# The Highland Park eNews

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# Events & Meetings

# Tuesday, August 21

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

#### Wednesday, August 22

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

#### Thursday, August 23

Food Pantry Distribution 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Senior/Youth Center

#### Thursday, August 23

Sliding Glaciers – Live Stream Webcast 11:00 a.m., Library

#### Friday, August 24

Residential Paper Shred 9:00 a.m., Senior/Youth Center Parking Lot

#### Saturday, August 25

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

#### Monday, August 27

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

# Tuesday, August 28

Summer Community Blood Drive 7:30 p.m., Library

#### Wednesday, August 29

Walk with the Mayor 7:00 a.m., Donaldson Park

### Thursday, August 30

Meditation Circle 7:00 p.m., Library

# Saturday, September 1

H.P. Outdoor Movie Theater – "Castle in the Sky" 9:00 p.m., Municipal Lot on Raritan Avenue

# Monday, September 3 Labor Day

Borough Offices Closed

# Tuesday, September 4

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

# Wednesday, September 5

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

All meetings are subject to change, please check the Borough's website at <a href="www.hpboro.com">www.hpboro.com</a> for updates

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#### **Memo from Mayor Brill Mittler**

Our National Nite Out and Chalk Art Festival held August 7th epitomized the energy, creativity and positive community/police interaction for which Highland Park has come to be known.

To start, there was the incredible advance planning, widespread promotion, and event day orchestration of National Night Out by the Highland Park Police Department. Lt. Gary Panichella was the coordinator of the entire activity and he oversaw all the nuts and bolts. He also solicited support from local businesses and was the point of contact for all exhibitors. Lieutenant, you and your team did an amazing job—thank you!

These efforts were actively supported by the entire Highland Park Police Department and PBA – from Police Chief Stephen Rizco, to all our police officers, and the administrative staff. Together, our Police Department ran an event that attracted over 3,000 participants from Highland Park and neighboring areas. This was a great success. Thank you!





Chalk up a great showing as well for the HP Arts Commission and our own Judge Barnett Hoffman, who drew out a street-full of artists for the Chalk Art Competition (75 art pieces completed, 50 children participated) and enlisted over 20 sponsors. This activity raised \$3,500 for ASAP, the Middlesex County Adult Substance Abuse Program, created by Judge Hoffman, which provides 90 day voluntary treatment programs led by trained counselors. Thank you to all the coordinators, artists, and sponsors of this colorful activity.





One of the highlights of the evening was the presence of our First Aid Squad and Fire Department, who both provided hands-on tours of their vehicles and explained their vital work to hundreds of visitors. Thank you for joining us for the event and demystifying your work for so many.

I was particularly pleased to see our active, informed, and enthusiastic Borough teens staffing two tables at the National Night Out - one for the Mayor's Teen Advisory Council, and the other to promote the Amazing Deca Dash run by the High School's DECA organization. Members of the Mayor's Teen Council raised \$60.00 for the new afterschool teen location opening in Septemeber. The Deca Dash, on October 21st, will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. For more information on the Deca Dash, see: https://theamazingdecadash.weebly.com . Thank you Ana, Andy, Alaya, Maria, Olivia, Stella, and Tiffany for your inspiring activism!!



Borough summer hours end on Friday, August 31. Effective Tuesday, September 4th regular Borough hours resume:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

#### **Arts In The Park**

Join Main Street Highland Park for the 13th annual Arts in the Park street festival, juried art show, and arts and crafts sale in downtown Highland Park, New Jersey.

The festival draws thousands of art enthusiasts and visitors from around the region to stroll through downtown Highland Park and enjoy artistic offerings, live music and other entertainment, food from local restaurants, children's activities, promotional booths, and much more.

Artists, crafters, performers, and vendors are invited to participate. Participants in the juried art show display and sell their work under tents along Raritan Avenue. The art show features cash awards for first, second, and third places in the following categories:

- 1. Painting
- 2. Sculpture
- 3. Photography
- 4. Fine Crafts
- 5. Jewelry
- 6. Graphics/Drawing/Printmaking
- 7. Mixed Media
- 8. Textiles/Quilts/Needlework
- \* TO SIGN UP TO BE AN ARTIST OR VENDOR: Booth vendors, artists in the juried art show, crafters, businesses, nonprofits, and food vendors, who need a 12x12 booth space in the festival, fill out this application: https://www.mainstreethp.org/artsinthepark/
- \* TO BE AN EVENT SPONSOR? For sponsorship information, email mainstreethighlandpark@gmail.com.



#### Welcome to Our New Hire

Ashton Burrell - Teen Center Coordinator

# **Garbage Collection Schedule Change**

Borough offices will be closed on Monday, September 3 (Labor Day). The Garbage collection is as follows for the week of 9/3 - 9/7:

- Monday (9/3) Borough Offices Closed
- Tuesday (9/4) Business District, North side & Triangle recycling collection
- Wednesday (9/5) Business District, North side & Triangle garbage collection
- Thursday (9/6) South side recycling collection
- Friday (9/7) Business District & South side garbage collection

#### **Residential Paper Shred Program**



The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders will be sponsoring an annual shred program on August 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Senior/Youth Center Parking lot, 220 South 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This is a great opportunity to shred confidential documents. Each resident is limited to 5 file boxes or 100 pounds per car.

Please do not bring: hardcover books, magazines, newspapers, bulk mail, photographs, x-rays or CD's.

Questions, contact Middlesex County Solid Waste Management at 732-745-4170 or solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us.

#### We have a winner!



Photo by Angela Compagn

In the last issue of the eNews, as well as in posts on Facebook and the Borough's Nixle system, we asked for submissions of short videos of the National Night Out and Chalk Art Competition on August 7th, One winner would be selected from all the entries and that person would receive a free dinner for two, at any one of the restaurants in Highland Park.

We're pleased to announce that Eric Wallenstein is the winner of the prize. Thank you Eric for submitting a wonderful video vignette of the events. You can view Eric's video here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KN4fgBbMNno

Thank you as well to Nick Catucci, Matt Hersh, and Teri Sofair-Fisch for submitting videos as well. We appreciate your creative & talented video commentaries on the National Night Out and the Chalk Art Competition.