

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Tuesday, February 6

Borough Council
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Wednesday, February 7

H.P. Community Food Pantry
7:00 p.m., Senior/Youth Center

Wednesday, February 7

Environmental Commission
8:00 p.m., Environmental Education Center

Thursday, February 8

Food Pantry Distribution
9:00 – 10:45 a.m. & 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Senior/Youth Center

Thursday, February 8

Arts Commission
6:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Thursday, February 8

Board of Health
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Thursday, February 8

Planning Board
7:30 p.m., Borough Hall

Saturday, February 10

Food Pantry Distribution
9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Senior/Youth Center

Sunday, February 11

1940's Musicals: Film Clips and Talk
1:30 p.m., Library

Sunday, February 11

Interactive Book Reading with Author, Sonia
Panigrahy
1:30 p.m., Library

Monday, February 12

Lincoln's Birthday
Borough Offices Closed

Monday, February 12

H.P. Gives a Hoot Committee
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Tuesday, February 13

Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs
7:30 p.m., Borough Hall

Wednesday, February 14

Highland Park Housing Authority
6:30 p.m., Samuel J. Kronman

Wednesday, February 14

Safe Walking & Cycling
7:00 p.m., Senior/Youth Center

Thursday, February 15

Origami Adult Workshop with Shelley Phillips
6:30 p.m., Library

Monday, February 19

President's Birthday
Borough Offices Closed

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

Council Update from Council President Philip George



The Mayor and Council are focused in 2018 on increased efficiency in public works with existing resources. As part of this, Highland Park's Department of Public Works has acquired a new machine, one of the first in the area, which should add value to our ability to service the community, from snow plowing and brining areas previously inaccessible to our larger equipment, to servicing events with expedited set up and clean up. It's a larger version of a recreational ATV which is equipped for municipal services. It will free up man hours due to its ability to access areas which are difficult or impossible to service with our trucks.

Sustainable Highland Park's plastic bag reduction program has been successful for several months in renewing our awareness of the need to reduce or eliminate these one-use only bags, and remind us to keep our reuseable shopping bags ready at hand. Thanks to a grant which Sustainable Highland Park worked hard to secure and the generosity of Stop & Shop, over a thousand reuseable bags have been given out, and Sustainable Highland Park's dedication continues this program.

The Environmental Commission is working on a new website with links to a number of important environmental partners as well as photos of our own environment in town. The new website will archive older materials while presenting new information from around the County and State. Commission members are also working with PSE&G, the Administration and NJDEP to implement the Solar Field program at the Meadows, which has been in the advanced planning stage at last.

Finally, a shout-out to the Meadows Trail and Native Plant Reserve volunteers, who are dedicated workers currently on Winter downtime. I recently participated in their weekend work-day at the Environmental Center. In the rain, in the mud, what a mess, what fun! Removing hundreds of yards of invasive vines, and we found that artists in Highland Park can recycle the vines into various pieces, weaving baskets and caning old chairs.

Dedicate a Tree in Highland Park



Is there someone in your life you would like to honor or remember? Highland Park's Tree Dedication program lets you recognize an individual or organization by placing a plaque on a tree in the Borough. Donation funds help support HP Gives a Hoot and the Tree Fund. For more information, visit www.hpboro.com or contact Stacy Kaplan at skaplan@hpboro.com.

Questions? Feedback? We want to hear from you!

Let us know what you think by writing to communications@hpboro.com

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Highland Marks

A total of 1253 students were named to the Middlesex County College Dean's List for fall 2017. From Highland Park:
Homero Balbuena, Katherine Davila, Jose Zegarra, Alexandre Vocaj Wan Bok Nale, Po-Han Wu, Pei-Tzu Wu, Alec Rebadavia, Aristeidis Stoupas, Peter Finaldi, Evangeline Emmanuel, Elisha Eanes, Jessica Enrriquez, Nechama Anolik, Tyler Smith, Adriana Diaz Camacho, Cindy Lee, Jesse Ibarra, Esther Lee, Justin Melgazo, Vibhen Mahida, Levina Nagaria, Marco Flores.

Have you – or someone you know – done something recently that's particularly noteworthy? Let us know about it and we'll include it in Highland Marks! Write to communications@hpboro.com

Make A Difference



For information on vacancies and a complete Boards/Commissions List please contact the Borough Clerk's office at 732-819-3782 or email jhullings@hpboro.com

HPTV Highlights for February 2018

Channel 15 (for Cablevision/Optimum customers)
 Channel 44 (for Verizon FIOS customers)



Monday

10:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. – Public Domain Domain – Old Time Radio
 12:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. – Highland Park Update/Showcase
 12:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. – Talk of The Town
 1:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. – Aging Insights
 1:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. – Health Talk
 2:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. – Classroom Close-Up/School Talk
 8:30 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday & Thursday

10:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. – Public Domain Domain – Movies
 12:00 p.m. – Highland Park Update/Showcase
 12:30 p.m. – Highland Park Borough/Schools Update
 1:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. – Borough Council Meetings
 2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. – Spotlight on Middlesex County
 2:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. – Access New Jersey
 3:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m. – Not Just Rock & Roll

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting
 1:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. – Aging Insights
 1:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. – Health Talk
 3:00 p.m. – Classroom Close-Up/School Talk
 4:00 p.m. – Public Domain Domain – Movies

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

10:00 a.m. – Public Domain Domain – Old Time Radio
 12:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. – Highland Park Update/Showcase
 12:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. – Talk of The Town
 1:00 p.m. – Borough Council Meetings
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 4:00 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting
 8:30 p.m. & 11:00 p.m. – Public Domain Domain – Movies
 10:00 p.m. – Valley Homegrown Music

Use Your Reusable Bags and Win!

Sustainable Highland Park and Highland Park's Stop & Shop supermarket are teaming up to encourage shoppers to use reusable bags, and cut down on plastic bags. Use your reusable bags, or take no bag, and enter a free weekly drawing to win a \$25 gift card!

Help Highland Park become even more sustainable by cutting back on plastic bag use! This program is funded by a grant from Sustainable Jersey and PSE&G.

Garbage Collection Schedule Change



Borough offices will be closed on Monday, February 12 (Lincoln's Birthday) and February 19 (President's Day). The Garbage collection is as follows for both weeks:

- **Monday - Borough Offices Closed**
- Tuesday – Business District, North Side & Triangle recycling collection
- Wednesday – Business District, North Side & Triangle garbage collection
- Thursday – South Side recycling collection
- Friday – Business District & South Side garbage collection

Move with the Mayor Mondays

Join Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler for winter "Move with the Mayor Mondays"! Starting Monday, February 5, join the fitness session from 8:00-8:50am at Kinetics Fitness, 409 Raritan Avenue. Sessions will be followed by a "Chat and Q&A" with a local healthcare professional.

Sessions are free and open to the public! Please register at kineticsflownj.com or kineticsnj@gmail.com.



Park Partners 2018 Voting Session

Come out to vote for your favorite Park Partners Community Grant project! Voting session will be held on Sunday, February 25, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Senior/Youth Center, 220 South Sixth Ave. You must be a resident of Highland Park to vote, and voting is only available in person at the session.

Applicants will present their program to win up to \$2000 to execute a program to benefit our community.

Programs include:

- Arts: Buck Art, Klezmer Series and Opera in the Park
- Environment: Wildlife Habitat Restoration and Colorful Birdhouse Project
- Health & Wellness: RVR Track for Kids, Gaga Ballpit & Virtual Reality use for Senior Citizens
- Culture & Diversity: Raices Roots Music Concert Series and Dance for Fitness and Community
- Safety: The Cave Afterschool Program and UNIFI (United Neighbors Improving Food Insecurity)