Park's popular comic book, game and collectible store, Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan Ave, selling Judaica items and a large selection of Judaica books, Pure Light LLC, 233 Raritan Ave, which specializes in inspirational gifts to promote wellness, Ten Thousand Villages, 320 Raritan Ave, a fair trade gift shop featuring products from around the world, and Through the Moongate, 440 Raritan Ave, which sells items focusing on craftsmanship, art, social justice and the environment. Of course, don't forget about your pet this holiday season, and visit Highland Bark, 414 Raritan, for a special treat for your furry friend.

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With the abundance of shops and the variety of products, residents and visitors are sure to find the perfect gift for nearly everyone on their list. And don't forget that when your shopping is done, Highland Park is the best place to find delicious food. Enjoy lunch or dinner at one of our ethnic restaurants, or grab a cup of coffee to keep you going at one of our local coffee shops. Make your holiday shopping easy this year by visiting downtown Highland Park.

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Letter from Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler

The last year has been filled with progress and new opportunities for all of us. Our focus on the four key areas we targeted in the beginning of 2015 remains constant. Here's a recap of where we are and where we are heading.

Tax Stabilization – Each of our department heads has been working to control their municipal budgets. This includes input from their Council liaisons with an emphasis on staying within, or below, the 2% cap on each department's level. We are in communication with other communities on a regular basis to share ideas, services, and projects that help us balance our budget while providing the needed services for our residents.

Additionally, I continue to visit and work with our legislators for a) return of the Energy Tax Rebates due us (over \$5,000,000), b) reduction in unfunded mandates, and c) getting our fair share of State funding and grants.

Downtown Development – After many years of discussion, we finally received permission from the Department of Transportation to beautify the retaining wall at the bridge into New Brunswick. This was a joint

effort of our municipal team, Main Street Highland Park, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the developer of Highland Cliffs. We now have a welcoming Highland Park graphic to meet the 24,000 cars that drive through our town every day. Thank you goes out to the Department of Transportation and everyone who worked on this here in Highland Park.

Our Redevelopment Agency has been hard at work. Without big industry to help support our tax base through large rateables, smart downtown development is the economic future of our municipality. We are working on some very exciting projects in our Redevelopment Zone on Raritan Avenue, and I thank our downtown property owners for joining us in our vision for ensuring our economic future. **Infrastructure** – Infrastructure and Capital Improvements, led by Dr. Clint Andrews, with representation from all areas within the municipality, has completed

their assessment of our needs based on various population increases over the next six years. Planning for our future is an important part of smart growth. Our next step will be to prioritize the findings and our future needs. Once completed, we will have an open public presentation of the findings and our next steps.

Quality of Life – We have made great strides in terms of helping our teens and young residents through the appointment of our Youth Officer, Officer Joe Curbelo. After a town-wide discussion about the relationship between residents and the Police Department, one in which parents asked us for more interaction between our police and our teens, we took the message from these residents to heart. Officer Joe works directly with our teens, and is easily accessible to them. He has also initiated programs, with the support of our PBA, such as this past summer's “Wheels On Your



Feet, Helmet On Your Head” program, in which the Police issues “certificates” for a free slice of pizza or ice cream to kids 17 and under who were spotted wearing their helmets while riding a bike or rollerblading. He has been a positive influence on the students and this program has been well-received by students and parents.

Further, our new Highland Park Teen Center has found its future home! This afterschool center will provide the teens with activities and games, trips, computer access, tutoring and mentoring, and a safe, (continued p2)

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Beautifying the Entrance to Highland Park

"We now have an attractive entrance as people enter our friendly vibrant community," said Mayor Brill Mittler. "I appreciate the efforts of all those involved with this project, and look forward to future projects to help beautify our downtown."

You may have noticed that Highland Park's Raritan Avenue entrance approaching the Albany Street Bridge boasts a new and improved look! Working with the Department of Transportation, the Borough recently received permission to paint the retaining wall leading to the bridge providing a much-needed visual improvement to the area, which was a bare concrete wall for many years. The new design features the Highland Park logo and color scheme.

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The wall painting was a joint effort of our municipal team, Main Street Highland Park, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the developer of Highland Cliffs. The folks at Highland Cliffs painted the wall in Octo-

ber, and it has been positively received by residents and visitors. It is part of Highland Park's continued efforts to preserve and improve upon the aesthetic look of our town. The recent completion of our Streetscape program, including the living room corners, planters and new lighting, as well as our Complete Streets certification, have elevated our downtown area. The beautification of this wall makes the entrance to Highland Park more appealing for residents and visitors.



SPOTLIGHT ON THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Highland Park's Human Relations Commission seeks to develop better relations among the Borough's many diverse groups, serve as a voice for people who do not have one, and connect residents with services they need but may not know how to go about obtaining them.

Ashton Burrell, who has served as Commission chair since March of this year, has worked for these goals at the state level, having been appointed to New Jersey's Human Relations Advisory Board.

The Borough Commission was founded more than 25 years ago and consists of 13 members appointed by the Borough Council. There are currently several vacant positions. Each member is expected to manage one of the Commission's projects and attend meetings regularly. The group meets the third Wednesday of every month in Borough Hall at 7 PM. Meetings are open to the public, and time is set aside at each one for public discussion.

"Any human problem the Commission is open to, whether someone is being harassed for their sexuality, race, or gender, or feel they have been discriminated in the schools or in the community," Burrell emphasized.

While initially formed as the Human Rights Commission, members chose to change the name to reflect a top priority of fostering better human relations at a time when such relations are in trouble on a national level.

People today are separated by class in addition to race, Burrell

said, and strong efforts are made to hide existing racism. Highland Park has bucked that trend, with communication between the Borough and the public having improved tremendously over the last few years, he added.

The Commission has liaisons to the Borough Council, Board of Education, and Police Department and also has access to venues from which residents can receive assistance. One of its roles is to raise awareness of problems people in the community might be facing.

For example, many families whose children receive free and reduced lunches during the school year find themselves without enough food during the summer. The Commission is currently working on a program to provide these children with free food during July and August. The program started small this year, with snacks distributed at Borough Hall, but members hope to expand it next year. In September, the Commission provided several low-income children with school supplies and arranged for 16 children to get free haircuts.

Promoting positive communication between residents and the Police Department is one of the group's top priorities. In October, the Commission sponsored an open town hall forum with the Police Department, where people were encouraged to ask questions to the Police Chief and officers. Outside Highland Park, police departments often do not understand the concerns of their communities, and community members do not understand

the concerns of the police.

"We need that understanding between both sides. If we have that understanding, it makes things a lot better," Burrell said.

The town hall forum was organized specifically to facilitate such understanding. It drew a significant audience, many of whom expressed their appreciation for the fact that these issues are being discussed.

A video of the forum is available for viewing at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fJFIQuDoIM>.

The Commission is best known for its annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration, which features a guest speaker, singing and dance groups, and awarding of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award to a Borough resident selected by members. This year's award went to teacher Frances McDonald. Burrell himself was a recipient in 2013. Awardees are presented with a plaque recognizing their humanitarian contributions to the community.

Burrell is starting a new initiative to give monthly recognition to those who help people in Highland Park in ways that may not be sufficiently recognized. The Commission plans to approach businesses and individuals, awarding them for their efforts.

The Commission's Facebook page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/HPHum anRelationsCommission/?fref=ts>.

Honoring a Hometown Hero



On Monday, October 26th the Borough held a special Street Sign Dedication Ceremony for NJ State Trooper Anthony Raspa, a long-time Highland Park resident who was tragically killed in May 2015. Hundreds of people, including many Highland Park residents and members of the NJ State Police and the HP Police Department came out to honor Anthony in this special ceremony.

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comfortable environment in which our teens can socialize after school. We look forward to the opening of this center soon.

Recently, the Borough initiated a special fund to help our young residents in need. Over 35% of our students are on a free or reduced lunch program, and we felt it was necessary to provide additional services to these children. We launched the "HP Gives a Hoot" fund to provide lunch when school is not in session on non-holidays, and other necessities for them. Our kickoff fundraising event will be in the spring – look

out for further information, and please help our Highland Park youth by donating to this important fund. More information on this will be forthcoming and we hope many of you will participate in this program with us.

We look forward to continued growth and development in these focus areas. Holiday season in our town is always special – with our various Lighting Ceremonies, downtown decorations, store sales and holiday celebrations. I hope you join us for these events and more, and enjoy the holidays in Highland Park.

Habitat for Humanity House

"The end result from the commitment of our volunteers will have a life-changing impact on another family in our community, especially a family devastated by Hurricane Sandy" said Reverend Montgomery

To offer your serves please visit
www.habitatgpmc.org/highland-park



Highland Park is proud to welcome a family to our community through our partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plainfield & Middlesex County (HFH-GPMC) as the Borough begins to build its first Habitat house.

Reverend Jeremy Montgomery, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of HFH-GPMC, worked closely with Highland Park Council President Susan Welkovits to achieve this cooperative effort. Together they applied for a grant from the Neighborhood Enhancement program administered by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to be used to serve a family displaced or affected by Hurricane Sandy. The DCA awarded funding toward the building costs of constructing this Highland Park home, equaling \$133,919. The Borough subsequently donated property at 236 South 10th Avenue to HFH-GPMC to build the house within five years.

"It's been a goal of ours to work

with an organization like Habitat for Humanity, and bring this community-wide volunteer opportunity to directly improve the lives of another family in Highland Park," said Welkovits. "It is important to continue our Borough's long-standing commitment of affordable housing for our residents."

Construction on the house began in July 2015, and every weekend numerous residents have been offering their time and skills to help in the building of this home. Qualified construction staff is available to train and guide all volunteers in tasks such as pounding nails, painting, hanging doors and installing appliances.

"This new home will be a testament to the generous spirit

of our friends in the Highland Park community, who freely give their time and resources to eliminate poverty housing," said Reverend Montgomery. "The end result from the commitment of our volunteers will have a life-changing impact on another family in our community, especially a family devastated by Hurricane Sandy."

Throughout the construction process there is a continual need for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks. Construction typically occurs Sunday afternoons from noon to 5:00pm. To offer your serves please visit www.habitatgpmc.org/highland-park. If you wish to organize a volunteer group, check out their "Group Reservation Form", also available on their website

WHAT DEPARTMENT DO I NEED?

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

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 800-624-0241

www.state.nj.us/bpu/assistance

BOROUGH CLERK 732-819-3792

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

CABLE TV 866-575-8000

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

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

PSE&G
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 Citizens Taxes, Tax Bills, Veteran Taxes

VITAL STATISTICS 732-819-3782

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

2015/2016 BOROUGH CALENDAR

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

7:00 pm
Board of Health Meeting
Borough Hall
December 10 / January 14
February 11 / March 10

7:00 pm
Council Committee Meeting
Borough Hall
December 1 & 15

7:30 pm
**Commission for Universal
Access Meeting**
Borough Hall
December 3

7:00 pm
**Community Food Pantry
Meeting**
Senior/Youth Center
December 2 / February 3

8:00 pm
**Environmental Commission
Meeting** / Environmental Center
December 2 / January 6
February 3 / March 2

7:00 pm
**Human Relations Commission
Meeting** / Borough Hall
January 20 / February 17
March 16

7:30 pm
Library Board Meeting
Library
December 21 / January 25

7:30 pm
Planning Board Meeting
Borough Hall
December 17

6:30 pm
**Public Information Committee
Meeting** / Senior/Youth Center
December 16

BOROUGH HOLIDAYS
Borough Offices Closed:
Christmas Day, Dec. 25
New Years, Jan. 1
Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12
President's Day, Feb. 15
Good Friday, Mar. 25

7:30 pm
**Redevelopment Agency
Meeting**
Borough Hall
December 3

8:00 pm
**Shade Tree Advisory
Meeting**
Environmental Center
December 9 / January 13
February 10 / March 9

7:30 pm
**Sustainable Highland
Park Meeting**
Environmental Center
December 16 / January 27
February 24 / March 16

7:30 pm
**Zoning Board of
Adjustment Meeting**
Borough Hall
December 14

Highland Park Recognized with “Complete Streets” 2015 Award

Highland Park is the recipient of the 2015 New Jersey Complete Streets Excellence Award, which recognizes the Borough's long-standing effort to improve pedestrian and cycling mobility. The award was issued October 26 at the 2015 New Jersey Complete Streets Summit at Rutgers' Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center.

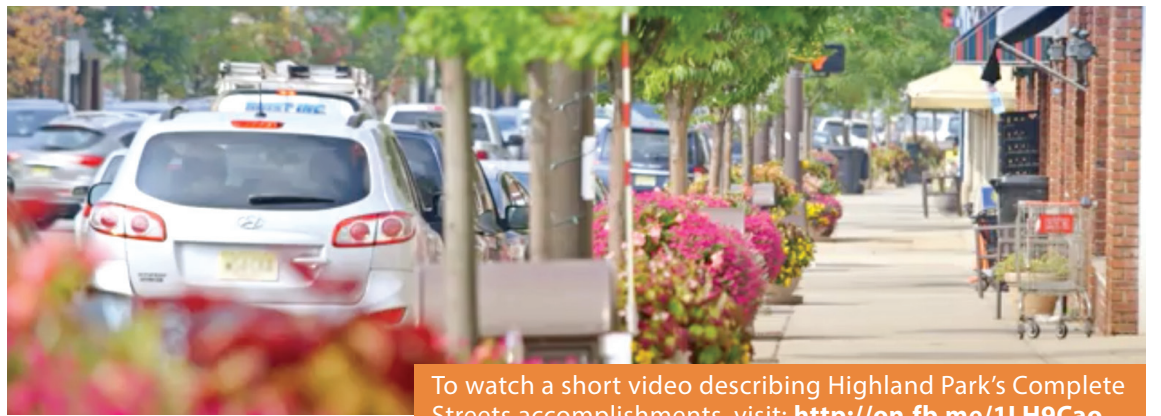
“This award recognizes the Borough's commitment to its residents, commuters, shoppers and retailers who rely on having access to safe sidewalks and streets to carry out their daily activities,” said Borough Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler.

Council President Susan Welkovits, who serves on the Borough's Complete Streets Advisory Council said that promoting walkable communities is good policy from an access and eco-

nomie development standpoint, but also achieves cultural and philosophical standards for many residents.

“We believe that a walkable community is among Highland Park's core characteristics,” Welkovits said. “It serves the needs for our seniors, our students and parents walking to school, commuters who walk to our nearby transit hubs, our downtown shoppers as well as those whose religious observances require them to walk,” she added.

Safe streets strategies are central to improving the Borough's quality of life, Brill Mittler said, and continue to play a critical role in defining various local policy arenas. The Complete Streets Summit is run by the NJ Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center, which is a program of the Voorhees Transportation Center at Bloustein. Each year, the event brings to-



To watch a short video describing Highland Park's Complete Streets accomplishments, visit: <http://on.fb.me/1LH9Cao>

gether planners, engineers, and policy-makers from throughout New Jersey to advance strategies for providing safe, multi-modal transportation systems that are accessible to all users.

Members of Highland Park's Complete Street Task Force were among those on hand to receive the Borough's award. The task force is chaired by Peter Bilton,

Highland Park resident and Safe Routes to School Coordinator at Keep Middlesex Moving.

In addition to Highland Park, the Summit also recognized 51 municipalities and two counties for their policy adoption.

Complete Streets policies seek use planning, design and construction in striking a more bal-

anced approach to transportation planning. It recognizes that cars are not the only commute mode. Complete Streets embraces a multi modal approach that requires (where applicable) road way designs containing sidewalks, bike lanes, lighting, shoulders, bus shelters, appropriate signage and signals, median refuges, and other amenities.

Highland Park Police Dept. Winter Seasonal Safety Tips

With the colder months of the year now upon us, the Highland Park Police Department has a few safety tips for you and your family to keep in mind.

Winter Travel

During the winter months, your car may have trouble starting or break down. In which case, it is always wise to have the following items in your car: A car phone, flashlight, first-aid supplies, extra clothes/blanket, cat litter or sand in case your car gets stuck, and jumper cables.

BE PREPARED BEFORE THE STORM STRIKES

Plan your travel and check the latest weather reports to avoid the storm! Have your vehicle fully checked and winterized before the winter season begins.

- Avoid driving while you're fatigued. Getting the proper amount of rest before taking on winter weather tasks reduces driving risks.
- Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- Make certain your tires are properly inflated.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze-up.
- If possible, avoid using your parking brake in cold, rainy and snowy weather.

- Use your seat belt every time you get into your vehicle.
- Don't drive if you don't have to! If you must go somewhere, utilize public transportation whenever possible. If you must drive yourself, get an early start and allow plenty of time to reach your destination.

Tips for driving in the snow

- Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Accelerating, stopping, turning – Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly.
- Don't forget to clear snow from your vehicle before departing, including the roof, so you can avoid blinding following vehicles with blowing snow.
- Stay home. If you really don't have to go out, don't. Even if you can drive well in the snow, not everyone else can. If you don't have somewhere you have to be, watch the snow from indoors.

Some simple reminders:

- Be mindful that walkways may be slippery, even those cleared of snow. Snow that melts dur-

ing the day alongside cleared paths may be “run-off” water that later re-freezes at night on a once safe surface.

- When using a snow blower, plowing, or shoveling, turn the shoot to blow, plow or throw the snow on your own property, not in the street.
- Check on your neighbors periodically. Help with snow removal if possible, especially for the retired citizens. Also, visiting with the homebound may be appreciated.
- Going away for an extended period of time? Notify the Police Department and leave emergency contact information.
- Power Outage? Notify PSE&G at 1-800-436-7734
- Unable to shovel your sidewalk or driveway? Contact the Recreation Department or the Police Department for assistance in locating some high school students who can help.

Keep up to date with the Highland Park Police Department at www.facebook.com/Highlandparkpolice

Our School District- Poised to be World Class

By Dr. Scott Taylor, Superintendent

What do you get when you situate four schools in a diverse community with fantastic educators, supportive parents and a forward-thinking board of education that rests beside a major research institution? A world class school district. Highland Park is poised to be home to the absolute highest quality educational system for all of its students, no matter their socioeconomic or cultural background. Our learning community will get to this place in good time, but there is much work to be done.

The needs are various. Our overarching requisite is the closing of the achievement gap among all of our students. The gap to which I refer is all-encompassing. Highland Park's young people deserve equity in social, emotional and academic excellence. Secondary to this necessity is the development of a framework that binds our instructional, extracurricular, and community-based programs. The professional capital in our schools is plentiful but needs to become more whole and bounded by objectives around

which everyone can rally.

We will address these needs by bringing the community together to create three to four measurable, outcome-based goals with supporting action plans and defined timelines for attainment by engaging in a strategic planning process to commence in spring 2016. Integral to making this activity truly effective is the rebuilding of relationships among the schools, local residents, and regional professional institutions. Information about strategic planning is forthcoming, but in the name of promoting greater transparency and trust, I strongly encourage the community to take advantage of new tools the school district is using to communicate what is happening right now in our schools. Besides its Facebook page, the district now has a presence on Instagram (highland-parkpublicschools) and Twitter (@hpschoolsnj). Please check in daily and, of course, call to share your concerns about, ideas and dreams for our four beautiful schools by contacting me at 732-572-2400, extension 2813.

HIGHLAND MARKS

Jason Weiland, Field Representative at the NJ Division for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, received a Champion Award for his service to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Weiland trains companies, agencies and organization that provide services to the Deaf and HOH community, and educates consumers on technology, culture and other resources available to them. His achievements include bringing movie captioning to theaters, improving communication ac-

cess in hospitals, and establishing an ongoing conference for families of Deaf/HOH children.

Congratulations to our HP Couple **Kevin Lynch** and **Aditi Dubey** who were married on May 28, 2015 in Borough Hall by Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler.

The Highland Park First Aid Squad partnered with Community Blood Services for a blood drive in memory of **State Trooper Anthony Raspa**. More than 70 people attended the

event for Raspa, a former Highland Park resident who died May 30 when his patrol vehicle struck a deer. The First Aid Squad wanted to honor Anthony for his dedication to public service, as well as recognize his parents, owners of Raspa Jewelers in Highland Park, for their continued support of the squad's work.

Highland Park High School alumni **Tomas Roberto Sanchez** started college this year with a \$5,000 scholarship from the New

Jersey Heroes Spirit of a Hero program, thanks to his incredible community service work.

Bruce Morgan won the President of the Year Award from the New Brunswick Chapter of the NAACP for most active branch. The New Brunswick NAACP covers 14 municipalities within Middlesex County.

Chaokun Wangli, a senior at Highland Park High School, has graduated from a seven-week Girls Who Code program at New

Jersey Institute of Technology. She was among more than three dozen young women from throughout New Jersey who graduated from the Girls Who Code Summer Immersion Program at NJIT. The intensive summer program pairs more than 300 hours of instruction in web development and design, robotics, and mobile development with mentorship and exposure led by the industry's top female engineers and entrepreneurs.

Main Street Minute

Keep it Local in December

Just because it's dark and cold, downtown Highland Park is still bustling in the month of December. Be sure to support the Highland Park community and shop local for your holiday shopping at our many wonderful retailers and restaurants downtown. Don't know what to buy? A gift certificate to one of our local stores, restaurants, spas, or local fitness and wellness facilities always does the trick!

Don't miss the downtown menorah lighting party on Sunday, December 6 from 4-6 pm, and kick off your downtown holiday shopping on the first night of Hanukkah.

And don't forget that the Highland Park Farmer's & Artisan Market is still going strong, every Friday from 11am – 5:30 pm until December 20th, with our farmers and vendors selling fresh local food and other treats – so be sure to come downtown to shop before the season ends.

Finally, on Wednesday, December 16 from 5:30 – 7:30, join Main Street Highland Park at Pino's Gift Basket and Wine Shoppe for our annual volunteer appreciation holiday party.

2016 Schedule of Events...

- **Sunday, May 1:** A Run in the Park 5k race, and the annual Spring Street Fair
- **Thursday, May 12 & Saturday, May 14:** Downtown Planting Days
- **Friday, June 3 - Friday, December 16:** Friday Farmers Market (no market the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 25)
- **June - August** (exact dates TBD): Free outdoor movies downtown in the Highland Park Outdoor Movie Theater
- **June - September** (exact dates TBD): Music on the Corners
- **Saturday, September 17 & Sunday, September 18:** Townwide Garage Sale & Merchant Sidewalk Sale
- **Sunday, September 25:** Arts in the Park arts street festival
- **Monday, October 31:** Halloween on the Avenue
- **Saturday, November 26:** Small Business Saturday/Downtown Tree Lighting
- **December** (Exact date TBD): Downtown Menorah Lighting ...and more! Keep up with everything happening downtown by following us on Facebook (facebook.com/MainStreetHP), Twitter (twitter.com/MainStreetHP), or checking out our website, www.mainstreethp.org

7th Annual Run in the Park 5k Race: Runners, Sponsors, and Volunteers Wanted

The Highland Park 5k race is back for its seventh year, on Sunday May 1, 2016. Come take a run around Highland Park, all for great causes: race proceeds to benefit the Borough of Highland Park Police, Fire, First Aid, and Recreation

departments; the Highland Park Public Library; and Main Street Highland Park. We are seeking runners, event sponsors, and event volunteers for this Highland Park tradition. Go to www.runinthepark.org to sign up today!



11th Annual Arts in the Park: The Biggest and Best Yet

On Sunday, September 20, Highland Park hosted its 11th annual Arts in the Park arts street festival, and we had more artists, vendors, and visitors than ever before. Highland Park's signature event, an annual celebration of the arts, showcases fine arts and crafts from all over the region and shines a spotlight on Highland Park's vibrant, diverse, multi-faceted arts scene. The outdoor juried art show and street fair drew thousands of people to the streets of Highland Park to enjoy top-notch art, music, and food while exploring Highland Park's downtown as a shopping and dining destination.

As always, the main attraction of Arts in the Park was the juried art show and arts sale, highlighting Highland Park's many artists as well as artists from around the region. Participants displayed and sold their work under tents downtown along Raritan Avenue. There were also many promotional booths from local businesses and organizations, a kids' arts and crafts zone, a space-themed kids' art show, food from local restaurants, food trucks from around the region, as well as dance, spoken word, and music performances.

The juried art show featured cash awards for first, second, and third places in seven categories: Painting, Sculpture, Photography, Fine Crafts, Green/Recycled, Graphics/

Drawing/Printmaking, and Mixed Media. This year's art show judges represented a diverse array of artists, arts professionals, and local celebrities: Peter Stanhope Arakawa, Painter; Chris Gash, Illustrator, chrisgash.com, visiting specialist, Montclair State University; Rita Kaplan Herzfeld, Painter; Vesselin Kourtev, Artist and Director, Alfa Art Gallery; Julie Langsam, Painter, Assistant Professor of Drawing, Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University; and Sheryl Magaziner, Calligrapher and educator, Highland Park Public Schools.

On the festival's three music stages, there was a variety of music. The musical performers included Magnolia Street String Band (Bluegrass), The Jazz Burglars (Jazz), Jerry Lardieri of The Brixton Riot (Rock), Do Rights (Rock/Funk), Musica Dolce, Highland Park Recorder Society (Classical), Tsu Fil Davids (Klezmer), Gary Kaplan of The Fletchers (Rock), John Bianculli Group (Jazz), Daoine (Traditional Irish), Danny & Jeremy (Rock), Mr. Ray (Kids Rock), and Speak Music students & faculty (Salsa, rock, and jazz).

On the performing arts stage, performers included a variety of local dancers, poets, and other performers: Mason Bolton (Spoken word and poetry), Jonah Botvinick (Juggling), Scarlet du Monde (Middle Eastern dance), American Reper-

tory Ballet (Performance of The Grumpy Bird), Millstone River Morris & Handsome Molly (Traditional English ritual dancing), Kinetics Personal Fitness (Zumba demonstration), Ziran Martial Arts (Martial arts demonstrations), Marlon Dunn (Poetry and standup comedy), Kopriva (Bulgarian folk dance), Pandora Scooter (Spoken word and poetry), and Encore Dance Studio (Dance demonstrations).

Main Street Highland Park would also like to thank the generous sponsors of this year's arts festival, without whom this festival would not have been possible: Unity Bank, Middlesex County Cultural & Heritage Commission, SpeakMusic Conservatory, Over the Moon Toys, Law Office of Rebecca Begelman Strub, Miller's Rentals, Highland Park Artists Collective, All Colors LLC, and Ankur Marwaha LMT.

And as always, Main Street Highland Park offers sincere thanks to thank everyone who helps make the Arts in the Park possible every year, including the Borough of Highland Park, Main Street Highland Park's volunteers, and the Highland Park Police, Fire, Rescue Squad, and Public Works.

Save the date for next year's Arts in the Park, on Sunday September 25, 2016! More information, including the online registration form for vendors at the 2016 event, can be found at www.mainstreethp.org.

Home Energy Savings Program in Highland Park

Highland Park is proud to be a Green Community to move towards the goal of sustainability. To this end, The Borough, Sustainable Highland Park, and Ciel Power LLC have partnered once again to bring to homeowners a "Smart Homes" program to increase home energy efficiency and help you save money over the long term.

For the incredibly low cost of \$49 Ciel will do a home energy audit to identify ways that you can increase energy efficiency in your home, recommend upgrades and direct you to specific incentives available through the state program, NJ Home Performance with Energy Star (HPwES). Some of the incentives being offered by HPwES include:

Cash back incentives of up to \$4,000 and up to 50% of project cost

Financing incentives of up to \$10,000 at 0% for a 7 year term or up to \$15,000 at 4.99% interest for a 10 year term. Go to www.njcleanenergy.com for all of the details on HPwES.

Many Highland Park residents have successfully taken advantage of HPwES and are saving up to 30% on the cost of heating and cooling their homes. Remember that participating in the "Smart Homes" program does not commit you to making the improvements on your home



nor does it mean that you must use a specific contractor. But it does mean that you will learn how much you could save when you are ready to do the work!

Contact Ciel Power to schedule a \$49 audit by calling 201-632-3463.



FREEHOLDER CORNER

As Chairman of the Public Safety and Health Committee, I have been meeting with municipal leaders, police chiefs, fire chiefs, EMS captains and OEM directors to evaluate our collective response, improve our readiness and ensure that we are all properly equipped to handle any future emergency. I have been meeting with Public Safety volunteers to address the decline in volunteer membership in our fire departments and first aid squads, and I am committed to working with them to address the personnel needs of those essential municipal services.

The County will be introducing new equipment to our inventory that will provide us better response capability in the event of local and widespread flooding. In the area of Health, we will be implementing a new pilot program to bring mobile health screening services to some of our communities and continue to



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expand our successful recycling programs. We will be initiating new consumer awareness programs to ensure residents are fully informed about the weight and volume of some of the products they purchase so they can fairly and accurately compare pricing.

The County staff is superb and they work hard each day to ensure the issues of Public Safety and Health are given the highest priority. If you have any suggestions about how we can better serve you please don't hesitate to contact me at Freeholder@MPM-NJ.com or you may call me at 732-249-2611.

2015/2016 Winter Recreation & Senior Programs

Office of Recreation Senior/Youth Center

(732) 819-0052

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

The Department of Community Services

Holiday Party 12/25/15
Free Christmas Dinner at the Senior/Youth Center! Donations Needed!

Youth Basketball Starts in December
Team play and clinics included!

ALL Girls Futsal 15 participants only
Indoor 5v5 soccer with emphasis on technical and tactical play.

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

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

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

Youth Baseball Starts in April. Team play and clinics included.

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

Winter & Spring Soccer Clinics Starts in Jan and April.
Learn from Rovers Coaching Staff!

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

Youth and Adult Table Tennis Sunday mornings
Come and learn to play table tennis!

Youth & Adult Spring/Summer Tennis At Donaldson Park.
Runs May to July.

Adult Wild Wacky Women Combination Workouts For all levels!

Adult Tai Chi Advanced and Beginner classes offered.

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

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

Adult Volleyball All levels welcome!
Runs Monday nights.

Adult Indoor Soccer Sunday mornings in the gym.

Adult 30+ Basketball Starts in January
Men 30 and over.

Adult 18-29 Basketball Starts in September
For men 18-29 years old.

Recreation Advisory Committee Meetings take place quarterly.
Email for info.

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

Visit www.hpboro.com

Or like us on Facebook @ HighlandParkNJRecreation

ALL Programs require a minimum enrollment to run!

55 + Years

Special Programs

The Borough of Highland Park Department of Community Services Office on Aging

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/Social Worker Nicole Huff is here to listen and respond to your urgent needs. She helps arrange for various services such as meals, housing options, home energy, immigration, transportation, social security, Medicare, food stamps, and home care. Our Outreach Coordinator/Social Worker 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. Nicole Huff is available Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm. Please call the Senior Center at (732) 819-0052 to make an appointment.

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During the months of October 15th - December 7th is Medicare open enrollment anyone can make an appointment with Nicole to enroll in Medicare or change Supplemental Health Insurance.

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

Senior Holiday Party Join us for lunch at The Italian Bistro & enjoy entertainment to celebrate the Winter Holidays By: Gordon James
Pre-Registration is Required. Open to Members ONLY. Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015, 11:30am, 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. 19, 2015, 11:30 am -1:00 pm. Senior/Youth Center, **FREE**

2016 New Years Celebration Luncheon Ring in the New Year with the Highland Park Senior Center
Pre-Registration is Required. Open to Members ONLY. Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016, 12:00 pm, Senior/Youth Center **FREE**

Chinese New Year & Valentine's Celebration Luncheon Come out to celebrate Valentine's Month with your friends at the center & Join us for a special program to celebrate The Chinese New Year! Live Musical Entertainment
Pre-Registration is Required. Open to Members ONLY. Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016, 12:00 pm Senior/Youth Center **FREE**

St. Patrick's Day Celebration Luncheon Join us at our monthly luncheon and enjoy a traditional Irish lunch & musical entertainment by: John Gallagher
Pre-Registration is Required. Open to Members ONLY, March 2016, 12:00 pm. 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 pm-3:30 pm, Depart from Senior/Youth Center **FREE**

New Jersey Flower & Garden Show Trip Enjoy an Afternoon of Beautiful Floral & Garden Displays & Shopping
Pre-Registration is Required. Open to Members ONLY. Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016, 12:30 pm- 4:00 pm. Depart from Senior/Youth Center. **\$3.00 per person**

Atlantic City Trips March Trip Casino: TBA
Pre-Registration is Required. OPEN TO ALL. March 31, 2016, 8:15 am-6:30 pm. Depart from Senior/Youth Center. **\$35.00 per person** (\$25.00 back in slot cash)

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). Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015, 9:00 am -3:00 pm. Depart from Senior/Youth Center **\$70.00 per person**

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Dinner Theatre Trip Show: "A Branson Country Christmas"
Meal: Full course meal & dessert (See Center for more details). Pre-Registration is Required. Open to Members ONLY. Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2015, 10:00 am. Depart from Senior/Youth Center. **\$70.50 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. 10, 2015, 10:00 am. Depart from Senior/Youth Center **\$10.00 per person**

Painting Trip Canvas & Grapes An unforgettable experience filled with fun, friends, and fine art! (All supplies included)
Pre-Registration is Required. OPEN TO ALL. Monday, Jan. 25, 2016, 12:00 pm Depart from Senior/Youth Center. **\$25.00 per person**

www.hpboro.org

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Years

Senior Citizens Programs

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

Body Refit
Year-Round Sessions
Monday, Wednesday & Friday's
9:30 a.m. **\$1.00 per class**

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

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

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

Healthy Bones
Year-Round
Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.
Membership Fee

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

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

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

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

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

Ping Pong
Year-Round
Thursday's, 1:00 p.m. **FREE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Karaoke Afternoons
Year-Round
Friday's, (See Monthly Calendar
for listing), 2:30 p.m., **FREE**

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

Kraft's with Kim Workshops
Year-Round
TBA, (See Monthly Calendar for
listing), 1:00 p.m. **\$5.00 per class**

Blood Sugar Screenings & Health Counseling
Special Event
(See Monthly Calendar for
listing), 10:00 a.m. **FREE**

Monthly Presentations
RWJ Hospital, Special Program
(See Monthly Calendar for
listing), TBA **FREE**

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

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Highland Park Public Library

Message from
JANE STANLEY,
Director of the
Highland Park
Public Library



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

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

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

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

Library Schedule & Hours

Weekday Openings

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

Weekend Schedule

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| Saturday | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm |
| | December 12 |
| Sunday | 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm |
| | December 6, and December 20 |

Holiday Closings
Friday, December 25, Christmas Day & Saturday, December 26

Winter 2015 Highland Park Public Library

ADULT PROGRAMS

Films of the Eighties
Ordinary People (1980)
Rated PG. One hour, 55 minutes. Tuesday, December 1, 6:30 pm

Friends of the Library Holiday Concert and Reception
Rutgers Concert Bureau
Sunday, December 6, 2:00 pm

Ask the Dog Trainer
One On One with Kris Collins
Thursday, December 10, 7:00 pm

Friends of the Library International Film Series
Diplomacy (2014)
French-German, Not Rated, One hour, 28 minutes. Tuesday, December 15, 6:30 pm

Community Blood Drive
New Jersey Blood Services
Tuesday, December 29
1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Ask the Dog Trainer
One On One with Kris Collins
Thursday, February 10, 7:00 pm

Friends of the Library International Film Series

Testament of Youth (2014)
English Historical Drama
Rated PG-13. Two hours.
Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 pm

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

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

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

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

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

ROOM ART EXHIBITS

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| December | S. Ilan Block, Paintings, Meeting Room |
| January | Middlesex County Arts and Education High School, Student Paintings, Drawings, & Photos, Meeting Room & Main Hall Display Case |
| February | Eva Cheng, Paintings, Meeting Room & Main Hall Display Case |

CHILDREN PROGRAMS

Nursery Rhyme Time
Stories, songs, rhymes for 6-24 month olds
Wednesday, December 2
10:30 am

Book Break
Stories, crafts, and games for 4-5 year olds
Wednesday, December 2
3:30 pm

Read to Georgie
The Service Dog
Children in K-2nd Grade Practice Reading, Thursday, December 3, 6:30pm

Disney's Pixar Inside Out Winter Break Movie
Wednesday, December 23,
1:00pm

TEEN PROGRAM

Kaplan Practice SAT and ACT Test
Experience each section of the New SAT & ACT Test

Register at
<http://Kaplan.formstack.com/forms/highlandparkcombo>

Sunday, December 20, 1:15pm



Public Works

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

December 25 (Fri.)
CHRISTMAS DAY
Garbage will be collected
Dec. 23 (Weds.)

January 1 (Fri.)
NEW YEAR'S DAY
Garbage will be collected
Dec. 30 (Weds.)

January 18 (Mon.)
MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY
Garbage will be collected
Jan 20. (Weds.)

February 12 (Fri.)
LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
Garbage will be collected
Feb. 10 (Weds.)

February 15 (Mon.)
WASHINGTON'S B-DAY
Garbage will be collected
Feb 17 (Weds.)

March 25 (Fri.)
GOOD FRIDAY
Garbage will be collected
Mar. 23 (Weds.)

BULK TRASH SCHEDULE

December 3 (Weds.)
Business District, North Side,
& Triangle Area

December 4 (Thurs.)
South Side

April 6 (Weds.)
Business District, North Side,
& Triangle Area

April 7 (Thurs.)
South Side

*** For the safety of the DPW crew and residents, there will no longer be a bulk trash collection in the mid-winter (February)**

SNOW REMOVAL

When snow is in the forecast, the Public Works Department has some useful suggestions to assist in our snow removal efforts. These suggestions are designed to make the streets as safe as possible for residents following a snow event. Thank you in advance for your cooperation, and we look forward to providing the best possible service this winter.

If you live on a street designated "No Parking When Road is Snow Covered", please make sure your vehicle is parked on the proper side of the street when snow is in the forecast.

"No Parking When Road is Snow Covered" means you can no longer see the paved road, due to the presence of snow. Parking on these streets at this time is in violation of the Borough ordinance.

The parking prohibitions remain in effect after the snow has ceased until the streets have been plowed sufficiently and to the extent that parking will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic.

Cars should be parked in the driveway, instead of the street, when space is available. With fewer vehicles in the street, the snow can be plowed more efficiently and effectively.

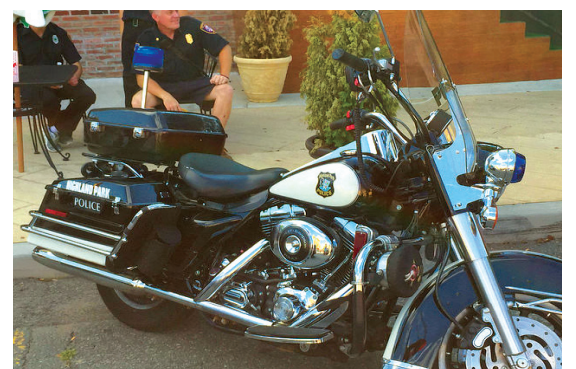
Please remove all basketball hoops and other items from the street that may be damaged by snow plows during snow removal. The Borough is not liable for damaged equipment.

It is illegal to shovel or plow snow into the roadway. When clearing your sidewalk and driveway, shovel or direct your snow blower to put the snow onto the right of way or lawn area. Corner properties should clear the complete corner to the roadways. If you have a contractor or other person performing your snow removal, please advise them of the Borough's policies.

When clearing out the driveway apron, it is recommended that residents wait until the snowfall has stopped and the plows have cleared the street before shoveling. This way you'll only have to shovel once and snow will not

be pushed back into your apron.

Residents may return to parking their vehicles in the street once the snowfall has stopped and the snow plowing operation has been completed. As a rule of thumb, snowplowing generally continues approximately three to four hours after the end of a snowfall to allow for sufficient clearance of the roadway.



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