

THE HIGHLAND PARK NEWS



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Arts In Highland Park

For many years Highland Park has enjoyed a widespread reputation as an artistic and creative community, and recent art initiatives in the Borough have served to reinforce that reputation.

Our newly rejuvenated Arts Commission, led by Co-Chairs Pandora Scooter and John Marron, is committed to fostering art appreciation and provide artistic training throughout the Borough. Their goal is to help promote the community's existing talent, and help residents of all ages uncover their unique artistic abilities, both written and spoken.

Ms. Scooter, an accomplished spoken word artist, is enthusiastic about the commission's work. "The Highland Park Arts Commission strives to provide a wide range of diverse arts activities to the residents of Highland Park. We are particularly excited to be offering an improv workshop, book-making workshop and a Storytelling event this Fall," she said.

Since the new board was appointed, they have helped Main Street Highland Park plan the annual Arts in the Park juried art fair. This event, which has been one of the Borough's most successful events for the past 12 years, attracts thousands of residents and visitors from throughout New Jersey to our downtown, where local and neighboring artists display their work for sale.

In September, the Arts Commission and Main Street sponsored

a month-long window art display downtown. Twenty-five businesses exhibited artwork from more than 40 local artists and students. On September 17, they held a Window Art Walk, where dozens of residents walked along Raritan to view the artwork. The art was also available for purchase. This was followed by a reception at Pino's, where residents could meet a number of the participating artists. Future plans from the commission include an improv workshop series for children and senior citizens. This intergenerational artistic program will serve as a way to encourage creativity and spread the idea of spoken art. It is also a unique opportunity for residents both young – and not so young – to interact in an inspiring setting.

"Whether it is music, fine arts, spoken word or dancing, Highland Park is a place where we are fostering and developing the talents of artists of all ages," said Councilman Jim Walsh, Liaison to the Arts Commission. "The Arts Commission is working with local business owners, artists and parents to build and strengthen the art community through developing free trainings and workshops to make sure everyone has an opportunity to express themselves through the arts."

Artists in Highland Park have always been an important part of our community. The murals along several buildings in our downtown and at the Environ-



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mental Center, painted by local artist Jonathon Horowitz with the assistance of students at Rutgers' Mason Gross School of the Arts, help brighten up our community with their bold colors and animated images. And the Highland Park painting on the retaining wall at the bridge to New Brunswick has transformed what was once a crumbling, plain, concrete wall into a welcoming symbol of our friendly community. These art projects ensure that when visitors enter Highland Park from either side, they are greeted with our artistic charm and character.

Our proximity to Rutgers University's Mason Gross School of the Arts has helped Highland

Park serve as a home for a growing number of artistic residents, many of whom contribute their talents to benefit our community. This relationship with the school has also facilitated partnership opportunities; including a new art display in the windows of our local Rite Aid store. This summer, students and faculty from Mason Gross began curating an ongoing, rotating display of undergraduate and graduate student artwork in nine window boxes facing South 4th Avenue. This exhibit is part of an agreement between Rite Aid and Mason Gross School of the Arts.

A unique characteristic of art in Highland Park is the idea

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of using the classical method of teaching, which is utilized in many of our art, music, and dance facilities throughout the community. Students of all ages are encouraged to participate in performances, internships, mentorship programs and more to foster their talents and skills.

We encourage residents and visitors to visit our many creative centers, for drawing and painting, canvas art, spoken word, music, dance, ceramics and more, and even a new arts supply store! Visit www.mainstreethp.org for a list of art businesses in Highland Park.

Letter From Your Mayor

EVEN THOUGH THE YEAR FLEW BY, WE STILL MANAGED TO FULFILL SO MANY OF OUR GOALS FOR HIGHLAND PARK. Quality of life enhancements is one of the goals we set for 2016.

Thanks to the hard work of our Council members, Borough staff, and many resident volunteers, we were able to improve the quality of life for all our residents. For example, we hired a new driver to provide transportation to medical appointments, the grocery store, etc. for our senior citizens. This helps make aging in place in Highland Park a reality for so many of our seniors. For our younger residents, we have begun work on our new Teen Center, which will be a new after-school "home" for high school students.

There are over 100 volunteers on our boards and commissions. The growing number of our volunteers illustrates the commitment our residents have to

giving back to our community. Working hand-in-hand with our dedicated Borough staff, there is so much we have achieved, and can continue to accomplish together. I am honored to work closely with so many of you. **Here are just a few highlights of what we achieved this year:**

- We were designated the first "Heart-Safe Municipality" in New Jersey.
- We created a new Safe Walking and Bicycling Committee to make safety improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Sustainable Highland Park teamed up with Sustainable New Jersey to offer a special Solar Program for residents. Visit www.hpsolar.org for information on this energy-efficient and cost-saving source of energy.

- We are working with PSEG to build a solar field in an underutilized area.
- Our newly created Digital Data Task Force will help make us more efficient.
- A Parking Task Force is looking into parking opportunities in the Borough. They will be reporting on their research by the beginning of 2017.
- Our Arts Commission is newly rejuvenated, and hard at work. Look for new innovative art programs in 2017.
- The Redevelopment Agency continues to work with developers on downtown multi-purpose, smart development projects including retail and residences. Working in tandem with the Planning Board

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I wish you all a lovely holiday season. May 2017 bring us peace here and around the globe, invigorating healthy lifestyles, the strength of friendship, and the warmth of family.

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Neighbors, Family and Friends Remember Councilman Jon Erickson



Jon Erickson pictured with Assemblywoman Nancy Pinkin

Highland Park celebrated the life of Jon Erickson in October as hundreds of residents gathered at the Senior/Youth Center to pay tribute to the long-time Councilman who died October 16 after a long battle with lung cancer.

The loss will resonate both on the Borough Council and throughout the community, said Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler.

"Jon was a progressive voice that focused on transparency and

the effectiveness and efficiency of the governance process. His extensive expertise and his deep knowledge of municipal government was an enormous asset to the Borough," Brill Mittler said.

Dr. Erickson was a professor at Kean University in the Department of Public Administration and was an active and committed member of the Kean Federation of Teachers. Well-wishers at his October 18 memorial service remembered him as a community advocate and an activist

who worked to make the world better.

He grew up in Gold Beach, Ore. and earned a bachelor's and master's from the University of Oregon. While still in college, he was a Vista volunteer and worked at the Community Action Program. After earning his Master's degree he worked as a city planner in the city of Eugene, Oregon. He earned a PhD from Rutgers University and worked at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the NJ State and

Local Expenditure and Revenue Policy Commission before realizing his dream of becoming a college professor.

His brother, George Erickcek, spoke of Erickson's inquisitive mind and his mastery of his family's signature dry humor. He also recalled his brother's ability to untangle complex ideas and find common ground in all kinds of negotiations.

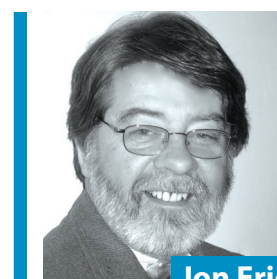
In addition to being a jazz enthusiast and a passionate fan of the Rutgers women's basketball team, Erickson served the Borough with distinction and honor since 2002, and he worked tirelessly for the Borough all the way up to his passing. On Council, Jon's portfolio included the Finance Committee, where he served as chair, the Capital Planning & Project Review Committee, and the Public Works and Health and Human Services Committees. He previously served as chair of the the Health and Human Services Commission and was the Council representative to the Community Development Block Grant Committee and the Mayor's Digital Data Task Force.

Erickson was also a leader in the development of the Borough's Park Partners Grant Program, which rewarded citizen innova-

tion with seed money to turn ideas into action.

"We will miss Jon and his quiet leadership so much. The impact of his absence will never dissipate. Instead, Highland Park will have to rally to celebrate his accomplishments as a family man, public servant, and educator and carry out his legacy as he surely would have wanted," Brill Mittler said.

Erickson is survived by his wife, Anne Sherber and his daughter, Rebecca Tess Erickson; his brother, George Erickcek and sister-in-law Jan Erickcek; his sister, Jane Erickson and her partner Deborah Roth; a niece, Adrienne Erickcek, her husband, Nick Law and a great nephew.



Jon Erickson

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be given to the Cancer Institute of New Jersey or, as Erickson would have wanted, "your liberal cause of choice."

What Department DO I NEED?

MAIN TELEPHONE NUMBER
732-572-3400

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

800-624-0241
www.state.nj.us/bpu/assistance

BOROUGH CLERK

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

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

PSEG

800-426-7734
www.pseg.com

PUBLIC WORKS

732-514-1277

Borough Shade Tree, Bulk Trash, Garbage, Leaf Bags, Recycling, Roadway Improvements, Snow Removal

RECREATION

732-819-0052

Recreation/Arts Programs & Events, Registration & Information

SCHOOLS

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

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

2016 BOROUGH CALENDAR

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

Board of Health Meeting

Borough Hall 7:00 P.M.
November 10, December 8

Council Committee Meeting

Borough Hall 7:00 P.M.
November 1, December 6, 20

Commission for Universal Access Meeting

Borough Hall 7:30 P.M.
November 3, December 1

Community Food Pantry Meeting

Senior/Youth Center 7:00 P.M.
December 7

Environmental Commission Meeting

Environmental Center 8:00 P.M.
November 2, December 7

Housing Authority Board Meeting

Samuel J Kronman Building 6:30 P.M.
November 9, December 14

Human Relations Commission Meeting

Borough Hall 7:00 P.M.
November 16, December 21

Library Board of Trustee Meeting

Library 7:30 P.M.
November 28, December 19

Planning Board Meeting

Borough Hall 7:30 P.M.
November 10, December 8

Public Information Committee Meeting

Borough Hall 6:00 P.M.
November 1, December 6

Redevelopment Agency Meeting

Borough Hall 7:30 P.M.
November 3, December 1

Safe Walking & Cycling Committee Meeting

Borough Hall 7:00 P.M.
November 2

Shade Tree Advisory Meeting

Environmental Center 8:00 P.M.
November 9, December 14

Sustainable Highland Park Meeting

Environmental Center 7:30 P.M.
November 16, December 21

Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting

Borough Hall 7:30 P.M.
November 28, December 19

REGISTER NOW

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HIGHLAND PARK'S COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

REGISTER NOW for Highland Park's Community Notification System (NIXLE): A system that enables us to provide you with emergency and non-emergency information via email or text message.

Residents can sign-up on-line on the <http://goo.gl/GiZLTx>

Questions? Email communications@hpboro.com

BOROUGH HOLIDAYS - Borough Offices Closed:		
2016	Veterans Day	2017
	November 11	
	Thanksgiving Holiday -	
	November 24-25	
Christmas Day	Lincoln's Birthday - February 13	
December 26	President's Day - February 20	
	Good Friday - April 14	

“HP Gives A Hoot”



“Since its creation, “HP Gives a Hoot” has raised approximately \$6000 through donations. Thanks to partnerships with Elijah’s Promise Soup Kitchen in New Brunswick, the Global Grace Café housed at the Reform Church of Highland Park, and the Highland Park Community Food Pantry, the fund has served more than 250 lunches for students. And our numerous volunteers, from high school students to senior citizens, have been the backbone behind the success of this program. – said Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler



In the summer of 2015, the mayor and Borough employees noticed a group of young children wandering outside the municipal building, looking bored. At lunch-time each day, they would come inside and ask employees for snacks. Of course, they all obliged.

The mayor and Borough employees quickly realized that these children, whose parents work during the day, did not have access to healthy lunches

when school was not in session. With more than 39% of our students on free or reduced lunch at school, the severity of this issue became quite apparent.

Highland Park is not only ethnically diverse, but we are also economically diverse. Our sense of responsibility to our neighbors in need is evident in our large Community Food Pantry (HPCFP), which provides food and supplies to more than 300 families each year, as well as numerous programs to support our residents. However, the presence of these young children at Borough Hall led the mayor to realize the necessity to focus on our children.

“HP Gives a Hoot, a nonprofit fund run by a committee com-

prised of Borough employees and volunteers, was created to provide lunches for children when school was not in session. It has since grown rapidly, raising enough money to also help source funds for our Highland Park Recreation Summer Camp as well as scholarships for four high school students to attend a Youth-ROOTS mentorship camp this past summer.

TO CONTRIBUTE OR VOLUNTEER for “HP Gives a Hoot”, contact igaveahoot@gmail.com

Donations can be mailed to the Borough of Highland Park, 221 South Fifth Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904 with Memo: “HP Gives a Hoot.”

Serving Our Community: The Highland Park Community Food Pantry



To sign up and for more information, contact:

Nicole Huff
732-819-0052
nhuff@hpboro.com

The Highland Park Community Food Pantry provides a vital service to more than 300 families each year. We are open to anyone who lives or works in Highland Park and is in need of food assistance. The Pantry welcomes both families in need and volunteers, and financial and food donations are an important source for the continuation of our services.

TO RECEIVE DONATIONS from the Food Pantry, bring a government issued ID (driver’s license, passport, etc.) and (2) sources of proof that you live or work in Highland Park (can include your address on your ID or a bill, lease or bank statement stating your address).

To sign up and for more information, contact Nicole Huff at 732-819-0052, nhuff@hpboro.com, or stop by the Senior/Youth Center, 220 S. Sixth Avenue.

HOURS OF OPERATION of the Food Pantry are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 9:00 - 10:45am and 6:00 - 7:00pm, and Saturdays following the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, from 9:30 - 10:30am. You may only visit on one of the two days each week. Please see days of operation at www.hpboro.com/foodpantry or in the Borough’s kiosks throughout town.

TO VOLUNTEER, contact Evelyn Sedehi at highlandparkfoodpantry@gmail.com. Donation checks can be made to “Borough of Highland Park” with “For: HPC Food Pantry” in the memo space, and can be sent to 220 S. Sixth Ave, Highland Park 08904. Food donations are always accepted at the Stop & Shop collection bin or dropped off at the HP Senior/Youth Center. Thank you for your continued support.

All of Highland Park’s Children Must be High Achievers

Dr. Scott Taylor, Superintendent

HIGHLAND PARK’S SCHOOLS HAVE LONG HELD A REPUTATION FOR BEING ACADEMICALLY HIGH PERFORMING. My recent interactions with numbers of educational leaders from China who talked about the want to have their students graduate from our high school confirmed what I, as a resident in town for over 21 years, have known - it is very desirable to graduate from the Highland Park School District.

If this is the case, how can we explain the New Jersey Department of Education’s designation of our middle school as a “Priority School” (i.e. a school that has been identified as among the lowest-performing five percent of Title I schools in the state over the past three years because of an academic achievement gap between one or more populations of students)? For all of its success with a core group of students, Highland Park’s schools have, for at least five years, not helped large swaths of students who for various reasons need support.

I spent my first year as superintendent spending hours and

hours observing classes, talking to kids, school personnel, parents, and analyzing student grade and assessment performance, attendance rates, and discipline records. I am confident in my conclusion that we need to do a much better job adapting curriculum, instruction, assessment, school schedules, and the overall culture of our schools to help every single child be academically, socially, and emotionally successful. Yes, many of Highland Park’s graduates go on to become personally and professionally successful, and yes, we need to continue this trend. But, I will take responsibility as our community’s chief school administrator for the success of all of our kids, and I will not stand by and watch whole groups of students flounder because we have not done enough to give them the same opportunities as have their peers.

Educational equity doesn’t mean “dumbing” down the rigor of programs, putting a “ceiling” on success, or sacrificing the high performing students for the sake of low performing students. It does mean raising

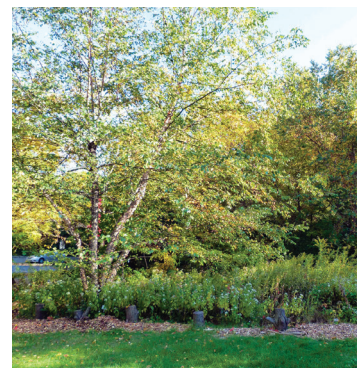
achievement levels for the underperforming. Schools should not be meeting achievement “in the middle;” rather, they should be elevating the needy to levels at which the needs-met students have attained.

Narrowing the achievement gap and promoting educational equity is beneficial for all. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr’s thoughts about achievement interdependency echo this idea. He said, “All life is inter-related, that somehow we’re caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a sign like garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly.”

Please learn more about the work Highland Park Public Schools is doing in the area of educational equity and excellence by following the Instagram account ([highlandparkpublicschools](https://www.instagram.com/highlandparkpublicschools)), Twitter feed ([@hpschoolsnj](https://twitter.com/hpschoolsnj)) and Facebook page ([@highlandparkpublicschools](https://www.facebook.com/highlandparkpublicschools)). Of course, you can also obtain information by going to www.hpschools.net or by contacting me at 732-572-2400, extension 2813.

Native Plant Reserve

by Mary Denver and Belinda Beetham



HIGHLAND PARK lies within the Lower Raritan Watershed. The Borough’s three-acre Native Plant Reserve (NPR), located on River Road just beyond the Eugene Young Environmental Education Center, serves as a riparian buffer for the Raritan River. The NPR’s combination of trees, shrubs, herbs and meadow help to reduce erosion and water pollution by slowing and filtering polluted runoff.

The NPR provides sanctuary and habitat for local and transient wildlife communities. We are working to improve the quality of this habitat by removing nonnative invasive plant species and replacing them with New Jersey’s native plants.

The tasks are many. Volunteers from Highland Park, Piscataway,

East Brunswick, Franklin Township and Bridgewater gather on Sundays from 10am until 2pm to assist restoration efforts. These same volunteers have been very generous in donating native plants, either purchased or dug from their own gardens. Plant and seed exchanges have been another no-cost-to-the-Borough source of native plants for the NPR.

Most volunteers are members of the Highland Park Regional Chapter of the Native Plant Society of NJ. The chapter meets at 7:30pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month in our Environmental Education Center. The public is welcome. For more chapter information and meeting topics visit www.npsnj.org/.

The NPR has hosted cultural, educational and service events during 2016. Ziran Martial Arts, local artist Jacqueline Baker, 4-H Ecomaniacs of Piscataway, Highland Park Navigators, HP Community Food Pantry and RU Scarlet Day of Service were all on our calendar.

TO VOLUNTEER or schedule please contact Mary and Belinda at highlandpark@npsnj.org.

Keep it Local in December

Even though it's cold outside, downtown Highland Park is still bustling in the month of December. Be sure to support Highland Park retailers by shopping local this holiday season. Visit 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 will do the trick!

Don't forget that the Highland Park Farmer's & Artisan Market is open every Friday from 11am – 5:30 pm until December 16th. Our farmers and vendors sell fresh local food and other treats -- so be sure to come downtown to shop before the season ends.

And be sure not to miss the downtown Kwanza celebration on Monday December 26, and the downtown menorah lighting party on Wednesday December 28! Check www.mainstreethp.org for details.

DECEMBER 26	Kwanza celebration
DECEMBER 28	Menorah lighting party

Save the Dates in 2017...

Sunday May 17

A Run in the Park 5k race, and the annual Spring Street Fair

Thursday May 18 & Saturday May 20

Downtown Planting Days

Friday June 2 -

Friday December 15

Friday Farmers Market (no market the day after Thanksgiving)

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 Sept 16 & Sunday Sept 17

Townwide Garage Sale & Merchant Sidewalk Sale

Sunday Sept 24

Arts in the Park arts street festival

Tuesday October 31

Halloween on the Avenue

Saturday November 25

Small Business Saturday & Downtown Tree Lighting

Tuesday December 12

Downtown Menorah Lighting

8th Annual Run in the Park 5k Race:

Runners, Sponsors, and Volunteers Wanted The Highland Park 5k race is back for its eighth year, on Sunday, May 7, 2017. 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 department; 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!

...and more! Keep up with everything happening downtown by following us on Facebook ([facebook.com/MainStreetHP](https://www.facebook.com/MainStreetHP)), Twitter (twitter.com/MainStreetHP), or checking out our website, www.mainstreethp.org!

12th Annual Arts in the Park: An Art-Filled Day Downtown

ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, HIGHLAND PARK HOSTED ITS 12TH 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.

This year's art show judges represented a diverse array of artists, arts professionals, and local celebrities. The juried art show featured cash awards for first, second, and third places in eight categories: Graphics/Drawing/Printmaking, Fine Crafts, Mixed Media, Textiles/Quilts/Needlework, Painting, Jewelry, Photography, and Sculpture.

The winners were:

PAINTING

1. Juan Ayala
2. Helen Harris
3. Hana Aviv

SCULPTURE

1. Ellen Rebarber
2. Brian Applequist
3. Alice Jarrett

JEWELRY

1. Chelsea Stewart
2. Adwoa Djaba
3. Lila Gutowski

TEXTILES/QUILTS/NEEDLEWORK

1. Beryl Koblin
2. Katie Gloede
3. Jennifer Muller

PHOTOGRAPHY

1. Matt Allouf
2. Greg Atkinson
3. Neal Sehgal

MIXED MEDIA

1. Brittany Pochick
2. Alexis Vassiliou
3. Violet Goldilla

FINE CRAFTS

1. Bryan Weitz
2. Marion Stewart
3. Dana Keith

GRAPHICS/DRAWING/PRINTMAKING

1. Les Hardley
2. Arnie Weinberg
3. Diana Love

This year's art show jurors were:

Molly de Aguiar, Program Director, Informed Communities, Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation

Chris Gash, Illustrator at chrisgash.com and visiting specialist at Montclair State University

Géza Günther Schenk, Graphic Designer and Owner, GGS Communication, LLC

Annie Hogan, Visual, Performing & Media Arts Department Chair at Middlesex County College

Wendy Liscow, Education Program Director, Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation

James Nichols, AIA, Architect and Main Street Highland Park Design Committee Chair

Amee Pollack, Manager, BFA and BA programs in visual arts and design at Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey

Melissa Quaal, Sewing blogger at ahappystitch.com, DIY sewing freelancer, and sewing instructor

Live Music & Performing Arts

On the festival's three performance stages along Raritan Avenue (Route 27), there was a wide range variety of music and performances.

Performers were:

John Bianculli (Jazz); Scarlet DuMonde (Belly Dancing); Snark Twins (Rock); Daoine (Traditional Irish music); Magnolia Street String Band (Bluegrass); Tsu Fil Duvids (Klezmer); BeYouDance Studio (lyrical, contemporary, and jazz dance); Kinetics Fitness (Zumba demonstrations); Mr. Ray (Kids' Rock); Danny & Jeremy (Rock); Ziran Martial Arts (Martial Arts demonstrations); and salsa, rock, and jazz performances by Speak Music students & faculty.

Sponsors:

Main Street Highland Park would also like to thank our generous arts festival sponsors, without whom this festival would not be possible.

- Unity Bank
- Middlesex County Cultural & Heritage Commission
- SpeakMusic Conservatory

- Over the Moon Toys
- Miller's Rentals
- Highland Park Artists Collective
- EthnosNB.com
- Minuteman Press of Highland Park
- Strub Law, LLC
- Aamatex Power Washing
- All Colors, LLC

THANK YOU, Highland Park Police, Fire, Rescue Squad, and Public Works!

As always, Main Street Highland Park would like to sincerely thank our Borough's hard-working Police, Fire, Rescue Squad, and Public Works. We truly could not do this event without you, and we are so grateful for all your help and support.

SAVE THE DATE

For next year's Arts in the Park, on Sunday September 24, 2017!

More information, including the online registration form for vendors at the 2017 event, can be found at www.mainstreethp.org.

Helping Highland Park Go Solar

THANKS TO A GRANT FROM SUSTAINABLE NJ, the Borough of Highland Park and Sustainable Highland Park have initiated a Solar Program to encourage residents to install solar paneling on their homes.



Highland Park Solar Program

The program utilizes the EnergySage Marketplace to connect residents with qualified solar installers via a website that has been customized for Highland Park, www.hpsolar.org.

Through this site, solar companies evaluate the home's needs and requirements, and offer free estimates for solar panel installation, if applicable.

This free service provides an opportunity for residents to communicate with solar companies, and compare quotes. It also offers guidance to residents regarding solar benefits and the installation process. All installers are pre-screened by EnergySage and must be certified, licensed solar companies. EnergySage operates in over 30

states and has won the backing of the U.S. Department of Energy.

"We are honored to have been awarded the pilot program through Sustainable Jersey as one of the first municipalities in New Jersey to help residents with information, education, and competitive bids to install solar power," said Council President and Sustainable HP Liaison Susan Welkovits. "This program is in line with our sustainable and alternative energy initiatives. We also believe homeowners will see an increase in their home values."

As a Green Community, the Borough encourages residents to utilize this sustainable, clean energy source. Our active Sustainable Highland Park committee examines a broad spectrum

of sustainability issues and opportunities for the Borough to implement green strategies.

"This program makes simple what can be a daunting process. By putting qualified, pre-screened contractors in touch with homeowners interested in going solar we are removing some of the barriers and making it easier for households to do their part in making our community truly sustainable for future generations," said Teri Jover, Chair of Sustainable Highland Park.

To access information and sign up for the program, residents can visit www.hpsolar.org.

Tree Dedication Program

Officially established as a Borough in 1904, Highland Park has a rich history dating back to the Revolutionary War, and our population is filled with residents who have made an impact on our community and society, both past and present. Now there is a way we can honor individual residents throughout the town.



To purchase a plaque, visit www.hpboro.com/TreeDedication

This idea of preserving and celebrating our history is what led resident Gary Pfeffer to the idea of a "Tree Dedication Program". The program allows residents or businesses in town to dedicate one of the many trees on our streets in honor or in memory of a Highland Park resident. This idea resonated with Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler, who mobilized the creation of this dedication program.

"Our residents are proud of their history, and they are supportive of each other," said Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler. "This is a great way to celebrate or remember each other, and celebrate events in our community."

The program, led by volunteer Allan Williams, enables residents to purchase a dedication plaque to be placed on a non-

residential tree (only trees on Borough property and in front of a business along Woodbridge Avenue, with their permission) in specific areas in the Borough. The first location includes trees along Woodbridge Avenue. Plaques will be placed on the trees using expandable wiring, so as not to harm the trees, and will be monitored and maintained to ensure the health of the tree as it grows. A portion of the dedication funds will go to the Borough's Tree Fund and to HP Gives a Hoot.

Dedications may be placed to signify an individual or event, or in honor or memory of an individual or event. To purchase a plaque, visit www.hpboro.com/TreeDedication.

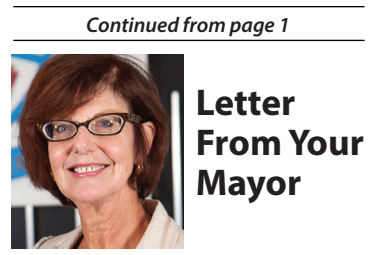
First Responders Honored by Knights of Columbus

HIGHLAND PARK'S first responders were honored by the Knights of Columbus on October 24, 2016. Police Officers Ptl. Sean Garley, Ptl. Kevin Shiffner, Ptl. Christopher Decosta, and Ptl. Alaina Giles were recognized for their heroic act saving an elderly resident. Earlier this year, the officers responded to a report of an 85 year old victim lying unconscious on the floor of a bedroom. Officers immediately began lifesaving procedures until the victim began breathing. Medics and the Highland Park First Aid Squad arrived on the scene and the victim was transported to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. Thanks to the officers' quick and skilled response, the man survived.

The Highland Park Fire Department and First Aid Squad also received awards for exceptional service and dedication to the community. Firefighter Matt Flowers and First Aid Squad member Manasa Gowda were honored with special service awards.

First responder leaders Police Chief Steven Rizco, Fire Chief Jay Littman, and First Aid Captain Patrick Boulanger and President Robin Loewenstien attended the ceremony at St. Paul's Church, along with members of their teams.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, founded by Father Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882.



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Letter From Your Mayor

and Borough Council, we will be establishing Highland Park as an area in need of rehabilitation, which will provide new tools to facilitate smart downtown development.

- Our continued emphasis on openness and transparency led to several public discussions about potential developments in Highland Park. I want to thank members of the community who showed up to learn and give input to us about some of these issues.
- Our Human Relations Commission worked with our Police Department to hold several successful sensitivity training programs, as well as Police/Community Forums, to facilitate conversation and positive relationships between officers and residents.
- Our DPW's new automated truck program has been so successful that we are preparing to expand the program to include additional neighborhoods.
- Once again, our Recreation Department ran a fantastic summer camp for over 300 of our young residents, and hosted many students from China in a special Immersion Pro-

gram as well. Throughout the year they run ongoing programs in sports and games, and this fall they added a youth flag football league.

- Our volunteer Fire Department not only served our community during some devastating home fires this year, but they also were commended for their work in neighboring North Brunswick.
- Our volunteer First Aid Squad, working closely with the HP Police Department, provides all our residents emergency medical aid quickly and safely.
- Our new CERT team of community volunteer emergency respondents completed their first year of service to all of us.

Thank you to ALL of our volunteer commissions, boards, committees and our Borough staff for their dedication and service to our community.

This year, as always, I will be doing all of my holiday shopping in downtown Highland Park, and I hope to see many of you doing the same. Start off your day with a cup of coffee at one of our coffee shops. Then shop for clothing, gifts, antiques, jewelry, toys, housewares, gym memberships, computer gifts, accessories, flowers, dance or art lessons, beauty certificates, personalized gifts, or even a used car...all within the 1.7 square miles of Highland Park! While you're shopping, be sure to take a break for lunch and

dinner at one of our delicious ethnic-inspired restaurants in town. And then enjoy a drink with friends at one of our local bars, or bring home a bottle of wine to celebrate the holidays. Of course, it's always ice cream time, so end your day with a delicious treat.

Holiday season is also the time for giving to others less fortunate than us. Highland Park residents have a history of helping each other. I am so proud of the support we have received from residents for our "HP Gives a Hoot" fund, which helps the children in our community receive healthy lunches when school is not in session and provides additional opportunities for their growth and success. I encourage you to donate to this important fund.



DONATIONS can be sent to the Borough of Highland Park, 221 South 5th Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904, with Memo line: **HP Gives a Hoot**.

For more information, email us at igaveahoot@gmail.com. Or visit and like our Facebook page – search for HP Gives a Hoot.

I wish you all a lovely holiday season. May 2017 bring us peace here and around the globe, invigorating healthy lifestyles, the strength of friendship, and the warmth of family.

The Department of Community Services

Senior Programs Winter 2016 / 2017

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 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.

Senior Luncheons & Parties

Thanksgiving Luncheon
Monday, November 21
12:00 noon
Senior/Youth Center, **FREE**

Annual Lion's Club Holiday Party
Saturday, December 17
11:30 am
Senior/Youth Center, **FREE**

Senior Holiday Luncheon
Tuesday, December 20
11:30 am
Pithari Taverna, **\$10.00**

New Year & Chinese New Year Celebration Luncheon
Tuesday, January 24, 2017
12:00 noon
Senior/Youth Center, **FREE**

Valentine's Luncheon
Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017
12:00 noon
Senior/Youth Center, **FREE**

Senior Trips

Out of Town Shopping Trips
Every Wednesday
12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Departs from Senior/Youth Center, **FREE**

Atlantic City Trip Casino: Tropicana
Tuesday, November 1,
8:15 am - 6:30 pm
Departs from Senior/Youth Center, **\$40.00 (\$25.00 back in slot cash)**

Delicious Orchards Trip
Tuesday, November 22
12:30 pm
Departs from Senior/Youth Center, **\$5.00**

Programs - All programs will take place at the Senior/Youth Center

AARP Driver Safety Course
Tuesday, Dec. 6 & Dec. 13,
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Senior/Youth Center
\$15.00 for members of AARP
\$20.00 Non member

Kraft's with Kim
Tuesday's Nov. 29th & Dec. 13th,
2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Senior/Youth Center
\$5.00 per class

Exercise with Donna
Monday's, Wednesday's & Friday's,
11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Senior/Youth Center
\$1.00 per class

Senior Yoga
Monday's & Friday's
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm
Senior/Youth Center
\$1.00 per class

Tai Chi
Thursdays,
2:00 pm
Senior/Youth Center
\$1.00 per class

Healthy Bones
Thursdays,
9:30 am
Senior/Youth Center, **FREE**

Knitting & Crochet
Monday's,
10:00 am
Senior/Youth Center, **FREE**

BINGO
Tuesday's & Thursday's
12:30 pm
Senior/Youth Center, **FREE**

Bridge
Monday's, Tuesday's & Thursday's,
1:00 pm
Senior/Youth Center, **FREE**

Cards/Mah Jongg
Tuesday's,
1:00 pm
Senior/Youth Center, **FREE**

Ping Pong Instruction with Sean
Tuesday's, 4:30 pm
Senior/Youth Center, **FREE**

Chorus
Tuesday's,
10:00 am
Senior/Youth Center, **FREE**

Piano Instruction
Tuesday's,
11:00 am
Senior/Youth Center, **FREE**

Painting Class
Monday's, Thursday's & Friday's,
10:00 am
Senior/Youth Center, **FREE**

Yiddish Group
Wednesday's,
10:30 am
Senior/Youth Center, **FREE**

Podiatrist
2nd Tuesday of each month,
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Senior/Youth Center

Monthly Blood Pressure Screening
1st Thursday of each month,
9:30 am - 12:00 noon
Senior/Youth Center, **FREE**

Monday Movies
Monday's,
1:30 pm
Senior/Youth Center, **FREE**

Computer Class
2nd & 4th Friday of each month,
10:30 am
Senior/Youth Center, **FREE**

HIGHLAND PARK Department Of Recreation

ALL Programs require a minimum enrollment to run!

The office of Recreation offers various programs, activities and events throughout the year that appeal to a wide range of people throughout our community. We offer youth sports, art programs, adult sports, fitness classes, activities and community events.

Youth Programming

Basketball - K-8th grade
December to March. K/1 are clinics only with 2-8th playing Sunday and weeknight games. This is a parent coached program with assigned teams. Practices will take place on weeknights.

Chess - 6-12 year olds
Learn the basics or improve your game

Juggling
8-16 year olds
Learn to juggle, improve coordination, concentration and confidence.

Winter Soccer Clinics
3-12 year olds
Spencer Rockman and Rovers staff coach to all skills levels to provide maximum enjoyment and skill building.

Youth Theater- 8-16 year olds
Participants will be provided with a fun, creative environment to explore their dramatic and musical talents.

Flag Football- K-8th grades
Join this 5v5, fast paced, non-contact game of flag football run by AIFL instructional football league. This program is coed and is for all skill levels.

Youth Programming

Baseball- K-5th grades
March to June. Games are played on Sundays and mid-week with practices held mid-week by Coach/field availability.

Track and Field
3rd-8th grades
April to May. This program includes lessons on starts, running form, speed and agility and field events.

Youth and Adult Table Tennis Kids (3rd-12th grade) and Adult Classes
January to March. Students will work on the games, shots, fundamentals and game play strategies.

Buddy Ball -
Currently running soccer.
Takes place on Saturdays 9:30-11am at the HP Middle School or the turf field. Buddy Ball teaches sports to buddies (special needs children ages 6-18) with Pals (volunteer teens 12-18).

Adult Programming

Fitness for All
This class uses step, balance balls, dumbbells and exercise tubing to get you in shape. This program runs all year. The next session will start in January. All levels welcome.

Tai Chi
This class uses gentle movements that can help reduce stress, increase flexibility and improve muscle strength, energy and agility. Beginner and Advanced classes are offered. This program runs all year. The next session will start in January.

Israeli Dance
Israeli Dance is a traditional dance arising from Jewish religious and cultural celebrations.

Volleyball
Runs Mondays starting in January. All skills welcome to come and play in organized matches focusing on fun and fundamentals.

Indoor and Outdoor Soccer
The next two sessions start on Sundays in January and April. Winter soccer will take place indoors and will run for 10 weeks. Spring soccer will start in April and will take place on the turf. This program is run in a pick-up format. This program runs all year.

Adult Basketball
This session starts Wednesdays in January. This is a 30+ men's program that runs in a pick-up format. This program runs sessions throughout the year.

Softball Leagues
Adult Program that runs from April to August. Women's (Tuesdays) and Coed (Thursday) Teams can register for this program by contacting the Highland Park Recreation Department.

Highland Park Public Library



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

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 Health and Wellness Talks, film series, workshops, informative presentations, poetry readings, and concerts. For children and teens we have story times, clubs, art programs, game days, films, and special events.

Each month we feature different artists in our meeting room and display cases. In addition to our public computers with internet

access and free WIFI, we also offer a Career and Education Center where you can work on your resume and search for jobs. Visit our website www.hpplnj.org to access online services such as Mango Languages, downloadable ebooks and audiobooks from eLibraryNJ, as well as databases provided by the NJ State Library. You can also access our catalogue and your library account with our smart phone app www.hppl.boopsie.com

Library Patrons Given Access to NJ Written Driving Exams
The Highland Park Public Li-

brary, in partnership with Driving-Tests.org, a company dedicated to driver safety and education, is making available free NJ Department of Motor Vehicles practice tests at the website <http://hpplnj.driving-tests.org>. This is the only site of its kind to let users hear selections read aloud, make selections into MP3s, translate pages into other languages, magnify text, and mask portions of the screen for greater visibility on practice tests. The new program will work as an outreach to teens, those with disabilities, and seniors who need to take

renewal exams, as well as anyone who wants to take written practice exams.

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 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday 1:00pm - 5:00 pm

Closed

Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25
Christmas Day Observed
Monday, December 26

Winter 2016-2017 Programs Highland Park Public Library

FOR ADULTS

Meditation Made Easy I
Learn simple embodied meditation and breathing techniques with Bobbie Ellis, director of the Soma Center.
Thursday, December 1, 7:00 PM

Friends of the Library Holiday Concert
A Rutgers Concert Bureau Sting Quartet
Sunday, December 4, 2:00 PM

Healthy Aging
Tips for Your Body and Brain
An Alzheimer's New Jersey Speaker will talk about lifestyle factors that affect our physical and cognitive health. Learn about the latest research on lifestyle.
Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 PM

Meditation Made Easy II
Meditation and breathing techniques
Thursday, December 8, 7:00 PM

Dog Trainer Kris Collins
Ask the Dog Trainer your

Individual Questions
Thursday, December 15, 7:00 PM

Friends of the Library International Film Series
Dark Horse (PG)
United Kingdom
1 hour, 26 minutes, Tuesday, December 20, 6:30 PM

Coloring for Adults Coloring Music and Refreshments
Thursday, December 22, 7:00 PM

Movies for Kids
Enjoy a film and refreshments
Friday, December 23, 1:00 PM

Spook Handy Annual Holiday Concert
Popular Folk Singer Spook Handy Performs
Tuesday, December 27, 2:00 PM

Poetry Workshop
Poetry Writing Workshop with Diane Lockward
Thursday, January 19, 7:00 PM

Coloring for Adults
Coloring, Music and Refreshments
Thursday, February 9, 7:00 PM

Friends of the Library International Film Series
Theeb
(Not Rated) United Arab Emirates, 1 hour, 40 minutes
Tuesday, March 21 6:30 PM

Poetry Night Series
Reading and Refreshments
Tuesday, March 28, 7:30 PM

Hearing Tests
Saint Peter's University Hospitals Community Mobile Health Services
Register at 732-572-2750, Thursday, March 30, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Friends of the Library International Film Series
Love and Friendship
(Rated PG) English Comedy, One Hour, 20 minutes,
Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 PM

Poetry Night Series
Reading and Refreshments
Tuesday, April 25, 7:30 PM

Poetry Night Series
Reading and Refreshments
Tuesday, May 16, 7:30 PM

Friends of the Library International Film Series
Illusionist
Tuesday, May 23 6:30 PM

FOR CHILDREN
Read to Belle
The Library Dog Belle will listen to your stories
Thursdays, December 1 and December 8, 6:00 PM

Chess Club for Children
Thomas Yang will be teaching Chess Strategies
Fridays, December 2 - December 23, 3:30 PM

Movies for Kids
Enjoy a movie and refreshments
Friday, December 23, 1:00 PM

ART EXHIBITS
December
Sam Caponegro
A Summer by the Pool in Hollywood, Florida-Paintings
Meeting Room and Display Case

Aliza Kornblum
Art
Children's Room Display Case

January
Middlesex County Arts and Middle and High School Students
Paintings, Drawings and photographs
Meeting room

Nechama Stein
Travel Size Containers
Children's Room Display Case

February
Dov Fine
Ninjago
Children's Room Display Case

March
Aharom Schachter
Perler Bead Designs
Children's Room Display Case

April
Diane Reh
Collages
Meeting Room

Do you have a great idea to help enrich or beautify our community?



The Borough of Highland Park is sponsoring up to five special projects to benefit our community. Winners in each category receive up to \$2000 to complete their program.

Categories Include: Environment, Arts, Culture and Diversity, Safety, Universal Access or Health & Wellness. Applications

available at Borough Hall or online at www.hpboro.com. All applications are due December 15, 2016. Please return all applications to 221 South 5th Ave, Highland Park, NJ. Attention: Communications Office.

*One winning project per category. Voting scheduled for February 2017.

MAKE YOUR IDEA A REALITY!

Recreation Advisory Committee

The Recreation Advisory Committee meets every other month at 7:00pm at the Senior / Youth Center. Special meetings are also held when needed. The purpose of the Recreation Advisory Committee is to offer suggestions and input regarding future and current programs and activities that would enhance youth and adult recreation and the quality of life for the residents of Highland Park. You are invited to attend to find out more information about this committee and be-

come a member. We currently have 3 adult and 2 youth positions open. There will also be opportunities to work on specific programs and activities in a volunteer capacity. If you are interested, please fill out an application to become a member of a board or commission, found on the HP Borough website www.hpboro.com.

Christmas Dinner
All are welcome to attend our Annual Holiday Dinner on Christmas Day, Sunday De-

ember 25, 2016 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm at the Senior / Youth Center 220 South 6th Ave. The community comes together to make and serve a special complimentary Holiday dinner for all to enjoy! Come join us for an afternoon of live music, food, fun, and cheer . . . and a special visit from Santa and gifts for all!!!

For Holiday Dinner reservations, donation information, and volunteer opportunities, please call the Department of Community Services 732-819-0052.

Sponsors – Thank you!

Highland Park Recreation would like to thank the following local businesses for their generous sponsorship of our Youth and Adult Recreational Teams and Special Events throughout the year. Your support is so vital for our programs and events. Thank you for your commitment to our community!

Quick Chek, Stop & Shop, Main Street Highland Park - 5K, Modern Art Solutions, Cyber Knight Computers, The Studio @ 808, Raceway Petroleum,

Everybody's Barber Shop, Stage House Tavern, Over the Moon Toys, Yellow Brick Road Preschool, International Association of Heat & Frost Workers Union, Pulte Homes, Farrington Sound, Roberts Floral, Aunt Elsie's Homestays, Jaqui Kuhn Funeral Home, Mason, Griffic, & Pierson, Highland Park PBA, LaRosa Pizza, Park Deli, Cub Liquors, Boylan Funeral Home, Inzano's Landscaping, Destination Dogs, P & N Heating and Cooling, Quaker Steak & Lube, Lago Restaurant

Public Works - Holiday Schedule

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

December 26 (Monday) Christmas Day
Business District, North Side & Triangle garbage will be collected on December 28 (Wednesday)

January 2 (Monday) New Year's Day
Business District, North Side & Triangle garbage will be collected on January 4 (Wednesday)

January 16 (Monday) Martin Luther King's B-day
Business District, North Side & Triangle garbage will be collected on January 18 (Wednesday)

February 13 (Monday) Lincoln's B-day
Business District, North Side & Triangle garbage will be collected on February 1 (Wednesday)

February 20 (Monday) Washington's B-day
Business District, North Side & Triangle garbage will be collected on February 22 (Wednesday)

April 14 (Friday) Good Friday
Business District & South Side garbage will be collected on April 12 (Wednesday)

BULK TRASH SCHEDULE

December 7 (Wednesday) Business District, North Side & Triangle Area

December 14 (Wednesday) South Side

*** Due to schedule changes, there will no longer be a bulk trash collection in the mid-winter (February)*

April 5 (Wednesday) Business District, North Side & Triangle Area

April 19 (Wednesday) South Side

LEAF COLLECTION:

During the months of November and December, there is mandatory recycling of leaves. Leaves must be placed at the curb in biodegradable leaf/lawn bags or garbage cans only. Due to restrictions imposed by the leaf composting facility, any leaves placed at the curb in plastic bags cannot be accepted. Bags or cans should have only leaves in them, no branches or other vegetative waste should be mixed in with it.

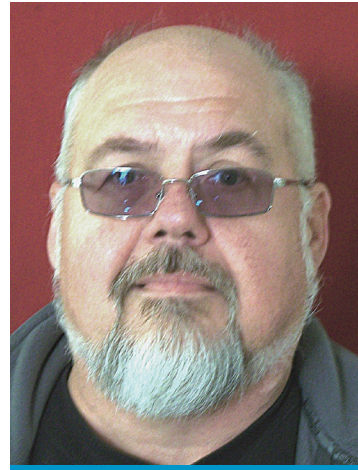
Residents should have their material placed at the curb on Sunday evenings. Collections begin

on Monday mornings and each street will be collected at least once during the week.

SNOW REMOVAL

When snow is in the forecast, the Public Works Department would like to provide some useful suggestions to assist in the department's snow removal efforts. Please keep in mind that these suggestions are designed to make the streets as safe as possible following a snow event.

- 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. Vehicles parked on these streets, when the pavement is snow covered, are no longer "legally parked" and are in violation of 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.



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- Park your cars 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 safely.
- Please remove all basketball hoops and other items from the street that may be damaged by snow plows during snow removal.
- 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. 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 terminated. 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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