

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Monday, April 16

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

Tuesday, April 17

International Film Festival - Frantz
6:30 p.m., Public Library

Tuesday, April 17

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

Wednesday, April 18

Mayor's Teen Advisory Council Orientation
3:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Wednesday, April 18

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

Sunday, April 22

Earth Day Celebration
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Environmental Education Ctr.

Monday, April 23

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

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Zoning Board of Adjustment
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Tuesday, April 24

Poetry Night Series – Poet Paul Muldoon
7:00 p.m., Library

Tuesday, April 24

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

Tuesday, April 24

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

Wednesday, April 25

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

Thursday, April 26

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

Thursday, April 26

Poetry Night Series – Poet Edwin Romond
7:00 p.m., Library

Saturday, April 28

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

Saturday, April 28 and Sunday, April 29

National Prescription Take Back Day
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Senior/Youth Center

Tuesday, May 1

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

Wednesday, May 2

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

Wednesday, May 2

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

Saturday & Sunday, May 5 & 6

Friends of the Library Book Sale
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Library

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

Memo from Mayor Brill Mittler



Email: brillmittlerhp@gmail.com

Spring-like weather is finally here, and hopefully the cold and snow is over for the season! Of course, all of the bad weather wreaked havoc on roads throughout New Jersey. Highland Park's Department of Public Works has already begun to repair the potholes winter left throughout town, and will be working diligently to keep the roads safe for drivers and bikers.

The surprisingly cold weather in April may be a result of the larger issue of global climate change. To help combat destructive climate change, I have joined mayors throughout the country to push legislation and policies to benefit our environment and fight climate change. The Climate Mayors organization, and others like this, is working to make sure the next generation does not suffer the consequences of severe climate change. The community of Highland Park has always been in the forefront of environmental and sustainable initiatives as well. Recently our Sustainable Highland Park organization created a Plastic Bag Reduction Campaign to educate and encourage shoppers to stop using plastic bags, and to use re-usable bags instead. Partnering with our local Stop & Shop, they held a weekly raffle, in which Stop & Shop patrons who used re-usable bags, or refused a plastic bag, could enter into a weekly drawing for a \$25 gift card. Each week, nearly 600 shoppers were eligible for the raffle. This speaks to the deep concern so many of our residents have for sustainability issues.

The Plastic Bag Campaign will be featured at our annual Earth Day Celebration on April 22nd, at the Environmental Center on River Road. This celebration attracts hundreds of residents and visitors every year, with music, food, and educational games and crafts for the entire family. It is always a fun day, and I encourage you to come out to celebrate our Earth with your friends and neighbors.

In even more sustainable news, I am very excited about a project we have been working on with the Department of Environmental Protection, the Board of Public Utilities and PSE&G. PSE&G is planning on installing a solar field in an old landfill in Highland Park adjacent to the Meadows Trail. This solar field will be the first ever to collect power in a series of batteries that will determine the impact of solar energy on the grid. This research will benefit not only Highland Park, but also the rest of New Jersey. Because the solar field is being installed on an old landfill, the environmental process takes some time, but we are looking forward to the installation and future benefits of the solar field!

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming spring events such as Earth Day, Main Street Highland Park's Street Fair and 5K Run in the Park, and of course, walking along our downtown to shop or eat this spring!

Roundtable Discussion on Gun Violence in America



Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler and Councilman Matthew Hersh hosted a "Roundtable Discussion on Gun Violence in America" this past Sunday, April 15. On the panel were Congressman Frank Pallone, Senator Patrick Diegnan, Assemblywoman Nancy Pinkin, Freeholder Shanti Narra, Highland Park Superintendent Dr. Scott Taylor, Teacher, Ms. Kim Crane, Highland Park Student, Avery Haley-Locke, New Brunswick NAACP President Bruce Morgan, Psychologist Dr. Jeff Axelbank and President of the Middlesex County Brady Bill/Million Moms March, Ms. Karen Kanter.

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

Highland Park Resident **Elizabeth Weil Greenberg**, wrote a documentary "Life, Death, Life Again: Children Sentenced to Die In Prison." This documentary was turned into a play and ran two performances last week at the Reformed Church of Highland Park and the Zimmerli Museum of New Brunswick.

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

Denim Day



April 25 is Denim Day, to raise awareness for Sexual Violence Prevention and Education. Wear denim in support of this important cause. For more information visit <http://denimdayinfo.org/>.

Operation Take Back



Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal on Saturday, April 28 and Sunday, April 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Senior/Youth Center, 220 South Sixth Avenue.

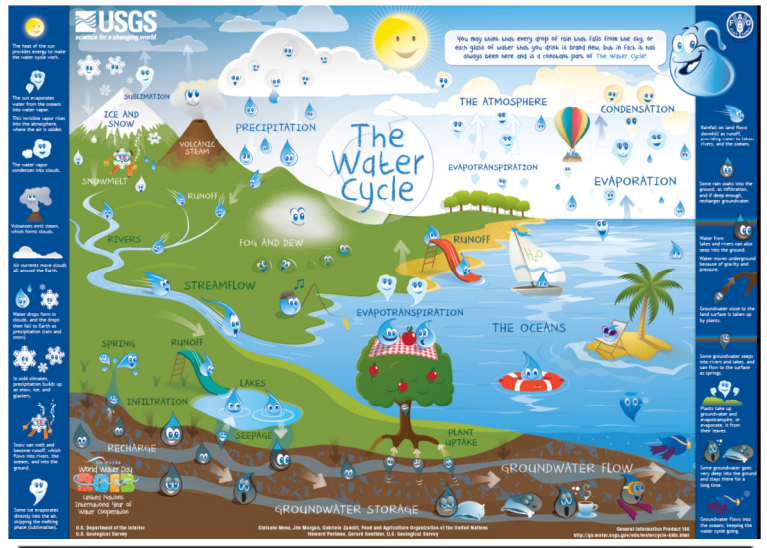


Earth Day Celebration

Come out for the annual Earth Day Celebration, Sunday, April 22, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Environmental Education Center, 20 River Road. Music, Food, Activities and more!

- Engage in stimulating activities to learn all about water
- Enjoy tours and activities at the Native Plant Reserve
- Attend EcoArt Exhibition and Storytelling by local artists

For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/SustainableHp/>.

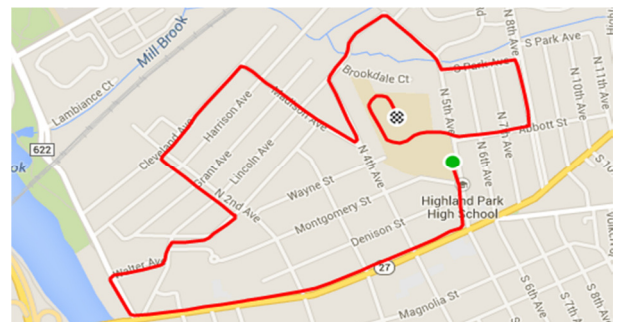


The Main Street Minute



Sign up for the Highland Park 5K and Kids Races Today Sunday, May 6, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

The Highland Park 5K race is back for its tenth year! Come take a run around Highland Park. This event welcomes all participants including strollers, wheelchairs and walkers. Register at www.runinthepark.org/. A map of the course is below.



Spring Street Fair Sunday, May 6, 2018, 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The annual Highland Park "Spring Fling" Street Fair is one of Highland Park's signature events, and features something for everyone. It has crafters, vendors, artists, music, food, games, inflatable rides and more. Admission is free!

Learn more about these events at www.mainstreethp.org or www.facebook.com/MainstreetHP

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Workshops! Panels! Sculpture! Welcome to Arts in Highland Park 2018

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This year promises to be an exciting... **Letter From Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler**

While Highland Park may not be large in actual size, our impact within Middlesex County and the State of New Jersey has established us as a leader in many areas of importance.

Recent studies have pointed to a correlation between health and art, another category in which Highland Park has truly excelled this past year.

We were also named a Healthy Communities by the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute in 2017 and 2018! The NJCHQI was so impressed with our public art projects we honor...

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