

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Tuesday, March 6

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

Wednesday, March 7

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

Wednesday, February 7

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8:00 p.m., Environmental Education Center

Thursday, March 8

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

Thursday, March 8

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

Thursday, March 8

Poetry Writing Workshop with Maxine Susman
6:30 p.m., Library

Thursday, March 8

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

Thursday, March 8

Rehabilitation and Redevelopment Screening Committee
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Saturday, March 10

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

Monday, March 12

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

Tuesday, March 13

Public Information Committee
6:15 p.m., Borough Hall

Tuesday, March 13

Friends of the Library Poetry Night Series
7:00 p.m., Library

Tuesday, March 13

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

Wednesday, March 14

Recreation and Arts Committee
9:00 a.m., Borough Hall

Wednesday, March 14

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

Wednesday, March 14

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

Wednesday, March 14

Shade Tree Advisory Committee
8:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Friday, March 16

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

Sunday, March 18

Unity Celebration
3:00 p.m., Senior/Youth Center

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

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Council Update from Councilwoman Elsie Foster Dublin



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The Highland Park Police Department (HPPD) focuses on community policing and serving the public. Officers in Highland Park receive ongoing training throughout their careers.

Annual training is based on the New Jersey Attorney General's guidelines, including Use of Force, Domestic Violence, Vehicle Pursuit Policy, Active Shooter Policies, etc. Guidelines can be found online.

All Highland Park Police patrol vehicles are equipped with dash cameras that record events such as motor vehicle stops. The department also equips its officers with body cameras which allow us to view videos of actual police encounters.

In addition, Officers also receive in-service departmental training throughout their careers. In Highland Park, we have conducted sensitivity training in such areas as African American, Asian Indian, Chinese, Muslim, Orthodox Jewish, LGBT, Autism, Aphasia, and psychiatric issues. All of these training classes have been generously conducted by volunteers from within the respective community groups.

We strive to maintain an excellent rapport with our residents by utilizing community policing tools such as Police Officers walking and biking throughout the Borough. This allows us to interact with the public on a more personal and approachable level.

The Police sponsor many programs and events, including our annual National Night Out event, where hundreds of residents come out each year to socialize with Police Officers in a comfortable setting. We also run informational forums, and a reward program in which children who wear helmets while biking can receive a coupon for free pizza or ice cream.

A Junior Cadet Police Academy is conducted for one week each summer. This free and popular program provides our youth with the opportunity to learn police procedures while interacting with our Officers. Applications for summer 2018 will be available soon! We also teach LEAD (Law Enforcement Against Drugs in our Bartle and Middle School. The program is designed to deter youth from drug use, bullying and violence.

Construction has begun on our new teen center at the corner of South 6th Ave and Benner Street, which will be a place for our teens to meet and mingle after school. Our Youth Officer Sgt. Joe Curbelo will be involved with the teen center as well.

The HPPD strives to maintain a professional, friendly and respectful relationship with all members of the public. We believe in open and transparent communications, and are happy to discuss issues with residents. We will continue to work hard to foster the relationships that we have developed and work collaboratively with our residents.



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

The Highland Park High School Girls Winter Track Team claimed the NJSIAA/M-F Athletic Group 1 State Championship, earning its first state title since 1981. The Owls earned 29 points, with junior Julia Marks earning the highest individual finish for the team, taking second place in the 55m hurdles in 8.94. Team member **Bella Godish** received seven points in the distance events, and **Yasmine Lekhal** finished the 800m race in fourth place. The relay team of **Marks, Lekhal, Gabby Sanchez** and **Liz Girvan** won the relay event by almost five seconds. Congratulations to the entire team!

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

In the News...

Highland Park was rated among the top 25 towns in New Jersey for education! We were rated #24 on the list, published by The Star Ledger, based on census data. Approximately 66.3% of our residents hold a bachelor’s degree or higher, and 27.4% have a graduate or professional degree. Congratulations to our well-educated community!

New Borough Employee

Highland Park welcomes Amy Mikosz, the Borough’s new Violations Clerk. Amy started at the Borough on February 28th. She comes from Woodbridge Municipal Court, where she worked for six years. Amy loves her work, and also enjoys going to the gym and spending time at her parent’s log home in upstate New York. She lives in Woodbridge with her daughter, Madison.

HPTV Highlights for March 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

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 10:00 p.m. – Valley Homegrown Music

2018 Park Partners Grant Winners Announced



Congratulations to the winners of the 2018 Park Partners Community Grant Program! More than 200 residents came out to vote on February 25th.

One winner was chosen in each of five categories, to receive a grant of up to \$2,000 each. The 2018 winners and grant recipients are:

- **Arts:** Opera in the Park by the Hub City Opera and Dance Company
- **Culture & Diversity:** Raices Roots Music Concert Series from the Raices Cultural Center
- **Universal Access or Health & Wellness:** Gaga Ball in Highland Park by the Reformed Church of Highland Park
- **Safety:** UNIFI (United Neighbors Improving Food Insecurity) by the Global Grace Café and The Cave Afterschool Program
- **Environment:** Wildlife Habitat Restoration by volunteers for the Native Plant Reserve

Look for these great programs coming to Highland Park this year!

Highland Park’s Unity Celebration



Come join the children in Highland Park for our 2nd annual **Unity Celebration!** Sunday, March 18, 3:00pm at the Senior/Youth Center.

Event features performances by children and teens in Highland Park and neighboring communities – singers, dancers, musicians, poets and more! Special performance by resident and renowned musician Mr. Ray, singing “Stand in Unity”, a song he wrote for Highland Park, and officially designated as the song of Highland Park.

The Unity Celebration is an annual event celebrating unity in our diverse community. For more information, visit www.hpboro.com.

Junior Police Academy

The Highland Park Police Department

Junior Police Academy

July 9th – July 13th 2018

8:00am – 4:00pm

Highland Park Police Department

222 South 5th Ave

Current 5th through Current 9th Grade Highland Park Students

Space is Limited

Activities

- Meet H.P. Officers
- Defensive Tactics
- Law Classes
- F.B.I. Agents
- Physical Training
- Learn how crimes are solved!
- Crime Scene - Fingerprints
- Middlesex County SWAT Team
- NJ Dept. of Corrections – Project Pride
- D.W.I. training
- N.J.S.P. Aviation Unit
- Police Vehicle introduction
- K-9 Unit
- Middlesex County Corrections Gang Unit
- Plus much more!

For students interested in Law Enforcement

Applications can be picked up at the Highland Park Police Department or by contacting:

Ptl. J. Curbelo 732-572-3800 Ext 4213 or Jcurbelo@hpboro.com

Facebook.com/Highlandparkpolice.com

Free for all!