

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Monday, March 19

Move with the Mayor
12:00 p.m., Kinetics Flow – 409 Raritan Ave

Monday, March 19

Friends of the Library – Book Sale Planning
7:00 p.m., Library

Monday, March 19

Commission for Universal Access
7:30 p.m., Borough Hall

Tuesday, March 20

Friends of the Library International Film Series
6:30 p.m., Library

Tuesday, March 20

Teen Afternoon – Stress Ball Craft
6:30 p.m., Borough Hall

Tuesday, March 20

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

Wednesday, March 21

Human Relations Commission
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Thursday, March 22

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

Thursday, March 22

Author Talk – Not Normal
7:00 p.m., Library

Saturday, March 24

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

Sunday, March 25

Tricky Tray Fundraiser
1:30 p.m., Senior/Youth Center

Monday, March 26

Move with the Mayor
12:00 p.m., Kinetics Flow – 409 Raritan Ave

Monday, March 26

Library Board of Trustees
7:30 p.m., Library

Tuesday, March 27

Teen Afternoon – Just Dance
3:00 p.m., Library

Tuesday, March 27

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

Wednesday, March 28

Sustainable Highland Park
7:30 p.m., Environmental Education Ctr.

Thursday, March 29

Dada, Fluxus & the Avant Garde Art Movements
6:30 p.m., Library

Thursday, March 29

Book Club Discussion on White Rage
7:00 p.m., Senior/Youth Center

Friday, March 30

Good Friday
Borough Offices Closed

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

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Memo from Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler



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New Jersey braved several large storms over the past few weeks, but Highland Park's Department of Public Works and Public Safety crews handled them professionally and effectively. Nothing is ever perfect, but with each year our snow clearing gets better and better. Our DPW sent nine plows through town to keep our streets safe and clear, and seven DPW employees shoveled Borough properties. This year, they utilized a new RTV vehicle to plow parking lots and the bridge between Highland Park and New Brunswick. Our Police and Fire Departments and First Responders were on hand to take care of weather-related incidents and emergencies. Working together, these departments helped keep Highland Park safe through the storms. Thank you all for your teamwork and cooperation in obeying the snow-covered street "no parking" regulations. And of course, thank you for your patience with recycling pickup changes.

The second snow storm that hit our area left members of our community without power, some for up to 6 days. Some of our power lines went down, and we lost a bunch of trees. Some fell on houses and cars, but miraculously, no one was hurt by these trees. I was in constant contact with our representative at PSE&G during this time. Luckily, we did not have as many residents without power as some of our surrounding communities. But, those who had to live without lights or electricity during this time were significantly inconvenienced. To help anyone without power, our Senior/Recreation Center was available as a warming station.

Of course, this snowstorm impacted our streets and you are probably seeing more potholes around town as a result. We recently learned that Highland Park is receiving a \$252,000 grant from the State's Transportation Trust Fund for road repairs on two of our roadways. This year, additionally PSE&G will continue their roadwork in Highland Park on 8 additional streets.

This past Sunday we held our 2nd annual Unity Celebration. It was an inspiring event, with performances by many of our children in Highland Park, including dancers, musicians, and singers. Thank you to all of the performers and the many residents who came out to join us in our annual unity celebration. Highland Park is a diverse community, and it is heartwarming to see so many residents support and welcome each other.

Speaking of coming together, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, including Denim Day on April 25th. This month is dedicated to combatting sexual assault and abuse, and raising awareness and support for victims of this violence. The statistics of sexual assault or violence are horrifying; one in five women in the US has been the victim of attempted or completed rape in their lifetime, and nearly one in two women have experienced other types of sexual violence. 67% of assault victims are under 18 years of age. And one in five men have experienced a form of sexual violence in their lifetime as well. This is a national tragedy that affects everyone, and I encourage you to help us raise awareness and try to put an end to this abuse and violence. The Borough will be participating in activities during this month, so look for ways you can show your support throughout town.

Don't forget, you can still join our free Move with the Mayor yoga-like stretch classes every Monday at noon. This class is provided by my Mayor's Wellness Campaign through a grant from the New Jersey Quality Health Care Institute and a grant from the Aetna Foundation. The class is located at Kinetics Flow at 409 Raritan Avenue.

Finally, April ushers in Highland Park's spring events like Main Street Highland Park's 5K Run in the Park and Street Fair on May 6. These annual events attract thousands of residents and visitors, and are fun for the entire family! As the weather gets warmer, I hope to see you at these and other local events. And, don't forget to enjoy Highland Park's great downtown shopping and eating venues!

Questions? Feedback? We want to hear from you!

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

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Unity Day Photos

This past Sunday Highland Park held the 2nd Annual Unity Celebration, featuring performances from children in the Borough. Singers, dancers, and musicians entertained the crowd during this special unity event.



Spring Programs

"Spring is almost here, and Highland Park Recreation is preparing all of our spring programs for youth, teens, and adults. March and April will bring several running, basketball, soccer, theater, and art programs. We will begin our Youth Baseball and Softball and Flag Football programs. Adult sports, basketball, softball, volleyball, and exercise classes are currently registering. Our Youth Summer Camp packet is out and registration has begun for our Day, Sports, Special Needs, Theater, and Teen Camps. Summer Camp will run from July 5 - August 17. Please join us on facebook @ Highland Park NJ Recreation for additional program information."

Author Talk with Stuart Shapiro

Join us at the Library, 31 North Fifth Avenue this Thursday, March 22, at 7:00 PM for an Author Talk with Stuart Shapiro. Mr. Shapiro will speak about his new book which presents Donald Trump's first year of presidency as a diary style collection of headlines and events.

Stuart Shapiro is a professor of public policy at Rutgers University and is a contributor to The Hill and Newark's Star Ledger. The Highland Park resident has worked in the Office of Management and Budget under Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. He holds a PhD in public policy from Harvard University. A book signing will follow his talk.

Garbage Collection Schedule Change

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Borough offices were closed on Friday, March 30 (Good Friday). The Garbage collection is as follows for the remainder of the week:

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

HRC Book Club Event

Please join Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler, Councilman Matthew Hersh, the Highland Park Human Relations Commission, the New Brunswick Area NAACP, and the Highland Park Parents of Students of Color for a discussion of

Highland Park HRC Book Club

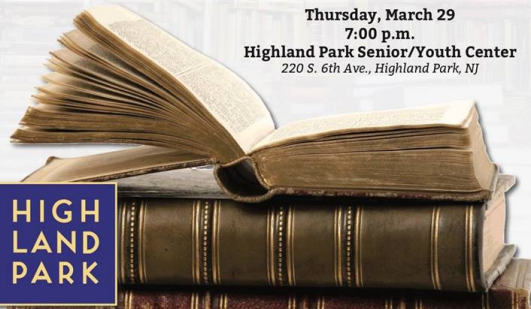


White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide

by **Carol Anderson**

with Special Guest:
Bill Davis, Rutgers Professor & Branch
Historian for the New Brunswick Area NAACP

**Thursday, March 29
7:00 p.m.**
Highland Park Senior/Youth Center
220 S. 6th Ave., Highland Park, NJ



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Join the Human Relations Commission, the New Brunswick Area NAACP, and the Highland Park Parents of Students of Color for a discussion of *White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide*, by Carol Anderson.

Event will be on Thursday, March 29, 7:00pm at the Highland Park Senior/Youth Center. Special Guest Bill Davis, Rutgers Professor & Branch Historian for the New Brunswick Area NAACP, will lead this relevant discussion.

TRICKY TRAY fundraiser

The Highland Park Police Department is hosting a "Tricky Tray Fundraiser" to raise funds for the Police Unity Tour's Team Highland Park.

Join the Highland Park Police on Sunday, March 25 at the Senior/Youth Center, 220 South 6th Ave, for a fun afternoon of raffles and prizes! Entry tickets: \$25 (1 Basic Level Sheet included), VIP Entry Tickets: \$50 (Early Entry, Food and 2 Basic Level Sheets included).

Doors open at 1:30pm for VIP Ticket Holders and 3:00pm for General Ticket Holders. Raffles closed and winners announced at 4:15pm. Prizes include dinner with an NHL Hall of Famer, tons of gift baskets, jewelry, sports memorabilia, and much more! For questions or to purchase tickets, email HighlandParkPUT@gmail.com.

Dada, Fluxus, & the Avant Garde Art Movement

The Highland Park Arts Commission invites you to a presentation about the Dada, Fluxus, & the Avant Garde Art Movements (1950-2017) in Highland Park, Rutgers, NYC & Europe. The event will be on Thursday, March 29, 6:30-8:30pm at the Highland Park Public Library, 31 North 5th Avenue.

The Dada Art Movement was formed during WWI in negative reaction to the horrors of the war. Fluxus was an avant-garde movement that emerged in the late 1950s by artists who had become disenchanted with that they felt was an elitist attitude in the art world. These movements are centered in satire and a spirit of rebellion.

Dr. Raphael Monanez Ortiz, Professor at Rutgers University Mason Gross School of the Arts and founder of El Museo del BARRIO in NYC, and Dr. Donna Gustafson, Curator of American Art and Mellon Director for Academic Programs at the Zimmerli Art Museum, will discuss these unique types of art.

Limited Seating – first come, first seated. For more information visit www.hpartscommission.com.