

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Monday, May 21

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

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

Tuesday, May 22

Grandparents Partners in Prevention
11:00 a.m., Senior/Youth Center

Tuesday, May 22

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

Wednesday, May 23

Walk With the Mayor
7:00 a.m., Corner of Raritan and South Adelaide Avenue

Wednesday, May 23

Safe Walking & Cycling Committee
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Wednesday, May 23

Stepping Through Time: Local Life Along Main Street
7:00 p.m., Corner of Lincoln and Raritan Avenue

Wednesday, May 23

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

Thursday, May 24

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

Friday, May 25

Meet & Greet Former Marine Officer Don Buzney
11:00 a.m., Senior/Youth Center

Saturday, May 26

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

Saturday, May 26

Outdoor Movie Theater "The Secret of Nimh"
9:00 p.m., Municipal Parking Lot on Raritan Avenue

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day
Borough Offices Closed

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day Parade
11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 29

National Gun Violence Awareness Picture Ceremony
10:00 a.m., Senior/Youth Center

Tuesday, May 29

Community Discussion: 31 River Road
7:00 p.m., Senior/Youth Center

Tuesday, May 29

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

Thursday, May 31

Discussion on Central American Migrants
6:30 p.m., Borough Hall

Friday, June 1

LGBT Pride Month Flag Raising
9:30 a.m., Senior/Youth Center

Sunday, June 3

Stepping Through Time: Local Life Along Main Street
10:00 a.m., Corner of Lincoln and Raritan Avenue

Sunday, June 3

Our Mother was an Artist: Memorial Art Reception
2:00 p.m., Library

Memo from Mayor Brill Mittler



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It's May and we can finally enjoy our time outside, both in town and in the beautiful parks that surround Highland Park. And, what better way to kick off the season than enjoying our annual Street Fair and 5K Run. It seems Main Street Highland Park's spring events just keep getting better and better. Record numbers of you participated in this year's 5K in all age categories. And, despite lots of clouds, thousands of our residents and visitors strolled Raritan Avenue for the Street Fair's music, food, and unique vendors. I want to give a big thank you to our Main Street organization, our police department and public works department for ensuring that this fun event went off without a hitch.

In case you haven't heard yet, Highland Park was named New Jersey's Healthy Town for 2017. The New Jersey Quality Health Care Institute recognized the work of our Mayor's Wellness Campaign for all its initiatives, including our status as New Jersey's first Heart Healthy Community, Healthy Cooking programs, Walks with the Mayor, and Stretch With the Mayor plus our healthy senior programming at the Senior Center.

Speaking of our Walk with the Mayor, our first walk is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23rd at 7:00 a.m. Meet me in the corner of South Adelaide Ave and Raritan Avenue for an energetic walk through our Downtown and interesting conversation. As we walk, I can fill you in on some of the redevelopment projects we've been discussing at our Rehab Screening Committee meetings.

Our Historic Commission has scheduled a walk and review of historic homes in Highland Park. On Wednesday, May 23 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 3 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. get some steps in and learn a bit more of the history of our community.

Get out there and enjoy our very walkable town this spring!

Memorial Day Parade



Support our Veterans at Highland Park's annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28 at 11:00 a.m. Parade begins in New Brunswick at Monument Square and proceeds to the Doughboy Statue in Highland Park. A short ceremony will take place honoring our Veterans and troops overseas.

We encourage residents to come out and line the streets to honor those who sacrificed their lives to keep us safe. Refreshments will be served. For additional information, please call 732-819-0052.



Join Highland Park Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler, the Highland Park Borough Council, Councilman Matthew Hersh, the Human Relations Commission and the Pride Center of New Jersey for the LGBT Pride Month Flag Raising Ceremony on Friday, June 1 at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Senior/Youth Center, 220 South Sixth Avenue.

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

Congratulations to Highland Park resident **Diego Salazar** who was voted top frosh (freshman) in N.J. Baseball. Diego is batting .444 with 14 runs, 22 RBI, six doubles, three triples, one homer and 21 stolen bases.

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

Meet & Greet with Don Buzney



Join Don Buzney, former U.S. Marine Officer, Vietnam Combat Veteran and host for “The Veterans Corner” on Rutgers University Radio this Friday, May 25 at 11:00 a.m. at the Senior/Youth Center, 220 South 6th Ave.

Mr. Buzney will be doing a presentation on the Navajo Code Talkers, their history and the critical role they played in helping the United States Marines win the war in the Pacific, World War II.

Reserve your space today by calling 732-819-0052.

Garbage Collection Schedule Change

Borough offices will be closed on Monday, May 28 (Memorial Day). The Garbage collection is as follows for the week of 5/28 – 6/1:

- **Monday (5/28) - Borough Offices Closed**
- Tuesday (5/29) – Business District, North side & Triangle recycling collection
- Wednesday (5/30) – Business District, North side & Triangle garbage collection
- Thursday (5/31) – South side recycling collection
- Friday (6/1) – Business District & South side garbage collection

Mosquito Control



Each spring, mosquitoes lay their eggs in virtually anything that contains even small amounts of standing water or decomposing organic material. Examples include: old tires, birdbaths, depressions in tarps, clogged gutter, even in upturned bottle cap. Look over your property carefully for any breeding sites. Be sure to empty/replace any containers with standing water (e.g. birdbaths) at least weekly.

Questions about Mosquitoes? Call the Middlesex County Mosquito Extermination Commission at 732-549-0665 or request service online at <https://goo.gl/TFbD5e>.

For additional information visit the County’s website:

<http://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/Government/Departments/PSH/Pages/MCMosquito.aspx>

<http://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/Government/Departments/PSH/Pages/MCMosquitoSprayNotice.aspx>

Walter Avenue Pop-Up Bike Lanes



White paint, bike stencils, a measuring wheel, and some cones along with enthusiastic volunteers and Highland Park Police Department support were the components of a successful pop-up bike lane on Walter Avenue in Highland Park on Earth Day! While Walter Ave is one-way for cars; it was two-way for bicycles. The bike lane not only provides a lane for bicyclists traveling from River Road to Lincoln Ave but also acts as a traffic calming measure to slow down motor vehicles traveling on Walter.

On Sunday, April 22, Sean Meehan, co-chair of the Safe Walking and Cycling Committee (SWACC) and volunteer extraordinaire, along with Lieutenant Gary Panichella orchestrated the painting and safe use of the lane all day, with support from committee volunteers Peter Bilton and Ben Arenger. Many thanks to members of SWACC and Rutgers graduate students for helping paint and monitor the lane, as well as staff the SWACC table at the event.

We have received overwhelmingly positive response from Walter Ave residents and bicyclists who rode the pop-up lane. As we consider whether or not to make this a permanent bike lane in town, please continue to use the lane until the rain washes it away, and email us with your ideas for how to continue making Highland Park safer for bicyclists and pedestrians at HPSWACC@gmail.com.

National Gun Violence Awareness Day



Millions of Americans are coming together to fight for a country where every person can live free from gun violence. If you believe there is more we can do to save American lives from gun violence, wear Orange. The color orange symbolizes the value of human life. WILL YOU WEAR ORANGE? For more information please visit <http://wearorange.org>.

Join Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler and the Middlesex County Chapter of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence/Million Mom March for a picture ceremony on Tuesday, May 29 at 10:00 a.m. in front of the Senior/Youth Center, 220 South 6th Ave. Don’t forget to #WearOrange.

Discussion on Central American Migrants



Please join the Highland Park Commission on Immigrant & Refugee Affairs for an important discussion on Central American Migrants with Association Grupo Cajolá in Cajolá/Asociación Grupo Cajolá en Cajolá featuring guest speaker Caryn Maxim, North America Coordinator, Grupo Cajola on Thursday, May 31 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue.

Light refreshments will be served.