

# The Highland Park eNews

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## Events & Meetings

### Saturday, September 22

Poetry Writing Workshop with Nikki Stiller  
1:30 p.m., Public Library

### Monday, September 24

Rev Up Your Day with Plant Based Super Foods  
7:00 p.m., Public Library

### Tuesday, September 25

Poetry Night Series with Wanda S. Praisner  
7:00 p.m., Public Library

### Tuesday, September 25

Rehabilitation and Redevelopment Screening  
Committee  
8:00 p.m., Borough Hall

### Wednesday, September 26

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

### Thursday, September 27

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

### Saturday, September 29

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

### Saturday, September 30

Community Interfaith Earth Art Event  
3:00 p.m., Meadows Trail

### Tuesday, October 3

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

### Tuesday, October 3

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

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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### Memo from Mayor Brill Mittler:

#### Community gathers to mark the opening of Zone 6 Teen Center



Photos by Mason Resnick

It took years of planning, wishing and hoping, but last week Highland Park opened its first teen center in over two decades. The opening was greeted by a capacity crowd that cheered the unveiling of our new Zone 6 Teen Center on Wednesday, September 12th.

The launch of our Zone 6 Center brought out the best of what Highland Park is all about...a crowd representing all the different parts of our community's patchwork quilt of residents. Amongst the crowd were teens, parents, administrators from the public schools, clergy members, elected officials, supporters from surrounding municipalities, and interested community members. I was thrilled to see representatives from New Brunswick's Hub City Teen Center, Walter Virgil and Ed Spencer, at the event. From the time I met them, they have been mentors and supporters of our desire to build our own center. In fact, the Hub City Teen Center donated the game tables in our new Zone 6!



In recognition of the importance of this new facility, all of our representatives in the New Jersey State Senate and Assembly – State Senator Patrick Diegnan, Assemblyman Robert Karabinchak, and Assemblywoman Nancy Pinkin – attended the event and joined me and Councilwoman Foster-Dublin in cutting the ribbon to formally open the center. New Jersey's Lt. Governor Sheila Y. Oliver and U.S. Congressman Frank Pallone both sent formal greetings to commend Highland Park for establishing this new 'home away from home' for our youth.

For at least the last 15 years, Councilwoman Elsie Foster Dublin had been lobbying for the creation of this home away from home just for teens. I'm delighted to be the mayor to help her see her vision come to fruition.

Zone 6 will be led by new Teen Center Coordinator, Mr. Ashton Burrell. I am continuously amazed with his energy, creativity, diplomacy, and thoughtful engagement with local teens. He has helped shape the creation of this center and is immersed in its future plans.

Thank you to everyone who contributed time, energy, advice, creativity and money to the creation of our new Zone 6 Teen Center. Now all of Highland Park's current and future teenagers have a place of their own.



**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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### Park Partners Program



Highland Park is continually working to make improvements throughout the town, and residents are encouraged to participate in its growth.

If you have a great idea for a program to benefit Highland Park, the Park Partner Grant Program can help you make that idea reality! The Borough will provide up to \$2,000 to help execute your project. Projects can be in the following categories: Environment, Arts, Culture & Diversity, Safety, Universal Access or Health & Wellness.

Print an application online at <http://hpboro.com/parkpartners> or pick up one at Borough Hall, and help make a difference in Highland Park! Submit applications to Harry Glazer by December 21<sup>st</sup>, any questions please email [hglazer@hpboro.com](mailto:hglazer@hpboro.com).

### Medicare Workshop

The subject of Medicare can sometimes be confusing. There will be a free workshop on Thursday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Library, 31 North Fifth Avenue. Robyn Stewart of Senior Advisors will try to answer the most asked questions about Medicare.

The topics covered will include: the five biggest mistakes made by beneficiaries, original Medicare vs. Medicare Advantage, enrollment periods and penalties, working past the age of 65, how Medicare supplement policies work, how prescription programs (Part D) work, and what some of the proposed changes to Medicare in the future might be. To register for the Medicare Workshop please call 908-532-4606.

### Town-Wide Garage Sale



#### Saturday, October 6 & Sunday, October 7

Don't miss Highland Park's annual town-wide garage sale, where Highland park residents and businesses sell their stuff on their sidewalks and stoops, and others come to scoop up all the great bargains! Whether your looking to downsize and unclutter or you're looking for great deals, Highland Park is the place to be during this two day extravaganza.



To register, email [HPGarageSale@gmail.com](mailto:HPGarageSale@gmail.com) or call the Garage Sale Hotline at 732-249-1654 and include your name, address, daytime phone number and participation date(s).

### Garbage, Recycling and Bulk Collection for the week of October 8, 2018



Due to the upcoming Columbus Day holiday (October 8), the Borough will be adjusting it's collection schedule. This change will allow DPW to provide a bulk waste collection following the town-wide Garage Sale (Sat October 6th-Sun October 7th). To accommodate this scheduling change, there will be no recycling collections during this week (October 8-12).

Here is the revised schedule:

- Mon Oct 8th - closed in observance of Columbus Day**
- Tues Oct 9th - Business District, Northside, and Triangle regular garbage collection**
- Wed Oct 10th - Business District, Northside, and Triangle bulk trash collection**
- Thurs. Oct 11th - South Side bulk trash collection**
- Fri Oct 12th - Business District and South Side regular garbage collection**

We are sorry for any inconvenience the cancelled recycling pick up causes to residents. Please note that accumulated recycling, over the two week period, may be put out the following week in any large rigid container (not just in the blue barrel).



Main Street Highland Park's Annual Arts in the Park festival was a huge success as residents and neighbors strolled down Raritan Avenue to view and purchase artwork from artists throughout Middlesex County and beyond.



Photos by Reiko Schnetzer