

The Highland Park eNews

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Events & Meetings

Tuesday, June 19

Senior Prom "Dancing Under the Stars"
4:00 p.m., Senior/Youth Center

Tuesday, June 19

Mayor & Council Redevelopment
6:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Wednesday, June 20

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

Wednesday, June 20

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

Thursday, June 21

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

Thursday, June 21

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

Saturday, June 23

Outdoor Movie- "They Live"
9:00 p.m., Municipal Lot on Raritan Avenue (2nd & 3rd Ave)

Monday, June 25

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

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Zoning Board of Adjustment
7:30 p.m., Borough Hall

Tuesday, June 26

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

Tuesday, June 26

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

Wednesday, June 27

Walk with the Mayor
7:00 a.m., Corner of South Adelaide & Raritan Ave

Wednesday, June 27

Special Meeting to Discuss First Aid Squad Services
7:00 p.m., Senior/Youth Center

Wednesday, June 27

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

Thursday, June 28

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

Thursday, June 28

Sharing Government Services
7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Saturday, June 30

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

Monday, July 2

Fireworks in the Park
5:00 p.m., Donaldson Park

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 Brill Mittler



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I think it is safe to say that winter is really over now. The flowers are in bloom and allergy sufferers have been sneezing their way down Raritan Avenue. Most importantly, much of our work throughout town has been awaiting the good weather for completion. So, what can you expect to see happening now?

- Last week we celebrated our Volunteer Appreciation Awards with representatives from our boards and commissions honored by their peers. This year's Volunteer of the Year award was bestowed upon Sean Meehan. Sean is an active member of our Safe Walking and Cycling Committee.
- Speaking of our Safe Walking and Cycling Committee...the team won a technical assistance grant from the State for a pedestrian/bicycle plan for the Borough of Highland Park. Please help them with this project by taking the Safe Walking and Cycling Survey! Complete our survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HParkCS>
Draw on our interactive map: <https://tinyurl.com/HParkBikePed>
Additional questions or comments, email us at HPSWACC@gmail.com
- Highland Park has received several other grants so far this year, including a Clean Communities Grant and State Transportation Trust Fund Award totaling nearly \$350,000
- The Transportation Trust Funds mentioned above will result in road repairs throughout the Borough in coming months. On the plan for 2018 are the following roads: N. 3rd Avenue, Meriland Ave, S. 7th Ave, Graham St and Hilton Street.
- The Borough Council acting as redevelopment entity, along with the Rehabilitation and Screening Committee and the Planning Board, has conditionally approved the first of several redevelopment projects downtown. The first site approved was a redevelopment of the former International Market site, which will now house retail on the first floor plus apartments on the first and second floors. These entities have been hard at work on several other projects downtown, all of which are in varying stages of approvals. As Council prepares more of these projects for public discussion we will be sure to announce these opportunities.
- The PSE&G Solar Field project for Highland Park that was held up under the previous Trenton administration is now on its way to fruition. Not only will this be a source of revenue for our municipality, but it will be a state-of-the-art research project, the first in New Jersey, to help determine the impact of solar energy going first to batteries and then to the grid.
- One of my proudest accomplishments as mayor is the creation of the Highland Park Gives a Hoot fund. Originally created to provide lunch to our students who might not otherwise have a healthy lunch when school is not in session (by the way, 38% of our school children are on free or reduced lunch) the HP Gives a Hoot fund now also has been able to provide 27 day camp scholarships to our children plus fund a teen mentoring program (Peer 2 Peer) in our high school which pairs upper classmen with new high school students to help improve their transition from middle school to high school.

There's much more going on than I have room for in this update. I want to thank our staff, volunteers and Council for all their hard work on behalf of all our residents.

Schools will soon be out and the summer season is approaching. Please be safe. Hope to see many of you at the fireworks in Donaldson Park on July 2nd!

Summer Hours

Borough Hall and the Senior/Youth Center will begin the summer hour schedule effective Monday, July 2 through Friday, August 31. The summer schedule is as follows:

Monday & Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday, Saturday and Sunday: Closed

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's own **Fred Cole** who was inducted into the New Jersey State Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame last week. Cole who recently completed his 47th season coaching high school baseball in Middlesex County, most recently as a volunteer assistant at Old Bridge compiled a 270-210 career record as a head coach at Madison Central and Old Bridge.

Mr. Cole has also coached for 15 years at the Baseball Warehouse in his hometown of Highland Park and has been the head coach of the Baseball Warehouse's team in Union County.

At the age of 71, he shows no signs of slowing down and is looking forward to more experiences as a coach.

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

Civics for the Community Series

The Borough of Highland Park Civics for the Community Series presents **Sharing Government Services**. Speakers will be Ronald Rios, Middlesex County Freeholder Director and Marc Pfeiffer, Assistant Director, Bloustein Local Government Research Center Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University. Please join us on Thursday, June 28 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Senior/Youth Center, 220 South 6th Avenue. Questions for the discussion can be submitted in advance to civics.highlandpark@gmail.com.

Walk with the Mayor

Walk with the Mayor on Wednesday, June 27 at 7:00 a.m. The meeting place is at the corner of South Adelaide and Raritan Avenues. No registration is required. For cancellations or changes follow the Borough's Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/hpboro.com.

Farmers Market Voucher Distribution

The office of Middlesex County will be at the Senior/Youth Center, 220 South Sixth Avenue on Wednesday, June 27 at 10:00 a.m. to distribute 70 vouchers valued at \$25.00. Applicants must be 60+ years of age and must be present to receive the vouchers. These vouchers can be used at the Farmers Market on Raritan Avenue! Pre-registration is required, please call 732-819-0052 for more information.



Brett Bramble walked through Highland Park on June 6 and met with Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler and Councilwoman Susan Welkovits to discuss the important issue of Opioid addiction awareness.

Brett will be walking the East Coast Greenway. He began his walk in January in Florida, and is making his way to Maine. To learn more about Brett's cause visit

<https://www.facebook.com/BrettBrambleWalksUSA> or <http://brettbramblewalks.com/>

Fireworks in the Park!



Highland Park will be celebrating Independence Day on Monday, July 2 (rain date, Tuesday, July 3). The community will come together in Donaldson Park for live music, youth theater, activities and food. Festivities will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the fireworks will begin at 9:20 p.m.

Food vendors will be on hand and local merchants will be supplying fun activities for all.

Summer Lunch Program for Highland Park Students



"HP Gives a Hoot" is sponsoring a summer lunch program for Highland Park students in Grade K-12. The summer program runs from June through August. Lunches are served Monday through Friday 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Global Grace Cafe, 19 South Second Avenue (inside the Reformed Church), enter from the parking lot. No voucher needed, just mention "HP Gives a Hoot" to the cashier and pay get lunch free or pay what you wish.

HP Gives a Hoot is a nonprofit fund created by the Borough of Highland Park to contribute to the wellbeing of our Highland Park children in need.

For more information about HP Gives a Hoot follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/hpgivesahoot>.

To donate to our HP Gives a Hoot, checks can be made to the "Borough of Highland Park", memo line "HP Gives a Hoot" and mailed or dropped off to Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904.

The Main Street Minute

HP Farmers Market, Every Friday

Our Farmers Market season starts on Friday June 1, and is every Friday from 11:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. until December 14 on the municipal lot between 2nd and 3rd. Visit www.mainstreethp.org for the full list of market vendors! Also save the date for our special Farmers Market Tomato Festival on Friday July 27 and Squash Festival on Friday October 5 – and note that on both of these festival days, the market will be open extended hours, until 6:30 pm!

Outdoor Movies Are Back

We've got another great lineup of free outdoor movies downtown this summer! The main feature starts at 9:00 p.m. and as always, there will be 30 minutes of kid-friendly cartoons around 8:20 p.m. before the main feature. So grab a chair and get some takeout from one of Highland Park's restaurants, and enjoy dinner and a movie under the stars, right downtown.

Calling All Artists, Vendors and Sponsors for Arts in the Park!

Are you an artist? A vendor? A sponsor of the arts? Main Street Highland Park wants YOU. Arts in the Park, Highland Park's annual street festival and juried art show, is back for its lucky thirteenth year on Sunday September 16. This event is Highland Park's premiere festival and attracts thousands of people to downtown Highland Park. Visit www.MainStreetHP.org for info and to register.

Friday Night Music on the Corners

Main Street Highland Park invites you to join us for samplings of some of Highland Park's finest musicians! On Friday nights through the summer, musicians will be playing in our outdoor "living room" locations at the corner of Raritan & North 4th. Keep up with upcoming Music on the Corner events by following the Main Street Highland Park Facebook page, www.facebook.com/MainStreetHP.