

# The Highland Park eNews

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## Events & Meetings

### Monday, April 2

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

### Tuesday, April 3

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

### Wednesday, April 4

Food Pantry Committee  
7:00 p.m., Senior/Youth Center

### Thursday, April 5

First Thursday of the Month Meditation Circle  
7:00 p.m., Library

### Saturday, April 7

Introduction to the Sewing Machine  
1:30 p.m., Library

### Monday, April 9

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

### Monday, April 9

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

### Tuesday, April 10

Civics for the Community Series Presents: Property Taxes  
7:00 p.m., Senior/Youth Center

### Tuesday, April 10

History & Clips from the Golden Age of Musicals  
7:00 p.m., Library

### Tuesday, April 10

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

### Wednesday, April 11

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

### Wednesday, April 11

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

### Wednesday, April 11

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

### Wednesday, April 11

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

### Thursday, April 12

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

### Thursday, April 12

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

### Thursday, April 12

Gerrymandering and How to Fix It  
6:30 p.m., Library

### Thursday, April 12

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

### Sunday, April 15

Roundtable Discussion on Gun Violence in America  
7:00 p.m., H.P. Middle School Cafeteria

All meetings are subject to change, please check the Borough's website at [www.hpboro.com](http://www.hpboro.com) for updates

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## Council Update from Councilman Matthew Hersh



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Our Human Relations Commission has kicked into high gear, having launched a book club that explores pressing issues facing our community and so many communities across the country. I'm energized by this program because creating a fishbowl where neighbors can have an intellectually honest discussion about cultural barriers, institutional obstacles and unconscious bias by way of a critical analysis of a shared text can have particularly profound results.

We embrace our cultural diversity very well in Highland Park and that is immensely important. That said, we have to "walk the walk" as well and I will work closely with our Human Relations Commission Chair Ashton Burrell and the entire HRC to chip away at those abstract perceptions that limit our practical understanding of race and bias. We all have prejudice and undoing that is a lifelong endeavor. That journey starts right here at home.

Our Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, created to carry out the goals advanced in the Borough's Inclusive Communities resolution, is working overtime to implement local policies as well as working with allies in the immigrant rights movement and advocating for statewide legislation and policies. This work is so critical, now more than ever. Just last week, the Borough Council unanimously passed a resolution that supports the New Jersey Safe and Responsible Drivers Act, whose purpose is to enhance road safety by ensuring that all drivers, regardless of immigration status, are properly tested and licensed, and are driving vehicles that are registered and insured. This bill enjoys a large cadre of sponsors and co-sponsors that comprises our own Assemblywoman Nancy Pinkin.

We are also working on moving administration of the Borough's municipal ID to the Highland Park Public Library, whose director, Jane Stanley, has been a great partner in this effort. Get your HP ID by filling out the application at [www.hpboro.com](http://www.hpboro.com).

Former NJ Health Commissioner Dr. Cliff Lacy and I met last month with Jennifer Shukaitis, Assistant Professor/Educator in the Department of Family and Community Health Sciences at Rutgers Cooperative Extension. We talked about partnering on health and wellness initiatives and other programs that fit into the goals of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign. We had a productive discussion and also identified grant opportunities. Stay tuned as this relationship develops and we look forward to partnering with our Board of Health on many new initiatives.

The Highland Park Commission for Universal Access continues its work on next steps for an inclusive playground and continually reviews development applications to provide input. It is also campaigning for clear curb cuts and downtown sidewalks when it snows. As a walking community, this work is critically important.

Highland Park Gives a Hoot has launched its Summer Camp Scholarship Program, offering 10 scholarships for a four-week session at Highland Park Summer Day Camp for students entering grades K through 6. Review the application at [www.hpboro.com/hpgivesahoot](http://www.hpboro.com/hpgivesahoot).

On Sunday, April 15, please help us welcome Rep. Frank Pallone and our state and local officials for a roundtable discussion on gun violence in America. The discussion will take place at 7 p.m. at the Highland Park Middle School cafeteria.

There is so much work being done that might not rise to level of townwide awareness, but I'd be remiss to not mention that the lion's share of our community work includes the Highland Park Community Food Pantry as it continues to provide excellent service to its clients, and our Highland Park Housing Authority whose executive director, commissioners, resident advisors, and I are working to address capital needs solutions in a time of severe HUD austerity.

Finally, thank you to everyone who attended our annual Unity Day celebration on March 18 at the Senior/Youth center. We enjoyed performances by Highland Park's own bluegrass and folk singer Sheila Shukla, Be. You. Dance Center, Amandala, the GLOW program, and the Highland Park High School Choir.

Thank you for reading, stay awake and engaged and I look forward to seeing you at a future Council meeting soon!

Questions? Feedback? We want to hear from you!

Let us know what you think by writing to [communications@hpboro.com](mailto:communications@hpboro.com)

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## HP Gives a Hoot Lunch Program



Highland Park students in grades K-12 are welcome to receive a FREE lunch from the Global Grace Café during spring break.

Come into the Global Grace Café, 19 South 2nd Ave (inside the Reformed Church) from Monday, April 2 – Friday, April 6, between the hours of 11am -2pm. Mention “HP Gives a Hoot” for your free lunch! Passover food will be provided.



Please be advised that the 2018 1st quarter water & sewer bills were mailed out last week. The due date has been extended to Friday, April 20, 2018.

Bills can be viewed and paid online at <https://goo.gl/NXSTn9>.

Please call us at 732-819-3788 with any questions.

## Welcome New Borough Employee

The Borough is happy to announce the hiring of Elizabeth Chevy. Elizabeth is the new Housing Clerk in our Code Enforcement Department. She started working temporarily with the department in July 2017. Prior to working at the Borough, Elizabeth was a student at Kean University. She lives in North Brunswick. Outside of work, Elizabeth enjoys attending all kinds of festivals.

## HPTV Highlights for April 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

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2:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. – Aging Insights  
2:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. – Health Talk  
3:30 p.m. – Classroom Close-Up/School Talk  
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

## HP Gives a Hoot Summer Camp Scholarship Program

HP Gives a Hoot is offering 10 scholarships for the summer of 2018, for four weeks at the Highland Park Summer Day Camp. Scholarship is open to students entering grades K-6.

To qualify, families must provide a letter indicating that the child is currently a recipient of free or reduced lunch and/or qualifies for the USDA Income Eligibility Guidelines. Visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/hpgivesahoot](http://www.facebook.com/hpgivesahoot) or the Borough’s website at <https://goo.gl/jLySy6> for a copy of the application. Or, pick up an application at the Clerk’s desk in Borough Hall (221 South 5<sup>th</sup> Ave).

Deadlines for submitting application is **May 25, 2018**. Applications can be mailed or dropped off at Borough Hall, attention: Monica Jackson. A lottery will be drawn and recipients will be notified directly.

HP Gives a Hoot is a nonprofit fund created by the Borough to contribute to the wellbeing of our Highland Park children in need. To donate to the fund, please mail a check made to the Borough of Highland Park, memo line “HP Gives a Hoot”, to 221 South 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904.

## Employee Recognition

During the month of April the Borough will recognize the following employees who have years of dedicated service to the Borough and its residents:

### 5 Years

David Baldwin  
Christopher DeCosta  
Kibby May  
Kimberly McGraw  
Gaetano Palumbo, Jr.  
Kevin Shiiffner, Jr.  
Michael Stazeski  
Margaret Toman  
Dondre Willburn

### 15 Years

Jason Culver  
Monica Jackson  
Mark Rohan

### 40 Years

Gary Panichella

### 45 Years

Donald Rish

### 20 Years

Thomas Hammill  
Linda Monte  
Norman Shamy  
Thomas Kohler

### 10 Years

Dennis Chekenian  
John Geoghan  
Thomas Mancuso  
Lucille Morris  
Brian O’Mara  
Ronald Rowe  
John Sachau, Jr.  
David Soden  
Willis Thomas

### 25 Years

Beverly Robinson  
Robert West

### 30 Years

Jane Stanley  
Lawrence Thiel, Jr.

## Bulk Trash Collection Schedule



Bulk trash will be collected the following dates:

- Business District, North Side and Triangle: April 4
- South Side: April 11

### Acceptable Items

- **Furniture** – sofas, chairs, tables, clothing dressers, bookshelves, mattresses, and box springs.
- **Fixtures** – toilets, tanks, tubs, sink basins
- **Carpet** – rolls under four feet in length, tied securely in bundles not to exceed 18 inches in diameter

**Home Improvement Materials** – small amounts of material from self-improvement projects only: Contractor generated material will not be accepted.

Questions, please contact us at (732) 514-1277 between the hours of 6:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.